



Covenant – relationship where 2 parties ‘become family’ and commit to that relationship by taking oaths

Contract	Covenant
Make promises	Swear solemn oaths
Exchange of property – this is yours, that is mine	Exchange of life – I am yours, you are mine
Based on profit; self-interest	Based on self-giving loyalty; sacrificial love
Temporary	Permanent

- from *Lexham Bible Dictionary*



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Covenant is primary way God relates to people:

- **Noah** – to not flood earth again
- **Abraham** – to make him a great nation and bless other nations through him (fulfilled through Jesus)
- **David** – to always have one of his descendants on the throne (fulfilled through Jesus)
- **Israel** – Old Covenant; they would be God's treasured possession (fulfilled through Jesus)
- **Church** – New Covenant; God will dwell w/us; (fulfilled through Jesus)



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Covenant is primary way God relates to people:

- **Deuteronomy** – covenant renewal
- **Hosea** – dramatic picture of our covenant unfaithfulness and God’s covenant faithfulness
- **Hebrews 1-10** – demonstrates how New Covenant is superior to Old Covenant



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What makes it 'new?'

Nature of the covenant

- **Under Old Covenant** – covenant requirements were written on tablets of stone and the Holy Spirit was not living in people's hearts
- **Under New Covenant** – covenant requirements are written on our hearts and the Holy Spirit dwells in us enabling us to keep those requirements
- Ezekiel 36.26-27 and Romans 8.2-4



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What makes it 'new?'

Deeper relationship with God is possible

- **Under Old Covenant** – only high priest could enter Most Holy Place and only once a year (Heb 9.6-8)
- **Under New Covenant** – we each/all 'have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place through the blood of Jesus (Heb 10.19)



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What makes it 'new?'

Sins are forgiven fully and finally

- **Under Old Covenant** – sacrifices were offered year after year which served as a reminder of sin (Heb 10.1-4)
- **Under New Covenant** – Jesus died once for all and all sin is blotted out (Heb 10.8-14)



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A Covenant Prayer by John Wesley

I am no longer my own, but Yours.

Put me to what You will, rank me with whom
You will.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by You or laid aside for You,
exalted for You or brought low for You.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things let me have nothing.



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I freely and heartily yield all things to Your pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, You are mine, and I am Yours.

So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.

Amen.