



**Title/Date:** 4/30/23 “Attributes of Jesus the Son of God”

**Acts 3:19-26** 19 "Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; 20 and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you, 21 whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time. 22 "Moses said, 'THE LORD GOD WILL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET LIKE ME FROM YOUR BRETHREN; TO HIM YOU SHALL GIVE HEED to everything He says to you. 23 'And it will be that every soul that does not heed that prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.' 24 "And likewise, all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and his successors onward, also announced these days. 25 "It is you who are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant which God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'AND IN YOUR SEED ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED.' 26 "For you first, God raised up His Servant and sent Him to bless you by turning every one of you from your wicked ways."

**Besides repentance what are main points that Peter is making in his gospel presentation by inspiration of the Holy Spirit?**

(Hint – what is Peter saying on behalf of God to the nation of Israel?)

## **I. Introduction: “God Loves You” Tour** (last night in La Plata/Charles County Fairgrounds) . . . Franklin Graham did such a good job on the Gospel, he...

- Did not shy away from talking about SIN (truthful, loving, yet bold in addressing the sins of abortion, transgenderism, stealing, murder, idols, fornication, & lying)
- Focused on FORGIVENESS and the great grace, mercy, and LOVE of GOD
- Explained why JESUS came and died on the cross and rose again
- Explained REPENTANCE - to turn from their sin and turn to God
- Utilized Scripture and extolled Scripture – “this book is true cover to cover” – his passage was about blind Bartimaues, especially his heartcry “Jesus, Son of David, Have Mercy on Me.” (Mark 10:46-52)
- Invited and Encouraged people to make a DECISION, a public decision, to stand and pray out loud – to ask Jesus to be both Lord and Savior
- Made the point that true conversion is being forever changed and living a NEW WAY by the power of the Holy Spirit – and that only God can change you, convert you, and make you new.
- Provided follow up counselors to further explain the gospel and provide discipleship material (BGEA will pair new decision cards with churches by address).

**For those that went last Saturday, what other things do you remember from Franklin's message or the event that you liked?**

**Was there anything you would do differently or improve (not primarily according to preference but according to Biblical principle(s))?**

(Ex. Chad's Preference – I wish the Newsboys had played longer & Franklin preached longer, saturate more with Scripture – but really like how he didn't preach from notes but from the heart)

Chad's Translation: In order that the times might come of refreshing from the presence of the Lord and he might send the one having been appointed to you all – Christ Jesus. Who was necessary (for) heaven on one hand to receive up to times of restoration of all things, which was spoken by the God through the mouth of the holy ones from the age – his prophets. Moses indeed said that (the) prophet to you the Lord the God of you all will raise up out of the brothers of you all – one like me, Him you will listen to all as many as he might speak to you all. But it will be that every soul who if they might not (listen to) the prophet that he will be utterly rooted out from the people. But also all the prophets from Samuel and the successive ones as many as have spoken also have proclaimed the covenant which was granted (by) the God to the fathers of you all saying to Abraham “and in the seed of you will be blessed all the families of the earth.” To you first, the God having raised up the child of Him has sent Him blessing you all in the turning away each of you from the wicked ways of you all.

**Eschatology quiz - What refreshment is in view here (context)? What is the restoration of all things? Will Israel listen to the ultimate prophet in the future? What is the consequence who do not heed/listen/obey Jesus the ultimate prophet? Why do we say Jesus is Prophet, Priest, and King? And we should add He is God...and the Son of God)**

## **II. Observations of Who Jesus is from Acts 3 – Jesus is:**

1. (3:6a) The Christ (Anointed One), Messiah (Deliverer, Savior) (Mt. 1:21)
2. (3:6b) the Nazarene (A Humble Man with lowly origins) (Mt 2:23)
3. (3:13a) the Glorified One by God although in the 1<sup>st</sup> coming He served and suffered as a slave (Jn 13:31, 2 Th. 1:12, 1 Pe 4:11)
4. (3:13b) the Delivered (betrayed – Mt. 26:25) and Disowned (denied – Mt. 26:70-75) one by His own people to a torturous death on the cross
5. (3:14) the Holy One (Mk. 1:24, Lk. 4:34, Jn. 6:69, 1 Pt. 1:15, 1 Jn. 2:20) and the Righteous One (Acts 7:52, 22:14)
6. (3:15a) the Prince of Life (author/architect of life - lit. Ruler of the beginning) (Jn. 1:3, Rom. 11:36, 1 Cor. 8:6, Eph. 1:21, Col. 1:16, Heb. 1:2, Rev. 10:6)
7. (3:15b) the one Raised from the dead by God the Father (Acts 2:24, 5:30, 10:40, 13:30, Rom 7:4, 10:9, Gal. 1:1, 1 Pet. 1:21)
8. (3:16) the only NAME worthy of our faith that is powerful/able to make people completely whole/healthy both physically and spiritually (Phil. 2:9-11)
9. (3:18) The Fulfilling one who suffered according to the omniscience of God through the prophets (Lk. 24:26, 46, Acts 17:3, 26:23, 1 Pt. 1:11, 2:21, 4:1, 5:1)
10. (3:19) The Forgiving one and Refreshing One (coming by the presence of the Lord) (Col. 2:14, Rev. 3:5, 7:17, 21:4)
11. (3:20) The Sent One – Christ appointed for you (Mt. 21:37, Mk. 12:6, Jn. 5:23, 10:36, Gal. 4:4-6, 1 John 4:9-10, 4:14)
12. (3:21a) The REIGNING One – currently in heaven (Mark 16:19, Acts 1:11, Romans 8:34, Heb. 7:25, 9:24, 1 John 2:1, Eph. 1:20, Col. 3:1)
13. (3:21b) The Restoring One – the Coming King of the Kingdom (Acts 1:6, Mt. 15:31, Mk. 3:5, 8:25, Lk. 6:10, Acts 15:16, James 5:15)
14. (3:22) The Ultimate One - Prophet like Moses (Deut. 18:15-18)
15. (3:23) The Appointed Judge of all men (Jn. 5:22-27, 9:39, Acts 10:42, 17:31, Rom. 14:10, 2 Cor. 5:10, 2 Tim. 4:1, Heb. 9:27-28, 1 Jn. 4:17)
16. (3:25) the Seed of Abraham / the Savior of all men – the BLESSED one who blesses all the families of the earth w/ salvation (Gen. 12:3, 18:18, 22:18, 26:4, 28:14)
17. (3:26) the Son of God (lit. child) who convicts/turns people from their wicked ways (\*Mt 16:16, 26:63, 27:43, 54, Mk. 1:1, 3:11, 15:39, Lk 1:35, 4:41, \*22:70, Jn. 1:34, 49, 3:18, 5:25, 6:69, 10:36, 11:4, \*11:27, 19:7, 20:31, Acts 8:37, 9:20, Rom. 1:4, 2 Cor. 1:19, Gal. 2:20, Eph. 4:13, Heb. 4:14, 6:6, 7:3, 10:29, 1 John 3:8, 4:15, 5:5, 5:10, 5:12, 5:13, 5:20, Rev. 2:18)

**Look up the cross references to just one of the previous 17 attributes of Jesus – what did you learn or what stood out to you?**

## **III. O.T. Scriptures alluded to in Acts 3:20-26 (God spoke/prophesied about His Son Jesus & the New/Everlasting Covenant w/ Israel)**

- Moses: “Prophet like me” – **Deuteronomy 18:15-18**
- Abrahamic Covenant - “in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed” - **Genesis 12:3, 18:18, 22:18, 26:4, 28:14**
- Samuel and successive prophets announced these days – The Davidic Covenant - **2 Samuel 7:10-17**
- New Covenant – **Jer. 30:19-22, 31:31-34, 32:40, 33:8, 50:20, Is. 11:9, 43:25, 55:3-13, Ezek. 16:60, 34:25, 36:10, 37:26-28, 43:7, Micah 7:18**

Review the major covenants in the Bible (the word "covenant" is in Acts 3:25 **διαθήκη** *diatheke*: testament, will, covenant)

#### IV. Preaching Outline/Main Points: Attributes of Jesus (Jesus is or was...)

##### 1. (3:20) The S\_\_\_\_\_ One – Christ appointed for you

Acts 3:20 <sup>20</sup> and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you, (appointed for you- **προχειρίζω** *procheirizo*: to put into the hand, to take into one's hand, hence *to determine*)

- **Χριστός** *Christos*: the Anointed One, Messiah, Christ
- Christ – 516x in 488 verses in the N.T. (Matthew 16:16, Luke 23:35)
- Messiah משיח *mashiach*: anointed (Daniel 9:25-26, Matthew 1)
- Zechariah 9:16, 14:9, Matthew 1:21, Revelation 19:11-16

##### 2. (3:21a) The R\_\_\_\_\_ one – currently in heaven

Acts 3:21 <sup>21</sup> whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.

Matthew 26:64 (Mark 14:62, Luke 22:69), Mark 16:19, **Acts 1:11** <sup>11</sup> They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven." **Acts 2:33** <sup>33</sup> "Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.

##### 3. (3:21b) The R\_\_\_\_\_ One – the Coming King of the Kingdom

Acts 3:21 <sup>21</sup> whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.

**Restore all things** - ἀποκατάστασις *apokatastasis*: restoration, origin: ἀποκαθίστημι *apokathistemi*: to restore, give back, καθίστημι *kathistemi*: to set in order, appoint, root: ἵστημι *histemi*: to make to stand, to stand

**Acts 1:6-7** <sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority;

*Elijah will restore some things* - Matthew 17:11-13, Mark 19:12-13 (*Moses the epitome of the Law, and Elijah the epitome of the Prophets* – 2 witnesses Rev. 11:3-6)

*Jesus will restore ALL THINGS* - Hebrews 9:28

*We will reign with Him for 1000 years* – 2 Tim. 2:12, Rev. 20:6

##### 4. (3:22) The Ultimate P\_\_\_\_\_ like Moses

Acts 3:22 <sup>22</sup> "Moses said, 'THE LORD GOD WILL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET LIKE ME FROM YOUR BRETHREN; TO HIM YOU SHALL GIVE HEED to everything He says to you.

**Deuteronomy 18:15-19** <sup>15</sup> "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your countrymen, you shall listen to him. ...

<sup>18</sup> 'I will raise up a prophet from among their countrymen like you, and I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.

<sup>19</sup> 'It shall come about that whoever will not listen to My words which he shall speak in My name, I Myself will require it of him.

Summary of the life of Moses by Stephen before his martyrdom – Acts 7:20-44

##### 5. (3:23) The Appointed J\_\_\_\_\_ of all men

Acts 3:23 <sup>23</sup> 'And it will be that every soul that does not heed that prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.'

**Acts 10:42-43** <sup>42</sup> "And He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> "Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins."

**Acts 17:30-31** <sup>30</sup> "Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, <sup>31</sup> because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."

2 Timothy 4:8, Hebrews 12:23-24, John 5:22-24, Romans 12:19

##### 6. (3:25) the S\_\_\_\_\_ of Abraham / the Savior of all men

Acts 3:25 <sup>25</sup> "It is you who are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant which God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'AND IN YOUR SEED ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED.'

– the BLESSED one who blesses all the families of the earth with salvation (Gen.12:3,18:18,22:18,26:4,28:14) Psalm 105:6-8

**Galatians 3:8-9** <sup>8</sup> The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "ALL THE NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED IN YOU." <sup>9</sup> So then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer.

**Galatians 3:16** <sup>16</sup> Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "And to seeds," as referring to many, but rather to one, "And to your seed," that is, Christ.

##### 7. (3:26) the S\_\_\_\_\_ of God (lit. child) who convicts/turns people from their wicked ways

Acts 3:26 <sup>26</sup> "For you first, God raised up His Servant (lit. child) and sent Him to bless you by turning every one of you from your wicked ways."

τὸν παῖδα αὐτοῦ - literally "the child of him"

[Friberg lexicon] **παῖς, παιδός**, child; (1) in reference to age *child*, either *boy* (MT 2.16) or *girl* (LU 8.51); (2) in reference to descent *son, daughter, child* (JN 4.51); (3) in reference to social position *servant, slave* "boy" (LU 7.7; cf. δοῦλος [*slave, servant*] in 7.2); as a servant in a ruler's household *attendant, courtier* (MT 14.2); (4) figuratively, in reference to relation to God *servant* (AC 4.25)

**Turning** - ἀποστρέφω *apostrepho* - : to turn away, turn back

**Wickedness** - πονηρία *poneria*: iniquity, Origin/root: **πονηρός** *poneros*: toilsome, bad – Root: **πονέω** *poneo* (to toil)

**Pray and thank the Lord Jesus for being your Christ/Messiah/Savior and praise Him for all His DIVINE attributes**

#### V. Application: **Acts 17:30-31** What do you think about Chad's suggestion to say God loves all people but also commands all men to repent of their sins?

**Are you an expert on the Biblical Gospel? If asked – what is Biblical repentance? How would you answer?**

**What is the context of 2 Cor. 9?** What happened so that Paul corrected the church earlier but is now encouraging them for their genuine repentance?

2 Corinthians 7:9-11 <sup>9</sup> I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to *the point of repentance*; for you were made sorrowful according to *the will of God*, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us. <sup>10</sup> For the sorrow that is according to *the will of God* produces a repentance without regret, *leading* to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death. <sup>11</sup> For behold what earnestness this very thing, this godly sorrow, has produced in you: what vindication of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what avenging of wrong! In everything you demonstrated yourselves to be innocent in the matter.

1. **Godly sorrow leading to REPENTANCE** – sorrow/lit. grief produced by the will/Spirit of God (λυπέω *lupeo*: to distress, to grieve) – (Psalm 32, 51)

- a. Conviction, Guilt, genuine remorse a good thing not bad thing as the world says/promotes get rid of your guilt/basically sear or don't listen to your conscience ... rather genuine repentance is not concerned with the consequences of how your sinful actions will negatively effect you, but how your sin affects God – how you rebelled/transgressed/and grieved the heart of the Holy God)

2. **Without regret** leading to salvation – ἀμεταμέλητος *ametameletos*: not repented of, regret (Origin metamelomai – melo - care, concern, or worry) so context – no regrets - without worry, concern of death, but rather a confident, trusting faith that true repentance leads to life/salvation. (σωτηρία *soteria*: deliverance, salvation)

3. **Earnestness** – urgency to deal with the sin in a timely manner - σπουδή *spoude*: haste, diligence – origin: σπεύδω *speudo*: to hasten, urge on

4. **Godly Sorrow** –pain like Peter who wept bitterly over his sin (λυπέω *lupeo*: to distress, to grieve) (origin: λύπη *lupe*: pain of body or mind, grief, sorrow)

5. **Vindication** - intense desire to be vindicated no longer guilty - ἀπολογία *apologia*: a speech in defense (origin: ἀπολογέομαι *apologeomai*: to give an account of oneself)

6. **Indignation** – hatred of sin, despising your own sin - ἀγανάκτησις *aganaktesis*: indignation (origin: ἀγανακτέω *aganakteo*: to grieve much, hence to be indignant)

7. **Fear** - fear of God over his just judgment and discipline of sin - φόβος *phobos*: panic flight, fear, the causing of fear, terror

8. **Longing** – longing to be right with God, reconciled to God or others you have sinned against - ἐπιπόθησις *epipothesis*: longing

9. **Zeal** – great effort and desire to correct things, make things right, seeking reconciliation - ζήλος *zelos*: zeal, jealousy

10. **Avenging/righting the wrong/sin** – doing whatever it takes to make restitution and to be declared innocent/no longer guilty in the matter -ἐκδίκησις *ekdikesis*: vengeance, vindication / Innocence ἀγνός *hagnos*: free from ceremonial defilement, holy, sacred

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## What does it mean to REPENT, to turn, or return to God?

How would you define or explain Biblical repentance?

### **1. Changing your Mind (metanoia - meta/change... nous/mind) (do you believe you are a good person who is OK the way they are, or a sinner who needs to change?)**

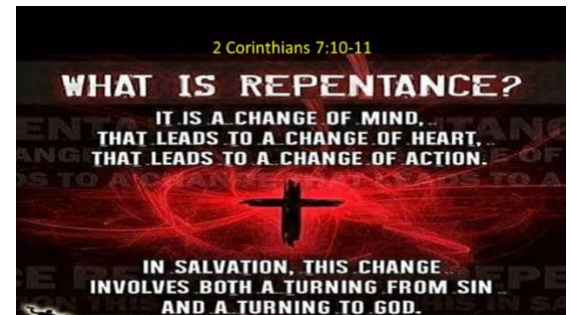
- God is eternal – I am finite, but God is one essence, but three distinct persons (Trinity) forever existing
  - God is Creator – I was made to know Him, love Him, serve Him, and worship/glorify Him forever
  - God is Holy – but I am a sinner going to die, & need God's grace of forgiveness, righteousness, resurrection, & eternal life
  - God is Just - I deserve separation/punishment due from sin, there is a Heaven to Gain and Hell to Flee
  - God is Love – He loves me and through His Son has provided a way for me to be forgiven and reconciled to Him
  - God is Truth – The Bible is true - God knows how life best works and has given me His Word as my instruction manual
  - God is Sovereign – God is all knowing, all powerful, and all present so that He “reigns over all” & is worthy of my worship

### **2. Changing Your Master (epistrepho – epi/on, towards ...strepho/turn, return, convert) (who is your real sovereign – the one ruling over your life?) (Who owns, directs, and controls you?)**

- Turning from living and serving yourself as the little “g” god of your life or little “I” lord of your life to the true God & Lord
- Turning from living for the temporary to the eternal, from the worldview of the World to the Word, from the supremacy of Self to Savior
- Turning from trusting and pleasing the Culture (people around you) to the Christ (Jesus, King of kings and Lord of lords)

### **3. Changing your Mission (Allowing God to change your Direction and Destination, and ultimately your entire life/how you live/who or what you are living for – look up 1 Thess. 1:9-10)**

- Previously you were a slave to sin, but know by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit you are a slave of God/Jesus/Righteousness (right living as defined by God in the Bible) (possessed, controlled, directed and sustained/persevered by the Holy Spirit)
- Previously you loved yourself, your sin, your selfish/sinning friends, your wicked/fallen world rebelling against God – but know you love God and you love what God loves - people (saved people to grow with called the church and lost people to share the gospel called the world) truth (you hunger and thirst for what is right, pleasing, and commanded by God in the Bible - righteousness, holiness, and godliness), His name (you seek to honor, praise, and glorify the great power, purpose, prestige, and praise that the identity, name, authority, character, and reputation of God deserves and demands.
- Previously your mission/goal was to be “happy” but now your realize your mission is to be HOLY – to love, know, serve, worship, and obey God forever



Overall, it is a **WILLINGNESS**/desire to turn from your sin/rebellion against God, that cries out to Jesus for mercy/forgiveness, who then answers not only with complete and total forgiveness but also indwells the forgiveness sinner with His Spirit that



enables/empowers immediate **WORSHIP** of God for His amazing grace, and over time results in a change life and progressive obedience to follow Jesus' **WAYS** (the narrow path of righteousness/right living).

### **7 Examples of Genuine Repentance in the Bible** (When did you repent and put your faith in Jesus as your Lord and Savior?)

1. **Zaccheus** – Luke 19 “If I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much”
2. **Blind Bartimaeus** – Mark 10/Luke 18 “Jesus Son of David, have mercy on me”
3. **Tax Collector (parable)** – Luke 18 “God be merciful to me – the sinner”
4. **David** after his sin with Bathsheba – Psalm 32, 51 - Create in me a clean heart O God and renew a steadfast spirit within me”
5. **Peter** after his denials – Mt 26:75, Luke 22:62 – “he went out and wept bitterly” – John 21 (restoration)
6. **The Prodigal Son** – Luke 15 "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men."
7. **Saul of Tarsus** – Acts 9 – Lord who are you...he is praying...immediately began to proclaim “He is the Son of God!”

### **Repentance in the book of Acts: Acts 2:38; 3:19; 5:31; 8:22; 11:18; 13:24; 17:30; 19:4; 20:21; 26:20;**

**Look up Luke 24:47 and discuss how the author – Dr. Luke – emphasized repentance in his two inspired volumes**

Acts 3:19 - Repentance (Turning) and Faith (Trusting) Jesus versus ignorance and denial

Acts 3:19 Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;

**Repent** - μετανοέω *metanoëo*: to change one's mind or *purpose*, *Origin*: μετά *meta*: with, among, after AND νοέω *noëo*: to perceive, think, *Root*: νοῦς *nous*: mind, understanding, reason

**Turn / Return** - ἐπιστρέφω *epistrepho*: to turn, to return, *Origin*: ἐπί *epi*: on, upon AND στρέφω *strefho*: to turn, i.e. to change

**Sins Wiped Away** - ἐξαλείφω *exaleipho*: to wipe out, erase, obliterate, *Root*: ἐκ *ek* or ἐξ *ex*: from, from out of AND ἀλείφω *aleipho*: to anoint

**Times of refreshing** - ἀνάψυξις *anapsuxis*: a recovery of breath, a refreshing, relief *Origin*: ἀνά *ana*: up, again, back AND ψύχω *psucho*: to breathe, blow, to make cool

Acts 3:20 - Complete Healing of a lame man at this time is a picture of the complete healing of Israel at the future appointed time

Acts 3:20 and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you,

**Send Jesus** - ἀποστέλλω *apostello*: to send, send away, *Root*: στέλλω *stello*: to arrange, prepare, gather up,

**Appointed for you** - προχειρίζω *procheirizo*: to put into the hand, to take into one's hand, hence to determine

\*\*\***Complete Health** - ὁλοκληρία *holokleria*: completeness, soundness

Romans 11:23-27 <sup>23</sup> And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. <sup>24</sup> After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree! <sup>25</sup> I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full

number of the Gentiles has come in. <sup>26</sup> And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob. <sup>27</sup> And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins."