

*God's Good Gifts*  
**Genesis 2:4-17**

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Introduction: God creates us in covenant with Himself. This is our problem. Every one of us is in covenant with God. Are you under covenant curse or covenant blessing? That's the real question!

1. A Real Covenant: cf. Hos 6:7, Rom 5.
  - a. General covenant responsibilities (evad and shemar—not with feminine suffixes but generalizing infinitives): serve and keep.
  - b. Specific stipulations: worship and obey.
  - c. Specific sanction: death.
  - d. Sovereign administration.
2. A Rich Covenant
  - a. Physical provision: life, food, work, wealth
  - b. Spiritual provision: Word, sacrament, Sabbath
  - c. Moral provision: law, how to please Him
  - d. Aesthetic provision: note "pleasing to the eye"
  - e. Relational provision: not alone
3. A Ruined Covenant
  - a. This covenant is broken. We sinned and died in Adam (Rom 5:12-14).
  - b. There is no path back to Eden.

Conclusion: There is a path forward, through Cavalry. Already in the garden there was a promise of more than Adam already had. But now Christ has secured for us even more than was offered to Adam. An entirely New Heaven and New Earth, but especially union with Christ, indwelling by the Spirit, and adoption by the Father. For the believer, heaven has already begun on earth!