

COVENANT RELATIONSHIP

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COVENANT RELATIONSHIP



A NEW COVENANT

- **32** But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the LORD, I will put My law in their inward parts, and in their heart will I write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people;

A NEW COVENANT

Our Covenant Relationship was established by God.

It is One sided.

It is offered without conditions

It is irrevocable

----- *AND* -----

It can be refused

CONDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



**ACCEPT THE RELATIONSHIP
ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITY**

YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GOD BEFORE ME

YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD

YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF

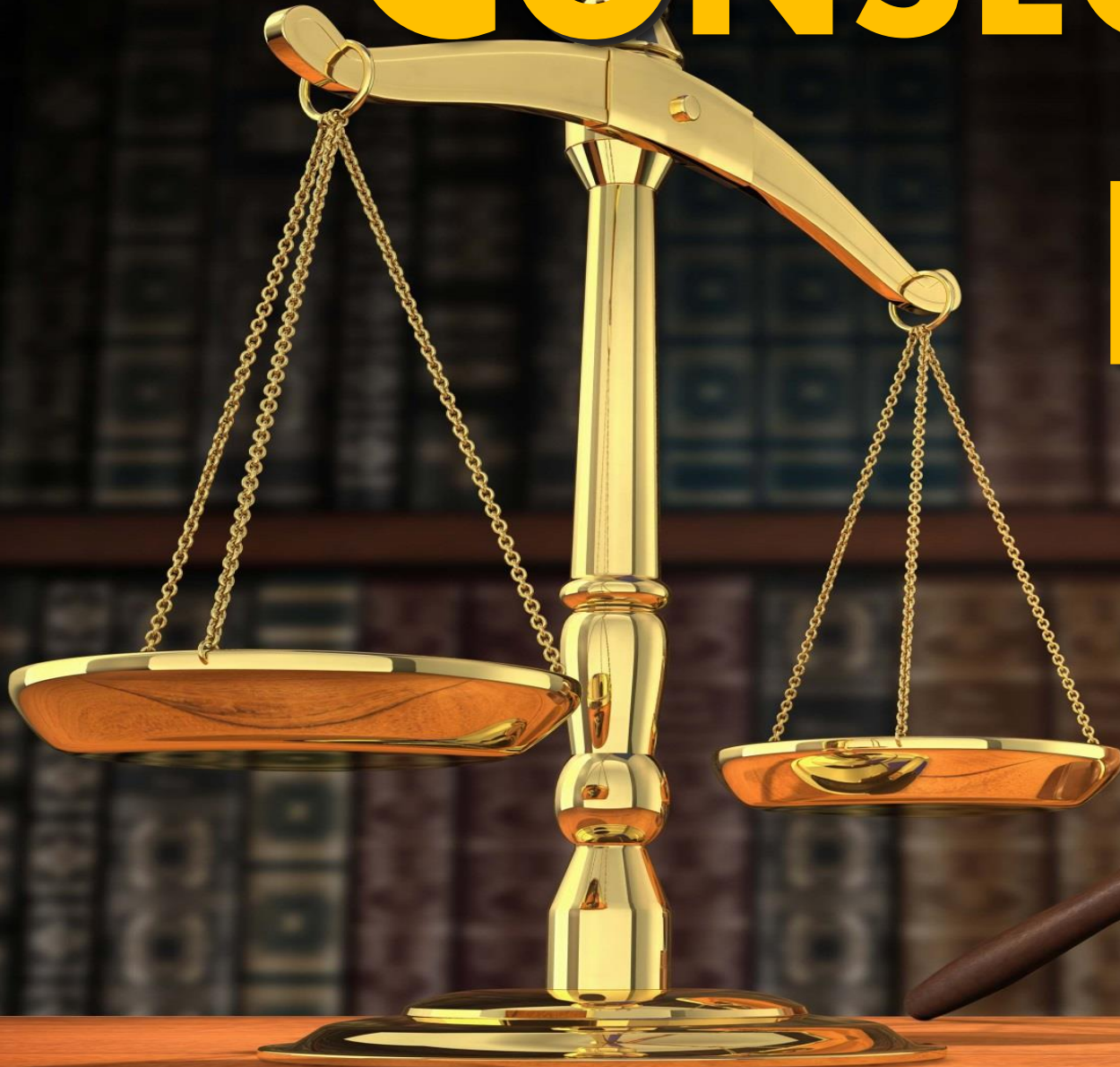
**ACCEPT THE RELATIONSHIP
ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITY**

IF YOU LOVE ME, YOU WILL KEEP MY COMMANDS

...THIS IS HOW THEY WILL KNOW YOU ARE MINE,

IF YOU HAVE LOVE ONE FOR THE OTHER

CONSEQUENTIAL REALITY



CONSEQUENCES

Everything happens for a reason ...

And in most cases the reason is

YOU!

What Does the Word Tell Us ?

1. Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take - or sit in the company of mockers,
2. but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night.
3. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.

What Does the Word Tell Us ?

⁴ Not so the wicked! -

They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

⁶ For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

- Psalm 1:1-6

To Those Who Know God?

- Deuteronomy 28 ---- ***Blessings for Obedience***

1. If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. ² All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God:

³ You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country.

⁴ The fruit of your womb will be blessed, and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock—the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks.

To Those Who Know God?

⁵Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed.

⁶You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out.

⁷The LORD will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from one direction but flee from you in seven.

⁸The LORD will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The LORD your God will bless you in the land he is giving you.

⁹The LORD will establish you as his holy people, as he promised you on oath, if you keep the commands of the LORD your God and walk in obedience to him. ¹⁰Then all the peoples on earth will see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they will fear you.

To Those Who Know God?

- 11 The LORD will grant you abundant prosperity—in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your ground—in the land he swore to your ancestors to give you.**
- 12 The LORD will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none.**
- 13 The LORD will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the LORD your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom.**
- 14 Do not turn aside from any of the commands I give you today, to the right or to the left, following other gods and serving them.**

To Those Who Know God?

Curses for Disobedience

¹⁵ **However**, if you do not obey the LORD your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come on you and overtake you:

¹⁶ You will be cursed in the city and cursed in the country.

¹⁷ Your basket and your kneading trough will be cursed.

To Those Who Know God?

Curses for Disobedience

¹⁸ The fruit of your womb will be cursed, and the crops of your land, and the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks.

¹⁹ You will be cursed when you come in and cursed when you go out.

²⁰ The LORD will send on you curses, confusion and rebuke in everything you put your hand to, until you are destroyed and come to sudden ruin because of the evil you have done in forsaking him.---- *AND ON AND ON!!!!*

What Does the Word Tell Us ?

Ezekiel 16:58

⁵⁸ You will bear the consequences of your lewdness and your detestable practices, declares the LORD.

To Those Who Know God?

16: 59 ““This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will deal with you as you deserve, because you have despised my oath by breaking the covenant. ⁶⁰ Yet I will remember the covenant I made with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you. ⁶¹ Then you will remember your ways and be ashamed when you receive your sisters, both those who are older than you and those who are younger. I will give them to you as daughters, but not on the basis of my covenant with you. ⁶² So I will establish my covenant with you, and you will know that I am the LORD. ⁶³ Then, when I make atonement for you for all you have done, you will remember and be ashamed and never again open your mouth because of your humiliation, declares the Sovereign LORD.’”

To Those Who Know God?

Ezekiel 23:35,49

³⁵ “Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says:

Since you have forgotten me and turned your back on me, you must bear the consequences of your lewdness and prostitution.”

To Those Who Know God?

Ezekiel 23:35,49

⁴⁹ You will suffer the penalty for your lewdness and bear the consequences of your sins of idolatry. Then you will know that I am the Sovereign LORD.”

To Those Who Serve God

Ezekiel 44:10

The Levites who went far from me when Israel went astray and who wandered from me after their idols must bear the consequences of their sin.

¹¹ They may serve in my sanctuary, having charge of the gates of the temple and serving in it; they may slaughter the burnt offerings and sacrifices for the people and stand before the people and serve them.

To Those Who Serve God

¹² But because they served them in the presence of their idols and made the people of Israel fall into sin, therefore I have sworn with uplifted hand that they must bear the consequences of their sin, declares the Sovereign LORD.

¹³ They are not to come near to serve me as priests or come near any of my holy things or my most holy offerings; they must bear the shame of their detestable practices. ¹⁴ And I will appoint them to guard the temple for all the work that is to be done in it.

For Everyone Else

Jeremiah 17:10

“I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind,
to reward each person according to their conduct,
according to what their deeds deserve.”

But What About the New Testament?

Matthew 7:⁹ “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹ If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! ¹² So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

But What About the New Testament?

Mark 4:24

²⁴ “Consider carefully what you hear,” he continued. “With the measure you use, it will be measured to you—and even more.

Luke 6:38

³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

But What About the New Testament?

II Corinthians 9

⁶ Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

But What About the New Testament?

Ephesians 6

¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

² “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— ³ “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

⁴ Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

But What About the New Testament?

Ephesians 6

⁵ Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ.

⁶ Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart.

⁷ Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people,

⁸ because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free.

But What About the New Testament?

Hebrews 6

1 Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

⁴ But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. ⁵ You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness.

But What About the New Testament?

Hebrews 6

- ⁶ So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

But What About Society?

Your Uncle:

“Hey, What comes around, goes around.”

Your Mother:

Hey, he made his bed, now he has to lie in it.”

My Mother:

“If you don’t stop, I’m gonna tell your Father”

But What About Science?

Sir Isaac Newton:

When one body exerts a force on a second body, the second body simultaneously exerts a force equal in magnitude and opposite in direction on the first body.....

in other words.

But What About Science?

Sir Isaac Newton:

“Every Action has an equal an opposite
RE-Action”

3rd Law of Motion

But What About Society?

Sergeant Stan Jablonski:

“Let's do it to them before they do it to us.”

Archie Bunker:

“Like the good book says, “Let him who is without sin, be the rolling stone.”

Dudley Dooright:

“Us Mounties always get our man.”

But What About Society?

Jim Croce:

You don't tug on Superman's cape

You don't spit into the wind

You don't pull the mask off that old Lone Ranger

And you don't mess around with Jim

WHY?

CONSEQUENCES



But What About Jesus?

Luke 9:26

²⁶ Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

Luke 11:23

“Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.”

But What About Jesus?

Matthew 12:30-32

- ³⁰ “Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. ³¹ And so I tell you, every kind of sin and slander can be forgiven, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven.
- ³² Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.