

COVENANT of HEALING

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Numbers 23:19 – “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?”

NOTE: God spoken and blessed Israel...Balak tried a different location to see if God would change his mind.

This is God's answer! “I will never lie...if I said it, I mean it!”

If He says it...that settles it!

Titus 1:2 – “In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;”

In regards of our expectation of eternal life...God cannot lie!

“Cannot lie” – Really pains the picture of it being a part of His nature. Not just unable to lie because He doesn't want to lie...but because it is His nature to not lie!

If He says it...that finishes it!

Hebrews 6:16-19

16 For men verily swear by the greater: and an ***oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife.***

17 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, ***confirmed it by an oath:***

18 That by ***two immutable things***, in which it was ***impossible for God to lie***, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

19 Which ***hope we have as an anchor of the soul***, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

It is absolutely IMPOSSIBLE for God to lie because of two things:

The Word...oath!

The Blood covenant!

Everything about WHY God cannot lie...lays inside of covenant relationship and the blood sworn oath!

UNDERSTAND: The Bible is called the “Word of God” ...or the OATH of God!

Psalm 119:89 – “For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.”

Psalm 138:2 – “I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: ***for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.***”

BELOVED: God's Word is inseparable from WHO HE IS!

They go together! He is an OATH keeping God OR He isn't God at all!

Isaiah 55:11 – “So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”

UNDERSTAND: God's covenant WORD (oath) will NOT return to Him without accomplishing EXACTLY what it was sent to do.

If He has said it...He will do it!

ESSENTIAL: That is why God ALWAYS works inside of covenant...NOT FOR HIS SAKE...it is FOR US to comprehend HIM and HIS MIND...and WHO HE IS!

Everything God does is done by covenant.

It is how His mind processes things!

1 Corinthians 2:9,10

- 9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.
- 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

1 Corinthians 2:16 – “For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? ***But we have the mind of Christ.***”

He wants us to THINK LIKE HE THINKS...that is why we have to RENEW OUR MINDS to covenant relationships.

REMEMBER: Jesus only did what He saw the Father do and say what the Father say!

Ephesians 2:11-13

- 11 Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

“Gentiles” – do not have a covenant with God...do not KNOW Him...are separated from Him.

- 12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and ***strangers from the covenants of promise***, having no hope, and without God in the world:

NOTICE: What we WERE LACKING when we were outside looking in!

- a.) Aliens to all that God has given to His covenant people.
- b.) Strangers from ALL covenants of promise.
- c.) NO HOPE (expectations).
- d.) NO GOD...we don't have His mind or thoughts...or stuff!
This is why we need to be renewed.

UNDERSTAND: Without covenant...and the OATH...you have no expectations of good things!
NO covenant!

- 13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by ***the blood of Christ***.

HOWEVER: We...who used to be separated...get the covenant OATH...to OURSELVES...
because of the blood of Jesus.
(perhaps discuss the Passover Lamb)

Galatians 3:13-14

- 13 Christ hath ***redeemed us from the curse of the law***, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:
- 14 ***That the blessing of Abraham*** might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

NOTICE: There is absolutely a BLESSING that comes with covenant...but there is also a CURSE that comes with being outside of covenant.

Because of Jesus' work and blood on the TREE...we have been bought OUT of the curse!

Deuteronomy 28 is full of the curses that come from being OUTSIDE of covenant!

(NASB)

- 22 "The LORD will smite you with consumption and with fever and with inflammation and with fiery heat and with the sword and with blight and with mildew, and they will pursue you until you perish.
- 27 "The LORD will smite you with the boils of Egypt and with tumors and with the scab and with the itch, from which you cannot be healed.
- 28 "The LORD will smite you with madness and with blindness and with bewilderment of heart;
- 29 and you will grope at noon, as the blind man gropes in darkness, and you will not prosper in your ways; but you shall only be oppressed and robbed continually, with none to save you.
- 35 "The LORD will strike you on the knees and legs with sore boils, from which you cannot be healed, from the sole of your foot to the crown of your head.
- 59 then the LORD will bring extraordinary plagues on you and your descendants, even severe and lasting plagues, and miserable and chronic sicknesses.
- 60 "He will bring back on you all the diseases of Egypt of which you were afraid, and they will cling to you.
- 61 "Also every sickness and every plague which, not written in the book of this law, the LORD will bring on you until you are destroyed.

UNDERSTAND: We have been REDEEMED by the blood and BOUGHT into covenant and BROUGHT out of all these curses of sickness and disease.

Sealed with the OATH of God of a God who cannot lie!

QUICK THOUGHT: In Deuteronomy 28:1-14 (the blessings) it says nothing about healing! Interesting! Is it not a part of the blessing?

ANSWER: God created man...and every subsequent covenant included health and strength. Healing and health is assumed to God's covenant partners.

The only thing that can stop healing is disobedience or separation from God.

UNDERSTAND: This does NOT mean that anyone who has died with an infirmity or anyone who has an infirmity has sin in their lives.

IT MEANS: The enemy is trespassing on covenant grounds and we need to recognize it...we need to quit being familiar with sickness and get more acquainted with the covenant!

ILLUSTRATION: Our two tribes (warring and farming); if someone keeps breaking in and stealing crops from the farming tribe...the farming tribe should NOT get used to it. They should get their covenant partners to work on bringing in the thief.

QUESTION: What covenant have we been BOUGHT into?

ANSWER: Them all! Including the New Covenant!

QUESTION: What is so important about that?

ANSWER: God cannot go backwards on His Word...it is FOREVER settled in the Heavens.

Galatians 3:29 – “And if ye be Christ's, then are ye **Abraham's seed, and heirs** according to the promise.”

We get the same covenant that Abraham had...and all subsequent covenants in that bloodline.

Matthew 1:17 – Which includes Jesus' blood covenant!

UNDERSTAND: It cannot be taken away!

Genesis 17:4-7; 15-16

- 4 As for me, behold, **my covenant is with thee**, and thou shalt be a **father of many nations**.
- 5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.
- 6 And I will make **thee exceeding fruitful**, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.
- 7 And I will **establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed** after thee in their **generations for an everlasting covenant**, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

That is AWESOME...but there was ONE PROBLEM.

Sarah was BARREN!

The covenant that God made with Abraham...was NOT JUST a covenant of dominion, it included a COVENANT OF HEALING!

Sarah HAD TO BE healed to have anything else come to pass!

- 15 And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be.
- 16 And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her.

BELOVED: Our BLOOD SWORN covenant OATH with Almighty God...who cannot lie...is a COVENANT OF HEALING!

Exodus 15:26 – “And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.”

Exodus 23:25 – “And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.”

It is our oath!

OBVIOUSLY we have become too familiar with sickness and death!

Our thought patterns have become, “I really hope that what happened to that person doesn't happen to me.” Instead of setting our hearts on the covenant of healing and health...our covenant rights.

REMEMBER: Faith doesn't say I hope I don't get sick, or I don't want to be sick...faith says, because of God's covenant OATH...I am healed!

ILLUSTRATION: Orel Hershiser when he said a pitcher who says, “don't throw a ball” will end up throwing a ball. Because your mind doesn't pick up the negative part of it...just the thing you are trying to avoid.

Instead, he had to train his mind to say, “THROW A STRIKE.” Because then his mind is focused on the strike zone.

When we are focused on the COVENANT OF HEALING...we are focused on healing, instead of the sickness.

Covenant of Healing

DEFINITION OF COVENANT: An intimate, intricate and binding relationship between two or more people that unites their strengths in order to eliminate their weaknesses.

Those first three words are the most important part of covenant understanding!

INTRICATE: We will deal with that later..in regards to why this covenant of healings seems to not always work.

BINDING: Unchangeable! There is nothing that will change God's heart about healing for you or any of His children.

This goes back to God NOT BEING ABLE to lie!

Psalm 89:34 – “My **covenant will I not break, nor alter** the thing that is gone out of my lips.”

INTIMATE: This covenant is personal with Him.

God spoke to Kenneth Copeland: “I want MY PEOPLE well!”

That is ownership and that is covenant talk!

3 John 2 – “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.”

UNDERSTAND: God doesn't want you healed because it would be cool...or that it would make HIM LOOK GOOD.

He wants you HEALTHY and WHOLE because YOU ARE HIS!

Psalm 17:8 – “Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings,”

Zechariah 2:8 – “For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.”

Isaiah 49:16 (AMP) – “Behold, I have indelibly imprinted (tattooed a picture of) you on the palm of each of My hands; [O Zion] your walls are continually before Me.”

QUESTION: Which of us would have a reason to NOT GIVE Christmas gifts to our kids? What would they have to PERFORM?

God is our Father!

He has good gifts for us!

We have to quit questioning if He wants to heal us or not! If He will heal us or not!

Chesed (Mercy)

Psalm 23:6 – “ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.”

We have spent a lot of time learning about the goodness of God. The towb of God! Good in it's widest sense!

But that word MERCY is essential too.

“**Mercy**” – chesed – favor, honor and covenant! God's covenant love to us!

2 Chronicles 20:1-12 (maybe read...probably not)

The Moabites and Ammonites have gathered together to go to war against the Israelites.

This army was MUCH LARGER and more imposing than Israel's army.

Vs. 3 tells us that Jehoshaphat FEARED...he was afraid of the report...he was afraid of the certain doom.

THEN from verse 6 to verse 12 he calls on the covenant with God to protect them. He reminds him of his chesed promises.

2 Chronicles 20:15 – “ And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's.”

So here is how the battle went:

2 Chronicles 20:21-22

21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, **Praise the LORD; for his mercy endureth for ever.**

22 And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.

The sang out and cried out for the MERCY (chesed) of God....God took care of the enemy.

ILLUSTRATION: (show videos) A mother elephant (God) watching over her babies (us). If an enemy starts getting too close, she is ready to use all of her strength to protect her baby.

BELOVED: No enemy can stand against you...you are HIS!

When you call on HIS COVENANT...He won't pass it up.

Mercy Stopped Jesus

John 5:19 – “ Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, **but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.**”

John 12:49 – “ For **I have not spoken of myself**; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, **what I should say, and what I should speak.**”

John 14:9 – “ Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?”

We know that Jesus live as a reflection of the Father.

Therefore, Jesus lived in COVENANT LOVE...covenant chesed.

Mark 10:46-52

- 46 And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging.
- 47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, **thou Son of David, have mercy on me.**
- 48 And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but **he cried the more a great deal, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me.**
- 49 **And Jesus stood still,** and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee.
- 50 And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus.
- 51 And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight.
- 52 And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

“Son of David” – more than just a title or a spot in lineage...it was a reference to the Messiah...the Christ!

Bartimaeus knew who Jesus was...called on the COVENANTS OF PROMISE!
Jesus couldn't move without gather him to Himself and healing Him.

Matthew 9:27-30

- 27 And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, **Thou Son of David, have mercy on us.**
- 28 And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord.
- 29 Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.
- 30 And their eyes were opened;

Matthew 17:14-18

- 14 And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying,
- 15 **Lord, have mercy on my son:** for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water.
- 16 And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.
- 17 Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.
- 18 And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.

God is so moved with chesed, that a gentile woman called on it...

Matthew 15:22-28 (The Syrophenician woman)

- 22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.
- 23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.
- 24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
- 25 Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.
- 26 But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.
- 27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.
- 28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

UNDERSTAND: Each of these people who called on MERCY from Jesus and got COVENANT MERCY from Him...were calling on the covenants of promise from the Old Testament.

Matthew 26:27-28

27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;

28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Hebrews 12:24 – “And to ***Jesus the mediator of the new covenant***, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.”

Hebrews 8:6 – “But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he ***is the mediator of a better covenant***, which was established ***upon better promises***.”

THEREFORE: Nothing can be taken away...but better has been given!

IN OTHER WORDS: Sickesses are not getting more advanced or more power. God’s healing power is not getting less effective or being removed.

We have become less covenant conscious!