

## **Question 10: Why does God use covenants in history?**

### **Short answer**

God uses covenants because they are serious and stable promises: through them God shows His plan, makes commitments with His people, and teaches us how to live in relationship with Him.

### **Explanation**

A covenant is a special agreement based on promises. In the Bible, covenants are not like cold contracts: they are a way God builds a faithful relationship with people.

### **God uses covenants for at least three important reasons:**

#### **1. To show that He is faithful**

God does not change His mind like we do. When He makes a promise, He keeps it. Covenants show us that God is trustworthy and that His word is sure.

#### **2. To explain His plan over time**

The Bible tells one great story: creation, fall, promise, salvation, and new life. Covenants are like “milestones” that show how God carries out His plan, all the way to Jesus.

#### **3. To help us understand what it means to belong to God**

Covenants include God’s promises and also a call to live in a righteous way. Not because we earn God’s love, but because those who love God learn to walk with Him.

Most importantly, all covenants point to an even greater promise: the New Covenant fulfilled by Jesus, which brings us forgiveness, a new heart, and a true relationship with God.

### **Reference verses**

- **Genesis 17:7** — “I will establish my covenant... to be God to you and to your offspring after you.”
- **Jeremiah 31:33** — “This is the covenant... I will put my law within them... and I will be their God.”
- **Luke 22:20** — “This cup is the new covenant in my blood...”

## **In simple words**

A covenant is a very serious promise. God uses covenants to help us understand that He always keeps His word, that He has a plan to save people, and that He wants a real relationship with us. And the greatest promise is fulfilled in Jesus.