

The Kingdom

Covenants of the Kingdom

Psalm 117:1-2

Either God is far from me.
Or God will never accept me.
Or God, through covenant, mends our broken relationship (distance) & covers our faithlessness (Worth & Value).

Main Idea: God reveals Himself through covenant in His Kingdom.

Kingdom: God's comprehensive rule over all creation

Covenant: is a relational oath bound commitment

Psalm 117:1-2 "Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!"

I. The old covenants are a promise of God's faithfulness.

Psalm 117:1 "Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!"

II. The new covenant is the proof of God's faithfulness.

Psalm 117:2a "For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever."

- Adam → Jesus revealed as the faithful Adam
- Noah → Jesus revealed as the trustworthy Savior
- Abraham → Jesus revealed as the perfect sacrifice
- Moses → Jesus revealed as the righteous law giver & blameless law keeper
- David → Jesus revealed as the better King

Matthew 26:26-28 "26 Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body.' 27 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink of it, all of you, 28 for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. 29 I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.'"

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