

## *Study Guide*

**Series:** Covenant Keepers

**Message:** *God's Covenant People*

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**Scripture:** Exodus 24.7-8, 11



**Objective:** Understanding how the church walks in **covenant** with God and one another as *outlined* in the Scriptures.

### **Introduction:**

**What is a covenant?** A *sacred* agreement that *binds* two or more parties together and *obligates* them to *fulfill the terms* of the covenant.

**Biblical covenants** entail (1) **terms:** promises and penalties; (2) **sacrifice:** commitment; (3) **sign:** outward indicator; and (4) **meal:** the oneness of the union.

**Covenants** are **unilateral** and **bilateral**.

### **God is a God of Covenant:**

**Biblical covenants:** (1) Adam and Eve (Genesis 1.26-28, 2.8,16-25); (2) Noah's (Genesis 9.11); (3) Abrahamic (Genesis 12.1-3, 15.17-18, 17.1-1-8); (4) Mosaic-Law (Exodus 19-24); (5) Davidic (2 Samuel 7.12-16); and (6) Christ (Luke 22.20)

### **God's Covenant People:**

**Leviticus 26.12.** 'I will **walk among you** and **be your God**, and you **will be my people.**' (NIV)

**Deuteronomy 7.6.** 'For you are a people **holy to the Lord** your God. The Lord your God has **chosen you out** of all the peoples on the face of the earth to **be his people**, his **treasured possession.**' (NIV)

**Hosea 2.23b.** "I will say to those called 'Not my people,' 'You **are my people**'; and they will say, 'You **are my God.**' (NIV)

**Luke 22.20.** After supper he took another **cup of wine** and said, "This **cup** is the **new covenant** between God and his people - an **agreement confirmed with my blood**, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you.' (NLT)

**2 Corinthians 6.16.** What **agreement** is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: '**I will live with them** and **walk among them**, and I will be their **God**, and they will be **my people.**' (NIV)

**Revelation 21.3.** “And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will **be his people**, and **God himself** will be with them and **be their God.**” (NIV)

**Marital Covenant: Genesis 2.24.** That is why a man **leaves** his father and mother and is **united** to his wife (covenant ceremony) and they **become one flesh.** (NIV) (**terms** – promises; **sacrifice** - selfless death; **sign** – ring; **meal** – reception)

### Message: God’s Covenant People

1. \_\_\_\_\_: v7a. Then he took the Book of the **Covenant** (terms) and read in the hearing of the people.

God established a relationship with His people through this covenant, and the laws were given to help them live in a way that honored this relationship. These laws covered various aspects of life: worship, social justice, behavior and purity.

2. \_\_\_\_\_: v7b. And they said, “**All** that the Lord has said **we will do, and be obedient** (promise).”

The people’s confession reflects a commitment (promise) to enter into covenant with God. God will be their God, and they will be His people, and they will live according to the terms of the covenant. **Worshipper**, your life has been set apart as **holy**, and **offered** to God as a living sacrifice, dedicated to His service. References: Romans 12.1, John 4.24

3. \_\_\_\_\_: v8. And Moses took the **blood**, sprinkled it on the people, and said, “This is the **blood** of the **covenant** which the Lord has made with you *according* to all these words.”

Blood signifies the **sealing** of the covenant, **separating** of the people and the **sacrifice** made to establish the covenant. It represents the people’s willingness to uphold the terms of covenant, even at the cost of their own lives.

4. \_\_\_\_\_: v.11. But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. So, they **saw God**, and they **ate and drank**.

The covenant meal symbolized remembrance, fellowship, and blessings.

### Reflections

1. What does God’s covenant mean to me personally?
2. How do I respond to the terms of the covenant?
3. How can I honor my covenant with God?
4. Do I appreciate the sacrifices Christ made to establish our covenant?
5. Am I living as a representative of God’s covenant to the world?