

# A More Excellent Ministry



# The Covenant With Patriarchs

- ***“For I have chosen him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice...”*** (Genesis 18:19).
- **We might dismiss this covenant as primitive, but such is a rather simplistic take on the matter. It was appropriate to the time period and relative development of mankind.**

# The Covenant With A Nation

- God made a covenant with the Israelites – they would be His holy representatives and He would facilitate national prosperity.
- Their Law was a code of ethics that encompassed almost every aspect of both personal and national life (Exodus 34:27).
- *“If you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the people...and you shall be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation” (Ex. 19:5-6).*

# The Covenant With Our Hearts

- The Law was not the final solution. That covenant had a built-in limitation (Heb. 10:1ff).
- Romans 8:3 shows that Jesus Christ was the ultimate response to the weakness of that Law. While the Law condemned, grace through Christ forgives.
- Jeremiah 31:31-34.
- Galatians 3:24-29