

The time in which we are in is a dangerous and precarious time and we need to know what God has put in place, so that we can find refuge and a place to stand in these last days, because things will get tough. We are coming to a time where both spiritual and physical life will be tough to navigate through. Hence, we are considering ways to tap into Life and be life givers. When you understand the covenant, there will not be any burn out. The Life of God is not a passive life, it grows so much that it overwhelms your body. At this time, the life is groaning, and it is about to burst out, because our body can no longer contain it *2 Corinthians 5:4*. This is the time to lift up our eyes and see the salvation of the Lord.

Last week, we saw the covenant of life that God had given to us. God began the human race with a word of blessing, *Genesis 1:26* and we know from *2 Corinthians 1:20* that the promises are Yeah and Amen. Once you know these promises, you realize that they are not far off, but they are in you, because Jesus is in you. The man Jesus is the custodian, who stood on your behalf to endorse this covenant. Adam signed an agreement with death and all men are affected by this, *1 Corinthians 15:22* hence, God needed only one man to sign an agreement of life for all humanity. Jesus endorsed the covenant with His own life. He redeemed us by His blood, He alone is the one worthy to open the seal, *Revelation 5:9*.

Today we will critically look at this covenant and see it fulfilled in you. We are numbered in this covenant. The promise is the reason for the covenant. The covenant is established upon better promises. The oath is to establish the promise. The promise is the plan of God for your life; the word of blessing over your life. The book of Hebrews calls it the immutability of His counsel, *Hebrews 6:17*. It explains what your life is now and what it will be in the here after. The promise is of life, *1 Peter 2:25*, *1 John 5*. Being fruitful, multiplying, replenishing the earth and subduing the earth is a proof that the covenant of life is in you. If you were going to sign an agreement for a car, the moment you sign it, you are automatically covered. If you drove out of the parking lot and entered an accident, you are covered.

The coverage of the covenant

Hebrews 7:25 shows that we are covered and the covering is to the uttermost. This means the completeness and the totality. An example is the story of the good Samaritan in *Luke 10:25-37*. The Samaritan said if there is anything else remaining after you have finished treating him, I will cover it. This man ensured that the ill man will be healed to the uttermost. This covering takes us from the depth of sin and does not expire until God can look at you and not see the difference between you and Christ. It includes healing from all sicknesses. If you are sick, the covering covers your health and if you are healthy covers the fact that you will never be sick. If you are living in health, the covering covers into immortality. So don't settle for just health in your body, move on for Divine health. God never puts sickness on anybody. God is not a thief. Sickness is the property of the devil and He would not steal the property of the devil and put it on you. If you feel sick, talk to God the same way you will talk to the doctor. Make Him your point of call. It is part of the covenant.

1 Timothy 4:8. The promise of life covers the life that now is and the life that is to come. This life is Zoe, the God kind of life. The life to come, we cannot speak much about it, but we know we will be like Him. This covenant covers even when you fall or falter. God cannot deny you coverage, because the covenant covers all that, from the baby lamb to the big ram amongst us. The covenant of Peace is also a promise.

What does the covenant entail?

We will consider the book of Hebrews from Chapter 6-9 as the coverage. This forms a solid bedrock for us to understand that we are completely covered.

1. **The Promise:** The first thing we see in Chapter 6 is the promise. The promise is bound by the word of an oath, where He put His entire existence on the line. Essentially, He was saying, if it requires Me giving up My life for the sake of the fulfillment, I would do that. It is this word of oath that made Jesus give up His life for us.

2. **The Priesthood.**

Immediately after chapter 7, He began to talk about the priesthood. The covenant is that which give the priesthood the right to access the promise. The priesthood is the mediator of the covenant and it is the one that has the right to demand it. The priest has the authority to pronounce a blessing upon the people because of the covenant. After making atonement for the people, he pronounces a blessing upon the people, *Numbers 6:22-27*. Hebrews 7 gives us an understanding that Christ's priesthood is with the power of an endless life. It says He has an unchanging priesthood. The Priesthood of Aaron was subject to death, but that of Jesus is not subject to death. The oath that established the promise also bound the priesthood and so it is called an everlasting priesthood. This is the priesthood we are serving under. When you see yourself as part of the priesthood, you will realize that you have unending access to the promise. An example is, if you want to buy a land. A lawyer is needed to sign the oath between the two participants. If any dispute happens over that land, the lawyer comes in. This lawyer is like the priest. In the new testament, every one of must know that we are all priests, *1 Peter 2:9*. It is this priesthood that gives you direct access to the Father, you are the priest of the Most high God and the covenant is tied to it. The covenant is the right of attorney. Beyond the delegated authority, He gives you the right of attorney. It is the right you have to pass this covenant to others. Hence, He says what ever sins you forgive are forgiven. Delegated power means, if you are a managing director, you can ask a person to act on your behalf. The delegated person can attend meetings, but cannot make decisions regarding any purchases for the company, unless the Managing director delegates a particular amount. However, the power of attorney gives you the ability to act like the Managing director without restrictions. If you understand this, you will see that you are the hope of creation.

3. **The Tabernacle.**

This is very important because this is where the testament or the covenant resides. Ours is a greater and a more perfect tabernacle, *Hebrews 9:11*. The testimony means the witness. God not only provided the covenant, confirmed it by an oath and instituted the priest hood to confirm it, He also provided a witness about it. What is the witness? The bible says we overcome by the blood and by the word of our testimony. It symbolizes the presence of God testifying about His people. He testifies that you are Holy, this is why Balaam could not curse the Israelites, the Holy one of Israel was among them, *Numbers 23*. This is the witness, that God has given us eternal life and this life is in Jesus. It is written that there are three that bear witness in heaven and three that bear witness on earth, *1 John 5:6-12*. The tabernacle of God is in you. The testimony of God is in you and He bears the record of you everyday. He does not bear record of your sin. The bible says He does not behold any iniquity in Jacob, because the blood of Jesus has taken care of that. So far, we are outlining the things that makes the covenant irreversible. *Hebrews 8* shows that Jesus does a ministry within you to bring you to the fulness of the Life within you. He is Faithful, so open up and receive His ministry to you. He will minister life and encouragement. It is an excellent ministry, not like the ministry of Moses. It is a ministry of life and not condemnation,

like Moses'. *2 Corinthians 3:2, 6-18* shows that this is a ministry to your spirit. It is a glorious ministry, proceeding to the house of God. God never takes a vacation, regardless of how you feel. You need to remain constant in His presence. Christ in you is the hope of Glory, *Colossians 1:27*. The glory in you appreciates daily because you are under the blessing of God, however, the devil diminishes in glory because he is under a curse. Remember that the only curse to an individual was that God cursed the serpent and the ground. If God does not curse anyone, no man nor devil can do that.

4. **The blood.**

This the legal deed that joins you and the priesthood to be one in the covenant. It is called the blood of the covenant. It is the life of the covenant and it ensures the covenant remains intact. Each time we plead the blood, let us plead the blood of Jesus with understanding. This is the very life of the covenant, *Leviticus 17:11*.

The better covenant- The Promises

To understand this, we will consider *Hebrews 8*. The summary of what has been spoken of in **Hebrews 8** is that we have an high priest which is set at the right hand of God, unlike the high priests in the old covenant who goes in and out. This high priest is sitting on the throne, those in the old testament stand. This High priest is a minister of the true tabernacle that God created. Of this new covenant, He says I will put my law into their mind and my laws into their heart. This is God putting in us the ability to believe Him. This is God putting the Spirit of faith in our heart. Prior to this, the law had been in a box that people did not have access to. However, now the Lord put His law in our mind, meaning we will be able to understand it. He will also put it in our heart, the sit of affection and where faith resides. This means God is saying that faith will not be far away from us, but we would be able to believe the Lord. The faith in your heart is not your own making, it is a gift of God. He put it there. He continues to improve this faith as you expose yourself to the word of God. We need to guard our hearts and our mind and decipher the thoughts from the enemy and reject it. Your mind is very important to the redemption God has for you, hence we are admonished to renew our minds, *Romans 12:1-2*. The law of God is in your mind, however, often times because of unforgiveness or malice or unfaithfulness, dust has settled on this table in your mind that contains the law. Use the blood to wash it and the law becomes clearer to understand.

How do we know a person is appreciating the covenant? Their speech shows it. When the people of God speak from the dust and cannot speak the word of God, they are not looking at the covenant. We see this in *Ezekiel 37:1-14*, the valley of the dry bones. They confessed that they are dry, so God needed Ezekiel to confess that the dry bones will live. The covenant is a speaking covenant. Never you speak negative against yourself. God never wrote His promises to your feelings. So ignore it and confess the word of the Lord. David said, why are you cast down oh my soul, hope thou in the Lord, *Psalms 42:11*. Our mind or heart arrested speaks of faith towards God.

Next He says, I will be to them a God and they will be to me a people. This means He will represent them. Hence, He is called the Holy one of Israel. Meaning He takes full responsibility of the status of your Holiness. You are Holy because He is your Holiness. He is not intimidated that you call yourself Holy. The reason you are Holy is because He is in you. Nothing else makes you holy. Praying for 40 days or fasting for 40 days is great, but it cannot save you. The Holiness of Israel

is one, not two. Blessed are they that have the God of Jacob as their help. Let this God be your God. When you know Him, you will be bold.

Next, the covenant says they will not tell anyone know the Lord. The knowledge that your brother can talk to you about is Gnosis. However, the knowledge God speaks to you about is a knowledge by seeing Him. The covenant is a covenant of knowledge. This is a revelation knowledge. He does this as we come to God in fellowship. Know Him as your high priest and your God.

Finally, He says He will be merciful to your unrighteousness and He will remember your sins no more. What keeps us from the knowledge of God is sin and unrighteousness. This doesn't change God's stand, but it changes yours. God does not change. However, the enemy is an accuser and he comes to dampen our faith. Hence, God is saying I will not put your sins before My face. If your car insurance covers you and you violate a clause in the agreement, the agreement is terminated. The covenant with your car insurance is two sided. However, the covenant in the new testament is one sided. He is telling you ahead of time that you should not allow your unrighteousness to cause you to violate the covenant. No true child of God consciously violates the covenant, however, anyone who consciously commits sins does not have any remission for sin, *Hebrews 10:26*. However, when there are mistakes, don't sit there and mourn for it. Clean yourself with the blood. God is a commander in a force and it is a bad commander that will beat any soldier that is weak, because they are fighting in His battle. A good commander will nurture the wounded.

This covenant makes us candidates of immortality and incorruptibility. The days ahead will be tough, but they that know their God will be strong and do exploits, *Daniel 11:32*.

The covenant of Peace.

The covenant of peace is that which God gives to us that guarantees us peace. Peace means wholeness, completeness, when all warfare has been settled. This comes when you begin to reign. If there is something you find yourself fighting, don't give in. When you are fighting, you are in the place of subduing. When you keep subduing, it comes to a time where you begin to reign. God gives you peace. We see that in the life of David. David subdued and ruled, but Solomon reigned, 40 years without war. *1 Chronicle 22:6-9*. Don't be weary of fighting a good fight. Use the blood, the Name, keep fighting. If there is a slip, encourage yourself, get up and keep fighting. The covenant covers your falling, however, get up and keep fighting and you will get peace at last. Jesus fought all the battles for us, and it is for you to reign. The reason why things are rearing up their head is because we have not come into the fulness of what Christ has done. God has given us a mandate of dominion.

*And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever. [18]
And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places;*

Isaiah 32:17-18 KJV