

The Unfolding Revelation of Christ and His Church

Week 4: The Mosaic Covenant

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“Let me confess ingenuously, I was a professor of religion at least a dozen years before I knew any other way to eternal life, than to be sorry for my sins, and to ask forgiveness, and strive and endeavour to fulfil the law, and keep the commandments..... I remember I hoped I would at last attain to perfectly fulfilling them; and in the meantime, I conceived that God would accept the will for the deed; or that what I could not do, Christ had done for me. And though at last, by means of conferring with Mr. Thomas Hooker in private, the Lord was pleased to convince me that I was yet but a proud Pharisee, and to show me the way of faith and salvation by Christ alone.”

– Edward Fisher in his introduction to the *Marrow of Modern Divinity*

The End of Genesis

- Genesis ends with the people of God not in the promised land but remaining for a time in the comfort and safety of Egypt, until a new Pharaoh comes to power.
- We are left waiting for the promise to be fulfilled

The Exodus

- God response to the cries of his people because of his covenantal promise to Abraham
- The Passover is the first clear picture in Exodus of what the fulfillment of promise to “crush the head of serpent” will look like

- The Mosaic Covenant is given at Sinai

Leviticus

- A picture of the holiness of God as well as the cost of violating that holiness

Numbers

- A story of two generations. A generation that doubted and was judged according to the terms of the covenant. The second generation would be the ones that would undertake the conquest of the Promised Land by faith.

Deuteronomy

- It is not a second law but a renewal of the covenant made at Mount Sinai
- As a covenantal document, Deuteronomy is concerned with the bond between God and His people. God acted in His gracious condescension, entering into a special relationship with them.

The Mosaic Covenant

- Is an administration of the covenant of grace
- Has a defining feature of law
- The Mosaic Covenant is given as a response to grace not as a way to earn grace
- There are three types of law: civil, ceremonial, and moral
- There are three uses of the law; restrain evil, point to Christ, guide our lives

Challenges When Using the Law

- Failure to keep the Law and Gospel separate can and will hinder our declaration of the Gospel
- Failure to distinguish between wisdom and law will cause new laws to be invented that are not infallible