**Q58. What is the Old Covenant?**

The Old Covenant was a temporary covenant made primarily with Israelites and was defined by the Abrahamic Covenant, conditioned by the Mosaic Covenant, and focused by the Davidic Covenant. This covenant offered temporary blessings but did not offer eternal life. Through promises, types, and shadows, it taught about the Messiah, who was to come to fulfill the law, establish the New Covenant, and redeem the elect.

1. **Quick** answer round (don’t spend much time here unless it’s clear the whole group needs clarity. Don’t re-teach the lesson!):
   * Did the Mosaic Covenant offer eternal blessings or temporary blessings?
   * Were the rewards/blessings we highlighted in the Abrahamic Covenant the same or different in the Mosaic Covenant?
   * What kind of covenant is the Mosaic Covenant, cov of works or cov of grace?
   * What two types of laws were given in the Mosaic Covenant?’
   * What two categories of laws are there under the Positive Law type?
2. How was someone saved in Moses’ time?

(Answer: By being effectually called by God and given saving faith in the promised One who was to come and establish a better, saving covenant—the New Covenant.)

1. Read: Hebrews 10:1-4

While the sacrificial system of the Old Covenant had a temporary purpose, it did not take away sins in the eternal way a sinner needs. The most important function it existed for was to foreshadow the effective sacrifice by Christ.

If you are united to Christ by grace through faith, then His sacrifice is sufficient for you. In what ways are you tempted to think or live as if there is a works-based action (religious tradition or personal accomplishment) you need to do to be right with God?

1. As we see the wicked sin displayed in the golden calf account, discuss how this convicts you to be devoted to and satisfied in Jesus alone.

* What are things that can threaten your ultimate devotion and faithfulness to Christ?
* What are practical things you do to keep this in check?
* Do you see how devotion to these, even if they are very good, perverts your worship and gospel witness for these days God gives you to make much of Him?

1. We learned that we must keep the Covenant of Redemption in mind as we read the Bible. We must remember that “all of what we read about in the Bible happens because of that covenant. All of what we read in the Bible serves to fulfill God’s perfect plan to which the focus of that covenant informs us.” Discuss how this Covenant Theology study continues to help your growing understanding of Scripture and of the Lord?

***Spend some time in prayer before you dismiss.***