



Bound Together: A Covenantal Relationship

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Key Verses: Exodus 19:1-8; 2 Samuel 7:11-13

Key Thought: The covenants that God made with Abraham’s family (e.g., the Mosaic and Davidic Covenants) anticipate the New Covenant— mediated by Jesus, the Son of God.

Points to Consider:

- The Mosaic and Davidic Covenants are important steps in God’s promise of redemption from the Fall of humanity in Genesis 3, namely that a human will crush a snake (3:15), and then— later— that all nations will be blessed through Abraham’s family (12:3).
- Ex 19:4-6: God wanted to make Israel a “holy” (i.e., separate) nation so that Israel could be “priests” (i.e., mediators of God’s blessing). → God’s call upon Israel is fulfilled by Jesus and— consequently— the Church under the New Covenant. (See 1 Pet 2:9-12.)
- God’s law revealed Israel’s sin, which was *managed*— yet not *resolved*— through the sacrificial system. → The sacrificial system is also fulfilled in Jesus. (See Heb 8:1-10:18.)
- 2 Sam 7:11-13: God’s promise to David of an everlasting dynasty refers, ultimately, to the everlasting reign of Jesus Messiah.
- God’s covenants with humanity, culminating in the New Covenant, are each a part of the one story of God’s redemption of humanity through Jesus Messiah.

Discussion Prompts:

- How do the Mosaic and Davidic Covenants illuminate the significance of Jesus?
- How does God’s promise that Israel would be a “kingdom of priests” (Ex 19:6) relate to God’s promise that the nations would be blessed through Abram (Gen 12:3)?
- How does this role of Israel’s illuminate the mission of the Church? (See 1 Peter 2:9-12.)
- How is the Spirit leading you to become more of a “holy priest” to those around you?
- How does your life reflect that Jesus is King? How do you need to be more mindful that Jesus is King?