

God Wants to Make Covenant With You!

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God wants to make a covenant with you, based on His mercy and love, through Jesus Christ, and promises to fulfill all His covenant promises in you.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the difference between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant in serving God. Under the Old Covenant, people tried to please God through their own efforts and promises, but it was exhausting and ultimately unsatisfying. However, God made a promise to send his Son and empower believers with his Spirit under the New Covenant. The preacher encourages listeners to come to God by faith and receive the resources they need to overcome temptation and live without fear. This message is based on passages from Isaiah, Ezekiel, and other prophets, highlighting God's loving and powerful promises in the New Covenant.

Transcript

Are you glad to be in God's house today? Amen. Here at Times Square Church, we love the Word of the Lord. We make plenty of time for the Word of God.

I'd like everybody, let me illustrate that to you, I want everybody in the annex from Times Square Church, and everybody in this building has your Bible, just take it and wave it at me right now, and take a look around folks, you'll see Bibles everywhere. This is a Bible church. Praise the Lord.

We love the Word of the Lord. Would you turn to Isaiah please, the 55th chapter. Isaiah 55.

God wants to make covenant with you, is my message. God wants to make covenant with you. Isaiah 55, reading through verse 3, beginning at verse 1. I'll wait until the leaves stop rustling.

I hope you found it. Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money, come ye and buy and eat. Yea, come buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Wherefore do you spend money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which satisfieth not? Hearken diligently unto me, hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Incline your ear, and come unto me, here in your soul shall live, and I will make an

everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. Heavenly Father, without the Holy Spirit, this Word falls in front of me.

It has no impact, it has no power, and I ask you, Holy Spirit, the same Spirit that had been with me all this week, the same Spirit that prepared this Word, the same Spirit that abides in us and among us today, Holy Spirit, come upon me and let these words be under the unction and anointing of your own Spirit, O God, the Spirit of the living God. Lord, I thank you that you're beginning to open our eyes and beginning to understand the glorious promises and the covenants. We thank you, Lord, for your faithfulness, your utter faithfulness to your people.

Now, Lord, I acknowledge I need you today. I need you to come upon me. Lord, I'm not looking for loudness.

I'm not looking for speed. I'm looking for anointing. And, Lord, you've got to give these people that hear me an ear to hear.

The same Spirit that anoints me must anoint the ear to hear. So do it, we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Amen. Now, we've been studying and preaching about the covenant here at this church for over a year now. We're studying the new covenant in particular.

Now, for those of you who have not heard those messages, let me, in a capsule form, give you what I believe explains the covenant very, very simply. God has made an agreement, an absolute agreement, an act of mercy, whereby He's given us exceedingly great and precious promises, incredible promises to do for us what we can't do for ourselves in the flesh. He has made an agreement to supply by His Holy Spirit in us all the resources, all the peace, and all the power we need to fulfill every commandment He's ever made.

That's simply put as the covenant. It's His oath. It's His sworn oath to do in us what we cannot do for ourselves by our human efforts.

It's an everlasting pledge to keep us from falling. It's an everlasting contract to give us all the resources that we need to break the dominion of sin in our lives. That's that simple.

And this covenant was made in eternity, and when it was made, it was signed and went into effect when Jesus died, and He signed it with His own blood. And underneath the signature were these words, I believe, God cannot lie. God cannot lie.

Omnipotent, almighty God didn't have to make any agreement with us. He didn't need to make any covenant with us at all. It was nothing in any of His attributes that demanded, not His justice, not His holiness, no attribute of God demanded that He make an agreement with us, and just out of His sheer mercy to make all these promises to us.

He could have saved us. He could have done what He pleased, but there was nothing that demanded this. It's acts of sheer mercy and love on God's part that He would do this, because He knew how frail our faith is.

He knew that we're bent on unbelief, and God came to us as if He could not be trusted, so to speak, and He made these incredible promises to us to anchor our souls, to anchor our faith, God knowing that His

hands are tied and shackled by unbelief, and He makes an oath. He swears by a power no greater than Himself, because there's no power greater than Himself. And He makes this pledge, these marvelous promises under the new covenant that we've been studying.

And rather than rebuke us for our unbelief and cut us off, He lovingly gave us these promises in a covenant. He gave us a revelation of His eternal purposes so that we could have a strong consolation, the Bible says, so that we don't have to walk in fear, that we can live all of our days of our life without fear, the Scripture says. This is God telling us, Here's what I want to do for you.

This is the new covenant. Here's what I want to do for you. Here are all my great and precious promises.

I want you to enjoy them. I want you to, I want everything that's in these covenants to be something that you experience and live in the power and the anointing of. Now, the old covenant, there are two covenants mentioned in the Bible, in Hebrews especially.

Now, there are other covenants. We'll continue with the old and the new covenant. The covenant was made with Israel, God's people, the first church, the church in Israel.

This covenant was made to Israel and this covenant contained many glorious promises, wonderful promises. In fact, you'll find almost all the promises made in the new are found in the old. God said, I'll be a God to you.

He said, you're going to get to know me. I'm going to defeat all your enemies. I want to give you a good new heart.

I want to cleanse you. I want that you should know me in fullness, but I want to be God to you. You'll find all of these in the old covenant as well.

He was saying to Israel, I want you to enter into my rest. I have a land, a place of rest. Now, folks, when you read about Canaan and all of this, that's not the rest that God had because they got there and never did find that rest.

The rest is in Jesus Christ through the covenant. He said, I want you to be my people and I want to be your God. All your enemies will not stand before you.

I'm going to be your only resource, your only source of supply. And he said, I want you to understand that with me, nothing is impossible. This should be your life.

This should be what is uppermost in your mind. With God, nothing is impossible. That was what he was trying to get into the minds of the people under the old covenant, but the Bible said they limited God and that word limited there in the original means they marked him as a liar.

They marked him as unfaithful. They questioned every promise. Every time God did something new and they wanted something better, they had a need, they said, can God do it? They questioned God at every point.

And they angered God and they broke the covenant. They broke the old covenant. It's very clear the scripture said they turned back and tempted God and limited the Holy One of Israel.

They tied his hands with their unbelief. For Israel transgressed the laws, the scripture said, changed the ordinances and broke the covenant. Isaiah 24, 5. Hosea, God speaking through this prophet said, but they like men have transgressed the covenant.

They've dealt treacherously against me. Now, God had another covenant in waiting from the very beginning of the world, before the world was founded, before the world was begun, when world and creation was just a thought in God's mind. This universe was just a thought in His mind.

There are many universes, but our universe, before it was even in His mind, when God was contemplating this, when He was thinking about creating man, far back the Bible said, before the world began, He had a plan. He had a plan that should man break this first covenant, He would make a new covenant that would be unbreakable, everlasting. And it would not depend upon man's obedience.

It would depend upon something He does by the power of His own spirit. Now, there's an amazing thing when you begin to understand what the cross is all about when you're studying the goodness of God in His covenant. He's going to make this new covenant.

It's a decision God made by Himself to send His own Son to be a man among men. He's going to come in our humanness, and He was going to come to illustrate the covenant. He is saying, in essence, the old covenant, generation after generation, would not heed My word.

They would not listen to Me. But now I'm going to take My word and put flesh on it. I'm going to create a man in your own likeness.

I'm going to create a man. I'm going to create a human being just like you, and He's going to come and live among you, and He's going to fulfill, I will fulfill in Him all My promises so that you can not only hear My word, but see it and feel it and touch it. The Bible said of Christ, He's the mediator of a better covenant which was established upon better promises.

It's a better covenant because it is made with Christ and not with man. It's a better covenant because Jesus Christ is going to come down, and all of these promises are better because they're going to be fulfilled in Christ first as an illustration of what God wants to do for all of us, we being in Him. Now I'm trying to make this as simple as possible, but follow me, you'll begin to see it as we go.

Now think of what God really did in sending His Son among us in human flesh. He's so determined to build our faith. He's so determined to get us to trust Him.

He's so determined that we will understand and be convinced that He cannot lie. He's a mediator of the new covenant the Bible said. Now we have this idea of Jesus standing between us and the Father and trying to mediate for us before the Father, and that in essence is part of what is being said here.

But it's not the whole picture. The whole picture is that Jesus Christ is coming as a mediator on God's behalf to us. In fact, the Scripture makes it very clear, in fact the word here for mediator is enunciator.

It comes from a Latin word nuncio. The Pope has an ambassador that travels around representing the Vatican. He's called the nuncio.

Jesus came, the mediator is an enunciator, an announcer, one who comes and His life and His message illustrates the will of the Father. We don't have a Pope. We have a King of Kings and a Lord of Lords who

has come to this earth as an ambassador of the Father to say I want, if you can't understand the covenant, look at Jesus, look at Christ.

You're going to look at His life and see that every promise I've made to you in the covenant I will fulfill in Christ right before your eyes so that you can believe for yourself that I will not lie to you. God sent His Son. He said past generations have doubted everything I've said.

They've shackled my works by their unbelief. They've ignored my warnings and refused my promises. But today I am determined this last day people will come into my rest.

God was not about to lose all of mankind. He was not about to allow the devil to destroy His work. He said I am making now an everlasting covenant for a last day people.

He sent His own Son in the midst of us and He says to mankind, He says to you and to me, He says now look at my Son. Look unto Jesus the author and the finisher of your faith. Look and see what I do through Him.

I've made you a promise that I will put my Spirit in you and my Spirit in you will give you all power over all temptation and all lust. Everything the devil throws at you I will empower you with my Spirit. Now He said that in Isaiah.

He said it in Ezekiel. He said it in all the prophets and man didn't believe it. So God says now I'm going to give you an illustrated sermon.

I'm going to give you an enunciator. He's going to enunciate it. He's going to illustrate it.

His life is going to be a pattern for you and so what does the Father do? He said I'm going. I have promised in the new covenant that I will send to you. I will put in you my Spirit.

So what happens when Jesus comes on the scene? The Holy Ghost comes as a dove and comes upon Him and possesses Him and fills His innermost being and what happens? He's taken then into the wilderness and the second part of the covenant is fulfilled before us. All power over all dominion of the devil and suddenly you see the covenant in action. The very thing God has promised you and me.

He's promised to send the Holy Ghost. Put the Holy Ghost in your innermost being. Not that you can brag and boast that you have something better than anybody else or you're more holy.

The Holy Ghost is given to you to witness to the whole world and to the devil and all the powers of hell that the Holy Ghost in you is stronger than all the powers of hell. And so Jesus is taken into the wilderness and the enemy comes and we see it and we can read about it. It's there in front of our eyes.

Those around us can see and feel and touch the covenant. And what happens? The devil comes and throws everything he has at him and he is tempted as no man has ever been tempted but the Spirit of God came in him and gave him the living Word of heaven of his Father and Jesus came victorious out of the wilderness. Hallelujah.

The devil didn't prevail and the gates of hell did not prevail against him. Hallelujah. Jesus was living out the covenant.

God was saying everything that I have, all that I've promised, all my resources I have placed in him. And folks, none of the promises of God come to us except through Christ. None.

You don't receive any promise except it comes by and through Jesus Christ. Oh, hallelujah. Another glorious covenant promise is I will be merciful to your unrighteousness and your sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

That's one of the new covenant promises. God says I'm going to be merciful to your sins. Now you can hear that.

They heard that. God was just as merciful in Old Testament as he is in New Testament. Some people get the idea that somewhere along the line God just got a hold of some extra mercy in the New Covenant or the New Testament.

No, he's always been a God of mercy. God cannot change. He was a merciful God in the Old Testament.

And you can hear this. I will be merciful to your unrighteousness. I'm going to be merciful to all your iniquities.

I'm going to forgive you when you repent and I'm going to forget your sins. But now once at the end of the world hath he, Christ, appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And now you look at Jesus on the cross dying and bleeding for us.

And this is God saying to you and to me I told you I cannot lie. I told you that from the foundation of the world I would redeem you. I would never let the devil possess you and never let him have you.

And no matter how the devil comes at you no matter what temptation comes at you I'm going to keep you to the end. I'm going to deliver you and save you as my people and I'm going to bring you into my rest. So what does he do? This was agreed between the Father and the Son before you and I were ever born.

Before the world was created. This was God's fail-safe plan. The Father said will you be my lamb? Will you be my sacrifice? Jesus said you've presented, you've given me a body.

I've come to do your will Father. And he agreed. All the scripture proves that he agreed before the world was created to take all the sins of all mankind upon himself.

All of them charged to his account and he bore those. If you can only see it that's what the cross is all about. Jesus didn't need to be taught something.

He didn't come for his own behalf. He didn't need to be chastised. He didn't need to be trained.

There was nothing in Christ that demanded that. What's it all about? What's the point of it? It's Jesus saying look at the cross. Look at the mercy.

I've laid the sins of the whole world on my own son. Now look I've given you my oath. I've given you my word.

Now I've given you my son. Now you believe I can't lie. Look at the mercy.

This is the mercy I want to show to you. This is what I want you to know about my covenant. I have made a promise.

I made my son a promise. If he would go to the cross I would be with him. I would bring him back to glory.

And he's saying to you and to me no matter what temptation, no matter what trial you go through, if you will trust me and my word that I cannot lie. If you'll look to Jesus, the author and the finisher of your faith, there's no power on earth, no power in heaven or hell that can keep you. Forgive me for screaming.

I get a little excited about what I'm hearing here. I look at the cross and I look at what Jesus is doing, his sacrifice. He's once again enunciating covenant promises of mercy toward my sins.

And when Christ cries out it is finished, it's God saying, I have shown you, I've illustrated to you, I have enunciated through my son every promise I've made to mankind has been fulfilled in him. The Bible said the covenant stood fast with Christ until the very end. Meaning the covenant was confirmed or enunciated to him until the very end.

Everything was fulfilled in Christ. Every covenant promise that God made to mankind, to us in the last days, he gave it to Christ first. He promised the Holy Ghost.

Christ was the first to receive the Holy Ghost in filling. He was the first to be filled with the Holy Ghost. He was the first to show us how the Holy Ghost gives us dominion over sin in the wilderness.

You find it in everything that he did. He said, I can't do anything except by my Father. The Holy Ghost was given to him without measure.

And everything you see in Christ, everything he did was an illustration of God saying he's the mediator of the new covenant, he's the enunciator. Watch him, look at him, see what he's doing. This is what I want to do for you because you are his children and you are in Christ.

He's the head, you're his body. And what I do for the head I will do for my whole body. You can't do anything with your head that you can't do.

Your body's going to follow everything your head does. I dare you to separate your head and put it over here and let your body run its own way. We're connected to the head, folks.

For their sakes. Folks, you've got to understand why God is going to such measures, such incredible measures to get us to believe, to get us to trust in that we can say, I know my God cannot lie, my God gave me a word and God is going to fulfill that word and to fully trust in him. The new covenant was conceived in the councils of heaven for one reason and it was enunciated by Christ and revealed in his manhood for a reason.

The very same reason he said he sanctified himself. For their sakes I sanctify myself. He didn't need to be sanctified.

He said for their sakes I sanctify myself that they also might be sanctified through the truth. It's all done for our sakes, the Bible says. All for our sake.

I want you to turn to Isaiah 59. You should be open to 55. Turn to the right to chapter 59.

Folks, before I tell you where to go in this chapter, look this way for just a moment. Do you understand, are you beginning to understand that when you're in Christ Jesus you're his seed? The Bible said there's one seed, the seed of Abraham is one seed. It's not many seeds, it's one seed, that's Christ.

The seed of Abraham is Jesus Christ. There's only one seed, there's one man. God said only one man stands before me.

And the only way you can stand before God is being in Christ. You're in one man. We're all gathered up in one man in Jesus Christ.

He's the seed. When you're in Jesus Christ, you're the seed of Christ. You're the seed.

The word says seed, it means child. You are in Christ Jesus. Now look at, if you will, at verses 20 and 21 of Isaiah 59.

Are you ready for this glorious word? And the Redeemer shall come to Zion. That's Jesus. And unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the Lord, as for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the Lord, my spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth.

Now this is God speaking to his own son. As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the Lord, my spirit that is upon thee, upon Christ, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, that's in Christ's mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, seed, saith the Lord, from henceforth and forevermore. The same spirit that quickened him, the same spirit that gave him dominion over the powers of hell and every temptation, the very same spirit that went into the grave and raised him from the dead, is the spirit that is here this morning, abiding in you and abiding in me.

Settle down, David. All right. Oh, hallelujah.

Look at it. He says the Redeemer is coming to Zion. He's coming to Zion, and unto them turn from transgressions in Jacob.

Jacob, here is the New Testament church, saith the Lord, and as for me, my covenant. He's saying, what I've done for Christ, I'm going to do for you. I'm going to do it in you.

For ye are the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. You're the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3.26. Galatians 3.16. Not to the seeds as many, but as one, and to the seed which is Christ.

And you being in Christ are his seed. Now, if you're in Christ, you have all the rights to the covenant. It's one thing to have the rights, though, and it's another thing to appropriate them.

And there are many, many people don't know how rich they are in Christ Jesus. They don't know the inheritance that God has left to them. They're like people who've been notified and they have had an official legal notification that they are inherited, have inherited a great, incredible sum of money.

More money than they could ever spend in their lifetime. But they don't believe it. How many of you... It's almost like those who get this, you know, you've just won ten million dollars in the sweepstakes, and we just throw it away because, you know, we know you can't throw this away.

This... You've got a legal notice right here that you have inherited all the blessings of the covenant that were in Christ. Because you're in Christ, and Jesus said the fullness of the Godhead, all the fullness of Godhead is in Him. The covenant was made with Christ and His seed.

But you see, we are very slow to appropriate it. Can you imagine somebody inheriting great wealth and not being able to pay their rent, and they're three months behind, and they go to the grocery store, and they're buying dog food because they can't afford beef? That's the way a lot of Christians are living. And they're just not writing out a check.

They've been given a checkbook, and they won't write out a check. It's too good to be true. And this is what we think of the covenant.

It's too good to be true. How can it be that God has promised to come down and do for us what we can't do for ourselves? How can it be that God could do such a thing? They can't believe it. This brings me to my text again.

Go back to 55, chapter 55. Now, folks, this chapter, chapter 55, begins with a loving call to all become exhausted by terrible, awful strivings under the old covenant. ...verses have to do with those who are trying to serve God under the old covenant.

Now, look at it for just a minute. We've said it before. We'll say it again.

The old and new covenant represent two ways to come to God and serve Him. You're either going to come to God through your own power, your own human resources, and try to appease God or please Him by your own home and efforts, making promises, sweating, striving, I mean, biting the bullet. All of these clichés that we use about our trying to get to God and overpower our sins, and we do it for a month or three months or a year, and there sin is always crouched and comes back in greater fury than ever.

And it leaves you debilitated and bankrupt. It leaves you absolutely helpless. And that's what the old covenant is meant to do.

The law is meant to bring you to the end of your own integrity, the end of your own human efforts. Now, listen to what happens under the old covenant. Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money, come ye by and eat.

Yea, come by wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do you spend money for that which is not bread? You labor for that which satisfies not. Hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

Now, look, he's talking to people now that are absolutely bankrupt. They have tried so hard, they've become exhausted by their strivings. Here's the people spiritually thirsty.

They've not been satisfied. They're spending and laboring all in vain. They are working and striving in their flesh.

They're fighting sin and lust in their own power. They are hungry, the Bible said. They're running around looking for some kind of inner resource or money, some kind of coin with which to deal with God.

That is so clear to me that this is the old covenant. These are people now, he says, you've tried to bring me money. You've tried to bring me something that is of your own work.

It's something you've earned. You've earned money. You brought your money.

You brought your efforts to me, and it's left you bankrupt. You're hungry. You're thirsty.

And he said, ho, listen. Listen up. Hear me.

All of you that have come to the end of yourself, the new covenant is for those who have come to the end of their hope. To which end? Oh, I've made God a thousand promises. Oh, how I've tried.

How I've hated my sin. I've wept a river of tears. I've done everything that I know to do.

I've counseled. I've prayed. I've wept, and it's still there.

And that's when the Lord says, ho, you. You thirsty man. It's left you so dry and empty.

It's left you so bankrupt. He said, you don't need any money. He said, you're striving for the milk and the wine and the honey of the Holy Ghost and all these covenant blessings.

Wine and honey always represent the blessings of God, and that's the covenant blessings of God. And he said, you're coming out trying to purchase it with your own ability and power and strength. Let it go.

He said, the price has already been paid. Come on. No money.

No works. No human coin. You come to me by faith.

Why do you spend money for that which is not bread and labor if that doesn't satisfy you? You've never been able to satisfy God or yourself in all that you promised and tried to do and all the sweat you have sweated. And then when we try so hard and win a little tiny victory, we come to the Lord saying, Lord, I know you've got to forgive me. I know you're going to keep me.

I know the Holy Ghost is going to come because you see what I did? The Bible said that you dare not boast. God will not let you boast in your human flesh. Not at all.

He said, not money, not human works. He said, you come by faith to me right now. You come to the Holy Spirit and you drink of my promises.

Hallelujah. Not by works. Are you seeing it? God said it's time to open your spiritual ear.

Come to me. Let me give you the resources you need to overcome. Now look at verse 3. This is the heart of my message.

Incline your ear. He said it's time to listen now. Folks, look at me please.

You've been hearing a lot of covenant preaching if you're from Times Square Church. He's saying now it's time to come down to the issue. He said, incline your ear and come to me here in your soul to live.

And I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. Now folks, that should read Christ. That is not the proper translation.

David's already dead. And the next verse says, behold, I have given him for a witness to the people. And that again is the enunciator.

I have given him for enunciator to the people. I gave him as an illustrated message of my covenant promises. A leader and commander of the people.

Behold, thou shall call a nation that thou knowest not. And nations that knew thee not shall run unto thee. Now they couldn't run to King David.

This is Christ. Clearly it's Jesus Christ being mentioned here. And Jesus says, now look this way if you will please.

Remember what Jeremiah said. A day is coming when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel. And we have been taught very clearly now.

We don't believe in replacement theology. We pray for Israel. We build a church in Israel.

We are those who love Israel. God still has a covenant with them on the land. God still, if any Jew comes to Christ, he's going to come the same way you did through faith in Christ.

He's not going to come through animal sacrifices again. It's not going to be because another temple is built in Israel. If that temple is built there, nobody is going to be saved there.

Unless the Holy Ghost comes down and Jesus is manifested in there. Unless Jesus takes over. Away with the lambs.

Away with those sacrifices. God said I have no pleasure in them. There are Christians, Jewish Christians now even believing that the sacrifices are going to come back again.

And they've got to be pleased in it. No, no, no. There's only been one sacrifice.

It's all settled. He's crucified once and that's it. I will make an everlasting covenant with you.

Even the sure mercies of David, of Jesus Christ. Now Jeremiah, the scripture said, Jeremiah said in Jeremiah 31, 31. Behold the days come, saith the Lord.

I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. Beloved, this is the house of Christ. But Christ is the son of his own house.

Whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence in rejoicing in the hope firm to the end. Now, as I said, you are legally under the covenant. You're in Christ.

All the covenant rights are yours. All the covenant promises and provisions and peace belong to you and belong to me. But they have to be appropriated.

And so now we hear, through Isaiah the prophet, we hear God coming to say, Now, now that you have seen, now that it's been enunciated to you, now that you've heard the message, I want you to enter into it. I want to make that covenant with you because it's with my son and his seed. He said, I want you to enter into the covenant now.

You say, well, I've lived all these years without understanding the covenant. I'm okay. Why should some new truth come? This is not a new truth.

This is an old, old truth. This is old as eternity. It's an eternal truth.

You say, why do I need it? Because the Bible says times are going to get so difficult. There's going to be such turmoil that men's hearts are going to fail them for fear. Just watching the things coming on the earth.

Just looking at the horrifying things that are going to happen. And they're beginning to happen. Economic troubles.

Too many things I can't even begin to describe. You know and you've heard all about it. And he said, in the last days, I'm going to have a people at rest in this storm.

They're going to enter into my rest. They're going to be living on my covenant promises. I'm going to keep them.

There is going to be a flood of iniquity. There is going to be a moral landslide. If you think what you see and hear now is evil, just wait for the next five or ten years to Jesus, Terry.

And what is going to happen in America, in this world. And you are going to have to have something in you of faith and confidence in God. You've got to lay hold of this covenant to keep you in this dark hour that's coming.

If Jesus needed it, how much more do you and I need? I can only see. Oh, by the way. In Psalms 89, I want you to listen to this.

God said to the seed, Christ told it. If you break my laws and forget to keep my commandments, I'll visit your sins with the rod and your iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless, my loving kindness will I not utterly take from you.

I will not allow my faithfulness to fail. My covenant I will not break. I will not alter the thing that has gone out of my mouth.

God said, I have made you an everlasting covenant. I will not break it. You can't break it.

It's an everlasting covenant. God said, I will not allow it to be broken. Hallelujah.

I'm not going to alter, ever alter the thing that's gone out of my mouth. Now, in closing, I can only name two things. I can only see two things that can keep you and me from entering into this covenant.

When God says, come now, I want to make covenant with you. I want you to, by faith, enter into this. There are two things.

First of all, an unwillingness to give up a particular besetting sin. Usually the only thing standing between the Christian and entering into this glorious new covenant where you have all the resource and peace and power is an unwillingness to lay down a bosom sin. One particular thing God's been dealing with you for a long, long time.

Now, I've got a question for you. And I want you to listen closely because the Spirit of God made this so powerfully clear to me. Let's take a, let's think for a moment.

You don't have to name it out loud. But you know what it is. That one thing in your life God's dealing with.

And you've tried and tried and you can't get to victory, you say. You've cried, you've wept, you've said, I just can't get free. But let me ask you a question.

Think about it a moment. If you had the power and the ability through the Holy Ghost to break that chain that holds you, that power of sin, would you want it? Would you go for it? Oh, I've heard many, many

people say, I've tried everything, I've tried everything. But you see down deep inside when they really get honest with themselves they say, oh yes, I've cried about it, I've prayed about it, I just go to church and I worship and I praise the Lord and I know that thing is hanging on me, I know there's some black spot in my soul, I know that there's a stone there God's trying to remove and I just try to push it out of mine and my conscience bothers me and I worry about when I stand before the judgment seat of Christ and I know it's there, but I just can't seem to break it.

But then when they get honest, now here's what you've got to come, you've got to come to a place of honesty. If you're willing to do this, say, Lord, I don't have the will to lay this down. I've prayed about it and all that, yes, I've gone through all the motions, but deep inside I really have learned to live with this, it's comfortable to me or I enjoy it.

It could be a lust, it could be almost anything that's standing between you and walking, accepting this invitation to enter into the covenant. Now listen closely, if you're willing to be honest before God and say, Lord, I have to tell you in all honesty, I don't think I have the will or the want to lay this down. That's where you begin.

The scripture says so very, very clearly, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. You say, well, that's just opposite to everything you said, we're not to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. But read the next verse, it says, for it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do His good pleasure.

He's saying you can work out your salvation when the Holy Ghost is in you and you're trusting and believing in the Holy Ghost, but He said it's God who causes you to will. Well, how can I get God to cause me to want to will this thing out of my life? How can I get Him to do that? Well, here in the 55th chapter of Isaiah, God, the very breath in which He says, I want to make covenant with you, the very next, the same breath He says, verse 6, seeking the Lord while He may be found, calling upon Him while He's near. Go to Him in prayer.

Lay before Him and say, God, in all honesty, I don't think I want to let this go. I think this has my heart and I don't want to cry any more tears and no more tears left. I want to make no more promises.

God, you said the works won't work. I want you to put a will in me to do it. I will cause you, God says, to will and to do it.

How? Seek His face. He said, the day you seek with all your heart, you'll find Me. And I believe that that's what the covenant is for, it's for those who have a sin sickness for sin and a heart that says, I will cry out to God.

God has made me a promise. I'm not going to let Him go until He fulfills it. I'm going to lay hold of that promise.

God will put a will in my heart. He will cause me to will and to do of His good pleasure. Folks, there are testimonies by the millions now all over the world of saints who have prayed through on this and God has put a will in them to do His perfect will.

Hallelujah. The only other thing that could keep you out of the covenant and entering in is unbelief. Now this, the Bible says the covenant of peace is a covenant of rest.

They to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief. Now folks, there is a peace for you that is beyond any human understanding. The Lord says, My peace I want to give to you.

That was the peace of the covenant. It's a covenant of peace, the Bible says. They could not enter into this covenant because of unbelief, Hebrews 3.19. Now, this sounds so simple, just believe, but it's difficult, it's a difficult step to take.

The Bible said, By faith Abraham obeyed. It wasn't by his words, but by faith he obeyed God. He learned how to obey God.

Let me tell you, and with this I close, how I finally, I believe the Lord has allowed me to enter in and lay hold of His covenant. I heard His invitation. I heard God say it's not enough to just pass it by, hear it and enjoy the message.

The Lord says, No, I want you to get in it. I want you to come under the covering of the covenant. And I want you to enjoy the blessings and the provisions of the covenant.

I don't want you to walk around with guilt and shame and fear. I want you to be a free man, to rejoice in the Lord and not live under the bondage of a guilty conscience. I want a conscience clear before God.

You know it can clear your conscience through the covenant promises. And the only way you do that is to cast yourself completely on the promises of God. Where you just go to Jesus in His outstretched arms and say, Come on, I want you to come in the covenant and just throw yourself into His arms.

Literally throw yourselves into the arms of Jesus and say, Lord, I don't even know how to explain faith, but I come to you and I give you. I believe your word is true. I believe that you cannot lie.

And I'm coming now to cast my whole future, my eternal future, my living, my dying, everything I am and all that I have, I cast it. I leap into your arms, Jesus. Now it's up to you and the Holy Ghost.

It's up to you. I have asked for the Holy Ghost. I believe the Holy Ghost abides in me.

And I trust the Holy Ghost now to lead me and guide me. Oh, folks, thank God for the Holy Ghost. This is a Holy Ghost church.

You are to be a Holy Ghost people. And if we're a Holy Ghost church and you're a Holy Ghost people, it's not just about talking in tongues or prophesying. Thank God for all these gifts.

It's power in you, not just power to lay hands on the sick. It's power to give you victory over the devil and all the powers of hell. I've accepted His word and I believe it.

And I risk everything I am and all I have. I say, Lord, put your faith in me. I want it to take me to the judgment seat.

Hallelujah. I believe His covenant word. Come into the covenant.

Take a look at your sin now and say, Lord Jesus, I'm honest about it. I want deliverance, but I don't know if I really have the will. I don't believe it's in me.

Go to Him in absolute seeking of heart. Hallelujah. Don't go just weeping.

Go with faith and seek Him with faith. Lay hold of His promises by faith and I promise you according to this work, this book, you are going to walk in freedom. Hallelujah.

Will you stand, please? Hallelujah. We're going to sing in just a minute, I am free, I am free. Jesus broke the chains of bondage and I am free.

Hallelujah. Will you hold steady for just a moment, please, every head bowed. Holy Spirit, if I have preached your mind, if I have preached the word of God, you promised to confirm it in the hearts of the people.

Oh, Jesus, I thank you. Thank you for your presence. Holy Ghost, thank you for your conviction.

Thank you for your love, oh God. There are many here right now, Lord, that have been so bound up, so bound. They need to be set free.

If you're here this morning, in the annex, wherever you're hearing me, listen closely, please. God doesn't want you to walk out of here the way you came in. God wants you to walk out of here with a leap in your feet and a joy in your heart and a peace that passes all understanding.

God said, I'm going to put my spirit in you and cause you to walk in my ways. I will cause you to do it. I'll put my will in your heart to do it and to obey me.

I'm going to teach you. No man can teach you what I'm going to teach you. You're going to open a book and God says, I'm going to open up that word to you.

You're going to see it and you're not going to have to have a preacher show it to you. You go and when you go, the preacher is only going to confirm what the Holy Ghost has already said to you. God said, I'm going to be merciful to your sins because you've been honest with me and you really have been asking and praying that I have the will to obey.

The will to do and obey. Hallelujah. I'll cause you to will and to obey.

Who will? God says, I will. As some of you are here now and need a moment of honesty, brutal honesty. We don't look for numbers here.

You can't join this church because we don't have a membership. We have nothing to sell. You have nothing to promote.

But to us, this is life and death. If you can honestly say, Pastor David, I need freedom. I've been bound.

I've been captive. And I want to be free today. I want to take a step of faith.

I want God to take all the unbelief out of my heart. Some of you are not even saved. Some of you don't know Jesus.

Some of you have backslid. Some of you are living in sin. Sin has a hold of your heart and it has a death grip on you.

If you're honest enough to say, God, I don't even know if I have really wanted victory, but I'm coming down now to seek your face and I want you to put a will in my heart. I want to take this sin in me to the point that God will deliver me. I want you to get out of your seat, up to the balcony, go to either stairs or down any

aisle.

The rest of you in this auditorium come here. And in the annex, if you just go, please. I'm going to have to have Pastor Cesar, will you go up there quickly, if you will, please, to the annex? If you will, please.

Pastor Cesar will be there in just a minute. We'd like you to go up, not to the screen, but between the screens. Just step forward.

If you will, just step forward. And Pastor Cesar will be there to pray with you in just a minute. In fact, I'm going to pray with you first, and then there'll be somebody there to lead you into a room where we can speak to you more personally.

But here in the main auditorium, please move in close, make room for those that are coming. Amen. Let the Holy Spirit deal with you right.

Don't come unless the Spirit draws you, but the moment the Spirit draws you, you come here now and say, Jesus, I can't walk out the way I came in. I want to be clean. I want the Lord to touch me today.

And all these matters. If the Holy Spirit spoke to you during the message, you obey him. Up in the balcony.

That's it. Just go down the stairs on either side, and you can come down any aisle. Hallelujah.

We're not ready yet to sing I'm free. We'll sing it after we all get free. Hallelujah.

Yes, Jesus. Blessed be the Lord. Blessed be his name.

The Holy Ghost is here. Amen. Now, in the annex and here, you can still come while I'm talking.

But look this way for just a moment. Why would God send his own son? Why would he allow the whole sins of the world to be, sins of the whole world to be placed on him if he didn't love you and me? It was all an act of love. Why did God make such incredible promises to us? Because he loves us.

Look at me, please. Can you say to your heart, can you convince your own heart now by the, with the help of the Holy Ghost, I am loved? Jesus loves me. My heavenly father loves me.

God is not mad at me. How could God send his own son to a world that he was mad at? He's not mad at you. He's here to lift this burden from your heart.

You've carried it long enough. Hallelujah. How many of you came forward one of, you came forward because you want to absolutely be free from any bondage of the enemy? Raise your hand, please.

You want to be free? Hold it there right now. Just raise your hand and hold it there right now. Pray this prayer with me right now.

Jesus, I come to be free. And I can't free myself. I've struggled and I've tried.

And I've failed. I come to you now, Jesus, to your word. You cannot lie.

You have made me promises. You've put your spirit in me. And I ask for the Holy Ghost to come right now and fill me.

You said you give the Holy Ghost to those who ask him. I ask for the Holy Ghost to come now, live in me. Give me power over all the power of the enemy.

This is your promise, and I accept it. I come by faith now to appropriate and to move in to the promises and the provisions of the new covenant. You've invited me, Jesus, and that's why I'm here.

I've accepted your invitation. Deal with my sin. Put a will in my heart to hate it and to turn from it through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Lord Jesus, I thank you. I have repented. Give me a godly sorrow.

And now, Lord Jesus, I accept my freedom through the covenant you promised in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah. Thank you, Lord.

You said I'm more willing to give than you are to receive. How anxious the Lord is to get you and I to trust him and believe him. That you may have an anchor for your soul, he said.

He said, I've sworn, I've made an oath that you could anchor your soul and that I could give you a strong consolation that you would have such hope. You would have such power in you. You could just, you could say, Lord, it sounds so simple, doesn't it? Just believe God.

You have to come by faith. Without faith, it's impossible to please him and they that come to him must believe that he is and that he's what? He's a rewarder of those who diligently seek him. He said, seek me.

It's all there in 55th chapter of Isaiah that I just read to you. So come, all you hungry and all you thirsty and all of you who've been laboring in vain, he says, lay down your labors. Come freely now and drink.

Drink into the Holy Spirit. The milk and the wine and the honey of the Holy Spirit. Hallelujah.

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