

## Covenant Maker

Have you ever asked yourself...

What is Truth?

Where can I find the Voice of Truth?

Who have I chosen to believe?

The Living God of heaven and earth wants your heart and soul!

He has made the way for all mankind to seek His purposes, ways, and acts of love.

God wants us to see through His Heart!

He wants us to hear His Holy Voice of Spirit and Truth...

Receive the true Light of His fullness of grace and truth.

How?

Trust in and rely on Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son.

John 1:14 (AMP)

14 And the Word (Christ) became flesh, and lived among us; and we [actually] saw His glory, glory as belongs to the [One and] only begotten Son of the Father, [the Son who is truly unique, the only One of His kind, who is] full of grace and truth (absolutely free of deception).

Through the web pages of regardless of your age or circumstances, you will experience Covenant Life in Christ's Light waiting for you to discover!

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Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of Lights!

James 1:17 (NKJV) In Him was Life, and the Life was the Light of men.

John 1:5 (AMP)

While you have the Light, believe in the Light [have faith in it, hold to it, rely on it], that you may become sons of the Light and be filled with Light.

John 12:36a (AMP)

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It is also very important that we do not believe every "wind of doctrine."

The contemporary church is weak because it has received false teaching within the past 200 hundred years and has grown complacent to study the scriptures without false presuppositions.

There have been many major movements of God in which His sovereign power was demonstrated by the Holy Ghost that have revealed the falsehoods of men made policies and practices!

Yet, men have turned from seeking Him for direction from the Lord for the restoration of the Church of which Jesus Christ has destined to build. The New Covenant (Jesus Christ) is alive and He has given His template for building the church in the Canon of the New Testament!

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Let us begin to examine this theme and how it may be observed throughout the full Canon of the Old and New Covenant.

God both gives Law and exercises Law in which to rule in Righteousness. He is the One Who established the principles of Life and gave mankind the command to exercise dominion over the earth. In the creation, He made man and woman and herein began administration of peace upon a world that had been void, without form and was filled with darkness. God made covenant with mankind from the very beginning. He instructed them to care, keep and protect the garden and not to take of the "tree of knowledge of good and evil (blessings and curses)."

In the administration of His creation, God established a legal and binding agreement or treaty for His subjects. As we grasp the significance of this "peace treaty" we will be able to see the Triune God administering dominion both in heaven and earth and see that both good and evil are to be ruled, and yes, judge over His created creation. He made all things to His glory and His glory reflects His image as He fills all things in heaven and earth.

Question? What was Adam male and Adam female to care, guard and keep?

They were to exercise the will of God in the earth. God had given them power and a free will to exercise His commands. They were to protect the perfect relationship in daily communion in God's Presence.

What best describes their care, guard and keeping the Garden?  
What Adam—male and female—were commanded to care (for), guard, and keep was more than cultivated ground.

The Garden represented a God-ordered realm entrusted to humanity, a place where God's presence, God's will, and human obedience existed in unhindered fellowship.

Genesis 2:15 (AMP) is especially significant:

"The LORD God took the man and settled him in the Garden of Eden to cultivate and keep it."

The Hebrew words deepen the meaning. "Cultivate" (*'ābad*) carries the sense of working, serving, or ministering, while "keep" (*šāmar*) means to guard, watch over, preserve, protect, and carefully maintain. Thus, Adam was not merely the gardener of Eden; humanity was entrusted with stewardship of what God had established.

## **\* Guardians of God's Divine Order**

They were to serve what God had established, guard what God had entrusted, and preserve the order God had spoken into being. Their dominion was never independent authority.

It was delegated authority exercised under God's authority.

Genesis 1:26–28 establishes that they were given dominion, but Genesis 2:16–17 establishes the boundary: their authority remained subject to the Word of God.

Genesis 1:26-28 (AMP)

26 Then God said, "Let Us (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) make man in Our image, according to Our likeness [not physical, but a spiritual personality and moral likeness]; and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the cattle, and over the entire earth, and over everything that creeps and crawls on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image, in the image and likeness of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 And God blessed them [granting them certain authority] and said to them, "Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth, and subjugate it [putting it under your power]; and rule over (dominate) the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and every living thing that moves upon the earth."

Genesis 2:16-17 (AMP)

16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may freely (unconditionally) eat [the fruit] from every tree of the garden; 17 but [only] from the tree of the knowledge (recognition) of good and evil you shall not eat, otherwise on the day that you eat from it, you shall most certainly die [because of your disobedience].

This makes the command to "keep" the Garden particularly profound. They were guarding not merely trees, plants, and geographical territory, but the sanctity of communion with God and obedience to His revealed will.

The serpent's intrusion therefore challenged precisely what Adam and Eve had been entrusted to keep. The fundamental failure was not agricultural; it was spiritual stewardship. Instead of guarding God's Word against contradiction, they permitted another word to challenge what God had spoken.

There is also an important distinction concerning free will!

God gave them genuine capacity to choose, but their freedom was not authority to redefine God's will. Their freedom gave meaningful expression to obedience. They could willingly say, in effect: "What God has spoken shall govern what has been entrusted to us."

So, we can summarize in this way:

Adam male and Adam female were appointed as stewards and guardians of God's divine order upon the earth. They were to cultivate what God had given, guard what God had established, preserve the sanctity of His Word, and exercise delegated dominion in continual fellowship with His Presence.

Their keeping of the Garden was therefore more than caring for creation—it was faithfully maintaining within their entrusted realm the will, order, and purpose of God. And that makes [Genesis 3](#) especially revealing: the first attack upon humanity's dominion was an attack upon God's Word—“Has God really said...?”

The Garden was lost at precisely the point where the Word they were commissioned to keep was no longer guarded!.

From the beginning, Satan was a defeated foe.

He stole man's position of grace in the perfect state in the same manner

He stole the position of grace of 1/3 of the angels of heaven.

There was guile (fraud, treachery, deceit, cunning) in his mouth in heaven and guile in his mouth in the Garden. He planted the seeds of guile that manifested rebellion, a fruit of unrighteousness (evil) and resulted in wrath, the judgment sentence of death to the angels and to mankind.

Adam and Eve suffered both spiritual and physical death in the covenant judgment and lost the blessing of the dominion mandate.

Since the Lord Jesus has fulfilled all things, we need to be sensitive of those things the Bible has declared and revealed.

How do we learn of the things He has revealed?

God honors His Word above His name doesn't He?

He honors His Son, the Word manifested in flesh, sinless and without guile above all things!

Have you ever thought as to why the Holy Spirit had the word "guile" penned?

1 Peter 2:22 (AMP)

22 He was guilty of no sin, neither was deceit (guile) ever found on His lips.

23 When He was reviled and insulted, He did not revile or offer insult in return; [when] He was abused and suffered, He made no threats [of vengeance]; but he trusted [Himself and everything] to Him Who judges fairly.

This declaration enables us to clearly see the contrast of righteousness to unrighteousness. We see the foundations built into the New Covenant: of the Son of God, Jesus Christ.

Let us dig into our study and ask the question: What does Covenant reveal? The beauty of asking the proper questions is that the Holy Spirit will lead us into the Word of God and shine His light upon it that we may receive the divine nuggets!

The following five steps are both applicable to the principles of Life on the earth and in heaven.

Have you prayed the "Lord's Prayer?

Is it simply something you do?

Do you pray it expecting to hear and see God answer the petition?

Do you believe what you pray?

Are you amenable to an open heaven demonstrated on earth?

The insights into Covenant are golden threads that weave through every aspect of God's Word. God's Covenants are legal and binding agreements or treaties. He honors His Word! Here is an example of God answering the prayer that things be done in earth as they are in heaven.!

As we seek, we will find this pattern in heaven and earth.

Both heaven and earth are revealed in Covenant... Covenant reveals:

1. An Identification of the One who rules...  
the King or originator of the agreement.
2. The historical events that are the foundations and purposes  
for which the covenant was established.
3. The conditions, stipulations, and terms for governance of the agreement..  
(ie. The guide to citizenship or membership.)
4. The sanctions...spells out the warning or promise of judgment to offenders.
5. Succession... a system of reconfirming the treaty upon the death  
of the originator, the ruler. It specifies the provisions and administration  
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(Note: For an in depth study of this pattern, written in his own unique style, see Ray Sutton, "That You May Prosper: Dominion Covenant"):

<https://www.garynorth.com/public/6673print.cfm>

The Holy Bible is a Book about covenants.

It is God's written revelation of Himself.

It was written to reveal God's love for mankind.

It takes into account the principles and actions of judgment and His coming to us as the mediator, the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is the account of His relationship with both the physical church of the wilderness and the spiritual church, the Body of Christ.

Without Covenant there would be no Biblical history.

Without Covenant there would be no need of Law.

Covenant gives meaning to Law.

Without Covenant there would be no need for prophets.

Covenant gives meaning to prophecy.

Question?

How does prophecy give meaning to God's Covenants?

Biblical prophecy is the decree, declaration and proclamation for evaluation of man's ethical actions toward God's Word of command and promises. Biblical prophecy is not "prediction" in the occult sense of "seers" such as Nostradamus, Edgar Cayce, and Jean Dixon.

Old Testament Prophets were God's legal emissaries to Israel and the nations as "prosecuting attorneys" bringing announcement of God's Covenant Lawsuit against the offenders of the Covenant.

They decreed a judgment message from God against the rebellious violators.

God administrated His wrath and vengeance according to the stipulations of the Covenant.

The Lord Jesus told the disciples on the mount of Olives what they could expect to experience during their lifetime in the 24th chapter of Matthew.

He spoke about the desolation that would be sent to apostate Israel.

He also revealed the same to Apostle John in the Book of Revelation.

The Book of Revelation is a prophecy of Covenant.

It demonstrates wrath against apostate Israel which irrevocably turned away from the Covenant in her total rejection of Christ.

It depicts other things we will study in later writings.

The Book of Revelation gives us commandments to keep.

The 1st century saints were to heed its instructions.

Jesus had proclaimed to His disciples on Mount Olive the coming of the Great Tribulation. Now, He instructs John to write and distribute to the seven churches what John hears and sees coming upon them that they may know He is alive, the King of kings and Lord of lords!

Apostle John warned that the time was near which emphasized the contemporary relevance of the prophecy. He repeated the warning at the end of the Book.

Revelation 22:6-7 (AMP)

6 And he [of the seven angels further] said to me, These statements are reliable (worthy of confidence) and genuine (true). And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent His messenger (angel) to make known and exhibit to His servants what must *soon come to pass*.

7 And behold, I am coming speedily. Blessed (happy and to be envied) is he who observes and lays to heart and keeps the truths of the prophecy (the predictions, consolations, and warnings) contained in this [little] book.

Revelation 22:10 (AMP)

10 And he [further] told me, Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book and make no secret of them, for the time when things are brought to a crisis and *the period of their fulfillment is near*.

The ancient world, A.D. 67-70, would soon be shook and kingdoms would crumble to their foundation. First century Christians needed the Revelation John wrote of what he heard, saw and wrote of Jesus Christ on the Throne ruling the nations. It was to be a steady guide during the period of dramatic change which was to come.

The end of their known world was coming, the "Last Days" of the Old World order, the governing of the world around the central sanctuary in Jerusalem was to be destroyed in their generation. God had established a new nation, a new priesthood, a new humanity worshiping in the new sanctuary... Spiritual Israel, New Jerusalem, Spiritual Mt. Zion, The New Heaven and Earth!!

The 1st century Christians needed this revelation knowledge of the Lord!  
Ephesians 2:19-22 (AMP)

19 Therefore you are no longer outsiders (exiles, migrants, and aliens, excluded from the rights of citizens), but you now share citizenship with the saints (God's own people, consecrated and set apart for Himself); and you belong to God's [own] household.

20 You are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself the chief Cornerstone.

21 In Him the whole structure is joined (bound, welded) together harmoniously, and it continues to rise (grow, increase) into a holy temple in the Lord [a sanctuary dedicated, consecrated, and sacred to the presence of the Lord].

22 In Him [and in fellowship with one another] you yourselves also are being built up [into this structure] with the rest, to form a fixed abode (dwelling place) of God in (by, through) the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 3:17b (AMP)

For the temple of God is holy (sacred to Him) and that [temple] you [the believing church and its individual believers] are.

1 Corinthians 6:19 (AMP)

19 Do you not know that your body is the temple (the very sanctuary) of the Holy Spirit Who lives within you, Whom you have received [as a Gift] from God? You are not your own,

The Lord of Glory, Jesus Christ, had ascended to the Throne of David and the ungodly rulers of Israel were resisting His authority by persecuting His brethren. The suffering of Christians was not a sign that the Lord had deserted His followers nor abandoned the world to the devil.

In the contrary, their persecutions revealed that He was the Ruling King.

If the Lordship of Jesus Christ was historically meaningless, the ungodly would not have had reason to pursue the Christians. But instead, the hate possessed Jewish leaders, persecuted those who responded to the Gospel and followed Christ.

The Jewish leaders continued to demonstrate their unwillingness to recognize King Jesus' supremacy over their rule.

The holocaust of A.D. 70 was the restitution demanded for the theft and slaughter of the Old Testament prophets, **the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ** and the New Testament martyrs. This A.D. 70 judgment took place 40 years after the ascension, enthronement and outpouring of the Holy Ghost!

The Covenant is spelled out in Deuteronomy 23 through 29 and in Leviticus. You are encouraged to read them that they will demonstrate what is being written here regarding the wrath and vengeance of God. The Great Tribulation and the total destruction of Jerusalem was a legal action against violation of the Covenant, a predisclosed judgment that came upon Jerusalem A.D. 67 through A.D. 70.

Today's church has mostly delayed Christ's kingship also.

Many have barred the Holy Spirit from active participation in their services which have been reduced to the letter of the law and man-made programs. Many scores of believers, trapped as "futurists," and "doom sayers" presuppose Christ is going to "rapture" a weak church out of a coming doom and holocaust and then return and set up an earthly throne. They promote that... His kingdom and rule is in the future and as such it cannot be the victorious and powerful church Jesus himself proclaimed!

Matthew 16:18 (AMP)

...I will build My church, and the gates of Hades (the powers of the infernal region) shall not overpower it [or be strong to its detriment or hold out against it.]

The council of my Bible does not preclude "rapture," future establishment of another throne, nor a defeated church. My Bible records that Christians since the 1st century are to be victorious on earth and have had the call to rule and reign with the King, Jesus Christ seated in "heavenly places."

Ephesians 2:6-8 (AMP)

6 And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together [giving us joint seating with Him] in the heavenly sphere [by virtue of our being] in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed one.)

7 He did this that He might clearly demonstrate through the ages to come the immeasurable (limitless, surpassing) riches of His free grace (His unmerited favor) in [His] kindness and goodness of heart toward us in Christ Jesus

8 For it is by free grace (God's unmerited favor) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation) through [your] faith.

And this [salvation] is not of yourselves [of your own doing, it came not through your own striving], but it is the gift of God;

Yes! God is Love.

God is Faith.

God is Good.

God is Merciful. God is powerful!

God is also a God of righteous indignation when mankind continues to ignore the Scriptures and deny His Lordship and Kingship which has been operational for 2000+ years. God is waiting for His people to trust in Him and yield to His pattern for building His Church and extending the Kingdom of Heaven throughout the earth!

What should we do with the following verses?

Should we cut them out of our Bibles?

Perhaps we should just ignore them if they do not fit into our "theology."

Better yet, let's justify their value as nullified since we now have the New Covenant! Who needs the Old Testament? Jesus set us free.

There is no condemnation. I can do what I want!

The Law of Sin and Death is not in force anymore.

BUT, what about this?

Nahum 1:2-3 (AMP)

2 The Lord is a jealous God and avenging; the Lord avenges and He is full of wrath. The Lord takes vengeance on His adversaries and reserves wrath for His enemies.

3 The Lord is slow to anger and great in power and will by no means clear the guilty. The Lord has His way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of His feet. [Ex 34:6,7.]

Seriously, folks! Can we get serious about the whole council of God?

Can we start rightly dividing the Word?

His coming in the clouds brings judgment and deliverance in history.

When we understand and study God's cloud, we see the revelation and demonstration of His Throne. ( the seat of all power and authority)

He is the King!

His Covenant provides that He comes to protect His people and destroy the wicked!

Salvation in Jesus Christ protects us from wrath and fulfills the New Covenant promises!

Phil 1:19-23 (AMP)

19 For I am well assured and indeed know that through your prayers and a bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ (the Messiah) this will turn out for my preservation (for the spiritual health and welfare of my own soul) and avail toward the saving work of the Gospel.

20 This is in keeping with my own eager desire and persistent expectation and hope, that I shall not disgrace myself nor be put to shame in anything; but that with the utmost freedom of speech and unfailing courage, now as always heretofore, Christ (the Messiah) will be magnified and get glory and praise in this body of mine and be boldly exalted in my person, whether through (by) life or through (by) death.

21 For me to live is Christ [His life in me], and to die is gain [the gain of the glory of eternity].

22 If, however, it is to be life in the flesh and I am to live on here, that means fruitful service for me; so I can say nothing as to my personal preference [I cannot choose],

23 But I am hard pressed between the two. My yearning desire is to depart (to be free of this world, to set forth) and be with Christ, for that is far, far better;

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Daniel 7:13-14 (KJV)

13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

Upon His ascension Jesus was made King!

Within 40 years, A.D. 70, the then known Roman world (both Jews and Gentiles) had been delivered the message of the Kingdom that Jesus was Lord and Christ seated on the throne of King David.

The New Covenant Church of Jew and Gentile (united in Christ) had been established and the letters of the apostles of New Israel had been written.

The Lord came in consistent manner as depicted in the imagery of all writers. He came in the Clouds as the Edomite and Roman army to destroy the Old that the New would be established! God is the same.

The presence and activity of God in the Cloud was to the Egyptians a terrifying omen of their destruction, but for the Covenant people, He was the Comforter and Savior.

Apostle John was translated into heaven that he might write the Book of Revelation to be distributed to the seven churches and read to them that it give the saints and leaders (elders) of the city churches composed of home allotments; strength, hope and assurance.

The prophecy of the Revelation was sent for encouragement and edification of the persecuted church. It was a document for the people of God in that generation from their Comforter and Savior, (the generation of the eye-witness disciples.)

It was not about missiles, atom bombs, spaceships, World War I, World War II, Iran's build up of nuclear weapons, the terrorist attack on America's World Trade Center or the radicalized Jihadist Saudi National's destruction of the Twin Towers, etc.

Hear what the Spirit of the Lord has to say to the Church...

Habakkuk hears the decree of the Lord and with poetic Old Testament imagery prophesies:

Hab 3:10-13 (NKJV)

10 The mountains saw You and trembled;

The overflowing of the water passed by.

The deep uttered its voice,

And lifted its hands on high.

11 The sun and moon stood still in their habitation;

At the light of Your arrows they went,

At the shining of Your glittering spear.

12 You marched through the land in indignation;

You trampled the nations in anger.

13 You went forth for the salvation of Your people,

For salvation with Your Anointed.

You struck the head from the house of the wicked,

By laying bare from foundation to neck.

God proclaimed through the prophets of the "last days" and the "end time" that was coming to His Covenant people, the Jewish nation.

The Son of Man came and also prophesied the end of the Old Covenant with the coming destruction of Herod's temple the center of worship for all Jews.

Matthew 24:1-2 (AMP)

24:1 JESUS DEPARTED from the temple area and was going on His way when His disciples came up to Him to call His attention to the buildings of the temple and point them out to Him.

2 But He answered them, Do you see all these? Truly I tell you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.

Matthew 24:14-15 (AMP)

14 And this good news of the kingdom (the Gospel) will be preached throughout the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then will come the end.

15 So when you see the appalling sacrilege [the abomination that astonishes and makes desolate], spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the Holy Place- -  
let the reader take notice and ponder and consider and heed [this]--  
[Dan 9:27; 11:31; 12:11.]

SEE The Prophetic Voice Newsletter Greater Works Shall You Do!  
for more insight into the destruction of the Temple and the accounting of the "last days" or "end time."

Matthew 24:32-34 (AMP)

32 From the fig tree learn this lesson: as soon as its young shoots become soft and tender and it puts out its leaves, you know of a surety that summer is near.

33 So also when you see these signs, all taken together, coming to pass, you may know of a surety that He is near, at the very doors.

34 Truly I tell you, this generation (the whole multitude of people living at the same time, in a definite, given period) will not pass away till all these things taken together take place.

Yes, God is Love.

God is Faith.

God is Good.

God is Merciful.

The Lord Jesus came in the clouds to protect His Church!

God is powerful in His judgments.

Luke 11:9-10 (AMP)

9 So I say to you, Ask and keep on asking and it shall be given you; seek and keep on seeking and you shall find; knock and keep on knocking and the door shall be opened to you.

10 For everyone who asks and keeps on asking receives; and he who seeks and keeps on seeking finds; and to him who knocks and keeps on knocking, the door shall be opened

May you be encouraged to continue to seek the nuggets of divine inspiration:

Light of Truth

Light of Life

Light of the Spirit

**May God richly bless and keep you!**