



What does the word “covenant” mean?

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.” Revelation 21:3 (NIV)

Covenant = A Relationship with God that is based on God’s promises and lived out in the midst of human community.

What does scripture teach us about covenant?

1. God’s Promise to Abram

The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation . . . and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” Genesis 12:1–3 (NIV)

It’s not all _____. God wants to bless everyone and works through the community of faith to do it.

2. Building the Tabernacle

Everyone who was willing and whose heart moved them came and brought an offering to the Lord for the work on the tent of meeting, for all its service, and for the sacred garments. Exodus 35:21 (NIV)

_____ is the work of all the people.

3. Jethro’s Advice to Moses

“What you are doing is not good. You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone...select capable men from the people and appoint them as officials.” Exodus 18:17–18, 21 (NIV)

We’re called to _____ and to _____.

4. Josiah Reads the Book of the Covenant

The king stood by the pillar and renewed the covenant in the presence of the LORD—to follow the LORD and keep his commands, statutes and decrees with all his heart and all his soul, thus confirming the words of the covenant written in this book. Then all the people pledged themselves to the covenant. 2 Kings 23:3 (NIV)

_____ is necessary to our identity as God's people.

5. The New Covenant

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NIV)

Covenant is about _____ with all that we are and have.

What is a major pitfall to living into our covenant with God?

How do we resist turning away from God?

By making room in our hearts for the _____ and refusing to serve any other _____.

Bottom Line

Covenant is about abundant life here and now and the promise of eternal life to come.

Renewing Our Covenant With God

Prayer of Confession

God our Father, You have shown us the way to life in Jesus:

We confess with shame our slowness to love Him more and our reluctance to follow Him.

You have spoken and called us, but we have failed to listen.

You have shown us Your glory, but we have been too blind to see.

We have received countless blessings, but have given You little thanks.

We are unworthy of Your changeless love.

God, have mercy on me according to Your overwhelming love and kindness. Forgive me, Lord, and cleanse me of my sin. Create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me. Amen.

The Covenant Renewal

And now, let us commit ourselves in covenant to Christ as his servants. Let us give ourselves to Him so that we may fully belong to Him. Jesus Christ has left us with many services to be done. Some of these services are easy and honorable, but some are difficult and disgraceful. Some line up with our desires and interests; others are contrary to both. In some we please both Christ and ourselves, but then there are other works where we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves.

The Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but Yours.

Put me to what You will. Place me with whom You will.

Put me to doing. Put me to suffering.

**Let me be put to work for You or set aside for You,
praised for You or criticized for You.**

Let me be full. Let me be empty.

Let me have all things. Let me have nothing.

I freely and fully surrender all things to Your glory and service.

And now, O wonderful and holy God,

Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,

You are mine, and I am Yours.

So be it.

And the covenant, which I have made on earth,

let it also be made in heaven.

Amen.