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Renewing Covenant  
with Our Gracious King





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# The Kindness of God's Law

Deuteronomy 15:1-18



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# 1. God's vision of an ideal world



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“The webbing together of God, humans, and all creation in justice, fulfillment, and delight is what the Hebrew prophets called shalom. ... In the Bible, shalom means universal flourishing, wholeness and delight – a rich state of affairs in which natural needs are satisfied and natural gifts fruitfully employed, a state of affairs that inspires joyful wonder as its Creator and Savior opens doors and welcomes the creatures in whom he delights. Shalom, in other words, is the way things ought to be.”

- Cornelius Plantinga, Jr.



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2. God's prescription for his people in a fallen world.



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“On average, each person or family had at least a once-in-a-lifetime chance to start afresh, no matter how irresponsibly they had handled their finances or how far into debt they had fallen.”

– Craig Blomberg



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“These laws tested the hearts of the lender and the borrower. Am I willing to help my brother even if it proves to be costly? If I receive from my brother, am I the kind of person who will abuse his kindness?”

– Colin Smith



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“The extent to which these statutes were ever enacted is disputed. There is very little evidence that they became widely observed public law in the Promised Land.”

– D. A. Carson





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3. God's provision for the transformation of our hearts.



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The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. – Luke 4:18-19



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For there was not a needy person among them because all those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the proceeds of what was sold, and laid them at the apostles' feet. This was then distributed to each person as any had need. – Acts 4:34-35