

MAKING A COVENANT

There are over 25 references to contracts, treaties and covenants all throughout Biblical history. A contract is a written document defining an agreement between 2 or more people to do something. It is a way to prove one's seriousness and to pledge their commitment to be held accountable to follow through on what's been promised. Someone has said that "the contract" is a man-made document that most often has "loopholes", clauses and legal jargon which subtly gives each party room to manipulate their way out of it. Whereas, a covenant is a more serious vow before God and/or with God, to be completely responsible in fulfilling the terms which have been defined and which one has committed oneself to (Eccles.5:4-5).

For those in spiritual leadership to sign a covenant defining Biblical guidelines as how to proceed in solving problems God's way, should in no way be threatening to those who are teachable and unconditionally surrendered to the Lordship of Christ. This is a much more serious pledge to sign than the things we all "mindlessly" sign throughout the course of our lifetime. It's not a legalism (man's attempts at salvation or spiritual maturity) but a natural step for the leaders to publicly declare their commitment together to handle everything according to the Scripture. This commitment is to be fulfilled for as long as one would be in the position of spiritual leadership. This covenant is made for the sake of Christ and for the protection & preservation of His church.