

## Introduction

### Scripture

- Letters from our loving Father (Paternal love letters)
- Jerome: ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ

### Scripture Overview Key Terms

- **Covenant**: the extension of kinship by oath (legal way to make someone part of your family)
- **Mediator**: persons who represent groups of people (specifically regarding the covenant)
- **Mountains (6 Major Covenants)**
  - o Adam | Noah | Abraham | Moses | David | Jesus
- **What Mountains Give You**
  - o Alone with God
  - o See much more
  - o Everything looks smaller
  - o See everything in context

## Ch 1 Setting the Son in the Garden: The Covenant with Adam

### The Creation Week: Building a Temple

- Genesis: teaches why God made the world (the earth was formless and void)
  - o Day 1 & 4: Time (liturgical worship)
  - o Day 2 & 6: Space
  - o Day 3 & 6: Habitat
  - o Drawings illustrate idea that in the creation God made a temple: the physical creation
    1. The language of creation resembles the language of Moses building the Tabernacle in the wilderness (Compare Genesis 2:1–3 with Exodus 39:32, 42–43)
    2. Some scriptures speak of the creation as a temple (Ps 78:69; Ps 148).
    3. Other ancient writings (~ same time as Genesis) make clear people considered the whole universe a kind of temple for worship of God (or the gods)
- What was the purpose of Adam's life?
  - o *Adam...became the father of a son in his own likeness (&)...image (&)...named him Seth*
  - o What does "image and likeness" mean? To be a son (filiation)
  - o Theological term: *divine filiation* — being a child of God (see drawings)
  - o Purpose in the garden: *to till it and keep it* = to serve (it) and to guard (it)
    1. Describe what the priests do in the place of worship
    2. Means: guard/keep God's word | keep service of the tabernacle = *priest*
    3. Adam is given dominion & names = *king* | speaks on behalf of God = *prophet*
    4. God creates Eve from Adam's wound & becomes a covenant poet
    5. Eve becomes Adam's kin (wife) – first wedding
    6. Summary: Adam is *priest, prophet, king* (queen) & *bridegroom* (bride) & model for all humans (God's plan for humans)
  - o We are *sons/daughters* of God, *kings* over sin, *priests* in offering our lives/bodies as living sacrifices, *prophets* in sharing this message with others & *brides* (of God)