

BOUND BY COVENANT

Gen. 6:18

I. COVENANT BRINGS BLESSINGS - PROVISIONS AND PROTECTION

- A. The secret place of the most high is covenant with God
- B. Is. 43:2 - *"When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee."*

II. RESPONSIBILITY OF BEING FAITHFUL TO COVENANT

III. COVENANT TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY

- A. I will stand with you; I love you
- B. Honored even when entered deceitfully - Josh. 9
 - 1. Gibeon comes to make league with Joshua and princes of Israel
 - 2. Joshua was bound to oath; but Gibeon became the servants of Israel

IV. WE CAN WALK IN CONFIDENCE WHEN WE ARE IN COVENANT

- A. David - *"Who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?"*
 - 1. Circumcision seal of the covenant
 - 2. David had the garments of the Lord, the weapons of the Lord, the seal of the covenant (blood covenant) came in the name of the Lord.
- B. Abraham - Was confident when commanded to sacrifice Isaac
 - 1. Knew he was in covenant with God
 - 2. Knew God was able to raise him from the dead

V. NECESSITY OF STAYING UNDER COVENANT

- A. Oath was made to Rahab the harlot - Josh. 2:17-19
- B. Put scarlet thread in window
- C. Bring father, mother, brethren into house
- D. Whoever goes out of house, blood upon his head, and we will be guiltless
- E. Whoever is in house with you, his blood shall be upon our head
- F. God has provided safety and that is through covenant
- G. Get out of covenant, blood (or responsibility) will be upon our own head
- H. Fearful responsibility as spiritual heads or leaders
 - 1. Decisions we make affects others, not just ourselves

2. Wives suffer consequences of husband's decisions

VI. GOD'S COVENANT VS. MAN'S COVENANT

- A. We ought to obey God rather than man
- B. God's law supersedes all other laws

VII. COVENANT SAYS I SUBMIT MYSELF TO YOU

- A. I am your servant; I will stand with you
 - 1. God is looking for those who will stand faithfully with this ministry
 - 2. Desire to see children grow up, marry, have children, who grow up in church
- B. What is mine is thine
- C. Your people shall be my people, your God my God