

Blessings & Conditions of the Covenant

Study 25: Deuteronomy 28

1. Define the word “*covenant*”? When did God enter into covenant with the people of Israel?
2. How have the people of Israel consistently responded after Moses tells them the terms of the Covenant? Suggested Reading: *Exodus 19:1-9, Exodus 24:3-8*
3. From what we learn in Genesis - Exodus, what were some of the primary covenant blessings the LORD has promised to Israel?
4. Read **Deuteronomy 28:1-14**. What are the specific covenant *blessings* the LORD details here in this passage? List every blessing the LORD is promising to do for Israel?
5. According to the LORD, what was Israel’s responsibility in the Covenant? In other words, what must the people of Israel do in order to receive these blessings from God?
6. Read **Deuteronomy 28:15-68**. According to the LORD, what are the specific *consequences* if Israel does not uphold their end of the Covenant? Write down some of those consequences the LORD warns to Israel here. In your opinion, how bad are these consequences?
7. In your own words or opinion, how would you describe the Covenant God made with Israel? Do you like this Covenant? Why or why not? What is good about this Covenant? What, if anything, are the problems with this Covenant? Do you consider this covenant to be a ‘covenant of grace’ or a conditional ‘covenant of works? Are you personally in this covenant with God? Why or why not?