

## The Covenants of God

**Covenant: An agreement entered into by two or more people. It is a promise of God to bless those who obey Him or to fulfill some other condition.**

- Understanding the covenants helps us to know the promises of God and what he has planned for our lives. This study covers the eight major covenants of God.
- Knowing that we all have sinned and fallen short of His glory (Romans 3:20-26), so only through Jesus and His sacrifice we are made righteous. Therefore, we cannot be a proud people, but a grateful people. And, God loves us so much He will still bless us. Abraham believed God and it was accounted to Him for righteousness.

### **5 Things Involved in a covenant:**

1. Two parties are always involved when you enter into a covenant.
  - God has entered into covenant with us through the shedding of Jesus Blood.
2. An agreement of terms between the two parties.
  - Our agreement is in the Bible.
3. Conditions always follow a covenant.
4. A reward will follow if you fulfill your part of the agreement.
5. A punishment will follow if you willfully choose to break the covenant.

**Comparing the two types of covenants, the Old and the New:** In the Old Covenant, we see all fellowship between God and man. There are two parties, and each party has their opportunity to prove what their part is in the covenant. Man had the opportunity to prove what he could do. God gave grace for man to do this. What man proved was his unfaithfulness and failure. The covenant was based on his obedience, which was what he could do, but he broke the covenant by not being obedient to God. As we begin to see this, we begin to learn how great God is in His mercy and faithfulness to us even when we are unfaithful to Him.

- *Jeremiah 31:31-33 "The time is coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after*

*that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people."--- **What a promise of God!!***

## **Two Types of Covenants:**

1. Conditional covenant- we must do our part for God to His part
  - *Deuteronomy 7:9 Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.*
2. Unconditional Covenant- is what God is going to do regardless of what we do.
  - *Isaiah 54:10 "Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you."*
  - *Jeremiah 32:40 "I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will never stop doing good to them, and I will inspire them to fear me, so that they will never turn away from me."*

We have neglected the covenants of God. We have not worshipped nor trusted the covenant keeping God. We have not taken hold of His covenants nor remembered them, so our faith has failed us and stopped the blessings of God.

**God's covenant with Abraham: To your descendants I have given this land that is the land of Israel.**

- *Jeremiah 15:18-20 "Why is my pain unending and my wound grievous and incurable? Will you be to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails? Therefore, this is what the LORD says: 'If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman. Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them. I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you,' declares the LORD."*

**God has not annulled this covenant it still stands. This is why we stand with Israel and pray for Israel. Does this mean the Jews have done it right in the eyes of God? It does not, but God will not break His covenant.**

- *Galatians 3:5-13 "Does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you because you observe the law, or because you believe what you heard? Consider Abraham: "He believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham. The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All*

*nations will be blessed through you.” So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. All who rely on observing the laws are under a curse, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.” Clearly no one is justified before God by the law, because, “The righteous will live by faith.” The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, “The man who does these things will live by them.” Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.” He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.”*

### **How are His covenants broken?**

1. By our refusal to obey Him (knowingly or unknowingly).
2. By our refusal to trust in Him.
3. By not accepting His work on the cross.
4. Listening to the ways of the world instead of God.