

*Marriage Covenant...*

# *God's True Image*

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For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you"  
Hebrews 13:5

"that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me,  
and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that

the world may believe that you sent Me.  
John 17:21

## **Dedicated to all Marriage Covenant Keepers**

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it, that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish. So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.

For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

--Ephesians 5:25-33

Likewise you wives, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear. Do not let your beauty be that outward adorning of arranging the hair, of wearing gold, or of putting on fine apparel; but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible ornament of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.

Likewise you husbands, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

--I Peter 3:1-7

## *Marriage Covenant*

One of the most important binding forces of marriage, and in turn, a very potent “glue” that holds a marriage together is covenant. Most people today, including ministers and Christian leaders, do not understand the deep spiritual meaning of covenant relationships either with God, or with a spouse.

I believe that over the last 150 years, in general and over the last 50 years more specifically, there has been a significant exchange of fundamental values in western society, but has also permeated the church. The primary value exchange which has impacted our understanding of marriage is that of COVENANT for CONTRACT.

I am convinced that the biblical concept of marriage is that of a blood covenant. Blood covenant is an eastern concept which has been known and practiced for many centuries in the east, but is little known or understood in the west. The Bible, God’s Word, was written in an eastern context and much of the biblical presentation of God’s relationship with man is couched in blood covenant terminology. Unfortunately, most of us in the west have very little familiarity even with the concept of blood covenant.

A blood covenant is the closest, most sacred, most enduring, binding agreement known to men. Jonathan and David made such a covenant with each other as recorded in I Samuel 18:1-4. When a covenant was made, it was virtually never broken. It was such a sacred commitment that a man would die before he would dishonor himself by breaking a covenant. In the east, a man’s word in a vow or covenant was more valuable than his life.

This type of covenant still exists in oriental and middle eastern cultures today. To them a covenant is an irrevocable, and breakable only by death. Covenant breaking in the east is virtually always punishable by death.

It is astounding that our God, the creator, would make covenant with man, committing all He is and all He has to us. Jesus Christ took upon Himself the punishment for our covenant breaking in His establishment of the New Covenant and offered to all who will receive an irrevocable covenant commitment.

The concept of covenant then is a unilateral commitment made to

another party in the presence of God and is independent of the performance of the other party. The concept of contract, on the other hand, is an entirely different concept. A contract is a bilateral agreement between two parties totally dependent upon performance of the agreement. Under a contract, if one fails to perform according to the contract, the other party has no obligation to perform either and is no longer bound by the terms of the contract. This is not the case under a covenant which is totally independent of performance and is irrevocable. A covenant was not simply broken, and if it ever was, the penalty was death.

Up until recent years, the concept of marriage, even in society at large, has been that of covenant, not contract. Until recent years, the church has always viewed marriage as a covenant rather than a contract.

Unfortunately, over a period of time, the unbelieving world, out of an alleged concern for the individual, began to forsake the biblical value of covenant in marriage and instead embraced the value of contract. Much of the church, who claims that we are a covenant people, rather than being the salt and light that it ought to be, has allowed the world to influence it and has ultimately embraced the worldly values system. In so doing, we have participated in releasing a massive destructive force in society and within the church which is ravaging our marriages and families. The covenant value in marriage would say to the marriage partner, "I am irrevocably committed to you until death separates us. My commitment to you has nothing to do with your performance or any choice you make. It is a unilateral commitment before God unto death." This is the commitment that the Lord Jesus Christ made to us, His Bride. "I will never leave you or forsake you," Hebrews 13:5.

The contract value would rather say, "I'll keep my end of the bargain if you keep yours. If you make me unhappy or don't do what you promised, then I will leave you (divorce you) and find someone else who makes me happy and keeps his/her promises. And if you leave me, then I will definitely leave you and find someone else." This is certainly contrary to Paul's teaching in Romans 7:2a, "For the woman who has a husband is bound by law to her husband as long as he lives..." Aren't you glad that your relationship with Jesus is a covenant commitment on His part rather than a contract commitment?

If the message presented between the parents is that of contract, "If you make me unhappy, or don't measure up, I am going to leave you and find somebody else," the heart of the child thinks, "I wonder what will happen to me if I make him/her unhappy and don't measure up?"

In the heart, this feeling is naturally next transferred to God. Even as Paul said: the marriage is a picture of my relationship with Christ. In my relationship with Jesus, the heart conclusion is that I am like my mother and Jesus is like my father, and if I make them unhappy, or don't do what is right, or leave Him, or am unfaithful to Him in anyway, He is going to leave me and find someone else.

When Christian parents exchange the value of covenant for contract by embracing the world system of the practice of divorce and/or remarriage as a viable option for Christians, they open the door of their children's lives to the enemy and release a literal generational curse. Through this process a second generation is set up for family dysfunction in adulthood leading to divorce, thereby leading up to the third generation. This process continues indefinitely until someone obtains knowledge of this demonic process and chooses to break the cycle.

Whether they realize it or not, parents hold in their hands a powerful key to the future lives of their children. parents are the primary agents through whom impartation of image comes to children, either from God, who said: "what God has joined together, let no man separate," Matthew 19:6 or from Satan who as a thief comes "to steal, to kill and to destroy," John 10:10. Thus, parents may be used either as an agent of God to bless their children, or as an agent of Satan to curse their children.

However, through the Lord Jesus Christ, who has come to this earth to restore life and marriage and our children and everything that Satan has stolen, we can enjoy the blessings promised to us and rebuke the curses of the kingdom of darkness. John said: "He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil," I John 3:8. I strongly believe that separation, divorce, breaking of the home, selfishness and unforgiveness is a manifested work of the devil.

God has established marriage covenant and God will never abandon that covenant relationship with a person or a group of people. All the provisions and promises associated with covenants are ours forever. Therefore, the marriage covenant is based, not on a covenant of works composed of what the couple promises to do for each other, but, on better promises--what God will do in them for each other and to all who obey and stand firm on that covenant.

Covenant breaking through divorce and remarriage, though frequently promoted in the church, are not options for those to whom Jesus is Lord, and who have chosen to live for Him and His kingdom rather than for self and personal happiness.

The primary issue in covenant breaking is the destruction of the image and defamation of the character of God in the sight of others. This gives rise to a deep seated distrust toward God and fear of abandonment in the hearts of participants, children and those whom we try to be a witness. We as believers cannot live only unto ourselves. Jesus' concern is not only for believers (John 17:22-23) but even more so for others before whom the church is a representation of the image of God. No one individual is the representation of the Image of God, but rather it is the collective relationship between believers that bear the image of God. When the church is not one, it is difficult to convince people that the Father loves them and that He sent Jesus Christ.

In the same way as the church bears the Image of God, so does marriage. Marriage is God's idea. It is an institution of God. Paul tells us in Ephesians 5 that the marriage relationship is an earthly picture of the relationship between Christ and the church. When there is a Covenant Keeping within a marriage, the image of Christ and His bride is correctly presented before the world. However, when there is a Covenant Breaking within a marriage, the world is presented with the wrong earthly picture of Christ and His bride.

Because marriage does indeed bear the Image of God in the world, both DIVORCE and REMARRIAGE are bold statements to those around that the Father does not love them and that the Father did not send Jesus.

Many Christian leaders and pastors continue to remarry divorced Christians to people other than their spouses, thus embracing the world's value of contract rather than upholding God's value of covenant. I realize that, in part, today the church is deceived and that the concept of right and wrong is not particularly strong in our society anymore, even among Christians. However, just the fact that this practice is morally wrong and violates God's will and purpose and it is contrary to the holy Scriptures ought to be enough to cause Christian leaders and pastors to discontinue this practice.

I pray that we turn this cycle of destruction and devastation around in our generation, at least among believers. Let our children not have to bear the pain and devastation that many of us have suffered

because of divorce and public rejection. Let our grandchildren not have to know the torment of a broken home, abuse, shame, etc. Let us be the generation in which the curse is broken, and God's promised blessing is released upon our children and grandchildren.

### *God's Word concerning Covenant Marriages*

GENESIS 2:18-25--And the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him." Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him. And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

DEUTERONOMY 23:21--"When you make a vow to the Lord your God, you shall not delay to pay it; for the Lord your God will surely require it of you, and it would be sin to you."

PROVERBS 2:17--Who forsakes the companion of her youth, and forgets the covenant of her God.

PROVERBS 30:20--This is the way of an adulterous woman: She eats and wipes her mouth, and says, "I have done no wickedness."

ECCLESIASTES 5:5--It is better not to vow than to vow and not pay.

JEREMIAH 3:1--"They say, 'If a man divorces his wife, and she goes from him and becomes another man's, may he return to her again?' Would not that land be greatly polluted? But you have played the harlot with many lovers; yet return to Me," says the Lord.

JEREMIAH 32:38-39--"They shall be My people, and I will be their God; then I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me forever,

for the good of them and their children after them.’

MALACHI 2:13-16--And this is the second thing you do: you cover the altar of the Lord with tears, with weeping and crying; so He does not regard the offering anymore, nor receive it with good will from your hands. Yet you say, “For what reason?” Because the Lord has been witness between you and the wife of your youth, with whom you have dealt treacherously; yet she is your companion and your wife by covenant. But did He not make them one, having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth. For the Lord God of Israel says that He hates divorce, for it covers one’s garment with violence,” says the Lord of hosts. “Therefore take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously.”

MATTHEW 5:31-32--“Furthermore it has been said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.”

MATTHEW 19:4-9--And He answered and said to them, “Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.” They said to Him, “Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?” He said to them, “Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery.”

ROMANS 7:2-3--For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from the law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man.

I CORINTHIANS 7:39-40--A wife is bound by law as long as her husband lives; but if her husband dies, she is at liberty to be married to whom



she wishes, only in the Lord. But she is happier if she remains as she is, according to my judgment--and I think I also have the Spirit of God.

### **SCRIPTURAL DECLARATIONS**

The following prayers are ones that are used by our “restorers.” They are based on scripture and personalized by placing your name or the name of your spouse in the blanks.

**Matt 5:6** Father, I thank you that \_\_\_\_\_ hungers and thirsts after righteousness.

**Psalm 42:1** As the deer pants for the water brooks, so \_\_\_\_\_’s soul pants for thee.

**Psalm 1:1-2** Father, I thank you that \_\_\_\_\_ walks and lives not in the counsel of the ungodly following their advice, plans and purposes, nor stands submissive and inactive in the path where sinners walk, nor sits down to relax and rest where the scornful and mockers gather but \_\_\_\_\_ delights and desires the law of God, the precepts, the instructions and teachings of God which \_\_\_\_\_ meditates and ponders day and night.

**Hosea 2:6** Thank you for hedging \_\_\_\_\_’s way with thorns, making a wall so he/she will not find his/her path.

**Ezekiel 36:26** Father, I thank you for giving \_\_\_\_\_ and me one heart, putting a new spirit within \_\_\_\_\_ and taking away the stony heart and giving \_\_\_\_\_ a heart of flesh.

**Eph 1:17** God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, I thank you for giving \_\_\_\_\_ a spirit of wisdom and of revelation of the knowledge of Him. I pray that the eyes of \_\_\_\_\_’s heart may be enlightened so that \_\_\_\_\_ may know what is the hope of his calling and what are the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints.

**Eph 5:25** I thank you Father that \_\_\_\_\_ loves me as Christ loves the church and gave Himself for her.

**Solomon 8:7** I thank you Father, that many waters have not quenched \_\_\_\_\_ 's love for me, neither have floods drowned it.

**Proverbs 5:15** Thank you that we drink waters out of our own cistern of pure marriage relationship and fresh running waters out of our own well. Thank you that \_\_\_\_\_ confines himself/herself to me alone and our children are for us alone and not the children of strangers with us. Our fountain is blessed with the rewards of fidelity and \_\_\_\_\_ rejoices with the wife/husband of his/ her youth. I am as a loving doe to \_\_\_\_\_ and my bosom satisfies \_\_\_\_\_ at all times and always is transported with delight in my love.

**Proverbs 2:16** Discretion shall watch over \_\_\_\_\_ , understanding shall keep \_\_\_\_\_ to deliver \_\_\_\_\_ from alien man/woman, from the outsider, with her/his flattering words. Thank you, Father, that \_\_\_\_\_ is a righteous person, re-deemed by your blood and that he/she is a person of integrity and good principles. He/she desires to walk with God, in truth and direction in order that God may be glorified. His/her needs are supplied according to your riches and great supply, and I praise you that the Holy Spirit is consistently leading \_\_\_\_\_ to the throne room where he/she sees you in all of your glory.

I thank you, Father, that we are one-flesh, blessed by your hand and restored to full relationship with each other and with you. I thank you that our lives and relationship will be the means of reaching many for the Kingdom of God.

I thank you, Father, that our children are blessed by your Word, and our obedience to You.

I thank you, Father, that the barriers that Satan would build between my one-flesh and you are destroyed and that, instead, he/she sees a broad path and welcoming to Your will and our home.

I thank you, Father, that the time of separation is as a day, and that it will totally be healed by Your hand.

I thank you, Lord, that each day of my life is blessed and directed by your hand. I thank you, because I see You in every minute, every situation, good or bad.

I thank you, Father, because today, You are bringing others into my life that are hurting also that I may share Your love and good news with them.

I thank you that \_\_\_\_\_ is not the master of his/her own body, but I am; and that I am not the master of my own body, but he/she is. I praise you that our marriage bed is undefiled.

I pray that you will shed the light of the Gospel of your Son, Jesus Christ, around \_\_\_\_\_ every day of his/her life and that he/she will come to dwell in the shadow of the Almighty.

I pray Father, that \_\_\_\_\_ will look up to You as Thomas, Your disciple, and say, "My Lord and my God!"

### ***PROMISE***

Job 22:30 Thank you Father, that You will deliver the one who is not innocent and he will be delivered through the cleanness of my hands.

Proverbs 3:5-6 I trust in the Lord with all my heart and do not lean on my own understanding.

II Cor. 4:18 I look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal but the things which are not seen are eternal.

### ***REPENTANCE***

Rom 2:4 I thank You that your goodness brings \_\_\_\_\_ to repentance.

II Cor 7:10 I thank You for giving \_\_\_\_\_ sorrow that is according to the will of God and produces repentance without regret leading to salvation.

### ***PROMISE OF RECONCILIATION***

Joel 2:25 Thank you for restoring unto us the years the locusts have eaten. Thank you for restoring our love, trust, purity of our marriage bed, etc.

## ***FORGIVENESS***

Father, I come to You to ask You to help me wipe the past clean. Philippians 3:13 tells me “to forget the things which are behind, and reach forth to the things which are before, to press toward the mark.” Father, I ask You to help me not to think of the things past but let me think of the good ahead and to press toward the mark and to do Your will always.

*The married state is to be one  
of perpetual and unconditional love.  
The phrase “I love you” means this:  
“I am committed to you. Whether or not  
you are happy with what I say or do,  
I care for you and look for opportunities  
to show you how much I care.  
I will never leave you, nor forsake you.  
I will always pray for God’s best for our lives  
together.  
As husband and wife, we are a one-flesh union  
and inseparable. No matter what you may do or  
say, I am committed to you for the duration  
of our earthly lives. What was once mine is  
now ours; and I receive what was once yours  
as ours together.*

*Continue.....*

# MARRIAGE

*I Corinthians 13 Isaiah 62:5*

*And the LORD GOD said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother; and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. Genesis 2:18, 24*

*Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it, Ephesians 5:25*

*Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church. Ephesians 5:22,23a*

*A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband... Proverbs 12:4*

*Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favor of the Lord. Proverbs 18:22*

*...and a prudent wife is from the LORD... Proverbs 19:14*

*Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow:*

*but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him and a threefold cord is not quickly broken... Ecclesiastes 4:9, 10, 12*

*Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies.*

*The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her;...She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.*

*She openeth her mouth with wisdom and in her tongue is the law of kindness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her... Proverbs 31:10, 12, 25, 26, 28*

*What therefore God hath joined together; let no man put asunder: Matthew 19:6*

*“Marriage is a three-way covenant, the Bride, the Groom and God.”*

**...a threefold cord is not quickly broken.  
Ecclesiastes 4:12**

# Love

**Love is giving with no thought of getting.**

**It is tenderness unfolding with strength to protect.**

**It is forgiveness without further thought of the thing forgiven.**

**It is understanding human weakness with knowledge of the true man shining through.**

**It is quiet in the midst of turmoil.**

**It is trust in God with no thought in self.**

**It is the garment of Christ without seam, spot or wrinkle.**

**It is the one altogether lovely, the light in the mother's eyes, the glory in the sacrifice, the quiet assurance of His protection.**

**It is the expectation of the Father's promise coming true.**

**It is the refusal to see anything but good in our fellow man.**

**It is the fruit of conquered sin.**

**It is the glory that comes with selflessness and the power that comes with assurance of the Father's love for His children.**

**It is the voice that says "No" to our brother when "Yes" might be more easily said.**

**It is the resistance to the world's lust and greed, thus becoming a positive law of annihilation to error.**

**Love-the one thing no one can take from us-the one thing we can give constantly and become increasingly rich in giving.**

**Love can take no offense-for it can not know that which it does not of itself conceive.**

**It can not hurt or be hurt, for it is the purest reflection of God, Good.**

**It is the will of God, preparing, planning always what is best for all in His universe.**

*Continue*

# Help for Standers

## *Ephesians 6:13-15*

A Stander believes God and His Word on marriage covenant (not circumstances, other opinions, not even our own feelings) that whom God has joined together, let no man put asunder.

Matthew 19:6

### *When You are Lonely*

God puts the solitary in families....Psalms 68:6

Look to Jesus.... Acts 2:25

God thinks about you.... Jeremiah 29:11

God delivers those with none to help.... Psalms 72:12

God never leaves you alone Joshua 1:5

God is always with you ....Matthew 28:20

Praise God, choose joy.... Psalms 100; Philippians 4:4, Isaiah 61:3

### *When You've Blown It*

Admit your sin.... Romans 3:23

Repent.... Acts 2:38, 17:30, 20:21

Confess.... I John 1:9, James 5:16

Receive God's cleansing and forgiveness.... Acts 26:18, 10:43

Ephesians 1:18, Colossians 1:13-14

Acknowledge you are redeemed ....Romans 8:1

Pursue Peace.... Hebrews 12:14

### *When you begin to doubt*

Faith comes through the Word of God.... Romans 10:17

Philippians 4:8-9, James 1:5-8

God remains faithful ....Hebrews 10:23, I Thessalonians 5:24,

Revelation 19:11

All things are possible....Mark 9:23, Matthew 17:20, 19:26

### *when you want to quit*

Endure for coming glory.... II Timothy 2:12, Romans 8:16-18

Hebrews 6:12, I Peter 4:12-16

God gives strength ....Isaiah 40:29-31  
Rest in God ....Hebrews 4:9-11  
Reap if we don't faint.... Isaiah 55:11, Galatians 6:9  
The battle belongs to God.... I Samuel 17:47, II Chronicles 20:15  
Blessed if we endure.... Psalms 30:5, 126:6, James 1:12  
Give thanks.... I Thessalonians 5:16-18  
Call on God.... Jeremiah 33:3, Matthew 7:7, Colossians 2:3  
Obey God.... Acts 5:29, Romans 12:2, I John 5:3  
Remember the Lord.... Psalms 103:1-5  
Trust in the Lord.... Psalms 118:8-11

### **Who Am I In Christ**

Look up these verses and use as reminders of who we are in Jesus Christ.  
When the devil comes in like a flood, raise the standard!  
Forgiven Colossians..... 1:13-14  
Saved by grace through faith..... Ephesians 2:8  
Justified..... Romans 5:1  
Sanctified..... I Corinthians 6:11  
A new creation in Christ..... II Corinthians 5:17  
A child of God..... Romans 8:16  
Partaker of His Divine Nature..... II Peter 1:4  
Redeemed from the curse of the law..... Galatians 3:13  
Delivered from the powers of darkness..... Colossians 1:13  
Led by the Spirit of God..... Romans 8:14  
Redeemed from the hand of the enemy..... Psalms 107:2  
A son of God..... Romans 8:14  
Kept in safety wherever I go..... Psalms 91:11  
Resisting the devil - who is fleeing from me..... James 4:7  
Supplied with all my needs through Christ..... Philippians 4:19  
Casting all my cares on Him for He cares for me..... I Peter 5:7  
Strong in the Lord and the power of His might..... Ephesians 6:10  
Doing all things through Christ..... Philippians 4:13  
A joint heir with Christ..... Romans 8:17  
Heir to the blessing of Abraham..... Galatians 3:13-14  
Blessed coming in and going out..... Deuteronomy 28:6  
An inheritor of eternal life..... I John 5:11-12  
Blessed with all spiritual blessings..... Ephesians 1:3  
Healed by His stripes..... I Peter 2:24  
Exercising my authority over the enemy..... Luke 10:19  
Above and not beneath..... Deuteronomy 28:13  
More than a conqueror..... Romans 8:37



Not moved by what I see..... II Corinthians 4:18  
Establishing God's word on the earth..... Matthew 16:19  
Free from fear of death..... Hebrews 2:15  
The light of the world..... Matthew 5:14  
The righteous of God in Christ..... II Corinthians 5:21  
Daily overcoming the devil..... I John 4:4  
Walking by faith, not by what I see..... II Corinthians 5:7  
A laborer together with God..... I Corinthians 3:9

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Jeremiah 32: 38, 39

“...And they shall be my people, and I will be their God: and I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them...”

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