

**Title: We are a family compelled by love**

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## **ADAMIC**

**Genesis 3:15 (NIV)** <sup>15</sup>And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring<sup>[a]</sup> and hers; he will crush<sup>[b]</sup> your head, and you will strike his heel.”

## **NOAHIC**

**Genesis 6:18 (NIV)** <sup>18</sup>But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons’ wives with you.

**Genesis 9:9-13 (NIV)** <sup>9</sup>“I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”<sup>12</sup> And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: <sup>13</sup>I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

## **ABRAHAMIC**

**Genesis 12:1-3 (NIV)**<sup>12</sup> 12 The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. <sup>2</sup>“I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

## **ABRAHAMIC (UNCONDITIONAL)**

**Genesis 15:9-19 (NIV)** <sup>9</sup>So the Lord said to him, “Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon.”<sup>10</sup> Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. <sup>11</sup>Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.<sup>12</sup> As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him. <sup>13</sup>Then the Lord said to him,

“Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there. <sup>14</sup> But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions. <sup>15</sup> You, however, will go to your ancestors in peace and be buried at a good old age. <sup>16</sup> In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure.”

<sup>17</sup> When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. <sup>18</sup> On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram and said, “To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi<sup>[a]</sup> of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates

**Genesis 17:1-14 (NIV)** <sup>17</sup> When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, “I am God Almighty<sup>[a]</sup>; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. <sup>2</sup> Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.” <sup>3</sup> Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, <sup>4</sup> “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. <sup>5</sup> No longer will you be called Abram<sup>[b]</sup>; your name will be Abraham,<sup>[c]</sup> for I have made you a father of many nations. <sup>6</sup> I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. <sup>7</sup> I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. <sup>8</sup> The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God.” <sup>9</sup> Then God said to Abraham, “As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come. <sup>10</sup> This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised. <sup>11</sup> You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you. <sup>12</sup> For the generations to come every male among you who is eight days old must be circumcised, including those born in your household or bought with money from a foreigner—those who are not your offspring. <sup>13</sup> Whether born in your household or bought with your money, they must be circumcised. My covenant in your flesh is to be an everlasting covenant. <sup>14</sup> Any uncircumcised male, who has not been circumcised in the flesh, will be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.”

## MOSAIC

**Exodus 24:1-11 (NIV)** <sup>24</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, “Come up to the Lord, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel. You are to worship at a distance, <sup>2</sup> but Moses alone is to approach the Lord; the others must not come near. And the people may not come up with him.”

<sup>3</sup> When Moses went and told the people all the Lord’s words and laws, they responded with one voice, “Everything the Lord has said we will do.” <sup>4</sup> Moses then wrote down everything the Lord had said.

He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup> Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the Lord. <sup>6</sup> Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he splashed against the altar. <sup>7</sup> Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, “We will do everything the Lord has said; we will obey.” <sup>8</sup> Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, “This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

<sup>9</sup> Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up <sup>10</sup> and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. <sup>11</sup> But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

**Exodus 34:27-28 (NIV)** <sup>27</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, “Write down these words, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel.” <sup>28</sup> Moses was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights without eating bread or drinking water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant—the Ten Commandments.

## DAVIDIC

**2 Samuel 7:8-16 (NIV)** <sup>8</sup>“Now then, tell my servant David, ‘This is what the Lord Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. <sup>9</sup>I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning <sup>11</sup>and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders<sup>[a]</sup> over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.’”<sup>12</sup>“The Lord declares to you that the Lord himself will establish a house for you: <sup>13</sup>When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>14</sup>He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>15</sup>I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. <sup>16</sup>But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. <sup>17</sup>Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me<sup>[b]</sup>; your throne will be established forever.”

## NEW COVENANT FORETOLD

**Jeremiah 33:14-18 (NIV)** <sup>14</sup>“‘The days are coming,’ declares the Lord, ‘when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah. <sup>15</sup>“‘In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what is just and right in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it<sup>[a]</sup> will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior.’”<sup>17</sup>For this is what the Lord says: ‘David will never fail to have a man to sit on the throne of Israel, <sup>18</sup>nor will the Levitical priests ever fail to have a man to stand before me continually to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings and to present sacrifices.’”

## NEW COVENANT IS SEALED

**Luke 22:17-20 (NIV)** <sup>17</sup>After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, “Take this and divide it among you. <sup>18</sup>For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”<sup>19</sup>And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”<sup>20</sup>In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.<sup>[a]</sup>

## NEW COVENANT

**Matthew 26:20-29 (NIV)** <sup>20</sup>When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve.<sup>21</sup> And while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.”<sup>22</sup> They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, “Surely you don’t mean me, Lord?”<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup>The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”<sup>25</sup> Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, “Surely you don’t mean me, Rabbi?” Jesus answered, “You have said so.”<sup>26</sup> While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.”<sup>27</sup> Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. <sup>28</sup>This is my blood of the<sup>[a]</sup> covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

Abrahamic Covenant

Old Covenant

<b>Reference</b>	Genesis 15:1-21	Exodus 24:7-8; Hebrews 9:18-20
<b>Who</b>	God and Abraham	God and Israel
<b>Mediator</b>	None	Moses
<b>Pieces</b>	Heifer, goat, ram, dove, young pigeon	Burnt offerings and young bulls
<b>Seal</b>	Smoking pot, blazing torch (God) passes through	Sprinkling blood of calves mixed with scroll and people
<b>Promise</b>	Seed, land	Redemption through Law
<b>Conditions</b>	Unconditional	Fulfilling the law

*“The sin we have committed against God is far darker, deeper, and more disgusting than any sin that has been committed against us. God created the world as a gifted home for us. God created us and bestowed on us particular dignity as his image bearers. God gave us companionship through the gift of marriage. And God spoke nothing but grace to us and did nothing but bless us.*

*Our response was sin – damnable, horrible, inexcusable sin.”*

*God’s response to our sin was covenant – saving, glorious, loving covenant.*

*(Mark Driscoll*

**The Question is – do we really love Jesus?**

**The next Question is – if we do love Jesus, where does obedience fit in?**

**John 14:15** If you love me, keep my commands.

**1 John 5:3** In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. (NIV)

To love Jesus is to obey Jesus.