

The Holy Covenant

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Very soon, an event will transpire that will unmask the identity of the man who is "666". Prophetic revelation indicates that this wicked man has great hatred for something that the Bible calls the "Holy Covenant". If we can discover what this Holy Covenant is, we can

understand the nature of the crushing blow God's chosen people will deliver to him and limit his influence once he arises to mislead and corrupt the nations. Note the following prophecy below:

"The king of the North will...be set against the holy covenant. He will take action against it and then return to his own country...He will turn back and vent his fury against the holy covenant" (Daniel 11:28-30). What is the Holy Covenant? Why does the "anti-Christ" need to take action against it? To better help you understand the nature of the "Holy Covenant", I have condensed its meaning into the following story;

There was once a careless man who loved to party, sometimes well into the night and his neighbors despised him. Despite the disapproval of his neighbors, the man continued to party and fell into hard times due to his addiction to drugs. His wife finally left him, then he lost his job. Eventually things got so bad for him that he could no longer make his child support payments, and soon, the creditors were coming to take away his possessions. He was ready to lose everything so he decided to put an ad in the paper and sell his property.

The ad created great interest. Though the property was run down and garbage scattered everywhere, investors lined up to make their offers. But he took a liking to one particular man. He sensed that this man had all the traits he wished he had possessed. So he sent all the other buyers away and arraignments were made to sell the property to the man he admired.

When the day arrived for the new owner to move in, he arrived at the property and was shocked to see that the drug addicted man had not cleaned the garbage off the property. Neither had he made arrangements to move. The addict was unmotivated, so with the help of some of the new owner's friends, he forcibly removed the addict and all of his belongings from the property.

Dear reader: The addict was afraid to face the creditor who was coming to reclaim his possessions and he gave up his property. Likewise a Heavenly creditor is coming to reclaim His possession. **"Behold, I come quickly, and my reward is with me...Blessed are they that do his commandment, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city" Revelation 22:13-14).** Jesus is coming soon to reclaim his creation. He is looking for good works from our lives, works that show we are qualified to enter into Heaven, never desiring to fall again. But like the drug addict, we have no desire to produce works like this. For we lack the motivation needed to satisfy Heavens demand. So what can we possibly do?

Sell out! Just like the drug addicted man. We must sell before we get repossessed! Go to the bargaining table and make a commitment (a covenant) with God before it's too late. Once we fulfill our part of the bargain, God fulfills His part. Just like an agreement to purchase property.

Unfortunately, many fail at the bargaining table because they really don't give up. They appear to be sincere, yet sadly, their commitment is only half hearted. Appearing "almost religious" they convince themselves that its OK to be "almost right" with God. Sadly, He cannot make the change they so desperately need and they become stumbling blocks to those true seekers. **"A double minded man is unstable in all his ways" (James 1:8).** This half hearted commitment is worse than no commitment at all.

By holding on to just one evil desire, they let God know that they are not fully committed. **"If I regard wickedness in my heart, the Lord will not hear" (Psalms 66:18).** Jesus would love to bring relief to them, but He will never force anyone to sell out against their will. But for those who do surrender everything, the agreement is finalized with His signature. **"I will put my law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God and they shall be My people" (Jeremiah 31:33).**

Receiving this new life is simple; Jesus promises that if you make a full surrender of your evil heart, He will change it. The desires of the heart govern the actions of every man and woman on this earth. Without this change, you will grow tired of doing good works and go back to your life of sin. **"As a dog returns to its vomit, so a fool repeats his folly" (Proverbs 26:11).** To a dog, recycling its own vomit is a natural part of its life, but to humans, lapping up a pool of vomit would make any man sick! So when God changes your heart, sin will become distasteful! You will possess same feelings about right and wrong as He feels. If you allow him, he will re-write the code of your heart and in it, will come the same motivation as Jesus possessed as he lived among us when he walked this earth so long ago.

Jesus lived according to the covenant of Moses for thirty three years in a sinful world and now, two thousand years later, He is still happy to comply with it. The change of heart He offers is everlasting and no one can ever steal it away! **"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come" (2 Corinthians 5:17)!**

After accepting the terms of the Holy Covenant, evict the old man immediately! Banish the thought that he has any right to your new life! The old man must GO! It is impossible to receive new life and go on sinning. **"When people keep on sinning, it shows they belong to the Devil...Those who have been born into God's family do not sin, because God's life is in them...Anyone who does not obey God's commands and does not love other Christians (believers) does not belong to God" (1 John 3:9-10).**

Here is how you can be sure that you have been born into a new life. Your hearts desire is to rid yourself of all traces of the old life. Not only do you desire it, you successfully accomplish it! You can be confident that **"He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6).** After receiving this change, you will never grow weary of doing God's will. **"This is the love of God: To obey His commands. And His commands are not burdensome" (1 John 5:3).**

The responsible owner of the story was stuck with the previous owners mess. Likewise, accept that you have brought many evil things into your life before you surrendered to God. Never be discouraged by what you might dig up. You can be confident that the new code Jesus creates within you immediately brings with it a desire to cast out every evil habit and desire of your wicked past. If you willingly make this Holy Covenant, you shall be empowered to keep all of his commandments and statutes in the face of the most difficult circumstances imaginable. You are a new creation!

The Holy Covenant was well defined by Zechariah when he prophesied saying; **"Salvation...from the hand of all who hate us-to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant; the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days" (Luke 1:67-75).**

As the world witnesses the power that the Holy covenant brings to those who serve him with all their heart, the influence of anti-Christ will be crushed. **"They (true Israel) will come and bind themselves to the LORD in an everlasting covenant that will not be forgotten" (Jeremiah 50:5).**

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