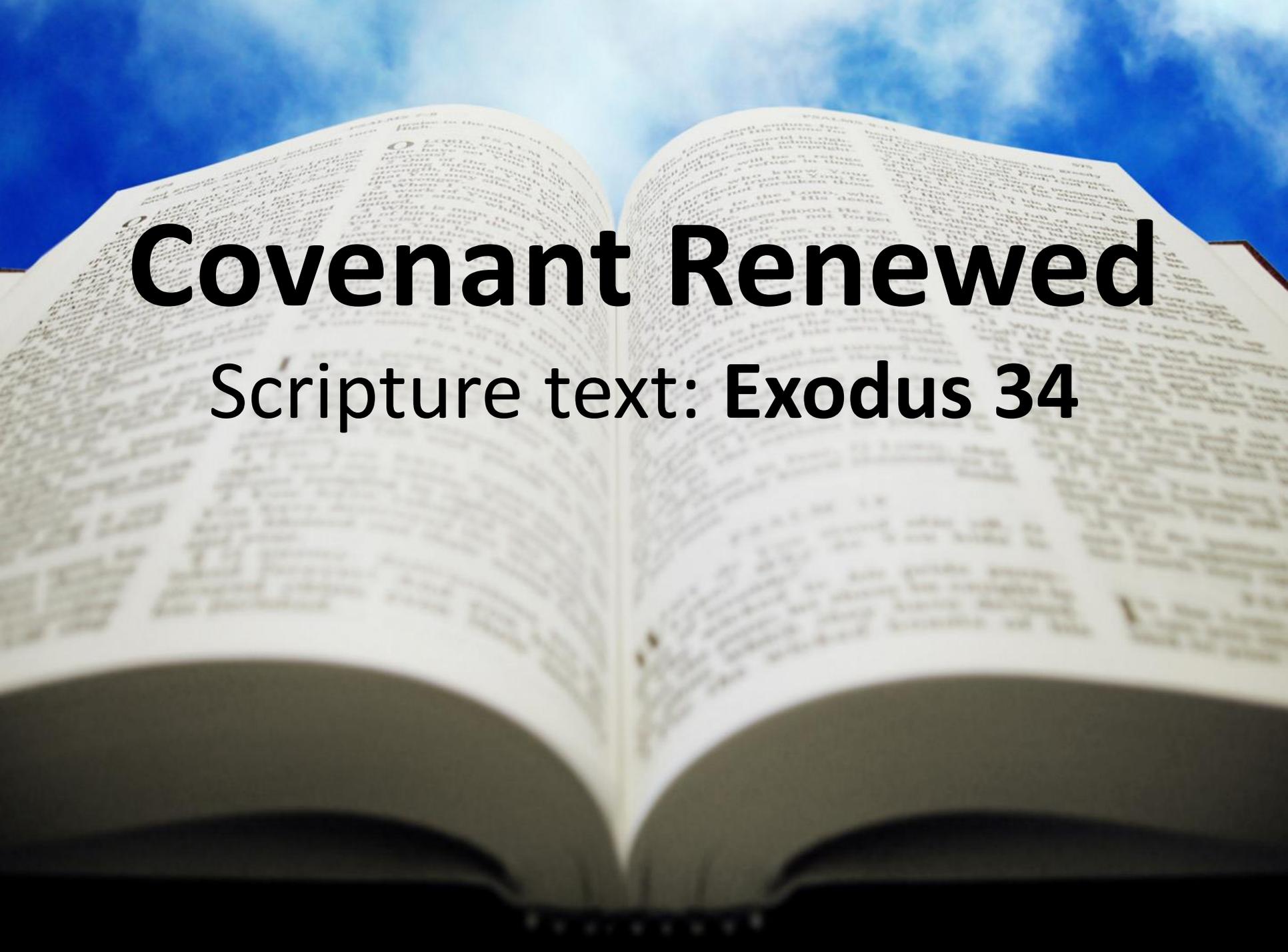


Welcome to Promise Land Bible Church
We're glad you're here!



An open Bible is shown from a low angle, looking up at the pages. The pages are filled with text, and the background is a bright blue sky with white clouds. The text is overlaid in a large, bold, black font.

Covenant Renewed

Scripture text: Exodus 34

Moses returned for another forty days with God on the mountain (34:28; Deut. 9:18, 25), and God gave him new tables of Law.

Exodus 34:28 So he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights. He neither ate bread nor drank water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.

Deuteronomy 9:18 Then I lay prostrate before the LORD as before, **forty days and forty nights. I neither ate bread nor drank water**, because of all the sin that you had committed, in doing what was evil in the sight of the LORD to provoke him to anger.

The Lord's proclamation in 34:6–7 became a standard “**statement of faith**” for the Jews (Num. 14:18; 2 Chron. 30:9; Neh. 9:17; Jonah 4:2).

Exodus 34:6-7 The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

Numbers 14:18 'The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but **he will by no means clear the guilty**, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, to the third and the fourth generation.'

2 Chronicles 30:9 For if you return to the LORD, your brothers and your children will find compassion with their captors and return to this land. **For the LORD your God is gracious and merciful and will not turn away his face from you, if you return to him."**

Nehemiah 9:17 They refused to obey and were not mindful of the wonders that you performed among them, but they stiffened their neck and appointed a leader to return to their slavery in Egypt. But you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and did not forsake them.

Jonah 4:2 And he prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster.

The earlier declaration in Ex. 20:5 states that God sends judgment “unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.”

Exodus 20:5 You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children **to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me,**

Children and grandchildren are not condemned for the sins of their ancestors, but **they may suffer because of those sins.** Once again, Moses bowed and worshiped as he communed with the Lord.

Ezekiel 18:1-4 The word of the LORD came to me: "What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? **As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.**

Romans 6:23 For the **wages of sin is death**, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Protecting the glory (34:10–28).

God reminded Moses that the people of Israel were to be different from the people living in the land of Canaan, and He warned Moses against the sin of idolatry. What is idolatry? It is exchanging the glory of the incorruptible God for an image (Rom. 1:23) and worshiping and serving the creature instead of the Creator (Rom. 1:25).

God gave Israel His Law so that they might live godly lives and manifest His glory.

Romans 1:21-25 For although they knew God, **they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him**, but they became futile in their thinking, and **their foolish hearts were darkened**. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and **exchanged the glory of the immortal God** for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. **Therefore God gave them up** in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because **they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator**, who is blessed forever! Amen.

Reflecting the glory (34:29–35).

You will want to read 2 Cor. 3 to get the spiritual lessons for today.

2 Corinthians 3:1-3 Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you, or from you? **You yourselves are our letter of recommendation**, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all. And **you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.**

2 Corinthians 3:4-8 Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but **our sufficiency is from God**, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, **not of the letter but of the Spirit**. For the letter kills, but **the Spirit gives life**. Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory?

2 Corinthians 3:9-14 For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, **the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory.** Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, **because of the glory that surpasses it.** For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, **much more will what is permanent have glory.** Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away.

2 Corinthians 3:15-18 Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. But **when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.** Now the Lord is the Spirit, and **where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.** And we all, with unveiled face, **beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.** For **this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.**

The glory of the OT Law was temporary and finally faded away, but the **glory of new covenant grace grows brighter and brighter**. Moses only reflected God's glory and had to wear a veil so the people could not see the glory disappear, but God's people today radiate God's glory from within as they see Jesus Christ in the Word (the mirror) and **become more like Him**.

2 Corinthians 3:18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, **are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another**. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.