

AN EVERLASTING COVENANT

Written On Your Heart

TEXT:	Genesis 1: 26- 28, Hebrews 8: 6- 13
KEY VERSE:	Hebrews 8: 10

And God blessed them and said to them, Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it [using all its vast resources in the service of God and man]; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and over every living creature that moves upon the earth.

Genesis 1:28 [AMP]

Incline your ear, and come to Me.

Hear, and your soul shall live;

And I will make an everlasting covenant with you—

The sure mercies of David.

Isaiah 55:3 [KJV emphasis added]

It was written indelibly.

By the very finger of God, an unchanging, inflexible law was chiseled in stone. There was no bending.

Obey the law!

To punctuate this sentence of his commandments, there was smoke, there was fire, there was shaking of the ground.

Do not touch the mountain!

Do not come near to God!

Holy of Holy's – DO NOT ENTER!

That was the message of the law. "Nothing short of perfection may enter here."

One problem...

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 3:23

Left to our own free will, crowned in the very glory of God himself, ruling over an entire creation, authorized to name it whatever we chose, every need and desire met, we chose to listen to the Liar and relinquish all.

We came short of glory.

We gave up Dominion. We proved ourselves capable of destroying paradise. Oh, don't point at Eve; Face it, given the same conditions we all would have done the same thing eventually. We proved ourselves incapable of maintaining the image of God, but God made us to fit his image, the image of a King.

God said, Let Us [Father, Son, and Holy Spirit] make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness, and let them** have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the [tame] beasts, and over all of the earth, and over everything that creeps upon the earth.*

*So, God created man in His own image, in the image and likeness of God He created him; male and female He created them**.*

Genesis 1:26,27 [AMP]

* "God said", and what he declares **will be**.¹

** "them", he created **mankind** male and female, **equally** in Dominion over his creation.

This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him; Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.
Genesis 5:1-2 [KJV]

Satan thought he found the weak link in God's chain. "Can you believe that God would give Dominion to this man?!" So, he laid his trap. He would get this man to take the authority that belonged only to God, the same crime that got **him** kicked out of heaven.

'Worked like a charm! Man fell like lightning, just like Satan had fallen.²

"God left himself open on that one!" Now **Satan** had the Dominion.

"Prince of the Power of the Air."

He liked the sound of that, it looked good on the business card. Maybe he wouldn't rule the **1st** heaven, but he would rule earth from the **2nd** heaven.

He never saw it coming...

He knew the Law of Sin and Death. There was **no way** man was going to free himself from **that** one. If **he** was going down, he was taking God's prized creation with him! " 'No hope now! Only a perfect man could please God!'"

A perfect man...

Man had proven himself. Satan was confident, "You can be sure that no human will be justified with God by obeying his law."³ even those blood sacrifices God was demanding did not remove sin, only cover it; and temporarily at that. Obviously, God was out of options - sweet success!"

¹ Isaiah 55: 10, 11, Romans 4: 17

² Luke 10: 18, Isaiah 14: 12- 15

³ Romans 3: 19,

SONGS OF

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DELIVERANCE

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The perfect man **came**, and he brought a new covenant. This perfect man came out of God himself. He **obeyed** God's laws flawlessly. He was the Lamb of God, without blemish or spot.⁴ He offered himself, His life⁵ to actually **take away** man's sin⁶. Then, he declared that sin was forever paid; never to be accounted to man - perfect forgiveness - eternal redemption.

Now, man owed no debt to God. **All** sin was forever placed on the account of the perfect lamb. Man's part in **this** covenant was only to accept what

was done; to believe.⁷

Too late, Satan saw it...

- The lamb God slew to cover Adam and Eve:
 - It represented the restoring of the glory that they wore in Eden before sin⁸. That glory would one day be restored by the lamb.
- The Ark God provided to save Noah's family:
 - It represented God's means of saving **his** family from death. There is only **one** door!⁹
- The Tabernacle and its sacrifices:
 - It represented each of his people who is cleansed by the blood of the lamb, applied to the heart of the new temple.¹⁰ He even gave a hint when the high priest came out before the people, spread his arms open fully, and cried, "IT IS FINISHED!"
- The smitten rock that provided a life- giving, River of water:
 - It represented the Rock, smitten, that produced a fountain, bubbling up to everlasting life.¹¹
- The serpent on the pole:
 - It represented sin - the serpent **he** had become in the garden of Eden - hanging on a tree, **becoming** a curse to remove the curse; **all** sin placed on Jesus.¹² Now all that dying mankind must do is look to him in faith to be saved from eternal death to eternal life.¹³

"How could he make it so easy?!"

Man did not have to do any of the good deeds of the law to be justified!¹⁴

- The promise to Abraham:
 - It represented the family of God himself, as many as the sand on the seashore, and the stars in heaven - **spiritual** children, not physical - redeemed and blessed with Abraham's promise.¹⁵ "All the families of the earth." And it was given by faith - by simply believing it! So, just like Abram, we believe God, and it is accounted to **us** as righteousness. Then, **we** become heirs of Abraham's promise,¹⁶ blessing, and **being** a blessing, protection, and eternal posterity blessed by God.¹⁷

He never saw it coming...

This new covenant, God wrote as he had written no other. Not on stone! He wrote it on men's hearts!

⁴ Isaiah 53: 7, John 1: 29

⁵ Matthew 27:50

⁶ Psalm 32: 1, 2, Romans 4: 5- 8, 5: 1, Hebrews 8: 10- 13

⁷ John 3: 14- 18, 1John 5: 13, John 20: 30, 31

⁸ Psalm 8: 5

⁹ John 10: 9

¹⁰ 1 Corinthians 3: 16, 6: 19

¹¹ John 4: 10, 7: 37, 38

¹² Galatians 3: 13

¹³ John 3: 15

¹⁴ Romans 3: 28, Galatians 3: 10, 11, Ephesians 2: 8, 9, Titus 3: 5, 6

¹⁵ Galatians 3: 7- 10, 14, 26- 29

¹⁶ Galatians 3: 29

¹⁷ Isaiah 54: 13, Psalm 112: 2, Galatians 12: 1, 2, 15: 1

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.
Hebrews 8:10

"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them," then He adds, "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more." Now where there is remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin.
Hebrews 10:16-18 [NKJV]

SONGS OF

READ:

Ezekiel 36: 25- 29

Jeremiah 31: 31- 34

DELIVERANCE

- the Tabernacle itself:
 - It was a picture of man. In this new covenant, he is the temple of God.¹⁸ again, God gave a clue. In the "heart" of this Tabernacle was an altar, and what was **in** that altar?
 - THE LAW! Of course, "I will put my law in their hearts." There they were, the two stone tablets, in the "heart" of God's temple. Now that unbending, unforgiving, absolute law of God was written in the heart of man.

- THE ROD! The power that carried God's people through their wilderness, moved their obstacles, gave them the water of life, and defeated their enemies was also in the heart of man. "I will put my Spirit in them." The same power that allowed Jesus to live perfect, do mighty works, and free mankind was in the heart of man.
- THE MANNA! Food from heaven, provided by God. "but my God shall supply all your need according to HIS RICHES IN GLORY by Christ Jesus." - Philippians 4: 19

*Yet He had commanded the clouds above,
And opened the doors of heaven,
Had rained down manna on them to eat,
And given them of the bread of heaven.
Men ate angels' food;
He sent them food to the full.
*Psalms 78:23-25 [NKJV emphasis added]**

In his new covenant, God put it **all** right into the heart of everyone who believes.

*"What devil, in his wildest imagination, would have seen that God could so completely remove sin out of the picture? He **refuses** to impute sin to these believers' accounts! **Refuses!**"¹⁹*

Then, into this justified man, he puts his own Spirit to write and TEACH the law, AND to **cause** him to walk in those statutes - to live them!²⁰ (Whoops! Forgot...FIRST, he gives the guy a whole new heart, softened, ready to receive that law - his word.²¹)

So, this man made righteous by faith, can **live** righteously by that same faith.²²

Now...NOW, this man, born in sin, can walk in perfect peace with his God. AT LAST! God got the thing he wanted all along!

¹⁸ 1 Corinthians 3: 16, 6: 19, 2 Corinthians 6: 16

¹⁹ Psalm 32: 1, 2, Romans 4: 4- 8

²⁰ Ezekiel 36: 26- 28, John 16: 13

²¹ Matthew 13: 18

²² Colossians 2: 6, Habakkuk 2: 4, Romans 1: 17, Galatians 3: 11, Hebrews 10: 38

"I will be their God, and they will be my people."²³

So, it all boils down to this: it is the **only way** you and I could walk with our God, and him with us.

*The righteous will live by faith.
Romans 1:17 [HCSB]*

Do you see it? As we come to God in **his** righteousness, made so by **his** blood, obeying **his** law only by the indwelling of **his** spirit, he can now accept us and dwell with us.

*Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:
Colossians 1:26-27 [KJV]*

Oh, and one more thing: at creation, God gave man Dominion over all his creation. Now, in this new covenant, God added **one more** dimension to man's Dominion:

And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, **and over all the power of the enemy:** and nothing shall by any means hurt you.
Luke 10:18-19 [KJV emphasis added]*

* "power" The Greek word is, "exusia." it means, "authority."

Now, man **also** has Dominion over Satan, who took away his Dominion.

God saw that coming.

²³ exodus 6: 7, Leviticus 26: 12, Jeremiah 7: 23, 30: 22, 24: 7, 31: 1, 32: 38, Ezekiel 11: 20, 14: 11, 36: 28, 37: 27, Hosea 2: 23, Zechariah 8: 8, 2 Corinthians 6: 16 Hebrews 8: 10, revelation 21: 3, 7 [He mentions it *once or twice*.]