

Sermon Outline

Covenant Succession

Joshua 14:9

- I. Covenant Succession: It is the Sacred Obligation of One Generation to Bequeath to the Next Generation the Covenant Under Which They Live.

- II. Covenant Succession: The Sacred Obligation to Bequeath to the Next Generation the Covenant Under Which We Live is in Grave Peril - if Not Lost.

Suzerain-Vassal Covenant Treaty

1. **Preamble** – Identifying the Lordship of the Great King, stressing his greatness, dominance, and eminence. Exodus 20:2a.
2. **Historical Prologue** – Recounting the Great King's previous relationship to his vassal (with special emphasis on the benefits or blessing of that relationship). Exodus 20:2b.
3. **Stipulations/Laws** – Enumerating the vassal's obligations to the Great King (his guide to maintaining the relationship). Exodus 20:3-17.
4. **Blessings/Curses** – A list of the blessings for obedience and the curses that will fall on the vassal if he breaks the covenant. Exodus 20:5-6; 7; 12.
5. **Signs/Seals Confirmation** – Ritual oaths accompanied by physical signs and seals swear the participants to life and death faithfulness. Exodus 24:1-8.
6. **Covenant Succession** – Arrangements and provisions for the continuity of the covenant relationship over future generations. Exodus 20:5-6; 12; Deuteronomy 7:1-11; Joshua 5.

The vision for the New Geneva Orthodox Presbyterian Church is to preach, teach, and practice the Reformed faith in Southeast Idaho through a God-centered worship service, a variety of teaching ministries, and practical service to the community.

We are covenantal
Holding to the Old and New Covenants or
Testaments

We are confessional
Holding to the historic Westminster
Confessional Standards

We are community oriented
Caring for our brothers and Sisters

We are cross-cultural
Believing that the Church is to be Called
from every nation and race

We are Presbyterian
Believing that our church is only a small part
of the Universal Church and that church
government should fall upon the Presbytery
or elders

Church Office 208-523-0196

101 4th Street • Idaho Falls, ID 83401
NewGenevaOPC.org

This is what the LORD says
Stand at the crossroads and look
ask for the ancient paths
ask where the good way is and walk in it
and you will find rest for your souls

Jeremiah 6:16

New Geneva

ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday Covenant Renewal Worship

July 4, 2021

Prayer for Silent Meditation

We encourage you to use the moments preceding the commencement of holy worship in quiet meditation and preparation. Toward that end we offer the prayer below as food for thought.

Our Father, remove from us the sophistication of our age and the skepticism that has come, like frost, to blight our faith and to make it weak. We pray for a return of that simple faith, that old fashioned trust in God, that made strong and great the homes of our ancestors who built this good land and who in building left us our heritage. In the strong name of Jesus, our Lord, we make this prayer. Amen.

Rev. Peter Marshall, Chaplain of Congress AD 1947 – 1949

* Apostolic Salutation * Congregation Standing

Minister: *The Lord be with your spirit.*

People: *And grace be with you.*

* Call to Worship *Psalms 116, #827-8*

* Hymn A Mighty Fortress is Our God, #92

* The Law of God *Exodus 20:1-17*

Prayer of Confession *Kneel (as able)*

Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask Your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, "Woe to those who call evil good", but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We confess that,

We have ridiculed the absolute truth of Your Word and called it Pluralism;

We have worshipped other gods and called it multiculturalism;

We have endorsed perversion and called it alternative lifestyle;

We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery;

We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare;

We have killed our unborn and called it choice;

We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable;

We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem;

We have abused power and called it politics;

We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition;

We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression;

We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, Oh God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent; to direct us to the center of Your will and to openly ask these things in the name of Your Son, the living Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Offered by the Rev. Joe Wright at the new session of the Kansas Senate, January, 1996)

* Assurance of Pardon

I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake. *1 John 2:12*

Minister: *Herein is the pardon of the Savior.*

People: *Thanks be to You, O Lord.*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

* Hymn Faith of Our Fathers! #570

* Hymn God of Our Fathers, #710

* The Word of God

Old Testament Lesson *Genesis 9:1-17*

New Testament Lesson *Acts 2:37-41*

Minister: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

People: *Thanks be to You, O God.*

* Gloria Patri #735

Prayer for the Sermon

O Lord, you have given us your Word for a light to shine upon our path. Grant us so to meditate on that Word and to follow its teaching that we may find in it the light that shines more and more until the perfect day. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *St. Jerome, AD 347 – 420*

Sermon

Covenant Succession *Joshua 14:9*

Response to the Word of God

The Lord's Supper

Instruction on the Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Since by your fatherly goodness you invite us here today to receive the holy testimonies of our peace and reconciliation with you and since your son Jesus calls to himself all those who labor and are heavy laden, you will surely not reject your servants who beg your grace and salvation and life in the death of Jesus Christ. With thanksgiving we lift our hearts to you. Grant us grace to approach this table with humble repentance and a thirsty soul that desires your grace. Strengthen our faith so that receiving these visible signs we may receive by faith the broken body of Jesus Christ and his blood shed for us as the nourishment of eternal life. Amen.

John Calvin, AD 1509 – 1564

Giving of the Body and Blood of Christ

Minister: *He is risen!*

People: *He is risen, indeed!*

* Hymn Psalm 84B

Prayer for Alms and Offerings

* We Give Thee But Thine Own #432

* Our Mutual Confession of Faith

The Westminster Confession of Faith,

Chapter VII, Of God's Covenant with Man,

Sections 1 and 2 #852

* Doxology #731

* Benediction

* Threefold Amen #740