



# With God, Covenant is More Than We Think! | KIB 528

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Covenant is the Secret the Enemy Never Understood

## **Premise:**

Covenant is not merely something God uses; it reflects an intrinsic aspect of who He is and how He consistently relates to creation.

## **1. Covenant Flows from God's Nature**

Scripture reveals that God is relational, faithful, and self-consistent.

Covenant is the structured expression of those attributes.

- **Relational** – God initiates relationship, not distance
- **Faithful** – He binds Himself to His word (i.e., Covenant Words)
- **Immutable** – He does not change (Mal. 3:6)

## **Key Text**

### **Genesis 17:7 (ESV)**

“And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.”

This is not just a contract—it is **God committing Himself to be God to someone**. That is relational identity language.

## a. God's Interaction is an Expression of Covenant

There must have been a covenant with creation itself.

### **Romans 8:19–25 (ESV)**

**19** For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. **20** For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope **21** that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. **22** For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. **23** And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. **24** For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? **25** But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

It is as if Creation itself, along with redeemed humanity, is longing for the fulfillment of the Covenant (i.e., promises of God) that will be fulfilled in many ways during the Millennial Reign!

## **2. Covenant as God's Consistent Operating System**

From Genesis to Revelation, God consistently works through covenant:

### **Major Biblical Covenants**

- **Adamic (implicit)** – stewardship and dominion
- **Noahic** – preservation of creation (Gen. 9)

- **Abrahamic** – promise, inheritance, nation (Gen. 12, 15, 17)
- **Mosaic** – national constitution of Israel (Ex. 19–24)
- **Davidic** – kingship and Messiah (2 Sam. 7)
- **New Covenant** – internal transformation through Messiah (Jer. 31, Ezek. 36)

This pattern shows that covenant is not occasional—it is **God’s chosen framework for governance and relationship.**

### 3. Covenant and the Character of God

#### a. God Binds Himself by His Word

##### Psalm 89:34 (ESV)

“I will not violate my covenant or alter the word that went forth from my lips.”

God voluntarily limits His actions to align with what He has spoken. That is covenantal integrity.

#### b. Covenant Reveals God’s *Hesed* (Lovingkindness)

The Hebrew word **חֶסֶד** (*hesed*) is often translated:

- steadfast love
- covenant loyalty
- faithful mercy

This is not general kindness—it is **loyal love within a covenant relationship.**

## c. Covenant Demonstrates God's Justice and Mercy Together

Covenant creates:

- **Legal structure** (blessings/curses, accountability)
- **Relational intimacy** (God dwelling among His people)

This is why our courtroom warfare framework is valid—covenant establishes **legal standing before God's throne**.

## 4. The New Covenant: Covenant Internalized

The New Covenant does something radical—it moves covenant from external law to internal transformation.

### **Jeremiah 31:33 (ESV)**

“I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”

### **Ezekiel 36:26–27 (ESV)**

“And I will give you a new heart... And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes.”

Here we see:

- Covenant is no longer just **agreement**
- It becomes **transformation of nature**

## 5. Is Covenant Part of God's Essence?

Here's the precise theological answer:

- **God is not dependent on covenant to exist** (so it is not His essence like holiness or eternity)
- **But covenant is the primary way His nature expresses itself toward creation**

In other words:

👉 Covenant is not what God *is*,  
 👉 but it is inseparable from how God *reveals Himself and governs relationship*.

## 6. The Ultimate Revelation: Jesus as Covenant

The New Covenant is not just a system—it is embodied in Christ.

### **Luke 22:20 (ESV)**

“This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

### **Hebrews 8:6 (ESV)**

“Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent... since he is the mediator of a better covenant.”

In Messiah:

- God doesn't just make covenant
- **He becomes the guarantor, mediator, and fulfillment of it**

## 7. When Jesus Returns, He is Looking for Those that are Faithful to the Covenant

### **Luke 18:5–8 (ESV)**

5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’ ” 6 And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. 7 And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? 8 I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

**Faith (pistis):** BDAG – Faithfulness, reliability, fidelity, commitment, confidence, faith.

Jesus is asking the question: When I come back to judge the world for the sake of my people, will I find those who are still faithful (having fidelity) to My covenant?

## **8. Final Insight About Covenant Regarding Both Humanity and Angels**

- Covenant is **unique to God’s redemptive relationship with humanity** (Humanity is also connected to Creation)
- The heavenly realm operates on **law, order, and authority—but not covenantal intimacy**
- This explains why:
  - Fallen angels are judged without redemption
  - Believers are redeemed and elevated

### **1 Corinthians 6:3 (ESV)**

“Do you not know that we are to judge angels?”

That statement only makes sense if:

👉 **Believers stand in a higher covenantal position than angels**