

SANCTUARY GUIDELINES

OUR COVENANT

“But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

(Matthew 6:33 NKJV)

1. We identify as Citizens of the Kingdom of God, where Jesus Christ, Yeshua, is our King, Lord, and Savior, Yahweh is our Father, and Holy Spirit is our Governor and Counselor. Through the finished work of the cross, we have been adopted into the family of God, and are now called His Sons and Daughters, and as such we have been granted the authority to take part in His divine nature.

“But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.” (Galatians 4:4-5)

“The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.” (Romans 8:16-17).

2. We are here on earth as Ambassadors of Heaven, subject to the government, laws and principles of the Kingdom (not religious rules, customs or traditions), with the objective of building the Kingdom and stewarding the Culture of the Kingdom “on earth as it is in Heaven.” (Culture refers to land, language, laws, symbols, constitution, moral code, shared values, customs and social norms.)
3. As Citizens, Sons, Daughters, and Ambassadors we are in a Covenant Relationship with our King and Kingdom. More than being a legal contract, pledge, or promise, a covenant is “an agreement which brings about a *relationship of commitment* between God and His people.” Upon entering into this Covenant with our King and Kingdom we commit to leaving our old ways, the ways of the world, behind and stepping into our new and true Kingdom roles and identities.

“But Jesus said to him, ‘No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back [to the things left behind] is fit for the Kingdom of God.’” (Luke 9:62 AMP)

4. Through this Kingdom Covenant we commit ourselves to the following:
 - a. A Surrendered Heart.

As Citizens of the Kingdom of God, we commit to follow the laws of Moses, the Ten Commandments, as guidelines to righteous living, while also knowing and understanding that it is not through our behaviors, works, or our own efforts that we are able to enter the Kingdom, but rather through the grace and mercy of Yeshua granted to us through His crucifixion and resurrection.

We commit to hold our Covenant in the inner sanctuary of our surrendered heart, guarding it at all times from evil, deception, corruption and defilement.

1. "I am the Lord your God, Who has brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
You shall have no other gods before or besides me." (Exodus 20:2-3)
2. You shall not worship graven images or idols.
3. You shall not use the name of the Lord your God in vain.
4. You shall remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy (withdrawn from common employment and dedicated to God).
5. You shall honor your mother and father.
6. You shall not commit murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not lie.
10. You shall not covet that which belongs to your neighbor.

"Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the house, to the holy of holies, under the wings of the cherubim." (2 Chronicles 5:7)

"There was nothing in the ark excepts the two tablets which Moses put there at Horeb, where the Lord made a covenant with the sons of Israel, when they came out of Egypt." (2 Chronicles 5:10)

"He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. Because of His grace He made us right in His sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life." (Titus 3:5-7)

- b. Being led by the Spirit of God.

We commit to receiving the wisdom, revelation and guidance of the Holy Spirit and demonstrating the fruit of the Spirit in our countenance.

“For all who are allowing themselves to be led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.” (Romans 8:14 AMP)

“But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to His cross and crucified them there. Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit’s leading in every part of our lives.” (Galatians 5:22-25)

c. Kingdom Humility.

We commit to peaceful, kind, harmonious, and gracious living.

“Since God chose you to be the holy people He loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.” (Colossians 3:12-15)

“Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.” (Ephesians 4:2-3)

d. Kingdom Benevolence.

We commit to cultivating a generous, giving spirit, and collaborating with our Brothers and Sisters to serve those in need.

“All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had. The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God’s great blessing was upon them all. There were no needy people among them, because those who owned land or houses would sell them and bring the money to the apostles to give to those in need.” (Acts 4:32-35)

“It’s not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What’s important is that God makes the seed grow. The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work.” (1 Corinthians 3:7-8)

e. Kingdom Equality.

We commit to honoring our Brothers and Sisters as equals, preferring one another over ourselves, and understanding that there is no economic or social status in the Kingdom of God. We do not cling to earthly riches or possessions for our salvation but rather to our relationship with our King, Savior, and Heavenly Father.

“Jesus said to His disciples, ‘I assure you and most solemnly say to you, it is difficult for a rich man [who clings to possessions and status as security] to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man [who places his faith in wealth and status] to enter the Kingdom of God.’” (Matthew 19:23-24 AMP)

“Then Jesus said, ‘Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.’ . . . ‘Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God.’” (Luke 12:15 & 21 NLT)

f. Kingdom Love.

We commit to aspire to love one another as Christ loved us.

“You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.” (Leviticus 19:18)

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.” (John 13:34)

“So the Word became flesh and made His home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen His glory, the glory of the Father’s one and only Son.” (John 1:14 NLT)

g. Kingdom Faith.

We commit to walk by faith in the power, protection and provision of our King and Kingdom. We have faith in that which is unseen over that which is seen with our natural eyes. We choose faith over fear.

“For we walk by faith, not by sight.” (2 Corinthians 5:7)

“For God didn’t give us a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” (2 Timothy 1:7)

“Then Jesus said to the disciples, “Have faith in God. I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, “May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,” and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart. I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you’ve received it, it will be yours. But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too.” (Mark 11:22-25)

“And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them.” (Romans 8:28 NLT)

h. Kingdom Power.

We commit to walk in the authority and power afforded to us through Yeshua, as Kingdom Citizens.

“Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.” (Luke 10:19).

“Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He who is in you, than he who is in the world.” (1 John 4:4)

“I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in Me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. You can ask for anything in My name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. Yes, ask Me for anything in My name, and I will do it!” (John 14:12-14)

“Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.” (Ephesians 3:20 NLT)

“For the Kingdom of God consists of and is based not on talk but power (moral power and excellence of soul.)” (1 Corinthians 4:20)

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