



FOLLOWING THE INWARD WITNESS OF THE SPIRIT

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AIR DATES: NOV. 27 – DEC. 1, 2023

DAY 1 – A COVENANT OF GOD'S LOVINGKINDNESS

God's mercy is a powerful force. Even in captivity, Daniel received mercy from his captors. We need to learn to speak from our seal and our covenant. There's no need to question if we are righteous or not.

STUDY IT

- I. God's mercy is a powerful force.
 - There are several English words translated from the Hebrew word *chesed*: *mercy*, *lovingkindness* and *favor*—to name a few.
 - God is listening for Covenant words.
 - God granted Job life and *chesed* (Job 10:12). God granted it to Job and took responsibility for him.
 - Job's situation written in the Bible was a temptation.
 - The devil said to God, "If You do these things, Job will curse You to Your face" (Job 1:11, 2:5). That was the whole issue.
 - Look at the restriction God gave the devil, "You are not allowed to kill Job" (Job 2:6).
 - Job and his wife were one; they had a covenant between them.
 - You see the devil's tactics. He tempted Job's wife to say, "Curse God and die" (Job 2:9).
 - For her to say it, she had to be thinking it. If Job thought it, he didn't say it. She opened the door to the devil, but Job didn't.
- II. Even in captivity, Daniel received mercy from his captors.
 - Daniel was captured, brought to Babylon, and trained to be a wise man—one of the Magi (Daniel 1:3-6).
 - Daniel purposed in his heart to follow the ways of God (Daniel 1:8).
 - God gave Daniel *chesed* with the prince of the eunuchs (Daniel 1:9).
 - The Magi were a group of wise and powerful men from the East (Daniel 1:20).
 - Many years later, the Magi were the men who came looking for the king of the Jews.



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- First, they came to Herod at Jerusalem. Herod knew those men had the power to confirm or remove his power, authority and place in the Roman government (Matthew 2:1-3).
 - The thief on the cross honored Jesus and received *chesed* from Him—eternal life (Luke 23:42-43).
- III. We need to learn to speak from our Covenant.
- *Chesed* is part of our seal of the guarantee (Ephesians 1:13-14).
 - When someone comes against you, speak like David, “No, that uncircumcised Philistine can’t do that” (1 Samuel 17:45).
 - Kenneth Copeland was called to court. He brought his Bible and opened it to Isaiah.
 - “No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of The LORD, and their righteousness is of Me, saith The LORD” (Isaiah 54:17).
 - Very soon, he walked out free.
- IV. There’s no need to question if you are righteous or not.
- God has *made* you the righteousness of God in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:21).
 - God has the authority to make you righteous.
 - God *made* Abram the father of many nations. Abram had to receive it.
 - The Bible is a Book of command authority. The ultimate authority is Almighty God.
 - Through Jesus, we have God’s authority.
 - Jesus told Jairus, “Stop the fear. Believe only. She will be made whole.”
 - That was said to Jarius; we can receive it also.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

God has given us His mercy, *chesed*, so we can use our authority to speak to the problem and see results. Write down and meditate on scriptures that show you have authority (hint: Matthew 28: 18-20).



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DAY 2 – THE NATURAL SPIRIT NEEDS AN OUTWARD SIGN

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STUDY IT

- I. Study the Blood Covenants of God.
 - The first covenants were made through the blood of animals (Genesis 15:9-10).
 - God entered covenant with Abram. God chose him.
 - God said, "As for Me, My covenant is between the two of us. I have made you the father of many nations" (Genesis 17:4-5).
 - Abraham entered into covenant with God through circumcision, man's blood (Genesis 17:11).
 - At circumcision, there was now a blood covenant between Abraham and God.
 - The covenant and the sign of circumcision were done to produce a baby—a miracle baby, Isaac.
 - God chose Abraham because he would teach his children.
 - God was saying, "If Abraham will keep My commandments, I'll take care of everything."
 - The Jewish man was circumcised in his flesh as a sign of the covenant.
 - God has circumcised us in our hearts, in our spirits. It's a spiritual thing (Colossians 2:11).
 - God said, "I made Abram wealthy as an outward sign of the covenant." No man made Abram rich except Almighty God. Abraham depended on that covenant.
- II. You can depend on God's Covenant.
 - Believe God's WORD for everything in your life. Supernatural things will begin to happen for you.
 - Kenneth and Gloria didn't set out to be wealthy. They just wound up that way.
 - First, they found in God's WORD that they were not to be debt. They obeyed; and now, the ministry and the church are still debt free.
 - All we need is established in our Covenant.
 - We are in covenant with God.



- We are sons of God by the Spirit of adoption—*Abba*, Father (Romans 8:11-14).
 - The Holy Spirit bears witness with our spirit. It's the inward witness (Romans 8:16).
- III. The Spirit of The LORD came upon Gideon (Judges 6:34).
- Gideon did not have the inward witness. At that time, no one was born again.
 - Jesus had not yet done what was necessary to offer life—spiritual life.
 - The Spirit of God would come upon the king, the priest and the prophet to rule and speak for God. The Spirit came upon others like Samson to do specific things.
 - Jesus read, "The Spirit of The LORD is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of The LORD" (Luke 4:18-19).
 - The listeners understood the Spirit of God coming on Jesus to preach, but they could not believe that Jesus was the Messiah. The Messiah would come in the acceptable year of The LORD, and they did not believe this was the year.
- IV. In Gideon's time, the Jews were in bondage to Midian (Judges 6).
- The Midianites were descendants of Abraham by another wife, the one he married after Sarah died.
 - There was no king in Israel. Joshua had passed away. Judges were raised up by God to make Israel great and protect the nation from enemies.
 - Gideon's father was a Jewish man, a worshipper of Baal.
 - Gideon was trying to winnow his wheat in a cave to hide the crop from the Midianites, when an angel spoke to him.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

When the angel of The LORD spoke to Gideon, Gideon asked for a natural sign to verify what he had heard. We don't need an angel or a natural sign to verify The WORD of The LORD. We have the Holy Spirit living in our spirits.

Pray with us:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the inward witness, the Holy Spirit living in us to speak to us and guide us every day, all day long. You are so kind and merciful to us to give us this constant contact with You through Your Spirit. We determine to listen to the voice of the Spirit of The LORD and obey. We pray this in Jesus' Name. Amen.



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DAY 3 – GOD CALLED GIDEON INTO HIS DESTINY

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STUDY IT

- I. As a believer, your spirit has been made alive.
 - You have been made a king and a priest to our God (Revelation 1:6).
 - We are now seated in heavenly places at the right hand of Jesus, who is seated at the right hand of the Father, because we are new creatures in Christ (Ephesians 2:6; 2 Corinthians 5:17).
 - That is our positional reality that we receive by faith.
- II. Gideon was the fifth judge of Israel.
 - Gideon was not a king, priest or prophet. The Spirit of God came on him for a specific purpose—to lead the nation as a judge.
 - An angel appeared to Gideon while he was hiding the harvest from the Midianites, and said, "Hail, thou mighty man of valor" (Judges 6:11-12).
 - At that moment, Gideon was *made* a mighty man of valor. It was not who Gideon was, but he was changed at that moment because it was God's plan for him.
 - Gideon responded to the angel by bringing an offering.
 - Our response should also be to bring an offering.
 - Gideon obeyed God by tearing down and burning his father's altar and tower to Baal (Judges 6:25-27).
 - God called Gideon to lead an army to destroy the Midianites (Judges 6:14).
 - Gideon said to God, "If You will do what You said, give me a sign" (Judges 6:17).
 - Gideon put out a fleece twice for signs that God was speaking to him.
 - He had no knowledge of God and the way God keeps His WORD. So, God gave him the signs he requested. That's not for us today.
 - Unlike Gideon, we are in the New Covenant.
 - In the New Covenant, God's guidance is not found by putting out a fleece.



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- A fleece is guidance for your senses. God doesn't speak to you by your senses.
 - It's very important to know how God leads—by His Spirit.
- III. The Midianites united with the Amalekites (descendants of Esau) and came to do battle with Gideon.
- Gideon and the army shouted, "The sword of The LORD and of Gideon" (Judges 7:20).
 - The translators used the word *of*. It should be "A sword of The LORD and *for* Gideon," "A sword of The LORD and *to* Gideon," or, "A sword for The Jehovah by the hand of Gideon."
 - It was all God's fight. Gideon was simply the one who executed it.
- IV. When the curse came on the earth because of Adam's sin, the angels, for the most part, had to leave.
- An exception was shown in Jacob's vision of a ladder. The angels were coming and going to earth from heaven (Genesis 28:12).
 - Jacob made an oath to God that he would tithe on everything God gave him (Genesis 28:22).
 - Later, Jacob wrestled with an angel; and at that time Jacob's name was changed to Israel. That name change was very important.
 - The angels didn't return to the earth until the Day of Pentecost.
 - On the Day of Pentecost, the disciples heard the sound of a rushing mighty wind which was the sound of an uncountable number of angels returning to the earth (Acts 2:2).

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Like Gideon, you have a destiny. Seek The LORD to find God's plan for your life. He may only show you a little at a time; but follow Him and listen for His direction and you will succeed.

If you feel you have a leading toward a specific destiny, write it down and bring it before The LORD to confirm what you believe. Then, get His next steps for your life, and get started!



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DAY 4 – LISTEN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT WITHIN

Angels are ministering spirits for the heirs of salvation. Brother Copeland attended his first Oral Roberts meeting as a pilot, and God put Love in his heart for those who were hurting. God's will is that a Christian be led by the Holy Spirit, because we have been adopted and our Father is God. Honor the inward witness and direction of the Holy Spirit.

STUDY IT

- I. Angels are ministering spirits for the heirs of salvation (Hebrews 1:14).
 - It is an angel that will BLESS your bread and water (Exodus 23:20, 25).
 - An angel had been given an assignment from God to give instructions to Gideon.
 - Gideon asked God for a sign. He put out a fleece.
 - Putting out a fleece is not God's will, especially in the New Covenant.
 - God doesn't speak to your mind; He's not in your mind; He's in your spirit.
 - A human has three voices: his human spirit; his mind, consisting of his intellect, will and emotions; and his body, including his feelings.
 - Some say, "I want an angel to visit me." There's no need. You have the Holy Spirit of God living inside you.
- II. Brother Copeland attended his first Oral Roberts meeting as a pilot, and God put Love in his heart for those who were hurting.
 - Kenneth followed Brother Bob DeWeese into the afternoon service where there were many sick and hurting people. The smell made Brother Copeland so sick that he stumbled out of the room.
 - The LORD said, *Where are you going?* Kenneth was going to get a bus back to Tulsa.
 - The LORD continued, *Kenneth, I could have filled you with an angel. What do you think demon-possessed people are filled with? Demon spirits are fallen angelic beings. I could have filled you with a mighty angel; but I didn't trust you with an angel. I filled you with Myself and you speak with My supernatural language. I have called you and anointed you to do something about this. Now, it's your choice; go home, or go back in there.*



- He stepped back through the door and fell in love with the miracle, deliverance ministry.
 - Brother Copeland realized who was in him. "Greater is He that's in me than He who is in the world" (1 John 4:4).
- III. God's will is that a Christian be led by the Holy Spirit, because we have been adopted and our Father is God (Romans 8:14-15).
 - We are children of God and joint heirs with Jesus (Romans 8:16-17). We are not sub heirs.
 - By *chesed*, we are equal with Jesus by the power of His blood and His Name. We have the inward witness.
 - The night Brother Copeland received Jesus as his LORD and Savior, he first heard The LORD speak in his spirit. *Kenneth, if you don't get right with Me, you're headed to a devil's hell.*
 - Then he heard another voice in his spirit and it sounded like his boyhood Sunday school teacher, Mrs. Taggart, saying, "Boys, you have to ask Jesus to come into your heart." He did it. He was born again.
- IV. Honor the inward witness and direction of the Holy Spirit.
 - Roy Hicks, a friend of Kenneth E. Hagin, did a research study on people who had had drastic accidents or deaths over the years. Each of them had a warning in his spirit before the event.
 - A close friend of Brother Copeland had an inward witness not to take a scheduled flight.
 - He obeyed the inward witness and didn't go. His traveling companion continued onto the plane and died.
 - A man was learning about the things of God, especially the protection of God. He prayed to be protected and left the church to go home.
 - A butane truck rammed into his car, setting it on fire.
 - Suddenly he found himself standing on the curb watching his car burn. He didn't know how he got there.
 - His Bible and a book by Brother Copeland were on the dashboard in the car and didn't burn.
 - Practice the presence of God. Listen continually.
 - It's not up to you to tell God what to do. He will tell you what to do.
 - Wait, pray and listen; scripture containing direction will come up inside you.

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It's very important for a believer to listen for the voice of The LORD. His voice will come from your spirit. Practice listening to the Holy Spirit.



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DAY 5 – FOLLOW THE INWARD WITNESS FOR PROTECTION

The inward witness is the Holy Spirit leading you. God is Love, and Love is the inner witness. Listen to the inner witness for yourself. The Holy Spirit dwells in you. Brother Copeland practices his Love for Gloria with his words of Love.

STUDY IT

- I. The inward witness is the Holy Spirit leading you.
 - The local church is a powerful force on the face of this earth; it is called to be a witness for Jesus.
 - Jesus said, “The gates of hell cannot prevail against it”—but only if it is a witness (Matthew 16:18).
 - The Holy Spirit came on the original disciples, and He will come on you to be a witness (Acts 1:8).
- II. God is Love, and Love is the inner witness.
 - We have the spirit of faith—we believe and therefore we speak (2 Corinthians 4:13).
 - Brother Kenneth E. Hagin was instructed by The LORD to hold a meeting at a small church.
 - The pastor met him with the news that the church was in financial trouble.
 - Brother Hagin told the pastor, “Let me receive the offerings and don’t mention those crop failures anymore. You are putting failure into the minds of your congregation.”
 - Brother Hagin received the offerings based on the One who gave him the inner witness. The people were ready to give; it was the pastor who had failure on his mind. His mind had to be changed from failure to success.
 - The LORD told Brother Hagin to write down exactly how much he needed in that church and to tell his ministering spirits to go out and get it (Hebrews 1:14).
 - That church began to grow and grow.
 - Brother Copeland knew two men who lived in Troy, Mich. A church member had flown them to one of Brother Hagin’s meetings.



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- Afterward, Brother Hagin asked them several times to spend the night. They declined each time.
- As they flew back to Troy, the weather report announced that the city and airport were covered with fog. It was zero visibility.
- The pilot flew on to Troy to look for himself at the weather conditions. In the thick fog, he flew too low and the tail of the plane hooked a power line. The plane crashed and they died.
- Brother Hagin tried to prevent the tragedy, but the men wouldn't listen.

III. Listen to the inner witness for yourself. The Holy Spirit dwells in you.

- Practice the presence of God. Talk to Him.
- You'll get to the place where you'll hear the voice of God clearly.
 - "My sheep know My voice" (John 10:27).
- If Brother Copeland has a leading from the inner witness, he obeys it.
- Dan Stratton's church in New York City is located near the World Trade Center.
 - He had been teaching his congregation on the subject of hearing the voice of The LORD when the airplanes attacked on 9/11.
 - On that morning, one of the church members, at the request of his daughter, stopped to get something to eat on the way to her school. He was late to work, and he missed the explosive attack.
 - Many others from Pastor Dan's church had similar experiences that day.

IV. Brother Copeland practices his love for Gloria with his words of Love.

- He practices health with his faith words, and he's never sick.
- This is a warning: Don't ever feel sorry for yourself; it brings depression and grief. You haven't lost anything, so there's nothing to feel sorry about.
- God's WORD is a Love Book.

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