

"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

~ IT IS WRITTEN ~

"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)

~ AND GOD SAID ~

"My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips."

(Psalm 89:34)

"My covenant I will not break! My covenant I will not break!" God has never, and will never, break covenant with man. Whatever God has agreed to, God will do! He will honor, without fail, whatever He has agreed to do. The one thing that man can depend on – that man can stake his life on – is God's covenant as outlined in His written document that we refer to as the Holy Bible. The word of God (Bible) is either what it says of Itself, or It is not. It is, in fact, the "God breathed, God inspired" word (see 2 Peter 1:20 & 21 and Luke 1:70) or It is not. Each of us must choose for ourselves, whom we will believe, by faith, either God or man. By giving each of us a "free will," Father allows us to choose either life or death – blessing or cursing – receiving the covenant promises or losing same – all hinge on who we choose to believe and follow – God or man!

God's word is His covenant reduced to writing. It is a legal binding contract between God and man. By definition it is a covenant and whether you speak Greek, Hebrew or English, the meaning is the same.

In the Greek language, it means: "a will, testament, pact, contract, an agreed upon plan to which both parties subscribe, with each accepting mutual obligations."

In the Hebrew language, covenant means: "a compact, pledge, treaty, agreement."

The English definition, according to Webster, is as follows: "a formal binding agreement."

The word covenant is used over 250 times in the Old Testament alone, and is considered one of the most theologically important words in the entire Bible. Sadly, few who call themselves followers of Jesus Christ have taken the time to examine the covenant that God has made with man, signed with His own blood and sworn to uphold forever. This act of spiritual neglect is in itself but one count of our having broken covenant with God. Listen to one of the terms of God's covenant with us:

“He is the Lord our God; His judgments are in all the earth. Remember His covenant forever, the word which He commanded, for a thousand generations.”
(1 Chronicles 16:14 & 15)

Dear saints, God's covenant agreement with us begins at Genesis 1:1 and concludes with Revelation 22:21. Contained within its pages is much fine print which spells out in easily understood detail the terms and conditions, that when met by man, would result in man's receiving God's blessing. Likewise, God's agreement with us makes it clear that if we break covenant with Him, knowingly or unknowingly, we at the very least lose the blessing that obedience would have gained us. Should we fail to adhere to the covenant terms that place us back into agreement with God (see 1 John: 1:9) there is every reason to expect Father to apply His rod of discipline to us, as disobedient children, which brings suffering, and out of suffering we learn obedience, Provided that we are truly sons and daughters of God. Otherwise, we are illegitimate. Listen –

“But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.”
(Hebrews 12:8)

~ LOOKING AT AN EXAMPLE ~

One of the terms of God's covenant directs us to discipline our children, when they are disobedient, and to do so promptly.

“He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly.”
(Proverbs 13:24)

“Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; the rod of correction will drive it far from him.”
(Proverbs 22:15)

“Do not withhold correction from a child, for if you beat him with a rod, he will not die. You shall beat him with a rod, and deliver, his soul from hell.”
(Proverbs 23: 13&14)

As we read and meditate on these covenant principals as outlined in Hebrews and Proverbs, several covenant precepts are revealed. First God would direct His people to quickly and with firmness, discipline their disobedient children. If we follow His covenant instructions

the fruit of our effort will be a child that is delivered from the foolishness of a heart of flesh. Second, the child would be delivered from Hell by turning him or her from a behavior that if left unchecked, would cause the child to become an enemy of God.

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.”

(Proverbs 22:6)

The third precept that I see here is Godly love. Godly love (agape love) applies Godly discipline, and then God Himself does what He promised to do through His covenant agreement. To fail, or to break God’s covenant by not applying His word to the child because of one’s love for the child is actually a form of unconscious hatred toward the child which is disguised as love. In addition, failure to keep God’s precepts as outlined in His covenant with us, is to dishonor Him, and though we may not like to admit it, we are calling Him a liar every time we decide that “our way” is a better way than “His way.” God views such behavior on our part as “wicked” and declares that we have no right to claim His covenant blessings. Listen to our Father:

“But 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)

It is important to remember that God disciplines us because He loves us. He takes no pleasure in having to inflict pain on us. May I suggest that if we find pleasure in disciplining our children, we are sick and need help.

There is another spiritual truth revealed in this example of how we can break covenant with God. Just as our heavenly Father has instructed us to deal with our children, so He too will deal with us (His children) in like manner. When we break covenant with Him, because He loves us so much, He will apply His rod of discipline to us. At the very least, this would mean the loss of covenant blessings that were tied to a particular precept, and at worst it could result in physical death. Should you doubt the validity of this statement please turn to 1 Corinthians Chapter 5 and read it in its entirety. Pay special attention to Paul’s words as recorded in verses 4 and 5. The following instructions were given in God’s covenant agreement that were to be followed in an instance where a believer had broken the covenant agreement by committing sexual immorality. Listen –

“In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together along with my (Paul’s) spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.”

(1 Corinthians 5:4 & 5)

Failure to keep the terms of the covenant in this example given in 1 Corinthians Chapter five would have resulted in another soul going to Hell and his sin spreading like a cancer throughout the fellowship of the believers. The covenant clearly warns us about just a little leaven (sin) left alone, will leaven the entire body.

“Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump ---“
(1 Corinthians 5:6 & 7 - also Hosea 7:4, Matthew 16:6-12, Galatians 5:9 and 2 Timothy 2:17)

Today, we need to look no further than the average local fellowship of those of us who call ourselves Christians, to see the fruit of a people who have broken covenant with God. As a whole, we are split, divided and unloving except for our own. We are no different from the Pagan world when it comes to divorce, bankruptcy, lewdness, idolatry and covetness. We are just as sick, just as diseased, and just as powerless to do anything about it, as are the Pagans. We have lots and lots of “form” but the “Power of God” is far from being manifested in our presence (2 Timothy 3:1-7). We have created, as a whole, a financial empire that could rival a Fortune 500 company, turning what should be a ‘house of prayer’ into what Jesus calls a “den of thieves” (Matthew 21: 12 & 13). Much of our leadership today is profaning God’s covenant as they twist and malign His word in an effort to control, manipulate and dominate His people. All this they do, in His name while setting His word behind them (see Matthew 23:1-15). Of these, our Lord, Jesus Christ referred, when He said:

“Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of Heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?

And then I will declare to them, I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!”

(Matthew 7:21-23)

I cannot help but wonder how many in positions of leadership, especially preachers who lead local churches, read our Lord’s words and “tremble” in meek humility before Him. According to our Lord, ‘many’ do not. May God have mercy.

If we who call ourselves the “Body of Christ” are now reflecting to a lost and dying world, the benefits and blessings of a new and better covenant, established on better promises (Hebrews 8:1-6), why in this world would they be jealous for, or attracted to, such a covenant? Can we honestly say that, as a whole, we are walking in and being led by the spirit of God, “that the righteous requirement of the law (the covenant) might be fulfilled in us” (see Romans 8:3-11)? Is the behavior of the church today reflecting the likeness and image of Jesus Christ? Are we a people who are reflecting hearts of holiness and righteousness? Are we a people who truly fear God and tremble at His word (see Isaiah 66:2)? Are we known by Christ, and referred to by Him as His friends (John 15:14)? Are we a peculiar and separated unto God people? If an honest answer before God be “no” to these questions, then there can be no doubt that covenant has been broken with God. And as long as we walk where we are walking now, the dust of destruction or loss of covenant blessing will continue to pile up. Our failure to be honest before God in this matter is to provoke His anger and guarantee His sending the rod of discipline in the form of the sword, pestilence and famine. This He does out of His love for us, in an effort to turn us from our wickedness. Our God, who never changes (Malachi 3:6), reacts today toward His people in the same manner as He always has. Like behavior on our part results in a like

response on the part of God. Let those who have ears to hear – hear what the Spirit says in this hour -----

“The time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; ---.”

(1 Peter 4:17)

“When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people,

If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

(2 Chronicles 7:13 & 14)

If there ever was a time in the History of God’s people when we needed to humble ourselves, pray and seek His face – if there ever was a time for God’s people to seek a spirit of repentance and turn from their wickedness, it is now! God’s sword, famine and pestilence is sweeping through His house in the form of judgment, and only those who have ears to hear what the Spirit of God says, and “do” as He says, will be counted among those who are numbered among the over comers described in the 91st Psalm.

We have broken covenant with God and sown the seeds of disobedience. That seed is now producing a crop of corruption within the modern day church. Sickness, disease, adultery, fornication, gluttony, idolatry, financial troubles, hero worship, sexual perversion, and religious form without power are but a few of the problems that are now spreading like cancer among those who call themselves God’s people. Not to mention a lack of fear toward God, and a total disregard for His covenant and the terms contained therein.

Man cannot break covenant with God and expect God to allow Him to enjoy the blessings of obedience. Man cannot set God’s word aside in favor of man’s word, which is a lie (Romans 3:4), and expect God to simply ignore such wickedness (Psalm 50: 16 & 17). He may, due to His long suffering (Psalm 103:8), remain silent for a season. However, He promised in His covenant that He would not keep His anger forever (Psalm 103:9). He has promised us that He will set His house in order. Listen –

“These things you have done, and I kept silent; You thought that I was altogether like you; But I will rebuke you, and set them in order before your eyes. Now consider this, you who forget God, Lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver:”

(Psalm 50:21 & 22)

God’s warnings are clear and easily understood by those who have a love for the “Truth.” For those who love not the “Truth” I can only say to you; May God have mercy on you, and on your household as the dust of destruction piles up, and surely it will. Time has a way of answering all of our questions and of proving who heard, and who did not hear - of who separated themselves unto God, fled spiritual Babylon, and took refuge in the secret place of the most High, and who did not.

I close this part of the message with a word of encouragement to those who have, or are in the process of, turning their lives totally, completely and absolutely back to Him. To those who realize that only Jesus Christ can protect them from God's judgment in the here and now and assure their eternal place with Him – To those who have chosen to believe God rather than any man, regardless of his religious title – To those our God has declared the following blessing:

“On this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word.”

(Isaiah 66:2)

This Message will continue. In the Meantime, I beg you to get before God and plead for the gift of repentance. Declare a fast (a time of separation) from the spirits of religion. In the end, religion will bring destruction upon the mass. Your religion, your church, cannot protect and keep you – it cannot get you into heaven – but it could get you into hell. That truth alone should strike fear in the heart of the boldest of religious ones. Jesus Christ and He alone is our only hope.

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