



~ Power of God's Covenant – Part 1 ~

“And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.” – Revelation 21:3

Have you ever asked these questions?”

1. Is there a limit to how much God is able to restore my life?
2. Is it possible to lose something God has promised me and if so, under what conditions?
3. Can I fall away from God to such a degree that, even when I come back to Him, God is limited in His ability to fulfill His entire plan for my life?
4. How can the promises of God become real in my life so I experience His joy and restoration?

If you have, then you have joined millions of others who have had one or more of these same questions. The answer to these questions lies in understanding the truth of God's covenant and then learning how to walk with Him in it. Understanding the purpose behind God's covenant with us and what that covenant is builds within us a true sense of worth and well-being. It holds the key to the answers for our heart questions and this is where we must start.

Covenant is a strong word. In our culture, it usually implies a contract signed by at least two parties. It means vows have been made between those parties to fulfill an agreement that was made. It's a strong way to say “I promise”. God made a vow (or covenant) with us from the very foundation of the earth – even before the earth was formed and made. Let's take a look at God's purpose behind this covenant He made. In its broadest intent, God's purpose in making a covenant with us is three-fold.

- 1. He desired a people of His own and to dwell with them** – *“Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.” - Genesis 1:26-27*

God wanted a family, plain and simple. He wanted a relationship with you and to dwell with you as your God. Relationship is at the heart of God's covenant and it is the motivation behind all that God has poured out on our behalf. He loves you and longs to receive your love in return.

- 2. He chose you from the foundations of the world** - *“Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.” - Ephesians 1:4*

In a relationship setting, the man will choose a woman he wants to pursue. This is in essence what God did. He saw you and fell in love with you. He chose you even before He created the world and put a plan in place to ensure that you could be with Him.

- 3. Reveal His glory and character thru you** - *“I have declared and saved, I have proclaimed, And there was no foreign god among you; Therefore you are My witnesses,” Says the LORD, “that I am God.” - Isaiah 43:12*

The greatest purpose for our being is to reflect the glory and power of God through our life. Just like a child reflects the appearance and mannerisms of its parent, so we are to reflect to beauty of who God is through us. This purpose has stayed intact even after our fall into sin. Even when we as God’s creation turned against Him, His purpose and desire for us remained unchanged and the vow He made before creation was big enough to accomplish His desire despite His creation’s now fallen state.

God’s covenant with us is the foundation of our value and worth. Heaven gave all its resources to bring earth back into its realm of glory. Nothing was held back and the depth of love that was poured out on you is immeasurable. You were made in God’s image, you were chosen because He loved you. He wants to dwell with you and be your God and you His people. He wants relationship with you and restore you to His glory! That’s the purpose behind God’s heart for you.

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