



## ~ Power of God's Covenant – Part 4 ~

***“He remembers His covenant forever, the word which He commanded, for a thousand generations.” – Psalm 105:8***

I think the hardest thing that happens to us when we make a mistake or fail in something, is the guilt and remorse that seems to stay with us a very long time. Long after others have forgiven us, we still battle with how to forgive ourselves.

The enemy is a mastermind at twisting and turning guilt around in our heads so that we continually look at it and feel it. Guilt is the devil's stronghold. And when it comes to walking with God, it has no permanent place in the Christian life. Sure, God will use guilt to convict us of sin, but then it is to be erased by the joy of salvation as we repent and turn from our sin.

Another issue we battle is in believing that what God has promised us from the beginning will still happen in our lives when we make mistakes. I mean, there is a limit to how much God can restore my life, right? No, the only limit God has is in our own willingness to surrender ourselves to Him.

*“If his sons forsake My law and do not walk in My judgments, if they break My statutes and do not keep My commandments, then I will punish their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless My lovingkindness I will not utterly take from him, nor allow My faithfulness to fail. My covenant I will not break, nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.” – Psalm 89:30-34*

The beauty of this promise is this: When we make mistakes, we will face consequences. There is always pain when covenant is broken. But, thru the pain there is hope. God will not forget His covenant to us and will still fulfill His plan in our lives. God is bigger than your mistakes.

I love the text in Isaiah 49:15, “Can a woman forget her nursing child, and not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, yet I will not forget you.” The wonderful thing about God is that He knows all our weaknesses. He understands our trials and our temptations. He knows we are prone to mistakes and we are weak because of sin. Because of this, His deep love for us brought Him to make provision for us thru His covenant.

“Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.” – Hebrews 4:14-15 Jesus came to this earth to face what we face so His victory could be our victory.

In a nutshell, what God promises to you and I stands forever. 1 Kings 8:56 says, *“Blessed be the LORD, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised. There has not failed one word of all His good promise, which He promised through His servant Moses.”*

Sometimes the choices we make bring pain and rough consequences we have to face. But, even in that moment when we realize our sin and bring it before God, repent and turn from it, God immediately restores us to His covenant and begins to work in our life. It doesn't mean all our consequences will disappear. It simply means He begins to work thru them to bring about restoration and His ultimate plan for your life. He is not limited in His ability to restore by our circumstances. His covenant is bigger than our circumstances. He is only limited by our own unwillingness to surrender all areas of our life to Him. When we do, instantly God has access to work to fulfill His covenant promises in our lives. You cannot go too far for God. His promises for you are greater. All He is waiting on is for you to give Him access and control. Won't you start today?

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