Lesson One: The God of Promise

Luke 24:27; Genesis 17:7-8; Exodus 19:4-6, 20:2; 2 Samuel 7:12-13, 24; Jeremiah 31:33; Revelation 21:3

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Luke 24:27

²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

Gensis 17:7-8

⁷ And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ⁸ And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God."

Exodus 19:4-6

⁴ 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶ and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

Exodus 20:2

² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

2 Samuel 7:12-13

¹² When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

2 Samuel 7:24

²⁴ And you established for yourself your people Israel to be your people forever. And you, O LORD, became their God.

Jeremiah 31:33

³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Revelation 21:3

³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.



Discussion Questions:

- 1. What is theology? Does theology matter to our relationship with God? Why or why not?
- 2. What is a covenant? How is a covenant different than a contract? Why is the concept of covenant so foreign for us today?
- 3. How do you read the Bible? Do you read it as a collection of many different stories, two distinct stories between the Old and New Testaments, or one story from Genesis to Revelation? Why?
- 4. What is the covenant chorus of the Bible? Why is this repeated refrain good news?
- 5. What does God's covenant with us have to do with faith?
- 6. What does God's covenant with us have to do with the Sacraments (Baptism and Communion)? Why does it matter?
- 7. How does God's covenant with us shape the way that we see Jesus?