

God's Covenant Through Moses

Exodus 19:1–9

Genesis 26:3

"Stay in this land. Then I will be with you and will bless you, for I will give all these lands to you and to your descendants, and I will fulfill the solemn promise I made to your father Abraham."

Genesis 28:13–15

And the Lord stood at its top. He said, "I am the Lord, the God of your grandfather Abraham and the God of your father Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the ground you are lying on. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west, east, north, and south. All the families of the earth will pronounce blessings on one another using your name and that of your descendants. I am with you! I will protect you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I promised you!"

A. How Was This Covenant Established?

Exodus 34:6,7

"The Lord passed by before him and proclaimed: "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, and abounding in loyal love and faithfulness, keeping loyal love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin. But he by no means leaves the guilty unpunished, responding to the transgression of fathers by dealing with children and children's children, to the third and fourth generation"

Verses 34:27,28

"The Lord said to Moses, "Write down these words, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel." So he was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he did not eat bread, and he did not drink water. He wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the ten commandments."

B. What Are The Covenant's Promises and Conditions?

1. Israel Will Be God's Special Possession

Exodus 19:5

"if you will diligently listen to me and keep my covenant, then you will be my special possession out of all the nations, for all the earth is mine"

2. Israel Will Be A Kingdom Of Royal Priests

Exodus 19:6

"and you will be to me a kingdom of priests."

3. Israel Will Be A Holy Nation

4. God Will Defend Israel From All Enemies

Exodus 23:22

"But if you diligently obey him and do all that I command, then I will be an enemy to your enemies, and I will be an adversary to your adversaries"

Exodus 34:10

"I will do wonders such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation. All the people among whom you live will see the work of the Lord, for it is a fearful thing that I am doing with you."

5. God Will Be Merciful, Gracious and Forgiving

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1. Founded On Grace And Offering Forgiveness

2. Loving God And Earning Grace?

Exodus 20:5,6

"You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I, the Lord, your God, am a jealous God, responding to the transgression of fathers by dealing with children to the third and fourth generations of those who reject me, and showing covenant faithfulness to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments."

3. Israel's Failure Of Unbelief

Psalm 78:22

"because they did not have faith in God, and did not trust his ability to deliver them."

Hebrews 4:2

"But the message they heard did them no good, since they did not join in with those who heard it in faith."

First Because the covenant is renewed on the basis of grace and offers merciful forgiveness for sins, forgiveness can only be received by faith.

Second God promises mercy to all who love Him. But, loving God is the opposite of trying to earn love from Him.

Third The Old and New Testament say that the root of Israel's disobedience was failure to trust God. So, the obedience required in the Mosaic covenant is obedience that comes from faith.

Hebrews 5:9

"And by being perfected in this way, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him"

What does this have to do with me?

Isaiah 53:6

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all"

First. Every forgiven sin from Adam to the end of the age was laid on the lamb of God... Jesus Christ and crushed Him. He accepted it all willingly for the glory of His Father and the good of His people.

Second. If you trust Him and follow Him in the obedience of faith, then you are the heirs not only of God's covenant with Abraham but also God's covenant through Moses. You are God's special possession. You are a kingdom of priests. You are a holy nation (1 Peter 2:9, 10). God opposes your enemies with wonders and power. And to you He is now and always will be....

Exodus 34:6

"The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, and abounding in loyal love and faithfulness.... keeping loyal love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin."

1 Corinthians 2:9

"Things that no eye has seen, or ear heard, or mind imagined, are the things God has prepared for those who love Him"