



Covenant

# Types of Commitment

1) Agreement

2) Contract

3) Covenant

All God's dealings with men have had a covenant character.  
It hath so pleased Him to arrange it, that He will not deal  
with us except through a covenant, nor can we deal with  
Him except in the same manner.

Charles Spurgeon.

# STEPS IN ANCIENT COVENANT MAKING

- 1) Selection of Covenant representatives
- 2) Terms and Conditions
- 3) Cutting the sacrifice
- 4) Exchange of robes, belts and weapons
- 5) Walk unto death
- 6) Mingling of Blood
- 7) Pronouncement of Blessings and Curses
- 8) Seal of the Covenant Mark
- 9) Exchange of names
- 10) The covenant meal/salt



# Choosing a representative/Terms and Conditions

Gen 12:1-3

Now the LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will **show** you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing ----- and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

# Cutting the Covenant

Gen. 15:7

And he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. ----

## The Walk of Death

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates”

# Exchange of Names

Gen 17:1-5

“I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called **Abram**, but your name shall be **Abraham**, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations

# Seal of the Covenant Mark

Gen 17:10

This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised. --- Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.”

# Blessings and curses.

Gen 12:3

I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonours you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

MOSAIC COVENANT  
OR  
SINAI COVENANT

# Selection of Representative

Ex 19:3-6

Then Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain and said, “This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob ---- Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’

# Terms and Conditions

## Ex 20 The Ten Commandments

“You shall have no other gods before me.

“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

# Seal of the Covenant Mark

Ex 20: 8ff

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Ex 31:16-18

Therefore, the people of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, observing the Sabbath throughout their generations, as a covenant forever. **It is a sign forever** between me and the people of Israel

# Acceptance of terms and conditions

Ex 24:7

Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient”

## Mingling of Blood

Ex 24:6

And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar.

Ex 24:8

And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

# Walk of Death

Jer 34:19

And the men who transgressed my covenant and did not keep the terms of the covenant that they made before me, I will make them like the **calf that they cut in two and passed between its parts.**

# Covenant Meal

Ex 24:9&11

Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went  
up -----  
they beheld God, and ate and drank.

# COVENANT INFIDELITY

Ex 32 :13

Turn from your burning anger and relent from this disaster against your people.

Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, **to whom you swore by your own self**, and said to them, ‘I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your offspring, and they shall inherit it forever.’”

Ex 34

**God then renewed the Covenant with Israel** and wrote two more stone tablets

So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the first. And he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone.

# Blessings and Curses

(Deut 28)

If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God:

You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country.

The fruit of your womb will be blessed, and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock—the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks.

However, if you do not obey the Lord your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come on you and overtake you:

You will be cursed in the city and cursed in the country.

The fruit of your womb will be cursed, and the crops of your land, and the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks

## Curses (CONTD)

And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone.

And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the LORD shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind:

## 2 Sam 21:1

Now there was a famine in the days of David for three years, year after year. And David sought the face of the LORD. And the LORD said, “There is bloodguilt on Saul and on his house, because he put the Gibeonites to death.”

## 1 Sam18

As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, and his armour, and even his sword and his bow and his belt.

## 2 Sam 7:12-13

When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever.