Covenants Hebrews 8

Multiple Covenants

Many hold that God has only given one law

Scripture tells a different story

God has given at least 4 different covenants to all men; Each for a particular purpose Also multiple covenants to individuals or select groups

All but one have been fulfilled or cancelled

This final covenant applies to ALL - Hebrews 8:6-7

"An agreement by two or more parties to do or refrain from doing some act."

Covenant, Testament, Will, Law very similar & often used to reference same agreement, emphasize different aspects of same thing.

With All Mankind

Garden covenant with Adam & Eve (All men) - Genesis 1:28-30; 2:15-17 After the Garden covenant with Adam & descendants (All men); Ground cursed - Genesis 3:17-19 Covenant with Noah & Sons (All men); Curse reversed, farming, seasons, time - Genesis 8:20-22; Dominion over plant & animal life - Genesis 9:1-7; Sign of No Flood - Genesis 9:8-17

With Individuals/Family

Abraham - Circumcision - All descendants/dependents - Genesis 17:9-14 Land, Nation, Savior - Genesis 12:1-3; 22:16-18; 15:18-21; 17:19 Jacob - Land, Nation, Savior - Genesis 28:13-15

A Covenant People

To Israel - Exodus 19:3-8; 24:5-11; Deuteronomy 5:1-5

Included Nation, Land, Blessing for all nations; Added Unique worship (Only God)

Blessings & cursings involved - Deuteronomy 11:26-28

Added because of transgressions - Galatians 3:19; 3:24

A shadow - Hebrews 10:1

Could not remit sins - Hebrews 10:4; Not make perfect - 7:18-19; Not justify - Galatians 3:11; 2:16 Brought us to Christ - Galatians 3:23-29; Ephesians 2:14-16

Covenant Of Salvation

Jesus fulfilled promises of old covenants - Matthew 1:21; Matthew 5:17 Took out of way & nailed to cross - Colossians 2:14 By this will (testament) we are sanctified - Hebrews 10:9-10 New Covenant not like the Old - Hebrews 8:8-9 A new and living way - Hebrews 10:19-20 Son of God mediates - Hebrews 9:15 Sanctified by His blood - Matthew 26:28; Hebrews 9:11-12 Full remission & pardon - Jeremiah 31:31-34

All Or One

Early covenants gave promise from God - Garden, punishment, provision Beginning with Abraham gave promise of redemption Covenant with Israel prepared a people to bring that Redeemer Our New Covenant is with That Redeemer Everything needed from old covenants (even back to Adam) found in New Covenant with Christ. Plus all those covenants could not provide is found in Him Prepares us for eternity, not just life here Are you obeying the Covenant of Salvation?

Rebellion and disobedience severs one from any covenant