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So we've come to the second part. Well I guess depending on which, which side of the sheet you have up, but if you're looking at today's outline, you can flip to the opposite side and see the outline of step one.

And then the the following steps at the bottom of the page. And We finished up the first main section, the actual god of this branded world. The scriptures as a whole follow the pattern of creation fall redemption, It's not surprising. Then that in a broader culture and a church culture in which as much resistance to the historical truth of Genesis 1 through 3 that the church is confused.

Also about what redemption is why it's needed and what it produces and those who are redeemed in this life, as they anticipate the next, you take two-thirds of the creation fall redemption pattern out and confusion will ensue and has done so. So we've seen the creational foundation of the need for the actinyl ministry in the church, not just diagonal oversight by the deacons who are set over the church's diagonal ministry, but the economistry, which is just as the elders have spiritual oversight and administer.

The public means of grace. And yet We all have spiritual ministry in the church. Yes. Husbands and fathers and mothers to their children. But even you children, One of the reasons God has given you the elders to lead you and to lead your daddy and your mommy. And one of the reasons that God has given you a daddy and mommy to teach you what the Bible says about everything.

And when you wake up and when you go to bed, you have those special times. And then all day long, mom is telling you about what the Bible has to say, about what you just did. Or what about, what you all are going to do. One of the reasons that God gives you all of these people to help you in His word is so that you too can be one who speaks the truth in love.

Because every joint, every part of his body is something that God uses for the building up of the whole body into Christ. And so One of the reasons why whenever most people say children's ministry, they mean going and singing and playing with children until the real ministry elsewhere is done is because we have forgotten that children's ministry is also ministry that children do that out of your mouth, God has ordained.

His praise to be sung in the congregation and that you two are being trained to speak the truth. And love. Well, deacons help us with our ministry, not so much and spiritual things and using the means of grace. And in that more direct fellowship that we have with the Lord in those acts as commanded for his formal worship.

Deacons help us in serving the Lord in all the other things, just as your parents oversee, you and assign to you your chores and come up with a good plan for how the house will be ordered well and encourage you to be cheerful and generous with all those things that aren't yours.

And so that you our diligent and generous and steward things, well make good use of them as gifts from God and assignments from God. So deacons have been set in the household of

God, as those who help God's house in our ministry, in material things. So We've in the first three lectures.

We dealt with creation. And now we come to deal with redemption and the first thing we need to know is what we're being redeemed from. I didn't include and an entire electron on this and on how the full happened in the course. But it's useful to see that doubting God's provision in material.

Things was Satan's. First attempt on the woman on Adam's wife has God really said that you may not eat from any of the trees of the garden and she ends up being deceived, not because she doubts God's generosity, but because she doubts the sufficiency of God's Word. She thinks that in order to image God.

Well, and to become wise, she's under a test to see if she's willing to risk her life to do so. Adam was not deceived. He did not think that he was doing good. The woman being deceived thought that she was doing good when she took of the fruit. Well, that's actually this attempt by Satan in tempting to get us to doubt the good provision of God.

It's a pattern in the Bible When God calls Israel, his firstborn son, he brings him out into the wilderness in Israel gets hungry, the initial supplies as we're going to see when we get further along. In this section, the initial supplies that they took from Egypt, start to run out and immediately they doubt the Lord they sin against him.

They grumble against him and they complain. This is something that is in each of our hearts, This is why. Every one of you is very quickly tempted to grumble and complain especially when you get hungry or when you decide that you don't like the food that God has provided and you become a little wandering Israelite and maybe your house has a similar, many catechism, our house has all these little mini catechisms that we use to train our minds and hearts.

And if we have children, who are grumbling and especially grumbling about food, you know who grumbled about the food that God was giving them Israel did in the wilderness. And what did God do when they rumbled about his his care of them in the wilderness? He killed them all just to see the the importance of trusting, God for his, provision of material, things contentment, with what he gives.

And of course, Adam was made in the image of God. And he was tempted by means of his wife and not being deceived. He was willful Israel. God called out of Egypt and constituted as a nation in the church and called his firstborn son and Israel was tempted and failed.

And was struck down in the wilderness for going Astray in their hearts. But there is one in God sent into the world who is not just made in his image, but is the very image of God. There is one whom God sent into the world who has not just called his firstborn son by adoption, but is the eternally begotten, son.

Even as we heard Paul preaching from Psalm 2, in the portion of Scripture that we've had in the morning sermons, the last couple of weeks Who is this eternally, begotten, Son of God. Who is the very image of God? Many of you even younger children know who that is, don't you?

Jesus is the only begotten Son of God. God adopts other children in Jesus, but Jesus is the only begotten Son, and one of the temptations. The initial temptation when Jesus is being righteous, where we have failed because you don't just deserve to go hungry or to be killed by God to die when you grumble about the food that is given you.

So another one of those mini catechisms when we were working with our children, got one left that we know of in God's providence that we're still in the initial stages of working with. And you ask them what they did. You ask them what the scripture says about that.

You get to the point where they've recognized that you're helping them. See that, what's just been done? Isn't just bad because it embarrasses parents or makes households run poorly. It's bad because it's a sinful offense against God and then comes the question. What does that deserve and children who are in the earliest stages?

Usually answer that question with whatever discipline they think is coming but after a few iterations they learned that the answer to what does that deserve? Is hell. Well, God gave his only begotten, Son, and announced that about him at his baptism. And one of the first things he does in his public ministry is actually private and it's out in the wilderness and he is actually very hungry.

He's gone 40 days without without eating which is longer than Israel ever. Had to go in the wilderness and the temptation is to doubt the goodness of God's provision even in earthly things. And to tie that to doubting God's relationship with Him and of course, our Lord, Jesus perfectly past the test.

The devil said, if you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread. And Jesus, who is not only are perfect, example in the spiritual things, and his love for the Word of God, which is how he answers. And he says, and you saw live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God, He is also the one who has evade perfectly in our place, entrusting God's provision and material things, But 40 days, he hasn't eaten.

And he does not turn those stones into bread because he still thinks of his father, as a good father who was attending to all of his needs. The reasoning is I always need the Word of God that proceeds from his mouth. But if I don't have bread it's because I didn't need it.

Just now and whatever. The Lord gives me is to be enjoyed as a gift from him and in employed as a trust a stewardship from him. And so, in the diagonal ministry of the church, there is this mitigating of the fall. Well, the first thing that we see when man falls, it's not the curse but the gospel.

Sorry, we just ran through very quickly. What probably should have taken 45 minutes but we took 10. If you look at Genesis 3 now and the man and the woman have sinned and they've gone through being confronted about it. And the woman says the serpent deceived. Me and I ate minutes.

So, you always God, said to the serpent, in verse 14, because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field on your belly. You shall go. You shall eat dust all the days of your life prophecy of his defeat destruction, humiliation on that comes Act.

The hands of or perhaps, even rather at the foot of the one who has promised in verse 15 and I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed. And her seed. Now the fact that She is going to bear a child is already a miracle of grace, isn't it?

What had God told Adam before, Eve was even made would happen in the day that they ate of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge and good and evil and the day that you eat of it dying, you shall die. Or as most English translation. Say you shall surely die?

Well, it even started to talk to the woman or the man yet, but he promises that Satan's defeat and destruction from verse 14 is going to come from a descendant of the woman. Buy a descendant of the woman. He saw bruise your head and you shall bruise as he'll, there's a lot more to say about that, but we're trying to stick just to the diagonal things to the woman.

He said I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception in pain. You shall bring forth children. Yes, that does. Primarily mean, you're going to bring forth sinful children. There is lifelong grief in bearing children. There's joy in bearing children, but there's lifelong grief and they're being sinful and often foolish.

And sometimes Wicked in their thinking and in, in their acting. But this lifelong grief is as like putting something under a magnifying glass. Hopefully you've done that with wood burning and not with insects like someone who you may have heard teach and preach before might have done as a child.

But there is a focusing of the the grief and the pain that comes in. Very children in the actual physical, a carrying of the child during the pregnancy and especially in the labor and the birthing of the child. And even, although we don't think of it that often, probably all the ladies do when it comes, time for them to bear, or approaches time even the risk of death in childbearing, One of the things.

However that is going to be a a result or a fruit of the covenant of grace, the promise of Jesus that Adam is hearing pronounced First on the serpent and then even to the woman she is going to be bringing for children and Adam as he listens to. This is hearing that what is going to be very costly to his wife?

Is what God is going to use to redeem him and those of his children who are redeemed to redeem him from the serpent. But then in the last part of what God says to the woman, he says your desire shall be for your husband and he shall rule over you.

And all the Bible of using feminists in the world said, amen. Because they think that this is the origin of headship. They don't understand Genesis 2 and they don't understand. Genesis 3 verse 16 in its relationship to Genesis 4 verse 7, which is just some 15 or so versus later.

And he says to Cain, if you do well will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, then lies at the door. It's desire is for you, but you should rule over it and he uses the exact same verbal construction. So, Adam has heard now. Not only that, it's going to be his wife's grief to bear sinful children, but it's going to be his wife's grief to have sinful husbands, who treat her like, they should be treating their sin, and it's going to be his wife's grief to be a sinful wife, who treats her husband, like sin treats us not desiring.

Soon does not desire to be led led by us and ruled over us in desires to master us and lead us. And maybe let us think that we're doing the leading and women who treat their husbands that way desiring to master them and lead them. And maybe accomplish doing that while they think they're doing the leading.

That's part of the curse. But What Adam is offered by God is to act in accordance with the character of God, which he originally saw in Genesis 2. And we already talked about a little bit in his diagonal leadership of his wife, rather than according to the character of the serpent that he would act as a child of God.

And he embraces this in verse 20 will get to 17 through 19, probably next week. Maybe in a moment. But in verse 20, Adam called his wife's name Eve because she was the mother of all the living. And so there's already in verse 20, the man acting in a different way.

Then the grief that is prophesied at the end of verse 16, not dominating his wife, the way Cain is commanded to dominate and destroy sin in Genesis 4:7 and which sinful men will desire to do to their wives. According to Genesis 3:16 but treasuring, his wife in accordance with the Covenant of grace knowing that from her has been promised the seed of the Living God.

And so, this will, This will have application in the bearing of covenant children and the way husband's among God's people treat and view their wives among God's people. And then, especially especially when their wives are pregnant when their wives are bearing when their wives have just born and there's that physical adjustment time.

And we know that it's also a spiritually dangerous time for heart and mind And so the, the gentleness and the kindness and the lavish provision and hopefully, you young men will be better than I, I think. Justin in plain honesty. The first few pregnancies. A God. It helped me be better about this.

Just wanting to attend to every need and fulfill every desire and attend to things before she knew she needed them. And going out of my ways stretching the budget as, as far as it will go. And babying her to the point that she's exasperated with not being allowed to do things, and then she gets put on bed rest and doctors on the side and or midwife later or whatever it is.

Anyway, I didn't do that. Well the last few pregnancies and my very patient wife and forgiving God or a great blessing to me in that. But there is this care for the women, among God's people, who are bearing. That is actually a significant part of the beaconal ministry of the church and this doesn't go away in the New Covenant because God is still the same covenant of God.

And the, the children of the church are still the same. Holy children. As first Corinthians 7 says and the role of women in the church has not changed. They have this glorious role almost all of them. Not all men, get to be elders and deacons. In fact, very few men comparatively gets to the elders and deacons and not all women get to be, get to bear children.

But a much higher percentage of women get to bear children than men who get to be elders and beacons. And so when the apostle is making application of Genesis Three in First, Timothy 2, which we'll come to this passage in a couple of weeks time and God's good providence on our Thursdays and in our serial readings.

He says, and I do not permit a woman to teach her to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. Okay. So, they can't be elders, and they can't act like elders and and take some other title, okay? So he doesn't just say, I don't permit women to be elders, that would have or overseers or pastors.

I mean that would have been nice and concise but we are sophisticated in our disobedience. So, he takes the duties of the office, not the title of the office there, Because for Adam was formed first, and then Eve these not saying that, you know, Adam called shotgun, so he gets, you know.

So the males get to be the elders, He's reminding us that it is God's ordering to give His Word and the terms of the covenant before his wife was created so that he would have that responsibility and Adam was not deceived. It was his responsibility, but the woman being deceived, so he failed in his responsibility.

He didn't put himself between the woman and the serpent. He waited to see how things would go even though he knew what was going on. And she didn't The woman being deceived fell

into transgression. Nevertheless, she will be saved in childbearing. Is that all that's the promise about Jesus?

Well, He's talking about the ongoing ministry in the church and then he says, if they plural continue in faith, love and holiness with self-control. And so, the Lord still is setting apart those children who are in the church apart as distinct from those children who are in the world.

And there is still this special ministry of bearing, Covenant children that belongs to the women. And so all of you girls as you play with your dolls and as you teach them, Bible stuff like your parents, teach you Bible stuff. And as you take them to to take your little dollies to church in your play and so forth, You are practicing for an office that the vast majority of you will be given.

And if you're not Well, that too is in the Providence of God and you may have the pleasure of helping the women who are and the ones who will oversee that ministry in the church of making sure that none of the pregnant women or the bearing women or have just born, and are still nursing women fall through the cracks, the one who will oversee the ones, who will oversee that ministry that goes all the way back to the very first gospel promises that were pronounced in the curse upon the servant and we're embraced by Adam in the naming of his wife and the recognizing that he did not want to be part of the grief that was pronounced on her.

And so by grace, he's already seeking to mortify, the sin that is in Him. I'm sure there are lots of opportunities. Lots of instances in which Adam did try to dominate Eve and she did resist his headship. Now, they weren't just a little bit fallen. It's not like men fell a little bit and started to go downhill.

There were whole all fallen, but they also had heard the gospel, and they were believing the gospel and part of believing the gospel worked out in his diagonal, attendance to his wife. And in that recognition, Now care for those who are pregnant. As we've already seen even in that.

Part of the case law that appears in the book of the Covenant which were coming towards the end of now in Exodus 20 to 23 care for those who are pregnant and bearing is as still one of the things that God focuses on. And I don't think it's very difficult for any of you, I probably many of you have already made the connection.

That this is one of the ways that the church today in the culture that we are in sets ourselves. Apart not absolutely by opposing abortion and helping those outside the church who are pregnant and burying and especially those who are doing. So without the hope of the gospel and meeting both, It's one of the ways and you've seen the satanic attack.

Haven't you the that? Once it looked like their opportunity to murder without any ramifications repercussions was being taken away from that, they actually attacked those who are trying to help the women who are in that delicate condition, and that honored, condition of bearing, children, and the irrational. And extreme evil in the attacking of the pregnancy centers.

Well, the culture of life and God's church goes all not just outside the church but within the church and the way childbearing is viewed, one of your elders Mr. Mr. Rencher was telling me on Thursday about some church. I think it was in Texas and that one Senate. They had a woman who had been an astronaut trotted up to the front and they praised her because it was so wonderful that a woman could be an astronaut and the blindness to the much higher attainment of being a woman who conceives and bears and rear nurses and bears covenant children, who continue in the faith.

So,

We didn't quite finish the well, the first part of it. But you see how Deaconal care in what is very kind of nitty-gritty earthly things like helping the family. Who's wife and mom has to be on bed? Rest for the last however long maybe months sometimes of their pregnancy like organizing the meals.

And having young ladies who, instead of, you know, trotting around 10 and enjoying all the food fruit stuff. As Columbia turns into the, the new Spring Hill, which was the new Franklin, which is the new Brentwood, which was how to escape from Nashville, you know, instead of trotting around 10 with that stuff, they make a pact to go into young mothers, babes and arms, and multiple ones around and doing a whirlwind of cleaning in an hour or two.

That that seemed impossible to that wife and that mother without their help things that you can do Without a deacon coming alongside and saying, you know, this family is really struggling. 20 something and have more discretionary time, perhaps and some other people or, you know, your, you know, talking to a a dad.

Now your older teenage girls might be able to plug in and fill in there. We don't always do well even after Grace has changed our hearts. That's how the deaconet happened right there was much being given. That was evidence of grace changed hearts. And yet in the distribution, we weren't doing particularly entirely.

Well, even in the apostolic Church in Jerusalem and deacons ordained and called by Christ to help us do well. And the expression of embracing the covenant of grace, in how we deal with some of the, you know, nitty-gritty things in life. Let's pray our Father in heaven. How he?

Thank you that you have given life to those who deserve to die that you have given heaven to those who have deserved hell that you have done. So in your son that he is our righteousness and we bless your name for that and we come to you through Him rejoicing that he has atoned.

For all of our sin taken away, all of our guilt absorbed, all of the wrath, the righteous wrath that our sin deserved congregation would be an assembly of those. Whose lives display, the goodness of what Christ has saved us unto and the mitigating, and the reducing of the pain and grief of that sin, that Christ has saved us from We pray, O, Lord, that you would help us all in our diagonal service within our home and from one home to the other within your congregation and from within your congregation to those who are perishing without hope.

And without you in the world and we pray that you would be merciful to us in the preparing and raising up and ordaining and installing of deacons to lead us in this glorify yourself. Now we pray as we continue with you on our Lord's day and make us to honor our Lord as we gather to you through Him and are led by him in the public worship to which we now go for, we ask it in his name.

Amen.