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# COVENANT, *a Key to* THE BLESSING

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**THE HOLY SPIRIT IS SAYING:** It is time that we get behind the WALL OF BLESSING and STAY behind the WALL OF BLESSING.

To stop relying on the world's system...STAY IN God's system.

**2025** is going to be good, simply because the WALL OF BLESSING is ours!

**QUICK THOUGHT:** I was watching Bonnie this week and watching many episodes of Veggie Tales (Davey and the Giant Pickle)...but it got me thinking about the actual story in 1 Samuel 17.

**I THOUGHT** about David going up against the "sure-fire-winner" Goliath...

- ~ He didn't need a WORD from God about the fight.
- ~ Why did he do it?
- ~ He carried the blessing...and he took a risk based off belief in the BLESSING. And the covenant he had in that BLESSING. (see Matthew 1) – He just believed in the BLESSING.

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.

**"Blessing"** – empowered to prosper, to increase

**BELOVED:** The BLESSING is ours, through Jesus.

(**PERHAPS:** Look at Deuteronomy 28:3-14 and check out what we are empowered to do, because of the BLESSING)

**HOLY SPIRIT TO ME:** The BLESSING is NOT just an option for us...but an absolute necessity to simply MAKE IT through LIFE.

**UNDERSTAND:** It doesn't necessarily make you perfect...but it allows you to succeed in life.

Genesis 12:1-3

- 1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:
- 2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:
- 3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

**NOTICE:** The BLESSING is upon Abram. It is his.

**GUESS WHAT?** He still made many mistakes...but God still sustained Him:

- \* No matter if there was famine in the land
- \* No matter if people hated him or were against him

The blessing took care of Him in an unknown land...things worked out in his favor.

**BELOVED:** That is the same reason we need the WALL OF BLESSING... we are going through this life of unknown...of the weird...of the enemy hating us, and we need things to work out for us.

Over the past several weeks we have LEARNED that there are KEYS to operating in the BLESSING of God:

### 1.) **Obedience. (Listen and Do)**

Genesis 12:1,4

- 1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:
- 4 So Abram departed....

Genesis 22:1-3

- 1 And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.
- 2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.
- 3 And Abraham rose up early in the morning...

**BELOVED:** The BLESSING is attached to your obedience.  
When Abraham disobeyed (as in Genesis 16), his life got messy.

### 2.) **Faith. (Believe what God said)**

(**PERHAPS:** take risks)

Galatians 3:14 – “That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”

**REMEMBER:** Faith isn't a set of rules and do's and don'ts...it is simply saying, “Speak the Word only...that's enough.”

**BELOVED:** That is why God gives us faith (measure of faith) when you are born-again. Because you cannot live in the BLESSING without faith.

Romans 4:19-21

- 19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:
- 20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;
- 21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

As we know, he did stagger several times...but when he was about 100 years old he stopped staggering and just believed.

**NOTICE:** He was limited on THE BLESSING until he stepped into faith.

**NOTE:** Genesis 22:15-18

The obedience and faith that Abraham walked in, in Genesis 22, sealed THE BLESSING for all generations. It made it unstoppable.

Numbers 23:8 – “How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? or how shall I defy, whom the LORD hath not defied?”

Numbers 23:19,20

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?

20 Behold, I have received commandment to bless: and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it.

**NOTICE #1:** There is nothing that can remove God’s people from the BLESSING...no enemy, no person, no event.

**NOTICE #2:** Our blessing will make people mad. Balak was irate! They don’t get excited that we get the BLESSING.

~ That is why the world hates the church.

~ That is why religion hates revival.

**NOTICE #3:** Israel did lose access to the BLESSING in Numbers 25, because they decided to do things their own way for a while.

**HOWEVER:** The blessing was always there when they decided to come back.

**3.) Stay in Covenant**

**NOW:** We have seen obedience and faith in Abraham’s life of BLESSING...but this week I saw a third area that is essential for THE BLESSING to operate.

Genesis 15:1-3

1 After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.

2 And Abram said, Lord GOD, *what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless*, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?

3 And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.

**NOTE:** God had already given to him THE BLESSING, what more did He need.

**HOWEVER:** One more thing was necessary.

Genesis 15:7-11

7 And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.

8 And he said, Lord GOD, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?

9 And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.

10 And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against an other: but the birds divided he not.

11 And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

**BELOVED:** Don’t let the enemy steal your covenants.

Genesis 17:1-4

1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,

4 As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

**BELOVED:** The covenant sealed things FOREVER with Abraham and God.

**YOU MAY SAY:** “Yes, our covenant with God is sooo important to enjoy the blessing...and yes it is!

**NOTICE:** Before the covenant with God was finished in Genesis 17...he was struggling a bit with his covenant with Sarai (Sarah). He kinda sold her out, he had relationship with Hagar...

**BELOVED:** There are two levels of COVENANT with God.

**1.) God, Himself.**

He is the key! He provided the sacrifice, He provided the blood, He provides the BLESSING.

**2.) His Body.**

The one thing that God is in need of on the earth...His body.

It is our job to care and connect with His body on this earth.

**YOU ABSOLUTELY** cannot have a covenant with God without connecting to one another.

1 Corinthians 11:27-30

27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning (separating yourself from) the Lord's body.

30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

**BELOVED:** When it comes to covenant relationships...there are several general parts to them. The most important ones are...

- \* The personal relationship that is confirmed
- \* The oath of the covenant
- \* The sign of the covenant (something to remember it by)
- \* **The BLESSING of the covenant.**
- \* The CURSE of the covenant (for breaking the covenant)

**BELOVED:** To ENJOY our covenant with ALMIGHTY GOD...we must connect to one another. Come in covenant with one another.

Mark 12:28-31

28 And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?

29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

31 And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

**NOTICE #1:** They are the same thing. You cannot complete your love to God without loving others.

**Three levels of love:**

- \* Love all men.
- \* Love the whole body (universal)
- \* Intimacy with the LOCAL BODY.

**THINK ON THIS:** God LOVES all men (John 3:16); Yet, He can't agapeo (or actively show that love) to all men (2 Corinthians 9:7); And deeper still He has those to whom He reveals secrets too (John 15:15).

**NOTICE #2:** “*Agape*” – God's kind of love, which is covenant love...this is what Jesus is identifying.

**NOTICE #3:** Agape is the substance of love...agapeo is the action of agape.

When you are in AGAPE...you receive agapeo.

You cannot enjoy agapeo where there is not agape.

Psalm 133:1-3

- 1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!
- 2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;
- 3 As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: ***for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.***

**KEITH INTRATER:** There is a special calling when people sense that their own personal identities and souls are to be knit together as one.

1 Samuel 18:1-4

- 1 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.
  - 2 And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house.
  - 3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.
  - 4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.
- NOTE:** Nothing else mattered as much as David.

1 Samuel 20:17 – “And Jonathan caused David to swear again, because he loved him: for he loved him as he loved his own soul.”

**QUICK THOUGHT:** Any time you are more concerned with someone else keeping covenant over yourself keeping it...there is trouble brewing inside of you.

And there was inside of Jonathan.

**BELOVED:** The enemy is after THE BLESSING. He knows that as long as you are operating in the BLESSING, he can't touch you.

He will TRY whatever he can TRY to keep you away or remove you from that covenant.

**UNDERSTAND:** Jonathan thought he was still operating in covenant...but he stayed home.

**SOME PEOPLE** don't want the curse of breaking the covenant, so they don't make a covenant at all... they kinda stay on the outskirts of relationship with God's people.

**UNDERSTAND:** You are still NOT UNDER the BLESSING until you have TRULY connected with HIS BODY.

## A Couple More Examples:

- 1.) The children of Israel in the wilderness.  
They could NOT go into the PROMISED Land (THE BLESSING) until they were ONE heart and ONE mind.  
Numbers 13 – They needed 12 men to agree on things...and they couldn't do it.

Joshua 6 – They needed 3 million to agree.

**NOTE:** The longer you wait, the harder it will become to operate in covenant.

- 2.) Ruth and Naomi.  
Some say David and Jonathan is the greatest picture of covenant...I say it is Ruth and Naomi.  
Ruth's connection to Naomi was THE KEY for the BLESSING to be in her life.

### ***A couple directives to walk in covenant:***

- \* Loyalty
- \* Honesty—Words of your mouth
- \* Trust
- \* Character
- \* Faithfulness

## Conclusion

We need one another. God has placed us together...placed us in the body.  
When we are living in COVENANT with God and His people...we will watch the BLESSING of the  
COVENANT operate in our lives.

It doesn't always mean it will be easy and flowers and peaches.

**HOWEVER:** Neither is faith or obedience.

It takes guts to live in covenant.

**THINK ABOUT IT:** Marriage isn't for wimps. Staying in a marriage isn't for wimps...but what a  
BLESSING it is.