

**The Expectations of New #3:
The Old New Covenant**

I. Here are the details of the Old “new” Covenant

A. The Call of Abraham

Genesis 12:1 Then the LORD said to Abram, “Leave your country, your kindred, and your father’s household, and go to the land I will show you. (BSB)

B. The Promises Given to Abraham

Genesis 12:2-3 ²I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you; and all the families of the earth will be blessed through you.” (BSB)

C. The Sealing of The Promises

1. The Firepot Experience

Genesis 15:17-18 ¹⁷When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, behold, a smoking firepot and a flaming torch appeared and passed between the halves of the carcasses. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I have given this land—from the river of Egypt to the great River Euphrates—.” (BSB)

2. The Seal of Circumcision

Genesis 17:12-14 ¹²Generation after generation, every male must be circumcised when he is eight days old, including those born in your household and those purchased from a foreigner—even those who are not your offspring. ¹³Whether they are born in your household or purchased, they must be circumcised. My covenant in your flesh will be an everlasting covenant. ¹⁴But if any male is not circumcised, he will be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant.” (BSB)

3. The Giving of The Law

Romans 2:17-18 ¹⁷You who call yourselves Jews are relying on God’s law, and you boast about your special relationship with him. ¹⁸You know what he wants; you know what is right because you have been taught his law. (NLT)

4. The Promise of a New Covenant

Jeremiah 31:31 Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.

II. What should be our response to the Old Covenant?

A. We must respect the recipients of the original covenant that God had with mankind.

B. We must look at the reasons for the original commandments and fulfill the intent of each one!

Matthew 5:17-20 ¹⁷Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have not come to abolish them, but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For I tell you truly, until heaven and earth pass away, not a single jot, not a stroke of a pen, will

disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹So then, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do likewise will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever practices and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you that unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. (BSB)

Next Week: We will look at the New Covenant that we are in now.