

# Homeschooling: Understanding God’s Covenant for Your Homeschooling Journey

Look up the following scriptures and circle every time you see the word covenant and mark God in a significant way. List any attributes of God, promises of God, or warnings God gives to those who do not keep His covenant:

Deuteronomy 7:9  
Exodus 19:5  
Numbers 25:12  
Deuteronomy 4:31

Judges 2:2  
2 Samuel 23:5  
1 Chronicles 22:19  
Psalm 89:34

What have you learned from these scriptures? What is God revealing to you?

The Assyrian word for covenant is *berit* or *beritu*, which means *to bind*. And the Latin word, *convenire* means *to come together*. Covenant is both noun and verb, so not only is it physical and tangible, but it is actionable. In essence, we are *to bind* ourselves *together* in Christ.

In order to understand a covenantal approach to homeschooling, let’s dig a little deeper, using a Word Study method. Make sure to grab that 1828 Dictionary! Read all definitions pertaining to the word **covenant** and choose those that speak to you the most. If you are like me you will find yourself jotting them all down.

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Now look back to your definition of **covenant** and highlight every time you see the word **agreement**.

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Repeat the above concept for **agreement** and highlight **promise**. I know this is tedious, but it will render insight and it is worthy of your time to complete.

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Did you notice that **promise** is also a noun and a verb? Why do you think it is important to emphasize this distinction?

Based on this word study, what have you learned about the importance of a Covenant?

Why would you want God to establish a Homeschooling Covenant with you?

God’s promises are not merely a written document; His promises are binding and actionable. He will never break His agreement with you. As homeschooling parents we must see the value in God’s covenant with us. He won’t allow our journey to be destroyed. His mission will always prosper, we only need to take up His offerings and bind them in our heart.

In the space below write a prayer asking God to reveal His covenant to you. Ask Him to direct your path and help you to seek, visualize, and put into action the promises He makes to you.

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**DIG DEEPER & SEEK SCRIPTURE:**  
Take time throughout the week to research as many scriptures regarding *covenant* and any and all synonyms. When you have the time, bullet point the main ideas below:

# **Creating Your Covenant/Vision/Mission Statement**

## **Questionnaire Worksheet #1**

1. Based on what you have learned thus far about education, the roles of the parent, and God keeping His promises, what do you believe about education?
  
2. What/Who is at the center of your educational vision? Where will you go for guidance and why? Who/what dictates each decision that you make? Where did academic subjects come from?
  
3. Are there any verses that speak to you? Can these verses become your school motto? If not a verse, what about a quote from a favorite author or something that just resonates with you.
  
4. What specifically do you feel called to do regarding homeschooling? Are you called to teach to the test, build character and virtue, build relationships, or have mastery in specific subjects? What is the desire of your heart for your children with regard to education?
  
5. List further Biblical, literary, or historic support that edifies your choices in homeschooling.

6. List what you desire your children to accomplish (spiritually/academically):

7. List the promises you will make as a parent to facilitate a healthy educational environment:

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## **Alternative Questions Worksheet**

1. What are the reasons we are homeschooling? Are we called by God? Do we want our children to understand that all academic subjects come from the Lord?
2. What is our Mission Statement or Statement of Faith? Take some time to seek the scriptures, if you haven't already. Add as many as you feel edify your 'statement'.
3. Who's the Principal? Who's the teacher(s)?
4. What is expected of the Principal?
5. What is expected of the Teacher(s)?
6. What is expected of the children (students)?
7. What are your hours of operation? How long are you committing to homeschool? How many hours a day do you want to homeschool? What time in the day works best for you? You can even set a minute per subject commitment. What will work best for your family? Do you plan to commit a year at a time, or has God made it very clear this is an all or nothing deal? Depending on the state you live in, you may have to follow some requirements, so make sure to research your state. Here is a link I highly recommend [www.HSLDA.org](http://www.HSLDA.org)

8. What is the most important thing you want your children to learn? Academics? Their walk with the Lord and everything is created by the Creator for us to understand Him more? What is it for your family?

9. What Bible verse will you use to support your answers?

10. Have the family members sign the Educational Plan under their specific title, Principal, Teacher, and Student.