

READ AS A SERIES

Study Guide

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Guided Study Pathway

"Read as a Series" is designed to guide your study through these books: *Light and Love of New Covenant Sonship*, *Reshaping the Prophetic* and *United in Christ Enforcing His Victory*. You could choose to read these books in the order mentioned above, as you would always find new chapters in each book or you can follow a cross-book pathway which I will show you in this chapter. *Light and Love of New Covenant Sonship* was written to give believers the biblical narrative introducing covenants, and introduce New Covenant lifestyle. *Reshaping the Prophetic* was written for those mainly interested in the prophetic who want to solely concentrate on this area. While *United in Christ Enforcing His Victory* was written for the mature believer or ministry/church leader to ground them in a deeper understanding of the outworking of the covenants, the prophetic, and kingdom unity with and in our Lord Jesus Christ.

You might want to read through these books first and then go through the Guided Study Pathway, or you might want to study first

and subsequently read the books as they were written later. The books are available in print or as ebooks, so you can choose the format that best suits your budget and preferred study and reading habits.

In this chapter I will give you the study pathway and in the next chapter you will find the reflections to go with each section.

Guided Study Pathway

You will find the chapter headings which you can look up in the content pages of these books. They will be divided into sections covering various topics. I will cover all the chapters and arrange them into sections. The essential chapters will be in bold and I would ask you to study these chapters to get the most out of these books.

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Reshaping

The Big Picture

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Union

The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil

The Tree of Life

Chapter Two

Reflections

This chapter contains some personal reflections to help you learn more by guiding your journey, and some considerations I have since writing these books. In Christianity nothing is stagnant, and as we grow, or things are uncovered, our understanding develops and evolves. There is nothing to be feared, but it is just a normal part of maturing, and discarding what needs to be left in the past, as a less refined understanding of the faith. I personally look at this process with gratitude to all those who have taught me what they knew. I see these pieces as building blocks that can be rearranged to build a better version of an individual. I would ask you to approach what I have written with an open heart to change.

Nevertheless, I hold the foundations of God's goodness and divine justice as true. He is holy and righteous, just and forgiving. There is a correct and a wrong way in which to live. I hold firm to the foundations of the covenants, God's nature, his redemptive history, and the lifestyle of the New Covenant believer. It is only some nuances that change, when deeper clarification becomes apparent. I will use an asterisk to indicate when I am saying something not contained in my books.

Introduction and Overview

Following on from all the introductory chapters, there is a brief introduction to why I wrote and some of my thought process. Then I tackle the covenants in their form and give you an overview of the the Bible. Understanding the types of covenants and their difference is essential. The differences between grant, kinship and vassal play out in your understanding of Scripture and your life. Without an idea of the narrative of Scripture it is hard to place the covenants in their place and understand their relevance.

Reflect on your journey with God.

Take notes or highlight what you were missing in your understanding of the story of the Old Testament.

Make notes even in a chart or graphic to help you link the different types of covenants in your mind.

Take note of what they mean.

Write down what stands out to you, so you will be able to remember your observations.

*The Davidic Kingdom spans from the reign of King David until the foreign invasions by other rulers and exiles, hence there were a long list of kings.

*The apostle Paul contrasts the law of the vassal covenant to the grace of the grant covenant in his letters, and the writer of Hebrews does the same.

In-depth Look at the Covenants

In my book I linked some covenant to the tree of knowledge of good and evil and others to the tree of life. This is the reason why they are not

listed in the order in which they were made. However, in this study, we will examine them in their chronological order. I focused on whether they were terminated/replaced/fulfilled or maintained/fulfilled.

Our Lord Jesus Christ became the new Adam, the new Moses, the new High Priest. This is why I am saying these covenants were terminated and replaced by Christ, but the essence of what God wanted to do was fulfilled in the New Covenant. On the other hand, the binding promises made to Noah, Abraham and David find their full expression and fulfilment in the New Covenant.

Reflect on what the covenants mean for you.

What has changed?

As you study take notes on the main aspects so that you can draw deeper connections in your mind as you study through the covenants.

*There are aspects of the New Covenant that are outworked within the Godhead in the heavenly holy of holies. Nevertheless, God always makes covenants with human beings. At the last supper Jesus institutes a covenant with his twelve disciple. They are the human representatives who receive the grant covenant in all of its grace.

New Covenant Access to God

In this section I want to show you how God gave us himself in the New Covenant. He gave us access to God the Father, so we can have a father-son relationship with him. Jesus Christ gave us his blood, he is the sacrifice and High Priest, fully God and fully human and part of the Trinity. Each one of us is the temple. I show you how the Holy Spirit leads us and all the things he gives us access to in the New Covenant.

Reflect on how you experience the Holy Spirit.

Meditate on how a better view of the covenants and their outworking

helps you in your faith.

How are you experiencing rest, love, peace, and joy?

How is your prayer life and what is God saying to you?

*Your measure of authority is over your own life, unless God extends it.

The Prophetic

Through my books, I wanted to highlight the importance of the prophetic. Jesus is the Word, so why would he not still be communicating to us today? Scripture is obviously of highest importance and the means to test and weigh prophecy. Today, no one is prophesying anything that needs to be added to Scripture. Some denominations or expressions of the Christian faith hold their tradition in high regard as well as Scripture. However, unless someone is purposefully trying to mislead others, or build their own empire, everyone who still believes the Lord can speak to you, even if you only receive through Scripture, agrees that when it comes to receiving a personal prophecy from someone else, the individual is not bound by this prophetic word. The receiver must test and weigh the word, and he or she is free to accept or reject the prophetic word.

Being a gift of Christ enables the individual to serve others, respect and upkeep the New Covenant, not expect a leadership role as very few are given, not put themselves in a position of mediator between God and his people. My goal was to explain what healthy expression of the prophetic can look like. I want to encourage every believer, you can hear God for yourself. More often than not the prophetic will confirm something that was already in your heart. I also wanted to plant the seed of the possibility that God can communicate to all his children, even the ones who do not regard themselves as prophetic. I find this

is essential to realise. All believers do not need to prophesy to others. However, believers need to hear the voice of God for themselves, so that God can whisper solutions to them for situations in family life or work life.

Reflect on whether you have been on the receiving or on the giving end of prophetic words and what the outcomes have been.

Between the Old and New Covenant, the role of the prophetic has not changed, but its foundation has changed, because the New Covenant is nothing like the Old one. Meditate on this.

How does the knowledge given to you in the chapters of these books help you understand how to use the prophetic in your life?

Take note of any personal reflections.

*The prophets of the Old Testament and John the Baptist are the foundation on which the church is built. They prophesied the New Covenant. The twelve Apostles of Jesus hold the function and office of an Apostle. They are the foundation of the church and are to be held in high esteem. Judas was replaced.

*Today the gifts of Christ function in their gifting to equip the saints or in evangelisation; think church planting, humble ministries, missionary work. They are often not involved in leadership.

*By creative power I mean just speaking things that are not as though they are, not that any of us become God and can create like when he created the world. By being partakers of his divine nature, I am saying we can sometimes access a tiny fraction of his creative power.

Union

I linked the covenants to the two trees to show how one can choose to live from separation from God or union with God. In shattered

promises and turmoil or from peace and oneness with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflect on where your personal walk with the Lord is right now. Ask him for his guidance and that he will enable you to experience more wholeness in and through him.

*There is no need to feel responsible for bringing global change. Be satisfied with implementing a change of heart and lifestyle in your own life and positively influence others if you can do so. If the Lord gives you more, that's great.