

EYE OF THE LORD IN CURENT EVENTS

CELEBRATING 250

By Reading our Constitution

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The practice of this website is to place prayer requests for the nation on our 'Eye of the Lord in Current Events' Tab. We decided to celebrate our country's 250th Birthday by taking each new tab's article— there are three— and place one of our Founding Documents there, along with an understanding of how dangerous socialism is to our country. I've also placed some example of our Founding Fathers and Mothers on these tabs (Prayer Lesson, Feature Article and Intercession). On this (Intercession), Tab we are placing the Constitution, along with two chapters from the book, "70 Years of American Captivity: The Polity of God, The Birth of a Nation and The Betrayal of Government." The chapters are titled: "Covenant and the Kingdom" AND "Captivity."¹

Today's Christians and today's American citizens have a paltry understanding of biblical covenant. You might ask why that's important for an American citizen to know. Because our three Founding Documents are based on biblical covenant, which is where compacts stem from. Our Founding Documents are compact-governing documents. That's why a Representative Republic is how we elect our leaders in the way of a democracy. We are not a democracy. This is where people get messed up. We are a Representative Republic which votes for our leaders in a democratically methodical way. Yes, I wrote that twice because I need you to get that in your head. I prove that in the book— And that's why you need to understand a compact formed through covenant.

¹ The book can be bought at any bookstore, but for those of you that purchase your books from Amazon, you can click on this link, or copy and paste. < <https://www.amazon.com/70-Years-American-Captivity-Government-ebook/dp/B01GW8A16Q> >

Constitution Without the Amendments:

To read a copy of the Constitution, you can copy and paste here. This copy is as it was originally adopted without the Bill of Rights— or just hover over the Link: < <https://www.loc.gov/static/classroom-materials/constitution/documents/constitution.pdf> >²

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Chapter Two

COVENANT AND THE KINGDOM

“For our forebears who founded this country, understanding covenant would have been like drinking water. Once taught, one cannot forget the lesson. The understanding the settlers had of biblical covenant is not what we understand well today. For them it was life itself: necessary, paramount and unchangeable. Most commonly today, many have a mixed understanding of Law (Mosaic Law from the Old Testament) and grace (New Testament), which forms their knowledge of biblical covenant. Quite a few Christians today understand covenant because they understand what it means to live after the Law (Mosaic) has been fulfilled by the sacrificial death of Christ.

Not well understood by unbelievers is church history regarding the loss of her spiritual and biblical knowledge. This was because of a mandate



² < <https://constitutioncenter.org/media/files/constitution.pdf> > This footnoted link is the Constitution with all the Amendments.

removing the Bible from private reading. As this knowledge was restored from the time of the Reformation to the Renaissance, doctrinal knowledge connected to spiritual application was also restored. This is why there are differences in some understanding between Bible-believing Christians of today and those of generations gone by. It was as if a whole race of people had to rediscover their roots all over again. During this time period the biblical understanding of *Covenant* was rediscovered.

Early settlers brought that understanding with them from America's gestation to her birth. Christians living over 400 years ago would have understood they could not fulfill The Law (Mosaic) even if they tried. That was why Christ came. But they would have mixed The Law (torah) with a system in works of righteousness, somewhat ignoring the Apostle Paul's warning a mixture cannot take place. They remind me a bit of progressives today when they try to mix socialism with capitalism and pretend the outcome works (by the way, it does not).

The founders understood the principle that without the shedding of blood there is no remission for sin (Hebrews 9:22). But they ignored some of the supernatural actions of the Holy Spirit who lives on the inside of Christians. It is this aspect of covenant-keeping God conveys. This aspect keeps Christians living holy. This and many related doctrines took time to be restored to the point they are today. Early settlers received God's joyfulness in life and prosperity easily. They would have seen the hand of the Lord in bountiful harvests, prosperous economic ventures, even a tranquil home life. But in maintaining the relationship of covenant, it was easier to develop a "works" mentality in which you were doomed if you stepped out of line and forgot God forgives sin (1 John 1:9). This may very well be where misconceptions about God as punisher comes from.

One can easily ask the question, "Why should God forgive us?" Well, He keeps the Covenant. It is part of who He is as well as part of His Kingdom principles. I am not saying Christ did away with The Law (Old

Testament). On the contrary, the New Testament makes it clear He fulfilled all of The Law's requirements for those who ask Him to. Nor did I say the Ten Commandments were ever abolished. I've heard more than one preacher state they are not the Ten Suggestions! Following the Ten Commandments was never abolished by the disciples. Rather, we are told to live after the Spirit, not The Law. We are also told to be followers of Christ and to partake of Him. Because I live after or through the indwelling Holy Spirit, it is now near impossible for me to break the Ten Commandments. I don't live by them or follow them. I live by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit on the inside of me would **never** break the Ten Commandments.

Because I am a partaker with Christ, I don't desire to break The Law (Ten Commandments). While I no longer follow The Law, my life takes on a pattern similar to it simply because I follow and live by the Holy Spirit. Keeping the Ten Commandments becomes a byproduct of living according to the Holy Spirit. Early Americans easily understood God forgave sin once repentance was made. But they had already followed down a slippery slope in mixing Law and grace. Some of that had to do with the fact America was a wild continent and to keep people behaving in good order, many a preacher took a hard line, thus mixing biblical doctrines of law and grace.

When we mix Law and grace, we will fail at both. Jesus spoke concerning the things pertaining to The Law in Matthew 5. Chapter 5 takes Christianity into a whole new realm when it comes to being model citizens of God's Kingdom and what our attitude toward sin and spiritual events should be. The Law made provision for sin and healing by animal and material sacrifices offered by the Jewish priesthood (Mosaic Law). When they sinned they offered an animal or bird in payment for their redemption and/or healing. For atheists, this makes no sense. While this is due to non-belief, it may also be due in part to living during a time period in which another has already paid the price for our sin and

healing. Christ's sacrifice abolished all other sacrifice needed to redeem sinners.

We are a priesthood now following after the Holy Spirit and His directions laid out in the New Testament by the apostles. Jesus changed the Jewish priesthood forever. Because Christ ascended, the Holy Spirit is now on earth and living inside of us, helping us understand things. He reveals when I have grieved Him and I don't want to do that. One might ask then why Christians aren't perfect today or why they weren't perfect back then either. It's simply because we don't always obey or follow the Holy Spirit. Sometimes we try to "pay" for our sin by doing some good deed. The payment has already been made. In order to avoid sin, we pray, worship and read our Bibles. This allows the Holy Spirit to renew our minds and speak with us concerning attitudes and actions we must change personally. Sometimes we become lazy in reading and studying the Bible and following correct doctrine.

Paul said as much when he said, "... In the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy. . ." (See also 2 Timothy 3:1-9; 2 Peter 1:16-3:15). The New Testament tells us to renew our minds (Romans 12:2) and to take on the mind of Christ (Philippians 2:5-9). The preceding verse says: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." That word *let* is the Greek word *phroneo*. It means mind, but it means to *allow* or to *let* the mind be in you. You can resist if you desire. But when the Holy Spirit leads you, you want Jesus' mind to be in you.

The Apostle Paul goes to great lengths in the epistle to the Romans on our need to follow after life in the Spirit and no longer having the need to follow The Law or Commandment. Why is this important? Covenant is governance. Our covenant as Bible believers is spiritual with secular outreach because it governs us physically. It is a covenant which governs in a spiritual realm simultaneously. Because America has a secular and/or non-sectarian covenant attached to a people with a religious or

spiritual covenant, there can be mental missteps when Americans view their governing documents. Many of the early laws in our colonies were also seen within biblical principles. We will look at some of that documentation in Section Three.

There is another understanding concerning covenant the ancestors would have known without any confusion. Once a covenant is requested of the Lord and He is brought into the equation, He does not leave, even if other parties no longer request Him. I'm not trying to insult our Jewish-American brethren, but by way of example, let's look at Israel. How often have her people decided they were not going to follow the Lord—yet with only a tiny minority left of those who wanted to keep Covenant—the Lord showed up and brought the nation back from the precipice?

That pattern of a tiny minority was used by the Lord to bring them back into a majority of Covenant-believing people. As humans, we have a “to-heck-with-you” attitude. When we turn our backs on someone, that's it; they are forgotten. This is not true for the Creator of the Universe. He “shall neither slumber nor sleep” Psalm 121:4 “. . . one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years, as one day” (2 Peter 3:8; see also Psalm 90:4). Time for Yahveh (YAH, Yahweh, G-d) is not like time for us. We don't always get what we deserve, thank-fully. Unfortunately, though, we don't always see the effects of our broken covenant choices immediately.

The pattern we see biblically is God will do whatever He can to make it plain we have broken Covenant. First, the respective blessings disappear. These include good government, superior education, free speech of free ideas (especially biblical) in the public square; an excellent military; a moral and clean society with stable families. The last blessing to disappear is a healthy economy, even the blessings of healthy land and agriculture. This does not happen because God took them away. This happens because they are a byproduct of the Covenant. Breaking Covenant breaks fidelity in these areas. It is our own action which causes this. In the hope we will notice impending doom, the Lord allows the

results of our actions to harvest their crop. The remedy can be quick, especially for Christians who can repent, invite God back into the equation to do what is necessary to remedy the breach. In fact, all can repent and see the turn-around. Yet, as mentioned before, this realization may take time. When it does, one generation may not see the immediate danger. It is hard for many to understand that breaking covenant in specific areas produces specific results. This happened frequently to Israel.

Quite often we forget the importance of our Covenantal relationship with the God of the Universe. According to the New Testament we are a Kingdom. We are a totally new creation under the New Covenant. We are to function according to His kingdom principles. Jesus talks about the kingdom in the gospels roughly 124 times. We get into the kingdom by accepting the Covenant through Christ. We accept the sacrifice Jesus made. God ratifies our decision to come in agreement with Him, and gives us what the Bible calls an ‘earnest’ or deposit of our inheritance by baptizing us in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. It is through covenantal understanding we govern the events which take place in His kingdom. He gives us the ability to speak

His word, according to His will, and see changes take place around us. Conversely, we totally forget judgment BEGINS at the house of God (see 1 Peter 4:17). In other words, if we mess up, things around us can go haywire. When we leave our Covenant, this is precisely why the secular government goes kaput. As Christians, we are a new creation of human never before seen on the planet. It is He who gave us the ability to speak His word and see awesome things happen for those around us.

The nonreligious among you will say, “This is crazy talk.” It is exactly this *talk* which got Jesus killed, and all the apostles and early church imprisoned, persecuted and murdered. It is exactly why Christianity is the number one persecuted religion on the planet. Of course, number two, right behind us are the Jews. This kingdom is not an earthly kingdom. Jesus made that clear. But He also made it clear as Covenant

citizens of this supernatural kingdom, we have the full right to exercise Godly authority in it. Not according to our fleshly lusts or ideas, but according to what His will is for the earth. It is our responsibility to care for the earth as He laid out in the Old Testament Covenant. Those commands were not abolished by the New Testament. It is our responsibility under the New Testament to share the Gospel story with unbelievers and God makes the promise signs and wonders will follow the preaching of His word (see Mark 16:17-18).

Some of the early settlers would have disagreed with the signs and wonders part of this equation. Unknown to many today, is the fact that doctrinal disagreements, even some relating to issues like these, were the reasons why some states were formed. Believers such as Roger Williams, who formed Rhode Island, would have welcomed what was then considered a less orthodox approach to sharing the Gospel. As the apostles of old functioned in signs and wonders, those involved in witchcraft would watch this experience (see Acts 8). Seeing similar results, they assumed the methods were the same, when they were not. For this and many reasons, we have a history in accusing people of witchcraft because the method can, sometimes, look similar. Thus new states would be formed in an effort to live their lives according to what they felt were the best biblical approaches to creating a healthy environment. In this way they avoided the accusation of witchcraft.

Believers today know it will take all of us people of the “Book” (Bible) doing our part, to see the health of our planet and its occupants return. Then, as now, believers know earthly government or the government of nations are supposed to function in conjunction with— not have a wall of separation from— the kingdom of God. As Americans, we know, almost by osmosis, that our members “are the government” to effectuate an atmosphere in which we can all fulfill our best potential. The reason for this state of being is because of the biblical doctrines we see evident today. These echo much, and in some cases, ALL of the doctrines of the early settlers. Many of those doctrines were echoed in early law, which

found secular applications. I will show you documentary proof of this as we view our next sections.

These early peoples also gave us another understanding in how to change our government when necessary. Our understanding today as Christians is that we, as Covenant citizens of the kingdom, have the full right to exercise Godly authority by speaking God's word to situations which flow contrary to His word. We invite God to enter into them to affect the changes He wants to see so everything functions according to His kingdom design. (Thus the accusation of witchcraft in years gone by.) If a covenant was made, and is now being broken, we have the full right and authority to invite God to heal the breach of our respective covenant partners. In this way healing takes place for people and nations. The Puritans would have done this by laws, rules and regulations. They would have agreed on the matter in church, prayed, sought God's will and then voted to change laws. In this way, two sides to government would have been reproduced, echoing the Old Testament priestly line seen by Aaron, and the governing side carried out by his brother, Moses.

Let me share with you the Scriptures which could have been used from both the Old as well as the New Testaments. You already know the Scriptures in Matthew 6: 9-13; Luke 11:2-4: ***“OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME”***.....First, Father is not here on earth. Where is he? He is in heaven. Not only does this define what Father we are talking about but exactly where He is. ***“THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE — IN EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN”***.....Second, we affirm our worshipful Covenant of faith in Him by announcing that He and His name are holy. Then we make a proclamation and a request, both at the same time, by stating we invite His Kingdom, and that It Is Come and we invite His will to be done — as well as proclaim it is already done — both on earth and heaven. ***“GIVE US THIS DAY, OUR DAILY BREAD”***.....No citizen of the Kingdom can survive without sustenance, again reiterating our Covenant of

faithful worship in His sustaining our very lives. ***“AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS.”***.....Next, we affirm our desire to keep Covenant and remain in His Kingdom by asking for our sins (trespasses or debts) to be forgiven. This encourages us to forgive those who have also sinned, especially against us. A lack of forgiveness affects us as citizens in the Kingdom by blocking the flow of our Covenantal benefits. ***“AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL:”***.....Temptation can potentially put us in a realm which is not of our Covenant Kingdom citizenship and can also potentially put us in need of deliverance from the same intruder from that realm. ***“FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER, AMEN”***.....The last sentence affirms our Covenant of worship and the lasting nature of His Kingdom, with an Amen or So Be It.

I know so many Christians think this is some cute little prayer we teach our children. But Jesus talked about the kingdom of heaven from Chapter 4 of Matthew until Chapter 18. He was constantly talking about the kingdom of heaven or His Father’s kingdom. When they ask Him how the kingdom works in prayer, He tells them and then gives them what we call the Lord’s prayer. To make this point, let me ask my Christian friends some questions. How did you get into the kingdom? Romans 10:9 & 10 told you. You believed in your heart, and you confessed with your mouth God raised Jesus from the dead. Well, it’s no different when you need healing or finances or anything else needed in the kingdom. We read the promise (covenant) in the Bible, we believe it in our heart, then we speak it with our mouth, in faith, receiving what we need. Now, we may have to follow that up with other actions recommended by the Scriptures, like paying our tithes, or praying, but you get the picture.

When things go awry in our lives and in the lives of those around us, Jesus told us to invite God Almighty in miracle-working power to bring His kingdom as it is in heaven to earth. This is not hocus-pocus. God

doesn't *have* to do anything we say. But He does respond and honor His word spoken in faith through our Covenant. These are supernatural laws which do not obey our human desires. They are not subject to mankind's mindset and worldview. When we understand the Bible, we understand spiritual laws. We used to be a supernatural body. In many circles we still are. But, so many today forget the supernatural power which keeps us healthy and alive because so many church leaders got distracted by money and power and stopped preaching the Bible.

Am I against money and the Scriptural principles which apply to it? No, certainly not. But money is not our source for the church. I don't mind big buildings if we are feeding and/or taking care of lots of people. But if we are a small congregation, having a big building with big debts and asking for more money to fulfill our lusts instead of feeding the poor and/or making many disciples is not going to cut it with Jesus. Sorry, but there it is. We have left our Covenant relationship and our civic government is now bankrupt of the health and wholeness the earliest founders of the 1600s and 1700s gave it because of their Covenant with the same God. All of them may not have signed on to the "signs and wonders," but they wholeheartedly received the miraculous when it came to prosperity. From meager church buildings with folks in near starvation circumstances to the star-studded events sometimes called worship services, it can easily be argued the wonder of the mega-church is the success of the Scriptures which gave them foundational birth.

You might ask, "Why would a government be in disarray just because the faithful of all stripes ignore it?" Because they are the other half of the equation. Not all people receive the same spiritual gifts in a covenant with the Creator. We may all be created equal to access Him, but we are not all given the same gifts and talents. When the faithful are removed from the covenant agreement they started, and a new generation of faithful fail to take their place, the very prosperity and healthy government which is an outcome of covenant relationship is lost. In fact,

everyone involved in a covenant with the faithful who are in a covenant with the God of the Bible prosper, even a whole nation.

Let's look at this from the Old Testament (before Christ) in 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Christians love to quote this verse, but forget the reason why it was written. In 2 Chronicles 6, Solomon reminds God about the covenant God had with his father, David. (We reviewed the Davidic Covenant earlier.) In verse 17, Solomon asks God to ratify that Covenant, which included the command of God to David to build Him a house or temple. God told David his son would build the house while David only assembled the material. God would keep one of David's descendants on the throne for eternity.

When Solomon is done praying (2 Chronicles 7:1), God ratifies or verifies that Covenant by showing up with fire on the animal sacrifices laying on the altar. So much so that 2 Chronicles 7:2, says the priests could not enter into the house because the glory of the Lord had filled it. Why weren't the priests allowed in? Because that covenant was between God and David. David was not present and God Himself was the verifier of it at that point. The Covenant extends to all Israel and even us today (the other people of the Book). Even the strangers and aliens among them benefited. We have to get that in our heads. The unbelievers were blessed because of the believer's covenant. That Covenant is now unconditional.

They are still under the Old Covenant so animals must be sacrificed. God shows up in response to Solomon's prayer and it is extended out to the people as they see the glory of God and the fire of God. They then praise, worship (vv 3-9) and keep all the covenantal commands necessary under the Old Testament. It is when they are finished with

those requirements (vv 10 & 11), God then speaks to Solomon. Verse 13 alludes to the effects breaking Covenant has on the land, atmosphere and them. Verse 14 promises recovery. Verse 13 is captivity and Verse 14 is restoration by restoring Covenant relationship. It's all about Covenant. For us in the New Testament that means it's all about a relationship with Jesus.

Two covenants, the Abrahamic Covenant and the Davidic Covenant unconditionally apply to New Testament believers. The New Covenant becomes unconditional only when we accept Christ's sacrifice and live in a love relationship with Him. In Abraham's case, he assembles the sacrifices, but is unable to walk between the cut pieces, as is required in his day to be a party to the agreement. He is unable because he is, quite literally, knocked out by the glory of God. The Bible tells us it is God in glory who walks between the pieces. So Abraham does nothing but accept God's promise and assemble the pieces. David has passed on by the time his Covenant is ratified by God. All David did was accept God's promise and assemble the building material to build the temple. This leaves his son, Solomon, to dedicate the temple. Over a thousand years after Abraham, as Solomon dedicates this temple, the priests in the temple have a very similar experience as Abraham had before them: They are unable to perform their duties because God in glory has shown up with such power.

Under the New Covenant all we do is present ourselves a living sacrifice (Romans 12:1-3) and accept Christ's offer or promise of redemption. Once we do this, it is Jesus' sacrifice which takes over. Ephesians 2:8 & 9 tells us it is by grace we are saved; it is a gift. There is nothing we could do with our own works to receive this gift. All we have to do is be willing to accept it. Under the New Covenant, the covenants of both David and Abraham also pass on to us. Galatians tells us we are the spiritual seed of Abraham by faith. David's Covenant also extends to us as a result of Jesus now sitting on the throne of David; Jesus, by human birth, being one of David's descendants (Matthew 1:1-17 and Luke 2:4;

3:23-28). Like Abraham and the priests of old, many who have attended modern-day revivals still experience this “phenomenon” of God in glory as He comes among them to effectuate His plan and will in their lives.

In the same portion of Galatians we are told, under the New Covenant, there is neither male nor female, bond nor slave, Jew nor Gentile, but all are equal co-heirs to the blessings of Abraham and his Covenant with God. So often some churches misrepresent the responsibilities of male and female, rich and poor, Jew and Gentile. Clearly Paul says all are able to function in everything God has for the heirs of salvation. So much confusion and pain could be avoided if we would represent the heirs of salvation in an accurate way as opposed to the bondage some would display as a caricature of the Bible. Treating women as inferiors is one more holdover in a lack of understanding the Bible.

Another one has to do with “acting” holy. Without the indwelling Holy Spirit, it is impossible to live in a love relationship with Jesus. People who act holy are probably just acting. I honestly cannot take credit for the change which took place in my life after I accepted Jesus. The Holy Spirit gave me a new outlook and a new spirit (quickened my dormant spirit) or inner man when I accepted Christ. My only responsibility in this is to obey Him. In other words ‘present myself a living sacrifice,’ (Romans 12:1) and do what He tells me to. Now, sometimes that’s easy and some- times it’s not. But the more I obey, the easier it gets— usually. It’s like being in any other relationship only way more intense. The more I experience the benefits the more I want to stay in the relationship, and the Holy Spirit is constantly helping me! It’s like plugging an electric cord into a socket. When you do, electricity is a byproduct of that action. When you accept Christ, living by faith and love in Christ is a byproduct of that relationship, and a byproduct of that relationship is a maintained Covenant with all its blessings intact.

These can be some of the differences in our present-day understanding of covenant from those early colonists. Some of those differences are also why it is important not to automatically transfer our present-day

Christian religions with those from the past. Other differences have to do with some of the more complex puzzles known to Bible students. As we shall soon see, one of these mysteries evolved two different trains of thought which had a direct impact upon our understanding of inalienable rights. A portion of Scripture from Philippians 2:12 & 13, can sum it up for us. It says, "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."

Which one is it? Is it you working out your salvation or is it God? It's both. The non-religious among us would say something can't be both at the same time. Well, in the case of Elohim, the Creator of the Universe, that is exactly what it is. Is Jesus 100 percent God? My Christian friends would say, absolutely yes. Is Jesus 100 percent man? My Christian friends would, again, say yes. Of course, this is what has knocked most folks out of the Christian ballpark for centuries. The same reality applies to the Trinity. When Christians study the Old as well as the New Testaments, we see Father, Son and Holy Spirit as three distinct personalities, yet we see One True God. Many the world over have rolled their eyes and said this is totally impossible. Frankly, I would find it totally impossible to serve or have a relationship with a God who did not challenge my thinking. It would be impossible for me to believe in a God who existed in a totally neat little box I put Him in, so my little brain could understand all there is to know about Him. Let's face it, a Being who created the entire universe should make us think outside the box of what that Being is.

There are several of these 'moments' or 'mysteries' in the Bible. They are defined as two equally true facts which must be taken together in the same degree. You cannot lift one side of the equation over the other or you fall into error. BUT, when you do take both sides of the equation equally, you go against the law of human reasoning. In point of fact, quantum physics on what I would call cosmic steroids can do a

reasonable job by explaining some of these concepts. Unfortunately, discussing these ‘moments’ or concepts has caused wars among people for centuries. It is a sad fact, but unfortunately, a true one. Thankfully enough, Christians realized going to war over this stuff was pretty dumb.¹

These mysteries formed Calvin’s doctrines from one point of view and Arminius’ doctrines from another. Both these trains of thought had a considerable influence in early colonial thinking. So as covenant citizens, we are going to have disagreements we can agree to disagree with. The early founders did, yet they were still able to form a covenant which governed, not just well, but laid the foundation for later compacts. These and other doctrinal differences are what formed the various denominations who made up early America and forged the bedrock of religious freedoms in this country. Also unknown to many today, is the impact biblical doctrinal differences made to our secular or non-sectarian American covenant (more on that later).

One concern people have when reading any subject concerning biblical Covenant and God is some ulterior motive in order to subjugate people in some way, shape or form. I realize so many false practices and doctrines have tried, over many centuries, to use our proper and Godly relationship in Covenant to hoodwink and/or restrain God’s people in one form or another. The latest attempt, on a worldwide stage is socialism or progressivism, as it is called in this country. I discuss this in detail in the section “Broken Covenant.” But when I speak or refer to God’s Covenant with His people, first and foremost I refer to God and His people. I am not bringing anyone else into the Covenant relationship.

Secondly, when a Covenant does relate God’s people to another, I refer only to those relationships which are meant to fulfill a Godly purpose. Once the parties feel that is no longer the case, no one should feel obligated or compelled to remain in a situation which is unhealthy or any situation they no longer feel the need to be in. Obviously, this can

encompass so many situations that naming one would potentially omit another. We must also realize when God ratifies a Covenant with blessings abounding and we disregard or break it, our actions have consequences. Those consequences often speak for themselves.

Lastly, I should mention those involved in what might be called Christianity, but do not follow the Bible. Many Christian-type religions tinker with the Bible's doctrines in an effort to eliminate or solve the conundrum presented to us humans concerning much of what God says (see the last endnote). In modern times, many just walk away from the issue, ignoring the Bible and/or Christianity as "the problem." But now, much the same as in the early history of our country, there is another group who has decided we Bible believers have gotten it all wrong and there is another explanation other than the one the Bible presents. In doing so, they change some aspect of the Bible in order to fit whatever doctrine they have devised.

My mention of them here is not to judge, but to ask the question, "Are they included in the secular/non-sectarian compact-covenant?" My answer is, "Of course, they are." They were included in it when some of them helped to write our three-part compacting documents. Belief in a God is not necessary to be a part of our non-sectarian covenant. Like atheists and folks from other religions, this does not exclude them from the blessings of the Covenant extended to a nation whose people as a majority have covenanted with the God described in the Bible. We shall read about this shortly.

In making a covenant with the people who believe in the God of the Bible, they may not make an agreement to believe or follow the God Bible believers do, but they do make a secular covenant with the various people of God. We will look at some of these distinctions in more detail later. This is an aspect of secular covenant or political covenant. We will review that history, as well as some of the founders and framers of our American compacting documents who believed in various and different ways."

ENDNOTES

1 There are 10 of these “moments,” truths or conceptual events in the Bible. Some Bible schools try to teach them under the principle of hypostasis. For me, that doesn’t quite explain these events in a complete manner. It takes me six months to teach this course. I will also review some basics in quantum physics with a view to many of the principles of cold fusion, that can help some people in realizing the awesomeness of who God is. Eventually the truth dawns on folks. But some folks love to argue simply because one must still surrender to Godly revelation and there are people who will not subscribe to that. For me that is not a problem. Each one of us can decide to believe or not to believe. One of the best books out there explaining these mysteries is by Kenneth Boa, titled “God, I Don’t Understand.” © 1975, 2007, published by Victor Books. It is still available on Amazon. I accessed copies in August of 2012 and then again in 2015. I mention these truths not because their discussion is central to this book; it is not. But many different folks will read this book and many have varying levels of theological training. I was shocked to watch the

44th President of the United States, before he became so, speak to ‘The Call To Renewal Conference’ (June 28, 2006). He made statements which made it obvious he understood little or nothing about the Bible, and seemingly less about our founding fathers’ faith. Unfortunately, he is not alone. That is why I have written this note. The Bible states clearly faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (Romans 10:17). So if you are not hearing and/or studying God’s word, no faith and no understanding of biblical foundations will be evidenced. Since Bible literacy in our generation has dropped to near nothing, many people don’t seem to understand some of the basic and foundational doctrines of the Scriptures. They then make assumptions that are inaccurate as well. Many who have faith as a mustard seed listen to someone like a politician or movie star make a statement which challenges their faith, when, if they had some good foundational doctrine added to their faith, would be able to spot the lie quickly instead of struggle in a challenge which never needed to take place. Jesus talked about this phenomena in the gospels when He was speaking concerning the word (Matthew 13). You have to read and study and receive God’s truth through revelation (Joshua 1:8; 1 Corinthians 2:14). Many folks study with their minds (soul) but their spirit is not active and thus God’s truth is truncated and/or corrupted. Some don’t spend the time it takes and their roots are also affected. This is why the Holy Spirit was given to us to lead and guide us into all truth (John 16:13).

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Chapter Three

CAPTIVITY

“Now here in America, we’ve been born free. We may not know what captivity looks like. So let’s look at captivity from the 70 years Israel went through it. Remember the Scripture reference of Daniel 9:1, 2, from Chapter Two?

“In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans; In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.”

Daniel 9:3-6: “And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes: And I prayed unto the Lord my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments; We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy *precepts* and from thy *judgments*: Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the *prophets*, which spake in thy name to our *kings*, our *princes*, and our *fathers*, and to *all the people* of the land.”

I’ve italicized some words. That word *precept* is quite interesting. It is the word mitzvah, like a bar or bat mitzvah. It’s a command or law or ordinance. Jewish folks use it as a meaning for the Covenant, as in Mosaic. Mitzvah means to covenant or ordain. In English it gave meaning to the word **constitute**. So young thirteen year olds are ordained or brought into the adult side of following the Law by a celebration. They now enter to become a part of the Covenant people. It comes from another Hebrew word which means to constitute, as in constitution. It means to set in order by constituting or charging, usually by sending with a messenger. The word *judgment* means law, as in

governing authority as well as lower-level leaders and leaders within families. Remember the pattern we talked about where God sends a prophet or messenger and says, “You’ve broken my covenant?” This is the verse where we see these named leaders of society refusing to listen to the warning. What’s the result?

Daniel 9:7, 8: “O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us *confusion of faces*, as at this day; to the *men of Judah*, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee. O Lord, to us belongeth *confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers*, because we have sinned against thee.”

This is spiritual as well as physical judgment. Why? First, it is not isolated to one location in Israel but everywhere Jews were found. Secondly, let’s look at the words I have italicized. The phrase, *confusion of face(s)* literally means shame or disappointment of feelings, ideas, stature and refers to the part of the head which turns (thus the reference to face because it turns with the head). The idea of, “which way do I go?” — and then you see someone turn their head one way and then the other way. Who has this problem? Government. The phrase, *men of Judah* refers to the ruling kingly line. The word *fathers* would refer to the local leaders and leaders within families. And we wonder why the Congress and U.S. government can’t figure out what to do to fix problems? The answer is stated here in Daniel as to what the problem is: “because we have sinned against thee.” Have you ever wondered why some people have solutions to problems and others, their *solutions* have only made the problem worse? I have come to the conclusion this portion of Scripture is key. It has nothing to do with intelligence, but to a willingness to accomplish whatever we do according to biblical revelation.

These covenantal agencies are like gravity. Once spoken into existence by God, they govern outcomes. It becomes a spiritual law. Everyone

thinks all we need are all democrats (socialists) or all republicans to solve what's wrong. As long as we continue to ignore the spiritual atmosphere of covenant, we will continue to experience difficulty.

The Lord never wants us to experience catastrophe. God is a good God. God does not cause suffering, neither does He cause evil on the planet. As humans in charge of the planet, we do that all by ourselves. If we refuse His hand reached out to us over and over again, He lets us go our stubborn ways. When He does so, the enemy of our souls rushes in to do to us what our actions have allowed. When I have preached this I take two little dolls as an illustration. One is a little girl doll and the other is usually some monster I can find in the toy store. I cover my hand over the little girl doll, representing that as the covering of a loving God over His creation. Then the little girl doll decides to move out from under the hand covering her. The monster grabs her.

I also quickly explain the fact evil does have two varieties, if you will. In other words, why do bad things happen to good people? One evil is of the natural type. For example, God created the atmosphere and creation on the planet to be beneficial and healthy to all involved. We were supposed to live forever. Our bodies regenerated because of the atmosphere/water and lack of what the Bible terms sin. Animals did not kill other animals to eat and neither did we. When Adam sinned that changed. This type of evil is what we would call natural. The second is the evil of the human variety: Our own actions cause pain, suffering and hideous evil.

Can bad things still possibly happen when we are under the hand of God's covering? Yes. Why? I don't think I have ever seen an instance where a human did not cause an act, and unfortunately someone else who did nothing wrong, experiences the pain and suffering instead. This encompasses cancer and other sicknesses as well. "Cancer, you say? Now wait a minute, preacher, you're going too far." Do you know they are discovering more and more cancers, not all, but more and more have to do with a virus which was already in our bodies from some outside

source? We were not created to mutate our cells. Today we have developed vaccines to prevent some cancers based on inoculating folks against the human papilloma virus. That's just one which we have a vaccine for. There are others in research. Our toxic environment is based on human or moral evil. We try to ignore the toxins in our food; toxins in plastics and body and bath products. But someone in some lab somewhere knew of the dangers and was either ignored when they sounded the alarm, or they ignored what they knew would eventually become a problem. Children, in the womb and outside of it, with no sin of their own, get sick from this stuff (see the next endnote).

Does God cause children to become sick? No. Thankfully, we do have an answer in word and prayer to be set free and healed. Does everyone get healed? No. Why not? Remember what I said before about Jesus being 100 percent God and 100 percent man, and both truths must be taken equally at the same value; you cannot lift one up over the other? It is the same here (see the previous endnote). God is totally Divine and Sovereign, yet we are responsible as humans. Both concepts must be treated equally or you will fall into error. Just because we as humans are not personally responsible for an error, but that error can have dire consequences— even generations later— does not make God any less sovereign. I was watching a documentary where they proved the possibility RNA can be altered because of something your forebears experienced.¹ They used the condition of a famine causing diabetes or affecting cardio-vascular health in the grandchildren. Let's ask the theological question of how was the famine caused? Famines can be caused by manmade issues, but quite often they are as a result of natural evil.

Sometimes we have the attitude Jesus addressed in Luke 13:1-4, where he asks the disciples if they think the Galileans Pilate killed were more evil or worse sinners than anyone else (moral evil); or if the men whom the tower of Siloam fell on were worse sinners (natural evil). In both cases He said no; the real problem was our own salvation issues. I

realize this theological stuff is not always easy to receive. Oversimplifying it here doesn't help. But there are good reasons for why we study the Scriptures: All this is academic until it happens to you. While having the academic knowledge doesn't always help when you have to go through catastrophe or heartache in life, it can soften the blow and eventually give you the comfort to turn back to, or get even closer with, God. In my experience when we take that path, the healing process is quicker and more complete.

Jesus does not want us to go into captivity. My dialogue here is not to judge folks or even correct them. Believe what you will. My method here is to help us understand the spiritual forces at work when we ignore what is a secular/non-sectarian covenant between parties, yet birthed and still operational as a spiritual covenant stamped and approved by the Highest of Authorities.

Contrary to popular theories, my question here is not whether the Constitution is a Christian document or whether the Federal government was started with ecclesiastical hierarchy. Oddly enough, while the Constitution was written by a supermajority of Christ followers, and we see evidence of biblical theories of government inherent in it, it was not written as a Christian document. After all, we see evidence of Greek, Roman and English theories of government in it as well, but it is not Greek, Roman or English. We also see no evidence of a cabinet position controlled by an ecclesiastical authority.

My question is, did we start as a covenantal people, covenanting with the God of the Bible, in which a covenant agreement stayed in full force and effect, even throughout the early Federal government straight through to today? Were there those who believed we were given our land just as Israel was given her land by the same God? Are people still in this country today who covenant with that same God? We see by ignoring to follow their Covenant with God, Israel's actions sent her into captivity and that captivity was a Jewish government which no longer functioned. Did Israel violate the covenant of the priesthood? Have we?

Did Israel violate the marriage covenant? Have we? Did Israel violate her covenant of worship? Have we? Those last six questions will be answered by separate books. But for now, let's take a quick history lesson to see if we were ever a covenant people.”

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