

Covenants Made Simple

A study of covenant theology and the biblical understanding of God's promises to his people.

Based upon Jonty Rhode's book: Covenants Made Simple

Chapter 7: The New Covenant

I. Forward Looking

A. Adamic Covenant (Covenant of Works)

- i. Gen 3:15
- ii. Rom 5

B. Noahic Covenant

- i. Noah finds favor; righteousness (Gen 6:8, 9)
- ii. Man's heart is evil and needs a greater redemption (Gen 8:21)
- iii. Everlasting Covenant (Gen 9:16)
 - a) Gen 13:15; 17:7, 8, 13, 19; Ex 31:16; Lev 24:8; 2 Sam 23:5; 1 Chron 16:17; Ps 105:10; Is 24:5; 55:3; Jer 32:40; 50:5; Ezek 16:60; 37:26

C. Abrahamic Covenant

- i. Blessing of Nations (Gen 12:3; Gal 3:8ff)
- ii. "Seed" (Gal 3:16ff)

D. Mosaic Covenant

- i. Call for inward change (Deut 10:16; 30:6)
- ii. "copy" and "shadow of the good things to come" (Heb 8:5; 9:8; 10:1)

E. Davidic Covenant

- i. "seed" (2 Sam 7:12)
- ii. "eternal kingdom" (2 Sam 7:13, 16)
- iii. "Adonai Yahweh" (2 Sam 7:18, 19, 20, 22, 28, 29 > Gen 15:2, 8; cf. Deut 3:24; 9:26; many uses in the Prophets)
- iv. "the law of man" (2 Sam 7:19)

II. Judgment and Restoration

- A. The New Covenant is best understood in the larger categories and themes of covenantal judgment and covenantal restoration/fulfillment.

- B. Covenantal Unfaithfulness Leading to Covenantal Judgment (Ps 89)
- C. Covenantal Promises Restored (Ps 132)

III. The Judgment of God's Old Covenant People

- A. Lev 26:17-20; Deut 28-30; Is 24:3-6, 19-23; Joel 2:1-11, 28-32; Is 65:1-7
- B. Final fulfillment of this judgment is seen in Jesus' day on that generation
 - i. Mt 21:28-32, 33-46; Lk 15:11-32; Lk 16:1-18, 19-31
 - ii. Mt 23:31-36; 23:37-24:51

IV. The Restoration of God's People through the New Covenant

- A. Is 51:15-16; 65:8-25; Jer 31:27-34
- B. Heb 7-10
 - i. Christ is the one and permanent high priest (7:22-24)
 - ii. The work of Christ is everlasting and perfect (7:25)
 - iii. The Old Covenant administration was instituted to be a copy and shadow of the heavenly things (8:5)
 - iv. The New Covenant has been "enacted" or made law with better promises (8:6)
 - v. The Old Covenant was not faultless for it contained only in part what the New Covenant contains in full (8:7)
 - vi. The Superiority/Fulfillment Aspect of the New Covenant
 - a) It is not like the Old Covenant which was comprised of believers and unbelievers (8:8-9)
 - b) The New Covenant is comprised of regenerated believers (8:10)
 - c) All members of the New Covenant will internally know Yahweh (8:11)
 - d) All members of the New Covenant receive the forgiveness of their sins offered by the grace of God to his elect (Heb 8:12)

V. The End Result of the New Covenant

- A. Mt 24:13-14; 28:16-20
- B. 1 Cor 15:20-28