GOD'S COVENANTS

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There are "nine" covenants in the Bible in two categories: 1) the *creative* covenants and 2) the *redemptive* covenants. The creative covenants are *before* the fall of Adam and the redemptive covenants are *after* the fall. God was not taken by surprise, requiring a plan B. His covenants were *predetermined* by foreknowledge in the "Everlasting Covenant" before the fall of man, wrapped up in his eternal purposes. God has always had in mind a human race that would *perfectly* reflect his image, a *holy* race that understood true love—tested by obedience. Adam and Eve failed their test, but God predetermined a net and ladder to counter their failure and ultimately restore the offspring (of their spiritual lineage) to the sinless stature they themselves once held as immortals—i.e., before they had sinned. This sinless stature would happen under the "New Covenant" (as seen in the sinless nature of Christ—the last Adam—the first fruit of our *full* redemption), and through all that the New Covenant will be fully realized and experienced in the church through the New Covenant promises pertaining to that time. In that day there will be a *sinless* people, with a *sinless* nature, through the cross of Christ and a last day's outpouring of a "third work of grace" (Feast of Tabernacles). This experience in the church will bring about the ultimate and final harvest. It will be a race of *fully* redeemed people—spirit, soul, and body.

