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“The first covenant made with man was a covenant of works, wherein life was promised to Adam; and in him to his posterity, upon the condition of perfect obedience.”

— The Westminster Confession of Faith (WCF), Chapter 7:2

“It is that pre-Fall agreement between God and Adam in which Adam was promised blessing and life upon obedience to the terms of the covenant and cursing and death should he disobey the terms of the covenant.”

— Theopedia, Covenant of Works.

“(1) a promise of eternal life upon the condition of perfect obedience throughout a probationary period; (2) the threat of death upon disobedience; and (3) the sacrament of the tree of life.”

— M.E. Osterhaven, Covenant Theology, in Evangelical Dictionary of Theology, ed. Walter A. Elwell (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1994), 279.