The Covenants of Scripture: The Relationship Between the Abrahamic and Mosaic Covenants



Scriptures

• Exodus 19:5-8

"Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel." So Moses came and called the elders of the people, and set before them all these words which the LORD had commanded him. And all the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do!"

• Romans 7:12,14

So then, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. ¹⁴For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin.

Other Scriptures

- Genesis 22:16
- Genesis 15:10-17
- Galatians 3:16
- Galatians 3:13
- Matthew 5:3
- 2 Corinthians 12:9
- Mark 7:5-9
- Deuteronomy 28:1-7,15-19
- II Cor. 1:8-9
- Luke 22:19-20
- Romans 6:23

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Main Points

- The Abrahamic, Mosaic, and New Covenants are the primary covenants in scripture.
- Basis of the Abrahamic Covenant
 - o Faith
 - Righteousness—being right with God.
 - Unconditional
 - Promise from God
 - o Permanent
- The Abrahamic Covenant is still in place and Jesus is the fulfillment of it.
- Basis of the Mosaic Covenant
 - Conditional
 - Temporary
 - o Explains the moral disposition of God.
- Mankind has never been able to fulfill the Mosaic Covenant.
- God wanted to prepare man to receive a savior.
 - o Poor in spirit-recognizing that in our flesh we are not capable of obeying God.
- The Mosaic Covenant was designed to keep mankind in place until Messiah could come.
- Mishnah-A collection of the oral laws.
- Talmud-a commentary on the oral laws.
- Because of our sinful nature, it is impossible to keep the law.
- The law breaks man down to recognize he needs a savior.
- The Abrahamic and Mosaic Covenants are fulfilled in the New Covenant.
- The New Covenant satisfies God's mercy and His justice.

Discussion Questions

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- 2. As an administrative covenant, the Mosaic Covenant required responsibility by us that we can never hope to fulfill. Why did God give this impossible-to-keep covenant?
- 3. What did Jesus do to introduce the New Covenant? Where did He introduce it—what was the setting for this?