

# THE COVENANT OF GOD

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Take note that the name satan and related names are not capitalized. We choose not to acknowledge him, even to the point of violating grammatical rules

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### ***Introduction***

The world around us is characterized by so many struggles and troubles, people are beginning to do so many unthinkable things in the name of survival. The level of aggression has greatly increased, suicide is on the increase and we have all stopped to think about those around us. The foremost thought on the mind of an average man is how to survive. And so, one wonders that with the increase in the rate of people going to worship centers, what is God really doing about the situation of the world today? Is this really the doing of the Lord or are we the created beings of God missing out on something we should know or do to prevent the current unpleasant trend?

Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” With this revelation, I understand that God did not create us to destroy us, and we are not formed by God solely to suffer. In my quest for answers, I have made discoveries from the word of God to know the mind of God and His will for those He has created.

In my step-by-step walk with God, I discovered that in order for the Lord to express His unfailing love for us He made several pledges by way of covenants, confirming them with oaths and swearing by His Name, since there was no one greater for Him to swear by, to make all provisions of good things available to the man He has created. For as long as you are able to operate within the covenant of God, then you are guaranteed of life above struggles, you are assured of the blessings, prosperity, protection, good health all from God at no cost, just that you remain within His covenant.

If God has made His covenant and has confirmed it with an oath, swearing by His Name and yet we are not enjoying the manifestation of these covenants then there is a need to inquire again. God said, “my people perish for lack of knowledge,” in this truth lies the reason why the child of God will have to contend with struggles. You cannot walk in the promise you are not aware exist, and you need to possess the right to operate within the covenant of God. Can you inherit the property of a father who is not yours? And as a child of God do you know and understand the value of the covenant that God has made with you as His child? All of these are discoveries we need to make as we make up our minds to end the struggles of our lives and challenge the challenges that stare us in the face.

In my determination to operate in the fullness of the abundance of my heavenly Father, I have made discoveries on what His provisions are for those who love Him, the covenants He has made with those who love Him and the value and scope of these covenants. I have also tried to check out the lives of men who have operated within the covenants of God in Bible times and looked through the benefits of God's covenant and I am convinced that I'll rather operate nowhere else but within the covenant of God. Within the coverage of God's covenant lies all that we need to live a fulfilled and joyful life.

### *Chapter 1: The Covenant of God*

A lot of times I have been through some tough challenges and heard of stories of the tough challenges other people go through, and I wonder if indeed it is pleasing to God to see His created beings go through those really tough times. A man who is living but cannot boast of the next meal for the day, a shelter over his head and a decent means of livelihood feel as good as dead.

But the beautiful truth is that even with humans we do not create a thing solely for the purpose of destroying it. No inventor will invent a thing just to destroy it without any form of usefulness. And so, I am convinced that God did not create man just to destroy him, and it does not delight God to destroy or allow to suffer the creatures He created and also testified to be good. In fact, it does not delight the heart of God to see His created beings suffer in any form or way. He says in Jeremiah 29:11 that “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to

harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” So, we can see that in the plan and purpose of God for the man He created, suffering and harm is not in the design.

One thing the challenges of my life has produced in me is a beautiful relationship with God. In the middle of my struggles, I have found grace to go directly to the throne of God and remain there, realizing that at the feet of Jesus is where the solutions to all of my struggles rest. As I gradually build my relationship with God, I am privileged to make new discoveries continually with regards to who God really is and His purpose for the man He created. I am also privileged to have revelations into some of the divine provisions God has made for the man he created, and I am still learning on how to part-take and benefit from the largesse that the Lord has laid in store for those who diligently seek Him.

As I began to take a step-by-step walk with the Lord, I discovered that God has indeed made several pledges by way of covenants, confirming them with oaths and swearing by His Name, since there was no one greater for Him to swear by, to make all provisions of good things available to the man He has created.

### *Hebrews 6:13-18*

<sup>13</sup>When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no-one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself, <sup>14</sup>saying, “I will surely bless you and give you many descendants.” <sup>15</sup>And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised.

<sup>16</sup>Men swear by someone greater than themselves, and the oath confirms what is said and puts an end to all argument. <sup>17</sup>Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. <sup>18</sup>God did this so that by two unchanging things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged.

For us to really understand and appreciate what God has done for us by way of His covenants, first we need to know what exactly is a covenant. We need to know what it means to make a covenant with another person. After that, we will consider some of the covenants God made with mankind which are still binding to Him till date and to which He remains faithful to fulfill.

### *What Is a Covenant?*

Based on the information given by some English dictionaries, a covenant is: “a written agreement, it is said to be a common pledge.” Another dictionary gives its meaning as “a legal agreement, often an agreement to give money.” But the meaning that I want to relate with, describes a covenant

as “a legal agreement in which someone promises to pay a person or organization an amount of money regularly.”

Now given all these definitions of "covenant", there are some important points to note. First, we will notice that a covenant is a legal agreement; it is binding to the one who made the agreement and so the question of default is not meant to arise. Paul said that men who enter into covenants with themselves, swear by one greater than them and confirms it with an oath and this puts an end to all arguments. So, with a covenant, there should not be an occasion of default arising.

Secondly, we will notice within the definition we are considering, the word “promise”. A promise has been made that must be fulfilled. But at this point, we need to pause a little and try to understand what it is to make a promise in an ideal situation. What is the meaning of the word promise?

Again, the dictionary definition of the word promise says, “it is a pledge, an assurance, a ground for expectation.” It is also described as, “to tell someone you will definitely do or provide something, or that something will definitely happen.” And lastly, “a promise is a declaration that one will give or do something; signs for future excellence.” All of these definitions are extracts from different English dictionaries geared towards helping us understand what God is doing for us His created beings when He makes a covenant with us. But in my own words, I want to define the word promise as “a pledge, an assurance, a ground for expectation that can be relied upon that something specified (and in this case by God) will definitely happen.”

So, going back to the main word of study which is a covenant, we can conclude that if a covenant is a promise that has been made, then it ought to be relied upon because it is a legal agreement and has now become a ground for expectation. The fact that it is legal makes it binding to the one who has made the covenant. Once you have made a covenant, you are under the obligation or better still under compulsion to fulfill the covenant, because it is legal.

If we take another look at the definition of the word covenant, one of the definitions says, “it is a legal agreement in which someone promises to pay a person or organization an amount of money regularly.” Now I want us to take note of the word “regularly” in that definition. With that word included in the definition we are made to understand that a covenant is not a once-and-for-all agreement, it is continuous and on a periodic basis as agreed by those in covenant with each other. So a covenant is a periodic visitation that is legal and binding and acts as an assurance and a basis or ground for expectation.

Now that we have been able to analyze and understand what a covenant is, then there is a big cause for rejoicing irrespective of your present situation if you have been able to earn a covenant from the Lord God Almighty to hold on to.

With a covenant from God, the Creator of the heaven and the earth, the Lord who presides over the affairs of heaven and rules over the earth, Who has all resources within His reach, in hand for

your life, then you need never to worry any longer. On the land of the living, there is no greater assurance, no better ground for expectation, than the covenant of God that you have to hold on to.

You need to know for sure that the covenant of the Lord for your life is not a one-time visitation, it is a continuous ground for expectation from God to provide that which He has promised to provide for you on a regular basis which is binding to Him and it is a legal agreement that must be relied upon.

When we want to talk about the covenant of God with mankind in bits and pieces, we will be considering almost every verse of the Bible, this is because every word spoken by God is binding to Him and will not go unfulfilled. If the Lord has made a pronouncement of any kind, it has become a ground for expectation because it is binding to Him.

But we will still consider some prominent covenants the Lord made with mankind through men in the Bible who have diligently walked with Him on which the regenerated sons and daughters of God in this generation can anchor their faith and use as a ground for expectation from God, because those covenants are still binding on God till date and are still fulfilled in our generations to them that believe.

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