

## THE PRIESTLY COVENANT: PERPETUAL REPRESENTATION

Numbers 25:1–13

Good representation can make a big difference. Consider, for example, *legal* representation. The difference between a good lawyer and a bad lawyer can mean the difference between incarceration and emancipation, between a criminal record and a clean record. Obviously, it's important and beneficial to have experienced, passionate and well-equipped representation! And that's exactly what God provides for his people: representation of the highest order in the highest court before the highest Authority. While the Noahic covenant laid the *foundation* (Genesis 9), the Abrahamic covenant predicted a *location* for a *benediction-spreading population* (Genesis 12–22), and the Mosaic covenant established a means of *preservation* for that population (Exodus 20–24), the Priestly covenant promises perpetual *representation* for God's people in the presence of Almighty God.

Question 1: What is the Priestly covenant?

- A sinful setting 25:1–3  
11:1–6; 12:1–2; 13:27–29; 14:2–4  
16:1–3; 15:32; 21:5
- A merciful offer 25:4–5
- A flagrant act 25:6
- A zealous response 25:7–9
- A gracious covenant 25:10–13

Question 2: Where does the Priestly covenant fit?

Jer 33:14–18; Eze 43:18–19  
Heb 10:4, 11–14

Question 3: Why does the Priestly covenant matter?

- Thank God for good representation.
- Ask God to make us good representation.
- Cherish Christ as the ultimate Representation.