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that He makes for our salvation, whether we have a clear and full understanding of it or whether we look at it through a glass darkly. It has always been God's desire to show the weakness and failure of humanity. This He does in various ways at different times. We glorify God by recognizing these proofs of our failure. We glorify Him still more by recognizing His marvellous grace shown at all periods and praising Him for His great goodness.

The law was always good in itself. Paul never attacked the great law God had given. Paul attacked the idea of seeking to win God's favor by carrying out provisions of the law instead of resting simply and entirely upon the marvellous grace of God.

~~XXXX~~ Many of the differences seem to be only a matter of semantics. Is there a covenant of redemption, a covenant of works, and a covenant of grace? As you point out the word is not used of such. Ye no one can question that Jesus is the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world and that Father, Son and Holy Spirit agreed before the creation as to the means of redemption that they intended to provide, whether such an agreement is called a covenant or not seems to be merely a matter of ~~XXXX~~ wording.

~~A~~ Adam was given certain marvellous privileges. He was also given certain strong prohibitions and a warning ~~EEEE~~ as to what would occur if he failed in this/^{comparatively} simple matter.