

BIBLICAL COVENANTS

Both testaments record that God made certain promises in the form of specific contracts or agreements with man. These are called 'covenants', and define the terms of God's relationship with individuals or groups in various circumstances and eras. Of these covenants, the best known are the covenants made with physical Israel and the New Covenant established on "better promises," which will be fully confirmed with spiritual Israel after the return of Jesus Christ. The New Covenant, which also applies to the New Testament church from the time of the original apostles, makes God's law even more relevant by expanding it to include one's mental attitude and spiritual intent.

Matthew 5:21-22; 2 Timothy 3: 15-16; Hebrews 8: 6-13