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Why Have You Done This?

Study Guide

Covenant Theology

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Using this guide

Read the corresponding chapter, then work through the themes, arguments, and Scripture references.

Write your responses before discussing the questions with others. Use the application pages to identify a practical next step.

The study material is retained from the existing lecture study guides. Added writing prompts provide space for your own response.

Print at Actual Size / 100% on US Letter paper. Single-sided and double-sided printing are both suitable. Lessons begin on the next available page; no blank pages are inserted.

Reading assignments refer to the September 30, 2026 edition of the companion book. Online lecture links and QR codes are collected at the end.

LESSON 1

Why Have You Done This?

Part One of Two

January 05, 2026

Read Chapter 1 in the companion book, pages 5-23.

Major Themes

Covenant Faithfulness and Unfaithfulness

God is absolutely faithful to His covenant, while Israel and America have been unfaithful, leading to divine judgment.

Lecture support: Weaver contrasts Judges 2:1 ('I will never break my covenant') with Israel's disobedience and America's departure from its Christian founding.

Remorse Without Repentance

Emotional sorrow or weeping is not necessarily true repentance; genuine repentance involves a change of mind and conduct.

Lecture support: Weaver points to Israel's weeping at Bochim (Judges 2:4) yet continuing in sin, and cites 2 Corinthians 7:9-10 on godly vs. worldly sorrow.

The Need for Godly Leadership

Without biblical, God-fearing leaders, nations drift into idolatry, immorality, and destruction.

Lecture support: Weaver cites the deaths of Joshua and the elders (Judges 2:7), the wicked reigns of Jeroboam and Manasseh, and the biblical requirement for rulers to fear God (2 Samuel 23:3).

America's Departure from Its Christian Heritage

America was founded as a Christian covenant nation but has forsaken God for humanism, secularism, and materialism.

Lecture support: Weaver quotes founding documents (First Charter of Virginia, Massachusetts, Fundamental Orders of Connecticut) and contrasts them with modern idolatry and corruption.

The Call to Stand Faithfully Amid Persecution

Believers must stand firm on God's Word despite increasing persecution, trusting in God's faithfulness.

Lecture support: Weaver references Revelation 2:10 and encourages holy boldness and determination to stand for truth.

Key Arguments

God's question 'Why have you done this?' reveals human rebellion.

The question exposes that disobedience often stems from a rebellious heart that disregards God's clear commands.

Lecture support: Weaver states, 'Usually the unspoken answer to this question... is simply this: I don't care what you said... I did what I wanted to do.'

Nations, like individuals, are accountable to God.

Covenant nations are especially answerable to God, and America's founding documents show it began as such a nation.

Lecture support: Weaver cites the Mayflower Compact and other charters to prove America's covenantal beginnings.

True repentance is evidenced by changed behavior.

Weeping or temporary change is not repentance; genuine repentance turns from sin to serve God.

Lecture support: Weaver uses 1 Thessalonians 1:9 to show the negative (turning from idols) and positive (turning to serve God) aspects of repentance.

Leaders who do not fear God lead nations into destruction.

Biblical examples like Jeroboam and Manasseh show how ungodly leaders seduce people into idolatry and immorality.

Lecture support: Weaver details Jeroboam's golden calves and Manasseh's abominations, including child sacrifice.

Modern American leaders are enriching themselves at the nation's expense.

Weaver cites examples of politicians amassing wealth through bribes and pharmaceutical money, contrasting with David's servant leadership.

Lecture support: Weaver mentions AOC's \$30 million net worth, Pelosi's \$413 million, and AIPAC funding of 98.2% of Congress.

Scripture References

Judges 2:1-13

The primary text of the sermon, where God asks Israel 'Why have you done this?' after their disobedience.

Joshua 5:13-15

Used to identify the angel of the Lord in Judges 2 as a theophany of Christ, the captain of the Lord's host.

Deuteronomy 7:9

Quoted to emphasize God's faithfulness: 'the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy.'

1 Corinthians 1:9

Cited to affirm 'God is faithful' in calling believers into fellowship with His Son.

Judges 3:12

Example of Israel doing 'evil again' in the sight of the Lord.

Judges 4:1

Another instance of Israel again doing evil after Ehud's death.

Judges 10:6

Israel did evil again, serving multiple foreign gods.

Judges 13:1

Israel did evil again, leading to Philistine oppression.

Nehemiah 9:28

After rest, Israel did evil again, yet God delivered them many times.

2 Corinthians 7:9-10

Distinguishes godly sorrow that works repentance from worldly sorrow that produces death.

1 Thessalonians 1:9

Illustrates repentance as turning to God from idols to serve the living God.

Amos 5:21-24

God rejects Israel's empty rituals and calls for justice and righteousness.

2 Kings 21:9-17

Manasseh's wicked reign, leading Judah into idolatry and shedding innocent blood.

Deuteronomy 17

God's requirement that a king be a believer, have his own copy of the law, and read it daily.

Isaiah 3:12

Children are oppressors and women rule, causing leaders to err.

2 Samuel 5:12

David perceived God established his kingdom for the people's sake, modeling servant leadership.

2 Samuel 23:1-3

David's inspired statement that a ruler must be just, ruling in the fear of God.

Luke 13:1-5

Jesus warns that unless you repent, you will likewise perish.

Acts 17:30-31

God commands all men everywhere to repent because He has appointed a day of judgment.

Revelation 2:10

Encouragement to be faithful unto death despite persecution, with the promise of the crown of life.

Study notes

Discussion Questions

1. What does God's question 'Why have you done this?' reveal about the nature of sin and rebellion?

Consider: Weaver explains that the unspoken answer is often 'I did what I wanted to do,' indicating willful disobedience.

2. How can we distinguish between worldly sorrow and godly sorrow in our own lives?

Consider: Based on 2 Corinthians 7:9-10, Weaver contrasts temporary remorse with repentance that leads to lasting change.

3. In what ways does modern American Christianity reflect the 'remorse without repentance' seen in Israel?

Consider: Weaver critiques churches full of unrepentant professing Christians who prioritize programs over true worship.

4. What are the characteristics of a godly leader according to Deuteronomy 17 and 2 Samuel 23?

Consider: Weaver emphasizes that leaders must be believers, know God's law, and rule in the fear of God.

5. How should Christians respond when political leaders enrich themselves at the nation's expense?

Consider: Weaver cites examples of congressional wealth and pharmaceutical bribes, calling for discernment and courage.

6. What does it mean to 'stand' faithfully in an age of increasing persecution and ungodliness?

Consider: Weaver references Revelation 2:10 and urges holy boldness and determination to remain true to God's Word.

Applications

Pursue genuine repentance, not just remorse.

We must examine whether our sorrow over sin leads to a true change of mind and conduct, turning from idols to serve God.

Lecture support: Weaver states, 'We will never, as individuals or as a nation, be acceptable unto God without repentance,' citing Luke 13 and Acts 17.

Pray for and select godly leaders.

Believers should pray for leaders who fear God and rule justly, and use their influence to support such leaders.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'We need to learn to pray for leaders, biblical, godly leaders,' and quotes John Jay on preferring Christians for rulers.

Stand firm on God's Word amid cultural decline.

In the face of persecution and societal pressure, Christians must resolve not to compromise but to remain faithful.

Lecture support: Weaver exhorts, 'We have to stand. We have to say, Here I stand, I can do no other.'

Reject empty religious ritual for true worship.

Churches must move beyond ceremonies and programs to genuine worship and obedience to God's Word.

Lecture support: Weaver cites Amos 5:21-24, where God rejects Israel's feasts and calls for righteousness.

Study notes

Personal Application and Notes

Which application will you work on, and what specific step will you take?

What Scripture or teaching will you return to as you put this into practice?

Additional notes or questions to discuss

LESSON 2

Pastor John Weaver - Why Have You Done This?

Part Two of Two

January 05, 2026

Read Chapter 2 in the companion book, pages 25-42.

Major Themes

Covenant Faithfulness and Unfaithfulness

God is absolutely faithful to His covenant, but His people are unfaithful. This contrast should humble believers and drive them to seek mercy.

Lecture support: Weaver states: 'I pointed out in this chapter we have a strong contrast and that contrast is between the absolute faithfulness of God and the unfaithfulness of His people.'

Profession Without Possession

Many in the covenant community (Israel then, churches now) profess faith but are not truly saved. Salvation is by grace through faith alone, not by association.

Lecture support: Weaver says: 'You can have a profession without a possession... You're saved only by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and salvation comes by grace through faith in him and in him alone.'

Compromise Due to Lack of Conviction

Without firm, fixed convictions based on God's Word, people quickly compromise and turn to idolatry. Convictions are not preferences; they are unchangeable truths.

Lecture support: Weaver explains: 'Without convictions, there is only compromise. Without divine convictions, there is only devilish compromise.'

Divine Judgment and Defeat

Disobedience leads to God's hand being against His people, resulting in defeat regardless of human strength. Trusting in military might brings a curse.

Lecture support: Weaver quotes Judges 2:15 and Jeremiah 17:5, saying: 'Whithersoever they went out, the hand of the Lord was against them for evil... Cursed be the man that trusteth in man.'

The Call to Stand Fast

Believers are repeatedly commanded to stand fast in the faith, in liberty, and in the Lord, not giving in to compromise or forsaking God.

Lecture support: Weaver cites 1 Corinthians 15:58 and five other verses using the Greek word 'steko' (stand fast), urging: 'Stand fast. Do not give in, do not give out, do not give up, do not quit.'

Historical Ignorance and Its Consequences

Forgetting God's works in history leads to repeating the sins of the past. Studying original documents is essential to know truth.

Lecture support: Weaver laments: 'It's almost inconceivable to think that they were absolutely, totally ignorant of their history... most Americans and most Christians have no idea of the causes for the war of independence.'

Key Arguments

Not All Israel Are True Israel

Being part of the covenant nation or church does not guarantee salvation. Many in Israel did not know the Lord, just as many church members today are lost.

Lecture support: Weaver cites Romans 9:6: 'For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel,' and applies it to modern church membership.

Hearing the Word Must Be Mixed with Faith

External hearing of God's Word does not save; it must be received with faith and obedience. Israel heard God's voice but perished because they lacked faith.

Lecture support: Weaver references Hebrews 4:2: 'the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.'

Convictions Prevent Compromise

True convictions, based on received and recognized truth, are unshakeable. Without them, people quickly turn to idolatry and sin, as Israel did with the golden calf.

Lecture support: Weaver points to Exodus 32:7-8, where Israel 'turned aside quickly' to worship the golden calf, showing their lack of conviction.

God's Withdrawal Leads to Certain Defeat

When God removes His protection, no human power can stand. The defeat at Ai (Joshua 7) illustrates that sin causes God to withdraw, leading to defeat.

Lecture support: Weaver quotes Joshua 7:12: 'Neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you.'

Trusting in Human Strength Brings a Curse

Relying on military might or human power instead of God invites a curse. America's trust in its military is misplaced if it forsakes God.

Lecture support: Weaver cites Jeremiah 17:5: 'Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm,' applying it to national pride in military strength.

The Necessity of Personal Steadfastness

Each believer must take personal responsibility to stand fast in the faith, regardless of others. This is the antidote to the pattern of Judges 2.

Lecture support: Weaver says: 'I cannot control anyone... But by the grace of God, there's one person I can control and that is myself... I will stand fast in the Lord.'

Scripture References

Judges 2:1-15

The primary text of the message, read at the beginning, detailing Israel's disobedience and God's question 'Why have you done this?'

1 Corinthians 4:1-2

Cited to emphasize that stewards of God's mysteries must be found faithful.

Deuteronomy 28

Mentioned as containing God's promises to bless obedience and curse disobedience.

Leviticus 26

Mentioned alongside Deuteronomy 28 as containing blessings and curses.

1 Samuel 23:1-3

Referenced from Part 1, where David says a ruler must be just, ruling in the fear of God.

Romans 9:6

Used to show that not all physical descendants of Israel are true Israel, supporting the point of profession without possession.

1 Corinthians 10:5-11

Read to show that God was not pleased with most of Israel, who were overthrown in the wilderness as examples for us.

Hebrews 4:1-2

Cited to prove that the gospel preached to Israel did not profit them because it was not mixed with faith.

Romans 10:17

Quoted to explain that faith comes by hearing, but the hearing must be internal and spiritual, not just external.

Deuteronomy 29:29

Cited to introduce the idea that the secret things of God are revealed in history.

Genesis 1:1

Mentioned as the beginning point of linear history.

Revelation (time shall be no more)

Referenced as the ending point of linear history.

Exodus 32:7-8

Read to illustrate how quickly Israel turned aside to idolatry, showing lack of conviction.

Judges 2:16-17

Read to show Israel's pattern of turning quickly from God's ways despite judges.

Joshua 7:10-12

Read to demonstrate that sin causes God to withdraw His presence, leading to defeat.

Psalms 127:1

Quoted to emphasize that unless the Lord builds and keeps, human effort is vain.

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Read to show the curse on those who trust in man and the blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

Proverbs 8:36

Quoted to show that those who hate wisdom love death.

1 Corinthians 15:58

Quoted as the primary call to be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the Lord's work.

1 Corinthians 16:13; Galatians 5:1; Philippians 4:1; 1 Thessalonians 3:8; 2 Thessalonians 2:15

Five verses using the Greek word 'steko' (stand fast), cited to reinforce the call to stand firm in faith, liberty, and the Lord.

Study notes

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Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to have a profession of faith without true possession of Christ? How can we examine ourselves to ensure our faith is genuine?

Consider: Based on the third point, where Weaver warns that many in the church may be lost despite their profession.

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2. Why is historical ignorance dangerous for Christians and nations? How can we recover a knowledge of God's works in history?

Consider: Weaver laments that Israel and modern Americans forgot God's works, leading to repeated sins.

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3. What is the difference between a preference and a conviction? How can we develop and maintain biblical convictions?

Consider: Weaver defines conviction as fixed and firm, contrasting it with compromise.

- 4.** In what areas are Christians today most prone to compromise without conviction? How can we guard against this?

Consider: Weaver asks rhetorical questions about denying Christ for money or power, challenging listeners to consider their own price.

- 5.** How does trusting in military or human strength bring a curse according to Jeremiah 17:5? What should nations and individuals trust in instead?

Consider: Weaver applies the curse of trusting in man to America's reliance on its military.

- 6.** What does it practically mean to 'stand fast' in the faith, in liberty, and in the Lord? How can we encourage one another to do so?

Consider: Weaver cites multiple 'stand fast' verses and urges personal steadfastness.

7. How does the pattern of Judges 2 (remorse without repentance, leaders without leadership, etc.) manifest in our churches and nation today?

Consider: Weaver systematically applies each point to contemporary society.

Applications

Examine Your Salvation

Ensure that your profession of faith is accompanied by genuine possession of Christ. Do not rely on church membership or association for salvation.

Lecture support: Weaver warns: 'You can have a profession without a possession... You're saved only by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.'

Study History to Know God's Works

Diligently study history, especially original documents, to understand God's providence and avoid repeating past sins.

Lecture support: Weaver says: 'The only way you're going to get truth is to do your own research in the original documents.'

Develop Firm Biblical Convictions

Cultivate convictions based on God's Word that are unshakeable, so that you will not compromise when tested.

Lecture support: Weaver states: 'A conviction is something that is fixed and it is firm... you will die before you will deny those.'

Trust in God, Not Human Strength

Do not put confidence in military, political, or personal power; trust solely in the Lord for protection and victory.

Lecture support: Weaver quotes Jeremiah 17:5: 'Cursed be the man that trusteth in man,' and applies it to national pride.

Stand Fast in Personal Obedience

Take personal responsibility to obey God and stand firm in the faith, regardless of what others do.

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Repent Genuinely, Not Just Emotionally

True repentance involves a change of mind that leads to changed conduct, not just sorrow or tears.

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