

"THE WORDS OF THE LORD ARE PURE WORDS, LIKE SILVER TRIED IN
A FURNACE OF EARTH, PURIFIED SEVEN TIMES.
YOU SHALL KEEP THEM, O LORD, YOU SHALL PRESERVE THEM FROM
THIS GENERATION FOREVER." (PSALM 12: 6 & 7)

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BREAKING COVENANT WITH GOD

(Part Two)

***"All of the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth,
To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.***

For Your name's sake, O Lord, Pardon my iniquity, for it is great.

***Who is the man who fears the Lord? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses. He himself shall
dwell in prosperity, and his descendants shall inherit the earth.***

The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him, and He will show them His covenant."

(Psalm 25: 10-14)

Emphasis added

As we continue to discuss the issue of "breaking covenant" with God it is worth repeating again the definition of the term "covenant." When God's word mentions covenant it means "an agreed upon plan to which both parties subscribe, with each accepting mutual obligations." "Covenant" means a formal binding agreement between God and His people. It is worth noting that a covenant is a formal agreement between God and those who agree to its terms and conditions. Every covenant that God has entered into with man has spelled out clearly the blessings that God would bestow upon those who met the conditions that were also spelled out in that covenant. God requires that we meet His conditions through obedience, and if we are truly "Born Again," He has supernaturally put a love for his commandments, precepts and judgments in our hearts and minds (Hebrews 8: 7-13). By giving us an inward love for His law, and His Spirit to teach us from His word, we are now able to obey Him out of hearts that love Him and are in "full agreement" with all of His terms and conditions.

Our forefathers knew the importance of coming into agreement with God's covenant conditions, and when they heard His commandments, precepts and judgments, they responded as follows:

***"Then he took the book of the covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they
said, all that the Lord has said we will do, and be obedient."***

(Exodus 24:7)

Emphasis added

King David fully understood how our Father deals with His people through covenants – covenants that He originates and puts into an easily understood form, to be presented to His people for their confirmation. Listen again to David:

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“Fear and Obedience” are critical to one’s finding favor with God, and for receiving His covenant blessings. In all of my years of searching through God’s word under the tutorship of the Holy Spirit, I have found nothing but loss of blessing and discipline, at the hand of God, for all who took His name, claimed to be one of His followers, and at the same time was void of any true fear of Him whatsoever. Likewise, for those who carry not within their heart the mark of “spiritual rebirth” (Hebrews 8:10) which is confirmed by an inward love for God’s commandments, judgments and precepts – for those too, God will withdraw His blessing and discipline accordingly. In fact, dear reader, God’s word defines as ‘wicked’ those who do not fear Him and who set His word aside as if His word was of no more import than that of the local paper boy. Listen to the word of God:

***“An oracle within my heart concerning the transgression of the wicked; There is no fear of
God before his eyes.”***

(Psalm 36:1)

***To the wicked God says: What right have you to declare My statutes, Or take My covenant in
your mouth, Seeing you hate instruction and cast My words behind you?”***

(Psalm 50: 16 & 17)

Emphasis added

God not only declares those wicked who do not fear Him and who set His word aside refusing to obey same, but He also declares that such a person has no right to claim His covenant blessings. Covenant breakers are not entitled to the benefits of the covenant. They have “no right” before God to even mention such benefits until they are restored through meek humility and heartfelt repentance. This spiritual law is revealed throughout Holy writ. (see Leviticus 26:1–45, Nehemiah 9:1-38, Ezekiel 9:1-11, Daniel 9:1-19, Luke 13:1-5, 1 John 1:5-9 & 2:3-6)

Today we are seeing much trouble in what we call the church. This trouble comes in many forms – sickness, wasting disease, divorce, homosexuality, fornication, adultery, and all sorts of addictions from alcohol and drugs to gambling and pornography, mental illness and suicide, covetness and every form of idolatry. Christians, certainly in America, are loaded down with financial debt and carry the well deserved reputation of being a people who do not pay their debts on time. We are as well represented in the bankruptcy courts as we are in the divorce courts. We

proudly proclaim that all of our troubles are nothing but attacks of the devil and his agents. We gather in our church buildings, houses and prayer closets to rebuke Satan for this and for that. We even sing songs in some groups that contain lyrics about how we are boldly marching into the enemy's camp to kick his butt and take back what we claim he stole from us. The more we sing and chide Lucifer – the more we point our fingers of blame toward him and the louder are our rebukes – the worse things become. The dust of destruction keeps piling up in the modern day church, and as it does, she just sinks deeper and deeper into “self denial.” Always blaming Lucifer, his agents or the government and its’ agents – but never looking into the mirror of God’s word and coming to the realization that covenant with God has been broken. Our current situation has come into reality, that God’s word be fulfilled. It is written:

Behold, the days are coming, “says the Lord God, “That I will send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from North to East; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but shall not find it.”

(Amos 8:11 & 12)

“Always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

(2 Timothy 3:7)

“Many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.”

For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.”

(Matthew 24:11 & 24)

For My people are foolish, They have not known Me. They are silly children, And they have no understanding. They are wise to do evil, But to do good they have no knowledge.”

(Jeremiah 4:22)

In the days of Isaiah, the people of God had broken covenant with Him as we have done today. The prophet was selected by God to go and warn the people of their grievous situation. At the same time that Isaiah was commissioned to go on behalf of God, He was told that the majority of those who would hear what he had to say, would in fact not hear at all. In other words, they would pay no attention to God’s warning whatsoever. However, God also told Isaiah that at least a tenth of those (the remnant) would hear and heed the warnings. You can read the full account of this event in Isaiah 6:1-13.

After the passing of some 700 years from the days of Isaiah, God sent His only begotten Son to the earth to again warn His people. When Jesus got here, He found that the majority were dull of hearing and no different than those of Isaiah’s day. This is what He had to say to them:

“In them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says:

Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, and seeing you will see and not perceive; for the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them.”

(Matthew 13:14-15)

Our Lord also indicated to His disciples that a few (His disciples) would have the secrets of God revealed to them (Vs. 11, 12, 16 & 17). In Matthew 28:18-20 our Lord commanded that we go and make disciples and teach them to obey Him. Only the true disciples of Jesus Christ, who have had their hearts tampered with by the Spirit of God Himself, and as a result, love His commandments, precepts and judgments – only those will have ears to hear what God has to say in these days in which we live. Dear reader, I pray that you are in fact, a true disciple of our Lord. If not, may He grant you the grace to become one. At this point it would be good to re-read Psalm 25:10-14 which is a covenant promise relating to ones being able to hear and understand the secrets of God and to have Him reveal His covenant to them.

One of the secrets of God that I believe He has revealed to me is how He deals with mankind. There are four levels where God deals with man, and as far as I have seen, there are no others.

First, God deals with man, One on one. Just you and God- just me and God.

Second, God deals with the individual’s family – your family – my family.

Third, God deals with the corporate body of Christ – your church or fellowship – my church or fellowship.

Fourth, God deals with nations.

When it comes to a covenant relationship with God, the standing of those included in the four levels above affect each other. In fact, they are critical to each other. If I, as an individual, break covenant with God, it affects my wife, my children, my grandchildren etc. Likewise, if my great grandfather on either side of my family tree broke covenant with God, after becoming a party to His covenant, it affects me, and the same applies to you, dear reader. Unless our forefathers acknowledged their iniquity, repented and sought God’s forgiveness, their iniquity will cause me and you, a loss of blessing. This precept of God is clearly revealed through His covenant with us. Listen

“The Lord is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation.”

(Numbers 14:18)

This law of God was established in His eternal covenant that we refer to as the Ten Commandments. You will find a further confirmation of this precept in Exodus 20: 5&6. You will also find its application applied by Jesus Christ as He addressed the Scribes and Pharisees in Matthew 23:35. In Leviticus chapter 26, God details many of His covenant conditions including His terms for covenant breakers to be restored to His good graces. I will quote here only three verses, but I urge you to prayerfully read the entire chapter.

“If they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers with their unfaithfulness in which they were unfaithful to Me, and that they also have walked contrary to Me, and that I also have walked contrary to them and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if their uncircumcised hearts are humbled, and they accept their guilt – then I will remember My covenant with Jacob, and My covenant with Isaac and My covenant with Abraham I will remember;”

(Vs. 40-42)

Emphasis added

Dear reader, regardless of what we have been taught by the scribes, Pharisees and false prophets of the modern day church, God’s covenant with us stands unaltered. Listen again to the voice of God:

“My covenant I will not break, nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.”

(Psalm 89:29)

Much of the dust of destruction or loss of blessing that surrounds the Christian community today is due to our forefathers having broken covenant with God and our having ignored His covenant terms by failing to heed Leviticus 26:40-42. In doing so, we have placed ourselves in a position where God must “do” as He has sworn to “do” – and as any intellectually honest person can see, our actions are now causing us much pain and suffering.

“God is not a man, That He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?”

(Numbers 23:19)

“I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it.”

(Isaiah 46:11)

“The word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it.

See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil, in that I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the Lord your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess.”

(Deuteronomy 30:14-16)

Emphasis added

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.”

(Galatians 6:7&8)

When we continue, we will examine how God deals with the corporate church and how that affects you and me. Our response to His word will determine how much deeper the dust of destruction becomes. May God grant us the grace to hear His word and the grace to walk it out. For most of us, it will mean radical change which the forces of hell will oppose and do all they can to keep us bound up in our religious prison cell.

If the Lord wills, I will write you soon. Until then, pursue Jesus with your whole being. He is now our only hope. I love you in Him.

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Please visit our website: oakhillministries.org. Click on recommended reading where you will find an address for Elizabeth Greer. Her book – “A Time for Repentance” is an excellent resource on the subject of meeting God’s covenant requirement for repentance.

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