

A photograph of moss-covered stone steps in a forest. The steps are made of dark, flat stones and are heavily covered in bright green moss. The background is a blurred forest scene with green foliage. A white rectangular text box is overlaid in the center of the image.

A MORE EXCELLENT MINISTRY

THE COVENANT WITH A PATRIARCH

- “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 morals and laws that touched many aspects 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 FOR ALL

- 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 redeems.
- Jeremiah 31:31-34.
- Galatians 3:24-29