

The School of Biblical Law

Covenant and Law

Lesson Five: “The Covenant Model: Hierarchy, Part 2”

Upon consideration of the second section of the covenant model, which is termed Hierarchy, we discover that God appoints His partners. God places His yoke of service upon those called into His covenant and enacts His will and purposes through these representatives. The covenant yoke is more than a yoke of labor. It is a yoke of formation. Though the yoke of hierarchy, God brings His servants to maturity.

1. God’s original intent was fellowship with mankind through making them work partners. (Gen. 1;26-28).

God extends His goods to His hierarchy and then teaches them to think and feel the way God does about His created order.

He teaches His partners to manage His created order.

He places mankind in an apprenticeship that matures God’s image and likeness in man.

God gives His power to those in relationship.

Power is sharing the knowledge, ability and authority with God over some portion of His creation.

Power comes through the process of working responsibly and stewarding obediently.

2. God empowers mankind with proprietorship of the creation.

A proprietor is an owner or one who has right or title deed.

God’s priority is to draw His people into a proprietorial spirit in order to maximize their maturity.

Ownership produces involvement and a piece of the action releases creativity.

A proprietor differs from a servant in the following ways:

A proprietor will work for nothing if necessary while an employee works for a paycheck.

A proprietor will find creative ways to do it better while an employee works in his appointed station and fulfills his assigned task.

Jesus told his disciples, “Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knows not what his lord does; but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made know unto you. You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit and that your fruit should remain.”

3. Godly relationships have one primary goal, which is to draw others into their full potential in God.

Proverbs 20:5 states, “The purposes of a man’s heart are deep waters, but a man of understanding draws them out.”

God gives each man a piece of the action and then draws forth that man’s abilities in order that the man might be able to fulfill his calling as God’s hierarchy.

God’s hierarchy is progressively transformed from glory to glory (II Cor. 4:6), which is one level of released potential to another level of released potential. Potential is released through knowledge and the application of that knowledge. As believers are yoked with God, they are instructed in truth and trained in the application of that truth. Applied truth is skill. Kingdom management skills are perfected through taking ownership-level responsibility to manage God’s earth. Though the yoke of hierarchy, God brings His servants to maturity.