

Lesson 1

OVERVIEW

I. DEFINITIONS OF COVENANT:

- English: An _____, usually formal, between two or more persons, a _____.
- Hebrew:
Beriyth (pronounced ber-eeth) – A _____, treaty, alliance, or _____
between two parties of equal or unequal authority.

Karath - _____
- Greek: Diatheke – a disposition, a _____, a _____
- Biblical: a _____ agreement between _____ and _____


(John 1:16-17 NIV) From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. For the law (*Old Testament*) was given through Moses; grace (*New Testament*) and truth came through Jesus Christ.

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STUDY/ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) List other words that can be used in place of the term “covenant”? (Name at least three)

- 2) We learned that the Bible is actually divided into the Old Covenant and the New Covenant and that Covenants are valid agreements that are in effect right now between God and man. Does this affect your viewpoint of the importance of God’s Word? If so, how?

-  3) Describe the ceremony used when a covenant is “cut” especially when it is a “blood” covenant.

**Prepare for Next Week:
GOD'S COVENANT WITH NOAH**

READ Genesis 9:8-17. This is the story of the Covenant of Noah.

8A) What type of Covenant is this - Unconditional? Equal? Conditional? (Circle one) Explain why.

8B) What promise was given in this covenant? (Verse 11)

8C) What is the sign of this covenant? (Verse 13)

8D) How do we know that this covenant is still in effect?

8E) What does the fact that this covenant still exists mean to you personally?

✝ 9) What did you learn about God's Covenants from your Quiet Time this week?

PERSONAL PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:
Ask God to make His Covenant promises "known" to you

Daily Quiet Time

“To Know and Keep His Covenant”

We learned this week about the presence of pacts or covenant agreements in our lives. This may have been completely new information. It can change the way we live our lives once we learn that God has made promises to us that are lasting and eternal if we have “cut covenant” with Him. There are also actions that God requires of His Covenant partners that we need to know about. During your daily quiet time this week, learn more about what God’s Word says about His Covenants.

Every day this week, do the following things:

- 1) Look at the Scripture passages designated for each day.
- 2) Circle the word “Covenant” and look at the context of the passage. Who is involved in the covenant that the passage refers to? What promise do you find or what action is required?
- 3) Meditate – sit quietly and think – about what you read each day.
- 4) Journal – write down in the space provided – whatever God reveals to you in these passages. Remember God has promised to make “known” His Covenants to those who fear Him.

Day 1: Exodus 19:3-6