

GOD'S COVENANT OF LIFE

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THE COVENANT BEFORE THE ENTRANCE OF SIN

Genesis Chapters 1 and 2 record the creation of the heaven and earth but it also reveals the purposes for which it was created. According to the prophet Isaiah, God created the heaven and earth to be inhabited.

- * We see God as the master-builder.
- * We see Adam as the ruler over God's creation.
- * We see God creating man to have a covenantal relationship

NOTE: Though the word covenant is not used until Chapter 6 of Genesis there is enough covenant language in the first chapters of Genesis 1 and 2 as well as scriptural support to confirm the Edenic covenant.

A. Man made in God's image

When God created Adam he made him in his image therefore making covenant with him as his own creation. The creation of man was spiritual, mental and with a free will. Gen. 1:26-27

B. Fruitfulness and multiplicity

This fruitfulness involved both natural and spiritual reproduction. Their responsibility was to mass produce themselves and populate the whole earth with a race that would be like God and serve him. Gen. 1:11-12; 5:1-3; John 15:16; Acts 6:1; 9:31; Philemon 10

C. They were charged by God to subdue the earth

This word "subdue" is a warfare term because it implies the existence of an enemy.

To subdue means to: conquer, and to subjugate. Adam was to conquer Satan. Adam was to make the whole earth like Eden. Joshua 18:1; Numbers 32:22, 29; Ezekiel 36:34-35; Romans 16:20; 1 John 2:13-; Revelation 3:21

D. They were called to have dominion

Adam and Eve were to have dominion over all the creation of God. This dominion would also include spiritual authority. God made Adam to be king under him. Gen. 2:19-20; psalms 8:3-9 Revelation 1:6; 5:9-10; Luke 10:19; Hebrews 2:5-8

E. To eat herbs and fruits

This substantiated man's sustenance for his physical existence. Gen. 2:9; Matthews 11:19; John 4:32-34. Man was not permitted to eat meat until the covenant of Noah was brought into existence.

F. Adam was called to till the land

This substantiated man's occupation. God made man to work and to do something good with his hand 2 Thessalonians 3:6-12; Proverbs 24:30-34; John 9:4; 14:12

G. The seal of the covenant

The visible sign that God gave to Adam and his wife, was the tree of life in the middle of the garden. Although there were two trees in the middle of the garden, Adam and his wife were permitted to eat only from one tree. These trees were a perpetual reminder to them that God's word is holy and must be respected. And anyone who breaks God's command will suffer the consequences. The penalty was death.

The believer in Christ is also sealed with the Promised Holy Spirit has a guarantee of the redemption that is to come when Jesus comes back. Anyone who does not receive Christ as Lord and Saviour will be cut off from the covenant of the blood, and the penalty will be death in the lake of fire.

1. God makes covenant with Noah

Gen 6:18 "But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark-- you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

Although we see the word covenant for the first time in Genesis Chapter 6, there is substantial evidence of covenant language in Genesis Chapters 1 and 2. We see from scripture that God is a covenant making, covenant keeping God. We must also understand that God does nothing without making covenant. Everything Jesus did, he did because he was in covenant with the Father.

The Lord spoke to Noah and told him that the world was going to be destroyed by a flood because of sin. The imagination of man was wicked all the time. So God told Noah to build an ark so that he and his family would be saved from the coming flood. It came to pass, God opened the floodgate of heaven and he released the subterranean waters bringing a mass flood destroying everything upon the face of the earth. Both man and beast were completely destroyed.

When Noah came out of the ark, he built an altar unto the Lord, and he began to offer to the Lord clean animals as a sacrifice. Noah was very joyful over the fact that God spared him and his family. When the Lord smelled the sacrifice he said in his heart, "Never again will I curse the ground because of man, even though every inclination of his heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done".....

After the Lord declared all the blessings to Noah, that he already had established in Genesis with Adam and Eve, God said to Noah, "I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you---the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you---every living creature on earth." Then the Lord put a sign in the heaven to confirm his covenant with Noah, his family, and all living creatures. He put a Rainbow in the clouds as a reminder to himself and to Noah that he would never again end the world by a water flood, AMEN. Additional scriptures: Gen 9:9, 11-13, 15-17.

2. The Lord makes covenant with Abraham

Gen 15:18 On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates--

Before the Lord called Abraham his name was Abram. It was after the Lord entered into covenant with him that his name was changed, from Abram, meaning Father of many, to Abraham, Father of a multitude. Abraham was a pagan, worshipping other gods, the gods of his father. Like many of us, he went from day to day trying to find out the reason for his existence. One day the Lord of heaven and earth called Abraham out of his country, his family and his gods. The Lord told Abraham to separate himself from everything and follow him, and that's precisely what Abraham did. Although he did not understand everything, he followed his God wholeheartedly.

Abraham to be a blessing

The Lord spoke to Abraham and said that he was going to be a blessing to all the peoples of the earth. But the Lord had to take Abraham through some trials and tribulation before he would come into covenant with him. Covenant is a very serious thing, on the part of God, because he will not go back on his word. When God speaks something into existence he keeps his word no matter what happens. God promised Abraham many things, but he did not come into covenant with Abraham until he was ready to shed some blood.

Abraham's belief in God brings him into righteousness

The covenant of Abraham is a very interesting one, because it involves the word belief and blood. God came to Abraham and spoke promises to him concerning his seed and all that he had for him, and Abraham by faith believed God and it was credited to him as "Righteousness". God chose Abraham to be the one through whom we would receive our righteous inheritance. All the blessings of the covenant have its origin in the faith of Abraham who believed God and would not waver in his faith. He was righteous because he believed God.

Abraham's righteousness guarantees the promise of the Holy Spirit

Through Abraham we also received the promise of the Spirit, which came through Jesus Christ. God separated Abraham from his family and his land in order that he might become the patriot Father of the Hebrew nation. It is through him that God establishes his covenant forever, both for the Jew and the Gentile. Abraham was to be a blessing to the whole world through this covenant.

This promise of the Spirit which came through Abraham was an everlasting covenant, even after the ten commandments were given four hundred and thirty years later, it did not cancel out the covenant which God made with Abraham; because this covenant or oath was a promise of grace not of law. "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, has set us free from the law of sin and death".

3. The covenant brings multiple blessings

Gen 17:2 "And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly."

We see according to this particular verse of Scripture, that Abraham would receive a blessing of a multitude, because this covenant extends to all the peoples of the earth. So we see that God's covenant is (multi-fold).

Whenever we come into covenant with God, we receive a multiple blessing. In the book of Ephesians chapter 1:3, we see this principle applied, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realm with every spiritual blessing in Christ". Notice these blessings are (in Christ). Christ is the covenant of God to the believer. No Christ, No blessing.

4. A covenant for all the nations

Gen 17:4 As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations.

When God made covenant with Abraham, it was a covenant of fatherhood that would eventually reach all the nations of the world. This covenant lifted Abraham up far beyond that which he could ever go on his own. This covenant not only changed his name, but it changed his nature, because he was consumed with all the promises of God. God puts himself entirely into his covenant, therefore when we draw near to God and come into covenant with him; we receive the fullness of his power and his presence in the covenant.

The Holy Spirit, Jesus and the Blood

When God gives us the Holy Spirit he seals us for the day of redemption. The Holy Spirit came as a result of Jesus giving his life on the cross as a sacrifice, bringing us into the righteousness of God. This righteousness of God is the same righteousness that Abraham was clothed with. This righteousness that came to us was the result of the blood of Jesus being shed for us. When Jesus was taking the Passover with his disciples, he told them that the blood that he was about to shed was the New Testament or the New Covenant in his blood. Everyone that receives Jesus and believes in him comes into the covenant of the blood, therefore making us the blessing to all the nations of the world, just as Abraham is.

5. God's covenant is a perpetual [everlasting]

Gen 17:7 "And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you.

God said to Abraham that this covenant was an everlasting covenant. Notice that God said this covenant is between me and you, not you and me. God established the covenant not Abraham. God established the terms. God established the promise. God was the first to speak. God was the first to act.

Why is this covenant an everlasting covenant? Because God is an everlasting God. Everything that God does has an eternal effect, salvation is eternal, the blessings of God are eternal, the Holy Spirit is eternal, Jesus Christ is eternal. We are called into an everlasting friendship, an everlasting fellowship. We can be completely reassured that when Yehovah says, "I will establish, I will give, I will guide, I will protect, I will hold, I will send, that without any shadow of a doubt, God will perform it.

The beautiful thing about the covenant that God made with us is, that it's not just for us alone, but for our descendants after us. Praise God. God wants to bless our whole family. The Holy Spirit calls us to minister to our loved ones, through the precious love of God that's in us. This covenant is a covenant of love. Just before Christ went to the cross, the Bible says he showed his disciples the full extent of his love. He was about to announce the new covenant in his blood. He wanted them to know that this covenant was driven, compelled, motivated, filled, and 100 percent completely given by his love.

Paul Silas and the jailer

One day Paul and Silas were in a city visiting, and on a particular day, they were going down to the river to a place of prayer. At the river they met a demon-possessed slave girl who was a fortuneteller, and earned much money for her masters. This slave girl followed Paul and Silas shouting, these men are servants of the Most High God. This went on day after day, until Paul was in great distress. Paul turned and spoke to the demon within her. I command you, Paul said, in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her, and instantly the demon left her.

The men who owned the slave girl became very angry with Paul, because he destroyed their hope of making money, through this demon-possessed girl. These men grabbed Paul and Silas and brought them before the judges at the market place. They accused Paul and Silas of corrupting their city and teaching the people to do things that were contrary to the Roman law. A mob was formed quickly and they took Paul and Silas and stripped off their clothes and beat them with wooden whips. After they beat and whipped them they threw them into prison, clamping their hands and feet with chains.

These people who placed Paul and Silas in jail, assigned a jailer to watch them so that they would not escape. About midnight Paul and Silas began praying and singing praises to God--the other prisoners were listening. When suddenly the jail was shaken down to its foundation, the chains fell off of Paul and Silas, and the doors flew open. Not only did the doors open for Paul and Silas, but also the doors opened for all the prisoners in that jail.

The shaking and the noise awakened the jailer. On seeing the doors of the jail opened, he thought to himself that these men had escaped; the jailer panicked, because the people who put him in charged threaten to kill him if he let Paul and Silas escape. The jailer took his sword and was about to run himself through, but Paul yelled to him, don't do it! We are all here! Trembling with fear the jailer called for the lights and ran to the dungeon and fell down before Paul and Silas. He brought them out and begged them, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" they replied, "Believe on the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, and your entire household.

How can Paul and Silas say that he and his whole household will be saved, it's because they knew that the covenant Jesus made with his own blood, was an everlasting household covenant. Hallelujah!... Jesus was confirming the covenant that was made with Abraham. God told Abraham this covenant is an everlasting covenant for all generations. It was through Abraham that the whole earth would be blessed. So in essence, when we come to Jesus he washes us in his blood and forgives us all our sins, and brings us into his covenant. We must also bring the good news of the covenant to our families. This covenant extends to you and your household.

6. We must keep the covenant

Gen 17:9 And God said to Abraham: "As for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations.

God holds us responsible for keeping the covenant. We cannot blame anyone if we break covenant because God not only gives us the promises, but he gives us the power, and all authority to keep covenant. God will not bring into existence a promise that he cannot keep; neither will he ask us to keep a promise that's beyond our ability to fulfill.

Adam and Eve places the blame

When Adam and Eve fell from their original state, that very same evening they heard the sound of the Lord in the garden. The Lord deals with sin quickly. God called out for Adam not Eve, why, because God made covenant with Adam and Adam made covenant with Eve. Eve coming into covenant with her husband came into covenant with God. The Lord asked Adam, "Why are you hiding?" And Adam replied, "I heard you coming and didn't want you to see me naked. So I hid. Notice when we break covenant we become naked. When God asked Adam did you eat fruit from the tree that I warned you about, Adam said yes, but he blamed his wife. When Adam blamed Eve for making him sin and breaking covenant, then the Lord God asked Eve, how could you do something like this, but she put the blame on the devil. God pronounced judgment on all of them.

7. The covenant of circumcision

Gen 17:10-11 "This is My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised; "and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you.

The origin of circumcision

Before touching the subject of circumcision, I must take this opportunity to say, that circumcision, although it's mentioned in the Bible, did not start with Abraham. History tells us that the Egyptians practice circumcision as well as the Colchians and the Ethiopians. This practice of these primitive nations was communicated to other nations such as: the Syrians of Palestine, and the Phoenicians. It isn't really known whether this practice of circumcision was

initiated among all the Egyptians. Many religions practice circumcision because they believe it is sacred, and holy.

Some religions practice circumcision on women, saying that it minimizes their sexual drive. This is nothing more than a cruel act on the part of man. God did not give the covenant of circumcision to Abraham and his wife, but to Abraham and all his male servants. I remember reading something about this particular tribe that would take the foreskin of their young boys, after performing circumcision, and throw it into the sea. They did this because they believe that someone could take the foreskin and perform witchcraft on it bringing sickness and even death to the person connected with it. This is mere superstition and myth.

It's believed that Abraham had male Egyptian servants that were never circumcised in Egypt. Everyone in the household of Abraham had to be circumcised in order to remain under his covering. This is a profound act on the part of God simply because these Egyptians, who were not God's chosen people, were able to come into covenant with God because of Abraham. So God gave Abraham the rite of performing circumcision. Abraham's son Ishmael, being the son of an Egyptian woman, remained not circumcised until the covenant of circumcision was given to Abraham. Abraham must have known something about circumcision because he was familiar with the practices of the Egyptians.

Egyptologists have shown proof that circumcision was practiced among the Egyptians. It is asserted that an examination of ancient mummies and sculptures, in which circumcision is a distinctive mark between the Egyptians and their enemies. Egyptologist say that this ceremony must have been in use not among the priest only, but throughout the nation generally so early as the time of the fourth dynasty, i.e. 2400 B.C., or considerably earlier than the time of Abraham.

This act of circumcision is a divine command given by God to Abraham, as a sign of the covenant that he (God) made with him. If Noah's rainbow serves as a sign of the covenant of salvation and baptism, then Abraham's covenant of circumcision, serves as a sign of the believers' death and resurrection. This too is a divine institution of Yehovah Elohiym, (I am God Almighty).

Abraham receives God's covenant in his flesh

When God confirmed his promises to Abraham, God established a legal document, a covenant between himself and Abraham as an everlasting ordinance for all generations to come. This covenant involved blood because this is a life-giving covenant, "For the life of the creature is in

the blood". God told Abraham to circumcise himself and everyone in his household, in order to meet the requirements or the standard of the agreement that he made with Abraham. Everyone who was not circumcised in the house of Abraham, would not be considered as one of God's people, they were to be cut off. God said, he would keep his promise to Abraham, but only if Abraham would keep covenant with him. This covenant was the cutting off of his flesh. Every child born under the household of Abraham was to be circumcised on the 8th day of his birth; by doing so the child would come into the covenant of God and with Abraham. The word, "Covenant" in this particular passage means: monument, sign, miracle, flag, token, mark, evidence.

Abraham's most sensitive part

God could have chosen any part of the body to use as a sign for the covenant, but his choice was the most sensitive part on Abraham's body, because he wanted him to experience this covenant in his flesh. It's the Lord's will that we experience his salvation in us.

The Circumcision of the heart

In the Old Testament the Lord gave Abraham the covenant of circumcision. As we already know this circumcision was physical, but the Lord was bringing his people into a deeper understanding of what he really wanted to do. This physical circumcision was a type or a shadow of what was really to come. In the book of Deuteronomy Chapter 30:6, the Lord told his people that he was going to circumcise their hearts. God wants a circumcised heart. In the New Testament, the apostle Paul tells the church at Philippi that, they who worship God by the Holy Spirit is the true circumcision. So by his statement we see that physical circumcision has no value, but the true circumcision that counts before God is the circumcision done by the Holy Spirit, not by hands of man.

8. An everlasting covenant in Abraham's flesh

Gen 17:13 "He who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money must be circumcised, and My covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. (NKJ)

Gen 17:14 "And the uncircumcised male child, who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant." (NKJ)

Gen 17:19 Then God said: "No, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his descendants after him. (NKJ)

Gen 17:21 "But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this set time next year." (NKJ)

Gen 21:27 So Abraham took sheep and oxen and gave them to Abimelech, and the two of them made a covenant. (NKJ)

Gen 21:32 Thus they made a covenant at Beersheba. So Abimelech rose with Phichol, the commander of his army, and they returned to the land of the Philistines. (NKJ)

Gen 26:28 But they said, "We have certainly seen that the LORD is with you. So we said, `Let there now be an oath between us, between you and us; and let us make a covenant with you, (NKJ)

Gen 31:44 "Now therefore, come, let us make a covenant, you and I, and let it be a witness between you and me." (NKJ)

THE LORD REMEMBERS HIS COVENANT

Often times we think that God doesn't remember his promises to us, but this is only a reflection of our own failure and inability to keep our promise to the Lord. This should remind us that God is not like man, for he cannot lie. He cannot forget his promises. He cannot put aside his word. He cannot reject his own image.

God made a promise to his servant Abraham concerning his people, Israel. God told Abraham that they were going to go into slavery for 400 years, and then he would deliver them out of the hand of their evil taskmasters. Although it may have seemed that God had abandoned them, and left them to suffer under the hand of an evil tyrant, he remembered his covenant with Abraham and sent a deliverer, which was Moses.

Exod 2:24 And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. (KJV)

GOD REMINDS MOSES OF HIS COVENANT

God promised his people the land of Canaan, and he makes the covenant sure by reminding Moses of his established word. Man needs two or three witnesses to establish a word, but God testified of himself, by himself because he is truthful and cannot fail. God not only reminds Moses of the covenant, but he now places the responsibility of delivering the people out of Egypt and bringing them into the covenantal Promised Land. God is looking for a people who will keep covenant.

Exod 6:4 And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers. (KJV)

THE GROANING OF THE CHILDREN OF THE COVENANT

When God gives us a promise he must prepare us for that promise. How can we know that he is a covenant keeping God, if we don't know that he is a people keeping God? There is a cry of the Spirit of God within us that wants to see the purposes of God fulfilled in our lives. This cry is a cry of liberty. This cry is a cry of hope. There is something about the sound of our groans that words cannot express, but only God can interpret it, and only God can comfort.

Exod 6:5 And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant. (KJV)

KEEPING THE COVENANT MAKES US A PECULIAR TREASURE

God makes us a peculiar treasure for himself when we keep his covenant. He makes us distinguishable from all other peoples, by setting us aside as a covenant people. We were called to show forth his glorious praise. We were called to show forth his glorious presence. We were called to show forth his glorious power. We must understand that in order for God to do a peculiar thing, he must raise up for himself a peculiar people.

Exod 19:5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: (KJV)

GOD FORBIDS COVENANT WITH THE WORLD

We must remember that God is a jealousy God and that he will not share his glory with anyone. As his beloved children, he strictly warns us not to make covenant with the world. That's because

he understands the seriousness of the power of covenant. God also knew that if his people made covenant with other nations, they would be making covenant with their gods. Covenant covers the whole person. Covenant demands the whole person. Covenant seals the whole person. Covenant converts the whole person.

We cannot serve to masters we will either love one or hate the other. God made the heart to have only one life stream, and that is to flow in his love, flow in his life, flow in his purposes, and to flow in his presence. If anything disrupts that flow we must uproot it, destroy it, overcome it. A fig tree cannot bear grapes nor can a olive tree bear fig.

Exod 23:32 Thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor with their gods. (KJV)

THE BOOK OF THE COVENANT

Just as God told Joshua not to let this book of the law depart from his mouth, but he was to meditate upon it, in the same way, God will not let his mouth depart from his word. God has given us his book of the covenant, and he will do every word in it, and will fulfill every part without failure. When we read his word, we read his covenant. When we do his word, we do his covenant. When we speak his word, we speak his covenant. When we pray his word, we pray his covenant.

After the people heard the law of God they said they would keep his word and be obedient to it. God does not want people who only hear the word and not do them. Isaiah 1:19 says, " If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land". We cannot eat if we do not keep.

Exod 24:7 And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient. (KJV)

THE LIFE GIVING COVENANT

Moses knew the importance of blood, he also knew the importance of confession. After the people said they would be obedient to the Lord and his word, Moses proceeded to sprinkle the blood of the covenant upon them. God told Noah that the life of the creature is in the blood, Leviticus 17:11.

Jesus Christ himself declared that the new covenant was in his blood. The Bible says in Rom 10:9, "that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved". Even as we confess Jesus Christ with our mouth, he sprinkles his own blood upon us and declares us righteous, and we too come into covenant with God. This covenant is a life giving covenant.

Exod 24:8 And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words. (KJV)

THE SABBATH COVENANT

The Lord told Moses to tell the children of Israel to keep the Sabbath as a perpetual covenant. Many think that this covenant has passed away, but God's Sabbath has not passed away. The Sabbath is holy and it will continue to be holy. After God finished creating the heaven and the earth and everything in it, the Bible says he rested on the seventh day. This wonderful covenant of the seventh day is a covenant of rest.

When Christ declared his blood as the new covenant, he established all the covenants in himself as being fulfilled. God fulfilled the covenant of Eden, God fulfilled the covenant of Adam, God fulfilled the covenant of Noah, God fulfilled the covenant of Abraham, God fulfilled the covenant of Moses, and God fulfilled the covenant of David.

Exod 31:16 Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. (KJV)

GOD'S MIRACLE COVENANT

God made a covenant with the people saying, that he would do miracles on their behalf and drive out their enemies. When we come into covenant with God he begins to do miracles for us. If we obey his commands we will receive all the blessings that are mentioned in Deuteronomy 28. Failure to keep covenant will result in all the curses mentioned in Deuteronomy 28.

When Jesus came to his people, he did miracles for them because of the covenant that God made with them. When Jesus healed the woman with the blood issue, he said to her, "daughter your faith has made you whole". Notice Jesus calls her DAUGHTER. When Jesus brought salvation to the house of Zacchaeus, Jesus said, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham". He calls him SON. When Jesus healed the woman that was bent

over for 18 years, he said, "Is not this woman a daughter of Abraham". Jesus healed many on the sabbath day.

Exod 34:10 And he said, Behold, I make a covenant: before all thy people I will do marvels, such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation: and all the people among which thou art shall see the work of the LORD: for it is a terrible thing that I will do with thee. (KJV)

THE COVENANTS

God is a covenant making God

God established his covenant with Noah (Gen. 6:18). He made a covenant with Abraham. (Gen. 15:18; 17:2) God made a covenant with David. (2 Samuel 23:5). He promised to make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. (Jeremiah 31:31-34). He has also made an everlasting covenant. (Isaiah 55:3; 61:8).

God is a covenant keeping God

God reveals his faithfulness and trustworthiness in that he keeps the covenant that he makes. Once God has made a covenant he does not forget it nor becomes negligent of it. He always follows through with the commitments he has made. (Deuteronomy 7:9; 2 Chronicles 6:14; Psalms 111:5, 9; Romans 1:31).

God is a covenant revealing God

In order for man to be in covenant relationship with God, he must reveal that covenant to man, declaring the promises and terms. Apart from God taking the initiative and revealing his covenant to man, man would be ignorant of the availability of covenantal relationship with him. (Psalms 25:14; Deuteronomy 4:13).

God is an enabling covenant God

The same God who makes, keeps and reveals his covenant to man also enables man to fulfill his part of the covenant. Apart from God's enabling grace man has proven his inability to keep the terms of the covenant on his own. This was particularly illustrated under the mosaic covenant. (Ephesians 2:4-13)

We see that in Scripture that God the Father, God the son, and God the Holy Spirit is in all the covenants. Any covenant that is not solidified by God is invalid and void.

1. WE SEE THE FATHER AS

The originator, initiator, covenant-maker and keeper, the source, the first, and the beginning.

2. WE SEE THE SON AS

The sacrifice of body and blood, the second person, the mediator and ratifier of the covenant.

3. WE SEE THE HOLY SPIRIT AS

The executor appointed to carry out the will and testament of the Father and the Son, the third person, the completer and fulfiller of the covenant.

So we see three important aspects of the work of the Trinity and they are as follows:

A. The Father's word to us

B. The Son's work for us

C. The Holy Spirit's work in us