

Deuteronomy 29:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Neither with you only do I make this covenant and this oath;

Analysis

Neither with you only do I make this covenant and this oath. The covenant extends beyond those physically present - neither with you only indicates additional parties to the covenant. This anticipates verse 15's inclusion of future generations not yet born.

This demonstrates that covenant relationship involves not just individual decision but corporate identity spanning generations. God's covenant with Israel included their descendants, creating ongoing obligation and blessing across time.

This principle operates in New Covenant church context - believers' children are included in covenant community (Acts 2:39), receiving covenant signs and blessings while growing into personal faith commitment.

The generational nature of covenant teaches that God works through families and communities, not merely isolated individuals. Faith is transmitted through covenant community's teaching and example.

Historical Context

Including future generations in covenant assembly created continuity of obligation. Each generation inherited both blessing and responsibility from parents' covenant commitment.

This parallels circumcision given to eight-day-old infants who could not consciously consent but were included in covenant community by birth.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. What does including absent parties teach about covenant's corporate nature?
2. How does generational covenant operate in creating ongoing obligation?
3. What is the relationship between infant inclusion and later personal faith commitment?
4. How does God work through families and communities to transmit faith?
5. What does this teach about children's status in covenant community?

Interlinear Text

אָנֹכִ יְلִבְדֵּךְ מִאָתֶךָ מִלְּאָנֹכִ	H3808	לְבָדְךָ מִאָתֶךָ מִלְּאָנֹכִ	H854	פְּרַת	H905	נְеִתֵּר	H595	נְеִתֵּר	H3772	אַתְּ	H853
this covenant	H1285	H2063	H853	and this oath	H423	H2063					

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