

Foundation Building Blocks

FBB1-5-2-10 The Landmark Covenants – Provisions – God and His People

God and His People

In the beginning, Adam and Eve walked with God, and God walked with them. There was a purpose of God creating man in His image. It could be assumed that God created man to walk and interact with Himself and with His creation. God communed with Adam directly as face to face.

Genesis 3:8-11 And they **heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden** in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. 9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where *art* thou? 10 And he said, I **heard thy voice in the garden**, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. 11 And he said, Who told thee that thou *wast* naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

Genesis 4:26 And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: **then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.**

Genesis 4:9-16 And the LORD said unto Cain, Where *is* Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: *Am I* my brother's keeper? 10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. 11 And now *art* thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; 12 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth. 13 And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment *is* greater than I can bear. 14 Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and **from thy face shall I be hid**; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, *that* every one that findeth me shall slay me. 15 And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him. 16 And Cain **went out from the presence of the LORD**, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.

There came a time when God was grieved in His heart that he made man, because of the wickedness of man's heart. Part of the image of God that man was created in was that God and man had a heart. The heart of man was becoming more and more distant from God's heart.

Heart: (Hebrews 3820 - as used in Genesis 6:6) leb labe a form of 3824; the **heart**; also used (figuratively) very widely for the **feelings**, the **will** and **even the intellect**; likewise for the **centre of anything**:-- care for, comfortably, consent, X considered, courag(-eous), friend(-ly), ((broken-), (hard-), (merry-), (stiff-), (stout-), double) heart((-ed)), X



heed, X I, kindly, midst, mind(-ed), X regard((-ed)), X themselves, X unawares, understanding, X well, willingly, wisdom.

Genesis 6:3-7 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also *is* flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. 4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them, the same *became* mighty men which were of old, men of renown. 5 And **GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great** in the earth, and **that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart** was only evil continually. 6 And **it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth**, and **it grieved him at his heart**. 7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for **it repenteth me that I have made them**.

Though God did not change from being the standard of Righteousness, man's heart was so corrupted that only evil was in it. God saw that His creation (that was created in His image) no longer had a spiritual bonding as it had in the garden. This grieved God to point that He committed to destroying His creation. In the heart of God, the creation of man and beast went from "very good" to Him repenting that He created them.

Yet, God still wanted to have a relationship with mankind. There would be a certain time in the future where God would reconcile the heart-relationship. The first heart-relationship came with the first man Adam. The next heart-relationship would come from the second man Adam - the Messiah.

Jeremiah 24:6-7 For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land: and I will build them, and not pull *them* down; and I will plant them, and not pluck *them* up. 7 And **I will give them an heart to know me**, that I am the LORD: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me **with their whole heart**.

Psalms 95:6-11 O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before **the LORD our maker**. 7 For **he is our God**; and **we are the people of his pasture**, and the **sheep of his hand**. To day if ye will hear his voice, 8 Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness: 9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work. 10 Forty years long was **I grieved with this generation**, and said, It *is* a people that **do err in their heart**, and they **have not known** my ways: 11 Unto whom I sware in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

Ezekiel 36:25-28 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. 26 A **new heart** also will **I give you**, and a **new spirit will I put within you**: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and **I will give you an heart of flesh**. 27 And **I will put my spirit within you**, and **cause you** to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do *them*. 28 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and **ye shall be my people**, and **I will be your God**.

Exodus 19:4-6 Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and *how* I bare you on eagles' wings, and **brought you unto myself**. 5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, **and** keep my covenant, then **ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me** above all people: for all the earth *is* mine: 6 And **ye shall be unto me** a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

1 Peter 2:4-10 To whom coming, as *unto* a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, **but chosen of God, and precious**, 5 Ye also, as **lively stones**, are built up a **spiritual house**, an **holy priesthood**, to offer up **spiritual sacrifices**, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. 6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. 7 **Unto you therefore which believe** *he is* precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, 8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, *even to them* which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto **also they were appointed**. 9 But **ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people**; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath **called you out of darkness** into his marvellous light:

10 Which in time past were not a people, but **are now the people of God**: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

When Christ came, He not only fulfilled all things, He brought in a better hope for all men to be acceptable unto God again. Christ would provide the way for the heart of man to be made righteous and thus acceptable to God. Ultimately, any that would believe in Him would not only be made righteous but be born into the family of God. Through the righteousness of Christ, God will not be ashamed to be called their God.

Hebrews 7:18-19 For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before **for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof**. 19 For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of **a better hope did**; by the which **we draw nigh unto God**.

Hebrews 11:16 But now they desire a better *country*, that is, an heavenly: wherefore **God is not ashamed to be called their God**: for he hath prepared for them a city.

Romans 5:5-21 And hope maketh not ashamed; because **the love of God** is shed abroad in our hearts **by the Holy Ghost** which is given unto us. 6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. 8 But **God commendeth his love toward us**, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. 10 For if, when we were enemies, we were **reconciled to God by the death of his Son**, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. 11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by

whom we have now received the atonement. 12 Wherefore, as **by one man sin entered into the world**, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: 13 (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. 15 But not as the offence, **so also is the free gift**. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the **grace of God, and the gift by grace**, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. 16 And not as *it* was by one that sinned, **so is the gift**: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. 17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) 18 Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one **the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life**. 19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. 20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: 21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness **unto eternal life** by Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was **made a quickening spirit**.

Romans 15:16 That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, **being sanctified by the Holy Ghost**.

2 Corinthians 6:16-18 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for **ye are the temple of the living God**; as God hath said, **I will dwell in them**, and **walk in them**; and **I will be their God**, and **they shall be my people**. 17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and **I will receive you**, 18 And **will be a Father unto you**, and **ye shall be my sons and daughters**, saith the Lord Almighty.

God is adopting into His family the hearts and souls of those that would apply the sacrifice of Christ. Through the outpouring of the Holy Ghost, all of mankind has the chance of eternal life. This eternal life was evident in the Garden of Eden in the tree of eternal life. Man was separated from it at the beginning, now eternal life is obtainable again through Christ. God walked in the garden with the first Adam, now He walks within the children of God by the second Adam (Christ) that came from above.

Romans 8:1-23 *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus*, who walk not after the flesh, but **after the Spirit**. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, **God sending his own Son** in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, **who walk** not after the flesh, but **after**

the Spirit. 5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that **the Spirit of God dwell in you**. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. 10 And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by **his Spirit that dwelleth in you**. 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. 13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, **they are the sons of God**. 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the **Spirit of adoption**, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that **we are the children of God**: 17 And if children, then **heirs**; heirs of God, and **joint-heirs with Christ**; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together. 18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are not* worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us. 19 For the earnest expectation of **the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God**. 20 For the creature was made **subject to vanity**, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected *the same* in hope, 21 Because **the creature itself also shall be delivered** from the bondage of corruption **into the glorious liberty of the children of God**. 22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 23 And not only *they*, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, **waiting for the adoption, to wit**, the redemption of our body.

Hosea 1:10 Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, *that* in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, *there* it shall be said unto them, **Ye are the sons of the living God**.

Romans 9:23-26 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory, 24 Even us, **whom he hath called**, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? 25 As he saith also in Osee, **I will call them my people**, which were not my people; and her **beloved**, which was not beloved. 26 And it shall come to pass, *that* in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called **the children of the living God**.

Ephesians 3:11-21 According to **the eternal purpose** which he purposed **in Christ Jesus** our Lord: 12 In whom we have boldness **and access** with confidence by the faith of him. 13 Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. 14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**, 15 Of whom **the whole family** in heaven and earth is named, 16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; 17 That **Christ may dwell in your hearts** by faith; that ye,



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being rooted and grounded in love, 18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; 19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. 20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, 21 Unto him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus **throughout all ages**, world without end. Amen.