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DEDICATION



I AM honoured to dedicate this book to the Covenant keeping God, who is faithful to all His covenant in my life.

MISSION



"CALLED AND sent by God to depopulate the kingdom of devil through divine instruction and revelation in writing and guidance by the power of the Holy Spirit; to open the secret that leads to human liberation and also interceding and counselling the children of God worldwide, so as to be won back into the Kingdom of the Most High God"

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FOREWORD



WOW! This book is a perfect unveiling of God's mind. It's an embodiment of all we urgently need to break-away from every limitation or strong holds. Everyone is engaged in one covenant or the other. However, it's not everyone that is involved in a rewarding and distinct kind of covenant this book tends to unveil. History has recorded stories of different covenant that people got into, for the few with understanding, they were "made" while majority were marred because of ignorance.

This book, "The Covenant" written by Deaconess Mary Owolabi is a power packed revelation, born out of her daily experiences and walk with God as inspired by The Holy Spirit to ensure you enjoy what eyes have not seen and what ears are yet to hear concerning what God has prepared for you. The first chapter

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presents a description of the word “covenant” and the possibility of you entering into a covenant with the Almighty God. In chapter two to six, Deaconess Owolabi illustrated from the Bible point of view on the terms and condition of the covenant, relationship and covenant with examples, scope of the covenant, danger in breaking your part of the covenant, how to enter a covenant with God and the efficacy of the covenant.

I sincerely recommend you fine-tune your heart as you read this book for it to be used by God as a key to unlock those close doors in your life. Receive God's grace as you do so in Jesus name.

Elder Samuel E. UMOH
Abuja, Nigeria.

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INTRODUCTION



WHAT IS COVENANT?

- Covenant can be referred to as the cord that ties things together.
- Covenant can be an agreement, committing two or more parties involved in a contractual or unwritten agreement
- Covenant is more than a vow.
- The covenant of God is more than marital vows. David described the covenant between him and Jonathan to be more than that between a woman and a man in love.
- Covenant is rewarding when each member fulfills his/her part of the agreement.
- Covenant is more than a will or determination.
- Covenant is bonded and sealed.

- Covenant is so powerful but can be broken by either of the party concerned.
- Covenant is conditional; once the condition for a covenant is not met. It is broken automatically. 1Sam.2:29-30.
- A covenant is a form of commitment.
- The covenant of God stands sure.
- Covenant can be forever. 1Sam.20:30.
- Covenant can be extended to one's children and generation. 11Sam.7:12-16, Gen.17:7.
- Covenant of God is everlasting. 11Sam.23:5. "...yet He has made with me an everlasting covenant." Gen.17:7

The covenant of God with His children is conditional. God stands sure on His covenant with anyone. This is provided the one in covenant with God did not break the condition(s) for the fulfillment of such a covenant. Unfortunately, most people are not

committed to keeping and guiding jealously the conditions of the various covenant of God over them, even as they want God to keep His own term of the covenant.

It is very important for you to know that your covenant with God guidance and protection will require you to meet with the conditions for Him to fulfil it. This is very true of other covenants such as that for marital or financial breakthrough. Ignorance could hinder you from getting or attending to the level of relationship or covenant of living in abundance under the resources of God in this present world. Being a child of God under the fulfilment of long life and protection does not guarantee your breakthrough on all your endeavours. God may have pronounced long life and financial success but your ignorance of the secret of financial success and breakthrough could hinder you realizing these promises of God. Similarly, you may not have discovered God has a covenant of happy home and fruitfulness for your life.

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Meanwhile, you struggle to meet your needs on those aspects where you have shortfalls.

God most times, moves into a covenant with us either by His mercy or when we have moved His hand in some areas of our lives. God's covenant is for His Children's benefits. For instance, a child of God who has been patiently waiting, crying and looking unto God for a financial breakthrough for years, God can just move into a covenant with such a person by telling such to sow a seed for financial breakthrough. If such knows the rules of seed sowing and how it operates, such will fulfill his/her own part of the covenant. I can tell you that celebration of abundance awaits such a person.

God is no man. He is God. He can say give me your heart and I will set you free and deliver you. If you give Him your heart/life, He will surely deliver and set you free. If you withdraw your heart from Him (God), the devil will gain access into your life and rule or take control of your life. That means you have broken the

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covenant of giving yourself and your heart unto the Lord which is an exchange for your deliverance and sure protection. The consequence of breaking a covenant with God is that it allows easy access for the enemy.

Chapter One



THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF GOD'S COVENANT

THERE MUST be a performance before a covenant.

God's covenants are usually conditional. The Ten Commandments was the covenant God had with the children of Israel as they came out of the land of Egypt. "...and He declares unto you His covenant which He commanded you to perform even Ten Commandments... Deut4:13". "And the Lord said to Moses, write down all these words, for after the tenor of these words, I have made a covenant with you and Israel" Ex.34:27.

There is a great need to know the conditions and terms of the covenant of God for your life. Remember, He has so many covenants He

made with you but are you conscious that His covenants which stand sure are conditional? For instance, one of His covenant is, "If you shall hearken unto the voice of the Lord your God, to observe and to do all His commandments, which He commands you this day, that the Lord your God will set you on high above all nations of the earth and all these blessings shall come to you and overtake you, if you shall hearken unto the voice of the Lord your God." Deut. 28:1-2.

Critical consideration of the above Bible passage shows a conditional statement using "if", and followed by a clause beginning with "that" the statement however means "then will he"(God) plays his role in the fulfilment of the covenant.

Most times we claim just the richly promises and not minding to play our own part of the deal. Mostly in our mind, we have concluded that God doesn't keep all His promises because

we sometimes wait for long without seeing the fulfilment of His promises in our lives. Nevertheless, we are wrong in accepting the fact that in His time, He will make all things beautiful. God is wholly committed to keep all His promises and covenant towards us if only we diligently seek to study His words that are relevant to specific covenant.

The whole destiny of any child of God is laid before him/her. The understanding of the terms of covenant of God for us and the willingness to or not to abide, determines the fulfilment of anyone's destiny.

God has His expectations for the fulfilment of his covenants with us and they are as follows:-

- 1. He demands that you honour Him:**
God will only honour those who honour Him as a condition to fulfil His covenant with us. More than we respect our earthly parents to enjoy good relationship with them, God demand of us to honour Him as

a condition to fulfilling His covenant. "Wherefore the Lord God of Israel said, I said indeed that your house and house of your father, should walk before me forever, but now the Lord said, be it far from me, for them that honour me, I will honour, **and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed**". 1 Sam2:30.

2. **He demands your humility:** God honour the humble in spirit and in heart, but the proud He looketh from afar. He resists the proud from afar and gives grace to the humble according to 1peter5:5c. God cannot keep His covenant for your life if you are not humble. Pride is a sin before God. He does not listen to the prayers and request of the proud. He resists them of their most desire.
3. **Obedience: your obedience is the most condition required by God to fulfil His plans in your life.** It is very

important that you do not let any of His Words He has commanded you fall to the ground without it been performed by you. Disobedience cut short Saul's reign over Israel. Remember the story of young prophet who God sent on an errand with the instruction not to return the same way. The young prophet preferred the voice of man- the old prophet to the voice of God and he ended his ministry abruptly and with ignominy. He was devoured by a lion on his way back.

4. **Search His word:** God still speaks with us in His word, even today. Hidden secret of the world are in the words of God. If you want to know the hidden secrets of your enemy, your life and of your nation you must acquaint yourself with the words of God. This illuminates our way and guides to know the minds of God. You cannot blame God for being in the dark if you choose not to read His words to know His

injunctions and mind-set for your life. You need to seek His knowledge, and dig deep in the words of God that you may find light to lead your path on the journey of life.

Hidden secrets cannot merely be found on the surface earth, you **must** dig deep the word of God, and then the power of God fills you for exploit.

5. He demands good usage of His words:

You must make good use of the word of God over your life. The covenant of God over you must not be taken for granted.

Note that before God can enter into any covenant, with you, He is ready to fulfil it.

For God to give you instructions to carry out, it means that He must have spoken to you about it. You must totally obey all His teachings, leadings and commandments. You must know that once He noticed that you hardly yield to all His statutes, leadings and guidance, He surely withdraws in speaking to you and before you know it,

there will be a break in communication and indirectly it leads to a breakage of your covenant with Him.

It is very important to know that the true word of God is scarce and that is why you see so many people in the world today looking and searching for prophets for visions. They are not conscious of the fact that this is the end time. The Bible says at this end time, fake prophets shall multiply, and many people will be deceived and mis-directed by the false prophets. One of the possible consequences of looking for help where there is no help is that God's covenant over their lives could be broken. It will be a wise and fruitful decision to guide and maintain your relationship with your Creator. Continue in communion with Him (Christ), because He sustains the covenant of God over your life. I pray that the Lord will endure His grace upon you for His glory in Jesus mighty name. Amen.

Chapter Two



RELATIONSHIP AND COVENANT

EXAMPLES OF those that made covenant with each other.

It was recorded in the Bible how Jonathan and David made a covenant with each other. Then, Jonathan and David made a covenant because he (David) loved him as his own soul(1Sam.18:3). When David and Jonathan met, they became close friends at once, and their friendship was one of the deepest and closest friendships recorded in the Bible.

The Description of Jonathan and David's Relationship.

1. They based their friendship on commitment to God, not just each other (1Sam20:8).

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2. They allowed nothing to hinder their commitment, not even their career or family problems.
3. They drew closer when their friendship was tested.
4. They remain friends to the end.

Jonathan, the prince of Israel, later realized that David, not him, would be made the next king (1Sam.23:17). This discovery did not weaken his love for David. Jonathan would much rather lose the throne of Israel than lose his closest friend.

This good commitment by Jonathan to fulfil his own part of their covenant paid him. For after when the household of Saul, his father had been destroyed, David remembered his covenant with Jonathan. He inquired if there was any one left of the house of Saul, that he may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake? And he showed kindness to Mephibosheth, the son of his covenant friend (II Sam. 9:16).

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If Jonathan and David could be so committed to each other in the fulfilment of their covenant how much more the Almighty God, who is ever faithful to do that which He say He will do in your life? God is no man that he should lie. He is God, He never changes. He is ever faithful. I pray that the Lord God will give us the grace to be faithful in fulfilling our own part of the covenant with Him in Jesus mighty name. Amen.

God is ever and always ready to have a relationship and covenant with whosoever is available for relationship with Him. No covenant of God comes suddenly. Covenant with God is mostly by a relationship. God enjoys having a friendly relationship with His children who are willing.

Relationship with God entails cordiality with him in praises, worship, prayer, reading and meditating on His words. He speaks whenever you are ready to hear from Him through

personal and divine meditation with Him (God). He will lead you when you are ready to follow. What a wonderful communion or relationship for us to have with our creator. My sincere prayer is that the Lord will take you to the realm of having a sweet relationship with him and for you having it, He will hold and sustain you by His power in Jesus mighty name Amen.

It was revealed to us in the word of God how God's covenant with some people had great influence on their successes.

Below are few examples of such people.

God's Covenant with David

God's covenant with David was based on the condition of his heart. God saw a pure, holy and sincere heart. God saw in his heart humility and a heart to serve.

"I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant" says the Lord. Ps 89:3.

God chose David and sworn unto him saying "by the hand of my servant David will I save my people, Israel out of the hands of the Philistines and out of the hands of all their enemies"

It was not recorded in any chapter of the bible the distinctive qualities manifested by David which supersedes that of his brethren save that the Lord saw his heart. The Lord said to Samuel "look not on his countenance or on the height of his stature, because I have refused him, for the Lord see not as men see, for men look on the outward appearance, but the Lord look on the heart. 1 Sam.16:7.

God looks upon the heart and judges man according to his/her real character. The great objective of all should not merely be on outward appearance or external accomplishments rather, it should be based on internal purity and the exercise of such feelings as they are pleasing to God.

It can also be said that God saw Saul's disobedient heart before he chose him as the

king of the children of Israel. He wanted to discipline his children who want to be like other nations. They said to Samuel "Give us a king to judge us like all the other nations"(1Sam.8:5). In essence, they refused God's leading and guidance, and asked Samuel to enquire of the Lord for them. For they want to be ruled and governed by a king. God knew what Saul is likely to do, yet He gave him unto the children of Israel as king. Saul was a chosen young man, a goodly: and there was none among the children of Israel goodly person than he: from his shoulders and upward he was higher than any of the people 1 Sam 9:2.

God saw disobedience, jealousy and hatred in Saul's heart. God also sees your heart too. He knows who you are; He knows the intents of your heart. But God chose you, He called you a chosen generation. He refers to you as a royal priesthood, a peculiar people, that you should show forth the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvellous light (1 Peter 2:9).

The covenant of God over David was not just for him but for his children and his generation. God entered into covenant of salt with David because he has a right heart with God. God's covenant with him is that his family shall continually be on throne and that He will be a father unto his children and they shall be His son. If they commit iniquity, He will chasten them with the rod of man, and with the stripes of the children of men. God assured His mercy shall not depart away from David and his generation.

Similarly, the covenant of God is not just for you alone but also for your generation. The Lord chose you by His grace, not by the works of your hand, lest anyone boast; hence you need to make clean your heart so that God can dwell in it. There is need for God to dwell in your heart so that He can lead and direct you. However, remember that God is Holy, He cannot dwell in a dirty place; Hence the need for the purification and Pureness of your heart. I pray that the

Lord will give you this grace in Jesus mighty name. Amen.

THE COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM

The covenant of God with Abraham came about the faith of Abraham in God and his obedience to His leadings and commandment. God asked him to get out of his country and from his people, and from his father's house, unto a land that He (God) will show him (Gen.12:1).

God appointed him no certain place, to test his faith and obedience, and to set him apart for Himself.

In choosing Abraham, God did not reveal Himself to him by testing his trust in Him he wanted to know if Abraham worth enjoying the great benefits surrounding his covenant. Abraham obeyed the great call. The bible says he departed as the Lord had spoken unto him to an unknown land, to a land he had never been to; He went with his wife, holding unto the

promise of God knowing that faithful is He who has promised (Gen 12:4).

The Lord is still looking and searching daily and every moment for whoever is available to stay in a covenant with Him. He is still searching for sincere followers. His most desire is to bless His children, make them fruitful and dwell in peace always. He is searching for one who will trust in Him, obey His commandment and do them. My prayer is that He will find you for His glory in Jesus mighty name. Amen.

Just as God tested Abraham to leave his native soil and he obeyed, God may sometimes test you whether to forgo your soil, dearest friend, career pursuit, family, money, wealth and riches as condition for His covenant. He will test whether you could leave all to go with Him. God tested Abraham whether he would leave his idolatry country, his kindred and his father's house. God requested for this condition because they will remain constant source of temptation to Abraham and he could not

continue with them without being infected by them.

In the same vein, God is calling His beloved children to go out of a sinful state and make all possible haste out of it; Get out by yourself, for your own good. Those who left their sins and turn to God will themselves be unspeakable gains by the change. Prov. 9:12.

Your natural affection must not hinder your way to divine grace. Your family and loved ones must be loved less than Christ. Luke 14:26 and whenever they come in competition with God, they must be postponed and your preference must be given to the will and honour of the Lord Jesus.

Sin and its agents must be forsaken, especially bad company. Those that resolved to keep the commandments of God must quit the society of evildoers. The psalmist said "depart from me evildoers, for I will keep the commandments of God." Ps 119:115.

The world and all its carnal enjoyment therein, must be looked upon with a holy indifference and contempt. You must not look upon it as your country or home, rather you view it as your inn and must get out from its affections.

There is a great need for you to follow God with an implicit faith, and take God's word for it. God only told Abraham to go to "a land that I will show you" not "a land that I will give " he strictly obeyed and this simple obedience and faith in the Lord brought about the great covenant.

God's covenant with any of His children will surely lead to blessing and multiplication as was with Abraham. But there is need for sincere, upright and persevering devotion to the service and glory of God.

When God saw that Abraham was faithful, He appeared to him at ninety years old confirming and assuring him of His covenant to make him a father of many nations. His name was subsequently changed from Abram to a glorious name Abraham; for a father of many

nations has He made him. The covenant to make him exceedingly fruitful, make nations of him, and kings to come out of him. What a covenant! The Lord reaffirmed it that he has established His covenant with (Abraham) and his seed after him, in their generation for an everlasting covenant (Gen17: 1-7).

Our God works in diverse ways and His ways are unsearchable. It's beyond human understanding. The story around the conception and birth of Samuel makes one to know that God stands sure to fulfil His purpose and will for His chosen ones, we, His chosen generation.

The Covenant with Samuel

Hannah's pre-conception experience was arranged by God just for His glory and purpose. "But the Lord shut up her womb" 1Sam1:5b. He purposely shut up the womb of Hannah for these following reasons:

- To show forth His glory that He is able to do what the world thinks it's impossible.
- He used the time delayed to prepare her womb for a glorious child
- He needed a woman who can wrestle with Him in prayers. He wanted a woman who will be able to nurture Samuel in His way. A woman who will from the womb speak goodness to Samuel's life. He used the period to prepare Hannah's prayer life. He cannot afford to give Samuel to any how woman.
- To show that He is the beginning and the end. He shut the womb and opened it when He chose to.
- God is looking for a committed Hannah, who will make a vow of commitment in bringing the child back to the Lord, and till Hannah made a vow, her womb was not opened(1 Sam.1:11).

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- God wants Samuel to Himself. He wanted a man to deliver the people of Israel. He shut Hannah's womb so that she can be molested by her mates and by-so-doing, she will cry to Him and will promise to make a vow to the Lord by bringing or giving back the child to the Lord. God is able to give Hannah more than just a child, but there is need for her preparation. God gave her seven children at the long run (1Sam.2:5).

The covenant of God with Samuel is to use him amongst his people, that wouldn't have come to existence or into manifestation if the child (Samuel) didn't minister. He served the Lord. He stayed and abide in God's presence consistently, so the Lord spoke to him. Even though he was physically found sleeping but his heart was with the Lord. Age is never a barrier, young Samuel did God spoke to because he was available to be used. The question is; are you ready/available to be used by the Lord?

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That great step taking by Hannah in returning the child back to the Lord helps the child Samuel to stay and abide in God's presence. Thank God for a well-prepared and good mother. God then used the child, who was in His presence, not minding his age, to establish His covenant with His people.

The manifestation of God's covenant with Samuel started when God started talking to him. God talked to him and gradually, he started giving feedback, as time goes on. Samuel was receiving message from God to his people. He was able to hear God's voice at a time God's voice was scarce, relaying same to God's people.

There is a great need to stay and abide in the presence of the Lord for the fulfilment of His plans and purposes in your life. You must minister to Him in various aspects; for He has giving you what it takes. Remember He created you, He knew the grace He has released upon you to do the assignments He has called for.

Listening and responding is vital in a relationship with God. God speaks to us in many and diverse ways, sometimes through elements in our environments. He may also speak to us in a voice we can hear loud and clear as he met with Apostle Paul on the way to Damascus. He often speaks to us through His written words, the Bible. To receive His messages, you must be ready to listen and to act upon what He tells you. Like Samuel, be ready to say "here I am" when God call you to action.

My prayer for you is that He shall open your ear of understanding to key into His divine plans and purpose for your life in Jesus name. Amen.



EXTENT OF FULFILMENT OF GOD'S COVENANT

WORDS ALONE cannot totally express the extents to which God is ready to move and fulfil His covenant in your life. "If only" you observe to do that which He commanded you. He said your obedience shall be unto you for righteousness (Deut.6:25) even as faith was counted unto Abraham for righteousness.

God is set to do the following when you keep his commandment.

- 1. Marvellous things:** - The Lord is ready to do to His people marvellous things, such that ears have not heard before. He is able to do such marvellous things for everyone around you to see it and celebrate Him in your life. "...and he said, behold, I make a

covenant before all the people I will do marvels, such as have not been done in all the earth nor in any nation, all the peoples among which thou art shall see the work of the Lord, for it is terrible thing that I will do with thee" Ex.34:10.

- 2. He is ready to give men for you and people for your life.** Isah. 43:4

The Lord said He will rather spare your life and make some to perish for your sake. The Lord values all of His faithful more than all the wicked in the world. That was the Lord's purpose as He gave up the Egyptians in ransom for the Israelites. He is ready to give up others to save you as occasion requires.

- 3. He's ready to pull down every wall of barriers** Jos.6:20

Just by following instructions of the Lord, the wall of Jericho fell down flat and the people went up into the city, everyman

straight before Him and they took the city. The manner in which the Israelites passed over Jordan and took the city of Jericho showed that while men obey God, they have no good reason to distrust His willingness or His power to do for them all which they need.

4. He is ready to supply your need in excess and in abundance.

He greatly purposed to supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus Phil.4:19. He said, "you shall eat old store and bring forth the old because of the new" (Leviticus.26:10). The stock of your old corn would still be unexhausted and large when the next harvest will bring its supply.

5. Blessing beyond human understanding.

Instead of a natural decrease even when a mistake occurs, He promised you

multiplication. The bible says, "He blessed them also, so that they are multiplied greatly, and suffered not their cattle to decrease" (Ps.107:38).

His covenant is to the extent that He will watch not just over you, but over all that is yours, be it in person or properties.

6. He will give you due respect.

Oh! What a privilege; simply obeying Him moves Him to the extent of purposing to give to you due respect as His child and beloved. He said "I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you and establish my covenant with you." Lev. 26:9.

7. He will rejoice over you to do you good. Jeremiah.32:41

An obedient child is always parents delight. Truly when you instruct your child to do something and he/she does it, not just in an instance, but the child is an obedient child

who yields to your instructions/guidance, am sure that you will be so much proud of such a child. You will be glad with such a child, and be good towards the child.

This is exactly what your creator is ready to do concerning you, He wants to rejoice over you, and tell the world about you, even as he announces you to your generation. He wants to assuredly establish you for His glory. Amen.

8. He will be your God

"But this thing commanded I them, saying, obey my voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be my people, and walk in all the ways that I have commended you, that it may be well with you (Jer. 7:23)." The Lord purposed to be your God to have rule over your life. He will deliver you from the hand of the devil, who is the enemy of the plans and purpose of God for your life. He is your Creator. He wants to reign and rule over your life. He wants to shut the Lion's mouth

over the issues of your marriage, children, profession, and in all aspect of your life. Give Him a chance; He is ready to penetrate into every hidden parts of your life.

9. He will lead you right

"I will walk among you ... (Lev 26:12a)". As He has done by His pillar of cloud and fire and by His tabernacle, when he walked along with the children of Israel in all their journeys, and stayed among them in all their stations, to protect, conduct, instruct, and comfort them, so will He do to lead you aright always. The Bible says His word is a path unto our feet. He will direct you a right on the best path to follow in all aspect of your life.

10. He will make you a peculiar treasure unto Himself above all people (Ex.19:5)

"... now therefore, if you shall obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, you

then shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people, for all the earth is mine (Ex.19:5).”

God used the word “peculiar treasure” to emphasize His readiness and seriousness to keep His word of covenant. It shows the certainty of His divine intention. It reflects His undoubted plans and purpose. This means His covenant are definite, emphasizing his assurance to fulfil it provided you do your part to obey Him.

He purposed to count you out of the ordinary people; that your type of experience will not be the common experience. But it will be an uncommon miracle.

The Lord purposed to separate you among His special people; that you are special among the specials. He will make you special among and beyond valuable things. He will make you the most valuable

instrument in His hand. He will value you among your peer and colleagues. He said, “even when I have many special things in my hand, I have purposed to make you peculiar out of them all” This is an assurance that gladdened my heart and I rejoice with you because it's a great privilege from God for you to be so treasured. I say congratulations for this opportunity the Lord has given you.

What the Lord is saying is that He will have you in His portion, to own you to Himself. He will be jealous over your life to divinely protect and guide you, as person devoted to Him and to His service. “For the Lord's portion are His people. Jacob is the lot of His inheritance(Deut.32:9).”

11. He will make you a kingdom of priest (Ex.19:6)

He is the king of your life. He wants to choose you as a priest. He wants you to be

His child, to be heir of His kingdom and a joint heir with Jesus Christ in His kingdom. He rules over heaven and earth. He wants you to have dominion over all that He created; on the land, under the ground, in the sea and above the earth i.e. in heaven. He gave this assurance right from creation. "...and God blessed them, and God said unto them, be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the air and over everything that moveth upon the earth (Gen.1:28)."

What a great privileged, what an uncommon bargain. It's a special deal which could only be found from the Lord, Thank God for the grace of His calling.

Do Have it in mind that He is the head of all principalities and power (Col 2:10). As His priest, you are entitled to His kingdom and

you shall reign with Him above all principalities and power. This means that His covenant with you allows you to rule over your enemies. They will no longer have influence over you. There is great need for you to walk in the consciousness of who you are, now that you are ready and prepare to abide with the covenant rules. He said, "...and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priest (Ex.19: 6a)".

As his priest, He wants you to have access to the riches and glory in His kingdom. His purpose is that you also will be able to create and recreate everything to His glory in your life. Don't you know that you too have the power and capability as a priest to create the atmosphere of goodness, success, and peace all around you, using His words? Just stand on the authority of His word in your convinced heart that He will surely do that which He has promised to do. The bible says He honour His words

more than His name. Oh! More than His "name" which is above every other thing.

You too can create; you can just do your part of the covenant, and fulfil His purpose of calling you a royal priesthood (1Peter2:9).

12. He will make you live without sickness or diseases.

"...if thou will diligently hearken to the voice of the lord your God and will do that which is right in His sight, and give ears 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 heal you (Ex15:26)."

The Lord of host purposed to protect you from all sort of diseases, sicknesses and infirmities. It takes God's revelation to know that diseases, sicknesses and infirmities are from the devil. Sometimes

God permits them to chastise His beloved, only when He chose to do so. Nevertheless, every child of God has to walk in the covenant of sound health which God proposed for His people whom He has chosen for Himself.

Prosperity, riches, power, success, promotions, happiness, joy, fruitfulness, elevation, greatness, guidance, fulfilment are embedded in the "covenant". What a great package of God. The fulfilment of this great package of God is only available for us in as much as we do according to the instructions and commandments of the agreed and sealed "covenant".

The Bible says by His grace we are saved. I believe that the necessary requirements for enjoying the benefits of this covenant are simply stated and available for application in the Bible. Are you ready to unfold the covenant of God for your life?

How ready are you to move the hand of your creator to the extent of making Him do the unusual in your life? Are you ready to surrender all; **I mean all things, in all aspect** to His hand and care? He said "cast your entire burden upon me, for I care for you" by His right hand He dashed in pieces the enemy (Ex. 15:6).

- 13. He will make you to have a secured life.** "...if you want to live securely in the land, follow my directives and obey my regulations (Lev 28:18 NLTB)". It is a simple deal, follow and obey my decrees and do my will according to the words of the covenant and you will be securely guided and dwell safely.

Chapter Four



DANGER OF NEGLECTING ONE'S PART OF THE COVENANT

THE MAJOR consequences of not keeping to your own part of God's covenant with you, is that there will be breakage of the covenant. Remember that covenant involves two parties, and both parties must work in accordance, and to the fulfilment of such covenant. Covenants are always with terms and condition, which if breached, automatically breaks the covenant.

Even marriage vows between husband and wife are with conditions. The husband will say "to love and to cherish, with all my life and belongings..." while the wife will say "to submit myself unto him to own and to obey you..." I can tell you that if any of these parties did not abide by these agreements, the marriage will not last. At best, they can only manage to live

together, but the joy of the relationship has been deprived by going against their vows. Their inability to do according to what is meant for each other, automatically denies them of the required or expected benefits of such covenant.

Reversal of Covenant

God's covenant can be reversed from whosoever. Even from the very elects. There are many reasons or conditions why God can reverse His covenant from His chosen.

1. When you neglect the mandate of your call

Eli had a difficult time training his sons in the ways of the Lord. He apparently did not take any disciplinary actions when he became aware of their wrongdoings. He as a high priest ignores the sins of the priests under his jurisdiction. As a result, the Lord took a disciplinary action which Eli would not. Eli was guilty of honouring his sons above God and allow them continue in their sinful ways. Is

there a situation in your life, family or work that you are tolerating, when you know too well that it's wrong? You may become as guilty as perpetrators of wrongdoings.

God accused Eli of kicking at His sacrifices and offerings which He commanded him in his habitation (1Sam2:29). In a situation where a believer, a child of God or a minister of His words neglects the work for God or go against the rule of the covenant, God can break such covenant.

2. When you dishonour God:

The Lord Has accused Eli of honouring his sons (Hophni and Phinehas) than his sacrifices. Therefore, the Lord said unto him, "I said indeed that your house, and the house of your father, should walk before me, forever, but now, I the Lord said, be it far from me, for that they that honour Me, I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed (1Sam2:30)."

God broke off His covenant with the house of Eli and he died with his two sons the same day as God proposed because he did not honour God to walk before Him as expected.

Most believers in the world today think that once there is a covenant between them and God, such covenant stands, no matter even when they live and sleep in sinful acts. They have forgotten that we cannot continue in sin and ask grace to abide. God cannot be mocked. It is a natural law, whatsoever a man sows, so shall he reap.

If you wish to benefit from a covenant and you cannot workout the rules and conditions. You shouldn't blame God for breaking such covenant. In any covenant, God is not a beneficiary, because we are mostly the one at the receiving end. Even in situation where He (God) goes into a covenant with someone just because He wants to use such to win souls into His kingdom. If such fail Him, He will surely raise for Himself, another person that will win

those souls. His covenant for your life got broken because of your negligence, lack of dedication and honesty to His calling.

The withdrawal of your loyalty from the work of His stewardship, not working and dedicating your spirit, soul, body and time to His work, not noting that your family is part of this ministry or call, is the reason why His covenant for you is not standing.

Your generation could be cut off

“The time is coming when I will put an end to your family, so it will no longer serve as my priests (1 Sam 2:31a NLTB).

In the case of Eli, God cut off his generation from enjoying the spiritual/physical benefits of His covenant because of two persons. The truth is that no matter how great and mighty the covenant of God is over you, once you fail in fulfilling your own part of the covenant, God may cut off your generation, thereby causing not just you and your immediate family from

enjoying the benefits embedded in God through Christ Jesus, but also the entire generation.

A song composer sang thus- "Almighty God, our generation shall praise your name, our generation shall praise your name"

However, your attitude of disobeying the commandment and will of God for your life will cut off your generation from enjoying the glorious covenant of God that has willed to them.

The sins of parents may deeply affect not only the children, but their distant posterity, even to the end of time and onward to eternity.

3. When you care about the attitude of people at the detriment of the will and commandment of God.

The covenant over Saul was broken because he did not keep the commandment of God. He came out of the covenant rule, which set him to

be the captain over God's people. Saul only cared about the attitude of people, but did not care about the commandments of God. "And Samuel said, what hast thou done? And Saul said because I saw that the people were scattered from me and that thou camest not within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash (1Sam13:11)."

The first rule of having authority over others is to be under authority of the Lord yourself

You should be a leader under authority. When you are under the authority of God, you will not be pushed around by the people. When you refused the authority of the Lord over your life by neglecting His leading and commandments, then you are likely to lose your authority over your subjects. Remember that you are created purposely to be a leader, for the Bible says you shall be the head and not the tail. You will lose

the mantle of a leadership when you neglect or fail to keep the authority of your superior.

It is very difficult to trust God when it seems your resource is slipping away. When Saul felt that time was running out, he became impatient with God's time; thinking that the ritual was all he needed; so he substituted the ritual for faith in God.

When faced with a difficult decision, don't allow impatience to drive you to disobey God. When you know the divine intention of God for your life, follow His plans, regardless of the consequences. God often uses delay to test our obedience and patience.

4. When you do foolishly: Disobedience is an act of foolishness.

"And Samuel said to Saul, thou has done foolishly, you have not kept the commandment of the Lord your God, which He commanded you. For now, would the Lord have established your kingdom upon Israel forever(1Sam13:13)."

Saul did foolishly by offering sacrifices which he had no right to offer when he could not wait for God's instructions and commandments. No one can tell the evils which may result from a single act of disobedient to God. Saul had plenty of excuses for his disobedience. But Samuel zeroed in on the real issue. "You have not kept the command the Lord your God gave you"

Like Saul, we often gloss over our mistakes and sins, trying to justify our actions because of our "special" circumstances. Our excuses however are nothing more than disobedience. God knows our true motives. He forgives, restores, and blesses only when we are honest about our sins. By trying to hide our sins behind excuses, Saul lost his kingship(1Sam13:14)".

5. When you turn back from God.

"It repented me that I have set up Saul to be king for he is turned back from following me and has not performed my commandment... (1Sa15:11)."

When God said, He was sorry that He had made Saul king, was He saying that He had made a mistake? God's comment was an expression of sorry not an admission of error (Gen 6:5-7). An omniscience God cannot make a mistake (1 Sam 15:29). Therefore, God did not change His mind. He did, however, changed His attitude towards Saul. Saul's heart no longer belonged to God, but to his own interest. He has turned his heart away from following the commandments of God.

6. When you are too materialistic.

Saul likes the good things of this world, than obeying the words of He that chose him. He prefers the material things and accumulation of properties than do the will of God. Many people even the elect in this present world do all sort of immoral and ungodly acts in getting money. Their ways are evil before God. It does not matter if they bring all the money for the progress of God's work. The question is that what is the source of such money, materials and

properties? What is the essence of all the properties we illegally gathered in this life when we lose God's kingdom? Huh! "And Samuel came to Saul and Saul said unto him. Blessed be thou the Lord, I have performed the commandment of the Lord, and Samuel said, what meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?(1Sam. 15:13-14)."

Materialism leads to lies

Saul thought he has won a great victory over the Amalekites, but God saw it as great failure because Saul had disobeyed Him and lied to Samuel about the results of the battle. Saul may have thought his lie would not be revealed to Samuel or what he did was not wrong. Saul was only deceiving himself.

Dishonest people will always believe lies constructed around themselves and then lose the ability to differentiate between truth and lies. By believing your own lies, you deceive

yourself, you alienate yourself from God, and lose credibility in all your relationship with Him. The fact is that honesty will always win in the long run.

7. When you are easily influenced by the multitude

We are advised not to follow the multitude to do evil. Many of us cannot take a personal decision to stand with the Lord come what may. We are easily influenced by friends, colleagues, family and church members. We refused to make Jesus Christ the author and finisher of our faith. We looked unto men as our example and mentor. Most of us easily and boldly always refer to people as our mentor meanwhile; those people are not perfect on their own.

Many people have listened to many teachings which should have had great and positive influence on their lives, but became carried away by friends that talk negatively about those teachings. Such people do not have the mind of

their own, their heart is corrupt. I pray that every corrupt heart is released right now in Jesus mighty name. Amen.

Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites, for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the Lord thy God, and the rest we have utterly destroyed(1Sam 15:15)."

Note. Saul's statement "for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the Lord."

Saul had no excuse for his disobedience, did God made the people to rule over him or he to rule over the people? He misplaced his priority. Our priority as children of God, chosen for His glory should be to do the will of He who has chosen us and not to follow every idea.

Obedience is better than sacrifices (1 Sam 15:22)

It is better for you not to allow the covenant of God to be broken in your hand than saying that

you will make sacrifices for amendment. It is very important for you to know that it is not all sacrifices that are acceptable.

"... and therefore, I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifices not offering forever(1Sam 3:14).

No external attention or addition, even to things which God has commanded can be accepted as a substitute for an obedient heart. He is a spirit, and to be accepted, men must obey Him in spirit and in truth.

8. When you are proud.

The Lord even regretted that He made Saul a king over His people because Saul did not obey His commandment and statutes to the last letter.

Saul is proud because he believes he knows more than God, who has spoken to him on what to do in the battle. But on his own desire and wisdom kept apart some of what the Lord has

commanded him to destroy. Saul broke the covenant of God for his life the second time.

Saul is said to be allowing people to mislead him against God. In the first instance, he was conscious because the people were departing and he made the sacrifices which Samuel ought to make. Secondly, the people took the spoil of sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, thinking to use it as sacrifice to God after the battle.

Saul missed it. He chose to listen and follow the instruction of the people against that which God instructed him. Many people today now follow what their pastors, members, relatives, bosses, spouses, fiancée, parents, friends etc. asks them to do even when such is not in agreement with what the Lord has instructed them.

The devil has successfully deceived many by giving them some reasons which appears (genuine and reasonable) without knowing

that they are all deceits of the devil from the gate of hell. The devil has successfully brainwashed them to see things in his satanic point of view and they have unconsciously broken the covenant of God for their lives.

We need to note that God is not interested in alternatives we often given to Him in exchange for strict obedience and commandments and instructions for our lives. He knows the best, He is the wisest. Once he speaks, he knows what the best is for us at that particular time and on that very situation. The Lord respects and accepts what we do in obedience to His leadings and directives, and not what we think, but what He actually wants us to do.

The Bible equates disobedience to rebellion; and rebellion to witchcraft. Many times we are deceive of the devil by saying God understands our situation and what we are passing through as excuse for our disobedience.

The devil has successfully made us to believe that our situations and conditions are rare and special which permits us to go contrary to the statues of God. How many times have we used such flimsy excuse to break the covenant of God for our lives? You have need for repentance, if you fall into this category of Christians.

God cannot be mocked, He sees your heart, and you cannot hide from Him. Remember the bible says your stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry, that no idolaters will enter the kingdom of God. Humility is required and not stubbornness. Do you know that you cannot justify yourself in that area you call "little thing" and you prove stubborn and at the same time excluding that part of your life which God could touch? You often ask people to leave that aspect, which happens to be vital. What a pity! You are pushing yourself to condemnation. I pray you will not be condemned in Jesus mighty name. Amen.

"Since you have rejected the Lord's commands, He has rejected you as king of Israel (1Sam15:26)." Note here that because Saul did not keep his own part of the covenant by obeying the voice of the Lord, the Lord denied him the covenant of his rulership over his people

Saul's excuses came to an end, because it was a reckoning time for him. God wasn't rejecting Saul as a person, the king could still seek forgiveness and restore his kingship with God, but it was too late for him to get his kingdom back. If you do not act responsibly with what God has entrusted on you, you will eventually run out of excuses. All of us must one day give an account of our actions. "... every one of us shall give account of himself to God(Rom 14:12).

9. When you allow pressure of the moment to overcome you

It is a terrible thing to break the covenant between you and God. David broke God's

covenant with him when he killed Uriah and marry his wife (Bathsheba). The consequences of this singular act by David made God to pronounce negative words upon his household. Even though he later sincerely asked for forgiveness from a repented heart, but the implication or consequences of David's sin was irreversible. Sometimes an apology isn't just enough. When God forgives us and restores our relationship with Him; He doesn't eliminate all the consequences of our wrong doings. One of the major consequences of sin and breakage of God's covenant is that such would give great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme.

We may be tempted to say "if this is wrong, I can always apologise to God". We must remember that we may set into motion events with some irreversible consequences. In the case of David, the following things happened.

1. Murder was a constant thing in his family.
2. His household rebelled against him.

3. His first child from Bathsheba died.

If David had known the painful consequences of his sin, he might not have pursued the pleasure of the moment.

Which pleasure of sin are you enjoying at this moment in your life? In riches, God has promised to make you rich and sit with the kings, so why the shady deals and embezzlement of money and changing of figures? He has promised to fight your battle and plead for your curse, so why seeking powers and protection from the world? Ex23:32 "thou shall make no covenant with them or with their gods". He promised to bless and make you fruitful in all aspect of your life, so why still going through cultism and familiar spirit for fruitfulness? I pray that the grace for you to sincerely humble yourself at His feet be released unto you in Jesus mighty name. Amen.

Chapter Five



THE GREAT CALL - THE CALL OF GOD

Call to Repentance

MOSES TOLD the Hebrews that when they are ready to return to God, he will be ready to receive them. God's mercy is unspeakable. It goes far beyond what we can imagine. Even when the Jews deliberately walked away from Him and ruined their lives; God would still take them back. God would give them inward spiritual renewal. God wants to forgive us and bring us back to Himself too. Some people will not learn this until their world has crashed around them, then the sorrow and pains will now open their eyes to what God has been saying all along. Has sin separated you from God? No matter how far you have wandered,

God promised fresh beginning if only you will turn to Him. Deut 30:1-6.

God has called us to keep His commandments, while reminding us that His laws are not hidden from us or beyond our reach. Have you ever said you would obey God if you knew what He wanted? Have you ever complained that obedience is too difficult for a mere human? These are unacceptable excuses. God's laws are written in the Bible, which are clearly seen in the world around us. Obeying them is reasonable, sensible and beneficial. The most difficult part of obeying God's law is simply deciding to start now.

A call to perfection: -Sustaining God's Covenant for your Life. Just as the Lord God appeared unto Abraham so is He appearing unto us today by enjoining us to walk before Him and be perfect. Perfection is an act of sincerity, upright, wholly and persevering in devotion to the service and glory of God. We can

attain the state of perfection depending on our state of mind. If only we can be determined by the grace of God to live a perfect life, which I believe is attainable by His grace.

Bear it in mind that it was at perfection state that the Lord promised to make His covenant with Abraham. "...walk before me, and be thou perfect. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply the exceedingly (Gen 17:1-20."

If it was said of Noah to be a just and perfect man in his generation, then I strongly believe that we also can strive to live a perfect life in this present generation by God's grace. Though, this present generation is cruel; and evil all around, I do not believe that it is worse than the time of Noah. The world as at the time of Noah was so bad that God regretted creating man, hence he wiped off every creation from the surface of the earth, except those who listened to the instruction given to Noah for

safety and deliverance. "These are the generation of Noah, Noah was a just man and perfect in his generation and Noah walked with God. Gen 6:9."

It was also said of Job, "There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job, and the man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God and eschewed evil (Job 1:1)."

God sometimes bestows on His children great wealth, numerous things, and abundance of earthly blessings and thus increases their obligations to love and serve him. You can be richly blessed in all ramification of your life, yet you fear and walk in all His commandments and ordinance of the Lord blameless (Luke 1:6).

King Hezekiah walked before God in truth and with a perfect heart, and did that which is good in the sight of God (2King 20:3). King Hezekiah walked before God without hypocrisy. He obeyed God and destroyed idolatry among the

people of God and the name of God was honoured.

The Israelites were also meant to be perfect with the Lord their God in Deut 18:13. This means that we can all attain perfection in our worship and obedience to God's word. I pray that the Lord will give us such grace in Jesus mighty name Amen.

Are you not the son of your father who is in heaven, then you must be perfect even as your father who is in heaven is perfect (Matt. 5:48).

Call to Repentance.

There is a great need to build an altar for God in your heart where the word of His covenants is written. Write it! Keep it in your heart that there might be no mistake, as soon as God had separated to Himself a peculiar people, He governed them by a written word, as he has done ever since, and will do while the world stands (Ex 24:4).

You do not have to dwell in sin, even when you know that the Lord is not happy with you. When you return to God, He will forgive you and open the way to begin life anew. When you return to God, accept His forgiveness and change your ways, He will give you a fresh start. To be forgiven as David was, you have to repent and turn to Him. Then move ahead with a new and fresh approach to life which is in Christ Jesus.

I can boldly inform you that the love of God is still upon you as He is expecting you to come back to Him today. He had compassion on David and this was shown when He gave him another son (Solomon.) Solomon means "the Lord loved me" this is a reminder of God's grace.

Chapter Six



CONCLUSION/REMINDE HIM OF HIS WORD

AFTER ALL said and done and God has given you the grace to abide in the terms of His covenant, and it still appears as if the promises are not coming forth, then go to God in prayers and groaning, He will remember His covenant and will deliver you from all affliction. The Bible recorded it that God heard the groaning of His children when they were in bondage in Egypt. And He remembered His covenant. Here is the word of the Lord for you today, even as He spoke to His children while they were still in Egypt. He said "you can be sure that I have heard the groaning of the people of Israel, who are now slaves to the Egyptians, and am well aware of all my covenants with them.

Therefore, say to the people of Israel, I am the Lord. I will free you from your oppressors and rescue you from your slavery in Egypt. I will redeem you with a powerful arm and great acts of judgment. I will claim you as my own people and I will be your God. Then will you know that I am the Lord your God, who has freed you from your oppression in Egypt. I will bring you into the land I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I will give it to you as very own possession. I am the Lord”

God's promises on these verses were fulfilled to the latter when the Hebrews left Egypt. He freed them from slavery, became their God, and accepted them as His people. Then He led them to the land He had promised.

When God is at work, suffering, setbacks and hardship may still occur. We are encouraged to be happy when difficulties come our ways. When faced with problems, we should learn to be patient by our characters, emotions, and

thoughts. We ought to learn to do the followings;

1. Trust God, and believe that He will do what is best for you.
2. Look for ways to honour God in that present situation.
3. Remember that God will not abandon you.
4. Watch and wait for God's plans for your life.

“My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into divers temptations, knowing this that the trying of your faith worketh patience (James 1:2-3).

Also be reminded that God did not forget His covenant with you. He only wants to have His glory without sharing it with anyone. I pray that He will take all the glory in your life and in every situation of your life in Jesus mighty name. Amen.

The Heart reflects the basic attitudes of people towards God and His commandments. God has

a special way of testing it, to know the inner thoughts and attitudes.

God sometimes intentionally allows His children to go through unbearable experiences in life to prove them and know their hearts and intended actions towards keeping His commandments or not. God may be testing the intent of your heart and will purposely take you through the wilderness of life, thereby delaying the fulfilment or manifestation of His covenant in your life, just because He wants to be sure if you will not be proud when you are in the midst of surplus. He may be preparing you for the management of a greater nation.

God may also want to humble you, and suffers you to hunger and feeds you with manna which you know not, so that He might make you know that man do not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord (Deut. 8:3) just as He did and proved to the children of Israel in the wilderness.

This means that God can supply the wants of His people without the use of natural means, by simply speaking the word. He is therefore to be trusted for all supplies in the desert, as well as in fruitful land. By His powerful words, He will produce for your miraculous food, job, peace, success and many others in every aspect of your life in Jesus Mighty name. Amen.

The purpose of your wilderness experience is for you to have a divine discipline; you must not forget what you have been taught by the way—the miraculous protections, deliverances, provisions, instructions which God gave you, and with the frequent and severe punishment of your disobedience. You will from now be experiencing the divine fulfilment and manifestation of His plans and purpose for your life in Jesus mighty name. Amen.