

From Promise to Covenant **(Parallel: Abraham's Future is Ours Series – Part VI)**

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1. Read Genesis 17:1-2. How does this personal visit from God differ from the ones described in Gen. 12, 13, and 15?

2. Read Genesis 17:3-8. What are some of the terms and conditions of this covenant?

3. Read Gen. 17:9-14. What is expected of Abraham in return for all these blessings?

4. What other references to a covenant do you recall from reading the Bible?

5. How is a covenant different from a promise, a contract, or a friendship?

6. So, how many times does God have to say something before you believe it? And once you believe Him, what difference does that make in your life?

7. Why is it that God does not condemn Abraham for having a child with Hagar (Gen. 16:1-2), but rather chooses to intensify the relationship?

8. Pastor Steve generalized the Abraham/Sarah/Hagar situation by saying “Christians can obey God and end up in places they shouldn’t be”. How do we deal with this seeming dichotomy?

9. What is the equivalent of circumcision that all Christians could participate in today?