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THE FAITH IN GOD THAT TRIGGERS THE COVENANT OF GOD

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God relates with His children by having a covenant relationship with them, to ensure security and everlasting trust. From the days of Adam through Noah to Abraham and Jesus, God has always worked with humans through covenanted relationships. And He has always been faithful to His covenanted responsibilities. We observe that only men of faith in God enjoyed the fullness of His covenant with signs, wonders and miracles following them.

ONE GREAT EXAMPLE FROM THE BIBLE

- Exodus 2:23-25 (KJV).

It will be rewarding if we can understudy the patriarchs on how they used their faith to access God's covenant hence enjoying God's unlimited and uncommon blessings and miracles.

WHAT IS A COVENANT?

"A covenant is a promise that is sanctioned by an oath. This promise in turn was accompanied by an appeal to a deity or deities to "see" or "watch over" the behaviour of the one who has sworn, and to punish any violation of the covenant by bringing into action the curses stipulated or implied in the swearing of the oath" - George Mendenhall.

FOR US:

God swears His covenant to His children as a parent to his offspring.

"My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me. It shall be established for ever as the moon, and...." - Psalm 89:34-37 (KJV).

- Hebrews 6:17-19 (KJV).

"God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?"

- Numbers 23:19 (KJV).

The word COVENANT is a derivative form of the French word 'VENIR' meaning "to come". Hence, the parties in a covenant agree to come and aid one another once the covenant is activated.

WHAT ARE THE ELEMENTS OF A COVENANT?

There are three elements of a covenant; (i) a sign (ii) a promise and (iii) a meal.

God also includes blood hence, we have blood covenant. The covenant of Jacob and his uncle Laban, showcases the elements of a covenant - Genesis 31:44-54 (KJV).

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF COVENANTING WITH GOD?

The Ten Covenant blessings, favour of God:

- Supernatural increase and promotion

"But the Lord was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison." - Genesis 39:21 (KJV).

- Restoration of all the enemy has stolen

"And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty" - Exodus 3:21 (KJV).

- Honor in the midst of adversaries

"And the Lord gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants, and in the sight of the people." - Exodus 11:3 (KJV).

- Increased assets, especially real estates

"And of Naphtali he said, O Naphtali, satisfied with favour, and full with the blessing of the Lord: possess thou the west and the south." - Deuteronomy 33:23 (KJV).

- Greater victories in the midst of greater odds or impossibility

"For it was of the Lord to harden their hearts, that they should come against Israel in battle, that he might destroy them utterly, and that they might have no favour, but that he might destroy them, as the Lord commanded Moses." - Joshua 11:20 (KJV).

- Recognition even when I seem to be the least likely to receive it

"And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favour in my sight." - I Samuel 16:22 (KJV).

- Prominence and preferential treatment

"And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favour in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti." - Esther 2:17 (KJV).

- Petitions granted even by ungodly civil authorities

"If I have found favour in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my petition, and to perform my request, let the king and Haman come to the banquet that

I shall prepare for them, and I will do tomorrow as the king hath said." - Esther 5:8 (KJV).

- Policies, rules, regulations, laws changed to my advantage
- Esther 8:5 (KJV).
- Battles won I won't have to fight because God fights for me - Psalm 44:3 (KJV).

WHAT ARE THE SIX MAIN COVENANTS OF THE BIBLE?

- Adamic Covenant. Mediator: Adam. Sign: Sabbath....
- Noahic Covenant. Mediator: Noah. Sign: Rainbow....
- Abrahamic Covenant. Mediator: Abraham. Sign: Circumcision....
- Mosaic Covenant. Mediator: Moses. Sign: Ten Commandments....
- Davidic Covenant. Mediator: David. Sign: Temple of Solomon....
- Eucharistic or Jesus Covenant. Mediator: Jesus Sign: Salvation

HOW DOES FAITH IN GOD ACTIVATE THE COVENANT OF GOD THEREBY RELEASING ALL OF ITS BLESSINGS?

The best way to learn is through the case studies of some of the covenants of God with His people in the Bible.

THE NOAHIC COVENANT

"And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord." - Genesis 6:7-8 (KJV).

- Genesis 6:17-22 (KJV).

"And the Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation." - Genesis 7:1 (KJV).

- Genesis 8:1-3 (KJV).

- Genesis 9:1-3 (KJV).

- Genesis 9:9-17 (KJV).

ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

- Leviticus 26:40-42 (KJV).

- Genesis 17:1-2 (KJV).

"As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations...." - Genesis 17:4-21 (KJV).

"And Abraham was ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin." - Genesis 17:24 (KJV).

"Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son." - Genesis 18:14 (KJV).

"And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him." - Genesis 21:5 (KJV).

- Genesis 22:9-18 (KJV).

ABRAHAMIC COVENANT COVERED ISAAC AND JACOB

- Genesis 26:12-13 (KJV).

JACOB

- Genesis 27:28-29 (KJV).

- Genesis 28:4 (KJV).

- Genesis 28:13-15, 18-22.

MOSAIC COVENANT

"Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall..." - Exodus 19:5-6 (KJV).

- Exodus 24:6-7 (KJV).

- Hebrews 9:19-22 (KJV).

THE NEW COVENANT ALSO CALLED THE EUCHARISTIC COVENANT

- Jeremiah 31:31-34 (KJV).

- I Corinthians 11:23-26 (KJV).

- Hebrews 9:11-18 (KJV).

- John 6:40, 47-51

- Hebrews 10:19-23 (KJV).

THE NEED FOR THE BLOOD COVENANT WITH MAN

- a) To develop strong relationships so as to bear one another's burdens; supply one another's needs and develop mutual love, closeness and friendship.
- b) Covenants are to correct weaknesses, inabilities and inequalities. **OUR COVENANT WITH GOD IS OUR PASSPORT TO HIS WEALTH, HEALTH, STRENGTH AND ABILITY.**
- c) Covenants help to establish faith, commitment, confidence and boldness. Everyone who receives Jesus Christ by faith becomes a covenant partner with the Almighty God.

He has a legal right to your life and you have a right to His. You have a right to the blessings of Abraham - Deuteronomy 28:1-14. You also have a right to the mind of Christ, the spirit of Christ and His anointing.

COVENANT WITH GOD MAKES US PRIESTS AND KINGS WITH THE ACCESS TO THE HOLIEST OF ALL.

- Revelation 5:9-10 (KJV).

THE GUARANTEE THAT GOD'S COVENANT WILL WORK FOR US IS THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR LIVES

- Ephesians 1:11-14 (KJV).

“And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.” - Ephesians 4:30 (KJV).

“For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.” - II Cor. 1:20-22 (KJV).

UNDERSTAND THAT THIS COVENANT COVERS EVERY AREA OF YOUR LIFE

- a) It covers victory over sin - Romans 6:13-14
- b) It covers victory over Satan and circumstances - Romans 8:31-39, I John 5:4
- c) It covers healing and divine health - I Peter 2:24, III John 2
- d) It covers our needs and finances - II Corinthians 9:8, II Corinthians 8:9
- e) It covers our desires to succeed - Joshua 1:8
- f) It covers our ministries and gifts - Psalm 1:1-3, Psalm 122:6
- g) It covers our spiritual battles - Isaiah 54:17.

THEREFORE, WALK BOLDLY AS A COVENANT CHILD OF GOD.