

I. Whatever God does, He always does through covenant.**A. Covenant Definition –****1. An agreement**

There was a covenant between them - an agreement between them.

2. In the Bible it is a legal and binding agreement – a seal between two parties.

3. To cut – *In a biblical sense, the word covenant derives from the same root word meaning “to cut.” This means that in the culture of the Bible, covenant carried weight and was often cut, or sealed, in blood.*

B. Deuteronomy 7:9 (KJV) God Delights in Covenant – *Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations*

Deuteronomy 7:9 (Holman) – *Know that Yahweh your God is God, the faithful God who keeps His gracious covenant loyalty for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commands.*

Deuteronomy 7:9 (CEV) – *You know that the LORD your God is the only true God. So love him and obey his commands, and he will faithfully keep his agreement with you and your descendants for a thousand generations.*

1. God works through covenant.

Binding agreements – with declarations, proclamations or promises.

2. God delights in keeping covenant.

a. *It is not burdensome for him to keep His covenant.*

b. *He desires to do what He says He will do.*

c. *It is His intention to PERFORM His word, the moment it is released from His mouth.*

C. Through God’s earliest dealings with man following the fall in the garden, He established immunity from sickness and disease through His covenants.

1. Passover

a. Redemption in Christ exemplified in the first Passover.

Psalm 105:37 (NKJV) – *He also brought them out with silver and gold, and there was none feeble among His tribes.*

b. Redemption always restores three things.

- *Restoration of relationship to God*
- *Restoration of health – redeemed from sickness*
- *Restoration of wealth – redemption from poverty.*

Pastor’s Note: Whenever you see God establishing covenant with people, He always restores their relationship with Him, cares for their physical body and provides substance for their needs – not only enough, but in abundance.

c. *In the Passover, health was restored so they could travel and progress forward according to God’s plan.*

2. Various scriptures that exemplify God’s covenant of health.

a. Exodus 23:25-26 (NKJV) – ²⁵*“So you shall serve the LORD your God, and He will bless your bread and your water. And I will take sickness away from the midst of you. ²⁶No one shall suffer miscarriage or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days*

Other translations

- I will protect you from illness – NLT
- I will remove sickness from among you – AMP
- Plagues shall pass by from your house – Aramaic Bible
- I will turn away sickness from you – Brenton Septuagint
- I will take all disease away from you – BBE
- I will banish sickness from among you – LTN – Old Test

- b. **Exodus 15:26 (NKJV)** – *“If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the LORD who heals you.*

Other Translations

- I am the Lord your ever-living restorer – **Fenton**¹
 - I am the Lord thy healer (or physician) I am he that is able to heal and help thee in body and soul and to keep and preserve thee from all hurt and misery present and to come. – **HAAK**²
version
 - I am the Lord, and it is health I bring – **KNOX**
 - I will inflict none of the diseases on you which I inflicted on the Egyptians, for I, the Lord, make you immune to them. – **SG**³
- c. **Deuteronomy 7:15 (NKJV)** – *And the LORD will take away from you all sickness, and will afflict you with none of the terrible diseases of Egypt which you have known, but will lay them on all those who hate you.*

Pastor’s Note: The Lord is stating that their covenant with Him will take away all sickness and disease that EGYPT or (Non-Covenant) people deal with because they have no covenant protection against it.

Other Translations:

- Jehovah will keep every disease away from you – **BLE**⁴
- You will be healthy because the Lord will protect you from those dreadful diseases. **CWB**⁵
- The Lord will keep you from having any kind of illness – **GW**⁶
- The Lord will keep you from getting sick – **NIRV**⁷

¹ Fenton – The Holy Bible in Modern English – 1903 -

² HAAK – Theodore Haak - The Dutch Annotations upon the Whole Bible Copyright -1657

³ SG – Smith/Goodspeed – The Complete Bible an American Translation

⁴ BLE – The Bible in Living English

⁵ CWB – The Clear Word Bible

⁶ GW – God’s Word

⁷ NIRV – New International Readers Version

3. **Covenant relationship took Israel into a quality of divine life which kept them free from the effects of the curse of the law which included every sickness known to man.**

Divine healing and divine health are included in the covenant.

a. **John G. Lake** – *“Divine healing is the removal by the power of God of the disease that has come upon the body. Divine health is to live day by day, hour by hour in touch with God so that the life of God flows into the body just as the life of God flows into the mind or into our spirit.”*

b. **Gloria Copeland** – *“I agree that it is wonderful to get healed when you are sick, but it is more wonderful to live in divine health. That is what God intended for His people.”*

Pastor’s Note: *The good news is that when we need healing, it’s in our covenant. The better news is that we can walk in divine health through the same covenant.*

c. **Gordon Lindsay**⁸ – *“Having more than thirty years of experience in divine healing ministry, I have observed one circumstance which I believe is the main hindrance to receiving permanent deliverance from sickness. Christians, even those who believe in divine healing, tend to accept occasional sickness and getting healed as normal – as God’s order for life. But it has been made clear in the Word of God that it is not divine healing, but divine health which is God’s intended plan for His children”.*

D. God’s still works through covenant today.

1. A better covenant with better promises

a. **Hebrews 8:6 (NKJV)** – *But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises*

b. **Hebrews 8:6 (HCSB⁹)** – *But Jesus has now obtained a superior ministry, and to that degree He is the mediator of a better covenant, which has been legally enacted on better promises.*

⁸ Gordon Lindsay, “The Bible Secret to Divine Health”.

⁹ HCSB – Holman Christian Standard Bible

- c. **Hebrews 8:6 (GWT)** – *He also brings a better promise from God that is based on better guarantees*
2. **Our covenant with God must include better health benefits than the old covenant.**
 - a. **If healing is in the old covenant – healing is in our covenant.**
 - b. **If divine health is in the old covenant – divine health is in our covenant.**
3. **What is so much better about our covenant than the former one?**

Hebrews 8:7-13 (NKJV) – ⁷*For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second.* ⁸*Because finding fault with them, He says: “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a **new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—** ⁹**not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the LORD.** ¹⁰*For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.* ¹¹*None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them.* ¹²**For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”** ¹³*In that He says, “A new covenant,” He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.**

Pastor’s Note: *In the old covenant, one violation of the simplest rules hindered God from being able to heal, bless, protect, etc. God says, I had to disregard them. In the new covenant, GRACE allows God to be merciful to our sin because Jesus took our sin and the curse (penalty) for it. This allows God to continue to REGARD us – with His blessing if we simply receive His grace through what Jesus*

did on our behalf. THIS MAKES THE NEW COVENANT STAND FAR GREATER THAN THE OLD.

- 4. Our covenant is freely given, but it is our responsibility to enforce it!**
 - a. Know and understand what belongs to us.**
 - b. Confess and declare the promises of the covenant by faith.**
 - c. Resist the enemy the right to keep anything from us that belongs to us according to our covenant promises.**

Matthew 16:19 (NIV) – *I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.*

Luke 10:19 (NKJV) – *Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.*