

COVENANTAL HUMILITY

Genesis 2:4-17

1 God sovereignly relates to us through covenant.

- A God's relationship to man involves His condescension.
- B God's relationship to man involves His Lordship.

2 God sovereignly commands us through covenant.

- A God's authoritative command is arbitrary.
- B God's authoritative command is purposeful.

3 God sovereignly rewards us through covenant.

- A God's severity is displayed in covenant curse.
- B God's goodness is displayed in covenant blessing.

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is a covenant? Did God enter into a covenant with Adam in the garden? Why, or why not?
2. What does it mean for God to condescend to us? Why must He do so if we would know and enjoy Him?
3. What is God's purpose in giving Adam a seemingly random command concerning the tree? How does it highlight His absolute authority?
4. What is the secular view of authority? How should Christians respond?
5. How do God's curse and blessing in the covenant promote humility?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Do I marvel over the fact that God would come so low to reveal and relate Himself to me?
2. Do I view my relationship with God as one in which both parties (God and me) are on equal footing?
3. Has secularism's enthronement of "the subjective self" influenced my own understanding of morality? What does my lifestyle say about who or what my ultimate authority is?
4. Am I trembling at God's threats and rejoicing in His promises?