

“Come up Higher and understand Covenant pt 2”

Happy Saturday,

Today I want to continue the devotional from yesterday and talk more about contract versus covenant. If you did not read yesterday's devotional, it will be beneficial to read it before reading today's.

As a recap, our relationship with God is a covenant, not a contract. He upholds his end of the “deal” regardless of what we do. Jesus died for us and made this relationship available to us, knowing that many would reject him or not uphold their end of the “deal”. Being aware of the covenant made available to me, opens me up to appropriate every thing He paid for. Obedience walks me into the fullness of all of these things as Holy Spirit directs. God is not looking for us to uphold our end of the deal to give us something but by upholding our end of the deal through obedience we discover more of what we already have.

We cannot see God rightly until we understand covenant fully. To understand what His covenant represents, I have to begin to understand who the covenant is with. Over the years, it has helped me to focus on the names of God. Not just titles but revealers of the nature of who He is. If you have never done this before, I encourage you to do so. Many times we miss out on a facet of God, simply through lack of knowledge that leads to lack of expectation. Some examples are: “Elohim”-God, creator, mighty one; “Adonai”-Lord, master, sovereign. “El Shaddai”-God almighty, all sufficient one. “El Roi”-the one who sees me. Look into all the others. They are so powerful and faith stirring.

Understanding not just what covenant is but who the covenant is with empowers me to be secure in my relationship with Christ and to believe I can and will fulfill everything I was created for. The covenant is not a reminder to do better, but a reminder that I am better than every short coming, hang up or mistake the enemy tries to entangle me with.

I want to quickly address a few things that can blind you from the covenant relationship made available to us. Offense, hurt, unforgiveness, laziness. There are more, these are just a few that come to mind. In examining how

we view our relationship with God, if it is not in full covenant confidence, it is important to not just get frustrated or disappointed but to dig into what is hindering our perspective. As we do this, our spiritual lives begin to flourish and we are able to move forward in grace, momentum and unconditional acceptance.

Things begin to rapidly shift as I believe every word I speak has the power and backing of an unchanging, unbreakable covenant. This creates confidence and that confidence is feeding courage. This builds momentum that equips and propels the body of Christ to function as God intends and creates a place of nothing missing, nothing broken, because we are all citizens of the Kingdom and are looking for opportunities to uphold our part of the covenant.

When you understand the covenant and embrace your part of it, you set your expectations to see covenant things (expansion/ demonstration) and connect yourself to that. Receiving and understanding covenant positions me to understand what I am to give and what I am to receive. Not in a mundane religious obligation but through the life giving union with God that fuels destiny and positions Heaven to come to Earth in and through our lives. Now that is something to be thankful for.

Hope you all have an amazing Saturday,
~Pastor Kelly