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the Blood Covenant
Secrets of
Intimacy**

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THE PRINCIPLE OF GOD'S COVENANTAL RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS FAMILY.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF COVENANT FOR THE NEW TESTAMENT BELIEVER.

INTRODUCTION:

The Bible is full of pictures of COVENANT. God has always spoken to His people in images / parables / pictures. When Jesus walked upon this earth, He used these analogies in order that we can grasp the spiritual principle in a practical / usable way.

A problem arises when the picture used comes from a culture that you know nothing about. The analogy will not make sense, you may not understand the message, and even worse you may place a wrong interpretation on the message.



Eph 2:11-13 *"11 Therefore, remember that at one time you were Gentiles (heathens) in the flesh, called Uncircumcision by those who called themselves Circumcision, [itself a mere mark] in the flesh made by human hands.*

12 [Remember] that you were at that time separated (living apart) from Christ [excluded from all part in Him], utterly estranged and outlawed from the rights of Israel as a nation, and strangers with no share in the sacred compacts of the [Messianic] promise [with no knowledge of or right in God's agreements, His covenants]. And you had no hope (no promise); you were in the world without God.

13 But now in Christ Jesus, you who once were [so] far away, through (by, in) the blood of Christ have been brought near.



In our previous unbelieving / pagan state, we were strangers to God's Covenant of promise. Now that we are in relationship with the Father we have become partakers of that Covenant and we are no longer strangers to the Covenant – we abide inside the terms of the Covenant.

The sad thing is that even after we have entered into Covenant, we sometimes still remain strangers from that Covenant. You may have inherited the covenant but may not know the provisions of that Covenant. Many Christians believe that just HAVING a Covenant in and of it self does something for them. This is true in terms of eternal life, but in terms of this physical



life on earth, having a Covenant in and of itself does nothing for you.

If you are ignorant of the **benefits** of that Covenant – you will live exactly like everybody who has no Covenant. Many Christians believe that:

“Because I’m a Christian, I am protected!”

“Because I’m a Christian, I am going to be blessed!”

“Because I’m a Christian, my family is going to be blessed!”

“Because I’m a Christian, my business is going to be blessed!”

“Because I’m a Christian, my health is going to prosper!”

Just being a Christian, does not guarantee you all the above.

WHY??

We are in a battle!! We live in a war zone. Satan / kingdom of darkness is still manifesting and rebelling against God’s authority which means that this planet is demon-invested and now believers are also contributing to the chaos.

You will need to know what weapons are made available to you and how to wage war otherwise you will be taken out!

Dressing up in a soldier’s uniform, does not mean you will be automatically protected nor does it mean that you have authority.

You will need to know how to use the weapons supplied to you when you joined God’s army. Having a gun will not help you if you do not know how to use it, or how to aim at the target!

The day you put on God’s Kingdom uniform, you signed up for God’s army and the enemy HATES you because of that!! He has plans to destroy you, your family, your business, everything about you – your health and most of all, to destroy your destiny. He has a sworn purpose to prevent you from accomplishing what you were placed on this earth to do.

God’s strategy that gives us the ability to fight that war is a Covenantal armour plating.

Rom 8:2-4 *”2 For the law of the Spirit of life [which is] in Christ Jesus [the law of our new being] has freed me from **the law of sin and of death.***

3 For God has done what the Law could not do, [its power] being weakened by the flesh [the entire nature of man without the Holy Spirit]. Sending His own Son in the guise of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, [God] condemned sin in the flesh [subdued, overcame, deprived it of its power over all who accept that sacrifice],



4 So that the righteous and just requirement of the Law might be fully met in us who live and move not in the ways of the flesh but in the ways of the Spirit [our lives governed not by the standards and according to the dictates of the flesh, but controlled by the Holy Spirit].”

Which law is operative if you do not take up your authority?
The Law of sin and Death!!

- You don't have to do anything to get your possessions stolen.
- You don't have to do anything to operate in sin.
- You don't have to do anything to get sick.
- You don't have to do anything to get beat up by people.

It just happens!! It starts the day you are conceived.
This scripture says we have to OPERATE IN THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS. We have to enforce that Law.

It is like the Law of gravity and the Law of Aerodynamics. If you do nothing, the law of gravity will prevail. In order to get airborne, you have to get into an airplane and FLY. Rebuking gravity will not help!!

Is God sovereign?

Can He make the airplane fly without you turning on the engines??
YES!! He can!!

But there is already a **law** that you can operate in – just turn on the key!

What has already been done by the Blood of Jesus, will not be done again!

God says: *“Step across the Blood!! Come on in!!”*

2 Peter 1:2-4 *“2 May grace (God’s favor) and peace (which is perfect well-being, all necessary good, all spiritual prosperity, and freedom from fears and agitating passions and moral conflicts) be multiplied to you in [the full, personal, precise, and correct] knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.*

3 For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness, through the [full, personal] knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His own glory and excellence (virtue).

4 By means of these He has bestowed on us His precious and exceedingly great promises, so that through them you may escape [by flight] from the moral decay (rottenness and corruption) that is in the world because of covetousness (lust and greed), and become sharers (partakers) of the divine nature.”

ALL THINGS that pertain to life and Godliness HAVE BEEN GIVEN!!

When we understand the Blood Covenant, we become partakers of a Divine Nature and it enables us to build a stronghold of truth so that satan's plans no longer work!!

Things you need for the covenant promises to work in your life:

1. You have to be born-again.
2. You must know what the provisions of that Covenant are.
3. You have to be willing to ENFORCE these principles against the enemy of the Covenant.



Most Christians are trying to get God to *do* something. *"God, don't You see, I NEED healing. I NEED finances. I NEED restoration in my marriage. I NEED my rebellious children dealt with."*

God's Word says that He has already given us great and precious promises because of the Blood of Jesus Christ.

The issue is therefore not for us to try and get God to *do something* but the issue is for us to get a revelation of what God has *done*.

"God, please give us a revelation of what You have already done so that I can enforce it against the enemy!!"

When a believer tries to get God to do something – heal us, protect us, etc, we are saying that the Blood of Jesus was not enough. Believers who don't know what the power of the Covenant is, go running around asking everybody else for help and for prayer. You can even get into trouble by going to false prophets!! We run from conference to conference, from prophet to prophet, teachings to teachings – looking for what God has already provided!!

He is not going to die again!! We need to renew our minds and stand in faith on God's Word.

The devil works very hard to create the illusion that God moves randomly in people's lives – that God always works in ways we will never understand. One day He punishes you for something, the next day He blesses you abundantly! One day you get cancer, and the next day you win the lottery!



Satan creates circumstances in our lives that make us feel like God has let us down. *"God did not do what He said He would do – I cannot trust God."*

That is NOT true! God moves according to His Word!! 100% of the time, God will do exactly what He said He would do according to His Word.

All you need to find out is: **WHAT DID GOD SAY?**

Why is it so difficult for us to believe?

Many believers have disappointed us, let us down, have not kept their word, betrayed us, a husband/wife have left us, parents/pastors/leaders/bosses fail to keep their promises.

We (based on our experiences) believe that God will also do the same to us.

If we understand the terms of the Covenant, we will be able to discern the circumstances in our lives. God is trying to teach you something through the circumstance!! A believer that has a revelation and understanding of Covenant will ask this question: **“WHAT HAS GOD SAID?”**

The person who does not understand Covenant asks:
“WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?”

Example from the Word: Saul and David.

- Both have the same Covenant.
- Both were circumcised.
- Both knew what God said about giants. (Deut 9)

What is the difference?

Saul was saying: What are we going to do?

David was saying: What did God say?

David had the revelation of the Covenant. Who should have killed the giant? The king (Saul) has the authority, but David kills the giant. We need to get the same revelation about the Covenant that David had!

Covenant is the most sacred agreement known to man. A Covenant is a promise that NEVER will be broken.



In the eastern culture, men who had made covenant with each other, would rather die than break that covenant. The Oriental of Hara-kiri¹ – comes from this principle: If I can't keep my word, I would rather die before I face those who I have given my word to and not be able to fulfill it.

In the Western culture, we would rather break our word than miss lunch!!

By in large, our word does not hold much value to us anymore. We used to say: My word is my bond! To make sure that somebody keeps their word, we have to use lawyers to set out the terms of agreement on paper to have some reasonable expectation that they will perform as promised. Today people write agreements with loopholes to make sure you can get out of the deal if you don't want to do what you promised to do.



Hosea 4:6 *"6 My people are destroyed for **lack of knowledge**; because you [the priestly nation] have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you that you shall be no priest to Me; seeing you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children."*

You must know the Covenant – you must enforce it – to do that, you need to have CONFIDENCE!!

When you receive a promise from God, life experience will test that promise – you either run into it and find out whether it is true or not, or run away from it in which case you will never know whether it is true or not.

When you are faced with life circumstances that look like a disaster you have a choice to make – will you agree with God or with the enemy?

"No!! This is not how it is going to be!! I reject that in Jesus Name!! I reject all that fear!! I will say what God has to say!! I chose to have peace in the middle of the storm!!"

You have been assigned as the guardian and the keeper of a destiny, so rise up with God's Word in your mouth against the enemy!



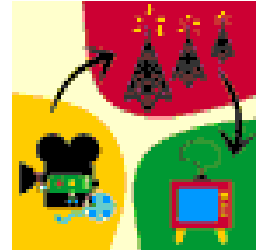
You need to ask: What has God said? Recall every prophecy that has been spoken over yourself, your family, etc.

¹ Hara-kiri (Japanese: 切腹, "cutting the belly") is a form of Japanese ritual suicide by disembowelment.

In the early days of the Word of Faith message, it gave people the idea that you can just grab hold of anything you want, call it forth and it will come to pass. That is not true!!

Trying To Understand Covenant:

God's Word is like a TV wave that is being beamed out from God's TV station. Your destiny is that "wave" but if we do not have a receiver, you will not be able to visualize the picture.



Just because you can not see anything does not mean that it is not there!

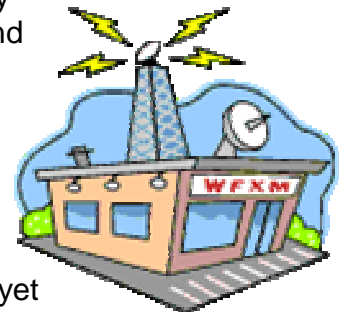
The TV cannot create anything itself, it merely transmits what has been sent.

Similarly, you cannot manifest anything that has not been sent by God to you. We need to "connect" to God's signal in order to receive the picture. You also can't plug in just when you feel like it, you need to be ready for God's Kairos time.



"God, what have You determined for my life?"

Grab hold of the vision God gives you, declare it prophetically and war against the enemy. Reject the message of crises and destruction that satan is trying to get you to focus on!



Prayer:

Father, we thank You that You have given to us precious and magnificent promises. Lord, there are things You have beamed out there for our lives, for our destiny, that have not yet manifested.

Father, please teach us how to receive those things and how to cancel what the enemy has beamed out there. How do we change the channel and tune into what You have sent that's meant to be received and manifested – not the lies.

Father, please drive back fear and every other negative emotion. Please begin to open up Your Word to us that we will know that You are not random – that You will do exactly what You said You would do – and that we can know what that is and we can enforce it.

Lord, we are not beggars wandering around on the planet begging You to do something, but Father we are simply ENFORCERS of Calvary – enforcers of what You have already done.

Father, give us each a deeper revelation of that, in Jesus Name!
AMEN

GOD'S AUTHORITY:

The exciting thing about Covenant is that God has limited Himself, on planet earth, to release His authority through the Covenants He has made with man.

If God exercised the full capacity of His Divine authority then there will be no evil in this world. God is omnipotent and powerful enough to eliminate all evil – there would be no child molesters, no murders, no drug dealers, rapists, etc.

Why is there still evil in this world?

God operates through the authority and the free will that He has released to man and that authority comes through Covenant.

If we do not understand Blood Covenant we will not be able to react correctly to the circumstances in our lives. God is always the same – He will do exactly what He said He was going to do.



God's actions are always consistent with what He has said in Covenant to man.

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To the extent / level that you are still a stranger to the Covenant (i.e. if you don't have revelation) the promises are of no avail. You will live as one who has no promise.

It is the same as if somebody deposits 10 million Rand into your bank account but you do not know it is there, or if you know about it, but don't have access to it because you misplaced the pin code.

We need to discern between the works of the devil and what God's plans are for Christians. When I discern that this is God's plan, I will submit and allow God to teach me what I need to learn. If it is a demonic plan, I need to rise up, resist the enemy and command it to go.

If I don't have a revelation of the terms of the Covenant then I will not be able to discern the source of the problem – I will incorrectly connect the things that are of the devil with God or visa versa – my life is going to be a mess!!

Christians who do not ask: *“What did God say?”*, interpret things with their natural mind – they waste time fighting God and their circumstances, instead of fighting the kingdom of darkness.



Why Must We Pray?

When we pray, we give God the authority on earth to move with His power in our situations. Somebody who understands Covenant – knows that they have authority, what are the precious promises in God's Word and that they can release miracles on the face of this earth because God is working in partnership with somebody who prays.

God knows what every person needs, has the power to meet every need and when you come in agreement with Him, He releases it. That is what prayer is!!

Intercession:

I ask God what He wants to do on the earth – I release it by the words of my mouth.

God wants to do so much for so many people but He needs to find a lessee to work through. He is always looking for a man to stand in the gap.

Jesus said: *“ALL authority has been given to Me therefore GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL MEN...Now go and do what I have commissioned you to do in Genesis 1 and don't give it away to the devil again!!”* God removed all authority from the devil and all demonic spirits. All they can do now is pretend, trick, deceive and make-believe they have authority.

They have power to do much destruction but they do not have authority!!

Bible Pictures / Images

God spoke continually through Word images, parables or pictures, e.g. The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, like a drag net. What could this mean?

Our Western culture is far removed from the culture within which these pictures were told, that we consequently struggle to bring them into perspective.

THE THRESHOLD COVENANT

Q. What is the Threshold Covenant?

A. There are many covenants in the Scriptures. Many are well known like the Edenic, Noahic, Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic, and so on. There are others that are less known like the Salt Covenant (Lev 2.13) and the Threshold Covenant. We need to define some of the concepts of the Threshold Covenant and how it applies to the redemption and the Messiah.



You will not find this concept under this name in the Scriptures, but the principles are there. The term “threshold” in Hebrew is “miphtan” and it has a Hebraic root meaning to “twist” and “serpent.” It therefore specifically relates to Eden and Passover.

The threshold was seen as a clearly marked spot and it had a special sanctity. There were specific things that were **not** to be done there (1Sam 5:4, Zeph 1:9, 1Sam 2:22). There were special “keepers” (2 Kings 22:4, 1Chr 9:22, 2Chr 23:4, Jer 35:4.).

Zeph 1:9 *“9 In the same day also will I punish all those who **leap swiftly on or over the threshold** [upon entering houses to steal], who fill their master’s house with violence and deceit and fraud.”*

Jer 35:4 *“4 And I brought them into the house of the Lord, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan son of Igdaliah the man of God, which was by the chamber of the princes, above the chamber of Maaseiah son of Shallum the **keeper of the door.**”*

The threshold is the boundary of the “allotment” G-d has given to each person.

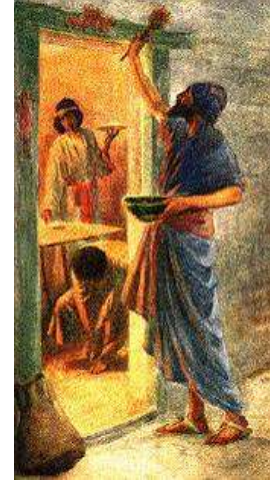
The man is the head of the household. In a believers house the L-rd will be the “household deity”. Anyone entering a house had to submit to the authority of the head of the house. You did not disrespect that house or the “threshold” because that invited the wrath the L-rd.(Heb 10.28-29).

The unbelievers and pagan societies had their own gods.

Abraham was called away from his father’s house and their pagan deities, to form a new “household” with the L-rd as the “household G-d” and receive His blessing and protection.

Israel was made up of 12 tribes, so the “tribal G-d of Israel” is the L-rd, and He will protect them (Gen 12.1-3).

Let’s apply some of these concepts. In Exodus 12 we have the story of the Passover. The word for Passover in Hebrew is “pesach” and it means to “leap over”. The door of the house had been painted with the blood of the lamb and consequently marked the threshold of the home.



The destroyer had no right to desecrate the sanctity of that house and enter there because the “household deity” was the L-rd, marked by the blood of the covenant. The god of the Philistines, Dagon, was held sacred to them but G-d sent a message to them causing the idol to be prostrate and broken before the ark of the covenant in **1Sam 5:5. In 1 Kings 18:20-21**

Elijah asks the people “How long will you hesitate between two opinions” during his confrontation with the priests of Baal. The word “hesitate” is “pawsach” in Hebrew and has the same root as pesach (Passover).

He is asking them how long will they “leap over” the threshold covenant G-d has made with them. The threshold is sacred (**Lev 17 1-9**) as the priests were consecrated there.

The Kivod (glory) came there and departed the Temple from there in **Ezek 10:18**. Yeshua does not violate the threshold of our ‘house’ (**Rev 3.20**). He will not “force his way in” but let’s the “head of the house (person)” decide. You have to invite God into your heart.



There are many “doors” in this life and not all of them are of G-d (**Mt 7.13**). The threshold covenant marks the boundary and limits of our access to the L-rd. The blood on the threshold line is the visible line G-d has established.

This “way” was once guarded by the Cherubim in the Garden of Eden because a “korban” (Priest) (to draw near) was needed. That’s why the altar is at the door to the tabernacle. We must pass through the Blood-line of Yeshua, and Yeshua is the threshold (door) and the only way into the presence, protection and salvation of the L-rd which is the Threshold Covenant.

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A familiar custom in the East is that when a guest comes into the home of a host, that guest would be received in a very particular way and a covenant would be made.

A covenant is a solemn agreement that will never be broken. If two men entered into a covenant, they would honour their words to one another with their own life. They would sacrifice their own family members before they broke covenant.

In the eastern culture, people would worship their deities at the threshold of a pagan temple. When I step across that threshold I invoke the power of that deity – I am coming under the authority of that deity. The threshold of a temple or sacred place – stepping across that threshold means you are stepping into the presence of that deity.



In a similar way if you step across the threshold of a home, you are agreeing to enter into a covenant with that family – you are agreeing as it were to become a family member. You submit yourself to their hospitality and they, in receiving you, are agreeing to protect you with their life. They provide food, shelter, and clothing and whatever you need. My house is your house! Whatever I have is yours! In the east, they really mean, what is mine is yours – whatever I have I make available for you!

In our Western culture we say: *“Make yourself at home.”* We don’t actually mean that...If somebody actually did take over your home and start to rearrange the furniture, you would definitely be offended!!

We need to get a revelation of this principle because this is what God means when He invites us into His home!

“All I have is yours!

Whatever you need, I make available!

Your enemies are my enemies!

Your friends are my friends!

If anybody tries to harm you, they are offending me! I’ll protect you to the death!

I’ll give up my family members before I will allow harm to come to you!”

Lot and the Angels

Gen 19:4-8 “4 But before they lay down, the men of the city of Sodom, both young and old, all the men from every quarter, surrounded the house.
5 And they called to Lot and said, Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may know (be intimate with) them.
6 And Lot went out of the door to the men and shut the door after him
7 And said, I beg of you, my brothers, do not behave so wickedly.
8 Look now, I have two daughters who are virgins; let me, I beg of you, bring them out to you, and you can do as you please with them. But only do nothing to these men, for they have come under the protection of my roof.”

The shadow of my roof = the threshold covenant.

Judges 19:16-27 “16 And behold, an old man was coming from his work in the field at evening. He was from the hill country of Ephraim but was living temporarily in Gibeah, but the men of the place were Benjamites.
17 And when he looked up, he saw the wayfarer in the city square, and the old man said, Where are you going? And from where did you come?
18 The Levite replied, We are passing from Bethlehem of Judah to the rear side of the hill country of Ephraim; I am from there. I went to Bethlehem of Judah, but I am [now] going [home] to the house of the Lord [where I serve], and there is no man who receives me into his house.
19 Yet we have both straw and provender for our donkeys and bread and wine also for me, your handmaid, and the young man who is with your servants; there is no lack of anything.
20 And the old man said, Peace be to you, but leave all your wants to me; only do not lodge in the street.
21 So he brought him into his house and gave provender to the donkeys. And the guests washed their feet and ate and drank.
22 Now as they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, certain worthless fellows, beset the house round about, beat on the door, and said to the master of the house, the old man, **Bring forth the man who came to your house, that we may have intercourse with him.**
23 And the man, the master of the house, went out and said to them, No, my kinsmen, I pray you, do not act so wickedly; seeing that this man is my guest, do not do this [wicked] folly.
24 Behold, **here are my virgin daughter and this man’s concubine; them I will bring out now; debase them and do with them what seems good to you, but to this man do not so vile a thing.**
25 But the men would not listen to him. So the man took his concubine and forced her forth to them, and they had intercourse with her and abused her all the night until morning. And when the dawn began to break, they let her go.
26 At daybreak the woman came and fell down and lay at the door of the man’s house where her master was, till it was light.

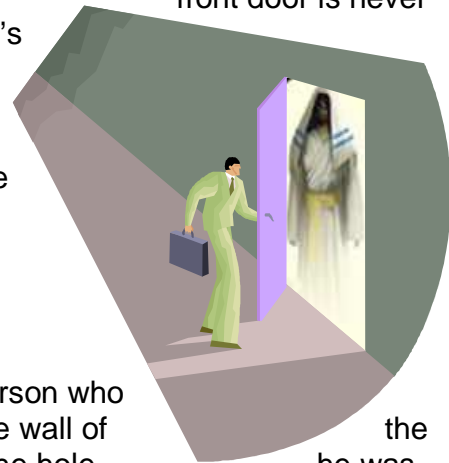
27 And her master rose up in the morning and opened the doors of the house and went out to go his way; and behold, *his concubine had fallen down at the door of the house, and her hands were upon the threshold.*”

In the middle-east culture you can't step over the threshold of a man's home and have the intent in your heart to do him any harm, to rob him or hurt him in any way, because you have submitted yourself to the hospitality of the covenant. There are still parts of the middle-east where the front door is never locked because no person will cross another man's threshold to do him harm!

Jesus used that same imagery in **John 10** – the thief will not come through the door – he will come in through another way.

Jesus said **“I am the Door”!** If you want to go to Heaven, you have to step across the threshold!!

In the days of the Greeks, in order to honour a person who had won the Olympics, they cut a hole through the wall of city. The person would return to the city through the hole – now not subject to the rules and the laws of that city, i.e. he was granted the privilege of being above the laws of the city. We call this honour – freedom of the city.



Even during war, you did not conquer a city through the main gate as you did not want to cross the threshold and subject yourself to the laws of the city, you want to be in control and want to make new laws. A thief or a conqueror would never cross the threshold of a city or a home.

Jesus Christ came to this earth to pour out His Blood on the threshold of God's Eternal Tabernacle so we might step across and enter into Covenant with God the Father.

Story of an Accident of Palestinian young boy and how the threshold covenant saved his life.

A man was driving along in a Middle-Eastern country when his brakes failed and he lost control of the car and hit a fourteen year old young man. When he got the car back under control, he got out and ran to the boy. He could see the boy had internal injuries; he was lying motionless and unconscious. He flagged down a car and got the boy loaded into the car and taken to hospital where the doctors immediately started working on him to save his life.

This man left the hospital and went next door into a nearby house and he asked the people if he could please come in and refresh himself as he was covered in the blood from the injured boy. They invited him in and while he was in the bathroom washing the blood off himself, the father of this couple that had invited him in, came running in.

He said to his children: "A terrible thing has happened! Some crazy motorist has just hit your brother and right now he is fighting for his life in the hospital next door. Come with me, you must come and help me find the man who did this because we must kill him!!"

The man in the bathroom comes out and it becomes known who he is - he is the guy who hit this son!

The father pulls out a knife and lunges towards him to try to kill him but the son-in-law steps in-between and grabs his father-in-law's hand.

He said: "No! You will not harm him because he is a guest in my house. He has stepped across the threshold of my house and you will do him no harm. As long as he is in my house I'll protect him with my life because I would dishonour myself - I would not be a man if I allowed harm to come to him in my home."

The father-in-law said: "But he is the guy who did this!" The son-in-law said: "Yes, I understand that. The minute he leaves my house, I'll go with you into the street and help you kill him!"

The motorist stayed in the home for a couple of hours until the emotions had cooled down. It also turned out that the son was going to be okay. There would be no permanent damage and his healing would be restored completely.

The motorist was able to explain the circumstances of what happened - that he had no intention of harming the boy - and he was able to secure the forgiveness of the family and was able to go on his way!

When you step across the threshold of God's dwelling where the Blood of Jesus was poured out, then you have the whole of Heaven fighting for you, protecting you, supplying all your needs, etc, etc, etc!!!!
You abide under the Shadow of the Almighty!!
When you really understand that, it drives out ALL FEAR and takes you to a place of TOTAL PEACE and REST!!!



When a host receives and welcomes you, he is obliged to pour out a blood sacrifice at his threshold. The degree of honour he wishes to convey to the guest determines the cost of the sacrifice.

If the guest is not very important, the host pours out the blood of a pigeon, or if the person is even less important, he pours out wine. If somebody is more important, he pours out the blood of a turtle dove, or if you are still more important, it can be the blood of a goat, or even the blood of an ox/bullock.

What does blood represent to us in western culture? DEATH!
Blood in the East represents LIFE!

Lev 17:11 “11 For the **life (the animal soul) is in the blood**, and I have given it for you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement, by reason of the life [which it represents].”

What the host is saying is: “I am willing to pour out my life for you! This blood represents my blood.”

There is a little basin in the threshold called in Hebrew: “saph”

5592a. שָׁפַח **saph** (706b); of unc. der.; *a basin, goblet*.— basin(2), basins(1), bowls(1), cup(1), cups(2).

In English the word Threshold is translated many times as: basin.

5592b. שָׁפַח **saph** (706b); from the same as 5592a; **threshold, sill**.— door(1), doorkeeper*(1), doorkeepers*(4), gatekeepers*(1), temple(2), threshold(10), thresholds(6).

There was a little basin in the threshold to collect the blood.

When you come to the house as a guest and you see this blood poured out at the threshold, it is an invitation from the host saying: “I will give my life for you, I invite you to come in and enter into covenant with me and everything I have is yours.” As a guest, all you need to do is to step across the threshold and when you do that, you are agreeing to submit yourself to the authority of that house while you are there.

If you do not wish to honour them, you come up to the threshold and step **INTO** the blood that’s been poured out. You are saying to the host; “I dishonour your life, I put your life under my feet!” It will have the same effect as in our culture, that if a man comes to greet you, he extends his hand out to you and you spit into his face!! What you say to that man is: “I do not receive what you have to offer! I do not come in peace!”



Heb 10:26-29 “26 For if we go on deliberately and willingly sinning after once acquiring the knowledge of the Truth, there is no longer any sacrifice left to atone for [our] sins [no further offering to which to look forward].
 27 [There is nothing left for us then] but a kind of awful and fearful prospect and expectation of divine judgment and the fury of burning wrath and indignation which will consume those who put themselves in opposition [to God].
 28 Any person who has violated and [thus] rejected and set at naught the Law of Moses is put to death without pity or mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses.
 29 How much worse (sterner and heavier) punishment do you suppose he will be judged to deserve who has spurned and [thus] trampled underfoot the Son of God, and who has considered the covenant blood by which he was consecrated common and unhallowed, thus profaning it and insulting and outraging the [Holy] Spirit [Who imparts] grace (the unmerited favor and blessing of God)?”

This is saying that you come up to the threshold of the Blood of Jesus but you then step into the blood...

Remnants in our culture of stepping over the threshold:

1. “Step on a crack, step on your mother’s back!”
 This is just superstition that is supposed to bring bad luck if you step on a crack.
2. “Put your best foot forward!”
 Best foot is always the right foot – step across the threshold with your right foot.
3. When people get married, they pick up the bride, and they carry her across the threshold. Why? Many cultures do it but don’t know why!!



In the Middle-East, when a groom gets married, he pours out the best offer of blood he has for his bride, then he picks her up and carries her over the threshold. The moment his right foot hits the inside of the threshold is when she enters into a

covenant for life – she is bonded for life as a part of that family!! She will be protected by the lives of that family, etc.

When a king would travel across the land, there was one special animal people reserved in the event they would ever receive a visit from the king called: The Fatted Calf. This animal was never slain unless you received a visit from the king. While everybody hoped to get a visit from the king, it seldom happened.



When a king had conquered a new territory, he would make his victories known, by traveling from village to village with all his entourage – the army, diplomatic core, etc, and do the following:

1. They would declare the terms of their kingdom to their loyal subjects.
2. They would determine who was loyal and who their enemies were. In the homes where the loyal people were, the king or his ambassador would go into that home and declare the terms of the kingdom, taxes, protection, laws, etc.

The news would spread that the king is on his way to the village: *“The king is coming! Kill the fatted calf!!”*

In the houses where the people who are disloyal to the king are, the army was sent in and everybody was killed.

Luke 15 teaches us about the prodigal son and how his father treated him as a king by killing the fatted calf. The older brother was angry because it was only his brother.



Jesus teaches us that the love of the Father is not dependent on the WORKS of the person – He wanted to show everyone that He loved the son!

How would the king determine who was loyal to him or not?

If he sees the blood of the fatted calf poured out on the threshold of a home, he knows that they were loyal to him and are inviting him to come in. Where there was no blood, the king knew these rebels refused to submit to his authority and would not receive him into their home.



The king goes from house to house, where he saw the blood he goes in to establish his authority but where he saw no blood, he sent in the army to kill all the inhabitants. To ensure that the king saw their loyalty, families would make blood handprints on the front of the house. They would also take desert bushes growing around that area and dip them into the blood and paint it all over the doorposts so that the blood could be seen for miles away.



Ex 12:12-13 *“12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment [proving their helplessness]. I am the Lord. 13 The blood shall be for a token or sign to you upon [the doorposts of] the houses where you are, [that] when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall be upon you to destroy you when I smite the land of Egypt.”*

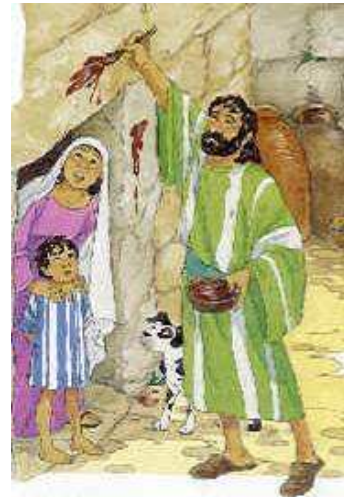
God is telling His people:

“I am a King.”

“I am conquering territory.”

“I am coming to secure the loyalty of My subjects.”

“I am sending in the army into the houses of My enemies.”



Hebrew Words:

To Pass by – “abar” Exodus 33 speaks of where God put Moses into the cleft of the rock, held His Hand over the rock and passed by –“abar”

To covenant-cross a threshold – “Pesach” – step across a threshold where blood is poured out and enter into covenant with the family that lives there.

“I will pass through (abar) the land of Egypt... When I see the blood, I will Passover you (Pesach)”

What we were taught in the past is that God skipped over the houses of the Israelis and did not go in. **It is exactly the opposite!!** What God did was every home where He saw the blood, he passed over the threshold of that house and entered IN and made covenant with that family. In

the houses where there was no blood on the doorpost, He sent the destroyer in to kill the firstborn son.



Put the Blood of the Lamb on your doorposts to invite God IN!!
God says He wants to be our King!!

Ex. 12:23 *“23 For the Lord will **pass through** to slay the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood upon the lintel and the two side posts, the Lord will **pass over** the door and will not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to slay you.”*

The Lord will pass through (abar) to strike the Egyptians...

When the Lord sees the blood on the doorposts He will
Passover the door...

The Lord will Covenant-cross the threshold and will not allow
the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you. When
Jesus comes, the Father says He will pour out THE most
precious Blood – His very own Blood – He will pour it out on
the threshold of His Eternal Tabernacle. He desires to treat
you like a king and He asks us to step across into His house.
He will protect us with all He has got!!

*“My house is your house! Everything you need is available to
you!”*



Step across the threshold where the Blood of the Lamb has
been poured out! Covenant means that God will do what He has said. What He
has made available by the Blood of Jesus that is poured out in His house, it is
yours! Health, life, power, authority, peace, joy, etc...

Many people stand outside the threshold begging God: *“Lord, please do this,
Lord, please do that.”* What they are saying is: *“Jesus, apparently Your Blood is
not enough. God, I want You to do something else.”* God says: *“NO! I have done
it all through My Son!! STEP ACROSS AND RECEIVE WHAT I HAVE MADE
AVAILABLE!!”*

It's not a matter of us trying to get God to DO; it's a matter of us RECEIVING
what He has DONE.

*“God, what aspect / part of the do I not have a revelation on so that I can stand in
faith?”*

The older brother was angry with the father for killing the fatted calf for his
prodigal brother. The Father was trying to tell him: *“Son, it's ALL yours!
Everything I've got – I've never withheld anything from you but you've never
received what I have made available! Son, step across please!!”*

Why would the older brother not step across?

He was convinced in his heart it was all dependent on his **works**. He is working
and working and waiting for the father to acknowledge his works.

“Son, you've finally done enough. Now we will have a party in your honour!”

Why could the younger son receive from his father?

He had nothing left to offer!! He told the father, *“I don't deserve a thing! I have
nothing to offer you!”* The father said: *“RECEIVE!!”* The ring, shoes, new
clothes, etc...

Prayer:

Father, please will You show everyone of us where we are still standing on the outside begging You to do what You've already done.

Forgive us for implying that the Blood of Jesus isn't enough – we need You to do something more.

Lord, we just step across right now in the area where we were standing outside begging.

Thank You Father, for provision, protection, life, peace, freedom, deliverance, healing,...

We thank You for everything made available to each one of us,
In Jesus Name,
AMEN.

HOW DID MEN MAKE COVENANT?

When you make a covenant with someone, you exchange LIFE with that person – you become a partaker of his life and he becomes a partaker of your life.

Satanists understand this more than most Christians – a gathering of satan worshippers is called a COVEN – from the word covenant. They understand covenant, they understand blood, they are no strangers to the word “covenant”.

Many Christians think that the “Blood of Jesus” is like a magic formula. Just say those words and you will be protected.

“I plead the Blood!

I just put a hedge of protection around us by the Blood!”

What does it really mean??

There is power in the Blood!! Why?

Most people cannot tell you the answer!!

Again, you have to understand Covenant.

Lev 17:11-14 *“11 For the life (the animal soul) is in the blood, and I have given it for you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement, by reason of the life [which it represents].
12 Therefore I have said to the Israelites, No person among you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger who dwells temporarily among you eat blood.
13 And any of the Israelites or of the strangers who sojourn among them who takes in hunting any clean beast or bird shall pour out its blood and cover it with dust.
14 As for the life of all flesh, the blood of it represents the life of it; therefore I said to the Israelites, You shall partake of the blood of no kind of flesh, for the life of all flesh is its blood. Whoever eats of it shall be cut off.”*

Why did God tell the Jewish people never to eat the blood of animals?

Because the life is in the blood. So what is He saying: *“I don’t want you partaking of the characteristics and the life and the spirit of goats, bulls, calves, etc.”*

- **Primitive People:**

If a hunter goes out and kills an animal, and it is a powerful animal, the first thing they usually do is to slit the throat and drink the blood.

They will cut open the belly and reach in and grab the heart and eat it.

If I want the strength of the buffalo, for example, I will drink its blood and eat its heart. In Africa, there are many rituals that kings still participate in to this day.

For example, the initiation of a king will be that he must kill a lion, drink its blood, eat its heart and even be baptized in the blood of the hollowed-out carcass of the animal. He then receives the spirit of the lion, believes he is courageous and as strong as the lion. On the palace grounds people would actually crawl in front of the king (e.g. Swaziland).

This is the basis of **cannibalism**. Cannibalism is not the eating of human flesh, it is a ritual to obtain that person's power, wisdom and attributes.

A white missionary coming to Africa would have been perceived as having superior powers – he could do things that were magic to the inhabitants of the land.

They would often times kill him and eat him to try and get his powers.

In order to get what someone else has, I could:

- kill him, drink his blood and eat him, or
- have sexual contact with that person, or
- make covenant with that person.

▪ **Temple Prostitution:**

If I unite sexually with somebody, I am drinking of their spirit – it is not just a physical relationship – I am pulling their life into myself.

In early times, the people would call upon the gods that they worshipped. They dedicated certain women to those gods and would worship / make representations of that deity. If I wanted to partake of the life of that god, I go to the temple where that god is worshipped, have sexual relationship with one of these women and draw the life and the power of that deity into myself.



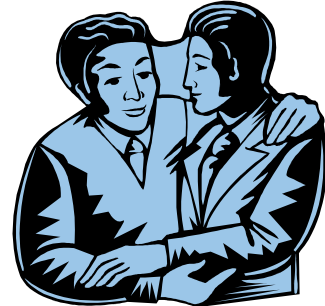
Because these people considered this as part of worship they did not see this as a lustful practice.

What happens in the heart of a perverted person?

When I have an emptiness about myself – when I don't feel I am a real man/woman, to be valuable, precious, and special – I am incomplete - I need to partake of the life of another person because I don't really have my own LIFE. Taking "life" from someone else through sexual relationships to meet my own need, is the root of **homosexuality**.

- **Marriage Covenant:**

God intended sexual relationships to be between a man and a woman only in marriage, where there is a *giving* of life and a *giving* of strength to each other.



- **Bestiality:**

This act of perversion causes the individual to draw the nature this animal into him in the same way as eating the blood of bulls and goats would do, etc. God has forbidden this VERY strongly in His Word.

- **Using Communion**

John 6:47-50 *"47 I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, **he who believes in Me [who adheres to, trusts in, relies on, and has faith in Me] has (now possesses) eternal life.***

48 I am the Bread of Life [that gives life—the Living Bread].

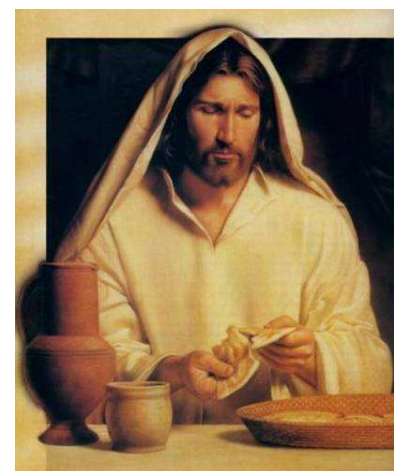
49 Your forefathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and [yet] they died.

*50 [But] this is the Bread that comes down from heaven, so that [any]one may eat of it and **never die.**"*

Do you really understand what happens every time you partake of Communion?

Every time you use Communion, you are taking into yourself the very power and strength of Jesus!! You are taking in the very LIFE of Jesus into yourself!!

You are receiving the NATURE, the very CHARACTER of our Messiah!! This is not just a symbolic thing you are doing!! We need to get a REVELATION of what it means every time we partake of the Communion table.



What is a Covenant?

- It is a union of being of two persons in a common life with the approval of God.
- It is sacred / Holy – set aside, separate, different, dedicated as opposed to common.
- It's perpetual – unbreakable. – generational.

Why do men make covenants?

- **For protection.**

For example, if you have one group of people who are very good at farming and another group who are very good at war, the two tribes would get together and make a covenant with one another in order to exchange each other's strengths – one provides the food and the other goes to war when needed.

- **For business.**

In a covenant for protection or business, the weaker party will approach the stronger one with something they can offer so that the stronger party will be able to help and support the weaker one in the business venture.

- **For Love.**

A third way reason for making a covenant is purely out of LOVE.

This type of covenant works directly opposite to the previous examples.

The strong usually approaches the weaker party:

"I just want to bless you.

All I have and all I am is yours. Everything I have is available to you.

I lay it all at your feet."

The **stronger** party will only initiate this covenant out of LOVE. I take all of my assets and make it available to somebody else, particularly because they are weaker, and because I am doing so out of LOVE. The only motive is to BLESS, to HONOUR and to ESTEEM!!



HOW TO SEAL THE COVENANT:

There are four “things” that you exchange to seal a covenant. If a nation is defeated in war these four things would forcibly be taken from you.

In a covenant, I freely lay these things down at your feet and offer them to you.

1. THE COAT

Clothes in the Eastern culture are a lot more important than in our culture. The coat was very special because it would signify rank, standing, tribe, who you are. It is your very identity.



For example: Joseph’s father gave him a coat of many colours that was a prize procession. It made his other brothers very jealous.

The coat is more like a military uniform – that coat indicates the **authority** of the individual that goes with it. If you are going to take somebody captive, it’s better to capture a General than a private – that way you get the highest authority.

When you make covenant with somebody and you willingly give your coat to the other person – you have given your **rank, standing and position**.

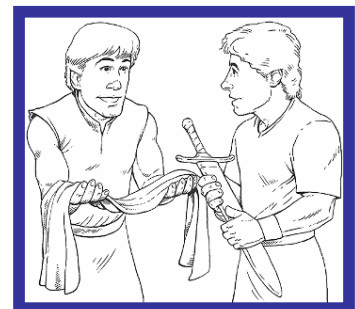
When you receive that coat, you are adopted into that family – you become a son or a daughter in that family.

When you are taken prisoner, your coat gets removed and you become a prisoner of war, you get given some striped overall/prison uniform to put on.

2. THE WEAPON BELT

Men exchange their weapon belt.
You get my sword, my knife, my shield, my spear.

What does that mean? I will never use these weapons against you even if you attack me, I will not defend myself, I lay myself open before you, if you want to kill me or destroy me, you can.



I will use these weapons against any external enemy that will try to attack you – your enemies are my enemies!

The primary remnant of covenant that we have in our society today is the MARRIAGE. This is what is supposed to be going on in a marriage. *“If you want to take everything I have, it’s yours.”* A lot of couples find it very difficult to have one bank account! *“If you want to spend it, it’s yours! If you want to be the prodigal son and squander it and go and live with the pigs, it’s yours! I won’t stop you, I won’t protect myself against you” – THAT IS COVENANT!!*

3. YOUR NAME

What comes with a name? The power of attorney!

I give you the right to act as though you were me, you are my ambassador, my representative, you can go down to my bank and access my money.

What did Jesus give us? HIS NAME!!

When we pray we always say: *“In the Name of Jesus.”* That’s not a way to close a prayer! We use it many times in a way of saying: *“Well, that’s all I have to say!”*

Jesus gave us His name as the power of attorney to use as if He is speaking Himself!

Do we know and understand what He gave us?? I come in the Name of Jesus Christ, the Messiah, God Almighty!! WOW!!

He said: *“All I am and all I have is yours.”*



In Marriage:

It is customary in marriage that a name is exchanged. You take somebody else’s name and you give your name. They are trying to do away with this in our societies today which is simply an acknowledgement of the fact that people don’t believe marriage is a covenant. Women who refuse to take their husband’s name and insist on keeping their own name is rebelling against God Almighty!

When God made a covenant with Abram, his name was changed to Abraham.

The “H” that was added to Abraham referred to God’s Name – JAHWEH.

God took Abraham’s name to be known for all eternity as THE GOD OF ABRAHAM.

When you get captured as a prisoner, you lose your name, they take your identity – you get a **number** and are only known by your number!

4. BLOOD.

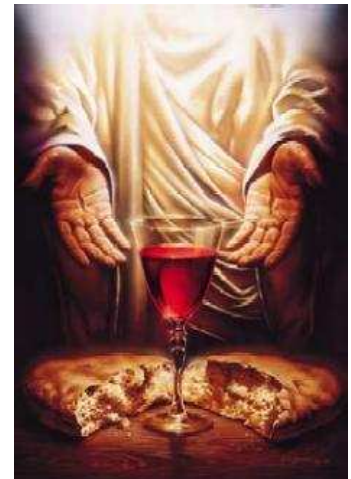
When men make a covenant with each other, they would cut a vein in their arm or hand palm, sometimes in their leg. Then mix the blood so that the blood would flow together. Many times they would bind the arms or the hands together, and then let the blood drip into a cup of some kind of drink. They would co-mingle the blood and both drink from the cup.

What is happening is that they are internalizing the life and blood of the other person in themselves.

This is something that Satanists understand clearly. They include blood and sex in every ritual because they understand the power of covenant. They know that this will link people together – they are synergizing a network of satan's blood covenant people.

The church has the real deal!! We should understand this revelation better than those in the counterfeit kingdom!!

When I receive Jesus' Blood in faith, I receive **His very life** into myself.



Blood Transfusions:

We need to know what happens when we or our loved ones receive a blood transfusion.

- life is in the blood
- blood must be redeemed
- all defilement must be removed in the Name of Jesus.
- Bind any demons that could be transferred through transfusion.
- Seal the opening where the skin was pierced with the needle.

5. VOWS AND BLESSINGS AND CURSES

After men have exchanged those four items they would make sacred vows to one another, proclamation of intent, which include an agreement to accept blessings and curses for performance or non-performance, e.g. these blessings shall come upon you by keeping this covenant, these curses will come upon you...should you ever break this covenant,

The mafia and street gangs use this kind of a covenant to keep their followers in line / disciplined.

They will die for one another – they will die before they break their word. They will defend one another to the death if an outsider attacks anybody in that group.

6. WITNESSES AND TOKENS

There will always be witnesses present and there will always be an exchange of TOKENS. Example: If you join this gang, you get to wear this sign.

The rings that gets exchanged at marriage is a symbol or witness of the event.



7. MEMORIALS

Some people will plant a tree or will pile up a heap of stones or rocks as a memorial to the covenant, e.g. After crossing the Jordan river, they put a heap of stones there as a memorial to the covenant they had made with God.



▪ Jacob

Gen 28:13-22 *“13 And behold, the Lord stood over and beside him and said, I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father [forefather] and the God of Isaac; I will give to you and to your descendants the land on which you are lying.
14 And your offspring shall be as [countless as] the dust or sand of the ground, and you shall spread abroad to the west and the east and the north and the south; and by you and your Offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed and bless themselves.
15 And behold, I am with you and will keep (watch over you with care, take notice of) you wherever you may go, and I will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done all of which I have told you.
16 And Jacob awoke from his sleep and he said, Surely the Lord is in this place and I did not know it.
17 He was afraid and said, How to be feared and revered is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gateway to heaven!
18 And Jacob rose early in the morning and **took the stone he had put under his head, and he set it up for a pillar** (a monument to the vision in his dream), and he poured oil on its top [in dedication].
19 And he named that place Bethel [the house of God]; but the name of that city was Luz at first.
20 Then **Jacob made a vow**, saying, If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go and will give me food to eat and clothing to wear,*

21 So that I may come again to my father's house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God;
22 **And this stone which I have set up as a pillar (monument)** shall be God's house [a sacred place to me], and of all [the increase of possessions] that You give me I will give the tenth to You."

- **Jacob and Laban**

Gen 31:44-55 "44 So come now, **let us make a covenant or league**, you and I, and let it be **for a witness between you and me**.

45 So Jacob set **up a stone for a pillar or monument**.

46 And Jacob said to his brethren, **Gather stones; and they took stones and made a heap**, and they ate [together] there upon the heap.

47 Laban called it Jegar-sahadutha [witness heap, in Aramaic], but Jacob called it Galeed [witness heap, in Hebrew.]

48 Laban said, **This heap is a witness today between you and me**. Therefore it was named Galeed.

49 And [the pillar or monument was called] Mizpah [watchpost], for he [Laban] said, May the Lord watch between you and me when we are absent and hidden one from another.

50 If you should afflict, humiliate, or lower [divorce] my daughters, or if you should take other wives beside my daughters, although no man is with us [to witness], see (remember), **God is witness between you and me**.

51 And Laban said to Jacob, See this heap and this pillar, which I have set up between you and me.

52 **This heap is a witness and this pillar is a witness**, that I will not pass by this heap to you, and that you will not pass by this heap and this pillar to me, for harm.

53 The God of Abraham and the God of Nahor, and the god [the object of worship] of their father [Terah, an idolator], judge between us. But Jacob swore [only] by [the one true God] the Dread and Fear of his father Isaac.

54 Then Jacob **offered a sacrifice** on the mountain and called his brethren to **eat food**; and they ate food and lingered all night on the mountain.

55 And early in the morning Laban rose up and kissed his grandchildren and his daughters and pronounced a blessing [asking God's favor] on them. Then Laban departed and returned to his home."

- **Joshua**

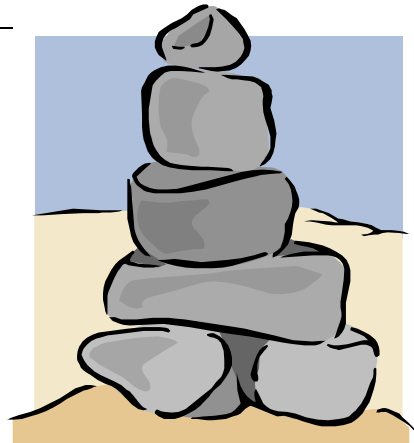
Josh 8:31-32 "31 As Moses the servant of the Lord commanded the Israelites, as it is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, **an altar of unhewn stones**, upon which no man has lifted up an iron tool; and they offered on it burnt offerings to the Lord and sacrificed peace offerings.

32 And there, in the presence of the Israelites, [Joshua] wrote on the stones a copy of the law of Moses."

Josh 24:25-27 "25 So Joshua **made a covenant** with the people that day, and **made statutes** and ordinances for them at Shechem.

26 And Joshua wrote these words in the Book of the Law of God; and he took a great stone and set it up there under an oak that was in [the court of] the sanctuary of the Lord.

27 And Joshua said to all the people, See, this stone shall be a witness against us, for it has heard all the words the Lord spoke to us; so it shall be a witness against you, lest [afterward] you lie (pretend) and deny your God."



Sometimes they would take their co-mingled blood and drip the blood on a heap of stones as a witness to their covenant.

▪ **Jesus as the Messiah:**

Luke 19:37-40 "37 As He was approaching [the city], at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of the disciples began to rejoice and to praise God [extolling Him exultantly and] loudly for all the mighty miracles and works of power that they had witnessed,

38 Crying, Blessed (celebrated with praises) is the King Who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven [freedom there from all the distresses that are experienced as the result of sin] and glory (majesty and splendor) in the highest [heaven]!

39 And some of the Pharisees from the throng said to Jesus, Teacher, reprove Your disciples!

40 He replied, I tell you that if these keep silent, the very stones will cry out."

"The stones will cry out!" What does this mean?

"These people here are witnesses to the Covenant that is about to be cut between My Father and all of Mankind by My Blood which is about to be shed and poured out upon the stones of the ground of Calvary.

If you forbid these people from being witnesses of that covenant, the very stones upon which My Blood shall drip, shall themselves be the witnesses and testimony of the Covenant that was cut!"

Jesus was both God and man and shed His Blood on behalf of BOTH parties that your blood might not have to be shed!!

Prayer:

Father, thank You that You love us so much!!

Please will You begin to open our minds and our hearts to those areas where we are yet strangers to the covenant!

Lord, where we are not convinced that what You said is true or we do not even know WHAT You said!!

Please speak to us and open our eyes, Lord, open our ears. God expose areas where we are protecting ourselves, even in our own marriages. Expose areas where we are protecting ourselves from other people, where we are afraid!

Show us where we do not know how to apply Your Covenant and where we are allowing our flesh to rule.

Father, thank You for giving us Your Name and Your authority. You've given us Your possessions, Your very own LIFE!

Father, give us a revelation on how to receive all that we need to live a victorious life, in Jesus Name!!

Continue to expose the lies we have been believing that are preventing us from receiving all that You have already accomplished!!

Establish TRUTH in the emotional realm, Lord, so that we can take that truth and apply it against the enemy.

Thank You Father, for doing that!!

AMEN!!

JOB'S PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF COVENANTAL PRINCIPLES

2 Pet 1:2-4 *"2 May grace (God's favor) and peace (which is perfect well-being, all necessary good, all spiritual prosperity, and freedom from fears and agitating passions and moral conflicts) be multiplied to you in [the full, personal, precise, and correct] knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.*

3 For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness, through the [full, personal] knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His own glory and excellence (virtue).

4 By means of these He has bestowed on us His precious and exceedingly great promises, so that through them you may escape [by flight] from the moral decay (rottenness and corruption) that is in the world because of covetousness (lust and greed), and become sharers (partakers) of the divine nature."

God has given us exceedingly great and precious promises that He made available.

THE KEY TO COVENANT IS TO KNOW THE PROMISES!!

The enemy will not just voluntarily give up his hold on you just because you have a Covenant.

The moment you get born again, the battle intensifies. The devil holds on with all his might and he will have to be forced out!!

We have got to find out what are the promises of God and **enforce** them against the enemy who is squatting on territory which he does not own.

The Secret of Job:

Who was Job?

Job 1:1-3 *"1 THERE WAS a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job; and that man was **blameless** and **upright**, and one who [reverently] **feared God** and **abstained from and shunned evil** [because it was wrong].*

2 And there were born to him seven sons and three daughters.

*3 He possessed 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, 500 female donkeys, and a very great body of servants, so that **this man was the greatest of all the men of the East.**"*

He was BLAMELESS – this does not mean without sin because Rom 3:23 says that NO-ONE is without sin. All have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of God.

Rom. 3:23 *“23 Since all have sinned and are falling short of the honor and glory which God bestows and receives.”*

“Blameless”: one who walks with integrity and the uprightness of his heart. A man doing everything that he can think of to serve God.

Other men in the Bible also called blameless:

- Noah
- Zachariah, the father of John the Baptist. He had so much unbelief when the angel told him his wife was going to have a baby that the angel stopped his mouth until the baby was born.

Job lived in the time of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. It was before the Law of Moses.

He was **RIGHTEOUS**: He was in right standing with God.
He **FEARED** God and **SHUNNED EVIL**.

Job was a very rich man like a sheik. He had wisdom and power. He was like a king to all the people.

He used his wealth, power and wisdom to **HELP** the people around him. He did not live selfishly. He used those things to bless and benefit the people around him.

Job 1:4 -5 *“4 His sons used to go and feast in the house of each on his day (birthday) in turn, and they invited their three sisters to eat and drink with them. 5 And when the days of their feasting were over, Job sent for them to purify and hallow them, and rose up early in the morning and **offered burnt offerings** according to the number of them all. For Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned and cursed or disowned God in their hearts. Thus did Job at all [such] times.”*

Whenever you see somebody offering burnt offerings on an altar to God, you can be sure that they had a Covenant with God.

God had spoken His Word and Job was responding to God in Covenant by making offerings to Him on an altar.

The last time that Job relates to God within the Covenant terms is **Job 1:5** and he then stays outside the terms of a Covenantal relationship until **Job 42**.

Do we relate to God on a basis of Covenant that He's made with us or the basis of our obedience and righteousness?

How do you get in right standing with God?

By:

- 1) Doing things / works of the flesh OR
- 2) bringing a sacrifice in the temple?

That will always be the area of conflict for man.

What man is there that has always kept all of the law other than Jesus?
No man! It is never going to work by keeping all the law.

Some have tried – it doesn't work – it can not be done.
It started way back in the Garden of Eden. Adam made fig leaves to try to relate to God. God said: *"That's not the way we're going to do it. I am going to relate to you on the basis of Covenant."*

What does Covenant mean?

We will relate to God on the basis of GOD SAID NOT I DID!!

If we relate to God on the basis of: I did or I didn't do – what is the issue in the Blood Covenant we have with God right now?

Is the issue: Have you sinned? NO!!

What is the issue? Has Jesus sinned? Answer: NO!!

Have you received the Covenant?

If I have received the Covenant, and I am in Christ, and Christ did not sin, then I am in right standing before God.

If the issue is: Did I sin, then we are in trouble! We don't really know where we stand.

Devastation and Destruction

Devastation and destruction comes into somebody's life and how do they respond?

- *"God I don't deserve this!"*
- *"Why did You let this happen?"*
- *"Why did You do this in my life?"*
- *"It didn't happen in this person's life – why did You let it happen in my life?"*



Are we responding according to Covenant? No! We are asking God, *"You ought to relate to me on the basis of what I deserve!! And I don't deserve THIS!! So, why are You letting this happen?"*

What is the problem?

- The devil and demonic spirits and our open doorways to this kingdom.
- Sin operative in my life.

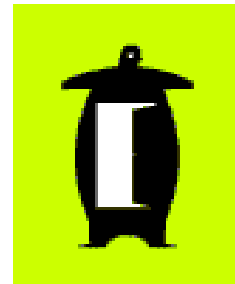


God is not the problem!

What is the correct way to respond according to Covenant?

"God, something is going on here that should not be going on. What did You say?"

When you find out what God said, take it and apply it: *"In the Name of Jesus I speak to these circumstances, I speak to this sickness, I speak to this situation, etc."*



Let's see what did Jesus do at the time of the storm: He asked the Father if the storm was supposed to be happening at that time. When Father said "No", He rebuked the storm.

Jesus always operated according to Covenant. Peter and John got this revelation when they started to perform miracles in the Name of Jesus.

They just needed to keep being tuned in to the Father to hear when, how and where.

We can respond to God according to Covenant or we can respond in anger and frustration:

"God, why are You letting this happen?"
"Why is this going on, why is that going on??"
"What are You doing here? I don't deserve this!"
"God, I did what You said; how come You let this happen??"

If a thief comes into your house, it does not matter to him whether you are righteous or not. It does not help you telling him you don't deserve this because you are walking with God.

What you need to tell the thief is that you have a Blood Covenant with Jesus – He is real BIG and real POWERFUL.

"In the Name of Jesus, STOP!! Leave this house NOW and go!!"

Crying out to God when He has already done it all on the Cross 2000 years ago, will not help. He will tell you He has already done all that is necessary – He made a Blood Covenant with you and He released His authority to you. Now you must enforce the provision He has made – He has died ONCE and for all.

Rom 8:2-4 *"2 For the law of the Spirit of life [which is] in Christ Jesus [the law of our new being] has freed me from **the law of sin and of death.**
3 For God has done what the Law could not do, [its power] being weakened by the flesh [the entire nature of man without the Holy Spirit]. Sending His own Son in the guise of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, [God] condemned sin in the flesh [subdued, overcame, deprived it of its power over all who accept that sacrifice],
4 So that the righteous and just requirement of the Law might be fully met in us who live and move not in the ways of the flesh but in the ways of the Spirit [our lives governed not by the standards and according to the dictates of the flesh, but controlled by the Holy Spirit]."*

Which law is operative if you do not take up your authority?
The Law of sin and Death!!

- You don't have to do anything to get your possessions stolen.
- You don't have to do anything to operate in sin.
- You don't have to do anything to get sick.
- You don't have to do anything to get beat up by people.

It just happens!! It starts the day you are conceived.
This scripture says we have to OPERATE IN THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS. We have to enforce that Law.

It is like the Law of gravity and the Law of Aerodynamics. If you do nothing, the law of gravity will prevail. In order to get airborne, you have to get into an airplane and FLY. Rebuking gravity will not help!!

Is God sovereign?
Can He make the airplane fly without you turning on the engines??
YES!! He can!!
But there is already a **law** that you can operate in – just turn on the key!

What has already been done by the Blood of Jesus, will not be done again!

God says: *"Step across the Blood!! Come on in!!"*

Job 6:1-4 *"1 THEN JOB answered
2 Oh, that my impatience and vexation might be [thoroughly] weighed and all my calamity be laid up over against them in the balances, one against the other [to see if my grief is unmanly]!"*

3 For now it would be heavier than the sand of the sea; therefore my words have been rash and wild,
4 [But it is] because the arrows of the Almighty are within me, the poison which my spirit drinks up; the terrors of God set themselves in array against me.”

Job is saying he is trying to get some balance in his situation. He wants to put his iniquity on the one side – what he has done wrong – and then on the other side he wants to put the amount of vexation/punishment/affliction.



Why does he think this way??
The theory is they ought to balance.

How much affliction and punishment should I have in my life?? It should EQUAL the iniquity in my life!!

“If God is just and fair, I ought to be punished in direct proportion to the wrong that I have done.” Job is trying to make a case against God by saying that what is happening here is not right! *“My vexation FAR exceeds my iniquity!!”*

God has NEVER related to people on the basis of what they do. He always relates to all people on the basis of what HE has said!!

In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve’s first act of religious works after they had sinned was to cover-up their nakedness with fig leaves so God would not see. God removes the fig leaves and says: *“You will not relate to Me on the basis of your works and self-effort.”*

God slays animals, sheds blood and takes the skins and clothes them and says: *“You will relate to Me on the basis of the shedding of blood and the promise that I give you and not on you doing something to try and fix your wrong-doing.”*



Job is trying to prove that God is treating him unfairly. He believes that everything he has experienced, must be God's doing and does not understand / know that satan is attacking him. Many Christians live in that exact same system. They don't want to accept that they are in a war zone.



Many Christians say: GOD IS IN CONTROL!! So, everything that happens to me is authored and ordained by God. Ultimately, like Job, many people believe that God orchestrates everything that satan does.

The Three Counsellors

Job 8:2-6 *"2 How long will you say these things [Job]? And how long shall the words of your mouth be as a mighty wind?
3 Does God pervert justice? Or does the Almighty pervert righteousness?
4 If your children have sinned against Him, then He has delivered them into the power of their transgression.
5 If you will seek God diligently and make your supplication to the Almighty,
6 Then, if you are pure and upright, surely He will bestir Himself for you and make your righteous dwelling prosperous again."*

The three counselors also believe in the theory of the balance scale. Bildad says that God is just and therefore the balance scale must be right – Job must admit he has sinned and repent.

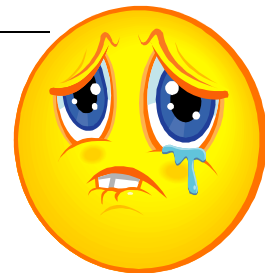
Job keeps on saying he knows his own heart and he does not deserve all the suffering.

Job's conclusion is that God is unjust.

Satan puts all the blame on God.

Job 9:15-16 *"15 Whom, though I were righteous (upright and innocent) yet I could not answer? I must appeal for mercy to my Opponent and Judge [for my right].
16 If I called and He answered me, **yet would I not believe that He listened to my voice.**"*

Job tries very hard to stay faithful to God but here he starts to show his struggles.



Job 9:17-21 “17 For He **overwhelms** and **breaks** me with a tempest and **multiplies my wounds without cause.**

18 He will not allow me to catch my breath, **but fills me with bitterness.**

19 If I speak of strength, behold, He is mighty! And if of justice, Who, says He, will summon Me?

20 Though I am innocent and in the right, my own mouth would condemn me; though I am blameless, **He would prove me perverse.**

21 Though I am blameless, I regard not myself; I despise my life.”



Job is saying that God destroys the blameless and the wicked – THIS IS NOT TRUE!!

This image that Job has of God is FALSE!!

Job 9:23 “23 When [His] scourge slays suddenly, **He mocks at the calamity and trial of the innocent.**”

If all of this were true then none of us would serve God!!

Job 9:32 “32 For [God] is not a [mere] man, as I am, that I should answer Him, that we should come together in court.”

Job wants to prove his case to God. He wants to prove to Him how unjust He is.

The deception of Job:

Job 13:1-3, 13 “1 [JOB CONTINUED:] Behold, my eye has seen all this, my ear has heard and understood it.

2 What you know, I also know; I am not inferior to you.

3 Surely I wish to speak to the Almighty, and **I desire to argue and reason my case with God** [that He may explain the conflict between what I believe of Him and what I see of Him].

13 Hold your peace! Let me alone, so I may speak; and let come on me what may.

15 [I do it because, though He slay me, yet will I wait for and trust Him and] behold, He will slay me; I have no hope—nevertheless, I will maintain and argue my ways before Him and even to His face.”



THIS STATEMENT IS FULL OF PRIDE, ARROGANCE SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS, WORKS RIGHTEOUSNESS AND THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF WHAT GOD ALMIGHTY STANDS FOR!!

This is supreme deception!

**GOD IS NOT THE AUTHOR OF ALL CIRCUMSTANCES!
HE IS THE MASTER OF ALL CIRCUMSTANCES!**

When the enemy comes to destroy, God will take every circumstance and turn it into a benefit and a blessing for Him if you allow Him to. God will let all things work out for good for those who love Him to accomplish HIS purpose!!

Just because you see God at every crisis, does not mean God creates crisis.

God gives Adam DOMINION over the earth – He gives Adam authority to rule and reign in His Name.

If a landlord leases an apartment, he voluntarily gives up authority over that apartment during the term of the lease. Up until that time, the landlord cannot just walk in and do as he pleases.

In the same way, God gave up authority to man when He leased the earth to Adam. The lease time is about up!!

The parable about the vineyard tells us that the Landlord is going to return to His own land and will require accountability from those who were supposed to look after His land. Until then, God will not abuse / overrule the power / authority that He has voluntarily given to man. Many Christians believe that God will do just as He wants when He wants – God is sovereign! God is in control! God can but He will not overrule man's freedom of choice.



Man handed God's delegated authority to satan.

1 John 5:19 *"19 We know [positively] that we are of God, and the whole world [around us] is under the power of the evil one."*

The whole world lay in the power of the evil one until, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, He regained the authority back from satan.

Jesus then spoke the Great Commission or actually the Great RE-commission.

Jesus said: *"ALL authority..."*



Please take note: It is not a power issue; it is about AUTHORITY!!

Back to the landlord:

He finds out that your stove is defective and can start a fire in the building. He cannot just walk in and fix it. He knows about it – he has a desire to fix it – he has capability and power to fix it – BUT he lacks authority!!

Now he must call you up – tell you he knows about your problem and wants to fix it – when will you allow him to come in?

What does the story with the landlord describe? PRAYER!!

God has knowledge of all the wrong in our lives that need fixing, has the power to fix and has the desire to do it for you. But He can not do anything until man who has His delegated AUTHORITY, makes the choice.

2 Chronicles 16:9 *“9 For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show Himself strong in behalf of those whose hearts are blameless toward Him...”*

THIS IS THE ROLE OF THE INTERCESSOR!!

Back to Job...

Job and his friends all believe in the balance scale of iniquities and sufferings.
Job believes he is innocent and his friends think he is lying.

Job's Covenant did not help him – he was a stranger to the terms of the Covenant.



David and Goliath

David had a revelation that he stood in a Covenant relationship with God. He proclaimed “uncircumcised Philistine” – which meant “man without a covenant”. The issue is not how BIG the guy is, in other words, how much **power** does he have; but what our authority in the Name of Jesus is.

David did not kill Goliath with a stone but with a PROMISE!!

Job 29 *“1 AND JOB again took up his discussion and said,
2 Oh, that I were as in the months of old, as in the days when God watched over me,
3 When His lamp shone above and upon my head and by His light I walked through darkness;
4 As I was in the [prime] ripeness of my days, when the friendship and counsel of God were over my tent,
5 When the Almighty was yet with me and my children were about me,
6 When my steps [through rich pasturage] were washed with butter and the rock poured out for me streams of oil!
7 When I went out to the gate of the city, when I prepared my seat in the street [the broad place for the council at the city's gate],
8 The young men saw me and hid themselves; the aged rose up and stood;
9 The princes refrained from talking and laid their hands on their mouths;
10 The voices of the nobles were hushed, and their tongues cleaved to the roof of their mouths.
11 For when the ear heard, it called me happy and blessed me; and when the eye saw, it testified for me [approvingly],
12 Because I delivered the poor who cried, the fatherless and him who had none to help him.
13 The blessing of him who was about to perish came upon me, and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.
14 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me or clothed itself with me; my justice was like a robe and a turban or a diadem or a crown!
15 I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame.
16 I was a father to the poor and needy; the cause of him I did not know I searched out.*

17 And I broke the jaws or the big teeth of the unrighteous and plucked the prey out of his teeth.

18 Then I said, I shall die in or beside my nest, and I shall multiply my days as the sand.

19 My root is spread out and open to the waters, and the dew lies all night upon my branch.

20 My glory and honor are fresh in me [being constantly renewed], and my bow gains [ever] new strength in my hand.

21 Men listened to me and waited and kept silence for my counsel.

22 After I spoke, they did not speak again, and my speech dropped upon them [like a refreshing shower].

23 And they waited for me as for the rain, and they opened their mouths wide as for the spring rain.

24 I smiled on them when they had no confidence, and their depression did not cast down the light of my countenance.

25 I chose their way [for them] and sat as [their] chief, and dwelt like a king among his soldiers, like one who comforts mourners.”

Job is implying that God has left the relationship – God has broken the Covenant. That is a serious accusation because the only remedy for breaking Covenant in the East is death!

What a serious word for marriage!! Divorce has never been a remedy for breaking Covenant in marriage – it is either **death** or **forgiveness!!**

Job talks about himself all the time, he exposes his heart. He uses his money to do good – lived in righteousness, looked after the orphans and the widows, did good deeds and blessed many people around him.

Many times we can also feel this way: *“I give all I’ve got for God’s Kingdom; live a pure and holy life; I tithe and give offerings; I go to church every week; I pray one hour per day; I read my Bible every day; I witness on the street every day; I am a leader in my church and I bless all that I come across...etc...etc...”*

So, Lord, now You can at least heal me!! I deserve it!! You are so lucky to have me in Your Kingdom!! I sacrificially offer my time, my emotions, my money, etc...”

If God heals the prostitute or drug addict you are upset – that is not fair!!

You have just fallen into the same trap as Job!! The longer you walk with the Lord, the more “works” you have to offer Him. Are you trusting in all your works to get your healing or are you trusting God for what Jesus alone has done?



You must realize you have NOTHING to offer – *“I should die – I deserve to die!”*. You can only trust in the Blood of the Lamb and the completed work Jesus has done on the cross.

The sad thing is that when you are deceived you don't know it!! Job is deceived and he does not know that he is trusting in himself. When all the bad things happen to him he is shocked!! *“God, where does all this come from?”*

Job is trying to explain why he does not deserve what is happening to him. The thief is saying: *“I don't really care! I am going to take all that's available!!”* And he does!

Job doesn't say: *“God, what have You said?”* then apply what God tells him to do in his situation. David **did not say**: *“We don't deserve to be overrun by the Philistines.”*

David proclaimed what God had said and went out to deal with Goliath. He understood Covenant and authority. (**Deut. 9** – God said they would meet the giants but He would go before them as a consuming fire! He would destroy the giants because of His promise to His people.)

The Israelites memorized the Word and knew what God had said but did not apply it. It did not help them to KNOW the Word – they had to have a **revelation** of the application of the Word!!

Job is deceived and trusts in himself to get into right standing with God.

Prayer:

Father, we thank You for the powerful Covenant that You have given us.
Lord, we thank You that You love us. We ask that You will give us a revelation of where we are trusting in ourselves and do not know it.
Father, please open our eyes to see that so that we might repent in those areas, that we might turn and get a revelation, Lord, of where our authority really lies.

Father, Thank You for doing it, In Jesus Name.

BACK TO JOB CHAPTER 1:

Conversation between God and satan.

Job 1:6-8 *“6 Now there was a day when the sons (the angels) of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan (the adversary and accuser) also came among them.*

7 And the Lord said to Satan, From where did you come? Then Satan answered the Lord, From going to and fro on the earth and from walking up and down on it.

*8 And the Lord said to Satan, **Have you considered My servant Job**, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who [reverently] fears God and abstains from and shuns evil [because it is wrong]?”*

“Have you been considering My servant, Job?” Satan then says he has a case against God that God is a respecter of persons – that God has a **special hedge of protection** just around Job.

We make a mistake if we believe satan when he accuses God of putting a special hedge of protection just around Job.

Satan says to God that if God would take this special hedge down, Job would curse Him to His face. Job only loves God because He protects him. This is not true – God does not have favourites and specially protects only certain people and not others!! What is your **protection** to counteract what satan wants to do in your life today?

THE BLOOD COVENANT THAT YOU HAVE WITH GOD ALMIGHTY!!

Remember that God owns the earth. He delegated the authority to man who gave that authority away to satan. Satan had authority over the earth until Jesus was resurrected.

1 John 5:19 *“19 We know [positively] that we are of God, and the whole world [around us] is under the power of the evil one.”*

The whole earth is under the influence of the evil one – look at the drug world, the world of prostitution, child abuse, murder, etc, etc...

1 Cor. 2:8 *“8 None of the rulers of this age or world perceived and recognized and understood this, for if they had, they would never have crucified the Lord of glory.”*

What did they not know?? They did not know they would loose their AUTHORITY!!!

Jesus gave that authority to the Church and re-commissioned them to go to all nations with the good news!! How do we have authority? BY COVENANT!! Do you have authority just because you read your Bible? Because you pray every day? NO!! Only on the grounds of the covenant!

What happens to all who are not in covenant?

They are under the power of the evil one. The Blood Covenant that we have with the Father through the Blood of Jesus protects us from the evil one.

When the enemy comes, he is not interested in what you deserve or that you are a Christian. He is only expelled when you **show** him your weapons and you **tell** him to go in Jesus Name!!

Job is trying to prove his innocence and that he does not deserve what is happening to him – satan is not impressed!

Job 1:12 *“12 And the Lord said to Satan (the adversary and the accuser), Behold, **all that he has is in your power**, only upon the man himself put not forth your hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the Lord.”*

People believe what satan has said to be true: God has a special hedge of protection around Job and God must take it down.

God says to satan that all Job has is already in satan’s hand – satan is god of this world. The only thing that can protect Job is the Covenant and his ability to grasp what God has said, to believe it and to enforce it against his enemies.

HOW DOES GOD MAKE COVENANT?

A. The first significant description of the making of a Covenant is between God and Abraham.

1. Abraham accepts God's Word and goes to Canaan in faith.

Obedience:

Gen. 12:1-4a "1 NOW [in Haran] the Lord said to Abram, **Go for yourself** [for your own advantage] away from your country, from your relatives and your father's house, **to the land** that I will show you.

2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you [with abundant increase of favors] and make your name famous and distinguished, and you will be a blessing [dispensing good to others].

3 And I will bless those who bless you [who confer prosperity or happiness upon you] and curse him who curses or uses insolent language toward you; in you will all the families and kindred of the earth be blessed [and by you they will bless themselves].

4 So **Abram departed**, as the Lord had directed him..."



2. God makes a promise of the blessing before He cuts Covenant.

Prophetic word:

Gen. 13:14-17 "14 The Lord said to Abram after Lot had left him, Lift up now your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward;

15 For all **the land which you see I will give to you** and to your posterity forever.

16 And I will make your descendants like the dust of the earth, so that if a man could count the dust of the earth, then could your descendants also be counted.

17 Arise, walk through the land, the length of it and the breadth of it, for I will give it to you."

3. God cuts Covenant with Abraham with the sacrifice of an animal and the flowing of blood.

Gen. 15:9-10, 17-18 “9 And He said to him, **Bring to Me a heifer three years old, a she-goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.**

10 And he brought Him all these and cut them down the middle [into halves] and laid each half opposite the other; but the birds he did not divide.

17 When the sun had gone down and a [thick] darkness had come on, behold, a smoking oven and a flaming torch passed between those pieces.

18 On the same day the Lord made a covenant (promise, pledge) with Abram, saying, To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river Euphrates...”

4. God gave Abraham and his descendants a sign as a reminder.

Gen. 17:7-11 “7 And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting, solemn pledge, to be a God to you and to your posterity after you.

8 And I will give to you and to your posterity after you the land in which you are a stranger [going from place to place], all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

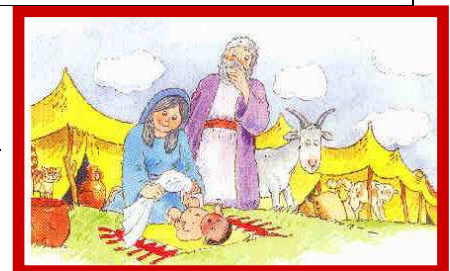
9 And God said to Abraham, As for you, you shall therefore keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations.

10 **This is My covenant**, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your posterity after you: **Every male among you shall be circumcised.**

11 And you shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin, and it shall be a token or **sign of the covenant** (the promise or pledge) between Me and you.”

5. God honours his promise with evidence of the blessing.

Gen. 18:10 “10 [The Lord] said, I will surely return to you when the season comes round, and behold, Sarah **your wife will have a son.** And Sarah was listening and heard it at the tent door which was behind Him.”



B. God honours the Covenant made to Abraham through his actions with Moses:

Gen. 15:13-14 *“13 And [God] said to Abram, Know positively that your descendants will be strangers dwelling as temporary residents in a land that is not theirs [Egypt], and they will be slaves there and will be afflicted and oppressed for 400 years. [Fulfilled in Exod. 12:40.] 14 But I will bring judgment on that nation whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with great possessions.”*



Gen 16:3-6 *“3 So Sarai, Abram’s wife, took Hagar her Egyptian maid, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his [secondary] wife. 4 And he had intercourse with Hagar, and she became pregnant; and when she saw that she was with child, she looked with contempt upon her mistress and despised her. 5 Then Sarai said to Abram, May [the responsibility for] my wrong and deprivation of rights be upon you! I gave my maid into your bosom, and when she saw that she was with child, I was contemptible and despised in her eyes. May the Lord be the judge between you and me. 6 But Abram said to Sarai, **See here, your maid is in your hands and power; do as you please with her.** And when Sarai dealt severely with her, humbling and afflicting her, she [Hagar] fled from her.”*

Abraham was saying to Sarah that Hagar is her maid and she can do whatever she wants to with her. Hagar was under Sarah’s authority.

Abraham is not releasing a new authority – he is just acknowledging the new authority that already exists.

In a sense, God is saying the same thing to satan - the whole world already lies in his jurisdiction because Adam gave it to him – he already had authority in that realm.

“All that he has is already in your power, but do not touch his person...”

Satan can only do to Job whatever Job lets him do – to the extent that Job does not understand the Covenant – to the extent that Job is a stranger to the Covenant – satan is going to be able to penetrate and devastate him in that area.

Job's blind spots:

- **FEAR:**

Job 3:25 "25 For the thing which **I greatly fear comes upon me**, and that of which I am afraid befalls me."

- **PRIDE:**

Job 29:25 "25 I chose their way [for them] and sat as [their] chief, and dwelt like a king among his soldiers, like one who comforts mourners."

When catastrophes happen to us we ask:

1. Is God responsible?
2. Is this just/fair?

Four possible answers:

1. Yes, God is responsible and this is fair.
2. Yes, God is responsible and this is not fair.
3. No, God is not responsible and this is fair.
4. No, God is not responsible and this is not fair.

People will interpret the book of Job, and their own circumstances, according to how they have answered these questions in their hearts already.

1. The Evangelical Church

The classic evangelical position is: God is responsible and it is just/fair. They define God's sovereignty to mean that God does whatever He wants whenever He wants.

How do they see this as fair/just? "*My ways are not your ways. My thoughts are not your thoughts...*"

This was exactly Job's position: He was saying intellectually: "*I know this is good and this is fair.*"

But in Chapter 9 he really reveals his heart: Shaking his fist at God. Angry! "*God You are making me suffer unjustly! I am innocent. One day You will have to repent to me!!*"



2. The Unbeliever.

Yes, God is responsible and no, this is not fair!

Examples: My father abused me when I was 4 years old,
etc...etc...

If God is so loving and so powerful, then explain this to me....



3. God is not responsible but it is fair!

Nobody believes that!!

4. The Believing Church

No, God is not responsible and no, it is not fair!

God owns the earth but He gave the authority to man.
In an overall eternal perspective, God is responsible for everything in the universe because He created it. But on a short-term basis, God is not responsible for the fact that your father violated you sexually when you were 5 years old. That was not God's plan or His will. The reason is that the evil one is exercising power over the whole world.



Trying to understand **the will of God**:

Two words in Greek to explain "will":

- "boulēma" – the eternal unalterable purpose of God that will not be thwarted – eg:
 1. The land of Israel will be given to the Jews.
 2. Jesus Christ will return to this earth.
- "thelema" – God's intent, His nature, His character, His desire, His hope. Eg. It is His will that none should perish.



If it were God's "boulēma" will then none would perish.

It is the "thelema" will of God that all should be saved.

Was it the will of God for Judas to betray Jesus? "boulēma" – Yes!
"thelema" – No!

One Last Chance

An ancient Jewish custom has that the head of the home would indicate to all the guests present which persona was the **most honoured** by offering them (at Passover) a piece of bread which had been dipped in the wine as a gesture of respect.

John 13:21-27 *"21 After Jesus had said these things, He was troubled (disturbed, agitated) in spirit and said, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, one of you will deliver Me up [one of you will be false to Me and betray Me]!
22 The disciples kept looking at one another, puzzled as to whom He could mean.
23 One of His disciples, whom Jesus loved [whom He esteemed and delighted in], was reclining [next to Him] on Jesus' bosom.
24 So Simon Peter motioned to him to ask of whom He was speaking.
25 Then leaning back against Jesus' breast, he asked Him, Lord, who is it?
26 Jesus answered, It is the one to whom I am going to give this morsel (bit) of food after I have dipped it. So when He had dipped the morsel of bread [into the dish], He gave it to Judas, Simon Iscariot's son.
27 Then after [he had taken] the bit of food, Satan entered into and took possession of [Judas]. Jesus said to him, What you are going to do, do more swiftly than you seem to intend and make quick work of it."*

All of heaven, the multitude of angels watched with bated breath. Judas had been offered one **last chance**. Jesus reached out with the **love** that we have been given.

Matt. 5:44-48 *“44 But I tell you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,
 45 To show that you are the children of your Father Who is in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the wicked and on the good, and makes the rain fall upon the upright and the wrongdoers [alike].
 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward can you have? Do not even the tax collectors do that?
 47 And if you greet only your brethren, what more than others are you doing? Do not even the Gentiles (the heathen) do that?
 48 You, therefore, must be perfect [growing into complete maturity of godliness in mind and character, having reached the proper height of virtue and integrity], as your heavenly Father is perfect.”*

How do you counsel people? Always “*thelēma*” – the nature, the character, the desire, the hope of God.

Matt. 26:39 *“39 And going a little farther, He threw Himself upon the ground on His face and prayed saying, My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass away from Me; nevertheless, not what I **will** [not what I desire], but as **You will** and desire.”*

The meaning of **WILL** in Greek:

2307. θέλημα **thelēma**; from 2309; will:— desire(1), desires(1), will(57).

2309 - Greek

2309 thelo thel'-o or ethelo eth-el'-o, in certain tenses theleo thel-eh'-o, and etheleo eth-el-eh'-o, which are otherwise obsolete

apparently strengthened from the alternate form of 138; to determine (as an active option from subjective impulse; whereas 1014 properly denotes rather a passive acquiescence in objective considerations), i.e. choose or prefer (literally or figuratively); by implication, to wish, i.e. be inclined to (sometimes adverbially, gladly); impersonally for the future tense, to be about to; by Hebraism, to delight in:--desire, be disposed (forward), intend, list, love, mean, please, have rather, (be) will (have, -ling, -ling(-ly)).

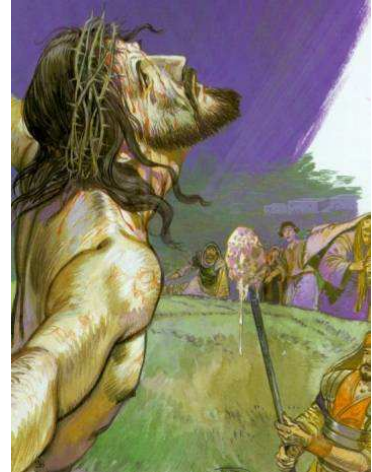
1013. βούλημα **boulēma**; from **1014**; purpose, will:— desire(1), intention(1), will(1).

1014. βούλομαι **boulomai**; a prim. vb.; to will:— am(1), desire(2), desires(1), desiring(1), intend(1), intended(3), intending(1), like(1), planned(1), unwilling*(1), want(7), wanted(3), wanting(2), will(1), willing(3), wills(3), wish(1), wished(1), wishes(1), wishing(3).

We can conclude from our lesson about Job that Satan is responsible for all the devastation that he caused Job to suffer. Job was responsible for his **own** fear and his **own** pride.

What did Jesus come to do?

1 John 3:8 “8 [But] he who commits sin [who practices evil-doing] is of the devil [takes his character from the evil one], for the devil has sinned (violated the divine law) from the beginning. **The reason the Son of God was made manifest (visible) was to undo (destroy, loosen, and dissolve) the works the devil [has done].**”



Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil.

Three wrong responses in adversity.

1. Blame God.

This will result in one of two things:

- **Strive** through performance to somehow appease Him – read your Bible double, praying double, fast, etc...
- **Give up** in anger and self-pity. They will say with their mouth they trust God – God is in control – but in their heart they are very angry and blame God.



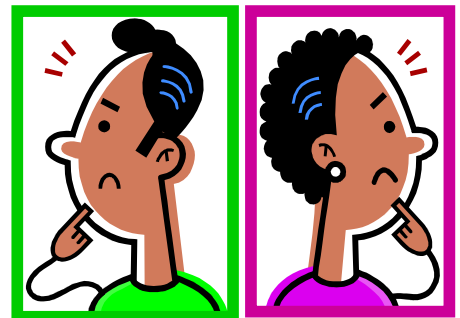
2. Blame themselves.

“I must be a screwed-up person.”

a) I then get **real busy** trying to fix ME. I discipline myself, I try to change this attitude and that attitude, confess this and do that, etc....

b) **Give up** in anger and self-pity towards themselves.

“Woe is me! I am just so worthless. I just can’t do anything right. I might as well just die!”



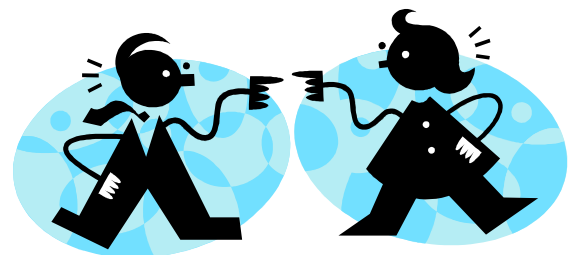
3. Blame other people.

There are 6 billion sinners out there that you can find something wrong with!!

Find their areas of sin and weaknesses – that is not hard to do!!

This will result in two reactions:

- They will **fight** that person, argue, do what they can to harm that person.



- **Give up** in self-pity and anger, say: I can't win, there's nothing I can do, they're too powerful for me.

One correct response in adversity.

Hebrews 4:14-16 *“14 Inasmuch then as we have a great High Priest Who has [already] ascended and passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession [of faith in Him].*

15 For we do not have a High Priest Who is unable to understand and sympathize and have a shared feeling with our weaknesses and infirmities and liability to the assaults of temptation, but One Who has been tempted in every respect as we are, yet without sinning.

16 Let us then fearlessly and confidently and boldly draw near to the throne of grace (the throne of God's unmerited favor to us sinners), that we may receive mercy [for our failures] and find grace to help in good time for every need [appropriate help and well-timed help, coming just when we need it].”



Recognize the SOURCE of your help and run to Him!!
The lies that get into the heart need to be removed!!



Prayer:

God, please remove the lies I have believed in my heart! Please will You expose the lies and bring in Jesus Name!!

I now receive by GRACE what God has made available by the Covenant and let God heal me now in Jesus Name!

TRUTH

Job gets a Revelation of the Terms of the Covenant:

Job 42:5-6 *“5 I had heard of You [only] by the hearing of the ear, but now my [spiritual] eye sees You.
6 Therefore I loathe [my words] and abhor myself and repent in dust and ashes.”*



Job repents for the first time. His friends still do not have his revelation. Job prays for his friends and God restores to Job double of all that he lost.

“The Lord giveth, satan taketh away, and the Lord restoreth double all that was taken away!!”

Is 54 is presented to people who have received – the New Covenant.

Is 54:4-9 *“4 **Fear not**, for you shall not be ashamed; neither be confounded and depressed, for you shall not be put to shame. For you shall forget the shame of your youth, and you shall not [seriously] remember the reproach of your widowhood any more.*

*5 For your **Maker is your Husband**—the Lord of hosts is His name—and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; the God of the whole earth He is called.*

6 For the Lord has called you like a woman forsaken, grieved in spirit, and heartsore—even a wife [wooed and won] in youth, when she is [later] refused and scorned, says your God.

7 For a brief moment I forsook you, but with great compassion and mercy I will gather you [to Me] again.

8 In a little burst of wrath I hid My face from you for a moment, but with age-enduring love and kindness I will have compassion and mercy on you, says the Lord, your Redeemer.

*9 For this is like the days of Noah to Me; as I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, **so have I sworn that I will not be angry with you or rebuke you.**”*



“My Covenant of love will not be removed from you nor My Covenant of peace.”

People who walk around thinking that “God is judging me because I did this or that” are trampling on the Blood shed by Jesus to ratify the Covenant.



Why?? If God is judging you, then Jesus wasted His Blood.

God has already judged Jesus for all sin – He won't double-judge again!!

This is the same promise made to Noah that God will never flood the earth again.

It is impossible for God to lay sickness on you – He has already laid all sicknesses on Jesus.

WHEN GOD'S WORD IS SPOKEN

When God speaks a Word, it is 100% certain – you can count on it, you can trust it. Many times so difficult for us to believe this because there are very few examples of Covenant relationships that we can study to see that they work in the way where somebody would die for their word.

Isaiah 55:11 *“11 So shall My word be that goes forth out of My mouth: **it shall not return to Me void** [without producing any effect, useless], **but it shall accomplish that which I please and purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.**”*

When God's Word goes out, it REMAINS until it accomplishes its purpose. God may give you the word, but if that word is never fulfilled in you, it does not return to God – the word REMAINS and it is waiting there in a sense for another generation to pick it up.

Prophetic words spoken to your parents, your grandparents, that were never fulfilled in their lives that are waiting for somebody to grasp hold of, and by faith bring to manifestation on earth. When God speaks His Word, it is a **force of life** that goes forth and it will not return until it has accomplished the purpose for which it was sent.

Critical question: WHAT HAS GOD SAID?!

Many people are just waiting for God to do all kinds of things – God why don't You do this?? God, why don't You do that??

His answer: I HAVE DONE THAT!!

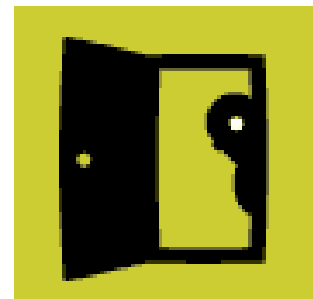
The issue is not trying to get God to do; the issue is bringing into manifestation what God has done.

A PROMISE FROM GOD WHEN IN CRISES:

Is 54:15 *“15 Behold, they may gather together and stir up strife, but **it is not from Me**. Whoever stirs up strife against you shall fall and surrender to you.”*

I have partnered with God Almighty. Whatever you do to me, you are also doing to Jesus Christ. My life belongs to the Lord Jesus Christ.

I am the apple of His eye; if you do something to me it means you have put your finger in God's eye!!



Do not stand outside the door to God's covenant promises – do not stand and beg God to do something that is already available – step across the threshold and RECEIVE!!

When I pray, "*In Jesus Name*" I am declaring that what I have just prayed has already been "beamed" out there – I receive what has already been done 2000 years ago on Calvary – and I speak it out in Jesus Name!

Never say: "God how could You let this happen to me??"

God is NOT a puppet-master. The whole world is under the power of the evil one according to **1 John 5:19**.

The Word God spoke can protect us from the evil one – He gave a Covenant when Jesus said: "*It is finished!!*"

What protects us from anything is whatever we grab hold of what God has said, and because we have a revelation of the Covenant, we have the **confidence** to **enforce** what God has said against the enemy.

God relates to us according to HIS GRACE.

IS THE IMAGE OF GOD'S WORD IMPRINTED ON YOUR HEART?

We can intellectually believe God's Word but we live according to the IMAGES in our heart.

Whatever IMAGES we have imprinted on the inside of our heart is what governs our behaviour, our attitudes, our actions.

For example: A pastor commits adultery. He believes it is wrong but because of the image in his heart, he committed adultery. His heart was not consistent with what he believed. He would even counsel people to not commit adultery according to the Word. The lies in the heart will prevent you from getting God's Word as an image on the inside.

God's Word must be written on the tablets of our hearts then we will be able to live in the power of that Word. It does not help only knowing the Word, memorizing it, quoting it, etc.

We can not enforce God's Word from the mind only – it must be an **image** in my heart!!

Heb 4:1-2 *"1 THEREFORE, WHILE the promise of entering His rest still holds and is offered [today], let us be afraid [to distrust it], lest any of you should think he has come too late and has come short of [reaching] it.
2 For indeed we have had the glad tidings [Gospel of God] proclaimed to us just as truly as they [the Israelites of old did when the good news of deliverance from bondage came to them]; but the message they heard did not benefit them, because it was not mixed with faith (with the leaning of the entire personality on God in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness) by those who heard it; neither were they united in faith with the ones [Joshua and Caleb] who heard (did believe)."*

FAITH IS: The leaning of the entire personality in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom and goodness.

Heb 11:1 *"1 NOW FAITH is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]."*

Faith is perceiving as real fact what is not yet revealed to the senses.

For example: "Abraham, you are the father of many nations" when he had **no children!!**

Rom 4:17-18 “17 As it is written, **I have made you the father of many nations.** [He was appointed our father] in the sight of God in Whom he believed, Who gives life to the dead and **speaks of the nonexistent things** that [He has foretold and promised] **as if they [already] existed.**
18 [For Abraham, human reason for] hope being gone, hoped in faith that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been promised, So [numberless] shall your descendants be.”

“Be not” – what?? God calls things that be not MANIFEST (they are existent) as though they were (manifest).

Rom. 4:19-21 “19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered the [utter] impotence of his own body, which was as good as dead because he was about a hundred years old, or [when he considered] the barrenness of Sarah’s [deadened] womb.
20 No unbelief or distrust made him waver (doubtingly question) concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong and was empowered by faith as he gave praise and glory to God,
21 Fully satisfied and assured that God was able and mighty to keep His word and to do what He had promised.”

You can not just call forth whatever YOU want – it must be “beamed” out by God and then you call forth what HE has said.

What establishes existence? God’s Word.

What establishes manifestation? My FAITH mixed with God’s Word brings forth manifestation.

God allows us to take that which He has created in existence and by faith bring it into manifestation.

THE SPIES OF CANAAN

Num 13:25-33 “25 And they returned from scouting out the land after forty days.
26 They came to Moses and Aaron and to all the Israelite congregation in the Wilderness of Paran at Kadesh, and brought them word, and showed them the land’s fruit.
27 They told Moses, We came to the land to which you sent us; surely it flows with milk and honey. This is its fruit.
28 But the people who dwell there are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large; moreover, there we saw the sons of Anak [of great stature and courage].
29 Amalek dwells in the land of the South (the Negeb); the Hittite, the Jebusite, and the Amorite dwell in the hill country; and the Canaanite dwells by the sea and along by the side of the Jordan [River].

30 Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once and possess it; we are well able to conquer it.
 31 But his fellow scouts said, We are not able to go up against the people [of Canaan], for they are stronger than we are.
 32 So they brought the Israelites an evil report of the land which they had scouted out, saying, The land through which we went to spy it out is a land that devours its inhabitants. And all the people that we saw in it are men of great stature.
 33 There we saw the Nephilim [or giants], the sons of Anak, who come from the giants; and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.”



They reported all they saw, felt, smelt, etc. Then God says it is an evil report! The report was discouraging but all they said is what they saw, felt and experienced.



What is evil about that?? It lies in the conclusion they came to: “Because of this we should not go up there.”

Caleb also saw what they saw, he heard what they heard, he had the same experience but came to a different conclusion.



“Let’s go up at once! We are well able to conquer it!” He was ready to enforce God’s Word!

What is an evil report?

Evil report is anytime that you are speaking forth that which you see, hear feel, experience that is contrary to what God has said about that person/that circumstance.

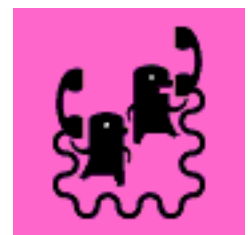
We do this most of the time!! “My husband is like this...” My wife is doing that...”



That is an evil report!!

When you speak forth about a person or a circumstance, you are prophesying – the power of life and death are in the tongue.

If you are continually speaking forth negative report about other people and circumstances, you must understand that out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. Ask the Lord to show you what you need to adjust in your heart. You can try to stop it at the mouth gate (religious works) but that will not stop the thoughts.



That will not change your attitudes.
Ask the Lord to help you identify the lies in your heart.

How does this relate to covenant?

Am I going to continue speaking forth an evil report or am I going to align myself with what God says?? Will I allow myself to be set free??



Prayer:

Lord, please will You expose and reveal where am I speaking evil reports – Lord, where am I not aligned with Your Word – The Truth.

Father, please show me where I am busy nullifying my own seed with the words of my mouth – where I am destroying what You are trying to build in Your Kingdom with my mouth. I don't want that – I need my heart changed.

Father, please show me what You have beamed out there – Your Word that will not return to You void. What have You said over my life? What have You said over my marriage, my future, my destiny, my job, my career, my finances. What have You said about my health, about my children – God what have YOU said – what is THE TRUTH – I want to grab hold of that and align myself with that!!

Father, I don't want to be going around prophesying evil reports! I only want to prophesy Your truth that will set me free and those around me!

IN CONCLUSION:

What happened to the people in the wilderness??

The people died but the Word remained!!

The Word does not return void!! The Word will come to pass – the only question is will it be in your lifetime or not??

Prayer:

Father, I pray that You will remind us again of the things that You have spoken to us. God what You have said is THE TRUTH Lord about:

- My family
- My ministry
- My business
- My destiny
- My children
- My marriage
- My health
- Etc...

What is THE TRUTH that I might reach out in the spirit realm, leaning with my entire personality in trust and confidence in Your love, power, wisdom and goodness.

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

Wait upon the Lord and start to journal what He speaks into your spirit.
Ask Him to IMPRINT it onto your heart so that you can enforce HIS WORD over every area of your life!!
AMEN!!