

ASK THE SOCIOLOGIST

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Two important questions

1. Which Covenant are you living under?
2. Who is your priest?

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Research different English and other language translations of the Bible at <http://www.biblegateway.com/>.

Biblical Covenants

I. Eden Covenant

Genesis 1:26-31; Genesis 2:16-17

COVENANT TERMS:

1. Man directed to be reproduce and assume responsibility for the animals and all the earth.
2. Every plant yeilding seeds was given to man as food except the tree of knowledge of good and evil. (Note that meat was not on the menu for man.)
3. Animals of the earth given all the plants to eat.
4. If man eats the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil he will die.

Genesis 1:26-31 (New American Standard Bible)

26Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

28God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

29Then God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you;

30and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that moves on the earth which has life, I have given every green plant for food"; and it was so.

31God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Genesis 2:16-17 (New American Standard Bible)

16The LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely;

17but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."

II. Adam Covenant

Genesis 2:15; Gen 3:14; Genesis 3:16-19; Romans 8:21; Romans 16:20; 2 Corinthians 11:3, 14; Ephesians 2:5; Revelation 12:9

III. Noah Covenant

Genesis 9:1-18; Genesis 9:3-4

IV. Abraham Covenant

Genesis 12:1-4,6-7; Genesis 13:14-18; Genesis 15:1-21; Genesis 17:1-8, 19-22; Genesis 22:15-18; Genesis 26: 2-5; Transferred to Jacob Genesis 28:34; Genesis 50:24-26, Exodus 2:24; Exodus 6:2-8; Psalm 105:8-11; Luke 1:67-75; Hebrews 6:13-18

Provisions of the Abrahamic Covenant at <http://www.truthnet.org/endtimes/2/>

1. Abraham would be a great nation
2. Abraham name would be great
3. Blessing to those who bless Abraham's descendents
4. Curses to those who curse Abraham's descendents
5. Land of Moriah promised to Abraham's descendents
6. All families of the Earth blessed in Abraham
7. Abraham father of many nations
8. Everlasting covenant with Isaac, and his descendents
9. Covenant descendents will possess the gates of their enemies

V. Moses Covenant

Exodus 19:4-6; Exodus 20:1-31; Exodus 21:1-24; Exodus 24:12-31

VI. Palestine/Canaan Covenant

Deuteronomy 27-29; Deuteronomy 30:1-10; Galatians 3:17; Hosea 3:4-5; Zecariah 12:10; 13:1; Romans 11:25-27

1. The nation will be plucked off the land for unfaithfulness (Deut 28:63-68; Deut 30:1-3)
2. There will be a future repentance of Israel (Deut. 28:63-68; 30:1-3)
3. Their Messiah will return (Deut. 30:3-6)
4. Israel will be restored to the land (Deut. 30:5);
5. Israel will be converted as a nation (Deut 30:4-8; Romans 11:26-27)
6. Israel enemies will be judged (Deut. 30:7)
7. The nation will then receive her full blessing (Deut. 30:9)

VII. David Covenant

2 Samuel 7:4-16; 1 Chronicles 17:3-15; 2 Samuel 23:5, 2 Chronicles 7:18; 2Chroncles 21:7; Psalm 89:3-4; Jeremiah 33:19-26

VIII. The New Covenant

Isaiah 59:20-21; Isaiah 61:8,9; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Jeremiah 50:4-5; Ezekiel 34:25-30;

Ezekiel 36:24-29; Ezekiel 37:21-28; Leviticus 26:46; Deuteronomy 4:8; Hebrews 8:6, 13; Hebrews 9:15, 26; Hebrews 12:24, 28; Hebrews 13:20; Gal.4:4; Matthew 26:28; Mark14:24; Luke 22:20; 1 Corinthians 11:25; 2 Corinthians 3:6

COVENANT TERMS

1. Accept that Christ is your savior because he sacrificed his body for your sins. (Sacrificing his body met the blood sacrifice requirements of the old Covenants and frees man to live under the New Covenant.)
2. You are recognized as a Child of God with a direct relationship to your Father. (In Christian doctrine you become your own Priest. With this comes responsibility for your own spiritual skills development.)

Luke 22:19-21 (New American Standard Bible)

19And when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."
20And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.
21"But behold, the hand of the one betraying Me is with Mine on the table.

1 Corinthians 11:24-26 (New American Standard Bible)

24and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."
25In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."
26For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

2 Corinthians 3:1-3 (New American Standard Bible)

Ministers of a New Covenant

1Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, as some, letters of commendation to you or from you?
2You are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all men;
3being manifested that you are a letter of Christ, cared for by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

2 Corinthians 3:5-7 (New American Standard Bible)

5Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from

ourselves, but our adequacy is from God,

6who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

7But if the ministry of death, in letters engraved on stones, came with glory, so that the sons of Israel could not look intently at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face, fading as it was,

Hebrews 7 (New American Standard Bible)

Melchizedek's Priesthood Like Christ's

1For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham as he was returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him,

2to whom also Abraham apportioned a tenth part of all the spoils, was first of all, by the translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then also king of Salem, which is king of peace.

3Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, he remains a priest perpetually.

4Now observe how great this man was to whom Abraham, the patriarch, gave a tenth of the choicest spoils.

5And those indeed of) the sons of Levi who receive the priest's office have commandment in the Law to collect a tenth from the people, that is, from their brethren, although these are descended from Abraham.

6But the one whose genealogy is not traced from them collected a tenth from Abraham and blessed the one who had the promises.

7But without any dispute the lesser is blessed by the greater.

8In this case mortal men receive tithes, but in that case one receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives on.

9And, so to speak, through Abraham even Levi, who received tithes, paid tithes,

10for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him.

11Now if perfection was through the Levitical priesthood (for on the basis of it the people received the Law), what further need was there for another priest to arise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be designated according to the order of Aaron?

12For when the priesthood is changed, of necessity there takes place a change of law also.

13For the one concerning whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no one has officiated at the altar.

14For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, a tribe with reference to which Moses spoke nothing concerning priests.

15And this is clearer still, if another priest arises according to the likeness of Melchizedek,

16who has become such not on the basis of a law of physical requirement, but according to the power of an indestructible life.

17For it is attested of Him,

"YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER
ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK."

18For, on the one hand, there is a setting aside of a former commandment because of its weakness and uselessness

19(for the Law made nothing perfect), and on the other hand there is a bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.

20And inasmuch as it was not without an oath

21(for they indeed became priests without an oath, but He with an oath through the One who said to Him,

"THE LORD HAS SWORN
AND WILL NOT CHANGE HIS MIND,
'YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER'");

22so much the more also Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant.

23The former priests, on the one hand, existed in greater numbers because they were prevented by death from continuing,

24but Jesus, on the other hand, because He continues forever, holds His priesthood permanently.

25Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

26For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens;

27who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the sins of the people, because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.

28For the Law appoints men as high priests who are weak, but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, appoints a Son, made perfect forever.

Hebrews 8 (New American Standard Bible)

A Better Ministry

1Now the main point in what has been said is this: we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,

2a minister in the sanctuary and in the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not man.

3For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices; so it is necessary that this high priest also have something to offer.

4Now if He were on earth, He would not be a priest at all, since there are those who offer the gifts according to the Law;

5who serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things, just as Moses was warned by God when he was about to erect the tabernacle; for, "SEE," He says, "THAT YOU MAKE all things ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN WHICH WAS SHOWN YOU ON THE MOUNTAIN."

6But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises.

A New Covenant

7For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second.

8For finding fault with them, He says,

"BEHOLD, DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD,

WHEN I WILL EFFECT A NEW COVENANT

WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND WITH THE HOUSE OF JUDAH;

9NOT LIKE THE COVENANT WHICH I MADE WITH THEIR FATHERS

ON THE DAY WHEN I TOOK THEM BY THE HAND

TO LEAD THEM OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT;

FOR THEY DID NOT CONTINUE IN MY COVENANT,

AND I DID NOT CARE FOR THEM, SAYS THE LORD.

10"FOR THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD:

I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR MINDS,

AND I WILL WRITE THEM ON THEIR HEARTS.

AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD,

AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.

11"AND THEY SHALL NOT TEACH EVERYONE HIS FELLOW CITIZEN,

AND EVERYONE HIS BROTHER, SAYING, 'KNOW THE LORD,'

FOR ALL WILL KNOW ME,

FROM THE LEAST TO THE GREATEST OF THEM.

12"FOR I WILL BE MERCIFUL TO THEIR INIQUITIES,

AND I WILL REMEMBER THEIR SINS NO MORE."

13When He said, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear.