

Covenant Children Present In Worship Part One

- I. How our children fit into the basic covenant concept of Scripture
 - a. Covenant origins. Gen. 1:26-28, esp. v. 28. Adam disobeyed God (Gen. 2:17 cf. 3:6). This “original sin” falls in the line of generations from Adam (Rom. 5:12).
 - b. Covenant grace. Noah (Gen. 6:8, 18). Abraham (Gen. 15:3, 6; cf. 17:7, 12, 14). Circumcision not merely national, but demonstrates generational solidarity in the covenant community. We thus acknowledge them as members of covenant community by circumcision. With the New Covenant this solidarity is found in baptism (Matt. 28:19-20). Acts 2:38-39, Samaritans, Eunuch, Paul, Acts 16:15, 31; 18:8 cf. 1 Cor. 1:16, Acts 19:5. Point simply that the household is still basic building block. Not a dedication, except of the parents. 1 Cor. 7:14, already holy. NB: Ezek. 16:20-21.
- II. Examples and Commandments
 - a. Moses (Dt. 4:9). Read 4:1-15. Similar is chapter 6, vv. 2, 7. Must take this responsibility seriously. Dt. 31:10-13.
 - b. Solomon (Prov. 1:4). Early in life (8:17). See also Prov. 11:29; 13:24; 19:18. So is it at 22:6. Raising a child is teaching him over time to put away childish things (1 Cor. 13:11).
 - c. Church? Dt. 29:10-13. “little ones” = toddlers. Josh 8:35; 2 Chron. 20:13; Ezra 8:21 (v. 15, cf. vv. 21, 23); Neh. 12:43; Joel 2:15-16.