

# Congregation Pentecost Vows

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Pastor Vaughn speaking: Four-thousand years ago your ancestors stood right where you are today. Four-thousand years ago they stood at Mount Sinai all in one place in the presence of Yah and they made a marriage agreement with Yahweh. Today their children live on—here we stand. We've returned to the God of our fathers. We have returned to the God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob. Today we are going to make the same agreement that they made so many years ago. If our sisters will cover themselves at this time. My wife is going to read the covenant and we will respond in unison together.

*And Yahweh spoke all these words, saying; I am Yahweh your Heavenly Father Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no hinder gods at all. They are in opposition against Me. You shall not make for yourself any carved image; an idol, in the form of heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the waters below.*

**We solemnly vow to our Creator that we will not make for ourselves any graven image or any likeness of anything that is in the heavens above, or in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters below; and we will embrace no worship, no customs and no cultures of any other god than the God of Israel—Yahweh.**

*You shall not bow down to them nor serve them; for I, Yahweh your Father, am a jealous Heavenly Father, punishing the children for the lawbreaking of the fathers to the third and fourth generations of those who hate me.*

**We shall not bow ourselves down to them nor serve them for Yahweh is my God. He is a jealous God. This is an iniquity of the fathers to the sons of the third and fourth generations of those who hate Him and serve Him with anything less than our whole hearts.**

*But showing love to thousands who love Me by keeping My Laws. You shall not take the name of Yahweh, your Heavenly Father, to bring it to nothing, for Yahweh will not hold him guiltless who brings dishonor upon or profanes His Name.*

**We will not remove or replace the Holy Name of Yahweh and bring it to nothing. We understand Yahweh will not tolerate him who removes His sacred Name, and therefore considers it lightly and takes it in vain.**

*Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the Seventh Day is the Sabbath of Yahweh, your Heavenly Father, and in it you shall do no work; you, nor your wife, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your cattle, nor the stranger who dwells within your gates. For in six days Yahweh made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; and rested the Seventh Day. Therefore, Yahweh blessed the Sabbath Day and hallowed it; Yahweh made the Sabbath Day holy.*

**We will always remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. After laboring for six days, on the seventh day we shall do no servile work. We shall not forsake the holy convocation and we shall always appear before Yahweh at the appointed times of the week and the year.**

*Honor your father and your mother, so your days may be long upon the land, which Yahweh, your Father is giving you.*

**We will honor authority. We will follow the mission and resist rebellion in our hearts that our days may be long upon the land which Yahweh has given us to possess.**

*You shall not murder.*

**We will not destroy life. We will not ruin the character of another with idle words. We will only speak life; never destroy our brother or sister. We will not murder their character, but will cover them in the spirit of grace and mercy. We will stand up for all lives, especially the lives of the weakest among us—the unborn.**

*You shall not commit adultery.*

**We will learn faithfulness and honor and integrity. We will not break our covenant and dismiss our vows. If we fail, we will repent quickly and return to the ancient path of Your Torah.**

*You shall not steal.*

**We will not be dissatisfied with the portion You have given us. We will be grateful with what You have blessed us with. Whether it is little or much, we will give it all back to You. We will not steal nor harm anyone in any way.**

*You shall not bear false testimony against your neighbor.*

**We will not gossip, nor cause harm with our words. We will not participate in lies or deception that would harm our neighbor. We will listen to no lies, nor repeat them. We will use clean words: words of restoration and light.**

*You shall not covet; lust after your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that belongs to your neighbor.*

**We will rejoice in thanksgiving for what You have given to us. We will always find a way to rejoice in the days of plenty and the days of trouble. We will trust You with our provision, with our daily**

**bread. We shall expect no help from the gods of this world but we will trust in You alone.**

Pastor Vaughn speaking: Now I would like for us to repeat this last line at the bottom.

**All that Yahweh has spoken and commanded we accept. Unlike our forefathers in the wilderness, we will NOT fail; but we will overcome so that we might enter into rest. HalleluYah, HalleluYah, HalleluYah!!! We keep our vows to You, Yahweh, and we dedicate this temple to You. We vow ourselves to You.**

Pastor Vaughn speaking: We stand in His glory for a few minutes. At this point, Elders lay hands on every member (during the song).