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To a mutually beneficial Covenant forever.

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Introduction

Covenant is coming together or allying for mutual benefit. In divine covenant, we are united for the greater; this consciousness propels to seek God, the Greatest One, for direction; this was the outset of the journey of this book.

Far away from home, on the last day of the year 2019, precisely twilight on 31st December. I was desperately seeking to know God's word to me for the new year. Holidays can interfere with routines and procedures, as it happened during this one. I found the time was close to the cross over last hours (not that I had not received anything yet, but I perceived there was more, so I pressed for it). As time moved faster, I started praying and pacing to and fro in my holiday home. Then, God began to speak to me about 2020.

It will be the year that He is going to cause there to be a fulfillment and perfection of the things that He has promised all along, which, in vivid, terms was flashed to me, like a scoring moment when a ball enters right into the net. The period of the dribbles, playtime, halftime, and overtime is over and past. Furthermore, He pointed out that this accomplishment or achievement wouldn't be by might or power. Like the people of God, led by

Joshua, into the promised land, it's going to be through His covenant power.

Having received that information, I needed to draw out more from the Spirit of God. So, an excellent place to start, for me, was to learn more about the Covenant.

Therefore, I started the journey from the book of Joshua, and God began to expound more. Eventually, I was made to see, that the understandings I received about Covenant, from the book of Joshua are templates, which God would have me present in a format that is accessible to His body for a broader application.

That was the basis of the authorship of this book, the 'Covenant Core'. It's a composite and resourceful material on biblical Covenant. Moreover, when I sought to learn about Covenant, no written content readily came up. There are some out there, perhaps unknown. The renditions of Covenant herein is very basic and elementary, cutting across barriers in assimilation.

Therefore, I am hopeful that this will indeed be a very accessible resource concerning the Biblical Covenant. I also believe that the "Covenant Core" is timely in an era characterized by misinterpretation and misrepresentation of the Covenant in Christ.

I hope this book will bring answers to the

aforementioned, and more, to the glory of God.
The unfolding chapters of this book will open up
the essence of our Covenant in Christ and the
practices and principles that we require for better
experiences.

Enjoy Covenant Core.

Chapter One

Covenant and Types of Covenant

Covenant

Covenant, as seen in the Bible, is the **conditional promise God makes to man as revealed in the scriptures, to provide and protect, if the people keep his laws and obey Him.**

A Covenant is Essentially a relationship, but it is a relationship that has been formalized and has been brought under sanctions. So there are blessings that come if the terms of the relationship are kept, and penalties if broken. **Thus, it is in order to put Covenant, as, simply "the terms binding a relationship".**

This premise, as it relates to Covenant, still stands even today.

The Covenant ratified by Christ's sacrifice has caused us to be at one with God through its atoning power.

Having justified us with regards to the requirements or terms of the law, enabling us to enjoy forgiveness.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The above second testament scripture starts with an (if), which makes it's fulfillment conditional. This buttresses the fact that the Covenant remains conditional, first or second testament.

While it's true that Christ has made us at one, even that oneness is conditional as seen in the scripture;
Romans 10:9

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

The condition being 'if you confess'.

God is unchanging, God is eternal. The processes and strategies may change, but the principles remain intact.

If you believe Christ died and took away your poverty but refuse to engage the principles of prosperity, your poverty comes like an armed man, the scriptures tell us.

Types of Covenant

Covenant, as we know it, is a formal and functional relationship, according to specific terms of reference that is binding on the people or parties to the Covenant.

In the Bible, it is not a strange term, it's the thread that runs through and serves as the seams of the Bible.

In the scripture, three types of Covenants were predominant, namely: the Abrahamic Covenant, the Mosaic Covenant, and the New Covenant mediated by Jesus. Some Bible scholars classify only two: a Covenant of promise and a Covenant of law. The former involved an oath, taken by God - a word of promise, while the latter is known in the Bible as "the Law".

Still, other Covenants were also recorded in the Bible, such as Edenic, Noahic, priestly and royal Covenants.

Let's take a closer look at some of those Covenants below, howbeit they are not the thrust of this writing, though relevant.

Edenic Covenant

The Edenic Covenant applies to all of humanity. It can be found in Genesis 1:28-30. In this passage, God gives mankind the mandate to procreate, and

God gives mankind dominion over the earth and all the animals.

Genesis 1:28-30

28. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

29. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which [is] upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which [is] the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you, it shall be for meat.

30. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to everything that creepeth upon the earth, wherein [there is] life, [I have given] every green herb for meat: and it was so.

The Noahic Covenant

It applies to all of humanity, and it is also described as a Covenant with the land. In this Covenant entered with all living creatures, God promises, never again, to destroy all life on earth by flood and creates the rainbow as the sign of this "everlasting Covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth".

Genesis 9:9-12

9. And I, behold, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your seed after you;

10. And with every living creature that [is] with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth.

11. And I will establish my Covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.

12. And God said, This [is] the token of the Covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that [is] with you, for perpetual generations: the

Genesis 9:13-15

13. I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

14. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:

15. And I will remember my Covenant, which [is] between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.

The Abrahamic Covenant

Through the Covenant, Abraham became the first

human to reject false gods in favour of the one true God. Jews believe that the Covenant between God and Abraham extends to all Jews. It was the start of the relationship between God and the Jewish people. The Covenant carries with it the promise of the land of Canaan, (Genesis 17:1-14). In this dispensation of the second testament, those who believe have also become partakers of this Covenant.

Galatians 3:7

Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

The Mosaic covenant

Made with Moses and the Israelite people at Horeb-Sinai, which is found in Exodus chapters (19-24) and the book of Deuteronomy. In this Covenant, God promises to make the Israelites his treasured possession among all people (Exodus 19:4) and "a kingdom of priests and a holy nation" (Exodus 19:6) if they follow God's commandments. As part of the terms of this Covenant, God gave Moses the Ten Commandments (Exodus 24:8).

The priestly Covenant

This is the Covenant that God made with Aaron and his descendants, the Aaronic priesthood, as found in the Bible, (Numbers 18:19, Exodus 29:9).

The Hebrew Bible also mentions another perpetual priestly promise with Phineas and his descendants, (Numbers 25: 1-14).

The royal/Davidic Covenant

This was made with David (2 Sam 7). It promised to establish his dynasty forever.

The Davidic Covenant (2 Sam 2:7) establishes David and his descendants as the kings of the united monarch, which included Judah). The Davidic Covenant is an essential element in the order of the messianic royalty.

The First Testament (still relevant)

The first testament is being inclusive and a part of this second testament, even as all the other preceding Covenants are still relevant today. We shall see the reason why this is, in the following pages. Yes, the first testament is old because of its system of priesthood, which was done away with, giving place to the new in Christ.

Hebrews 7:12

For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.

However, Christ stated that he has not come to make void the existing laws, but to fulfill.

Matthew 5:17

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

Wherefore, the Mosaic Covenant, sometimes referred to as old, or first is also correct. As aforementioned, we shall stay with 'first' for the purpose of relevance herein.

The Bible makes it clear that God is unchanging, and the law in itself is neither bad nor evil, for example, 'do not commit adultery', this law is excellent on every front, whether as first or second.

Romans 7:12

Wherefore the law [is] holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

Romans 7:16 (NLT)

But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good.

Romans 7:22

For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

Romans 7:23

But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

Romans 7:24

O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

Romans 7:25

I thank God through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So then with the mind, I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

The penalty of the law was upon the flesh, the body of sin.

So Christ, by substitution, helped us to fulfill and meet the requirements of the law, having paid the penalty in his flesh.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin [is] death; but the gift of God [is] eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Question: Has the law been done away with?

Answers:

Yes, in the flesh, away with its external impositions.

No, the law is still with us, in our mind internally regulated.

Hebrews 8:10

For this [is] the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

Romans 7:25

I thank God through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So then with the mind, I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

Question: What happens now, if you break the laws?

Answers:

If you unintentionally do so, confess, repent and receive forgiveness by the blood.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Wilfully broken, and unrepentant, face the consequences.

Hebrews 10:26-27

26. For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

27. But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

The Covenant of Grace/ The Second Testament/New Covenant.

This is the Covenant entered between God and Jesus Christ on our behalf, and inadvertently

between Christ and the people He died to save. Often referred to from any of its multiple directions such as:

Covenant of Grace, because it replaced the laws and penalties, to deal with us according to God's grace and compassion.

The Second Testament, because it came after the first.

The New Testament, (Hebrews 8:7-13), refers to a new Covenant because the old was faulty.

In this context, we shall stay with the Second Testament, for illustration, and to include the first in the overall picture.

The Second Testament is the Covenant we have in/through Christ. This is the foundation for the call and purpose God has for us, which dates back to Genesis, "to be like him".

Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his [own] image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Therefore, we have come into this Covenant in a redemptive capacity, having Christ as the first born son.

Romans 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate [to be] conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

To which end the Bible enjoins us even as Paul wrote in the Scripture below:

Ephesians 5:1-2

1. Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;

2. And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

This love we demonstrate to the invisible God and to the visible creation of God.

1 John 4:11-13

11. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

12. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

13. Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

The person of Christ comprises of head and body. The body is the Church and we are also in Covenant with the body, which Covenant will herein be referred to as “Body Covenants” or “Church Covenants”. In the following passages, more light will be shed on these key Covenants.

Body/Church Covenants

These are the Covenants we have amongst ourselves as believers

In this category are:

The Church family

We have all been planted in a family. The fellowship you belong to has its Covenant bond. The cross of Jesus, as we know it is both vertical (God-ward) and horizontal (relational).

The condition or terms that regulate this relationship is every word in the Bible that speaks regarding it. I am thankful for members of the body who have demonstrated some reasonable degree of the Covenant consciousness in dealings and interrelationships.

Yet, it is obvious that some have little or no understanding of the bond of Covenant in the body relationships, which would be responsible for the nonchalance or indifference to one another. It's my prayers that the Spirit of God will help us to be more compliant in this walk.

Specific or Purposeful agreements with another brother or sister:

This also counts as one of the Church or body Covenants, as it is recognized by God. It's required we keep the terms of this agreement, without wavering or slacking. Members shouldn't take one another for granted, even in master-servant business relationships, this violates the Covenant. The scripture below was written to believers;

Colossians 3:22-23

22. Servants, obey in all things [your] masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God:

23. And whatsoever ye do, do [it] heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

Romans 15:1-2

We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

Let every one of us please [his] neighbour for [his] good to edification.

Galatians 6:2

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Colossians 3:17

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, [do] all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

Marriage Covenant between the wife and husband

The scriptures are our basic terms for Covenant, and they are explicit on the conditions that guide this Covenant, examples of such terms include,

but not limited to the undermentioned:

Romans 14:19

Let us, therefore, follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

Col 3:18-19

18. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.

19. Husbands, love [your] wives, and be not bitter against them.

Colossians 3:21

Fathers, provoke not your children [to anger], lest they be discouraged.

Honor the Church Covenants for the LORD

The Church Covenants receive its similitude, directly from that of Christ and the Church. God doesn't expect us to treat His flock for whom He died, any less than himself.

John 13:34-35

*34. A new commandment I give unto you, **That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.***

35. By this shall all [men] know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Colossians 3:24

And whatsoever ye do, do [it] heartily, as to the

Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

Matthew 25:39-40

39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

*40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, **Inasmuch as ye have done [it] unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done [it] unto me.***

These are the words of the LORD to the Church in Covenant; this has been the foundation and appropriately it's operations till the return of the Lord.

The law is still in effect; it is the penal consequences that Christ's redemption shields us from.

Christ did this for something in return, which leads to the Covenant. What does He get, for the remission of sins and the gift of life He has given you?

This brings us to the Covenant entered with Christ. What is it? How does it operate? The need to understand it as legal and binding with its terms and regulations.

Chapter Two

Understanding the elements/structure of Covenants

Understanding helps to connect the dots. A lot of people have certain knowledge or ideas about Covenant.

In this chapter, we shall expound on the details of Covenant, their connections with a resultant appreciation for what we do, and the essence.

Elements are the components of the Covenant in simple bits, and are itemized here as follows;

Starter/initiator

Parties (to the Covenant)

Purpose (of the Covenant)

Conditions (guiding its operation)

Covenant elements are the components or factors that validate their existence. The focal will be as relating to our God-man Covenant, which is the Covenant of Promise, or the Second Testament.

In this chapter, we will go through the initiator, the purpose and parties to the covenant.

Covenant Initiator

This is the one who introduces the Covenant, the initiator of the Covenant; this is our principal or senior partner. The one who has the foresight envisioned the purpose and took the initiative to propose or bring about the agreement. A great deal ought to be credited to the partner that initiates. In the Covenant of promise, this is the Godhead, represented by Christ, the God-man, or Son.

Covenant is not cut or initiated on equality or fifty-fifty. It is based on need. Whichever side may be preponderant or greater. The goal or purpose is the complimentary advantage that will be achieved, which should ultimately yield the desired mutual result.

This is typified to a marriage Covenant relationship, which is the type of Covenant God entered with us, through Christ Jesus. God is the greater, and in reality, it is Christ who entered a Covenant with God the Father

on our behalf, and we are in Covenant with Christ the Son.

Man was nowhere in the picture, when Christ offered himself to be slain, as the Lamb, before God.

Ephesians 1:4-5 (NLT)

Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.

5. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ; this is what he chose to do, and with great pleasure.

1 Peter 1:20 (NLT)

God chose him as your ransom long before the world began, but he has now revealed him to you in these last days.

God and Christ finished it, and by implicit extension, Christ reached out to humanity, initiating the Covenant through salvation.

Hallelujah! Thus Christ becomes the focal point of our salvation;

Philippians 2:10-11

10. That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of [things] in heaven, and [things] in earth, and [things] under the earth;

11. And [that] every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ [is] Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Romans 10:9 (NLT)

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

By our acknowledgment and confession of the Lordship of Christ, believing in our heart that He was raised, establishes our salvation, bringing us into Covenant with CHRIST!.

Parties to/Partners in the Covenant

Partners are the people that come into the Covenant. They may be referred to as 'primary contractors or parties', given the transferal nature of Covenants, whereby God cuts a Covenant with a partner, and by extension, with all its

representatives. As seen in the Covenant transactions with Abraham and his household, Issac to Jacob and the house of Israel, to the entire nation, and finally Christ and His body, the church.

Concerning Abraham, God said;

Genesis 17:9

And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my Covenant, therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.

Genesis 18:19

For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

Acts 13:26

Men [and] brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent.

Apostle Paul also stated in the book of Hebrews
Hebrews 7:9-10

9 And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, paid tithes in Abraham.

10 For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him.

This is a legal fact that the transactions entered, by representatives, are binding on the overall membership.

Which is why Adam's sin was the world's sin, and Christ's righteousness has become our righteousness as long as we are identified in that line/pedigree

In a divine Covenant, by the way, there is no other Covenant existent as divine except that contracted with divinity, which is with Jehovah-God himself. A Covenant with God precludes its future purposes, including what each and every member of the household of the parties (present or future), would contribute or partake in the agreement.

Jeremiah 1:5

Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, [and] I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

We are not just members of households, but well known by God and with identity and definite role.

This is why for every tribe mentioned in the Bible, there is a purpose and a role in their service to God. The individual tribes also have families, with an assigned purpose for each family.

While someone may see him/herself as serving

God with a gift and call, which is correct. However, the fact remains that such one is a member of a spiritual family or clan, with the same grace and call.

Spiritual Tribes with a purpose

Today, we are no more natural or geographical tribes. We are spiritual tribes of groups of people, with similar gifts and callings according to God's purpose. That was why Christ came on the scene, chose twelve apostles, (twelve remains a spiritual/kingdom code for government or leadership), some of the apostles were siblings, denoting the same natural ancestry; this approach is a kingdom structure (and will not be broadened in this context, sake for a mention), as it is still valid. It was at the beginning, in the past, still present, and we shall meet it in the future as clearly foretold in the book of Revelation.

As spiritual tribes, God doesn't see Church denominations but diverse people with similar purposes and scattered across congregations worldwide. Moreso, not limited to serve within the tabernacle or Church as priests, but also, in the nations and work fields as kings.

Now all such people walking in similar calling and purposes constitute a tribal unit; this could be music, pastoral, defense or military,

manufacturing, etc.

Furthermore, as it is with the natural tribes that have fathers, so it is with the spiritual tribes. The fathers are trailblazers in particular graces and whose example can be followed, by the testimonies of the end of their faith.

Hebrews 6:12

That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Hebrews 13:7 (NLT)

Remember your leaders who taught you the word of God. Think of all the good that has come from their lives, and follow the example of their faith.

We have heard of and sometimes encountered such leaders in the body of Christ, even in contemporary times.

As in the shadow or natural, with leaders of clans and units, so, we serve as spiritual families, with a purpose.

The purpose of the Covenant

The purpose of the Covenant is the end or intended goal, for which it was initiated, in this discourse, the purpose or end is the mutual benefit of both parties, and it translates into the responsibility of each party.

Let's take a look at some of these responsibilities and benefits.

The fruitful, multiply and have dominion responsibility.

This was the first and earliest Covenant pronouncements on man,
Becoming co-partners with God in sustaining His creation, and by so doing, the man himself is preserved.

Genesis 1:28

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Redemption from the curse of the law

Galatians 3:13

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed [is] every one that hangeth on a tree

Redemption from death

Hebrews 2:15

And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Redemption from Sicknesses

Isaiah 53:5

But he [was] wounded for our transgressions, [he was] bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace [was] upon him; and with his stripes, we are healed.

1 Peter 2:24

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

Redemption from poverty

2 Corinthians 8:9

For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes, he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

Protection from impending destruction

Psalms 107:20

He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered [them] from their destructions.

Redemption from the power of sin and condemnation

Romans 8:2

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Forgiveness and atonement

Psalms 103:3 (NLT)

He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases

Provision

Matthew 6:31-32

31. Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

32. For after all these things do the gentiles seek for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

[Also Matt 6:28-34, Luke 12:28-32, Ps 37:25, Deut 6:11]

Be noble and honorable

1 Peter 2:9

But ye [are] a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

1 Peter 2:10

Which in time past [were] not a people, but [are] now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

Other responsibilities are God-focused:

Recognition of His Lordship and give honour due by love and obedience

Joshua 22:5

But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the LORD charged you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.

Give sole worship

Exodus 34:14

For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name [is] Jealous, [is] a jealous God:

Exemplary in devotion being a true/standard-bearer.

Matthew 5:16

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

The sole purpose of Covenant is oneness or unity, in partnership with God for his will to be done in us and thereby, on earth. This is summed up in this verse of Scripture;

Leviticus 26:12

And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.

Chapter Three

Understanding The Elements of The Covenant-2

Covenant

Guidelines/Conditions/Notables

It is vital that following the initiation of Covenant should be the requirements or laws to govern it.

These are the terms or regulations that guide the effective operations of the Covenant.

They are the Covenant characteristics, extents, as well as limitations. What strengthens the Covenant, and vice versa weakens it.

In this context we shall be looking at some of these traits, recall, I also mentioned in my introduction that God expounded the insights when I began a study of the book of Joshua, so, you would see some references from it, alongside others.

These conditions would be categorized into five headings as listed below;

- A) Covenant Notables
- B) Covenant Nots/Averts
- C) Covenant Lubricants
- D) Covenant Outcome Boosters
- E) Covenant Secrets

In this chapter, we will look at the Notables and the “Nots” of the Covenant.

Covenant notables

These are the attributes or peculiarities of Covenants. It is meaningful to know and understand the overall nature of the type of Covenant we are into. Sometimes, it's easy to just know there is a Covenant, above knowing the Covenant, which is where some people stop.

Below are some attributes/notables of the Covenant:

Transferrable

Earlier, we mentioned the transferable nature of Covenants, as being extensive to and inclusive of the pedigrees. Still, there are others who are in agreement with us, but not necessarily related by birth, that may come under our Covenant terms and become partakers in it. The Gibeonites in

Joshua (7:1-27), though their craftiness is condemned.

Isaiah 56:6-7

6. Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant;

7. Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices [shall be] accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

Moreover, it is by this same transferable feature of Covenants that God brought in other nations into the commonwealth in Christ.

Ephesians 2:11-13

11. 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;

12. That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

13. But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

Unending by the death of a party

This simply implies that whether or not you ever knew or met the principal parties to a Covenant, if they are dead or alive, you are partakers of the agreement, if you continue in its terms.

Joshua 1:2-3

2. Moses, my servant, is dead; now, therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, [even] to the children of Israel.

3. Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

Parties pay attention to the terms and conditions

A Covenant deal or pact is not negligible and must be tended, to sustain it. If you turn from it, you lose its effect.

Joshua 1:8

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

The parties are confident and assured of their commitment

Joshua 1:9

*Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; **be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God [is] with thee whithersoever thou goest.***

- Readiness to respond to each other

Joshua 1:16

*And they answered Joshua, saying, **All that thou commandest us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us, we will go***

Oneness of resource and purpose

This also applies to our interrelationships (Church Covenants) and commitment to one another.

Joshua 1:14-15

*14. Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side Jordan; but ye shall **pass before your brethren armed, all the mighty men of valour, and help them;***

*15. **Until the LORD have given your brethren rest, as [he hath given] you, and they also have possessed the land which the LORD your God giveth them: then ye shall return unto the land of your possession, and enjoy it, which Moses the***

LORD'S servant gave you on this side Jordan toward the sun rising.

*** Faith**

The Covenant of promise is by faith, which has no confidence in the flesh or the visible.

Romans 4:3-5

3. For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

4. Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.

5. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

Hebrews 11:6

But without faith [it is] impossible to please [him]: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and [that] he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Polarization of position

As a co-party in Covenant, it automatically pitches or positions you against the opposition to your Covenant partner or purpose.

Joshua 1:17

According as we hearkened unto Moses in all things, so will we hearken unto thee: only the

LORD thy God be with thee, as he was with Moses.

Joshua 1:18

Whosoever [he be] that doth rebel against thy commandment, and will not hearken unto thy words in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to death: only be strong and of good courage.

Exodus 23:22

But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries.

God-focused or centred

The God essence must be the underlying factor in our Covenant.

Matthew 6:10

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as [it is] in heaven.

Joshua 1:17

*According as we hearkened unto Moses in all things, so will we hearken unto thee: **only the LORD thy God be with thee, as he was with Moses.***

Loyalty

Covenant partners are loyal to their hurt or the end. Covenant is neither convenience nor comfort.

In the verse of Scripture below, God refers to the ones who can be with Him;

Psalms 15:4 (NLT)

*Those who despise flagrant sinners, and honor the faithful followers of the Lord, and **keep their promises even when it hurts.***

Sacrificing

Parties are ready to sacrifice and give up anything within their power for the welfare of the other.

Psalms 50:5-6 (NLT)

5. **"Bring my faithful people to me those who made a covenant with me by giving sacrifices."**

6. *Then let the heavens proclaim his justice, for God himself will be the judge. [Interlude]*

*** Speaks for the good of the other**

(if you must, speak only of the greatness of partners in the Covenant. Particularly, speaking to give them an advantage. We see God, a principal Covenant partner, doing His part, by sending information ahead of His people, to deliver the promise into their hands.

Joshua 24:12

And I sent the hornet before you, which drove them out from before you, [even] the two kings of the Amorites; [but] not with thy sword, nor with

thy bow.

(Rahab testified, that they heard stuff, that humbled them)

Joshua 2:10

For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red sea for you, when ye came out of Egypt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that [were] on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed.

The word binds.

In Covenants, our words play a key role. There is no Covenant without the release of words. Covenant is about the exchange of words, and the agreement to keep to the words.

Isaiah 59:21

As for me, this [is] my Covenant with them, saith the LORD; My Spirit that [is] upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and forever.

Haggai 2:5

[According to] the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not.

2 Chronicles 34:31

And the King stood in his place, and made a

covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the Covenant which are written in this book.

Listen to each other

This should be a given, knowing we've got each other's back. It will amount to some form of folly for parties to a Covenant to despise the inputs from the other. If in doubt, take it to God, but don't have a disposition that discounts or disregards. It's such an attitude that has led to the pitiful cliché (especially in marriage Covenant), "I told you".

Joshua 2:1(the spies listened to Joshua)

And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went, and came into an harlot's house, named Rahab, and lodged there.

Esther 2:10 (Esther listened to her uncle)

Esther had not shewed her people nor her kindred: for Mordecai had charged her that she should not shew [it].

This is why we need to be conscious of the identification of roles and positions, viz (who is this person to me in this agreement); this also calls for a very intentional and concerted effort to ensure we pray for each other. **Knowing, that the**

key to some breakthrough, either now or in your future, is tied or locked in this partner and partnership.

This brings us to the next attribute;

Protective and prayerful

Actually, when you are protective, you will be prayerful. As aforementioned, **your prayer for your partner is reciprocally the prayer for yourself.** Firstly, as duty calls, and also as benefactors or partakers of the good of the other. You would be protective of that source; this consciousness would make you take more seriously (in Church Covenants), the counsels that come from each other, knowing, they were prayed for, thereby covered.

Each others keeper

Being each others keeper is what the Covenant is about, from the onset.

Deuteronomy 22:1-2

1. Thou shalt not see thy brother's ox or his sheep go astray, and hide thyself from them: thou shalt, in any case bring them again unto thy brother.

2. And if thy brother [be] not nigh unto thee, or if thou know him not, then thou shalt bring it unto thine own house, and it shall be with thee until thy brother seek after it, and thou shalt restore it to

him again.

Keep the peace

The heart of the Covenant is tended with peace. It is the least we can do for each other in such a relationship.

Ephesians 4:3-6 (NLT)

Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.

For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father, who is over all and in all and living through all.

The above Covenant terms refer to the "body" Covenant, amongst fellow believers.

Matthew 5:9

Blessed [are] the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

The Covenant of promise, which Christ has with us, is also tended by peace the following verses of the Scriptures, attest:

Isaiah 26:3

Thou wilt keep [him] in perfect peace, [whose] mind [is] stayed [on thee]: because he trusteth in

thee.

Philippians 4:7

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Romans 16:20

And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ [be] with you. Amen.

Take the risk

Risk herein is simply the probability of loss or damage. However, as people driven by divine Covenant, they remain probabilities that will rarely see possibilities, because of the leadings of the Holy Spirit within us. The examples to this fact, are numerous, such as the story of Daniel and his brethren; which end we read, in Daniel 3:17-30.

Daniel 3:17

*If it be [so], our **God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver [us] out of thine hand, O King. But if not, be it known unto thee, O King, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.***

Daniel 3:18

But if not, be it known unto thee, O King, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

Queen Esther in Persia

Esther 4:16

*Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; **and so will I go in unto the King, which [is] not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.***

Moreover:

- The spies sent by Joshua took a risk on their lives.
- Rahab who swore to protect the spies took a risk on her life
- The wife, who forsook the care and family she knew, for the unknown future family, took a risk.
- The husband who has left his family, for a newly wedded bride, is taking a risk on life and future, howbeit in optimism.

The wife who chose to be put in the family way, and went through childbirth took a risk

Most of all, the Lord Jesus took a risk leaving all that he had going on for him to embrace our humanity in the face of death, for the hope of glory.

Hebrews 12:2-3

2. Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of [our] faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

We should be determined in the path of Covenant relationships, to take risks, in spite of the knowledge that it could lead to irreparable damage or irreplaceable loss.

Covenant is not about comfy, cozy, but complete, concerted commitment.

Nonetheless, the bottom line remains that whoever is ready to stake it out never loses out.

Rather, gets promoted.

- The three Hebrew boys who were thrown into the fire (were honored)

Daniel 3:27-28

27 Then the high officers, officials, governors, and advisers crowded around them and saw that the fire had not touched them. Not a hair on their heads was singed, and their clothing was not scorched. They didn't even smell of smoke!

28. Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise to the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! He

sent his angel to rescue his servants who trusted in him. They defied the King's command and were willing to die rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.

- Rahab never got hurt; rather, she saved others, was honored and entered the lineage of grace.
- The spies were kept safe and honored by God (Joshua 2:5)
- The willing wife would be praised.
- The husband would be favored
- Jesus is glorified and exalted forever.

Covenant Averts/ “Nots”

Averts are things we should avoid in Covenant partnership to enable the unhindered flow of grace. This automatically conotes all the contradictions to the attributes mentioned above. However, having underlined in attributes of Covenant, that words play a critical role in the bond. We also saw how words were used for the protection and advantage of each other.

It underscores the fact that the greatest violation of the Covenant would be word-based.

Below are some related “averts”:

Avoid speaking at the wrong time

Never speak ill, but rather, good of the other

James 4:11

Speak not evil one of another, brethren.

He that speaketh evil of [his] brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge.

Moreover, speak only to protect, even if it's not evil speaking.

For instance, you are in the same organization in the workplace, with your brother/sister. Then came a time that critical observations were being hurled at/about such a person, in your presence. It wouldn't be a good time to add your inputs if it was not mandatory, knowing every word put in against such person is a potential downturn in his/her business or career. If you do, then, you would have done wickedly against the Covenant.

Daniel 11:32

And such as do wickedly against the Covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do [exploits].

Flattery, hereby, is a deception that makes, someone to keep doing the wrong thing, and feel some temporary gratification, when indeed, corruption or deterioration is taking place; this is

usually followed by sudden disaster. (Daniel 11:32-45)

If you knew your brother/sister had a challenge and did not walk up to him/her to address it. Instead, you waited till the day the "world" called a round table, and added yours, you are persecuting your brother/sister and kicking against the pricks.

Acts 26:14-15

*14. And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, **why persecutest thou me?** [it is] **hard for thee to kick against the pricks.***

*15. And I said, Who art thou, Lord? **And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.***

When it comes to the members of the body of Christ, it has been made clear, **the Lord's position concerning how we treat each other. Simply put, He takes it personally.**

Sow no discord; avoid speaking to the wrong persons

The way to sow discord, which many follow (usually), is through utterances. **Spoken words are crucial to Covenants, they make it, or break it.** We have established the effect of

speaking at the wrong time in the preceding paragraph.

Here is where most carnal believers "reside", to their hurt, by deliberately going to tell the weaknesses of their brother or sister to another, to sow discord. An underlying motivation being to "expose" the shortfall of such person, so they can be judged, cutoff, disapproved or ridiculed.

The intention is not to get help or solution. If you are guilty of this sin, your best option is to repent. The scripture tells the right thing to do, in these verses;

Matthew 5:23-24

23. Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;

*24. Leave there thy gift before the altar, and **go thy way; first, be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.***

I emphasise the "first" in the above scripture because it states the action of priority. The issue of going to tell another person does not come first, even if you eventually, might have to do so. The approach of so doing is also clear from the scriptural reference below.

Matthew 18:15-17 (NLT)

15. "If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offence. If the other

person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back.

16. But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses.

*17. **If the person still refuses to listen, take your case to the church.** Then if he or she won't accept the church's decision, treat that person as a pagan or a corrupt tax collector.*

If any member of the body steps out against their brother or sister in this regard, you hurt such persons, and hurt the body of the Lord Jesus Christ

This act is anti-Covenant, making the culprit to become a planter of discord and one who fans in the fire of strife.

Proverbs 16:28 (NLT)

A troublemaker plants seeds of strife; gossip separates the best of friends.

Proverbs 16:28 (CEV)

Gossip is no good! It causes hard feelings and comes between friends.

Cheating/misleading/defrauding

It's a fact that partners deprive the other of their entitlement, contrary to the Covenant agreement. Such acts come with consequences.

The Bible commands us as follows;

Defraud against one another

Leviticus 19:13

"Do not defraud or rob your neighbor. "Do not make your hired workers wait until the next day to receive their pay.

Defraud against partners in marriage

1 Corinthians 7:5

Defraud ye not one the other, except [it be] with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.

Defraud by; partners withholding benevolence

Furthermore, on being defrauded in the marriage Covenant; could be in terms of finances or benevolence; this can be possible particularly when one of the partners tends to have greater returns and opportunity regards wealth or financial gain. For instance, in a typical or traditional marriage setting, the possibilities are high that the wife might not be able to bring in as much as her husband. However, that does not minimize her invaluable contribution to the overall income of the family. I was privileged to speak to couples on finances and one of the analyses I gave was the fact, that even if the wife is not bringing much financially, **she would have**

sacrificed a lot for 'that much' to come in.

Given, you have a woman who is keeping the home front, maintaining the peace, and able to support the husband with the sanity and presence of mind, to go, conquer and come back to a haven. Now, that is, the invisible, intangible, secret to success right there.

Moreover, when a wife keeps the home, the children and put things together, a great deal of sacrifice goes into that. There are women, who have laid off and sacrificed their careers on the altar of marriages. Many have had to resign “dream” jobs, so they could relocate, to be with their husbands. Still, on the job several face discrimination or setbacks, because of repeated excused duties for anti-natal, nursing leave, postnatal, call-ins etc. No organization would remain at a standstill, because of the family woman. Career decisions are ongoing, even without concern for them.

So, the woman pays so much to make that gain, worth its price!. This brings to mind the timeless song "alabaster box", truly, some spouses may not know the actual cost of the family's gain.

The Covenant under God is the one that protects the woman and provides for her and the other members of the family. I believe that godly husbands are truly the ones who love as Christ

loves the church, by laying down his life for her.

Likewise, the true Covenant of the woman in marriage is to submit, to the husband, that is under God, or as unto the Lord.

Defraud against God

Malachi 3:8 [NLT]

"Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me! "But you ask, 'What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?' "You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me.

Rebellion or wilful disobedience is grave

Joshua 1:18

Whosoever [he be] that doth rebel against thy commandment, and will not hearken unto thy words in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to death: only be strong and of good courage.

Death under grace does not start out physically, but spiritually, and if unchecked would result in the body.

In closing on this chapter, It is a fact that Christ's redemption has exonerated us from the due punishment. God doesn't break His principles. **The punishment of Christ on our behalf was in fulfilment of a law or principle** that says;

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin [is] death; but the gift of God [is] eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, since the principle could not be broken, someone stepped in to take our due consequences or penalties.

The same applies to your harvests. **If you wilfully sow wrong seeds against another, for whom Christ died, the harvest is duly yours to receive.**

Genesis 8:22

While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

Crop Failure

Sometimes, believers talk about crop failure of wrong seeds that have been sown; this will still be in subjection to the seed, time and harvest principle. I believe, if as soon as you release the seed or deed, you repented, that works.

However, if the next phase has taken place, a period or time, thereby it is no longer a seed, but a fully germinated seed and matured plant, the principle stands.

Much more, when it has entered the harvest mode, just ask for mercy, because the principle still stands.

That is why we must conduct our lives soberly and let salvation be worked out with fear and trembling.

This could be the reason why a believer sometimes gets different results, contrary to expectations; this calls for the need to take heed.

1 Peter 3:10-13

10. For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:

11. Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.

12. For the eyes of the Lord [are] over the righteous, and his ears [are open] unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord [is] against them that do evil.

13. And who [is] he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

These scriptures are the words of the Covenant. Let us receive grace to serve God acceptably.

Hebrews 12:28-29

28. Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

29. For our God [is] a consuming fire.

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Chapter Four

Understanding the elements of the Covenant viz;

- *Lubricants
- *Boosters
- *Covenant Acts

Covenant Lubricants

Lubricants Prevent frictions or difficulties. In the covenant pact, they are means that help to achieve a smooth walk.

Some of the elements that facilitate a levelled path in the Covenant would include but not limited to the following:

Repentance (to turn away from wrong)

1 John 1:8-10

- 8. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*
- 9. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*
- 10. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.*

Hebrews 12:1

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset [us], and let us run with patience the race that is set before us

1 Peter 2:1

Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings.

Waiting on the Lord

Always seek His face, to know his mind or heart concerning issues, so you don't step out of course.

Psalms 27:14

Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

Forgiveness:

Jesus said when ye stand praying forgive. While repentance is God-ward, forgiveness is primarily a gift to our fellow humans, even as God gifts it to us; this is necessary because people will offend/hurt us.

Matthew 18:21-22

Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not

unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

Restitution (the act of restoring or making good):

If you have wronged another, and it is a reversible error, then the onus is on you to make it right. Eg you stole someone's purse, by all means, in repentance apologize and return it (by restitution).

Ezekiel 33:15

For instance, they might give back a debtor's security, return what they have stolen, and obey my life-giving laws, no longer doing what is evil.

Be Spiritually minded

A spiritual mind will be set on God and his pleasure.

Romans 8:6-9

6. For to be carnally minded [is] death; but to be spiritually minded [is] life and peace. Because the carnal mind [is] enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

7. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

8. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Set your mind on things above:

Paying more attention to kingdom

concerns above earthly quests.

Colossians 3:1-3

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Developing the fruit of the Spirit

Fruits of the Spirit is the true mark of our salvation.

Being born of a holy seed –

1Peter 1:23

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever. It is only appropriate for the fruits of such seed to be desirable and praiseworthy.

Galatians 5:22-25

22. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23. Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

24. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

25. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

The ability to meet Covenant demands come effortlessly to the one who is already manifesting the fruit of the spirit.

Covenant Outcome Boosters

There are times you are waiting to see answers or responses to your requests. God has already made the basic things available that we all need, equal time (twenty-four hours), air, sunshine, land, water, plant, animals, rain, and of course, the Bible, and the Holy Ghost.

However, what we do with the basics and our peculiarity or individuality is what makes our results differ, coupled with the purposes of God. Nonetheless, you can take certain positive steps or measures that are complementary to your Covenant position.

These boosters are applicable at various degrees and especially by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, very potent.

When you hunger and thirst for the move of God, you will be moved to do some if not most of the following actions:

Call/Cry out

We must reach out with our hearts and voice to the Lord who sees and hears.

2 Samuel 22:7

In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried to my God: and he did hear my voice out of his temple, and my cry [did enter] into his ears.

Before the present times, it is likened to blowing the trumpet.

2 Chronicles 13:14-15

14. And when Judah looked back, behold, the battle [was] before and behind: and they cried unto the LORD, and the priests sounded with the trumpets.

15. Then the men of Judah gave a shout: and as the men of Judah shouted, it came to pass, that God smote Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah.

Fasting in Prayers

As believers, the way of prayer and fasting won't be strange to us, given the potency of the combination.

Isaiah 58:6

[Is] not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?

In Matthew 17:21 Jesus admonished us that yet, under the Covenant only through prayer and

fasting will somethings yield or give way.

Matthew 17:21

Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

Sacrifices

There are different types of sacrifices. It is the Spirit of God that will reveal the appropriate one to you, eg the sacrifice of thanksgiving, time, material things, etc.

Hebrews 13:15

By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of [our] lips giving thanks to his name.

Watchfulness is a state of observation and attention for best results. Particularly, we must be conscious of this activity and diligently pursue in all aspects of life, as highlighted below.

Watchfulness over our walk as believers

2 Corinthians 13:5

Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

Watch over relationships with one another.

1 John 4:7-8

7. Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

8. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

Watchfulness in relations to civil authority

Romans 13:1-2

1. Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

2. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

Watchfulness in relations to spiritual authority

Hebrews 13:17

Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that [is] unprofitable for you.

Watchfulness over your efforts

This involves maintaining a guard over seeds sown in anticipation.

Matthew 13:24-25

24. Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:

25. But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

In Matthew 13:24 -30 (Wheat and Tares) it is possible According to this parable as put forth by Christ that we can have things contrary to our desired expectation or harvest if we do not watch and guard. In this case not allowing the enemy to sow tares. Therefore the obligation is upon us as servants in the vineyard to be watchful so we can enjoy the Covenant timely, knowing there is an enemy.

Acts of the Covenant

These are visible activities or actions undertaken as people of faith. They reinforce our Covenant consciousness. These acts include:

Speaking:

Most, if not all Covenant terms come into effect through words; this has been established in previous writing; It includes confessionals and proclamations. (more content on speaking is in my book UNMUTE).

Meeting/fellowship

You cannot be in a Covenant relationship and not have a means of communication and interaction. Physically, with fellow humans, there is a juncture, and spiritually with our maker, we have a meeting point.

Acts 2:42

And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in.

Giving

Love is our way, and love gives.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Acts 2:45

And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all [men], as every man had need.

Tithes

The purpose of the tithe is to take care of the ministry, the sanctuary (meeting point), ministers and related outreaches

Deuteronomy 12:11

Then there shall be a place which the LORD your God shall choose to cause his name to dwell there;

thither shall ye bring all that I command you; your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which ye vow unto the LORD:

1 Corinthians 9:13-14

13. Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live [of the things] of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?

14. Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

Baptism

This is a commandment for anyone that believes, and thereby, has come into the Covenant pact.

Matthew 28:19-20

19. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, [even] unto the end of the world. Amen.

Prayers.

Prayer is a Covenant act. We pray because we have a relationship with the one who answers. Prayer is one of the acts of spiritual correspondence.

1 Kings 8:29

That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, [even] toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward this place.

Mark 11:17

And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? But ye have made it a den of thieves.

This is very important because God seeks a man who will stand in the gap before him, and it is a Covenant act for us to stand in the place where He needs us.

Believers need to be more responsive to prayers for all the good that it represents in our Covenant.

Matthew 6:5

And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites [are]: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward

Study the words/terms of Covenant:

We must have seen it under the attributes of the Covenant, that parties pay attention, to the Covenant document to know it. On our part, it is required, and as for God, He is the word. He

knows it and wrote it for us.

The Bible tells us about studying and meditating day and night.

Joshua 1:8

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

2 Timothy 2:15

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Service

As parties to a Covenant, there must be something we ought to do for one another. Under the attributes, we mentioned the readiness to serve one another.

As it is with God, there is a purpose He has in mind for this call. Some of the ways we serve God to meet His needs are:

Evangelism

Mark 16:15

15. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Worship (unreserved reverence and obedience)

John 4:23-24

23. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

24. God [is] a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship [him] in Spirit and in truth.

Expressions of Worship

(sing, dance, praise)

Psalms 149:1-4

1. Praise ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, [and] his praise in the congregation of saints.

2. Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King. Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.

3. For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.

4. Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds. [Let] the high [praises] of God [be] in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand;

Commitment to personal development

We must recognize that we have come just as we are, howbeit, not to remain as we are, knowing that development improves the quality of our service, and being. The Psalmist captured this in; *Psalms 40:2-3*

2. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, [and] established my goings.

3. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, [even] praise unto our God: many shall see [it], and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

Ephesians 4:11-14

11. And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12. For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

13. Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

14. That we [henceforth] be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, [and]

cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

As partners, one of the things that will enhance or improve our interaction is like-mindedness. As far as a Godly relationship is desirable, we must strive to come up thither.

This we attain through readiness and willingness to become. We should look inwards and seek to manifest the spiritual life by cultivating it summarily, on this scripture:

Galatians 2:20

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Chapter Five

Covenant Memorials -1

These are points of remembrance or recall, which is typical of Covenants in the kingdom of God. Right from the first testament, to the second, as we presently know it.

They are powerful spiritual points to reenact or recall the Covenant experience.

They may also be in any form that reminds, which could be an object, a song, a picture, an event, document, etc.

We have the biblical patterns as templates, and the appropriate reference for our present time, highlighting its necessity.

In the bible some Covenant memorials are:

#Circumcision Acts

The newborn male Circumcision

Genesis 17:11

And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the Covenant betwixt me and you.

#Dedication Acts

The Dedication of the first child

Being a type of deliverance of God's firstborn nation, Israel. A reminder of that encounter.

Exodus 13:2-3

2. *"Dedicate to me every firstborn among the Israelites. The first offspring to be born, of both humans and animals, belongs to me.*

3. *" So Moses said to the people, "This is a day to remember forever—the day you left Egypt, the place of your slavery. Today the Lord has brought you out by the power of his mighty hand. (Remember, eat no food containing yeast.)*

However, as people of understanding, a lot of believers know that it is better for all their children to be dedicated, to God than just one. So people do child dedication per birth.

#Symbolic Acts

The song of the red Sea crossing

A very powerful and moving song, of which every time it is sung, till today, brings to mind the consciousness of God's power and faithfulness.

Exodus 15:1

Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously:

the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

The children of Israel also had a song of reminder when the Lord gave them water from the well in (Numbers 21:14-20).

Today, you can put a song to the victories that God has wrought for you.

The stones at Jordan's crossing

A reminder of the supernatural crossing of the waters.

Joshua 4:9

And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests which bare the ark of the Covenant stood: and they are there unto this day.

Joshua 4:21-24

*21. And he spake unto the children of Israel, saying, **When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What [mean] these stones?***

22. Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land.

*23. **For the LORD your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over:***

24. That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it [is] mighty: that ye might fear the LORD your God for ever.

The memorials are also given as instructions, and therefore, ought to be taken so.

You can also commemorate or make memorials for reminders of what God has done. Marriage partners use a ring, that signifies an unending bond.

It can be as simple as pictures you took, or a record in a journal or logbook of reminders.

Whatever you choose, continually keep before you, the power and wonders of God.

Let them not slip from you but do all you can to uphold and be reminded.

Finally, and the last instituted memorial for the body, is what we will look into next.

#Communion Acts

The Passover meal/communion

This meal was instituted for the people of God in remembrance of their physical deliverance from bondage/slavery, then in Egypt, and now from spiritual equivalents.

Exodus 12:12-14

12. For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of

Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I [am] the LORD.

13. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye [are]: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy [you], when I smite the land of Egypt.

14. And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

Which was a type and shadow of the redemptive work of Christ.

The Lord Jesus came on the scene about two thousand years afterward and was (offered up), crucified on the day of commemoration of the Passover, as enacted from Egypt.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

23. For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the [same] night in which he was betrayed took bread:

24. And when he had given thanks, he brake [it], and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

25. *After the same manner also [he took] the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink [it], in remembrance of me.*

26. *For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.*

Jesus having told the disciples;

Luke 22:19-20

19. *And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake [it], and gave unto them, saying, **This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.***

20. *Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup [is] the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.*

Chapter Six

Covenant Memorials -2

The communion in the church/body

The Christian who expects the communion meal to be potent in his life is the one that recognizes what he partakes in, as the body of (the believers in) Christ. **If you sow strife, discord and malice into the body, you are self-poisoning.**

This is why Apostle Paul said such people drink damnation unto themselves.

1 Corinthians 11:27-31

27. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink [this] cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

28. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of [that] bread, and drink of [that] cup.

29. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

30. For this cause many [are] weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

16. The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the

communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

17. For we [being] many are one bread, [and] one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.

Those who eat the bread in an unworthy manner, are in deception; this is one of the crafts of the enemy in the church.

Jesus took the bread and blessed it before he broke it.

If you are not blessing the body, you have no right to break it, let alone eat and be blessed. That is “jumping the gun”.

Matthew 26:26-28 (AMP)

26. And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed [it], and brake [it], and gave [it] to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.

27. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave [it] to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;

28. For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

After the resurrection, when Jesus appeared to his disciples, it is worthy of note that he spoke to them about no other thing than his flock, the body of Christ. Addressing Peter, Christ asked him thrice,

if Peter loves Him, he should care for the flock.

John 21:15-17

15. So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, [Son] of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

16. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, [Son] of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

17. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, [Son] of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

Understanding the parts in the communion of the body of Christ.

The communion meal consists of the bread, the cup of the blood and the blessing.

The bread

The communion bread is a representation of the body of Christ

As Christ's body was the Holy Lamb without blemish, so also is the bread required to be holy,

without leaven or yeast that would corrupt or change its original constitution.

1 Corinthians 5:6-7 (AMP)

6. [About the condition of your church] your boasting is not good [indeed, it is most unseemly and entirely out of place]. Do you not know that [just] a little leaven will ferment the whole lump [of dough]?

7. Purge (clean out) the old leaven that you may be fresh (new) dough, still uncontaminated [as you are], for Christ, our Passover [Lamb], has been sacrificed.

1 Corinthians 5:8

Therefore, let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with leaven of vice and malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened [bread] of purity (nobility, honor) and sincerity and [unadulterated] truth.

Exodus 12:8

They shall eat the flesh that night roasted; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it.

This bread refers to the body of Christ in oneness, and the unleavened state in holiness, which translates into the expected state or condition of the body of Christ today, which is the Church (all the believers).

This is why sin and vices that defile ought to be put away from our personal and corporate walk, as

they are the old leaven, that used to be in us (before turning to Christ), of which we are now purged, by the cleansing power of the blood.

The blood of the Lamb

Likewise, the sacrificed Passover lamb to be eaten with the unleavened bread, which is Christ himself, is holy.

Exodus 12:5

Your Lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take [it] out from the sheep, or from the goats:

1 Peter 1:18-19

*18. Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not **redeemed with** corruptible things, [as] silver and gold, from your vain conversation [received] by tradition from your fathers;*

*19. But with **the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:***

The blood of that Lamb is what was, and still is needed. So they applied it on their doorposts, to deliver from death in Egypt because the life is in the blood.

Leviticus 17:11

For the life of the flesh [is] in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an

atonement for your souls: for it [is] the blood [that] maketh an atonement for the soul.

Even so, we appropriate the blood today, by applying it by faith, and drinking it to save us from eternal death.

John 6:53-56

53. Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

54. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

55. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

56. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

Blessing the bread

***The body of Christ is blessed when brethren dwell together in unity**

Psalms 133:1-3

A Song of degrees of David. Behold, how good and how pleasant [it is] for brethren to dwell together in unity!

*[It is] like the precious ointment upon the head,
that ran down upon the beard, [even] Aaron's
beard: that went down to the skirts of his
garments;*

*As the dew of Hermon, [and as the dew] that
descended upon the mountains of Zion: for
there the LORD commanded the blessing,
[even] life for evermore.*

2 Corinthians 13:11

*Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good
comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the
God of love and peace shall be with you.*

Philippians 2:2-5

*2. Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having
the same love, [being] of one accord, of one mind.*

*3. [Let] nothing [be done] through strife or
vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem
other better than themselves.*

*4. Look not every man on his own things, but
every man also on the things of others.*

*5. Let this mind be in you, which was also in
Christ Jesus:*

Unity of purpose and mind is one key factor that
will rid the Church of the abilities of the enemy
against it.

In Genesis, one-mindedness was a potent weapon:

Genesis 11:6

And the LORD said, Behold, the people [is] one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

The Church was established to run in unity, otherwise, it malfunctions.

Acts 2:44-47

44. And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

45. And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all [men], as every man had need.

46. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

47. Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

***Staying the course of light and love**

Ephesians 5:2-6

2. And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour.

3. But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you,

as becometh saints;

4. Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

5. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

6. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

I have pitched on unity, which embodies love. If the body of Christ will be intentional and adamant about unity, the consequence of which precludes strife, rumour mongering, tongue work, competitiveness, and its 'gangs.', will really help to enjoy the much desired wholeness of the body. I pray we all shall continue to wax stronger and stronger in love and unity.

Some rewards of the proper communion meal

Retention in our minds and consciousness of what Christ has accomplished for us.

1 Corinthians 11:26

For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

Renewed strength, each time you come to the
Lord's table, you take on the strength for
the next level

Exodus 12:11 (AMP)

And you shall eat it thus: [as fully prepared for a journey] your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover.

Take it to receive the light you need
concerning mysteries.

Luke 24:30-31

30. And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed [it], and brake, and gave to them.

31. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.

Partake increasingly of the divine nature

You have heard it before "you are what
you eat "

We should become more like Christ, as we
feed more on Him.

John 6:56-57

56. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

57. As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

Apply the blood by faith through proclamations, on the doorposts of your physical home, and your spiritual home (which is your body), for protection.

Exodus 12:7

And they shall take of the blood, and strike [it] on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.

Kingdom rootedness

By taking the communion, you are establishing yourself in the kingdom of God, and permitting it to take its course. Jesus said He will only take the communion again, in the kingdom, which he did after the resurrection. You and I continue the ordinance in the kingdom.

Matthew 26:29

But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

Higher propensity to do God's will

The more you partake of the body and blood, the more likely, your desire to do God's will. Jesus said, my body is meat indeed, and my meat is to do the will of him that sent me. Also, a body hast thou

prepared. (in the verses below)

John 6:55

*For my **flesh is meat indeed**, and my blood is drink indeed.*

John 4:32

But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of.

John 4:34

*Jesus saith unto them, **My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.***

Hebrews 10:5

*Wherefore **when he cometh into the world, he saith**, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but **a body hast thou prepared me:***

Hebrews 10:7

*Then said I, **Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.***

Enhanced body unity

The tendency to be of one accord will be higher, amongst those who come together in repentance and honor of the LORD at this meal

Acts 2:46

And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with

gladness and singleness of heart.

Growth of the body

Acts 2:47

Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Effective in victorious warfare

The blood is the boundary line or limits for the enemy. Remember, **however, that the blood is very potent in your life along with the bread.**

The usual scripture so quoted from revelation referred to "they", meaning the body of believers.

Revelation 12:11

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Walking in obedience

Apostle Paul helped us to see, that the blood is instrumental in effecting

obedience.

1 Peter 1:2

Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

Benefits in the body

When you have been a blessing to the body, it is only consistent with the word of God for the body to be a blessing to you. "Like begets like". You are the source of your stream.

James 3:11-12

Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet [water] and bitter? Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so [can] no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

Living a life that attracts the goodness of God towards you, even through the church. This is simply enjoying God's Church blessing and due harvests.

This is not saying that church folks may not be

hurtful, but the contrary, because we know our adversary goes about, even as wolves, in sheep clothing, those issues, are always instigated, by the enemy, howbeit, you will be helped by the Holy Spirit.

Till we all come To the unity.....

Ephesians 4:13

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Be encouraged

Walking in the Covenant of promise is very pleasant, especially in the love of God and His goodness. However, it is the church or body Covenant that might require a lot more effort to keep at it. I understand how trying, at times doing so could be, putting up efforts to keep loving someone, who might "appear" unlovable. The bottom line remains the fact that our enemy is not in the flesh.

Ephesians 6:12

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high [places].

Let it be settled and sink, that your brother or sister is not on your case to counter your loving efforts. When you begin to see that the enemy is the one that is against both of you or both of us, then your approach begins to change. Seeing yourself as serving the purposes, and pleasures of God in/through His body.

The Bible says

Colossians 3:23-25

23. And whatsoever ye do, do [it] heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

24. Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

25. But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.

Also Paul admonishes in the book of Colossians, not to faint.

Galatians 6:9-10

9. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

10. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all [men], especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Sometimes, there is a temptation the enemy brings against you, to want to repay or just treat the other person, as badly as you are also being treated. That would be a bait of the enemy which you wouldn't want to fall trap. God's grace is sufficient to keep you anyway. Though you may struggle, don't fall. Rather, cry out to God who helps you.

The enemy is the one that is against our unity. Keep on loving and doing what you do for the sake of the Lord, God is honored.

It's a well-known fact, regarding interpersonal relationships, that **you may not reap where you have sown, but definitely, you will reap what you have sown.**

Galatians 6:7-8

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

Therefore, be encouraged to keep at your best

Acts 20:32

And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you

up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

By the power of God in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Move from mercy to pleasing

Matthew 3:17

And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

To be pleased with someone is to afford or give pleasure or satisfaction to that person, and this is the desire of God concerning every one of us.

It is good to always depend on the mercy of God because of our humanity.

However, let us pursue to be dependent on the Spirit of God for the pleasure of God. This will be as a result of a desire and commitment to want to please, and I believe God's grace is sufficient for us.

The Lord admonishes us to seek to be perfect, as our father.

Matthew 5:48

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Hebrews 13:20-21

20. Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

21. Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom [be] glory for ever and ever. Amen.

This indicates that perfection is attainable.

Nevertheless, we will always, whatever we become, remain products of the mercy of God.

Selah.

CONCLUSION

I trust you have been able to see the Cores of the Covenant bond that we have in the Lord Jesus Christ, in more basic form, as intended with this book.

Bringing a clearer outlook regards, it's terms, regulations, and effectiveness.

Covenant is not just with the Lord Jesus Christ, but with His body, by extension and inclusion.

The same way the Covenant God entered with Abraham pertains to all his descendants and pedigrees. So also the Covenant we entered with Christ, has been entered with the body, His church and representatives.

This should give a paradigm in relating to the members of the body of Christ.

That is why the communion which is the disembodied body of Christ, if taken in an unworthy manner, may attract undesirable consequences.

The Church is a unit of tribes by purpose, dispersed across the globe.

The concern of Christ is the Church and the individuals in the church. Every line of scripture reiterates it.

Let's continue to love one another as Christ has loved us.

**God's purpose is fulfilled in you, for His people.
There is no purpose without the people to
direct it towards.**

God's people matter to him.

I used to think along the lines that God's passion is His people. However, now I still do, but with much more fervor.

May the good Lord grant us to know Him much more, and His Church.

Maranatha.

Covenant Prayers of Petition

Having read this book may I ask that you make a Covenant prayer to the Lord as Nehemiah prayed in Nehemiah 1:5-11 (paraphrased)

O Lord God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth Covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his Commandments.

Your eyes are open, and ears attentive to me, to hear all my prayers as your servant which I pray before thee.

I confess out of my life every and any sin (mention whichever comes to your mind and appropriate the blood of Jesus for cleansing).

State thy petitions and supplication.

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I thank you for I am yours, redeemed by thy blood
and great power wrought through Christ Jesus.

I fear thy name and receive answers to my prayers
with Thanksgiving now.

Praise God!

(The above prayer lines were inspired. Do share
your testimony with us via our contact on the back
page.)

It's a wrap

- I always round up my books by giving opportunities to readers to make a life-transforming decision, which I did some decades back, and has helped me this far.

Prayer for Salvation and Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Heavenly Father, I come to you in the name of Jesus. Your word says, "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21). I am calling on You. I pray and ask Jesus to come into my heart and be the Lord over my life according to (Romans 10: 9-10): "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart, man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth, confession is made unto salvation". I do that now. I confess

that Jesus is the LORD, and I believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead.

I am now reborn! I am a Christian—a child of Almighty God! I am saved! You also said in your words;

(Luke 11:13) - If ye then, being evil, know how

to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall [your] heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him? Therefore, I ask you to fill me with the Holy Spirit.

I believe I shall forthwith, speak in new tongues, according to your word in;

(Acts 2:4) And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Begin to praise God for filling you with the Holy Spirit. Speak those words and syllables you receive not in your language but in the language that was given to you by the Holy Spirit. You have to use your voice. God will not force you to speak; don't be concerned with how it sounds; it is a heavenly language. Continue with the blessings God has given you and pray in the spirit every day.

You are a born-again, Spirit-filled believer. You will never be the same.

Find a good Church that boldly preaches God's Word and obeys it. Become part of a church family who will love and care for you, as you love and care for them.

We need to be connected. It increases our strength in God, and it is God's plan for us.

Make it a habit to communicate with God daily, through prayers, and read your bible to grow.

You are most welcome to contact us via our contact details provided.

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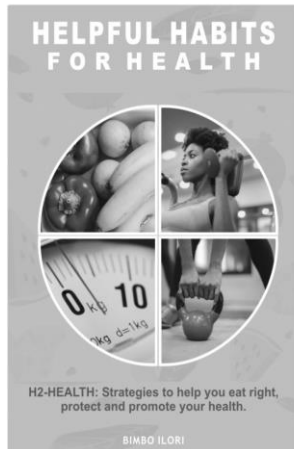
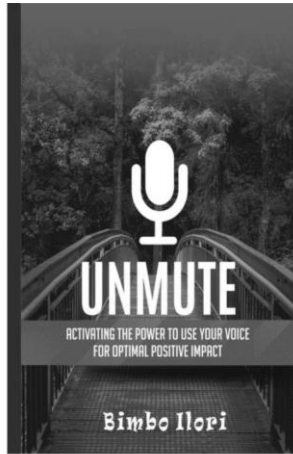
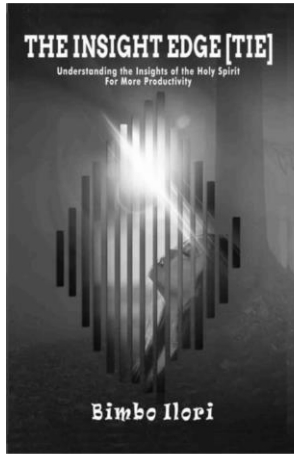
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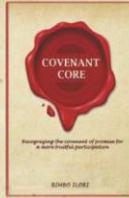
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