

W O R D A T W O R K

VOLUME XXXIV NUMBER X The Power of Biblical Covenant I

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Scripture: Genesis 15:1-8

Genesis 15:1-8 records a frustrating period in Abraham's life where he is complaining that God's promises have not yet come to pass. As we read the first three verses, we can tell that he was almost arguing with God. He made enough of a point that he got an immediate response from the Lord. Abraham had a covenantal relationship with God. God had not only offered to Abram a son, but then He once again, encouraged Abram concerning His promise, purpose and destiny for him to possess the land that the Lord would bring him. In verse 7 the Lord said, *"I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it."* Abram's response in verse 8 was, *"Lord God, how shall I know that I will inherit it?"* Abraham had at that point seen no fulfillment of God's promise to give him a son. This question or outburst, was Abram asking God for surety – so he could know that what God promised was surely still coming. I suspect he needed to know so he could set his sights and endure whatever God had for him to endure. It is important to understand that the Blood Covenants of the Bible were first requested by man in order to endure the process that was required to gain God's promises. God's answer to Abram's question in verse 8 is the very first Blood Covenant. Blood Covenant was something that Abraham could understand in his culture. God lowered Himself to Abram's culture and gave him the strongest form of promise available to man in that day, and it was called a Blood Covenant. All of our theology and all of our interaction with God is built on Blood Covenants. Therefore, to really understand and properly walk with God in relationship, it is necessary to understand biblical Blood Covenant. Abram asked God to know that His promises were bound to be fulfilled. When we are in covenant with God, it is good to know the promises are bound by blood to be fulfilled. We all have Abram's same questions. God never wanted us to guess, He always wanted us to know. Knowing God culminates in the entirety of covenant. It is hard to know God if we do not know the fullness of covenant which includes more than the promises that bring relief to life's physical circumstances.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-3

Genesis 12:1-3 comprised the very first Theocratic Covenant in Scripture. 'Theo' means God-ruling and 'cratic' is God-governing usually with man. God promises governmental rule to Abram if he will begin the process of yielding to Him. God said, "Abram, look – the land that I am taking you to is not your choice, it is Mine. But if you will yield to My purpose, I will make you a great nation. I will bless you and I will make your name great and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you." This is the very first Theocratic covenant in Scripture and it forms the foundation for all the additional covenants that are layered on top of it. God initiated government with this covenant. Whether we choose to participate in government is a choice that every believer makes and once we make it, then we can enter training for representing the Judicial Christ for He is both Savior of all the Earth and Judge of all the Earth. God is the Ultimate government in the earth. And for those who represent Him, covenant relationship is the foundation for all that we pray and proclaim judicially!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

Scripture: Genesis 12:14-20

Immediately after establishing the Theocratic Covenant with Abraham, it is tested. And the test came from Abram's disobedience when he abandoned the trip to Canaan and went south into Egypt because of famine in the land. So when Abraham should have been trusting God to supply on the journey that was God's idea, he failed to cross into the dimension of understanding covenant. So at the first sign of adversity during the journey, Abram went south and in the process sacrificed Sarai to Pharaoh's tent. That circumstance brought covenant justice into manifestation. God and Abram were in covenant and despite Abram's failure in that moment, he was still in covenant. Verses 16,17 contrast the difference between Pharaoh's treatment of Abraham and God's treatment of Pharaoh. It says, *"He treated Abram well for her sake. He had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male and female servants, female donkeys, and camels. But the Lord plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife."* Now while Abraham was getting preferential treatment because of his wife, God's Hand was judging and destroying Pharaoh and Egypt with great plagues. God's government was working in Abraham's behalf, even in his disobedience. But a question rises – how far does covenant go? That question can only be answered based on multiple variables. The season as well as God's purpose and God's timing can all impact how far covenant goes. Basically, we cannot count on covenant always working when we are in disobedience. It did in this case, but Abraham was on a learning curve. Nevertheless, it is good to know that once we are in covenant with God, we have a growth period in which in spite of our mistakes covenant still works. That is an example of grace and mercy in action. But by the time we should be mature, are we still counting on mercy?

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

Scripture: Genesis 15:8,13-16

Abram says to God, *"Lord God, how shall I know that I will inherit it?"* God answered through Blood Covenant and as He initiates the steps to consummate Blood Covenant in verse 13 He says, *"Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete"* God said, 'Abram, I am giving you the land. You can only mark it off and claim it by faith. But your seed will come back and they will dispossess the Amorites after 400 years of that culture filling the land with iniquity. When the land is finally filled with iniquity, then the inhabitants will lose their original claim to the land through creation and placement. At that point, that land will be yours and I will bring your descendants into it. Know it because I promised it by blood!' Blood Covenant was at that point established with Abraham, guaranteeing Canaan to the Israelites. If we consider where America, Israel and the church are today, Scripture makes clear if we help and bless Israel, God will bless us. To frustrate Israel, to attempt to discourage Israel or to aid the enemy may bring the full measure of God's judgment. For a Bible-believing land, wisdom demands the support of Israel. But without commitment to the Word, we see our nation abandoning Israel and funding the work of their enemies. And that is something **we will all** pay the price for. Spirit-led covenantal prayer toward politicians, political parties, even presidents, is essential if we hope to see our nation blessed. Blood Covenant is, for such a time as this, where our prayers can move God's Hand to change the rule of evil men and gain righteousness! Praying covenant justice on the head of a demonized politician intent on destroying another formerly Godly nation requires divine intervention!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

Scripture: Genesis 15:17,18

In verses 17,18, God completed the Blood Covenant with Abraham. Standing between the animal pieces as a smoking oven and burning torch, He declared and completed Blood Covenant. In order to understand what this meant, we have to go to the New Testament and follow the explanations. In the New Testament it is explained, and it is explained so we can understand what it means to us. This is one of the most biblically significant events for mankind, to date, in Scripture. It marks the beginning of God walking in covenant with man, establishing government, establishing salvation and establishing His purpose for all creation. God is on the move to fulfill His plan through man. It is sealed in governmental authority and is guaranteed by Blood.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

Scripture: Genesis 22

Genesis 22 initiated the final testing of Abraham's part of Blood Covenant. Abraham said, "How shall I know Your promises will occur?" And God said, "Here is how you will know – I will put Myself in Blood Covenant with you." The only thing left was for Abraham to be tested. Would he honor covenant the way God had? In Genesis 22:1 that test consists of God asking Abraham to sacrifice his son on Mount Moriah. Blood Covenant means that whatever Abram asks God to do, God can ask Abram for. Abram asked God for proof of fidelity! God asked Abram for proof. Abram had to prove that he would do what God asked him to do. Would he be obedient? Blood Covenant had major benefits, but it had major costs as well. It was costly for God and it was costly for man. It costs God His Son and it costs us our lives. Abraham had a choice. Thank God that Abraham carried through! Verses 9,10 declare, "*Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.*" In that moment, the angel of the Lord spoke from Heaven and said, "*Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.*" Abraham lifted his eyes, he saw a ram caught in the thicket and offered the ram. Jehovah-Jireh, the God Who sees ahead and provides, was revealed to Abraham. Verse 16,17 says, "*By Myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son—blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.*" At that point, government was complete because the covenant had been tested, Abraham passed, and it was guaranteed. Because it was guaranteed, we have the governmental authority to possess the gate of our enemies. And we can use that guaranteed authority in how we pray. If we look at an enemy and always "turn-the-other-cheek," we enable evil. When we default to always praying blessing, we forfeit our Judicial Authority. We should always respond to an offense by listening for the leading of the Spirit, and wait for God's direction. We can pray a Priestly blessing or a Judicial intervention! The evil we face determines how we pray! Abram fully qualified for Blood Covenant and we have inherited it. But not knowing the Word and not knowing our God can make us forfeit God's very best –for our *lives*, for our *nation* and for the *Kingdom*!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

Scripture: Hebrews 6:1-9

Hebrews 6 identifies some parameters of the New Testament Blood Covenant that Jesus bought and paid for. In Hebrews 6:4-6, it begins with a warning, "*For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.*" Verses 7,8 talk about blessing and cursing. Verse 9 declares that we are believing much better things for future generations, though we speak in this manner. One question is, why are they speaking in this manner? Covenant carries both blessing and responsibility which has consequences! Covenant speaks in that manner! When we violate covenant then we accrue to ourselves covenant judgment. If we honor covenant then we accrue to ourselves covenant blessing. The first thing to understand about Hebrews 6 is that the manner of speech spoken is speech based on Blood Covenant. We are either honoring Blood Covenant or violating Blood Covenant. A wise man would choose to live in such a way as to honor covenant. Someone, however, that courts judgment and destruction can do so by choosing to follow their own will and violate God's Word. If they choose to violate covenant, then they will get the judgment that goes with it. Jesus is both Savior and Judge based on covenant. Hebrews 6 is trying to make that point for all New Testament believers. God is a Covenant Keeper. He keeps covenant to a thousand generations and has never broken a covenant. Wise people choose to walk in covenant. That is where the blessing is! Those who violate it, find the Judge of all the Earth. So what is our choice going to be? Will we shape up? Will we walk in covenant? Will we live according to God's Word? Will we violate Scripture and reap the reward? The choice is ours!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

Scripture: Hebrews 6:10-20

God is just, but He is just according to the standard of covenant. Verses 13-18 explains what God did in covenant with Abraham between Genesis 15 and again in Genesis 22. This Blood Covenant is to be an anchor of our soul. It enables us to enter the Presence behind the veil, in the Holy of Holies, and do business with God on a personal basis. Jesus entered and He made the way possible, according to the order of Melchizedek. Melchizedek was a very different Priest from Aaron. Aaron was a Priest of salvation. Melchizedek was a King and a Priest. When it says, *“According to the order of Melchizedek...”*, it means we enter into the veil for one of two purposes – for salvation or, as a King for judgment, as the situation requires. As a New Testament Priest to the King of Kings, we are going behind to veil to obtain salvation or judgment. Both are available by covenant and both are guaranteed because Abraham obeyed God. In the New Testament, Hebrews 6 explains what God accomplished and offered to people in the Old Testament through His interaction with Abraham in Blood Covenant. Everything that God offered to Abram in the Old Covenant is now guaranteed and bought for us in the Blood of Christ in the New Testament. It is the same! Jesus guaranteed it by His own Blood. We are either in covenant or we are violating it, based on how we choose to live. Isn't it time we chose to live according to covenant? When we do, it opens what we ask for behind the veil to come as it compliments God's will. We can ask for deliverance for our nation. We can ask for forgiveness for members of our family. We can move forward Priestly or we can move forward Kingly. It is already bought and paid for by covenant. Sometimes God waits on us to initiate action. We are the arbitrators for covenant in the earth representing the Lord. Do we know what the covenant promises? It certainly does help to ask according to God's will if we wait on the Holy Spirit to highlight His will!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 7:14-18

2 Chronicles 7:14-17 says, *“If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place. For now I have chosen and sanctified this house, that My name may be there forever; and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually. As for you, if you walk before Me as your father David walked, and do according to all that I have commanded you, and if you keep My statutes and My judgments,...”* In 2 Chronicles 7 God is offering Solomon all the blessing of the covenant that David had, if he would be obedient. If adversity comes, God's people were to come and repent in the temple. The interesting part was verse 18, *“...then I will establish the throne of your kingdom, as I covenanted with David your father, saying, ‘You shall not fail to have a man as ruler in Israel.’”* Jesus is the Covenantal King-Ruler. Where does He rule? He rules from the temple. And where is the temple? It is on the inside of us. When God started covenant with Abraham, he consistently and faithfully, generation by generation, added to that covenant. It is very interesting to watch God deal with the generations covenantally. God is extremely committed to that Blood Covenant. And an important question is, what does that mean to us?

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

Scripture: Genesis 17:5-7

Genesis 17:5-7 shows God's heart concerning covenant to every believer in every generation. God says, *“I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you.”* I can pray that the God Who established covenant with me will visit my children and will visit my grandchildren, and their descendants after that and establish covenant with them just as He established it with me. God is relational and He is a Covenant-Keeper. His Word says that He promises to visit the generations and establish covenant with them. That is quite a promise. Is that part of our prayer life, even our children and grandchildren? If we want to see some action, it is the kind of thing we take behind our prayer veil. These are the covenant promises that we must take before God. If we put a covenantal demand on Him, He will act on it and He will do it! So, pray, pray, pray!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-3

What all was God offering Solomon? Isaiah 55:1-3 says, *“Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price. Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance. Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you—The sure mercies of David.”* The covenant that God made with David is part of the Theocratic covenants allowing God to rule through us is now available for every believer. We can enter and walk in the covenant that God made with both Abraham and David. Just imagine – what made David great? David said himself that God's mercy had made him great. The covenant of Sure Mercy made David and his mighty men the greatest warriors that the earth had ever seen. Enemies could not kill them because God was on their side. God fought with them! The Indians who fought against George Washington said that no man could kill him. There were enemy bullet holes through his coat, but no man could kill him. So the same covenant that was operational in David's life was obviously operational in Washington's because he got the same results. God's covenant is woven into the foundation of America. Therefore God's covenant is the path to the destruction of the evil in our land and the saving of our land. God is a Covenant-Keeper and He is a Covenant-Maker. He still makes covenants with men today.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-18

Jeremiah 33:14-22 makes some amazing promises. Verses 15-17 promise the fulfillment of God's covenant with David. It is talking about Christ and it says, *“He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In those days Judah will be saved, And Jerusalem will dwell safely.”* There is a Jewish harvest coming and it will come out of the power of the covenant that God made with David. The greatest harvest of nations ever seen comes by covenant. What does that mean for those of us who will be alive in those days and walking in the end-times? It means the key to surviving the end-times and doing God's will is in covenant! It is therefore important that we learn God's covenant. We can learn what the promises are, how to go behind the veil, how to declare and decree and how to call them into existence! By faith we can walk as if Jesus were here. The greatest season of covenantal manifestation in history appears to be shortly before us, as God calls a generation to wind up the age. Whether we are the ones preparing those who do it or whether we get to participate and see it, it is certainly a season for covenant preparation.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:19-22

Jeremiah 33:19-22 says, *“And the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, saying, ‘Thus says the Lord: “If you can break My covenant with the day and My covenant with the night, so that there will not be day and night in their season, then My covenant may also be broken with David My servant, so that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne, and with the Levites, the priests, My ministers. As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, nor the sand of the sea measured, so will I multiply the descendants of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me.””* How strong is the covenant that God made with David? This passage tells us it is so strong that it cannot be broken. God makes it very clear to all of us who live in the earth how powerful and how strong His covenants are. He tells us the only way we can possibly interrupt the covenant of Sure Mercy that God made with David, is if we could first stop the sun from rising and setting. Then and only then could we ever possibly interrupt the covenant of Sure Mercy. And God extends that covenant not only to believers but makes a point of including the Levites and those who minister to Him. Verse 22 is very encouraging to us. It says, *“As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, nor the sand of the sea measured, so will I multiply the descendants of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me.”* There is an explosion coming among ministers and in believers. There is a harvest of nations to be birthed in the last days. Anything less would be an insult to the Blood of Christ. Therefore, in order for us to participate and raise up a generation who understand covenant, then we not only have to preach it to succeeding generations but we have to **demonstrate** it to them. How do we demonstrate covenant? We must act on it in front of them, and the rest is up to God. We tell the accounts of how we acted on covenant and what God did as a result. It looks to me like God is inviting a whole generation of ministers to start

demonstrating covenant because the multiplication is guaranteed. Can anybody count the sand? That is what He is going to multiply and it goes all the way back to His promise to Abraham. And here we are, very likely at the culmination of the age, looking to participate in those days. An awesome season of covenant is about to explode in front of us.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

Scripture: Acts 13:19-23

Acts 13:19-23 says, *“And when He had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, He distributed their land to them by allotment. After that He gave them judges for about four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet. And afterward they asked for a king; so God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, ‘I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.’ From this man’s seed, according to the promise, God raised up for Israel a Savior—Jesus.”* It is obvious that in the New Testament, God is expecting that many will have gained the heart of David. And we will have many believers in the last days that think like, act like, pray like and walk like David. And I expect those believers will also display similar victories that David won through covenant. David was a man of great mercy because he was a man who needed great mercy, and he got it through covenant. Both Saul and David had great failures, but the difference between them is that David recovered from his failures through covenant. It was the covenant of Sure Mercy that made David great. Saul did not have the covenant. We have it through Christ’s blood! And it is God’s covenant of Sure Mercy that will do the same for us that it did for David.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

Scripture: Acts 13:29-34

Verses 33,34 state, *“God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.’ And that He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, He has spoken thus: ‘I will give you the **sure mercies of David.**’”* It is obvious that Jesus guaranteed the covenant of Sure Mercy for every single believer. And that means that Jesus has an expectation concerning New Testament believers. He expects that because He bought and paid for the covenant with David, He will have an army of Davids. But does the church look like an army of Davids? Do we act like an army of Davids? Do we think like an army of Davids? Why don’t we? Likely because the church has not been taught covenant. It was covenant that turned David’s debt army into mighty men. They became the greatest single army ever, an army that could not be defeated! One of them killed 800 men at one time, another 300! Covenant did that. Covenant made them who they were. Jesus died so that we could have the same covenant. Therefore there is an expectation that the end-times will demonstrate a spiritually-speaking Davidic army who can pray the Hand of God on their enemies, see God show up in their behalf and give them the victory of the harvest of nations that Jesus bled and died for. Are we ready to be an army like that?

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 13:3-5

2 Chronicles 13:3-5 says, *“Abijah set the battle in order with an army of valiant warriors, four hundred thousand choice men. Jeroboam also drew up in battle formation against him with eight hundred thousand choice men, mighty men of valor. Then Abijah stood on Mount Zemaraim, which is in the mountains of Ephraim, and said, ‘Hear me, Jeroboam and all Israel: Should you not know that the Lord God of Israel gave the dominion over Israel to David forever, to him and his sons, by a covenant of salt?’”* 2 Chronicles reveals the origins of the covenant of Sure Mercy for the first time. Governmental dominion was guaranteed to David in the covenant of Sure Mercy. Concerning Israel and God’s believing saints, governmental dominion is to be exercised in the midst of great adversity, giving us victory. But what kind of dominion is governmental dominion? Is it dominion over sin? Is it dominion that conquers our enemies? The answer is, both! David needed both. He needed dominion to deliver him from his own failures and set him back on the right path and he needed dominion to vanquish his enemies and give him what God had promised. Jesus died for an army of New Testament Davids. Will we disappoint Him in the last days? I trust not!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 13:10-12

What does it cost to qualify for covenant? In verses 10-12, King Abijah of Judah represents the Davidic Covenant as he says to King Jeroboam of Israel, 'Don't go to war with us today because the difference is, we are in covenant and you are not. Our obedience to God's revealed Word and Will, guarantees that we will win against you. If we have to sound the alarm and fight against you, you will face both us and God Himself. Any man who goes to war against us will die. You will lose, it is guaranteed – don't do it!' If we walk in God's Will, and if we choose to live His righteous purpose and standard, we have a guarantee of victory. But if we do not live righteously and try to do that, we bring judgment on ourselves. This is so apparent in the warfare between Abijah and Jeroboam. It is apparent to Abijah, and he extended mercy to Jeroboam by telling him the truth. But Jeroboam did not believe it because he was deceived by his sin. What does deception do? It brings people into judgment and destruction. The destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD is proof.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 13:13-15

The battle commences! Jeroboam set an ambush to gain advantage and victory. But Abijah had God's covenant. So when the men of Abijah initiate a shout and give voice to covenant, God steps on the scene and strikes Jeroboam and all Israel. God answered when Judah prayed. God showed up and victory belonged to Abijah. What made the difference between Abijah and Jeroboam? It was the same thing that made the difference between Saul and David. The difference was covenant. And that brings us to a very simple issue – how do we want to live our lives? Do we want to live in covenant where in crucial moments God intervenes to save us or do we want to battle the world in our own strength? Through God's wisdom and revelation we should come to realize there is only one choice – living our lives in covenant with God carries the hope of victory! Even in death we win! If we do live our lives in covenant, even our failures are redeemed. Let us choose the righteous path that guarantees that we have covenant access at all times!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 13:16-18

What happens when we activate covenant? Verses 16-18 declare, *"And the children of Israel fled before Judah, and God delivered them into their hand. Then Abijah and his people struck them with a great slaughter; so five hundred thousand choice men of Israel fell slain. Thus the children of Israel were subdued at that time; and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied on the Lord God of their fathers."* Jeroboam lost 500,000 men. Israel fled and they were subdued. That is an example of the Davidic covenant in action in the lives of people. If we live so that we are in covenant, we can declare what Abijah declared. We can pray what Judah prayed. We can activate covenant! And when we activate covenant, it brings God on the scene.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

Scripture: Luke 22:35,36

In Luke 22:35,36, Jesus was leaving the Upper Room and heading to Gethsemane. He was making a transition from the Priestly ministry to the Kingly ministry. What did He say, "Sell your garment and buy a sword." Our covenant has two sides, Priestly and Kingly. Have we bought our sword? Look at the church today – do we see David's sword in the hands of believers? Do we see Abijah's sword in the hands of believers today? Has the church learned to transition from the Priestly to the Kingly so we can represent both sides of Christ? Leaders have to take this word into their hearts and put it into the ears of the church. The time to learn to represent the Judicial Christ in prayer is now.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Scripture: Luke 22:37,38

When the apostle said to Jesus, *"Lord, look, here are two swords.'* And He said to them, *'It is enough.'*" Our covenant with God incorporated a two-edged sword. Our covenant with the Lord is a two-edged sword. One edge

guarantees Sure Mercy for failure. The other edge guarantees victory and dominion over the resistance. But we have to activate that covenant by praying it into action. We have to pray it, declare it, decree it, believe it and make a stand on it from a pure altar, or a clean foundation! If we live according to the Word we can activate the covenant promises of the Word. If we do not live according to the Word, we cannot activate the promises because we are judicially compromised. Whenever the church says sin is ok, judgment is no longer a concern, then they are judicially compromised. So if a church says that shedding innocent blood through abortion is OK, they are judicially compromised. If a church declares homosexuality is OK, they cannot activate covenant. For the church to activate covenant, we have to live, represent and approve of God's righteous standard. Everything else forfeits covenant. That is why the enemy works so hard to make sure the church forfeits covenant.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

Scripture: Acts 2:32-36

In Acts 2:32-36 we are told, *"This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear. 'For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.'" "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.""* Peter was declaring the arrival of the Judicial Messiah. This is Peter declaring to *"Know assuredly...Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord/Judge of all the Earth and Christ/Savior of all the Earth."* That is Peter declaring that when the Holy Spirit came, He came with a two-edged sword to put in the hand of every believer and make us like David. The Holy Spirit will make us like David if we let Him. To please God, we have to choose to look like David. Or we can continually "turn-the-other-cheek" and end up like the church at Thyatira. Tolerating evil forfeits covenant!.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

Scripture: Matthew 10:12-15

Matthew 10:12-15 says, *"And when you go into a household, greet it. If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet. Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!"* It takes the courage of a David to get up and tell people that if they do not turn, it will be worse for them on Judgment Day than for Sodom. But that was what Jesus told the apostles to do. Who hears that taught in seminary? No one! Are believers being taught covenant so they can grow to be like David? Learning David's covenant is the place to begin.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

Scripture: Luke 10:1-12

When Jesus sent out the Seventy, He told them the very same thing He told the Twelve. Only in Luke 10, His words get even stronger. They were to declare serious judgment. It is obvious that Jesus wanted a church of Davids. He was not going to accept anything less. He prepared them to go judicial. How are we preparing people? Jesus prepared them to walk in great faith! He commanded them to slap their sandals together, shake off the dust as a witness against those refusing to hear and declare judgment. *"But I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that day for Sodom than for that city."* (Luke 10:12)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

Scripture: Luke 10:16

Luke 10:16 is a pretty tough preparational verse for the Seventy. It says, *"He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me."* That makes us as believers God's representatives in the earth. And God wants representatives with boldness like David. The question is, what kind of representatives are we now and what kind of representatives do we want to be? Are we going to be like Saul or like

David? The difference is covenant. If we decide to overlook learn covenant, the chances we will be Saul-like are greatly increased. Jesus died to save us so we could represent Him. He died to make Davids! Do we think like David?

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

Scripture: Luke 10:19

Luke 10:19 says, *“Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power/**doo-nam-is** of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”* In the last days, we are going to encounter counterfeit signs and wonders. We are going to encounter people moving in what appears to be the Holy Spirit, but is truly a demonic counterfeit. The question is, what will we do when we encounter it? According to Jesus, *if the Spirit leads*, it is time to go judicial and go Davidic. But the only way to prepare is to learn our covenant. How did Paul do it? As he was led by the Spirit, he prayed and brought blindness on a false prophet. How did Peter do it? He was led by the Spirit to announce the death of Ananias and Sapphira. Learning the voice of the Spirit is essential for the days ahead. It is knowing our covenant that allows the Spirit to push us into the place where we can agree! Biblical promises build faith. Faith comes from hearing and hearing by the Word. We can forfeit our faith for Holy Spirit manifestations by not learning the Word. By learning the Word, the Spirit has the material He needs to activate in us at the moment He needs us to act! Following the Spirit is a life-long pursuit!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

Scripture: John 16:7-11

John 16:7-11 says, *“Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.”* What are we going to look like in the last days? According to Jesus we are going to be better off with the Holy Spirit than if He were here in bodily form. Because when the Spirit comes, *“...He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.”* If the ruler of this world is judged, then any time, any place or anywhere we go, we can enforce that judgment by declaring covenant. We activate the promises by faith, God does the judgment. Are we waiting on God or is He waiting on us? I have seen gifts of healing. I have seen words of knowledge. But it is much less often that we see manifestations of judgment. They are promised by Jesus Himself. Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word. When we know our covenant, asking or declaring is following the Holy Spirit!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-4

Isaiah 11:1-4 says, *“There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. His delight is in the fear of the Lord, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears; But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.”* If we are going to move in the Spirit judicially like David, what will we look like? One of the first things to understand is that we cannot judge by the sight of our eyes or the sound of the hearing of our ears. But with righteousness, we have to wait for the voice of the Spirit to judge the poor and decide with equity for the meek of the earth. Only then can we activate our covenant. It is a Spirit-and-Word-united operation. We must be delivered from our flesh ruling! What shall we do but study the Word and be led by the Spirit. It is the only way to represent Christ and it is the only way to activate covenant in the latter days. Will we allow the Lord to strike the earth when needed with the Rod of His Mouth and will we be the breath of His Lips that slays the wicked? It is possible and I believe God is ready. But are we?

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

Scripture: Matthew 5:38,39

Matthew 5:38,39 says, *“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.”* Many believers can fall into the trap of focusing on verses that are comfortable or generally accepted and ignoring their context and ignoring other passages that are in tension with those truths. It is through the repeating of Matthew 5:38,39 over and over, without looking at context, that an entire generation of believers have been taken into the captivity to the demonic doctrine of tolerance. The reason we do not have a Davidic church right now is that these two verses have been sold to the Body of Christ as the sole definition of New Testament love. But nothing could be further from the truth. This is the Priestly Christ preparing evangelists to go out to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. We have already seen the Scriptures about the Judicial Christ. But if we ignore parts of the Word and ignore Scriptural context, it is possible to take two verses and completely shackle a generation of believers. It is obvious why there are few Davids today – it is believers taking Scripture out of context to the exclusion of the whole council of God. This has to change in order to bring in the end-time harvest. Only in evangelism do we turn the other cheek!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

Scripture: Exodus 4:1,2

Exodus 4:1,2 says, *“Then Moses answered and said, ‘But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, ‘The Lord has not appeared to you.’ So the Lord said to him, ‘What is that in your hand?’”* When Moses was in preparation to bring the harvest out of Egypt, God had to activate the Rod that was in his hand. I see little difference between then and now. Jesus died for nations and it is going to take the Lord activating the Rod that Jesus brought forth to put in our hand to do it. We have seen what the Scripture says about the Rod. It is like a two-edged sword. We use it to strike the enemy. What are we doing with that Rod? Are we waiting for the Lord to activate it? But if we do not know our covenant, then we will never be able to use it. We will never see the breath of our lips slay the wicked and give us the harvest that is behind those wicked people. God is looking for believers to ask Him to activate the Rod. I have watched God activate people with the Rod. I am seeing that happen right now. I did not pull these Scriptures out of the air. Spirit-led Believers are learning their covenant, knowing their God and representing Him by activating the Rod when the Spirit leads. He is activating people with Rods of Iron, they are winning victories and God is honoring this principle. We had better get prepared so when the Spirit leads we can strike the enemy with the Rod!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

Scripture: Exodus 4:17, 17:9-16

God said it to Moses pretty straight in verse 17, *“And you shall take this rod in your hand, with which you shall do the signs.”* There is a Rod which has been bought and paid for that Rod goes in our mouth. And with it we shall do the signs. The signs point to the harvest. The signs were necessary to bring the nation out of Egypt. The purpose of the rod was to give a harvest. That is the Judicial Christ in action. But today we do not see much of it because the Rod is not activated. But God is activating it in some people. In the past year I have watched it happen. The question is if, like Moses in verse 20, we will take the Rod and start to use it. Will God answer us? The New Testament Rod of Iron is released in prayer. When God answers, we have our sign. Moses told Joshua to choose the men and go out to war with Amalek. Moses stood up and raised the rod. When the rod was raised, Israel won. When it was not, Israel lost. That passage is a clear picture for us – *“All of these things were written for our admonition upon whom the ends of the world have come.”* Is it not in there as an example? When we lift the Rod, we get the victory. When we do not use our Rod we lose. And today’s church has been losing for quite a while. The reason is believers have been preached out of the use of the Rod. And that has to change – let it change now! Use the Rod the Lord put in your hands like David. Use the Rod by praying like David prayed. Memorize Davidic Psalms, and when that Holy Spirit push comes, pray!

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