

## LESSON 9

# Divine Covenants of Laws

- Objective** : To make deep knowledge about the faithfulness of God.
- Bible Portion** : Genesis 1:26-31; 8:21-9:17; 15:12-18.
- Memory Verse** : 2 Corinthians 1:20

For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

### **Introduction :**

Haven't we studied about how God intervened with people from the Dispensation of innocence to the eternity of the age of future from the lessons of dispensations? It's highly important to learn something

about the covenants God made in those ages. Let's learn about 8 covenants which are highly important.

### **1. Edenic Covenant**

This is the covenant God made with people in the dispensation of innocence (Gen. 1:28-30; 2:15-17). We read about this covenant in these passages. The important agreements are:

1. Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.
2. Rule over every living creature
3. Labour in the Garden of Eden and subdue it.
4. Live as herbivorous.
5. Should not eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If they kept these rules they could have lived forever in constant fellowship with God in garden. But they broke the covenant.

### **2. Adamic Covenant**

This is the covenant God made with Adam and Eve after the violation of first covenant (Gen. 3:13-21). The hardship due to sin are mentioned in this. God also gave them the promise 'the seed of women will bruise the head of serpent'. But the Adamic generations neglected this promise and lived in curse. This was fulfilled in Jesus who was born as the son of women.

### **3. God's Covenant with Noah (Gen.8:21-9:17)**

This is the covenant that God made to Noah after the destruction of the Earth by flood. We see the reflection of God's love to men is here. The covenant was given at the beginning of men's rule. Let us examine the important conditions of the covenant:

1. God will never curse the ground because of man.
2. God will never destroy the living creatures by flood.
3. Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth.
4. You must not eat meat that has its life blood in it.

5. God will demand an accounting for the life of man. As the sign of covenant, God showed the men the rainbow.

#### **4. God's Covenant with Abraham (Gen.15:12-18)**

This is the covenant that God made to Abraham as he left his country due to faith in God. The conditions of the covenant is repeated to Issac and Jacob.

Let us examine the conditions in this covenant

1. All the people on the earth will be blessed through his offspring, and the promise of God also has been given. Gen.12:3,15:5
2. The descendants of Abraham shall inherit the lands from Egypt to Euphrates.
3. The descendants of Abraham will have to go exile in a country, not their own, for four hundred years.

#### **5. God's Covenant with Moses (Ex.19:25-20:17,24:6-8)**

This is the covenant that God made to Israel at the time of Moses. Ten Commandments contain the laws related to men, is the main part of this covenant. Promises are given to those who obey the commandments.

#### **6. Covenant Related to Palestine (Duet.30:3-5)**

If the people of God scatter in different parts of the World by disobedience, they will be collected to Palestine, the promised land. History testifies it as God follows his covenant.

#### **7. Covenant made to David. (2Sam.7:8-17)**

God took the kingdom from Saul who did not follow the grace of God. It was given to David and promised that his house and kingdom would be established. The covenant is fulfilled through Jesus Christ as the son of David.

#### **8. New Covenant (Heb.10:14-16, Jn.3:16, Jer.31:31)**

Man cannot approach to the Lord on the basis of Old Testament law. So God planned the redemption through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ. The content of the new covenant tells that man's get justified

and renewed through the faith in Jesus Christ. The men will be given a new heart.

All these covenants reveal the love and faithfulness of God. Let us submit ourselves to be saved by accepting Jesus as Lord and saviour and grow in Christ.

## **Questions**

1. What is the blessed promise in Adamic covenant ? How it was fulfilled?
2. What are the important conditions of covenant made to Noah?
3. What are the covenants God made to men ?
4. What are the conditions of God's covenant to Abraham ? Which is the most important among them ? How it was fulfilled?
5. What is God's covenant to David ? Explain its significance:
6. Explain the greatness of new covenant:

