

RESPECT THE COVENANT

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Topic:

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Prayer

We thank God Almighty for another night like this, may your Holy name alone be praised, as we go deep into your word bless the speaker tonight and all in this great ministry. For Jesus Mighty name we have prayed. Amen

Study

Tonight, we will discuss another important matter, that will enhance our living both in this life and in the next.

Psalm 74:20

Have regard unto the covenant; for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty.

Now, if you read that scripture in context, you will notice something different from what we are going to be discussing this night. In context, starting from verse 1, our text is referring to God. The Psalmist is calling on God to remember the covenant He has with Abraham and to help him. But recently while I read the scripture, I kind of got another light from it. Now, I want to implore us to be patient as we go through the study, and as such, we can regard or disregard the study if we find out that it's in line or not in line with God's sound Word. Now, the light I got from this scripture took away the scripture as a prayer to God, and brought it up as an instruction to me, the individual reading it. And if we will read that verse, we'll find out that it's instructive. **Have respect unto the covenant; for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty.**

This is instructive.

It almost sounded to me like a warning; and I believe it's a warning. Now let's take the study gradually as God helps us. Let's remember, our topic is; RESPECT THE COVENANT. Let's start by knowing the meaning of the words that make up the instruction.

— To Respect is to have regard for something, and to treat it as something worthy of special consideration.

— To Respect can also mean to abide by an agreement.

So, when we respect something, we declare that it is of value to us. Right?

– A covenant is a binding agreement (to do or not do a particular thing).

A covenant can also be related to a promise.

Now joining the two;

Therefore, to respect a covenant is to treat it with high regard, as something special, because it is special. Come to think of it, if two people enter into an agreement, they must have considered it special, if not, they wouldn't have entered into it. Right? Now, if you respect something, you won't go against its dictates. Also, if you respect someone, you won't treat the person with contempt, as if he/she doesn't exist. That's what it means to respect covenant. You don't treat it as nothing, cos if you do, then that implies that you don't value it, or it doesn't have value in your eyes. Let's just follow gradually. Now, going back to that scripture, it says '*Respect the Covenant*'. Did you see that? Ok. I'll help you. ***The Covenant***, ~~not a covenant~~.

The word, 'The' implies a specific thing. For example, if I say give me 'a' car, then any car can go. But if I say, give me 'the' car, it means that there is a particular car I'm talking about, which I probably may have told you about, So, it says, Have respect unto The Covenant. Everyone who believes in Christ is by relationship, a child of Abraham, and thus is under the effect of the same promise God made to Abraham. If a covenant is related to a promise, therefore we are all under the same covenant God had with Abraham.

GALATIANS 3:29;

And if ye be Christ's, the are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

But we cannot manifest the effects of the covenant, if we refuse or disregard the terms of the covenant. Walking in the terms of the covenant is what guarantees the manifestation of the blessings of the covenant.

What is The Covenant?

The Covenant is the agreement we have with God when we surrendered our lives to Him.

In John 3:16, anyone who believes in Jesus will not perish, but have eternal life. The Covenant is also a Relationship, a Connection. So, what is the connection between us and God? **Eternal life**. The truth is that this Eternal life is NOT just talking about going to Heaven, It also refers to us manifesting the life of God here on earth. God is Eternal and when we believe in Jesus, He (God) shares that life with us, so that even while still here, we manifest His life in/through us. So, when we surrendered and accepted Jesus, we agreed to be part of the Covenant, we agreed to share in His Life, but surprisingly, few don't understand this, so they thought it's not something deep. It's actually a covenant, an agreement to share in the Life of God (Eternal life). If we understand this as a

covenant, we'll live better than we would live if we only thought it to be a mere acceptance. I believe it is this understanding that makes the difference between believers, so to speak.

- Would the life of God in you partake in evil?

- Would God in you do anything you know God Himself wouldn't do?

That's the mentality that differentiates believers, while some treat it as mere acceptance, others know that it goes deeper than just saying 'Lord Jesus, come into my life; be my Saviour and Lord'. Although it's the life of God in us, it doesn't automatically take our free will. Our free will is still there, and it's still there for us to choose to walk in the terms of the Covenant we have entered into. It's The Covenant, but it has terms. Just like a house that has different rooms, one house, different rooms, yet all in the same house. Also, The Covenant has its terms. It is as a result of these terms that we see different versions of believers also. For example, a believer may be poor, yet his spiritual life is growing massively. One reason for this may be that he is a 'stingy praying machine'. So, while he is servicing the aspect of The Covenant for spiritual growth, he is neglecting, ignoring or in ignorance of the aspect of The Covenant for financial prosperity and God won't even say no to his servicing of his spiritual life, yet God will through Mercy, keep trying to make him understand this other side, so that he will live a well balanced life in The Covenant. Another example can be a rich believer whose marriage is not doing well, maybe he has understood The Covenant terms for wealth, but hasn't understood, or has outrightly neglected The Covenant for a glorious marriage. So, he suffers in that side.

By God's Grace, we have gotten to this point, now let's try to understand the terms of the Covenant. *Terms of the Covenant.* I may say that what I'm about to share should be the starting point of The Covenant. The Holy Spirit will of course help everyone of us to individually understand what point we are in and where we would continue in order to make this covenant effective.

(1). The Covenant of Spiritual Maturity.

This majors on Prayer, Fasting and study of the Word. That is the foundation for spiritual growth. When a believer spends more time in prayer, fasting and studying the word, his spirit man keeps opening up, becoming more receptive to God. The depth of the revelation and insight he gets from God's word is the level to which his spiritual life matures, so, he continues to mature and eventually becomes a spiritual giant who understands spiritual things.

(2). The Covenant of Financial Prosperity.

This one dwells mainly on Giving. Please, God would NOT release Kingdom wealth to a stingy believer, one who hasn't surrendered his resources to God. Now considering what I said before, if this believer is a spiritual giant, yet he doesn't give, he will remain poor,

or at most won't be real Kingdom financier. Now, remember his spiritual life is buoyant, because of his rigorous skill in God's Word, Prayer and Fasting, but he lacks the Giving Grace, which is in the prosperity covenant, and therefore he struggles with poverty.

(3). The Covenant of Glorious Marriage.

Starts from 'Do not be equally yoked with an unbelievers'. And most of us know that scripture, though this scripture goes beyond marriage, but it's also for marriage. Abraham told his servant where to get a wife for Isaac, because of the covenant he has with God. Isaac, in the same way, told Jacob where to marry from, but Esau his other son went and married from another place that his father rebuked him from marrying, and so broke the covenant. When we, as Christians, marry someone who we obviously know is not in line with the faith, we break the aspect of the Covenant of a Glorious Marriage, and we can still be rich, our finances working well, yet our homes are hell on earth. Like I said, there are other things that will support the basis of all the aspects of the covenant, but those foundations need to be in place.

For instance, talking about the Covenant of a Glorious Marriage, even if we marry someone who is in the Faith, based on the covenant, we still need to fulfil the obligations of love, submission and the other ingredients. But just like I said, if the basis which is to marry some in the Faith is neglected, suffering from that aspect will start.

(4). The Covenant of Divine Health.

I believe that it's possible for a believer to live in divine health. Few scriptures proves that point, and even if it's only one person that manifested divine health in the scriptures, then we have to believe that it's a pointer to the truth of divine health being absolutely possible. Few scriptures to help us understand the terms of The Covenant for Divine health. Proverbs 13:17 says **a faithful ambassador is health**. An ambassador who is sick cannot be an ambassador, because he cannot represent his country well while abroad. So, if we really are faithfully and actively serving God, one of the things God would grant us is health. Also, Deuteronomy 34:7 **And Moses was hundred and twenty years old when he died; his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated**. This implies that his organs were all working well when he was young. That's Divine health and we know Moses to be a servant of God. I suppose there should be more aspects of The Covenant, the agreement that we entered into when we surrendered our lives to Jesus. The Holy Spirit will help us understand the depth of these things, as mere writing will not convey it. Amen. Now, what about The Covenant? What do I have to do with the Covenant? How would it be of help to me? We need to fully embrace the Covenant, cause our life depends on it. Let's consider maybe just one crucial reason why we need to embrace the covenant. Why must I embrace The Covenant. Our text for tonight reads; **Have respect unto the covenant; FOR THE DARK PLACES OF THE EARTH ARE FULL OF THE HABITATIONS OF CRUELTY.**

This is one major reason why we must embrace the Covenant. King James says Cruelty. Another version says Wickedness. The summary of every evil in this world is

wickedness. The wicked only know one thing, and that's *to do wickedness*. But if we fully embrace every aspect of the Covenant, there wouldn't be any loophole for wickedness to be manifested against us. We must have heard from the scriptures, "**And give no place to the devil.**" If we really embrace the Covenant, the enemy wouldn't have any place to get at us. Yes, we must have been believers, believed and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ, but if we neglect this Covenant, or walk in ignorance of it, then '**my people will perish for lack of knowledge**'. But we pray it won't be our portion in Jesus Name. Amen. So, as we summarize for tonight, let's embrace the Covenant. Let's know that when we believed in Jesus, we have entered a Covenant with God, to share in His Divine Nature. And the scripture says "**He has given us all things that pertain to Life and Godliness.**" Therefore, we need to manifest all he has given us by walking in the light of it. We must fully embrace the covenant in order to be bailed out from the wickedness of this world. The Covenant is surely our Exemption. May the Lord give us more understanding, and more Grace in Jesus Name. Amen. And please, if you are here, and you really haven't been saved, I'll urge you to put your trust in Jesus, and freely accept Him into your life. Sharing in the Life of God is the best thing you need. Moreover, you need to be exempted from the wickedness of this world, and that can only be possible when you partake in God's Life and Nature.

May the Lord help our souls.

Brethren, we have come to the end of our study for tonight. Someone who is available should please lead us in the closing prayer.

Thank you dear Lord for the wonderful time we had, bless our teacher today and bless each and everyone of us in JESUS name. Amen

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