



## THE COVENANT VERSUS THE CONTRADICTION

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### DAY 1 – GOD GOVERNS THE EARTH WITH OUR MOUTH AND OUR WORDS

Your victory is in the Love of God and faith in it. This book teaches us how to receive by faith and how to say what we receive. You need wisdom, which is the principal thing. God formed man, but most of what He did was with His words. He spoke and it happened. Do you know what the heavenly vision is for your life? Brother Copeland and Greg Stephens have a new book, *God, the Covenant, and the Contradiction*.

### STUDY IT

- I. Greg Stephens is professor at Kenneth Copeland Bible College®.
  - Your victory is in the Love of God and faith in it.
  - “And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony” (Revelation 12:11).
  - They overcame the devil by the word of their testimony, or you could say, the word of their confession.
    - “Whosoever therefore shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 10:32).
    - *Confess* is the Greek word *homologeō* which means “to say the same thing.”
  - Say The WORD; Jesus will say the same WORD, and the Father will say, *Amen*.
  - Let The WORD fight its own fight. Find the answer in God’s WORD and pray that. Don’t just wonder what the answer is.
  - You can categorize God’s WORD. Are you looking for help with physical, financial, family, political or strife situations?
  - Everything that pertains to life and godliness; it’s all in God’s WORD.
  
- II. This book teaches us how to receive by faith and how to say what we receive.
  - “As many as received Him” (John 1:12).
  - Faith is simple. You use natural faith every time you sit in a chair and expect it to hold you up.
  - Spiritual faith is found in Hebrews 11:1. Faith is the title deed. (*Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).
  - Evangelists talk about being born again by faith.





- After you are born again, go beyond that faith for salvation to the place where you need faith for healing and finances.
  - You need to know how faith works. Faith works by Love.
- III. You need wisdom, which is the principal thing (Proverbs 4:7).
- Wisdom is God's ability to use knowledge.
  - God governs the universe with His mouth, His words. God governs this planet with our mouth, our words.
  - We should not be talking like the world talks. We should be talking like God's WORD speaks.
  - Perversion is the work of the devil.
    - The definition of the word *perversion* from Brother Copeland is: "Shouldn't be that way."
  - Anything can be misused, but we are in the place to straighten it out with God's WORD.
- IV. God formed man, but most of what He did was with His words. He spoke and it happened.
- We govern our lives the exact same way because we were created in God's image.
    - "As it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken" (2 Corinthians 4:13).
  - Lucifer didn't have any words of his own, so he took God's WORD and twisted it—perverted it.
  - The devil is a deceiver and a liar, and he has been from the beginning. He's an ex-employee of God who got fired.
    - You're not God's employee; you are a son.
  - We have to decide who we are going to listen to and who we are going to believe.
    - This determines what we will be for the rest of our lives, and the life after.
  - John, Peter and Judas all had the same mentor. They listened to the same Person, and they got different outcomes.
  - It's who you choose to honor, believe and listen to that will determine where you're going in life.
- V. Do you know what the heavenly vision is for your life?
- The Apostle Paul said, "I have not been disobedient to the heavenly vision" (Acts 26:19).
  - The heavenly vision for Jesus was: "And being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him; called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec" (Hebrews 5:9-10).
  - The heavenly vision for Brother Copeland personally is: Teach the first principles of the oracles of God; bring people from milk to meat; that is those who by



reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.  
(Hebrews 5:12-14).

- VI. Brother Copeland and Greg Stephens have a new book, *God, the Covenant, and the Contradiction*.
- It begins by saying, "A blood-backed agreement is the most powerful document known to mankind. Native people have always known this. It is so ancient; they still practice it in one form or another. The holy Bible is a BOOK of Blood covenants ratified in the sinless blood of Jesus."
    - Use this book as a textbook to study the different words used as *covenant* or *testament*.
  - All these covenants point to One Person—Jesus.
  - The Pharisees could not recognize God in Jesus' form. They had another view tradition had taught them. They had knowledge of God but no faith.
  - A marriage covenant, and the change of the name in the marriage covenant, can be broken.
    - However, you can't divorce God. He won't accept it.
  - To walk in Covenant, you must honor and trust the One who made the Covenant.
  - Judas' failure was suicide. He could have come back to Jesus and would have been forgiven for the whole thing.
    - In fact, Judas was forgiven when Jesus hung on the cross and said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they're doing."

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Do you know what is the heavenly vision for your life? It's not too late to find it out. God knows it, and He is willing to teach you.

Pray with us:

*Father, thank You for providing a heavenly vision for me. I want to know what it is so I can please You. Help me find in Your WORD the direction I am to take, the instructions I need, and the dedication I will have to make to fulfill this heavenly vision. I depend on You to guide me. Thank You. In Jesus' Name. Amen.*





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### DAY 2 – COVENANTS GOVERN OUR LIVES

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#### STUDY IT

- I. Jesus taught His disciples during the Last Supper (John 13-17).
  - It was that last Passover meal that changed heaven and earth. Jesus stepped over into the Second Covenant, the New Covenant.
    - In the New Covenant we are to be led by the Holy Spirit rather than by the Law.
  - When Judas left the room, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified” (John 13:31).
  - Jesus knew His time had come to complete His assigned work. He knew He was going into hell, and they could not come. He was going so they wouldn't have to.
  - Jesus had just finished giving the disciples a new commandment to love one another as He loved them (John 13:34).
    - Then He said, “He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me: and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him” (John 14:21).
  - Keeping the commandments is honoring and obeying God.
  - To join the U.S. military, each person must take an oath to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States, “so help me God.”
    - Even though their service time is over, Brother Copeland and Greg Stephens still hold themselves under that oath to protect this nation.
  
- II. The LORD gave Brother Copeland an assignment to preach faith.
  - As he teaches faith, being redeemed from the curse of the Law, and what blood agreements mean, many people are won to The LORD.
    - In addition, those who learn from him win many more to Jesus Christ.
  - You can say all the right words, but if you're not honoring God and His Covenant, your words are ineffective.





- The Pharisees knew about God, but their hearts were far from Him (Matthew 15:8; Mark 7:6).
- THE BLESSING of length of days and a long life worth living is available to those who keep God's commandments with their hearts (Proverbs 3:2, *AMPC*).
- Honor God's WORD more than you honor the teaching of man.

III. God works through covenants.

- "The first step is the calling to the covenant. The Father takes this step, then He can bring all that He is and all that He has into our lives" (from: *God, the Covenant, and the Contradiction*, page 17).
- God offers us THE BLESSING. He took the first step. He loved us before we were created. God offered it all to us, and it's all paid for.
- God chose you. You are part of the Covenant.
- Find out who you are in Christ, the Messiah.
  - "In Christ, I can do all things. I am the righteousness of God in Christ and in His Anointing."
- "Take no thought, saying" (Matthew 6:31). That's how you take a thought; by saying it.
- We are told, "Seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness" (Matthew 6:33).
  - It's in two parts. We are to choose His right way of doing things. Our right-standing is not in ourselves but in God.
- The WORD of God is precious and should be honored.

### MAKE IT PERSONAL

It's good to study biblical covenants to understand God's plans and expectations of His people and how God interacts with people.

It's even better to live your life in the path set out by the New Covenant ratified in Jesus' blood. We are part of that Covenant by being in Jesus Christ our Savior and LORD.

Write down some lifestyle actions you should adopt that will keep your mind renewed to a life in the New Covenant.

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### DAY 3 – WHAT IS BIBLICAL HONOR?

We honor and esteem God's WORD. Honor all men. Covenant is a part of everything in our lives. Wisdom is the principal thing.

#### STUDY IT

- I. We honor and esteem God's WORD.
  - Brother Copeland learned honor from his dad.
  - A.W. Copeland had a personal bank account and a separate tithe bank account. He would not allow the tithe to mix with his personal money.
  - We know "by His stripes we were healed" (1 Peter 2:24).
  - Don't start at 1 Peter 2:24. Start at the beginning of the chapter. Find out the qualifications for healing. Verse 24 depends on the 23 verses above it.
  
- II. "Honor all men" (1 Peter 2:17). Peter wrote that.
  - Peter knew what it was like to dishonor Jesus. He had dishonored Jesus three times during the pretrial and trial. After Jesus rose from the dead, Jesus asked Peter three times, "Peter, do you love Me?"
  - Your situation in life is connected to who and what you honor. Your life won't change until you change who you honor and trust.
  
- III. Covenant is a part of everything in our lives.
  - Jesus Christ is my High Priest and I honor Him.
  - Honor those in authority (1 Timothy 2:1-3).
    - Timothy pastored a church. On the front row sat the Apostle John and Jesus' mother, Mary.
  - Some are praying for financial miracles, but what they really need is financial wisdom.
  - They need to honor those whom God honors.
  - These things must be in order to walk in financial freedom.





- IV. Wisdom is the principal thing (Proverbs 4:7).
- God's wisdom is the ability to use knowledge.
  - You need a heavenly vision.
  - God's heavenly vision for Brother Copeland was to learn from and serve Oral Roberts, to honor him.
  - Brother Copeland and Gloria taught their children to honor others by honoring them.
    - They said, "Yes, Sir," and "Yes, Ma'am," even to the children, so they would learn to say it to others.
    - "Children, obey your parents in The LORD: for this is right. Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth" (Ephesians 6:1-3).
  - Honor your family; riches and honor are on the other side.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Honor is so important to God. It involves giving Him first place in your thoughts, your words, your time and your life. Honoring God is a lifelong commitment. Begin by praying this prayer with us.

*Heavenly Father, I repent for putting people, things, and even myself above You in importance. I repent for my unbelief, because I realize that dishonors You. I don't want to do that anymore; I want to honor You. Please help me honor You with every thought and every word. Let everything that I do be an honor to You. Thank You, Sir. In Jesus' Name. Amen.*





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### DAY 4 – THE COVENANT VERSUS THE CONTRADICTION

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#### STUDY IT

- I. In July 1776, our Founding Fathers signed the Declaration of Independence.
  - All the grievances against Great Britain were written in that declaration.
  - April 30, 1789, was a day to make covenant with Almighty God for the United States of America.
    - “Come and see your president take his oath and pray that God will accept this land as His.” This happened in New York City; there was no Washington, D.C.
    - Washington laid his hand on the Bible opened to Genesis 17.
    - God told Abraham, “Nations will come from thee” (Genesis 17:6). This nation was one of them.
  - Abraham Lincoln kept this nation together. He stopped the huge business of slavery in the world.
  - After Washington sealed his oath with, “So help me God,” he bowed his knee to God and kissed the Bible.
    - He and the newly formed Congress walked to St. Paul's Chapel. There they bowed together, prayed and dedicated this nation to God.
    - The day George Washington was inaugurated was the day this nation entered into covenant with Almighty God.
  - St. Paul's Chapel survived the destruction of 9/11 when all other buildings around it were destroyed.
  
- II. Honor is a seed. As you begin to honor God, He begins to change your situation and your life.
  - The thief on the cross honored Jesus with one statement, and it changed his whole eternity.
  - By their disobedience, Adam and Eve dishonored the Covenant they had with God.
    - Tending the tree of knowledge of good and evil was their title.





- If they had not broken the Covenant, at a later time, God would have taught them the difference between good and evil.

III. Here is the covenant and the contradiction (Romans 4:16-25).

- It was impossible for a 100-year-old man and a 90-year-old woman who was barren to have a child.
- It was impossible, but it happened because of The WORD of God.
  - Because she was barren, Sarah was concerned about the reputation of her husband, Abraham. She thought she was an embarrassment.
- Abraham's reproductive ability was dead at 100, but God BLESSED him; and after Sarah died, he fathered six more sons.
- The birth of Isaac was the contradiction.
  - There was a natural contradiction: They were too old to have a child. Faith overcame that.
  - Then they created their own contradiction to God's promise when Abraham fathered Ishmael. God overcame that.
- There were two fathers and two sons. Abraham was the father of the natural seed, Isaac. God was the Father of the promised Seed, Jesus.

IV. If you are Jewish, you are part of the natural seed and Abraham's covenant.

- If you are a believer, you are part of Abraham's seed and part of the covenant by faith whether you choose to walk in the fulness of the covenant or not (Galatians 3:6-7).
- All of these things are in Hebrews 10-12.
- What God has done, He did for our benefit (Hebrews 11:40).

### MAKE IT PERSONAL

God can do the impossible, and He will do what you ask, believe and speak; even if it seems impossible. Trust Him. He loves you.

Dare to write down the impossible thing you need God to do. Find a scripture to use as a foundation for your request. Frame your prayer request using God's WORD. Believe it, and thank Him for it. The answer will come!

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### DAY 5 – YOUR TOTAL IDENTIFICATION IS IN JESUS

Your total identification is in Jesus. God didn't intervene when He saw Adam would sin. Look at the contrast between the first and Second Adam. You can claim Covenant rights because you are in Christ. Paul taught on the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Love of God has been shed abroad in our hearts.

#### STUDY IT

- I. Your total identification is in Jesus.
  - “I am what the Bible says I am. I can do what the Bible says I can do. I have what the Bible says I have.
    - “But I have to put these words in my heart and in my mouth by faith, and realize they belong to me already.”
  - Jesus is Author and Finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2).
  - It's a faith Covenant, a Love Covenant, it's a Covenant of purity through the forgiveness of sin; it's Jesus. It's all about Him.
- II. Why didn't God intervene when He created Adam and saw he would sin?
  - The answer is: When God spoke THE BLESSING to Adam (Genesis 1:28), He released the ability to Adam to subdue the devil.
    - All authority in the earth was given to man.
  - When the Second Adam came—Jesus, He was a man and He had authority on the earth.
- III. In the section “Going Deeper” in *God, the Covenant, and the Contradiction*, page 74, there is a contrast of the first and Second Adam.
  - When Adam sinned, every person born from Adam had the same flaw. The flaw is imprinted on the master, like on a master recording, and it's on every recording or copy made from the master.
    - To get rid of the flaw, the original recording has to be re-mastered.
  - Jesus did that. He re-mastered man after the image of God (2 Corinthians 5:17).
  - Meditate on the I AM declarations in John.



- I AM the Bread of Life (John 6:35).
  - I AM the Light (John 8:12).
  - I AM the Door (John 10:7, 9).
  - I AM the Good Shepherd (John 10:11, 14).
  - I AM the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25).
  - I AM the Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14:6).
  - I AM the Vine (John 15:5).
  - Everything we do in the better, New Covenant is because we are grafted into the life that Adam had before he sinned.
  - God breathes into us and we have the glory of the new birth.
  - Death came through the first Adam; life came through the Second Adam—Jesus (1 Corinthians 15:22).
- IV. You can claim Covenant rights because you are in Christ.
- That's what happens when you plead the blood; you are pleading the Covenant.
  - God has done everything for your salvation except pray your prayer.
  - There are conditions to walk in victory in the Covenant. You must accept it, receive it and operate by faith.
  - The Love of God has been shed abroad in our hearts—faith works by Love (Romans 5:5; Galatians 5:6).
- V. Paul finished teaching on the nine spiritual gifts (ministries) of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:8-10).
- Then he said, "I will show you a more excellent way—Love" (1 Corinthians 12:31).
    - Ministry gifts don't work without Love (1 Corinthians 13:1-3).
  - The *King James Version* of the Bible uses the word *charity*. That's the word *agape* Love in Greek (1 Corinthians 13:4-8).
  - Brother Copeland puts his name in verses 4-8 (*AMPC*).
  - We have to stay in Love, read and believe God's WORD, and live it.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Your identification is in Jesus Christ. He is perfect, and you can have victory in Him. [Click here](#), or [contact us on Facebook™](#) to let us know your testimony.

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Remember: God loves you, we love you, and JESUS IS LORD!

