



THE COVENANT OF BLESSING—PART 1

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DAY 1 – JESUS, MY COVENANT CONNECTOR TO GOD

God's WORD is above His Name. When the Bible talks about *Thy truth*, it is talking about Jesus. He came to earth to mend a relationship that was broken in the Garden of Eden. God never changes. When He makes a promise, it's good forever.

STUDY IT

- I. God's WORD is above His Name. His Name guarantees the validity and the absoluteness of the covenants of blood.
 - "I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name" (Psalm 138:2).
 - In the Hebrew Bible, *aleph tav*, God's Name, is sitting there in the middle of Psalm 138:2 although it is not translated into English.
 - It's like Jesus signed the verse. He told the disciples, "Guys, this is talking about Me." When Jesus ratified the covenant on the cross, we were written into it.
 - You have to believe, have faith in God's WORD to receive it.
- II. When the Bible talks about *Thy truth*, it is talking about Jesus.
 - Jesus was full of truth.
 - "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).
 - In Hebrew, the word for *truth* is *emmet*. It is spelled with three Hebrew letters—the first, last and middle letters of the Hebrew alphabet.
 - Jesus told John, "I am the first and the last" (see Revelation 1:8).
 - Peter wasn't Simon's original name. Jesus changed it to a covenant name when Peter acknowledged who Jesus was.
 - "And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."
 - "And Jesus answered and said unto him.... Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:16-18).



- The revelation of Jesus is the rock that the Church is built on.
 - When you call out to Jesus and acknowledge who He is, He will tell you who you are.
- III. Jesus came to earth to mend a relationship that was broken in the Garden of Eden.
- There are two covenants.
 - The old covenant: God chose, by His mercy and grace, a people. They responded to His WORD and received THE BLESSING.
 - Non-Jews had no covenant.
 - The new covenant: We respond to His grace by His WORD, and we receive the reward of sonship by faith.
 - The difference between the two covenants is the blood of Jesus.
 - We are no longer trying to earn righteousness; we have been *made* righteous (2 Corinthians 5:21). The blood of Jesus makes us righteous.
 - Jesus is our Covenant Connector. He brings us to the Father so that THE BLESSING of Abraham that was lost can be restored in our lives.
- IV. God never changes. When He makes a promise, it's good forever.
- The first word Adam heard was BLESSED. He didn't know anything about the curse; it didn't exist.
 - Adam heard, "Be BLESSED, be fruitful, multiply and fill the earth." That command hasn't changed. We are still BLESSED by God.
 - The Church has gotten away from THE BLESSING and fallen into poverty.
 - The Church has been taught we are not supposed to have very much—that poverty equals holiness.
 - We should be fixated on our Father, not on the work of the devil. We have a covenant to prosper—so prosper!
 - We should be teaching THE BLESSING.
 - THE BLESSING of The LORD should be part of every baby dedication, every baptism and every new believers' class.
 - THE BLESSING is here, and it's for us. You choose (Deuteronomy 30:19).

MAKE IT PERSONAL

The blood of Jesus allows you to have a covenant connection with God. Pray confidently, knowing you are connected to the One who will answer you!

Heavenly Father, I come to You boldly and with confidence knowing that we are covenanted together. Thank You for answering my prayers and giving me Your wisdom in every situation. Thank You for the blood of Jesus. I pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.



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DAY 2 – WALK IN THE BLESSING AND LIVE

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STUDY IT

- I. Our guest this week is Greg Stephens, professor at Kenneth Copeland Bible College.
 - Part of The LORD's instructions to Kenneth Copeland was to preach the message of faith on every available voice—that includes Kenneth Copeland Bible College.
 - Graduates of the college are now going out and starting churches that preach faith.
 - A church pastored by graduates from KCBC was the contact point for distribution when a storm hit New Orleans earlier this year.
 - Kenneth Copeland Ministries took supplies to people in need in the wake of the disaster.
 - That spiritual agreement between the church and the ministry allowed the needs to be met.
 - The vision for Kenneth Copeland Bible School came as a result of Kenneth E. Hagin's Rhema International Bible School.
 - The Bible studies that Kenneth and Gloria attended years ago with Kenneth E. Hagin were the basis of the curriculum for Rhema.
 - That school started many years ago and is still growing all over the world.
- II. Everything we do in the kingdom of God is covenant-wrapped.
 - Jesus came to restore the covenant relationship between God and man, and THE BLESSING that goes with it.
 - Jews trace their ancestry to Abraham. We believers also trace our faith back to Abraham through Jesus Christ (see Isaiah 51:1-2).
 - We are blessed and increased, just like the natural-born Jew.
 - Abraham was a descendant of Shem, the son of Noah (Genesis 11:10-26) so covenant was not a strange thing to Abraham.
 - When Melchizedek came to Abram with the bread and the wine, Abram knew he was entering into covenant (Genesis 14:17-20).



- Abram was serious when he told the king of Salem that only God would be his BLESSER "I lifted my hand to The LORD" (Genesis 14: 22-23).
 - Abram was living under the covenant of Noah. "Be fruitful, multiply and fill the earth" (Genesis 9:1). Later, Abraham entered into his own covenant with God.
- III. There were several covenants of blood. We walk in THE BLESSING and live.
- Adam had a land covenant. God gave him dominion over the whole earth (Genesis 1:28).
 - Noah had a land covenant, essentially the same covenant Adam had been given (Genesis 9:1-3).
 - The Abrahamic covenant was an everlasting land covenant, and a family covenant that included his descendants (Genesis 12:7).
 - Another part of the covenant was, "And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed" (Genesis 12:3).
 - Often that verse is misread. It says God will curse *him*, not them, who curses you." The one who curses is the devil.
 - God said, "I'll BLESS those who bless you, Abram; and I'll stop him who tries to stop you."
 - If the devil can stop you, he will stop all the work for the kingdom God planned for you and your descendants.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

THE BLESSINGS of the covenant are found in Deuteronomy 28:1-14. Prayerfully read those BLESSINGS, then write one or two that pertain to your life right now. Later, you may need to add more of THE BLESSINGS that have become meaningful. Remember, these BLESSINGS are yours through the blood of Jesus! Rejoice and be thankful!



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DAY 3 – SPEAK THE BLESSING

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STUDY

- I. Jesus, while He was on earth, was just a good-looking guy in business with His dad (Joseph).
 - He didn't appear special, and He did no miracles until He was 30 years old.
 - Jesus found the place in Scripture that was about Himself: Isaiah 61:1-3.
 - The Jewish custom was that no one entered the ministry until they were 30.
 - Jesus could not do anything supernatural until He was baptized in water, then baptized in the Holy Spirit, then Anointed (Mark 1:8-10; Luke 4:18).
 - "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him" (Acts 10:38).
 - Sickness is satanic and not a blessing at all.
- II. When Adam sinned, God was the biggest loser.
 - God lost Adam and through him all of creation.
 - Adam gave the planet to satan.
 - The devil had the authority to say to Jesus, "All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me" (Matthew 4:9).
 - God lost the Garden of Eden; He lost His son, Adam.
 - But God got it all back! He didn't let the loss get into Him. God has victory!
- III. Some people were upset because Brother Copeland accepted the invitation to see the pope.
 - Since 1999, there is no longer a Protestant movement.
 - The final document states:



- “The Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification by the Lutheran World Federation and the Catholic Church on October 31, 1999, after four years of deliberation, representatives of the Catholic and Lutheran Churches gathered in Augsburg, Germany, and signed a joint declaration on the subject of justification so 500 years of arguments, misunderstandings, and yes, sometimes wars, began to give way to the reconciliation and recognition of the gifts of the Holy Spirit has place within the Body of Christ.
- “Together we confess: ‘By grace alone, in faith in Christ’s saving work and not because of any merit on our part, we are accepted by God and receive the Holy Spirit who renews our hearts while equipping and calling us unto good works.’”
- It’s settled. The protest is over!

IV. The Body of Christ is coming together.

- We need to start BLESSING one another more instead of fighting, and we will walk in THE BLESSING of The LORD.
- The pope asked Brother Copeland to BLESS him.
 - “How good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity” (see Psalm 133).
- We have to speak a BLESSING on what we want BLESSED.
- God puts His WORD in our mouths so we will have something to say.
 - “I have put my words in thy mouth...Thou art my people.” (Isaiah 51:16).

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Speak THE BLESSING of God over yourself, your family, your church family, and everyone you meet. They need THE BLESSING of The LORD!

Make this declaration:

Father, I speak Your BLESSING over my family and everyone I come in contact with. THE BLESSING comes from You, yet we all benefit from it. Let Your mighty power bring salvation, healing and deliverance to everyone we meet. I speak THE BLESSING, and I’m determined to see it in evidence in me and my family—and I will!



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DAY 4 – THE JUST, BY FAITH, SHALL LIVE

Jesus commanded that we go into all the world and preach the gospel. Kenneth Copeland is specifically called to preach the message of faith. Wherever the nations are, that's where we are to preach. We preach that we have been made righteous by faith in the blood of Jesus.

STUDY IT

- I. Jesus commanded that we go into all the world and preach the gospel (Mark 16:15).
 - Jesus was saying: Go into all the places where the people are operating in the system that began in Babylon when mankind decided to meet their own needs.
 - The word *Babylon* means *confusion*. When God saw man turning away from Him to their own purposes, and to be their own source, He confused their language. The place was named Babel (Genesis 11:1-9).
 - The Babylonian system is still here and it's very simple: man trying to meet his own needs without God.
 - Go into all that system and preach this good news: The war is over between God and man, and God will meet your needs according to His riches in glory because He has a covenant with man.
 - Come covenant with God.
- II. Kenneth Copeland is specifically called to preach the message of faith.
 - The Apostle Paul mentioned "the word of faith, which we preach" so we know it's a valid assignment (Romans 10:8).
 - Jesus taught and preached faith. "Whoever shall say...He shall have whatever he says" (Mark 11:22-25).
 - Faith is a spiritual force, not a doctrinal position. "The just shall live by faith" (Hebrews 10:38).
 - Knowing you are justified by faith is when you begin to live.
- III. Wherever the nations of the earth are, that's where you need to go.
 - "Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all



nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham" (Galatians 3:7-9).

- IV. We preach that we have been made righteous; we are right with God.
- You can't get right with God by your own works, but God has *made* you right (2 Corinthians 5:21).
 - The covenant is between the Father and Jesus, and Abraham received it by faith, just like you do. THE BLESSING is part of the covenant.
 - "Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all" (Romans 4:16).
 - Because of Jesus, you are in a new covenant loaded with BLESSINGS. You can't walk in anything but THE BLESSING.
 - "If ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" (Galatians 3:29).
 - Jesus is no longer the only-begotten Son of God. Jesus was the seed bringing many seeds to God. He is now the firstborn from the dead.
 - We are joint heirs with Jesus (Romans 8:17). The firstborn gets the good stuff, and we have firstborn rights.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

The revelation that you are right with God must be received by faith. You have been justified, not by your own works or merit, but by the precious blood of Jesus. To put this truth deep into your spirit takes thinking about it and talking about it day and night.

"My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (Proverbs 4:20-23).

WARNING: Your thoughts of failure, disappointment and fear will try to hinder you. It's up to you to replace those discouraging thoughts with The WORD of God.

Remember: You are right with God. Read the Bible, think about it and let it permeate your eyes, ears and heart, so that nothing else can get through.



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DAY 5 – TRUSTING IN THE PROMISE

You really can trust in God's promises. The Hebrew word *chesed* means "mercy, lovingkindness and grace." You are married to Christ Jesus, and you are one with Him.

STUDY IT

- I. You really can trust in God's promises.
 - A gentile in the flesh is someone who doesn't know God.
 - The Jewish Christians didn't know a non-Jew could be born again.
 - "Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; that at that time ye were without Christ [the Anointed One and His Anointing], being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world" (Ephesians 2:11-12).
 - The Jew and the gentile have become one in their faith in Christ.
 - God's WORD is His bond. He will do everything He said He would do and He is everything He said He is.
- II. The Hebrew word *chesed* means "mercy, lovingkindness and grace."
 - The "h" sound is the Hebrew letter *hey*, the fifth letter in the alphabet.
 - *Hey* in Hebrew is one of the "crowned" letters indicating there are hidden meanings in it.
 - *Hey* is actually made up of two other letters that have been joined together—*vav* and *zayin*.
 - The letter *vav* carries the picture of a nail.
 - The letter *zayin* is a picture of a sword.
 - The nail and the sword have been joined together and crowned.
 - The two letters joined together demonstrate that it's one man joining to the crowned Man who has the sword of the Spirit.
 - The little pointed bridge between the letters is called the *yoke*. At one time you were a stranger without a covenant, but now you have been yoked to the covenant.



- Jesus said, "Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me" (Matthew 11:29-30).
 - Jesus' mercy, *chesed*, is so easy.
 - Jesus says, "This is who I am. This is THE BLESSING. It's not hard, it's not grievous. There's no toil."
- We are yoked with Jesus, and He makes up the difference between His strength and ours.

III. You are married to Christ Jesus, and you are one with Him.

- The old covenant's focus was that you love God.
 - The new covenant's focus is God loving you, whether you receive it or not.
- Solomon said, "Trust God with all your heart, lean not to your own understanding" (Proverbs 3:5).
- Trust God like a child.

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