



# A Promise is a Promise

How covenants govern our relationships

**Part 2: Covenant Relationships**

## **What is a covenant?**

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

**The old covenant was designed  
to bring about behavior change;**

**The new covenant is designed  
to bring about personal relationship.**

**Hebrews 8:10-13**

**The key to covenant relationship  
is found in the Hebrew word **hesed**.**

**Hesed** is the dependable & enthusiastic  
commitment, kindness and support  
received by being in covenant with someone.

**“The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” **Lamentations 3:22-23****

**“The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy.” **Psalms 145:8****

**“For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, but my kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall my covenant of peace be removed,” says the LORD, who has mercy on you. **Isaiah 54:10****

# What is our response to God's heseed?

**1. Love God.**

**Psalm 63:3; 1 John 4:19**

**2. Love people.**

**John 13:34-35; Romans 13:8-10**



**How are you responding  
to God's **hesed**?**