Chapter 4: Law

**Big idea:** God’s LAW given to Abraham’s descendants to show them the way to a blessed life

**Key passages:** Exodus 24; Deuteronomy 28,30

The one deficiency of the Abrahamic Covenant: it did not give Israel a _______________ the blessings in their lifetime

The LAW = the _______ Israel had to follow to enjoy _______________ in their lifetime

Clarify: The Law is NOT about __________ because salvation is always by ___________

3 Types of Laws:

- C__________ Laws
- C__________ Laws
- M__________ Laws

Is the Law still in effect for us?

Problem with the Law: told them what to do but didn’t give them the _________ to do it.

Chapter 5: King

**Big idea:** God’s choice of David’s descendants to rule as the KING of kings

**Key passages:** 2 Samuel 7; Psalm 89

Saul: a man after __________ heart

David: a man after __________ heart

Davidic Covenant is like the __________ Covenant and promises:

- H______
- T______
- K______

The Covenant was I __________
But to experience its promises David’s descendants must __________

Why did God take the throne from Saul but not from David?
It’s not about the __________ of the sin, but the __________ to conviction

CHAPTER 6: HOPE

Big idea: God’s promise of a New Covenant to give His people HOPE even in dark days
Key passages: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ezekiel 36:23-30

The New Covenant __________ the Old (Mosaic) Covenant

Spiritual promises of the New Covenant
  F_________ of sins
  A new __________
  His __________

Physical promises of the New Covenant

New Covenant is ______ God will fulfill all of His covenant promises to Israel

Difference between the New Covenant and the other covenants: It did not ______________

Reflection Questions:
1. While we (church-age believers) are no longer under the Mosaic Law, we are still responsible to obey God’s rules as revealed by Jesus and His Apostles. To our culture, these rules seem like a harsh burden and a killjoy. How would you respond to that assessment? How are God’s rules actually a blessing to our lives? How could they bless our culture?

2. Could you honestly describe yourself as a man or woman “after God’s own heart”? Why or why not? Most of us would probably have to say both “yes” and “no”! When do you struggle in this area? When do you do well?

3. Much of this portion of Israel’s history is about waiting: waiting for God to speak; waiting for God to deliver. How have you responded to times of waiting in your own life? Did anything make the waiting easier or help you endure?