

Scripture: The Law of God (Ex. 20) & Isaiah 44:1-5 & Joshua 24:14-28

Singing: 195 – 329: 3, 4 – 238 – 400:3 – 428:2 – Dox # 8 – 195

Intro: The Confession of Faith is not an 'extra added to your life'. It is the most monumental moment in your life! You commit yourself to Jesus Christ,
the Jehovah God. (Joshua 24:19)

THE COVENANTING WITH THE LORD

I. The divine source II. The solemn act

I. The Divine Source

A. Persons covenanting themselves with the LORD are the *fruit of God's Work*

1. God's promise is to work by His Spirit in the church's offspring (vs. 2-3)

B. How deeply encouraging this truth is!

1. As parents/pastors/teachers we work with '*thirsty & dry grounds*'

a. all human nature is *thirsty for happiness*

b. all human nature is *as dry (barren) ground unable to produce*

2. Yet His promise is that that He will pour His Spirit upon our seed (vs. 3)

II. The Solemn Act of covenanting yourself to the LORD

A. The picture of fruit of the Spirit's work in the trees (vs. 4)

1. Trees grow like plants:

2. How fitting is 'tree' as a picture of an upright *Christian!*

a. young Christians are not yet mature and stately trees

b. yet all young Christians have one thing in common with mature ones

B. The description of solemn act of covenanting yourself to the LORD (vs. 5)

1. It is a **personal** covenanting:

2. It is **covenanting** yourself expressed in different manners:

a. My identity: I am the LORD'S

b. My relationship: *Call himself by the name of Jacob*

c. My seal: subscribe with his hand unto the LORD

d. My commitment: *surname himself by the name of Israel*

Closing Reflection: To covenant with God is to consent to Him and His covenant!

But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

(John 1:12)

I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abiddeth in me, and In in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: *for without Me ye can do nothing!*
(John 15:5)

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will,
Working in you that which is wellpleasing in His sight,
Through Jesus Christ;
To whom be glory for ever and ever.
Amen.
(Heb. 13:20-21)