

SUNGAI WAY-SUBANG METHODIST CHURCH

# SUNDAY SERMON

## The Covenant

Deuteronomy 5: 6-22

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**One man, ABRAHAM**

**One nation, ISRAEL**

# Deuteronomy/Devarim

- **REMEMBER** the past (Chp 1-4)
- **REVIEW** the present (Chp 5-26)
- **REVEAL** the future (Chp 27-30)
- **RETIREMENT** of Moses (Chp 31-34)

The renewal of the Covenant  
Deuteronomy 29:12-15

# UNDERSTANDING COVENANT

## PURPOSE

- Make TWO into ONE
- Kinship, Family  
eg Adoption, Marriage



# UNDERSTANDING COVENANT

## NATURE

**SUZERAIN COVENANT**  
(Superior and Vassal)

**Style/Language**  
Lord or Father



# DECALOGUE (Deut 5:6-21)

6 “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

7 “You shall have no other gods before Me.

8 “You shall not make for yourself an image

9 “You shall not bow down to them or worship them

11 “You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God,

12 “Observe the Sabbath

16 “Honor your father and your mother

17 “You shall not murder.

18 “You shall not commit adultery.

19 “You shall not steal.

20 “You shall not give false testimony

21 “You shall not covet



# UNDERSTANDING COVENANT

## DEMAND/TERM



- Allegiance/Loyalty  
Deuteronomy 6:4
- Obedience

# UNDERSTANDING COVENANT

## PROMISE

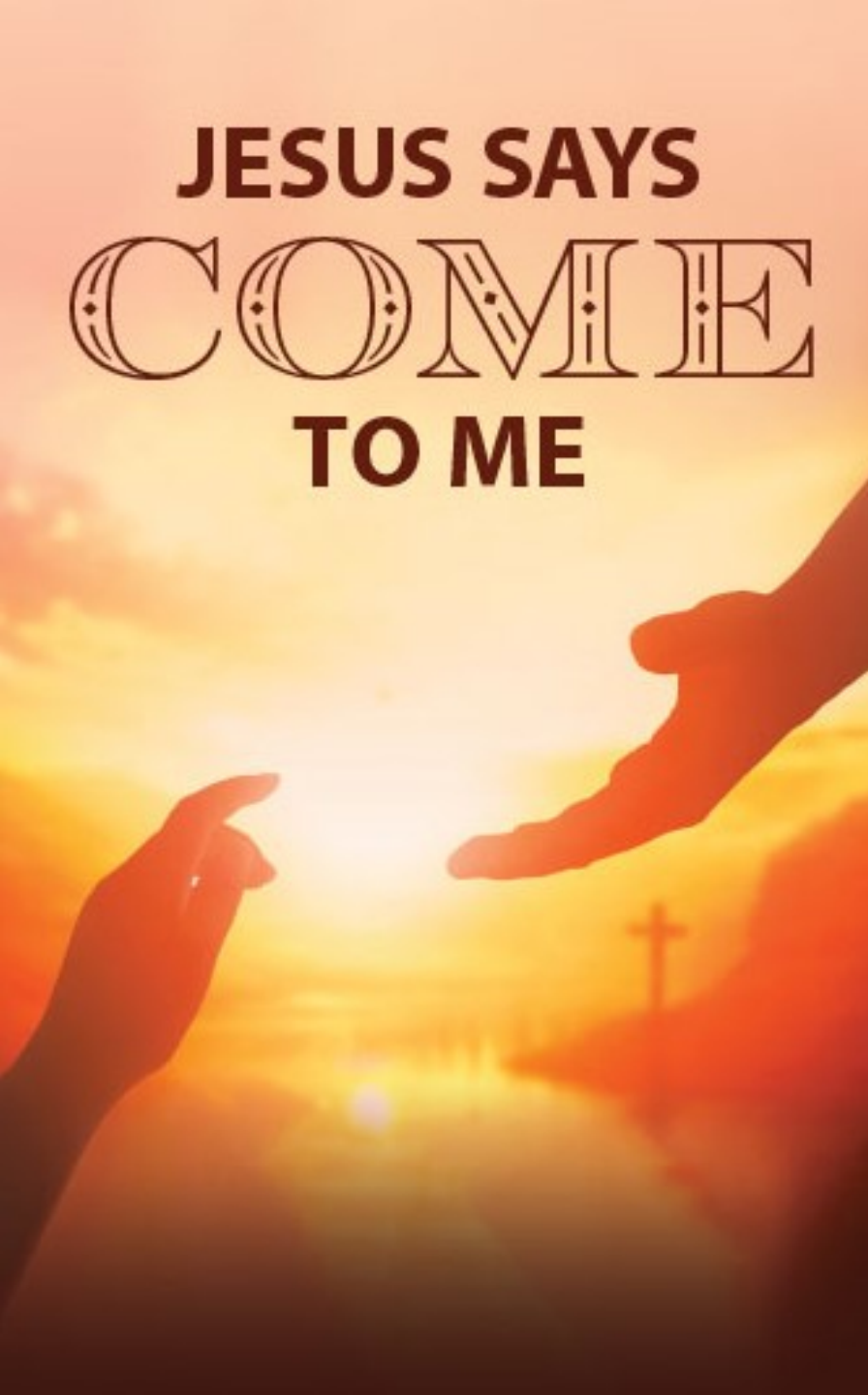
- Blessings & Curses
  - Restoration in returning to God
- Deuteronomy 30:2





# COVENANT & THE NEW COVENANT

- Rules/Regulations vs Relational context
- Obedience: Fear vs Response to grace
- Jesus fulfills the Law and the Prophets  
**Matthew 5:17**
- Jesus, the new covenant mediator  
**Hebrew 8:8-12**
- Come to Jesus **Matthew 11:28**



**JESUS SAYS**  
**COME**  
**TO ME**

- 28** “Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
- 29** Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
- 30** For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

**Matthew 11:28-30**

# COVENANT: GOD DWELLING WITH MAN

## Genesis to Revelation

- **Eden** (God dwelling with man)
- **Tabernacle Temple** (God dwells)
- **Jesus** (God incarnate)
- **You and I** (Holy Spirit in us)
- **New heaven, new earth, new Jerusalem**

**“Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God.”**

**Revelation 21: 3**

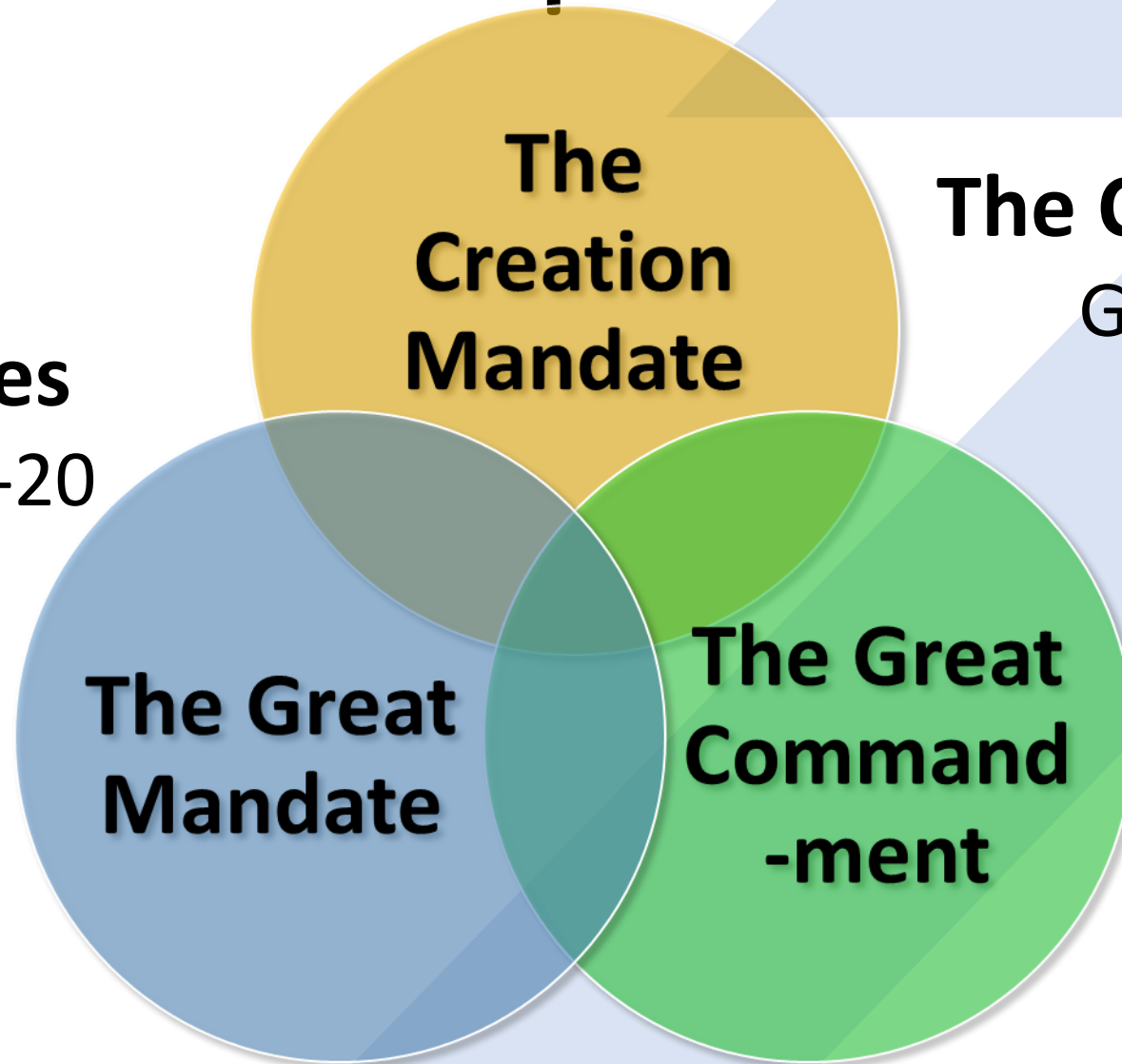


# **COVENANT: IMAGE BEARER & SIGNPOST**

- **To be His image-bearer to reflect His character/work out His intent.**
- **To be a priest to channel praises, glory, thanksgiving, petition to God.**
- **To be a sign-post to point others towards Jesus**

# *Love God. Love People. Make Disciples.*

**The Call to  
Make Disciples**  
Matthew 28:18-20



**The Call to Create**  
Genesis 1-2

**The Call to  
Love**  
Mark 12:29-31