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Nehemiah 10:1-32



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The contract with God



The Jews show that they really mean it: They, so to speak, draw up a contract with God and place themselves under the obligation to keep the Law of Moses. All the Priests, Levites and leaders of the people sign it (vv1-28).

Many others also make an oath regarding the contract. In doing so they confirm that they wish to live according to God's thoughts (vv29-30). – Do you wish to do that as well?

The contract contains seven promises made to God, of which four are contained in today's passage (vv30-32).



49. How are the people described who make an oath regarding the contract with God?

50. What are the first four promises in the Jews' contract with God?



At the time of the Old Testament it was common to confirm important statements with an oath. The Lord Jesus taught His disciples something different: Their „yes“ should be „yes“ and their „no“ should be „no“, i.e. they should always tell the truth.

That leaves no room for an oath!



God is happy with good intentions, but even more with real change and positive actions!

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49. They had separated from the heathen peoples and had enough knowledge and understanding. That means they were old enough to understand a contract. 50. They wanted to live according to the law, not get mixed up with the neighbouring peoples, not trade on the Sabbath or another holy day, and let the land lie fallow every seven years as well as discharge everyone's debt.