

Covenant Character, Part I

Genesis 17:1-8

As covenant members we must humbly submit to our sovereign God...

1. in practice.

Genesis 17:1a | ¹ When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless,

2. in performance.

Genesis 17:1b | ¹ “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless,

3. in posture.

Genesis 17:2-3a | ² that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” ³ Then Abram fell on his face.

Ephesians 2:8-9 | For by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God, not of works lest any man should boast.

4. in personality.

Genesis 17:3b-6 | ^{3b} And God said to him, ⁴ “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, & kings shall come from you.

2 Corinthians 5:17 | ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

5. in perpetuity.

Genesis 17:7-8 | ⁷ And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your off-spring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ⁸ And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God.”

John 6:37, 40³⁷ All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out...⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

Revelation 21:1-4¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."