

The Blood Covenant – By Pastor David Bukola Ajide

I want to let you know that God is everywhere. I am telling you that God has not forgotten us. Amen. He's a faithful God, mighty God, a Shelter in the time of storm. Man may not be able to protect us, but God will protect us. Halleluyah! For many of us, we realize that it's a privilege to worship God. And, when we come to the house of God, we take a lot of things for granted - but today, you'll realize that things are different, things are not how they used to be before. Worship is a privilege – that is why I want us to trust God, because the only shelter we have in the time of storm is God!

I want to let you know that God is in these things – He knows about it. He is not disrupted with it, He knew it before it ever happened, and He has already made a way of escape. Halleluyah! Today, I just want to share a few things with us, and I believe that our God is faithful. One of our family friends sent to us from the US, that they've been diagnosed with coronavirus; and they had to admit them. But we started praying and we believed God. But I want to say that few days ago, he (our infected friend) was discharged of coronavirus. Amen! That happened, because coronavirus is not a death sentence. Know, that God is faithful! So, God heals coronavirus, God heals everything. When we believe God, the Lord will do mighty things for us.

Mammon is a system, and mammon has failed! Can you imagine? Commerce, business, everything has stopped. For people that think they control the world, God just showed that He is the controller of this world. The first thing I want to say today is, prophecies are coming to pass. Halleluyah! God said to me, He said, speak comfort to my people – “comfort ye my people”. Tell them that the warfare is over. So, I have come to speak comfort to us today, that God is still on the throne; and that their salvation is closer than when they first believed. Let me say, let there be comfort! Coronavirus will not destroy the world, God (through the second coming of Christ will destroy the world). And like I said, God said to me several times that, this (pandemic) didn't catch me by surprise. I already made provisions for my people. If you study the word of God very well, you will see that there is nothing that happens in this world and God does not take care of His people. Halleluyah!

During the week, a lot of people have been calling me - talking to me about prophecy. What does the prophecy say? What does the bible say about this? Daniel and Revelation – didn't God say anything about this, Great Controversy? A lot of things (speculations) have been going on, on the internet, concerning prophecy. Last night, I was listening to one, talking about 'what is going to be the effect of this coronavirus, prophetically?' One thing I have said is that, this world will never be the same again. Things are going to change; the way we do business, the way we do things, the way we travel; things are going to change - that is for sure!

The next thing I said is, as we are getting to the last phase of this world history, things are not going to be the same anymore – this is the last phase of this world history. And I want to say that those who are careless Christians will not make it. Several things are being done, several things are being put together - thousands are killed every day, now! And they are just used as sacrifice. Coronavirus is a waster, wasting people as sacrifice. If you are not a child of God, or if you are a careless Christian, you might not be able to make it – because you are not listening to God, you are not living by faith! One of the books I have been reading, and I tell people, go and read it – is the book called *The Great Controversy*. It's one of the

best books ever written on end end-time history. You should get a copy and read it. It shows you a lot, because it gives insights of what is going to happen.

Somebody asked, does the book talk about these things happening now? Yes! There is a chapter that talks about some of the things that we are seeing now. But satan is also going to use this opportunity deceive people. In Revelation chapter 13, the bible talks about the mark of the beast. It says, a time is coming when no man will be able to buy or sell, except you receive the mark of the beast. There is a video that is going around now – they said that Bill Gates is trying to put a chip on everybody; and that chip would contain all your codes, and that after this coronavirus, they would ask everybody to be vaccinated. And, if you are not vaccinated, you cannot travel, you cannot do anything – and so, for them to know if you are vaccinated or not, they would ask you to wear a chip. Some people have said that chip is the mark of the beast. It is true that they are planning such things, but you see, from prophecy, through Revelation chapter 13, we know that it is not the mark of the beast. So satan is also going to use that to deceive several people to think that it is the mark of the beast. In fact, the association of a lot of Christians in America gathers, and says, that man is evil – so we would reject that thing; don't take that chip, don't do this and that. Satan is just using that to distract attention! We know who the beast is, the beast is the papacy – **Revelation chapter 13**; we know what is the mark. The mark of the beast is not a physical mark – also, the seal of God is not a physical mark.

Though, it's true they are planning all those things, because in China now, on your phone they can trace you anywhere. And, on your phone, your name is mastered 'yellow' 'red' or 'green'. So, you cannot travel if you are red. If you are yellow, you can't even drive. They have to give you clean bill of green. But all these things want to do one thing – and it is to prepare us for the real mark of the beast! One thing that would happen is that, for everything that has happened so far, they would curtail our freedom a little bit more. After this coronavirus, people will not be free anymore, like they were free to do things, and to walk around before. The people would not be free anymore. Several years ago, when we were in the university, as Seventh-day Adventists, we studied prophecy, the prophecy says, a time would come when we would not be able to worship. When we were studying it in school and we read it out, some people were saying it is not possible. In prophecy, they call it a time of trouble, when government would control worship and shut out worship. People said, no, it cannot happen! But now, the governments have shut down worship all over the world. Even in America. They've shut down worship centres all over the world. But they say this it is only political; it is not religion. But, ladies and gentlemen, it is spiritual.

And that's why as Christians now, every opportunity to worship, we must do it. The bible says, if you cannot run with men, how can you run with horses, and horsemen? So, in the days when things are still easy, if you cannot worship – you cannot run with men, how can you run with horses? A time will come when these things will happen. So, one of the things satan is doing right now is that, he's confusing people about prophecy. He is trying to divert attention away from the real thing, which will come. Now, everybody is focusing on Bill Gates, focusing on vaccination, they are focusing on the chip – the chip is not the mark of the beast, ladies and gentlemen. in Revelations 13, we know, that no one would be able to buy or sell if you don't receive the mark – but that is not a physical mark that they're going to put on your body!

Let me read a few things from the *Great Controversy*, in page 426, it says:

“We are living in the most solemn period of this world history. The destiny of earth’s teeming multitude is about to be decided. Our own future wellbeing and also the salvation other souls depend upon the course which we pursue now! We need to be guided by the spirit of truth.”

So, we need to be guided, so we are not deceived. “Every follower of Christ should earnestly inquire, Lord, what will Thou have me to do?” That’s the counsel. One of the things God said to me is, you should ask God, “so, Lord what do you want me to do now?”.

The Great Controversy reads further, *“We need to humble ourselves before the Lord with fasting and prayer, and meditate much upon His word, especially the scene of these last days. We should now seek deep and living experience the things of God. We have not a moment to lose. Events of vital importance are taking place around us. We are now on satan’s enchanted ground. Sleep not, saints of God, the foe is lurking near, ready at any moment. Should you become lax and rusty, to spit upon you and make you his prey?”*

It says, if you are a sleeping Christian, you are not serious, you are careless, you would become his prey, you will just be wasted. You will be not wasted in Jesus name; in our camp, nobody shall be wasted in the name of Jesus! You see, the power of devil has come to slaughter several people, but I said to us before, that where sin abounds, grace abounds much more! That’s what the bible says. Whenever the power of the devil comes, the bible says in the last days, also the anointing, the greater power from God, double that power of the devil is abounding for us, in Jesus name.

That power is protecting us. It is not a time to fear. It is a time to believe to the saving of our soul – **Romans 13** says, the night has gone far; it says, we are at the brink of the day. “When the testing time shall come, those who have made God’s law their rule of life would be revealed. It says, in testing time, time of trouble, when you would not be able to worship God anymore – and when the earth would be attacked.

In *Great Controversy*, **page 418**, it talked about the “Impending Conflict”, it says:

“satan works through elements also to garner his harvest of unprepared souls. He has studied the secrets of laboratories of nature, and he uses all his powers to control the elements as far as God allowed. When he offered to afflict Job, how quickly, flocks, servants, house and children were swept away.”

It is God that shields His creatures and hedges them in from the power of the destroyer. I want you to take note of that word – He shields His creatures! Ladies and gentlemen, we have a shield and a hedge round about us, in Jesus name.

Great Controversy - *“For the Christian world has shown it’s God that shields us and keeps us from evil.”*

Satan has control of all whom God does not specially guard. Halleluyah! It says:

“Even now, he (satan) is at work, he is at work in accidents, calamity by sea and land, in fierce tornadoes, terrific hailstorm, in tempest, flood, cyclones, tide waves, and earthquakes!”

You see, all these floods, earthquakes, cyclones are very common in these last days. It says, *“All these things, in every place in thousand forms, it would take place”*.

Satan is exercising his power. He sweeps away the ripening harvest, and famine and distress follow”.

Now listen to this, it says, *“He impacts to the air, the deadly thing and thousands perish by the pestilence.”*

You see, coronavirus is a pestilence, that is impacted to the air. Looks at it, it says,

“These visitations are to become more and more frequent and disastrous. Destruction would be upon both man and beast”.

Deadly things. They didn't call it virus because they didn't know about virus that time. It says, deadly things, and that's coronavirus, because it flows in the air.

Now, where are we going? You will know that thousands would begin to die – that is what is happening now. But the good news is, God is going to protect His people. Amen!

Now it continues, it says, *“Now the great deceiver will persuade men that those who serve God are causing this evil.”*

That's where we are going.

“The class that have provoked the pleasure of Heaven will charge their troubles upon those who are obedient to the commandment of God; is a perpetual reprove to the transgressor. It would be declared that men are offending God by the violation of the Sunday Sabbath!”.

Now listen to me, this is where all this is going – write it down. This thing (persecution) will continue, but you see, God will protect His people. When we talk about the Revelation 13 beast, we are talking about the papacy and we are talking America; and that's why America is the most hit now. It would continue. But after sometime, people would begin to say that it's because God is angry, and that's why all this is happening. And that, people must go back to God. So, they'll begin to say America must go back to God. People must go back and serve God. And after sometime, they would now say, everybody must be forced to worship, and America must become Christian nation.

They would say that, God is angry; and it's true that God is angry. Somebody sent a video to me from Italy, just before this coronavirus outbreak happened – and there was a gay party. You would see hundreds of gay, men to men, having party, horrible sight. I can't even watch it, I had to delete it! So, what is going to happen is that they would say people must go back to God. And they would then use political power to enforce religious laws. They would pass what is called the **Sunday Law**, where they would enforce everybody to start worshipping on a Sunday. So, we know when the mark of the beast is going to come; this is going to lead us to the mark of the beast.

“And then, it would be declared that men who are offending by violation of the Sunday Sabbath, that is, their sin has brought calamity which would not cease until the Sunday observance is strictly enforced.”

So, where we are going is that one day, they would say until everybody starts worshipping on Sunday, there would be peace. So, they would enforce Sunday Law. And now, they would say:

“Those who present and the kept 4th Commandment, they are destroying the reference for Sunday. They are the troublers of Israel, restoration of divine favour and temporal prosperity. Those accusations against the servants of God would be repeated, and upon that ground, equally would the law be established”.

What is it saying? It's saying that, it would lead the United States of America to establish the Sunday Law, and it's already happening. You see, whether they put chips or something else, that (National Sunday Law) is where it is going. They would say everybody must now go to church on Sunday, it is compulsory – but after that, evil will still continue to happen, calamities will still continue to happen. They would then say, enough is enough – it is those people who are saying we should worship on the Sabbath, they are the ones causing these problems. And then, they would say, let's persecute them, let's sacrifice them, let's kill them and attack them. That is when the mark of the beast begins!

Ladies and gentlemen, the good news is that, God will protect His people – Halleluyah! So, this is where all this is going, and it will be done by the help of the papacy. Now, they are reaching out to the papacy, the protestants in America, with the papacy, they would combine together and they would enforce this law all over the world – that, people must begin to seek God. The Italy president said, “we have done all we can, we don't know what to do anymore. So, we are looking up to God”.

Even America now, they don't know what to do, they check every day – and now they are having earth tremor. Tremor with coronavirus, how can you cope with that? It would lead to a religious crisis. And then, they would use secular power, they would change their constitution and pass law – that is the real mark of the beast!

The beast says, it's the papacy that changed the day of worship from Saturday to Sunday. And with the help of America, they would enforce it all over the world; and you would not be able to buy or sell except you comply. All the other ones that are going on is just a distraction; satan wants to distract away from the truth – from the real thing. The question is, are you ready? It says:

“Those who honour the bible Sabbath would be denounced as enemies of the law and order, as breaking down the moral restraint of the society. They are the ones causing anarchy and they are calling down the judgement of God upon the earth.”

What are they going to do?

“The dignitaries of church and state will unite together, to bribe, persuade and compel all class to honour Sunday. The lack of divine authority will be supplied by oppressive enactment. Even in the free America, rulers and legislators, in order to secure public favour, will yield to popular demand of the law, enforcing Sunday observance. Liberty of conscience will no longer be respected”.

The bible says in **Revelation 12:17** – “The dragon was wrought with the woman and went to make war with the remnant of her seed which keeps the commandment of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ”. That, is where we are going!

But the good news is that, in times like this, we have a Saviour, halleluyah! Jesus is with us – halleluyah! And He says that, no saint will be lost. Halleluyah! God will watch over the people that stands with Him. But the question is, if you don't stand with God, where will you stand? It says:

“Fearful is the issue to which the world is to be brought. The power of the earth making a war against the commandment of God, and would decree that both great, small, rich and poor, shall conform to the customs of the church by observance of the false Sabbath. All who refuse the compliance would be visited with evil penalties. It would be finally declared that they are deserving of death. And in the final

warning, it says, Sabbath would be the great test of loyalty. For it's a point of truth, especially controverted!"

Now listen to this, it says *"As the storm approaches, as large class of those who have professed faith in the Third Angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth abandon their position, and joint the rank of the opposition"*.

I pray, you will not be a part, in Jesus name! It's saying that a large class of those who are keeping Sabbath now, who come church, but they have not been sanctified, they don't live holy, they have been united to the world, they are doing like the world in everything they do. They attend parties like the world, they behave like them; they have not been sanctified, they are not living by faith. It said, they would eventually join the opposition. May you not join the opposition in Jesus name.

It says, *"Men of talents, pleasing address, by uniting with the world, the partaking of the spirit, they have come to view matters in nearly the same light."*

They would say, God said we should obey the authority, if they say we can't worship on Saturday, let's be doing (observing) it on Sunday; what difference does it have now? It doesn't really matter.

It says, *"These people would become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren"*. A large class will move away – I pray that you will not move away, in Jesus name.

But the good news is that, in this same chapter it says, *"The greatest work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God, than it's opening. Prophecy would be fulfilled"*.

Even this time that this thing is happening the anointing of God will God in power, glory will come, power will come.

"Prophecies will be fulfilled in the outpouring of the former and latter rain together. Servants of God, with their face lighted up, shining with holy concentration, will hasten from place to place, to proclaim the message from Heaven. And like this, thousands will come in to accept the Sabbath truth. Warnings would be given, and miracles would be wrought, signs and wonders will follow, the sick will be healed, signs and wonders will follow the believers. Power is going to come."

Halleluyah!

So, as satan is increasing his power, God is also doubling His power for His people. It's not a time to fear, it's a time to rejoice; because our God is faithful. How do I know that God is faithful? Somebody sent a text message to me and says, "all my faith is shattered, I don't understand what is going on here". He said, he's worried. The question is, can we trust God in times like this? Is God trustworthy? What can you do? How many of us have ever doubted God before? Sometimes, my faith has waned. How can we have faith like that of Abraham?

I want to talk briefly about "What Made Abraham's Faith so Strong". Let's read the book of **Romans chapter 4** from verse 16 to 22. When you check that story, it says, *Abraham was strong in faith, he was full persuaded, he did not waiver at the promise of God through unbelief*. Abraham was a strong man of God. I want to tell you the truth, I have doubted God, like the man that sent me that text says, does God still answer prayers, and how can he be sure that God would be faithful? When fighting an enemy that you cannot see.

How can we trust God in times like this?

Abraham was a natural man like you and me – so, let's go to **Genesis chapter 15**. I want to talk about the "Bold Covenant". There are three levels of relationship with God. The first one is *The Covenant Relationship*; Abraham had a covenant relationship with God. When God called Abraham, he was a heathen, an idol worshipper. And God said, "Abraham, go to a place where I'm going to show you". But Abraham went. You see, when you are going to walk with God, you've got to walk by faith. You may not know, you may not see everything, but you have to obey. But Abraham left, and went and got to a place, he stopped; and after his father died, he moved again, he got to a place called the Canaan's land.

When he got to Canaan's land, there was famine and he moved again. He went to Egypt; in Egypt, they took his wife, God showed up. By the time he left Egypt and came back, he was already a wealthy man. So, they had a relationship. He went to war, he fought – they took Lot; Abraham went after them, he took Lot back. He rescued Lot and won against five kings. So, after the battle, in Genesis 15, that was when the word of the Lord came to him and said, "do not fear, Abraham, I am your shield, and your exceedingly great reward". Ladies and gentlemen, we need God to be our shield in a time like this. In a time when Abraham was living, it was a dangerous time, just like corona – they can come and attack you. So, God told Abraham, don't have fear, you just finished war, you just finished war with five kings now; I am your shield.

Ladies and gentlemen, in this time of coronavirus, God is our shield! Not only will He be our shield, but He will be our great reward. Halleluyah! People may lose all their houses, they may lose their money, but God says, "I will be your reward". World economy may collapse, businesses may collapse, but yours will not collapse - Halleluyah! Because God is our shield, He is also our reward. In Genesis 15:4, God said, Abraham, don't worry, you will have a son – not from your servant, but your own son, from your womb. And God brought him outside and asked him to look up, and He said, count the stars, if you are able to count them, so your descendants would be. A man did not have a child, and God says, your descendants will be like the stars. That's God.

But Abraham believed the Lord, and it was credited to him as righteousness. He was only asking God about children, but let me tell you, God will take you beyond measures. God said, Abraham, I have other things for you. God said to Abraham, not only will I give you these descendants, nations, but I will also give you all the land. So, Abraham said to God, how will I know? Because I am not sure of this this promise of the land – where people are already living. He said how will I know that I will possess it. That means, Abraham doubted God. So, Abraham has doubted God before. When I read that, I said, there is hope for me. How many of you have doubted God before? I have. That means, Abraham was not born with that faith.

Sometimes, what God promised to you may look so impossible, and you would say, would God be able to do this thing? Some of you, God has shown you your future, you are looking at the future, you have seen your future – and you ask, how will I know it, how will it happen? God will give you a picture of your future. Now listen to me closely, God does not want to be doubted. In **Hebrews chapter 6**, the bible says, "man does not know that it is impossible for God to lie." I want you to get that to your system – Our God cannot lie! God hates to be doubted. Let me tell you, satan is the father doubters. Whenever you doubt, you are treading on satan's ground. When God speaks, it comes to pass. He is too holy to lie, and God is pained when we doubt Him.

If God says, hello, good morning and happy Sunday, now; immediately, because He said it, that day becomes Sunday! Anything He says comes to pass. So, He looked at Abraham, this is a man I want to do something with, and he's doubting me. God decided He was going to cut that doubt forever and ever. So, God said, let me cut a covenant with Abraham. Now, Abraham was a traditional man, and in those days, they don't have the seals and stamps that we use today. The greatest form of agreement was to cut a covenant.

What is a covenant? Covenants are cut between two people – the difference between agreement and covenant is that when there is a covenant, there is a cut, and blood is shed. So, God told Abraham, look, let's do a blood covenant. You see, when blood is shed, two natures cut covenant together, two people can cut covenant together, both strong and weak, when they cut a covenant, they become brothers. I remember when I was in secondary school, I was very small, I was like the smallest in my class and in the hostel. And then I had these seniors that I had covenant relationship with, though, there was no bloodshed. I couldn't do anything by myself, but my parents would always bring a lot of food for me. So, there was this guy, they don't bring food for him, but he was like the strongest senior in the school – so, all I do is, I give him all my food, and he protects me. Nobody messes up with me. If they mess up with me, I would tell him, and he goes and fight them. When other students are going for labour, he would say no, you can't go for labour – he was a labour prefect. He would tell them he has exempted me. I was taking my bath where the seniors (in Form 4 and Form 5) were taking their bath; and I was in Form 1. But it was a covenant. He had access to my locker, my locker had lots of food there, and he eats up my food, but he protects me. That's how people cut covenant. Somebody is weak in one area, strong in the other area, and when they come together, they take strength together.

Let me just give you another example, of a friend of mine. And, this is a true story. This friend of mine was a businessman in Lagos, and he met a man who was the chairman of one of the biggest parastatals in Nigeria. So, he presented his proposal to the man, and the man said, oh, I like this young man, we can work together. So, they began to work together, and so the man began to give him contracts – sometimes N5million, N10million, N30million. They would run contracts, and my friend would take his own share and chief also takes his own, and they built a relationship. So, one day, after the budget was read, chief called him and said, come and see me. Chief says, there is a very big business, and this business runs to about over \$100 million, and we will do it. Chief asked, do you have a swiss account? He said, yes. Beautiful! Then later on, chief now said, the only problem is that, I cannot trust you with that amount of money – it is too much money. So, the chief said, the only way I can trust you, is if you join our club! And, my friend looked at him and said, I would join the club – for a \$100 million, aha ha, I would join the club.

He told chief, but I've never disappointment you before; chief said I know, but this is a new level and we have to take this relationship to a new level. And the only reason I can vouch for you is if you join our club. So, my friend agreed to join. Then, chief gave him the contact number of someone, and he said, call this person – the person would meet you at Ikoyi Club at this particular time by Tuesday night. And, they agreed. So, my friend went to Ikoyi club, sat down there and not long in the evening when it was a bit dark, a guy came to him – even at night, the guy was wearing dark shades. He said, that guy was a very mean and ugly looking person, that he saw. When the guy came, he sat down, introduced himself (from chief) and said, chief says you want to join the club, very good. The man said, ok I'm going to give

you a form to fill, and these and these are the things you would do. And, the man said, finally, on the day we're going to initiate you to the club, you have to bring a human part! Then my friend asked, dead or alive, and the man said, I don't care – whether dead or alive; if you are bringing any human part, just bring. Bring the human part, and you will be initiated fully, and then you can enjoy everything that we enjoy. He (my friend) said, he was afraid, that, so I would kill somebody to get the parts, and the man said, I don't care.

And so, he ran to me and said, Pastor, come and help, this is problem! That was how he ran; he couldn't do it. He said, I'm a child of God, I can't. He started seeking God, it was one of the things that brought him back to Christ. He said, I couldn't do that. He went back to chief and chief says, if you can't join the club, you can't get the contract! He begged, chief said no, I can't trust you until we become blood brothers! True story.

So, God said, I must do something to Abraham, that Abraham would never doubt me again. So, he said, let me cut a covenant. So, God took their relationship from covenant relationship to blood covenant. How do they cut covenant in that land, in those days? It's very simple; God said, bring me a goat, a sheep, a ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon. So, they cut the animals alive, into two pieces; and put one piece on one side, and the second one on the other side. And blood would be flowing. And, the two people that wants to cut the covenant would come and walk in the blood, and in the process, they would begin to say the curses and the blessings of the covenant.

Let me show you what I'm saying in the book of Jeremiah – in Jeremiah 34, God was talking, he said, **“And I will give the men who have transgressed My covenant, who have not performed the words of the covenant which they made before Me, when they cut the calf in two and passed between the parts of it— the princes of Judah, the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, the priests, and all the people of the land who passed between the parts of the calf— I will give them into the hand of their enemies and into the hand of those who seek their life. Their dead bodies shall be for meat for the birds of the heaven and the beasts of the earth.”**

What is God saying? He says, they passed through the calf and cut a covenant with me, but they didn't obey that covenant. So, I would put them to death. They will die. What that means is, if you obey the covenant, you will enjoy the blessings attached to it, but if you disobey, you will perish, and die, just like the animals that were killed. So, God told Abraham, let's cut a covenant. So, Abraham took all the animals and cut them into halves – and blood was flowing. And God said to Abraham, when you cut a covenant, what belongs to the other person also belongs to you; and you will never break your word to your covenant brother.

So, in Genesis chapter 15 that we were reading, in verse 10:

“Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half.”

And in verse 17:

“When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces.”

In the evening, when the sun was down, Abraham was waiting, where is God? So, he sat down, he knew God was coming, so he waited. He understood God; as cutting a covenant with him. Suddenly, as Abraham was sleeping, waiting for God, when it became dark, the Almighty God came down, like fire! The bible says, God is like fire. And God began to walk in the fire, and said, Abraham, I have promised you today, I will give you the land. Ladies and gentlemen, the Almighty God came, and walked in the blood. The bible says, “because man did not know that it is impossible for God to lie”. Therefore, God came and walked in the blood. Do you know the meaning of that? That, if God ever breaks that covenant, God would die. If Abraham breaks it, Abraham would die. Ladies and gentlemen, God cannot break the covenant; because God cannot die!

On the same day, God made a covenant with Abraham. After that time, Abraham said, now I caught God, everything God promised, He has to do it. And, after that time, Abraham never doubted God again. He began to relate with God, with the covenant. Halleluyah!

God is a covenant-keeping God. **Psalm 18** says, “My covenant, I will not break, nor will I change the words that have come out of my mouth”. “No, I cannot do it”. Because God cannot die. The bible says, after the children of Israel have spent 400 years in Egypt – in Exodus chapter 2:23-24:

“And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage.

And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob”.

Abraham was dead, but He (God) still kept the covenant. Because, God is the only one that, even after you are dead, He will still keep the covenant. Blood covenant – it’s the strongest covenant! “And He went out to save the children of Israel out of Egypt”. Ladies and gentlemen, God cannot break His covenant. These are powerful situations. Let me give you one more example, in **Exodus 32**, when He sent the children of Israel out of Egypt and they were going to the Canaan’s land, on the way, something happened; Moses went to spend some time with God, before he came back, the Israelites have started worshipping idols. God was angry and He said, “I will destroy these people. They are not good people; I’m going to kill them”. Moses began to plead, God said to Moses in verse 9:

“And the LORD said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people: Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation.”

Moses sought the favour of God and says, “Lord, don’t do this”. You cannot do this to your people. What would the Egyptians say?

And, in verse 13, Moses now said, remember your covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

“Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it forever.”

Verse 14:

“And the LORD repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.”

Immediately Moses mentioned covenant, with Abraham, God said, I can’t. God couldn’t destroy them. It’s the covenant. Ladies and gentlemen, our God is a covenant-keeping God. Let me close by saying, the bible says in **Hebrews chapter 8**, it says, we have a better covenant with God. Halleluyah! We have a better covenant that is based on better promises. Hebrews 8 verse 6, says:

“But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.”

Ladies and gentlemen, Jesus Christ came and established the new covenant. The old testament (of the bible) is the old covenant. But there is a new covenant, a better covenant, based on better promises. This covenant is between Jesus Christ and God. Jesus Christ is standing as the human representative. If God cannot break the Abrahamic covenant, how will He break our own covenant? He cannot! I’m saying to you this moment, as you listen to me, ladies and gentlemen, God is a covenant-keeping God. It is impossible for God to lie! He says in **Psalms 91**, that no evil shall befall you. He says, “I swore by myself”, because nobody is greater than Him. He said, certainly, surely, He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler, from every pestilence. God swore by Himself.

Ladies and gentlemen, our God is covenant-keeping God. God cannot break His covenant. He says He will keep us; He will keep you. He says, no evil shall come near us. He said, I have given you powers to tread upon serpents, scorpions and over all powers of the enemy, nothing shall hurt you. No evil shall come near you! Ladies and gentlemen, we are not ordinary people, we are covenant people. Halleluyah! And because we have a covenant with the Almighty God, no plague can come near us. When we plead our covenant, satan can’t do anything. David said, “who is this uncircumcised philistine?” He said, he

(Goliath) doesn't have a covenant, how can he be talking to us like this? Ladies and gentlemen, when you understand your covenant, God would stand up for you. In the mighty name of Jesus, satan can't touch you; because God said, surely, I will be your shield!

God is our shield. God is our refuge. He is our fortress. When God be your fortress, no devil can come near you. Ladies and gentlemen, you can be sure, God can be trusted in times like this; because He is a covenant-keeping God. Halleluyah! You can trust God, totally. He says no evil shall come near you. Let me tell you something, He says, "heaven and earth shall pass away, but not a jot of my word shall go unfulfilled!" That's a covenant. That's the covenant man talking, He says, "I watch over my word, to perform it". I want to say to you, that God can be trusted. We have a covenant. In the old covenant, if Abraham can trust Him, Moses can trust Him, Joseph can trust Him; and He kept that covenant, Ladies and gentlemen, our God can be trusted. He is a faithful God.

Sometimes ago in Niger State, I was there in a place where an epidemic broke. Everybody was getting infected, I just said, it can't come my way, it can't come near me. Some people said, "did you have 'gbere' (incision) on your body?" I said, because I have a covenant with the God Almighty. So, covenant people are bold people. They talk about their covenant. That's why when you go out and you see a boy talking boldly, you don't know what he has eaten inside. You have to be careful, don't do things that they are doing. David said, "who is this uncircumcised philistine?" because he knew his covenant. The reason devil is troubling the church is, people don't know their covenant. But today, we have a God that keeps covenant and we know our covenant. Halleluyah! I have traveled at nights, and when they would say, robbers are robbing on the road, I would tell them, no, when I get there, they would move.

Psalm 91 is part of your covenant, halleluyah! Say it everyday. God can be trusted, it says, "heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word will never ever pass away". "He that dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress. My God, in whom I trust". Ladies and gentlemen, God can be trusted. Halleluyah! I trust that God will keep you. I trust that this evil will not come near you. I want you to shout and say, "I have a covenant with the Almighty God. And, no evil shall befall me!" He says, "He will cover you with His feathers, under His wings shall be your protection". The bible says, "A thousand may fall by your right, and ten thousand by your left, but it shall not come near you. Therefore, no evil shall befall you, neither shall any plague come near your dwelling place." Halleluyah! That's a covenant man talking. The covenant we have with God is a better covenant, than that of David. It is based on the blood of Jesus. Halleluyah! And that blood, is powerful.

Let's begin to pray and thank God for what He has done. Halleluyah! Lord, we thank you. We give you glory; we give you praise. Thank you because we can trust you in times like this, because you are a covenant-keeping God. Holy Spirit, we thank You for your word. And we pray that the entrance of your word gives light. We thank you because we have a covenant with you. And the word that has gone out today, will resonate in our spirit, from now on. Thank you, Father. In Jesus name, we have prayed. Amen.