



A Promise is a Promise

How covenants govern our relationships

Part 1: What is a Covenant?

**1. God uses covenants to govern
His relationships with humanity.**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

What is a covenant?

A covenant is a binding, mutually accepted agreement that manages the relationship between individuals or groups.

Three types of ancient covenants:

1. Between equals (bilateral parity)

Ex: David & Jonathan

2. Between unequal parties (Suzerain/vassal)

Ex: Mosaic covenant

3. Unconditional pledge (promissory covenant)

Ex: Yahweh & Abram

Cutting a covenant:

Animal sacrifice (blood)

A representative

A mark

Stipulations

Blessings & curses

Commemorations

**2. There are two main covenants between
God and man: the Old and New Covenants.**

Hebrews 8:6-13

	Old Covenant	New Covenant
Between	God & Israel	God & all humanity
Representative	Moses	Jesus
Blood	Animals	Jesus
Mark	Circumcision	Heart change
Obligation	Keep the Law	Walk in the Spirit
Remembrance	Sabbath & Feasts	Communion

3. You cannot mix covenants.

Romans 7:1-6

2 Corinthians 3:7-11



**Are you living in
God's new covenant?**