The Bible: Covenants

Chapter 8 Summary

Chapter Learning Objectives

The participants will examine the covenants God made with human beings.

The participants will examine how God’s covenant with his people is fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

The participants will reflect on how they can be faithful to God’s Law today.

Content Summary

1. God is faithful to his promises; therefore, we can trust him.

2. Covenants are promises made between God and human beings.

3. The covenant with Noah is the first covenant described in the Bible. The rainbow is identified as the symbol of that covenant.

4. In the covenant with Abraham, God promises to make Abraham’s descendants a great people, and Abraham promises to be faithful to God.

5. In the covenant with Moses, God promises to be the God of the Chosen People and to protect them. In turn, they promise to obey God’s Law.

6. In the covenant with David, God promises to establish David’s throne forever. This covenant was fulfilled through Jesus Christ.

7. The covenant fulfilled through Jesus Christ is called the New Covenant. It is really the fulfillment of the covenants God made with Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David.

8. In the New Covenant, God promises salvation through his Son, Jesus Christ. Through the first Apostles and the Church today, this promise of salvation is preached to all, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

9. When Christ returns, God’s promise of salvation will be complete.

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