Father 1s Restoring What Theology Bamboozled

"I will turn their lament into joy, comfort and gladness" (Jeremiah 31:13)



The New Covenant: Our Father Offering You A Personal Relationship



Introduction

You may be one of the many bamboozled in Christianity who weren't discipled to read the Older Testament with the profound intent to know the <u>deep heart conviction</u> our heavenly Father requires of you to be genuinely born again by grace. If you had, you'd discover that He insists on your ongoing •repentance, •love, •trust, •resolute determination, and •forgiving all others.

Everything that's involved in being genuinely born again centers on and flows out of <u>your intimate relationship</u> with our Father and Lord Jesus through the indwelling Holy Spirit. The Gospel that's contained in the New Covenant is *relationally driven* by a heart intensity that centers on the preeminence of our heavenly Father and Lord Jesus. (Bamboozled Christians are taught that they can just believe in the reality of



Christ Jesus and our heavenly Father while their own life goals and priorities still reign.)

Father offers you a relationship that's enclosed in covenant, not a religious system Excerpts from our *Topic 2. The Suzerain-Vassal Basis to God's Covenants*. Please read all three pages.

The various covenants which God has made with humanity contain both <u>His right to rule</u> and <u>absolute obedience by those with whom He is establishing a covenant</u>. The New Covenant also contains these 2 parameters. Here's an indispensable point which the Older Testament reveals: that God establishes covenants through which He gives specific promises in exchange for absolute obedience to the **terms of the covenant**: "These are the <u>terms of the covenant</u> the LORD commanded…" (Deuteronomy 29:1, see also Jeremiah 11:2-6; 34:18). Covenants weren't made just between God and His people. In fact, the covenant agreement was well known throughout history as a "suzerain/ vassal" pact. Let's look at how covenants pertain to our Father and to our spiritual predecessors, the Hebrews.



In inaugurating a covenant, the greater person (the suzerain)—our heavenly Father in regard to the New Covenant—<u>initiates and specifies the particular conditions of the covenant</u> He is making with the lesser person (whether the Hebrews then or us today). The covenant being established between God and the Hebrews involved the specific commands He gave to Moses on behalf of Israel as well as the consequences of their obedience and disobedience (see Deuteronomy 28).

Note: the New Covenant also contains God's promises and the consequences for ongoing sin.

The Suzerain/vassal covenant is <u>conditional in nature</u>. The covenant can be broken *if* one of the parties fails to fulfill their part of the terms of the covenant. (Obviously, God never fails in His part of the Covenant!) But we humans are fully capable of breaking the New Covenant terms through our ongoing willful disobedience and deliberate choice to turn away from God's way. The Holy Spirit warns in the Newer Testament the "*if*" passages referring to your responsibility to obey the Lord Jesus you have known. Violating the New Covenant has serious ramifications:

- •"It is impossible for those who <u>have once been enlightened</u>, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who <u>have shared in the Holy Spirit</u>, who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age, **IF** they fall away, to be brought back to repentance, because to their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting Him to public disgrace" (Hebrews 6:4-6).
- •"IF we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God" (Hebrews 10:26,27).
- •"IF they have <u>escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and overcome</u>, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning. It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, <u>than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command</u> that was passed on to them. Of them the proverbs are true: 'A dog returns to its vomit,' and, 'A sow that is washed goes back to her wallowing in the mud'" (2Peter 2:20-22; see also 1John 3:6,9).
- ➤When the true Gospel is understood with its biblical Covenant backdrop, it nullifies the <u>bamboozling anti-Semitic</u>, <u>Older Testament-ignoring deceits</u> used by so many to excuse their own ongoing participation in sin while believing they're still heaven-bound: "Once saved, always saved," or, "You can't lose your salvation".

Here's great news! Our Father consummates His Covenant with the genuinely born again by sealing them with the Holy Spirit, guaranteeing that if they do not break the Covenant, they will receive salvation at the Judgment Throne. (See "Our Father's

Covenant Ceremony", pp. 17-21 of *The Gospel Of The Covenant Is The Pilgrimage To Salvation*).

Exuberantly expressed loving appreciation is an integral part of the New Covenant.

"Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created" (Revelation 4:11).



Our Father has an all-encompassing understanding of Himself to which He has every right since <u>He created everything</u> by and through and for His Son Jesus (Colossians 1:15-19). The Gospel that's offered us in the New Covenant opens the way for the genuinely born again <u>to comprehend and relate to God to the extent He wants to reveal Himself</u>. Also, when you enter into the New Covenant through our Lord Jesus, you find in your own heart an exuberant response which indicates <u>you know the depth of your own sin</u> and therefore <u>greatly appreciate the sacrifice of Jesus</u> to pay the debt you never could pay? (Tragically, though, for centuries anti-Semitic theologians have steered Christians away from experiencing our God as He reveals Himself through His indwelling Spirit, in favor <u>clergy indoctrinating</u>, <u>creedal-slanted preaching about Him</u>.)

But for the genuinely born again, the Holy Spirit is at the core of understanding our God to the degree He intends: "God's power has given us everything we need for life and godliness, through our knowing the One who called us to His own glory and goodness. By these He has given us valuable and superlatively great promises, so that through them you might come to share in God's nature and escape the corruption which evil desires have brought into the world." (2Peter 1:3,4).

This passage has deep meaning for the genuinely born again. The result of the Gospel that's contained in the New Covenant results in you <u>experiencing our heavenly Father and Lord Jesus</u>—a key reason why each genuinely born again person is given the indwelling Holy Spirit, the presence of God.

The true Gospel of the New Covenant ushers in a new "value-based" way of life.

For many years we shared the Gospel that's contained in the New Covenant during our seminars around the US. We joyfully observed so many who'd previously been told they were "born again" receive the Holy Spirit for the first time after they heard the Gospel that's within the New Covenant. It was because of this urgent need to understand a covenant relationship with our Father through our Lord Jesus that we produced The Gospel of the New Covenant is the Pilgrimage to Salvation. If you haven't read this already, you'll find it eye-opening and even eternally consequential. You'll also realize the ongoing nature of the terms of the New Covenant that our Father offers in order for you to be genuinely born again. And you'll recognize that the various facets of the Gospel which our Lord's first followers embraced emanated from the Older Testament.

Older Testament

The terms of the New Covenant and the Gospel are found in the Hebrew text.

The relationships you're most involved with greatly influence how you think and act. From this perspective your relationships can be categorized into three groups: *Value-based Relationships*, *Activity-based Relationships*, and *Positional-based Relationships*. Each has a place in your life, but the one which is spiritually most important involves how you interact with your Father and your Lord Jesus.

Value-based Relationships

You are of such immense value to our Father that He sent His Son Jesus to die the death you deserved so that you could share such deep fellowship with Him! We love Him because <u>He first loved us</u> (1John 4:19). If you're genuinely born again, then the highest valued relationship of your life is with your heavenly Father and your Lord Jesus. It's through the preeminent value you place on <u>your love relationship</u> with our Father and our Lord Jesus that you purpose by grace to live to fulfill Father's will for you. This is the deepest relationship you can have, one that's eternally enduring. And as a result of choosing to wholeheartedly love your Father and fulfill His will for your life by His grace, you'll find that you're attracted to others who deeply value their relationship with Him in union with Jesus and live to carry out His purposes.

Through the New Covenant our Father's will is to be yours to fulfill—a glorious privilege and responsibility! In order for this to happen, the Lordship of Jesus and the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit need to be at the core of your way of life. This requires your spirit to meaningfully interact with the Holy Spirit. By absorbing this relational response, you can most clearly see the intimate love and trust behind our Lord's prayer: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:9,10).

Be aware! To relate to Father the way He requires means that you do His will. Most anti-Semitic concocted gospels focus you on intellectually *believing* that God is real, and many even tell you to accept the shed blood of Jesus as atonement for your sins. But

Out of your loving union you live to fulfill Father's will

"I have been crucified with Christ and <u>I</u> no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me" (Galatians 2:20).

"For whoever <u>does the will of My Father in heaven</u> is My brother and sister and mother" (Matthew 12:50).

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of My Father Who is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21).

sad to say, they offer a cognitive belief system which allows you to go on living your life the way you want to live it. This means our Father and Lord Jesus aren't your preeminent life purpose. Instead, they are a "spiritual side issue" to your own goals and desires. Because dualist thinking has intermixed throughout Christian understanding, you can keep God in the "religious" part of your life, separate from the "secular" part in which your will is done. But this was NEVER our heavenly Father's intent for His children. To relate to Him and our Lord Jesus in loving and obedient trust is to fulfill His will in the world.

Activity-based Relationships

Relationships that form because of common activities pervade Christianity. Church services, Bible studies and Sunday schools that focus on teaching content rather than developing strong relationships that mutually fulfill our Father's will are all activity-based. The activity you do together instead of the deep desire to mutually fulfill Father's purposes is the primary reason for gathering.

Positional-based Relationships

You often have no say about the positional relationships you're in, such as being part of the family you were born in, or attending the same congregation or denomination as your parents. These relationships certainly aren't bad, but they exert a lot of pressure on you when you try to put a value-based relationship with your Father and Lord Jesus ahead of your earthly family.

For further insight into relational priorities that align with being genuinely born again, please read: Teaching Email 29. *Are Your Friendships Spiritually Authentic?*

Because of centuries of pervasive anti-Semitism in Christianity, the "laity" have been steered away from the true Gospel that's rooted in the Older Testament. That's so the Nicolatitan clergy system can maintain its dominance. We're hoping by these materials to make you aware of just how far away you are from the intimate relationship our heavenly Father offers you in Jesus.

Don't stay chained to the deceits of fabricated passivity-inducing teachings that rob you of the biblical relational intimacy our Father offers you. (For further insight into how far from the truth so many false

Examples displaying the lack of relational union which pervades false gospels

False gospels fabricated by anti-Semitic theology totally disregard the *value-based relationship* in the true Gospel of the New Covenant.

Example #1: Moments after a man and woman marry, he immediately deserts his bride. Five years later you meet him and ask, "Are you married?" He responds, "Yes!" "Where is your wife?" He answers, "Oh, I left her right after the ceremony." Is the man married in God's sight?

Those who embraced false gospels told us, "Yes! He's just 'backslidden." Their anti-Semitic gospels disregarded the Older Testament understanding of the *lifelong abiding union of God's covenants* which is at the heart of the New Covenant (see Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:6).

In contrast, the genuinely born again who've embraced the true Gospel know that their conversion is just the start of a lifelong pilgrimage of abiding with our Father and Lord Jesus. Their response to, "Is the man married?" is an emphatic "No! His intent was never to abide in the terms of the covenant of marriage. Therefore the marriage is void in God's sight!"

Example #2: On the morning of his wedding a groom approaches his betrothed and says, "Honey, I love you, but I also have two lovers I don't want to give up. Let me keep them a while and maybe I can get rid of them later." How would she feel? Would she marry him? Many people who embrace false gospels keep pursuing the same besetting sins they had before their conversion. And they have no intention of giving them up.

Example #3: During our years of conducting seminars we found that a huge number of Christians acknowledged they weren't indwelled by the Holy Spirit. Unresolved bitterness was the most common factor hindering them. A bitter person is like a bride on her wedding day who tells the groom, "Honey, I'm a prostitute and I'm going to continue my profession. I refuse to give it up! Will you still marry me?"

The <u>spiritual adultery</u> that's manifested by clinging to bitterness is just as vile! A bitter person shows no evidence of the Holy Spirit operating as a "stream of living water" (John 7:38,39). And they do not belong to our Lord Jesus: "If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ" (Romans 8:9). If you cling to unforgiveness, you've failed to appreciate how much you needed to be forgiven by the shed blood of Jesus. As Jesus warns, if you don't forgive others, then your Father won't forgive you (Matthew 6:15).

gospels are, see our series, *The Gospel of the Covenant vs. Hellenized "Gospels*"). False gospels focus on getting you "saved" according to the criteria which competing theologies established. But both Testaments reveal that <u>God has chosen to establish a New Covenant with you. This means that out of loving trust in Christ you live in ongoing union with Him and Father through the indwelling Holy Spirit. Remember, a key name for our Lord Jesus demonstrates relational union: *Immanuel* – "God with us" (Matthew 1:23, apperceiving Isaiah 7:14).</u>