



Lesson 167

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Introduction

Today lesson is about coming into covenant with the Lord, of which, the Lord said:

Let's look at covenant. It's a contract, a union, a coming together of two parties. The rules of the contract or the union are established or offered up by one and agreed to by the other. It is then walked out by both parties (fulfilling their end of the agreement).

If you were to look the definition up in a dictionary it would say this:

Covenant:

- an agreement, usually formal, between two or more persons (parties) to do or not do something specified.

And it is explained like this on the Take His Heart website:

In a covenant agreement both parties are in a relationship or contract in which one party will do or provide a service to the other party. In our business world a company will enter an agreement with another to build something the other company can't. In a true covenant between people, there is a more complete situation. If you were in blood covenant with your neighbor and he was building his house, you would be helping him all the way through it. If he died you would finish the house for him and go on to take care of his family, still doing what He couldn't. It's the same way with God. He set a blood covenant through His Son. If we enter into it He will perform the part we can't do, like protecting our back sides from the enemy. That covenant is set, so all we have to do is enter into the covenant by doing what is required.

But for now let's go back and look at the first literal reference to covenant that was made in the bible comes through the story of Noah. It reads like this:

Genesis 6:9-22 *Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.*

"Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks. And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die.

But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark--you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every sort into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. Of the birds after their kind, of animals after their kind, and of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every kind will

come to you to keep them alive. And you shall take for yourself of all food that is eaten, and you shall gather it to yourself; and it shall be food for you and for them."

Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.

What this story illustrates to us is that:

- God will explain His covenant to you
- He will tell you what He will do (His Part)
- He will tell you what you are to do (Your Part)

In other words the agreement is made plain and clear to you because the Lord is righteous in all of His ways (Psalm 145:17).

In this story the Lord established His covenant with Noah. He explained to Him that He was going to bring a flood but He would protect Him from the flood if he was obedient unto Him by building an ark. Therefore the Lord explained that He would do His Part if Noah did his.

This story provides a clear demonstration of a covenant that was walked out on the earth. But there are other covenants that have been spoken of in the bible, too, like those with Moses and Abraham for example. We can surmise then, that covenants are an important part of our walk with the Lord. So let's proceed forward with the lesson that we might gain a deeper understanding of the covenants of the Lord.

Free Will

In the introduction section of the lesson we learned that covenants are agreements made between two or more parties to do or not do something. And in that introduction section we also examined the very first example of a covenant listed in the bible (Noah).

From that example we learned that the Lord will present a contract to a party; this contract will explain what will occur. It essentially explains what is expected from all the parties who have entered into the agreement. Everything is lined out so that the parties can decide whether or not they

want to enter into the agreement together. And it is at this point that we begin this second section of the lesson which is entitled “free will”.

Free will is about the ability to decide to be or do what you want to do, as opposed, to being controlled by another; and when you think about the divinity and sovereignty of the Lord, then we can't help but realize, that free will is a gift that has been given to us by the Lord. I think this point has been made evident through Rhema word passages like these:

04/17/11 - Because people have free will, some choose to exile themselves from me, but events are changing (end times).

04/19/11 - Acknowledge Christ in all that you do. This is your new life.

When a person chooses Christ they're not losing control. No, they still have free will. They are just choosing the path of righteousness.

01/13/12 - Make the effort. Be your best. Be the person I created. Free will doesn't mean free of responsibility. Meet your responsibilities. Meet them head on. Be the person I created. Do not trespass into Balam, instead follow Me. (It is trespassing because you are not meant to be there).

07/03/13 - You are about to begin celebrating your independence, but you must remember that receiving the gift of free will, this does not mean that you are free from responsibility. I also have given you your independence, your ability to choose, but you must choose wisely.

11/12/13 - Everyone walks where they choose to walk. I coerce no one. I AM the Lord their God, yet I do not want My children to feel obligated to come and seek Me. I want them to come of their own free will, of their own choosing.

12/05/13 - Come unto Me freely.

01/14/14 - I AM your supply. I AM your health. I AM your comfort. Your God Jesus is well able. Believe only do not doubt. Free will - free choice. Believe all things are possible in your God Jesus.

01/30/14 - You must give of yourself...give your free will in obedience, that is truly giving,

Therefore it has been confirmed, “free will” most definitely is a gift that has been given to us by the Lord. It is a matter of the Lord giving us the ability to choose our own path. He does not want to coerce anyone. He wants you to come and enter into covenant with Him of our own “free will”. He said,

I have established My covenants with man. Yet I have given you free will so that you can choose to either walk in covenant with Me or not. If you choose not to, then I am not legally obligated to keep My part of the contract, union or agreement. This, however, is not My desire.

So this is a subject that requires serious consideration; for it is the Lord's desire that we enter into covenant with Him. You know if you think about it, covenants are rather like promises, aren't they? This is because promises offer assurances similar to those contained within covenants. In fact covenants are sometimes referred to as promises in the bible, for example:

1 Kings 8:56 *"Blessed be the Lord, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised. There has not failed one word of all His good promise, which He promised through His servant Moses."*

2 Chronicles 1:9 *Now, O Lord God, let Your promise to David my father be established, for You have made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude.*

Acts 7:17 *But when the time of the promise drew near which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt.*

Acts 13:23 *From this man's seed, according to the promise, God raised up for Israel a Savior--Jesus—*

Galatians 3:29 *And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

2 Peter 1:2-4 *Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature,*

Hence deciding whether or not to enter into a covenant with the Lord, that's like, deciding whether or not to trust and act on the promises of the Lord.

He has given you your "free will" therefore the decision is entirely up to you. But don't be mistaken, He desires for you to come into covenant with Him because He wants to **protect you and make you whole** as noted in this:

02/15/14 – I desire to covenant with My people, My Chosen, you first. Come. Imperative. Enter My hallowed halls. Choose. Yes, come into My holiness. I draw you in. I want to make you whole. Allow Me.

02/21/14 - Covenant only with Me.

03/03/14- Many will feel wrath, satan's wrath, because they would not receive the love of the truth/ Truth open doors for protection, reject it and it will reject you, the choice is yours.

03/03/14 - Conscious efforts; must abound; My Chosen; superlative efforts; must accomplish; all-out efforts; unceasing.

This sentiment was repeated in this:

May 19th God Calling – Rest knowing all is so safe in My Hands. Rest is Trust. Ceaseless activity is distrust. Without the knowledge that I am working for you, you do not rest. Inaction then would be the outcome of despair. My Hand is not shortened that it cannot save. Know that, repeat it, rely on it, welcome the knowledge, delight in it. Such a truth is a hope flung to a drowning man. Every repetition of it is one pull nearer shore and safety.

Let that illustration teach you a great truth. Lay hold of the truth, pray it, affirm it, hold on to the rope. How foolish are your attempts to save yourself, one hand on the rope, and one making efforts to swim ashore! You may relinquish your hold of the rope and hinder the rescuer - who has to act with the greater caution lest he lose you.

The storms and tempests are not all of life. The Psalmist who said "All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me" wrote also "He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings."

Meditate upon that wonder - truth, the three steps - safety, security, guidance:

- (1) "He brought me up also out of a horrible pit" - Safety.
- (2) "He set my feet upon a rock" - Security
- (3) "He established my goings" - Guidance.

No. 3 is the final stage when the saved soul trusts Me so entirely it seeks no more its own way but leaves all future plans to Me its Rescuer.

When we relinquish our free will, when we determine it is time to eliminate our own foolish attempts to save self, then this is the time when we decide to enter into covenant with the Lord!

He has already established and put His offer of covenant before you, we just have to decide to “enter” into it with Him. Are you ready?

Walk in Brideship

Thus far we have looked at covenant relationships basically from an individual standpoint. The Lord, however, He also wants to enter into covenant with His Bride. Consequently, He wants to enter into an agreement with the corporate body (between two or more parties to do or not do something specified). Therefore, what we are saying here is that, the Lord has drawn up the specifics of an agreement between Christ the Bridegroom and His Bride. So let’s begin to examine the idea of this through this passage received from the Lord.

Therefore, enter into covenant with Me and allow the two to become one in purpose and accord. Be My Bride. Walk in Brideship.

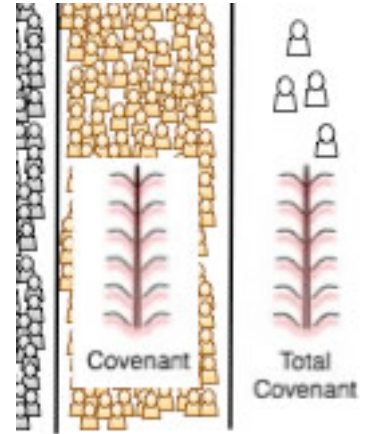
Here you can see that the Lord has asked us to enter into covenant with Him so that the two can become one, in purpose and accord, in other words they will walk together in agreement. This is a deeper sort of relationship that the Lord is encouraging here. And it has been explained in this excerpt from the Take His Heart website:

Years ago the Lord gave me a picture of covenant, saying, "There is 'covenant' and there is 'total covenant.'" The depiction of what I saw is as shown. I could see no difference between them, but one was "covenant" and one was "total covenant." According to what the Holy Spirit has shown in the past, the "covenant" picture would be placed in the Golden People's section and the "total covenant" picture would be placed in the White Transparent People's section.

You may remember that we have looked at this illustration in the past when we have talked about the effort required to cross over from the gray, to the

gold, and then from the gold to the transparent refined gold. But let's continue with the explanation:

In the protection section of the movies I gave witness to when the Holy Spirit told me that if I would walk in covenant and follow after the "things of the Spirit" I could have the same protection Jesus had. Jesus' protection came from being in "total covenant." This illuminates the difference in "covenant" and "total covenant," which reveals more about the white, transparent, people and what it takes to be in that section. The *Body of Christ* should strive to be there because of wanting to serve the Lord totally, as well as, being protected from the judgments that are coming onto the earth, as we were told to declare, "YOU're going to protect YOUR Bride from the judgments coming on the earth."



Again, on **March 11, 2009, in Atlanta**, the Lord said, "There is a special place for MY Bride that no one can enter into." On the same date in Grapeland, He gave several words, "Holy Fathers." What about? "Disciplined." "Obedience, Obedience, Obedience." "Wedding." What about? "Coming in future." "Holy Fathers disciplined." "Legal."

I have reported for years: that the Spotless Bride of Christ is a legal issue, that the marriage takes place on earth, and that the difference between a harlot and a spotless Married Bride, is in their acts, both illegal acts and legal acts. There is a legal way to come up into a Marriage Feast of the Lamb meeting.

A picture in the Marriage Feast parable, demonstrated:

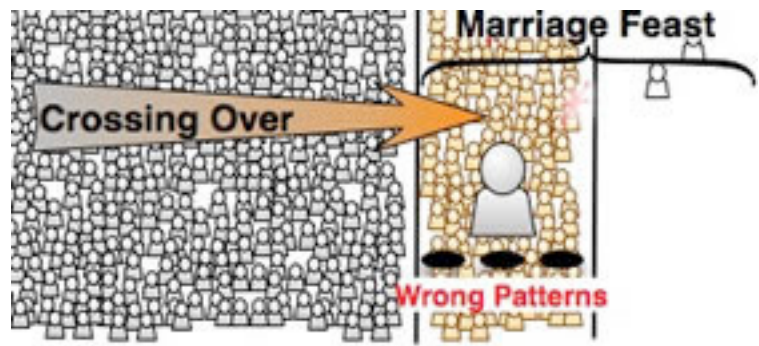
We allowed a person into our group whom we soon found out didn't want to walk on the Golden Floor. The Golden Floor has to do with a person making sure they keep the three major spots out of their life on a daily basis.

In the scene the Lord said, "My people must pay attention; they must constantly be aware of the three spots and what they are or they will stumble over them."



It was soon revealed by the Lord, through the "things of the Spirit," that this person was not in covenant with Him. So we now see the picture of a person in the meetings section of the picture who has brought their spots of harlotry into a Golden Meeting.

Remember, the Spots are incorrect actions represented symbolically by clothing. A person must have corrected the wrong patterns of the three spots to be able to have on the Wedding Gown. This person is not dressed correctly in a wedding garment, just as the person in the parable of the Marriage Feast was not dressed correctly and whom God instructed to have thrown out. The correct dress for the feast is the wedding garment.



Matthew 22: 11-13

And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he said to him, Friend, how came you in here not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness, there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

The Lord later gave me another "thing of the Spirit," a scene of a person coming up the wrong way. They wound up dying because of the power of God, which has to do with going into the Holy of Holies (right column) and the scene of the corridor in the *I Saw the Holy of Holies and Purpose!* article. I knew the Lord was revealing that the person with the spots had come up into our body the wrong way, just as in the parable of the Marriage Feast.

God has been speaking to us for some time that we are one single body. Concerning this issue of the spots coming into our corporate body, He finally showed me a "Body of Christ" laid out and I could see the main artery. I saw a person inside the artery, in the blood, and was told they would have to leave the way they came in, that the blood (meaning covenant) was poisoned. I knew the symbolism given of this person in the blood pinpointed the problem with the particular person we had attending, with the spots and no wedding gown on. This means the covenant position of this corporate body was no longer correct; as a body it was no longer in covenant with the Lord. The body was no longer pure, therefore, we **could not** enter and were not entering into Him as we should. You simply cannot take impurities into the Lord. It's not legal!

Why is this important to understand? Jesus marries a **corporate body** (not individuals) that is cleared of spots. That corporate body is to be "in Him" and He in that body. Remember, in a marriage the two become one. Because He is Holy we must be clean as a corporate body to enter into Him, just like the priests had to be clean when they entered into Him in the Holy of Holies. This is not a single person thing, it is a multi-person thing, a corporate thing.

And that is why the Lord said, Therefore, enter into covenant with Me and allow the two to become one in purpose and accord. Be My Bride. Walk in Brideship.

What the Lord is doing here is, He is asking you to “enter” into covenant with Him, and become part of His Bride. For example:

02/11/14 - I Am a God of many covenants. I invite you into total covenant with Me; total, all aspects.

02/25/14 - Get in the secret place I will protect My Bride/ Covenant is the most important thing you could achieve in life, do not miss your opportunity to get in now/ When it's too late, it will be too late/ Life and death put before you, you choose/ Stay within My ranks.

03/03/14 - Do you know your potential? I do. I chose you to do My work. You will not fail. Power in your thoughts, words and actions. It has been given to you. Move on. There is much to accomplish. I will guide you. Painting a picture. Will reveal all you need to know. Coming forth by My Spirit. You will know.

And once we enter into covenant with Him, then we must “Walk” in Brideship; just as He is asking us to do in the here and now. Remember what we’re talking about here is moving or walking in total covenant with Him, of which He said, "A passion for ME is not enough." Meaning "Adherence to MY rules, MY way of doing things." This is the path we are to move forward in now, which is the path of choosing His will and walking in it, as noted through these passages:

02/12/14 – Lift up My will, bring it about, tight covenant.

02/26/14 - Do not circumvent; straight, head on; pure clean; intercept and foul Satan’s plans, bear My covenants; keep close; standards high; know all My standards; capacity, work to capacity; full capacity; that it increases, expands.

03/02/14 – Complete My work. Establish My Covenants, among My people. Speak My truths. Live My truths. Deny Satan access. Keep hands clean. Time to use your clean hands. My hosts have prepared the way. Keep your hands clean and ready. Continue on. Listen to Me at every step. Refuse

false doctrines. Agree not with them. Truth must prevail - My Truth. The stage is set. The time is Now.

03/03/14 - Wait on Me. When I say sit, sit. When I say stand, stand. When I say stop, stop. When I say go, go. Follow My command, My lead. This holds true for all aspects of your life. Learn to hear My voice clearly. Follow My commands. I come bearing gifts. I bring life. There is life and reward in following My commands. Think on this.

03/04/14 - You have been given truth, follow to completion. Changes are here.

i.e. follow the terms of the contract. He did His part, now it is time for you to do your part.

Therefore, enter into covenant with Me and allow the two to become one in purpose and accord. Be My Bride. Walk in Brideship.

This is His Desire for You

In the last section of the lesson we learned about walking in Brideship. Basically, we learned that we must be in total covenant (or in total agreement) to be considered part of the Bride. But what you may not have realized is that this is the Lord's desire for you too. He is not only telling you that He wants you to enter into covenant with Him, that you may be of one accord, but He is also telling you or promising you, that you will be pleased with the blessings that come as a result of your upholding your part of the covenant agreement. He said it like this:

This is My desire for you. And you can rest assured that the end results of this will be pleasing to you. That is all for now go in peace. Think and meditate on this.

What the Lord is talking about here are blessings for obedience. This is what He is promising to you, if you walk in covenant, with Him. You may remember in this regard that back in the day when Moses came off the mountain and brought the laws of the Lord to the Israelites. The Lord promised them that if they would keep His covenant then He would:

Deuteronomy 28:1-2 *“Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God...”*

Yes, the Lord wants to please you, in other words, He wants to bless you through His covenant agreement and that is why we are to think and meditate on His Rhema words like these:

01/02/14 - Blessings I have in store for each. Be obedient unto My commands and I will bless you greatly.

01/03/14 - Obey Me in all things, I have blessings and plans for you that you do not know. You will walk in them through your obedience to Me.

01/14/14 - Blessings coming to an obedient Bride.

01/18/14 - I bestow Blessings; on My Bride.

02/01/14 - Blessings abound by continually staying within My will constant obedience necessary.

02/03/14 - Blessings showered upon My Beloved.

02/03/14 - Blessings; continual; more than you can fathom; now rest upon you, My Bride.

02/11/14 - My in-covenant Bride, you are taken care of, fret not nor worry, all is in My hand.

02/13/14 - Walk and reap the blessings bestowed upon you, know I give gifts to My Beloved. Blessed you are in Me.

02/18/14 - Come forward in Me, I have called you out and into newness of life. You will be as I say. Never doubt I AM has spoken. I am guiding many into covenant. Many shall hear My voice and follow My guidance into victory. My kingdom is being raised.

02/24/14 - Blessings abound / My doing / look to the small things / See? / It's My house / My Kingdom / I'm so glad you chose to be a part / I drew you to Me / You said yes / a blessing to Me / Everyone who says yes to My Kingdom is a blessing to Me.

03/04/14 - Assurance; let all I ask be done with Assurance; know your capacities are well beyond man's norm.

And to the two listeners the Lord said,

July 30th God Calling - Think much of My servants of old. How Abraham believed in the promise (when as yet he had no child) that in his seed all the nations of the earth should be blessed. How Moses led the Children of Israel through the desert, sure that, at last, they would gain the Promised Land. Down through the ages there have always been those who obeyed, not seeing but believing, and their Faith was rewarded. So shall it be even with you.

The Lord wants each one of us to come into covenant with Him. He wants this for you because He wants the best for you. This is His desire. And what He is promising you, right now, is that in the end it will be well worth it.

Summation

Today's lesson has been about coming into covenant with the Lord. Through this lesson we learned that being in covenant with the Lord this means that we are coming together with Him. What we discovered, therefore, is that when we come into covenant with Him what happens is that the Lord, He will explain His covenant to you:

-He will tell you what He will do as His Part

and

-He will also tell you what you are to do as Your Part

So essentially we can say that He gave us an understanding of just what it means to come into covenant with Him. Yes, through this lesson we not only looked at Noah's walk with the Lord but we also looked at free will and/or walking in Brideship (or coming into total covenant with Him).

What we learned is that the Lord is not into coercion. He wants you to choose to come into covenant with Him of your own free will. No pressure is involved. However, what we need to realize is that if we choose to ignore this contract, well, then the Lord is under no obligation to keep His part of the bargain either. Therefore we should not take this lightly as there is importance associated with any decision of this kind.

But that's not all because also through this lesson we learned that the Lord wants to bless you. Hence, He is not only telling you that He wants you to enter into covenant with Him, that He wants you to be of one accord with Him, but He

is also telling you or promising you, that you will be pleased with the outcome of your decision to enter into covenant with Him. Yes, blessings will occur as a result of your upholding your part of the covenant agreement if you so decide to enter into a covenant agreement with Him.

Yes, this is His desire for each one of us. And this message came to us today through this:

Let's look at covenant. It's a contract, a union, a coming together of two parties. The rules of the contract or the union are established or offered up by one and agreed to by the other. It is then walked out by both parties (fulfilling their end of the agreement). I have established My covenants with man. Yet I have given you free will so that you can choose to either walk in covenant with Me or not. If you choose not to, then I am not legally obligated to keep My part of the contract, union or agreement. This, however, is not My desire. Therefore, enter into covenant with Me and allow the two to become one in purpose and accord. Be My Bride. Walk in Brideship. This is My desire for you. And you can rest assured that the end results of this will be pleasing to you. That is all for now go in peace. Think and meditate on this.

The Lord wants you to come into total covenant with Him. This is His desire for you:

02/05/14 - My Bride is beautiful. It can be no other way. She must be clean and yielded to My will. What an awesome gift to be granted the opportunity to be a part of My Bride. You must take this seriously. This is an eternal matter. Great power and authority granted My Bride for eternity. Think on this as you go about your days.

03/05/14 - Each day brings new purposes and new challenges. Seek Me first as you move through each day. Seek My answers, solutions, and direction for challenges. Seek My guidance and will for each new purpose. Always seek Me out. But realize too that you don't have to go far because I AM always with you. I AM always there offering My help and guidance. Open your eyes, your ears, your hearts to Me and receive that which I give. In this you will be well pleased. There is nothing too hard for the Lord. He's got the plan. All will come to pass as He ordained it. That is all for now, go in peace.

Proverbs 3:5-6 *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.*

Seek the Lord, walk in one accord with Him. In other words, make a positive decision for yourself. Choose to receive what He gives. Choose His answers, His solutions, His direction. Choose covenant with Him.

May The Lord Bless You in This,
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