

archal days, may have been almost an undiscovered truth, was taken up by God Himself and made the pre-eminent glory of the covenant with Abraham. (Gen. 17. 7.)

Is the new covenant, secured, not in answer to the smoke from any earthly altar but "by the precious blood of Christ" shed on Calvary and continually presented by the great High Priest, who has passed into the heavens for us—is this covenant narrower than any that had gone before it? Such a thing is scarcely conceivable, but this is the point in the whole discussion, and no proof can be accepted but proof from the Word of God.

Notice first, that each of the three great Old Testament covenants is a God-arranged type of that covenant which was yet to be the glory of the Church of Christ. Now, if, when these earlier covenants are all available for the family, the new covenant is not so available, then these types, in this their common feature, do not represent the anti-type; they over-present it. They are strong where it is weak. They give covenant hold to parental faith, while it