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So we Oh This was a question. And my numbering was not helpful word. Could have solve this, Microsoft Word could have solved us very easily for me. You have on one side, the entire course outline and you can easily recognize that by the bottom of the page which is step two, three, four, five, six.

But on the other side is the outline of what from the course, as a whole is just number two. So the section we are in is God's deaconal nation in this fallen world. And so the feet that I think will be more helpful to you or the face of the sheet that will be more helpful to you.

Is the one with that at the top God's deactinal nation in this fallen world. First, we're recognizing that there is a covenant of grace that comes immediately upon man's fall. And we began considering that last week and how the gospel is announced even before the curses and how. One of atoms.

First responses to the gospel is recognizing that there are curses that his wife has brought upon herself In part. If you'll do this, coming Thursday is hopeful at home almost entirely Adam's fault and not hers But not he is responding. Although she has brought those curses upon herself, a believing response is to embrace especially the blessing that God has promised despite those curses.

And so, Although she will there in grief and pain, the The Lord has promised that from her seed will come one who crushes, the serpent's head and that she will have a line of seed from which the promised Christ comes to crush the serpent's head. And so, what does he do?

After the Lord has done speaking and he curses the serpent and makes the promise of the gospel. And he tells the woman, the curse, the penalties that are going to come for her part in the fall. And he curses the man and Adam As soon as he hears the very next thing after verse 19 in Genesis 3 and that's where you want your Bible to be.

Open the very next thing dust you are, and to dust, you shall return and Adam called his wife's name, Eve? Because she was the mother of all the living. And so the the care that we show especially for mothers as they are pregnant, and as they come to the time to bear and as there's that very fragile and vulnerable season that comes after their bearing care for them earthly physical care that has its own connection to spiritual component of what's going on with her and her heart and her head.

At the time, That is a significant part of being a believer and treasuring, the role of the wife and the mother in in bearing. Covenant seed. Holy seed, Actually, I'm amazed now. I knew that the this was coming when I was working on the first Timothy, two passage for Thursday, but I'm amazed at the overlap.

So all command and encourage that to you, obviously in a eight and a half by 14 space, you're not going to get the the whole thing. But I hope you'll work through the text using using that this Thursday. And if you don't have time, and if it's more convenient or you have extra time, you Lord willing will be able to hear Our families instruction.

Time, those audio recordings get posted as well. So we come out of that And paying attention to how Adam was listening to, what the Lord had said in verse 16 to the woman. And now we consider the cursed ground and the groaning of the creation. So verse 17, then to Adam, he said, because you have heeded, the voice of your wife, when that doesn't mean that the wife is being blamed.

But that Adam has abdicated his role remember that when you get first Timothy 2 and you're paying attention to the apostles words in that passage this coming Thursday because you have heeded, the voice of your wife and of eaten from the tree of which I commanded you saying you shall not eat of it.

Cursed is the ground for your sake. Now the New King James, I think the King James safe for your sake. The the language can also support on account of you, but it's very, it's similar. Now, remember the gospel has already been proclaimed in verses 14 and 15. So when we see cursed, as the ground, on a count of you, there is a sense of for your sake, for your good.

And one of the things that's going to emphasize that to us is in verse 24. He drove out the man, he placed cherubim at the east of the Garden of Eden and they flaming sword, which turned every way to guard, the way to the tree of life. And it's not so much to guard, the way to the tree of life from man, but for man, In other words guard there can be translated keep as well.

As keep is actually it's it's more fundamental. Meaning it's something that the Lord tells us to do for instance with this commandments. But the reason we know that it's not from man, but for man is that this is not the last time we see the tree of life, And when we see the tree of life again, at in the last day, it is for the redeemed.

And so this is this is not indicative that man had his shot and he he blew his chance and no more tree of life for you. No, God's plan. A is Plan A there is no plan B, because he accomplishes all his holy will. And it is his desire to give the tree of life which we see on either side of the river and bearing.

The 12 kinds of fruit and the tree of life is still for man in the way that he ultimately intended, to give it to him in that redemption that is through Christ, that he would be the Son of God, that you would be the children of God, not just in the way that Adam is called the Son of God and the genealogy of Christ because he's made by God in his image.

But that you might be the children of God through union with the F-only begotten, Son, the everlastingly begotten Son that you might have and adoption in him. That is higher than what Adam lost when he fell. So this is actually behind the apostles use of this cursing of the ground and cursing of the creation.

Passage if you if you have a Bible turn to Romans 8. I know I don't usually give as much flipping time in the class as I do in the sermons, when we take the time to flip in the sermons. But picking up in Romans 8, verse 18 for our consider that the sufferings of, this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory, which shall be revealed in us.

And so there's a revealing of God's glory in his redemptive plan which was the point of of creation to begin with that is especially revealed in the adopted children in the last day, for the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God for the creation was subjected to futility not willingly But because of him who subjected it in hope Now I want you to think about verse 20 in this language of subjecting the creation to futility in hope the the cursing of the creation.

The cursing of the ground on a count of man and four man's sake, is part of the plan of God to point us forward to something. We are not ordinarily, the sorts of people who would subject something. We are not by nature by original nature, one who would subject and subject.

Something to if utility in hope Satan is not the one who subjects the creation to futility because he doesn't do anything in. Hope he has no hope Here's Doom is failed. His doom is sealed. And the, the pronouncement of Christ's victory over him was declared all the way back in chapter 3 and verse 15 of Genesis.

And still, He is so wicked. So bound to his wickedness that when the seed appeared, he took his, he took his opportunity to bruise his heel, He made the attack. He is unrestrainedly wicked in himself. As wickedness is restrained by the hand of God. As you see in the book of Job, he goes, as far as he can.

And until God says no further. The Lord permits him to be the instrument by which the sun is killed in order that he might bear wrath in our place. And he bruises the seed, Hebrews is the heel of the seed knowing that it has been prophesied upon him, 4,000 years, prior that in this bruising of the heel, he will have his head crushed.

But so helpless is the devil to his own nature. That that he becomes the instrument and that part of the instrument through which Christ is laying his life down and taking it up again for this reason. The father loves him because he lays down his life for the sheep.

So it is God. Who subjects the creation to futility in hope? Because the creation itself continuing in Romans 8, will also be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God for, we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pains together.

Until now not only that, not only that, but we also who have the first fruits of the Spirit. Even we ourselves, grown, within ourselves eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. So there's a completion of our adoption that is coming when we will appear. Not just not, we won't just have a legal adoption in which we have been given as it were in Jesus's certificate in which we are owned as the children of God and have a right to the status and the privileges that we have.

And then that spiritual adoption in which we to which we have been predestined that we would be conformed to the image of his son, which he says in a couple verses later talking about our being predestined in verse 29. But there's a physical component to that, that because we've been predestined to be conformed, to the image of his son.

And because his son for our sakes took on human flesh, became a man with with a true human body and a true human soul. We have to be conformed to him, not just spiritually in, which, we'll be made perfectly. Holy, Praise God, souls of at believers are at their death, made perfect, and holiness and they immediately pass into glory but we must be conformed to him physically it as well.

Our, our resurrection bodies will be like unto his glorious. Resurrected body. The Scripture says. And so there is a component of our adoption a fulfillment of our adoption, that actually waits until the redemption of our bodies. And one of the things that God has done, is he has bound the creation to corruption and decay and futility until That display, the revealing of the children of God, not only spiritually, but also physically in the last day.

And so When it says cursed is the ground for your sake, when we continue in a creation that is that is bound to corruption and decay. And that continues in futility. One of the things that it

does is it tells us that the creation is still groaning because what God is aiming at in our redemption isn't completed yet.

And then we who have the first fruits of the Spirit grown, and then a text, that was a favorite in the church that I grew up in, although we've didn't learn a lot about the previous two groanings, The Spirit helps us in our weakness because we do not know what to pray for.

As we ought. But he intercedes for us with groans that works cannot express. And so it I grew up with this and hopefully it wasn't taught to me. Hopefully the misunderstanding just came out of my own flesh. I grew up hearing that text in, Romans 8 thinking, oh, there's this groaning language that is better for use in praying than words, and that's what's better about the, the spirit's training praying than my praying, is that he uses this groaning language, but it's not.

It's not just, it's not talking so much about it growing language, but a proper full desire for that last day and the resurrection and the revealing of the children of God and the glory, that is to be revealed in us to which the light and momentary afflictions can't even compare and God has built that in to the binding of the creation.

And one of the first things that happens when you believe in Jesus. And when you have the Holy Spirit, is you long for that day for the resurrection? We're not satisfied with things the way they are. We're content with with God's providence to us now but we're also very happy that God's providence to us includes that future, right?

So you don't say oh well if I'm happy now that I'm a bad Christian because I don't love what God is going to do. Well, you should also be happy with what God is doing now. He's the one is doing it, But you also don't say it would be okay with me if everything stayed the way it is forever.

Because I'm so happy with with what the Lord has done for me music. I'm so happy for what the Lord has done for me and that it is the beginning stages of something that shall be completed. And I agree with him that the completion is good. And so there's contentment present and contentment future that is properly expressed by having this longing for the completion of what God has done.

So When we see cursed as the ground for your sake and toil, you shall eat it at all the days of your life, both thorns and thistles that shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field and the sweat of your face. You shall eat bread till you return to the ground for out of it.

You were taken for dust, you are, and to dusty shall return. And so the Lord is still feeding him, but he has feeding us, but he has bound the creation in hope. Now, one of the things that we do is we see that the Lord through multiple stages of, of the progression of the Covenant of grace.

And we'll, we'll trace this as we go. Along is that he keeps mitigating this curse. He keeps doing things to take the display of what we deserve. What does sin deserve kids? I hope everyone says hell right, you know, you may it doesn't deserve discipline. Discipline is a mercy that you get to turn you to Jesus and to turn you away from sin.

It deserves hell sin doesn't deserve, you know, thorns and thistles and the sweat of your brow. It deserves hell, Thorns and thistles in the sweat of your brow. Make you say, isn't it marvelous? I deserve hell, but I get to eat and I now get to eat through sweat.

So yes, sweat may be part of being in the Carson state but it is a demonstration of God's mercy to me that I'm alive to sweat and that I get food by sweating but God keeps doing things and he does it almost immediately here.

Verse 21, Also, for Adam and his wife, he always God made tunics of skin and clothed them nakedness in the, shame of nakedness was a a result of the fall, a particularly, now that there was sin in their marriage and there was hostility between them and God, God performs an action of physical mercy, in clothing them.

So that clothing the naked is now act is now, one of the ways that those who recognize God's grace to sinners and desire, not just that they wouldn't be physically naked. But that they would know the God, who clothed us in the righteousness of Christ who has, who has put the wrath that we deserve upon Christ in our place that they would come to know Him.

And one of the ways that we imitate God, even as we proclaim his word is for instance, clothing. The naked. And one of the things that we're going to see, are we?

Think sorry. I'm trying to decide if we're done with a lowercase Roman numeral two here and three. Yeah, let's go ahead and move forward to Genesis chapter 8. This is after the flood, this is after the great display of how all of humanity deserves, the wrath of God. But as Peter points out, the same water that came upon the world to to display, God's wrath of God, against humanity was actually used by God to lift the ark above the death and the destruction, so that God knows how both to reserve the wicked for judgment and preserve those whom he is.

He is redeeming, but we have this. This massive display of the wrath of God, that every culture knows about is very interesting wherever you go in the world, you go to a place and complete unbelievers. Well, you if you go to a natural history of that area and they have a museum and they'll always tell you amazing, You may be on the top of a mountain and say amazingly, this area was once covered by an ocean.

We have, we have fossils to prove it. Did you say, well, it's not that amazing. Because God wants displayed his wrath against the entire earth to show us what we what we deserve and that he yet from the midst of that is redeeming. Well, one of the things that he does in the in the flood is Following the flood, He renews and affirms, his own earthly provision.

If you look at chapter 8 and verse 22, you know, we often I think think about what he promises in verse 21 nor will I. Again, I destroy every living thing as I have done. But note, what he says earlier, He says, I will never again, curse the ground for man's sake.

And then he promises this, this relaxing even of what was what was pronounced in the thorns and the thistles in the sweat. While the earth remains seed time and harvest cold and heat winter and summer day and night shall not cease. And so it is part of the Covenant of grace.

It is part of God's response to the to the soothing aroma of the burnt offerings. Not because God likes to smell of of roasting chicken and beef. And you know whatever else might have been there. He created us to like that smell. So that we might know how pleasing to him is the offering of His Son to which those sacrifices looked forward.

And so his responding now to what he has loved us and determined to send Christ to do and what Christ would do. And he responds to that in part by mitigating by by lightening the load of even the curse and earthly things, This cursing of the ground and he makes a renewed promise of the changing of the seasons and everything that is necessary to feed us.

So that when we enjoy good food like every Lord's day we come and enjoy a bunch of good food. And when we minister to those who are without food, or even to those who are in a season of life, when it's a little more sweaty, thorny and thistly to produce the food and we have what someone in the church and, you know, deacons would oversee this and assign.

Whoever the meal train guru is going to be. You have the meal train or whatever, the websites are going to be, or you don't have to use a website and we provide food for one. Another and you hear about people who are hungry in the community and you provide food for them.

Why? Because God has tied, His honoring of Christ's sacrifice and the worship of his church to his own giving us daily bread. Isn't it amazing to you? Well, maybe it's a little less amazing to you than in the Lord's Prayer. You have these huge kingdom groaning for the last day requests.

What do we call them? The petitions? Right First petition, how would be thy name? Second petition, thy kingdom come third. Petition thy will be done and earth as it is in heaven. That's creation. Groaning, first reach of the Spirit. Groaning spirit interceding for us groaning. Redemption of our bodies.

Last day. Everything that the first three petitions. Ask was the fourth petition. Give us the stair. Our daily bread but it comes in a connection that if we're paying attention right from the beginning of Genesis that God has made for us. So that the ministry, which the elders oversee in the church and the ministry which the deacons oversee in the church is a ministry and earthly things that both recognizes that we are under the Covenant of grace and desires to display.

God's graciousness in that covenant among the entire creation, we got a little bit more to do in point B there under the Nuwait, Covenant, but wanted to get there so that you could see in connection this week, the, The often overlooked first part there in verse 21 of chapter 8, I will never again, curse the ground for man's sake.

That there is a mitigation of the earthly components of the curse that comes even while the creation is still bound to corruption and decay. So you want to be an environmentalist, You can be one in two ways. Number one, you say, God still wants us to help the earth, be productive and especially as a way of showing mercy to man, whom he still would really like to fill the earth to be fruitful and to multiply, and fill the earth and we'll see that.

When we, when we do the extra work in chapter eight and nine, but the other way to be a proper environmentalist is to pastor your family to teach them the gospel. Kids believe the gospel of angelize your little brothers and sisters right along with mom and dad. Participate as families.

In evangelizing, your neighbors. Get people to come and sit under the preaching of the gospel, which is the primary way that God converts. Because the creation is going to be bound to futility and decay until that revealing of the children of God, that comes with redemption of their bodies.

And the answer to how long in the fifth seal in Revelation. Chapter 6 is when the number of your brothers is completed. There is a set number of the redeemed and that is what the end of this world is waiting on. And what the environmentalists in the the anti-human anti-God.

Religion of creation worship are aiming at cannot be accomplished because God has bound this creation to futility and decay until the day of the resurrection and the redemption of the bodies of all, of the children of God. So, yes, there is work to do. Now in this creation, You don't just say, well, God's gonna burn it up.

Why would we try to make anything better? How God acts. That's not how God's people act. But the idea that we are going, we are doing this in order to fix everything. That's just fighting against God's having cursed, the ground for our sake and a property. Actual ministry will be able to serve God within the covenant of grace without falling into the idolatry of the culture that that might take some of the same actions or similar actions.

But comes really from a day, an idea and a desire that is hostile to the truth about God and the truth of the gospel. All right, Let's pray Our Father how we thank you that you do clothe us and that you do feed us here. We are clothed and surrounded by food with shelter and everything.

We physically need in order to gather for worshipping you. And now we are about to come and we realize that God, that while you have attended to these needs, because you are father, who knows what we need before? We ask that these are the lesser ones but you have attended to the greater.

And so now be pleased with Christ and His sacrifice, and gather us for that worship that He has consecrated by his blood and grant by your spirit that we would gather in accordance with your word. And that he would stir up in our hearts and minds all that we know of Christ and all that.

We know of your worship from your word so that we might offer that worship by faith that we would desire to glorify you in every way. Possible. Knowing that even that is not the worthiness of the worship, but you have made Christ Himself that's worthiness. And so we pray that you would make us to know our union with Him and with the Holy congregation in Zion, the souls of the just made perfect, the angels and festival gathering but especially you our Father and Jesus Christ.

Our Redeemer, our mediator, whose blood speaks better than that of Abel. Give us. We pray grace to worship acceptably with reverence and awe that we can approach you who are the consuming fire with boldness and confidence to find your throne of glory for us a throne of grace, to give us grace and mercy in our time of need We ask it in Jesus name.

Amen.