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**FOR**

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# **GOD'S LAW FOR MODERN MAN**



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DEDICATED TO  
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WHOSE  
LECTURES ON THE LAW OF GOD  
FROM 1967 THROUGH 1971  
GREATLY INFLUENCED MY THINKING

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# the TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.
2. YOU SHALL NOT MAKE FOR YOURSELF AN IDOL, OR ANY LIKENESS OF WHAT IS IN HEAVEN ABOVE OR ON THE EARTH BENEATH OR IN THE WATER UNDER THE EARTH.  
YOU SHALL NOT WORSHIP OR SERVE THEM; FOR I, THE LORD YOUR GOD, AM A JEALOUS GOD, VISITING THE INIQUITY OF THE FATHERS ON THE CHILDREN, ON THE THIRD AND FOURTH GENERATIONS OF THOSE WHO HATE ME.  
BUT SHOWING LOVINGKINDNESS TO THOUSANDS, TO THOSE WHO LOVE ME AND KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS.
3. YOU SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME OF YOUR GOD IN VAIN. FOR THE LORD WILL NOT LEAVE HIM UNPUNISHED WHO TAKES HIS NAME IN VAIN.
4. REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY. SIX DAYS YOU SHALL LABOR AND DO ALL YOUR WORK, BUT THE SEVENTH DAY IS A SABBATH OF THE LORD YOUR GOD. IN IT YOU SHALL NOT DO ANY WORK, YOU OR

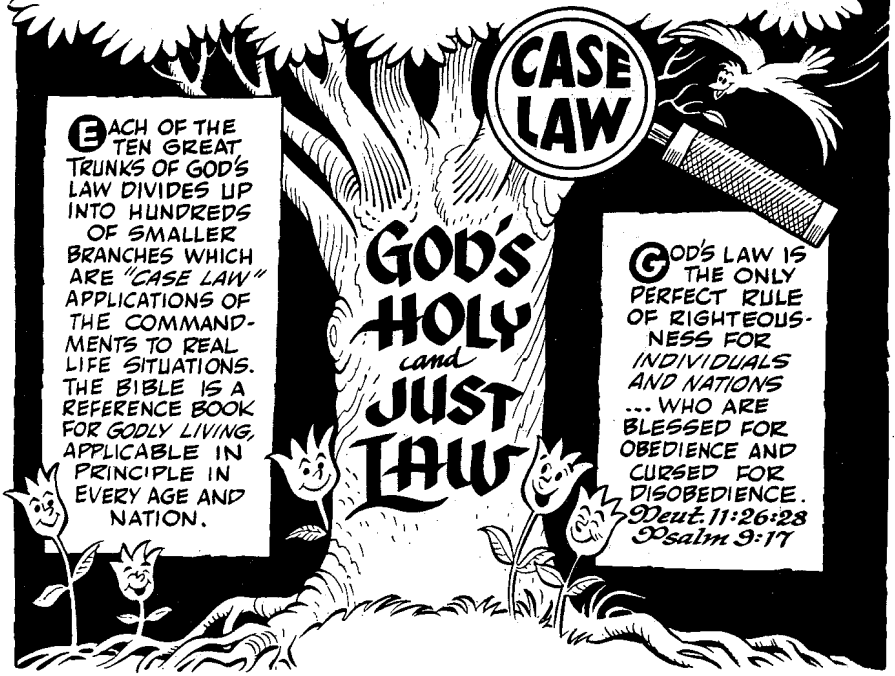
- YOUR SON OR YOUR DAUGHTER, YOUR MALE OR YOUR FEMALE SERVANT OR YOUR CATTLE OR YOUR SOJOURNER WHO STAYS WITH YOU.
- FOR IN SIX DAYS THE LORD MADE THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH, THE SEA AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM, AND RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY; THEREFORE THE LORD BLESSED THE SABBATH DAY AND MADE IT HOLY.
5. HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER, THAT YOUR DAYS MAY BE PROLONGED IN THE LAND WHICH THE LORD YOUR GOD GIVES YOU.
  6. YOU SHALL NOT MURDER.
  7. YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.
  8. YOU SHALL NOT STEAL.
  9. YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR.
  10. YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE; YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S WIFE OR HIS MALE SERVANT OR HIS FEMALE SERVANT OR HIS OX OR HIS DONKEY OR ANYTHING THAT BELONGS TO YOUR NEIGHBOR. *Exodus 20:3-17*

**E**ACH OF THE TEN GREAT TRUNKS OF GOD'S LAW DIVIDES UP INTO HUNDREDS OF SMALLER BRANCHES WHICH ARE "CASE LAW" APPLICATIONS OF THE COMMANDMENTS TO REAL LIFE SITUATIONS. THE BIBLE IS A REFERENCE BOOK FOR GODLY LIVING, APPLICABLE IN PRINCIPLE IN EVERY AGE AND NATION.

**CASE LAW**

**GOD'S HOLY and JUST LAW**

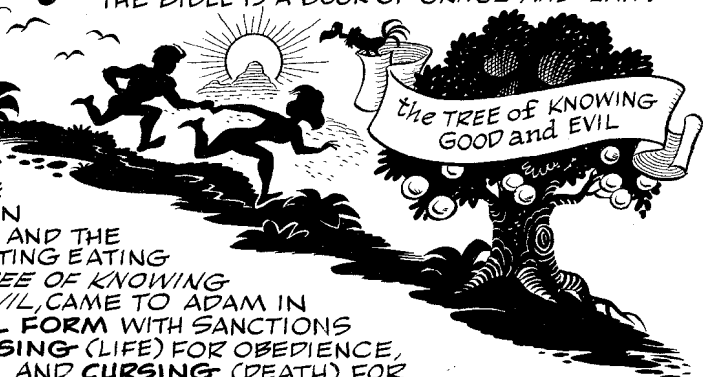
**G**OD'S LAW IS THE ONLY PERFECT RULE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND NATIONS ... WHO ARE BLESSED FOR OBEDIENCE AND CURSED FOR DISOBEDIENCE. *Deut. 11:26-28 Psalms 9:17*



# GOD'S LAW IS <sup>-3-</sup> COVENANTAL

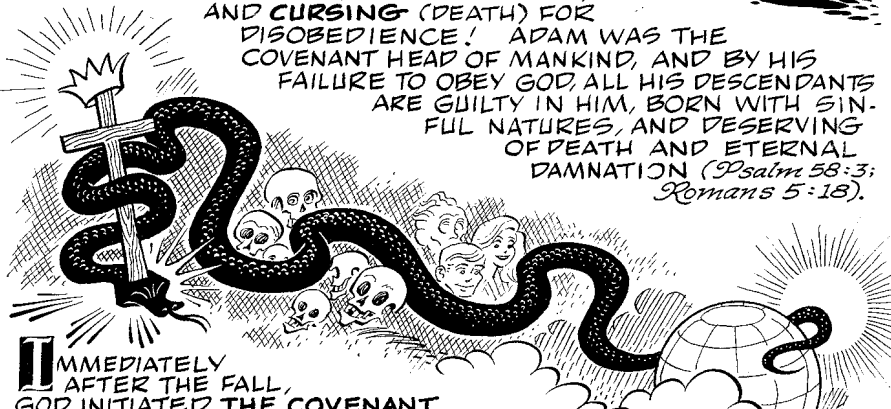


**A**DAM, CREATED IN GOD'S IMAGE (*Gen. 1:27*), WITH GOD'S LAW WRITTEN ON HIS HEART (*Rom. 2:14f*), STILL NEEDED *DIRECT REVELATION* FROM GOD IN REGARD TO HIS WORK AND MARITAL RELATIONSHIP (*Gen. 1:27f; 2:15,19,20*). RIGHT AFTER GOD CREATED ADAM AND EVE HE **BLESSED** THEM...AN ACT OF **GRACE**, AND COMMANDED THEM TO MULTIPLY AND SUBDU THE EARTH; **LAW** (*Gen. 1:28*). THE BIBLE IS A BOOK OF **GRACE-AND-LAW!**

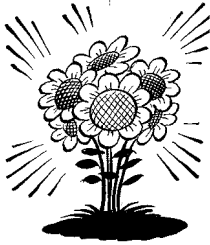


**A**LL OF THIS, THE CREATION ORDINANCES, AND THE TEST PROHIBITING EATING FROM THE **TREE OF KNOWING GOOD AND EVIL**, CAME TO ADAM IN COVENANTAL FORM WITH SANCTIONS OF **BLESSING** (LIFE) FOR OBEEDIENCE, AND **CURSING** (DEATH) FOR

**DISOBEEDIENCE!** ADAM WAS THE COVENANT HEAD OF MANKIND, AND BY HIS FAILURE TO OBEY GOD, ALL HIS DESCENDANTS ARE GUILTY IN HIM, BORN WITH SINFUL NATURES, AND DESERVING OF DEATH AND ETERNAL DAMNATION (*Psalms 58:3; Romans 5:18*).



**I**MMEDIATELY AFTER THE FALL, GOD INITIATED THE COVENANT OF GRACE WHEN HE DECREED THAT THE SERPENT'S SEED WOULD BRUISE THE HEEL OF EVE'S OFFSPRING, AND THAT HER SEED WOULD BRUISE THE HEAD OF THE SERPENT, A EUPHEMISM FOR CHRIST'S TRIUMPH OVER DEATH AND HIS DESTRUCTION OF SATAN AND HIS KINGDOM (*Gen. 3:15*).

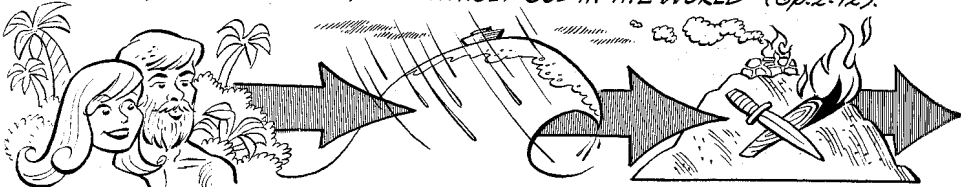


**T**HIS COVENANT OF GRACE, PLANTED IN THE GARDEN, WAS TO DEVELOP AND PROGRESSIVELY SPREAD ITS PROMISES THROUGHOUT BIBLICAL HISTORY IN EXPANDED FORMS! ALL OF GOD'S COVENANTS THROUGH THE AGES WERE ESSENTIALLY ONE COVENANT OF GRACE OF WHICH CHRIST IS THE FULNESS...THE CENTERPIECE OF GOD'S BOUQUET OF BLOSSOMED PROMISES! AND EVERY AGE OF COVENANT EXTENSION IS STRUCTURED ABOUT GOD'S REVEALED WILL TO MAN, HIS MOST HOLY, GOOD, AND JUST LAW!

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# The Unity of

**A**LL OF THE POST FALL COVENANTS ARE ESSENTIALLY **ONE**, BINDING TOGETHER ALL OF GOD'S PEOPLE IN ALL TIMES IN CHRIST JESUS. THE APOSTLE PAUL TOLD THE GENTILE CONVERTS AT EPHESUS THAT "YE WERE WITHOUT CHRIST, BEING ALIENS FROM THE COVENANTS OF PROMISE, HAVING NO HOPE, AND WITHOUT GOD IN THE WORLD" (Eph. 2:12).



## Adamic GRACE

ADAM WAS BLESSED AT CREATION (*Gen. 1:28*) AND GIVEN ACCESS TO THE TREE OF LIFE (*Gen. 2:9, 16*). A REDEEMER PROMISED THROUGH EVE AFTER THE FALL (*Gen. 3:15*).

## FAITH

IN ENO'S DAY MEN BEGAN TO CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD (*Gen. 4:26*). ENOCH WALKED WITH GOD (*Gen. 5:24*).

## LAW

OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S COMMANDS WAS REQUIRED UPON PAIN OF DEATH (*Gen. 2:16-17*) AND A VARIETY OF TEMPORAL CURSES (*Gen. 3:16-24*).

## SIGN

TWO TREES: LIFE & KNOWING GOOD & EVIL (*Gen. 2:9*).

## SACRIFICE

*Gen. 3:21; 4:3-4*

## CONTINUITY

*Gen. 3:15; 4:1-2*  
OFFSPRING PROMISED

## Noahic GRACE

NOAH FOUND GRACE IN THE EYES OF THE LORD (*Gen. 6:8, 9*) GOD PROMISED NEVER AGAIN TO SEND A WORLDWIDE FLOOD (*Gen. 8:21-22*).

## FAITH

NOAH WAS JUST AND WALKED WITH GOD (*Gen. 6:9*).

## LAW

SIN (DISOBEDIENCE) WAS PUNISHED BY THE FLOOD. NOAH'S "WALK WITH GOD" MEANS HIS LAW OBEDIENCE! THE CREATION MANDATE IS REPEATED (*Gen. 9:1f*). THE DEATH PENALTY FOR MURDER (*Gen. 9:6*).

## SIGN

THE RAINBOW (*Gen. 9:12*)

## SACRIFICE

*Gen. 8:20*

## CONTINUITY

*Gen. 9:1-2*  
NOAH WAS TO BE FRUITFUL & EXERCISE DOMINION

## Abrahamic GRACE

GOD GRACIOUSLY CHOSE ABRAHAM AND ENTERED INTO A COVENANT WITH HIM AND BLESSED HIM AND HIS SEED AFTER HIM (*Gen. 12-17*).

## FAITH

ABRAHAM "BELIEVED IN THE LORD; AND HE RECKONED IT TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS" (*Gen. 15:6*)

## LAW

"ABRAHAM OBEYED MY VOICE, AND KEPT MY CHARGE, MY COMMANDMENTS, MY STATUTES, AND MY LAWS" (*Gen. 26:5*)  
ALSO, SEE *Gen. 18:19*

## SIGN

CIRCUMCISION (*Gen. 17:10*)  
OATH SIGN (*Gen. 15:7f*)

## SACRIFICE

*Gen. 12:7; 22:13*

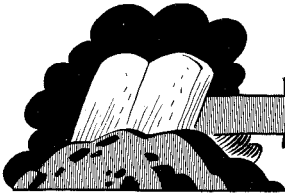
## CONTINUITY

*Gen. 17:4f; 22:17-18*  
ABRAHAM TO FATHER MANY NATIONS

*By his sovereign grace the triune God gave His Covenant.*

# God's Covenants

"NOW YE ARE NO MORE STRANGERS AND FOREIGNERS, BUT FELLOW-CITIZENS WITH THE SAINTS, AND THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD; AND ARE BUILT UPON THE FOUNDATION OF THE APOSTLES AND PROPHETS; JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF BEING THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE" (Eph. 2:19,20).



## Mosaic GRACE

GOD, OUT OF HIS OWN GOOD PLEASURE, RE-DEEMED HIS COVENANT PEOPLE OUT OF EGYPT. THEY "DRANK OF THE SPIRITUAL ROCK... THAT ROCK WAS CHRIST" (I Co. 10:1-4).

## FAITH

HEART AND SOUL COMMITMENT TO GOD IS REQUIRED (Deut. 4:29; 6:5; 30:6). THE PEOPLE FEARED AND BELIEVED THE LORD (Ex. 14:31).

## LAW

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (Ex. 20:1-17 and Deut. 5:6-22). CASE LAWS (Ex. 22ff and thru-out Deut.). CEREMONIAL LAWS (Leviticus).

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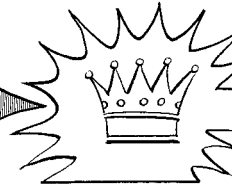
THE TABERNACLE AND ITS FURNISHINGS; THE ARK, ALTAR, ETC. WERE ALL VISIBLE SYMBOLS OF GOD'S REDEMPTIVE LOVE FOR HIS PEOPLE!

## SACRIFICE

THE PASSOVER (Ex. 12:39f) AND THE LEVITICAL CEREMONIAL SYSTEM ESTABLISHED & CONTINUED

## CONTINUITY

GOD REMEMBERED HIS OLDER COV. (Ex. 2:24).



## Davidic GRACE

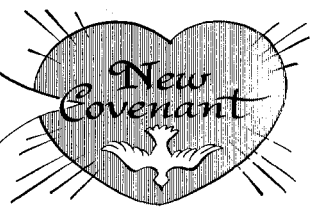
"THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD CAME UPON DAVID" (I Sam. 16:13). GOD SAID, "I HAVE MADE A COVENANT WITH MY CHOSEN; I HAVE SWORN TO DAVID MY SERVANT!!" (Ps. 89:3).

## FAITH

"I LOVE YOU, O LORD, MY STRENGTH" (Psalm 18:1). DAVID ANTICIPATES BEING WITH THE LORD IN HEAVEN (Psalm 17:15).

## LAW

THE KING WAS TO READ AND OBEY THE LAW ALL HIS LIFE (Deut. 17:18f). HE ENFORCED THE LAW NATIONALLY AND IT WAS A MODEL TO OTHER NATIONS (Deut. 4:6-8). PSALM 119 EXALTS LAW!



ALL PRIOR COVENANTS ARE FULFILLED IN **Jesus Christ** THE MEDIATOR OF the NEW COVENANT

**Adamic**  
CHRIST, THE LAST ADAM, IS MADE A QUICKENING SPIRIT (I Co. 15:45).

**Noahic**  
THE ARK WAS A TYPE OF SALVATION IN CHRIST. NOAH PREACHED CHRIST (I Peter 3:18-20).

**Abrahamic**  
CHRISTIANS ARE HIS SPIRITUAL SEED (Gal. 3:29) and BAPTISM REPLACES CIRCUMCISION AS THE SIGN OF THE NEW COVENANT (Col. 2:11-12).

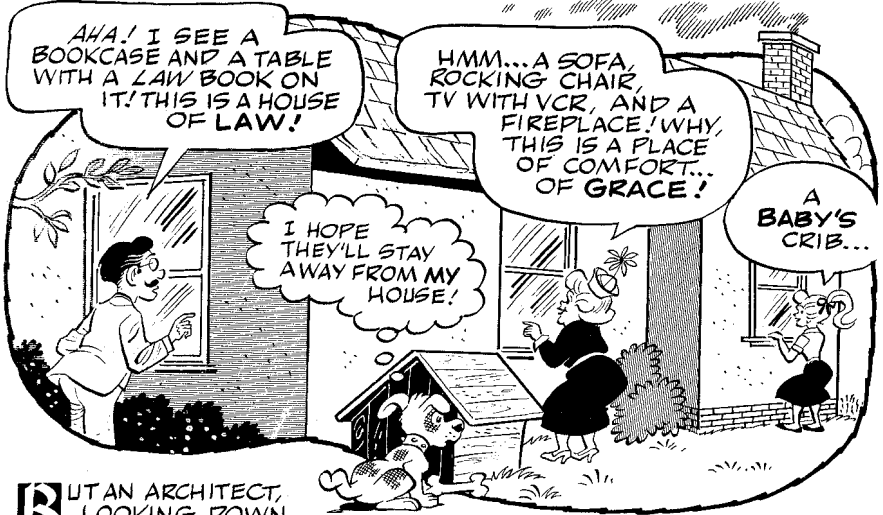
**Mosaic**  
THE LAW IS WRITTEN ON BELIEVER'S HEARTS (Jer. 31:33f; Heb. 8:8-12). THE LAW HAS CONTINUING VALIDITY IN EXHAUSTIVE DETAIL (Gal. 5:17f).

**Davidic**  
FULFILLED: CHRIST IS BOTH "SON OF DAVID" AND "SON OF GOD" THE MEDIATOR OF THE NEW COVENANT (Heb. 5:5-6), WHO DIED FOR THE SINS OF GOD'S ELECT (Eph. 10), HAVING RISEN FROM THE DEAD AND ASCENDED TO GOD'S RIGHT HAND; HE RULES THE WORLD UNTIL ALL HIS ENEMIES ARE SUBDUED (I Co. 15:25f).

to the end of bringing all creation under His rule!

# THE COVENANTAL HOUSE

**A** POPULAR BUT ERRONEOUS SCHOOL OF THOUGHT VIEWS EACH OF GOD'S COVENANTS SEPARATELY, AS UNRELATED WITH EVERY NEWER COVENANT SUPPLANTING THE PRIOR COVENANT. THIS IS LIKE LOOKING INTO THE ROOMS OF A HOUSE AND FAILING TO SEE THEIR CONNECTION, RELATIONSHIP, AND PURPOSE IN SERVING THE FAMILY THAT DWELLS THEREIN. IN FACT, THIS VIEW CLAIMS THAT THERE ARE TWO DISTINCTLY DIFFERENT FAMILIES OF GOD'S PEOPLE!



**B**UT AN ARCHITECT, LOOKING DOWN ON A MODEL OF A HOUSE HE HAS DESIGNED, SEES IT AS A UNIFIED WHOLE, WITH EACH ROOM OPENING INTO OTHERS AND SERVING ONE GRAND PURPOSE...  
...IT IS A HOME FOR A FAMILY!

**G**OD HAS ONE COVENANT PEOPLE THROUGHOUT HISTORY! EACH PARTICULAR COVENANT GRACIOUSLY SUPPLEMENTS THE PRECEDING COVENANTS, EXTENDING THE PROMISES WHICH ARE CENTERED IN, AND FINALLY REALIZED IN **JESUS CHRIST**, THE ONLY REDEEMER OF GOD'S ELECT!



AND SO, THE BIBLE, IF NOT VIEWED THROUGH COVENANTAL EYES, CANNOT BE RIGHTLY UNDERSTOOD, AND ITS MESSAGE IS PERVERTED!

# COVENANTAL ABC'S

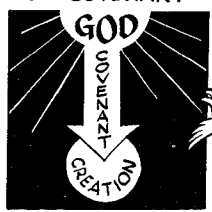
THE BIBLE IS A COVENANTAL BOOK. THE HEBREW WORD "BERITH" TRANSLATED "COVENANT," APPEARS 300 TIMES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT. IT COMES FROM A ROOT WORD MEANING "TO CUT" OR "TO BIND" AND CONVEYS THE IDEA OF CREATING A NEW RELATIONSHIP (NOT EXISTING BEFORE) BETWEEN TWO PARTIES. AND "JEHOVAH" IS THE COVENANT NAME OF GOD. IN THE NEW TESTAMENT THE GREEK WORD "DIATHEKE" IS USED 30 TIMES AS THE EQUIVALENT OF THE HEBREW "BERITH!"

DEFINITION:

**COVENANT** - A MUTUALLY BINDING COMPACT BETWEEN GOD AND HIS PEOPLE, SOVEREIGNLY TRANSACTED BY THE LORD, WHEREIN A PROMISE IS MADE BY GOD WHICH CALLS FOR TRUST ON THE PART OF HIS PEOPLE, AND ENTAILS OBLIGATIONS OF SUBMISSION WHICH ARE SANCTIONED BY BLESSINGS AND CURSES.

## The Five Point Covenant Structure

GOD, WHO MADE ALL THINGS, DEALS WITH HIS CREATION BY COVENANT



WE CAN BE BOTH SPIRITUALLY AND MATERIALLY PROSPEROUS IF WE LIVE IN OBEDIENCE TO THE TERMS OF GOD'S COVENANT!

### GOD'S COVENANT

THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY SHOWS US THE 5-POINTS OF COVENANTALISM.



**WHO'S IN CHARGE HERE?**  
(TRANSCENDENCE)

DEUT. 1:1-5



GOD IS TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM HIS CREATION, YET EVERYWHERE PRESENT AND IN CONTROL OF ALL THINGS! WE ARE ALL ACCOUNTABLE TO HIM!  
(DANIEL 4:35  
EPHESIANS 1:11  
II COR. 5:10)

GOD VOLUNTARILY BINDS HIMSELF TO HIS CREATION BY THE TERMS OF HIS COVENANT - JER. 33:19-26



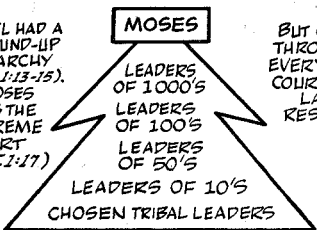
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**TO WHOM DO I REPORT? (HIERARCHY)**

GOD RULES FROM HEAVEN THROUGH EARTHLY INSTITUTIONS, ACCORDING TO A REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM.

DEUT. 1: 6-4:35

ISRAEL HAD A GROUND-UP HIERARCHY (DEUT. 1:13-15). MOSES WAS THE SUPREME COURT (DEUT. 1:17)



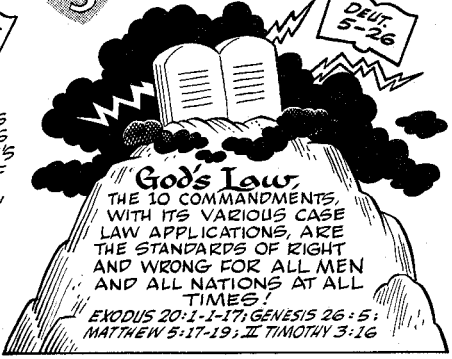
BUT GOD'S THRONE IS EVERYONE'S COURT OF LAST RESORT!

THE REPRESENTATIVE PRINCIPLE MAKES EVERYONE ACCOUNTABLE TO SOMEONE

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**WHAT ARE THE RULES? (ETHICS)**

DEUT. 5-26



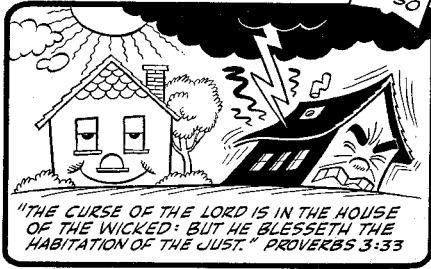
**God's Law**  
THE 10 COMMANDMENTS, WITH ITS VARIOUS CASE LAW APPLICATIONS, ARE THE STANDARDS OF RIGHT AND WRONG FOR ALL MEN AND ALL NATIONS AT ALL TIMES!

EXODUS 20:1-17; GENESIS 26:5; MATTHEW 5:17-19; II TIMOTHY 3:16

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**WHAT HAPPENS IF I OBEY OR DISOBEY? (SANCTIONS)**

DEUT. 27-30



"THE CURSE OF THE LORD IS IN THE HOUSE OF THE WICKED, BUT HE BLESSETH THE HABITATION OF THE JUST." PROVERBS 3:33

ISRAEL WAS BLESSED IN ALL AREAS OF LIFE FOR OBEDIENCE AND CURSED FOR DISOBEDIENCE!

THE 5 POINTS OF COVENANTALISM ARE ALSO THE STRUCTURE FOR FAMILY, CHURCH, & STATE

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**DOES THIS OUTFIT HAVE A FUTURE? (CONTINUITY)**

DEUT. 31-34

THERE WAS A CONFIRMATION OF THE TRUE HEIRS THAT TRANSFERRED INHERITANCE TO THE NEXT GENERATION THROUGH... COVENANT RENEWAL, CONQUEST BY OBEDIENCE, AND DISCIPLING OF THE NEXT GENERATION!



"I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT ON YOUR OFFSPRING." ISAIAH 44:3

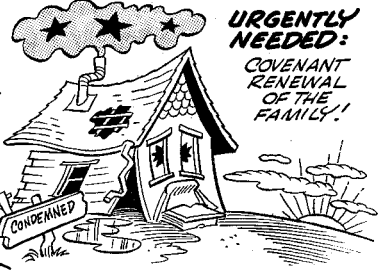
THE FAMILY IS THE HOT-HOUSE OR TRAINING GROUND FOR ALL THOSE WHO FUNCTION IN ALL OTHER SPHERES OF HUMAN ACTION. SO THE FAMILY IS SOCIETY'S BASIC UNIT!

**the COVENANTAL FAMILY**  
SHOULD EXHIBIT ALL OF THE FIVE POINTS OF COVENANTALISM...

- 1 WHO'S IN CHARGE HERE?
- 2 TO WHOM DO I REPORT?
- 3 WHAT ARE THE RULES?
- 4 WHAT HAPPENS IF I OBEY OR DISOBEY?
- 5 DOES THIS OUTFIT HAVE A FUTURE?

**the COVENANT BREAKING FAMILY**

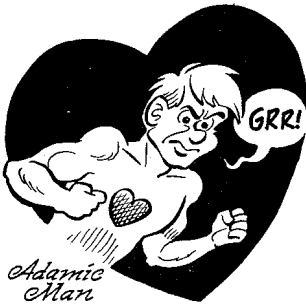
TODAY, THE MODERN FAMILY (EVEN SOME "CHRISTIAN" FAMILIES) IS FRACTURED AND DECOVENANTALIZED!



**URGENTLY NEEDED:**  
COVENANT RENEWAL OF THE FAMILY!

# COVENANTAL SALVATION

## COVENANT UNFAITHFULNESS



**S**INCE ADAM'S FALL ALL MEN ARE BORN COVENANT BREAKERS (Gen. 6:7) AND SPIRITUALLY DEAD (Ro. 5:8-9; Gal. 3:1-3); ALSO "THE WORK OF GOD'S LAW" WRITTEN ON THEIR HEARTS IS DISTORTED AND SUPPRESSED (Ro. 2:15; 1:18-21).

**M**AN'S HEART IS DECEITFUL (Jer. 17:9-10), AND HE CANNOT CHANGE HIMSELF (Jer. 13:23).

HE CANNOT WILL TO LOVE AND OBEY GOD!

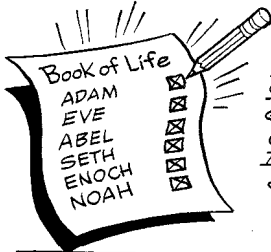


## GOD'S ELECTION

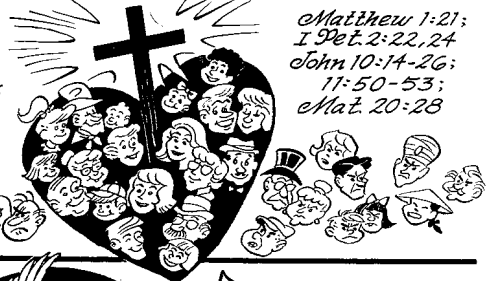
**B**UT GOD, THE FAITHFUL COVENANT KEEPER, HAS FROM ETERNITY CHOSEN A PEOPLE UNTO SALVATION.

## LIMITED ATONEMENT

**J**ESUS CHRIST, THE SINLESS SON OF GOD DIED AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR GOD'S ELECT COVENANT PEOPLE TO SATISFY DIVINE JUSTICE.



*I Pet. 1:2  
Ro. 9:11, 15  
John 15:16  
Ep 1:4, 5, 11  
I Thes. 2:13  
Gal. 3:29*



*Matthew 1:21;  
I Pet. 2:22, 24  
John 10:14-26;  
11:50-53;  
Mat. 20:28*

## GOD'S IRRESISTIBLE GRACE

IS Poured OUT UPON HIS COVENANT PEOPLE, REGENERATING THEIR HEARTS; GIVING THEM REPENTANCE AND FAITH!



"AND YOU HATH HE QUICKENED WHO WERE DEAD IN TRESPASSES AND SINS" (Ep 2:1). ALSO Phil. 2:13; Jn. 3:6, 7; Titus 3:5; Ro. 8:14; Mat. 22:14

## GOD'S COVENANTAL PERSEVERANCE

**N**ONE OF CHRIST'S SHEEP CAN BE SNATCHED FROM HIS HAND (John 10:28, 29), FOR GOD IS FAITHFUL TO HIS COVENANT (Deut. 7:9; He. 10:23); AND GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT, BY HIS LIFE SUSTAINING POWER IN THE HEARTS OF BELIEVERS, ENABLES THEM TO WORK-OUT THEIR SALVATION (Phil. 2:13).

