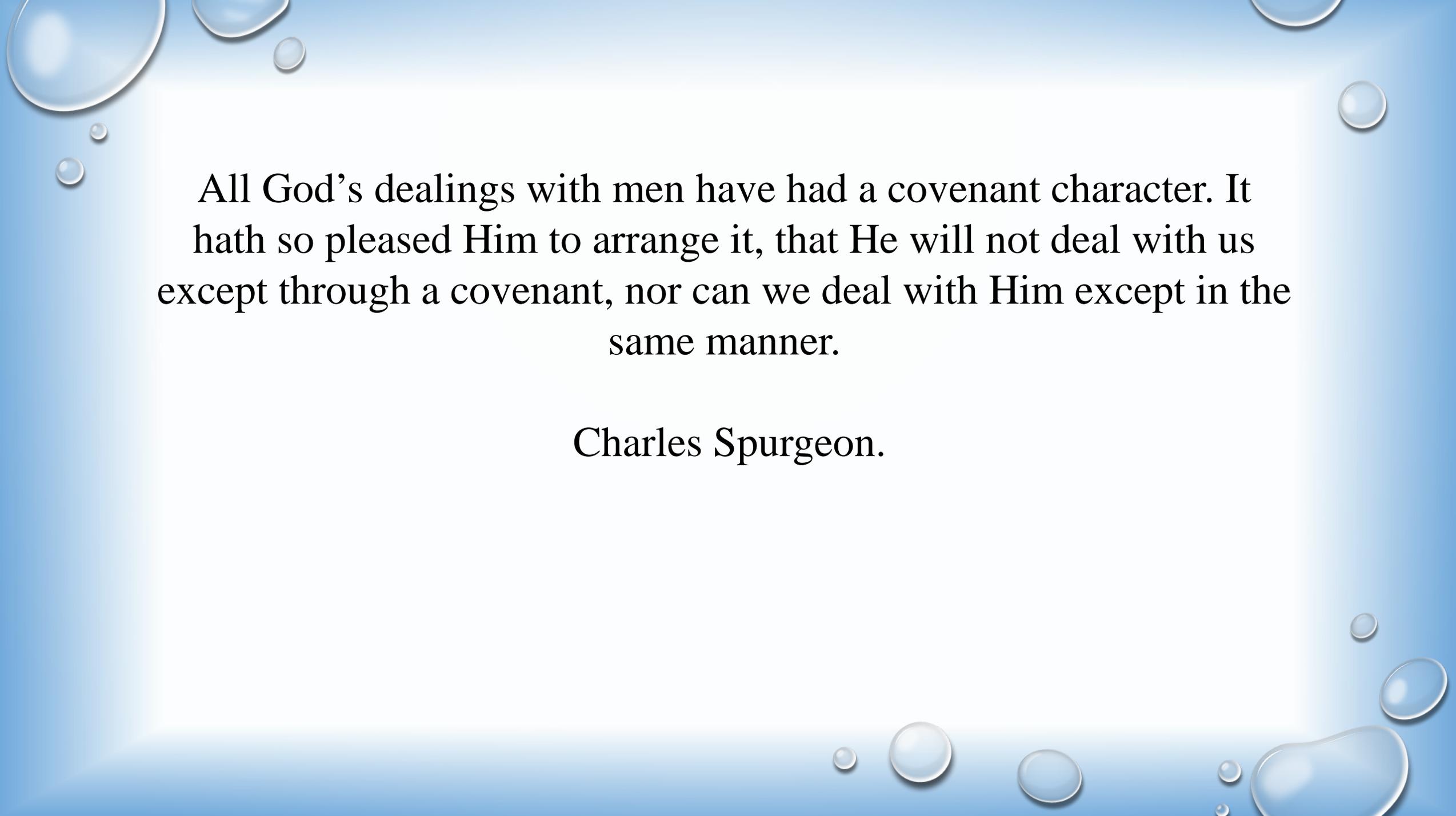


THE NEW COVENANT

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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All God's dealings with men have had a covenant character. It hath so pleased Him to arrange it, that He will not deal with us except through a covenant, nor can we deal with Him except in the same manner.

Charles Spurgeon.

Gal 3:15

To give a human example, brothers even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified.

Jer 31:31-34

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant **with the house of Israel and the house of Judah**, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, **my covenant that they broke**, though I was their husband, declares the LORD.

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: **I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts**. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

And no longer shall each one teach his neighbour and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ **for they shall all know me**, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

- 1) Selection of Covenant representatives
- 2) Terms and Conditions
- 3) Cutting the sacrifice
- 4) Exchange of robes, belts and weapons
- 5) Walk unto death
- 6) Mingling of blood
- 7) Pronouncement of blessings and curses
- 8) Seal of the Covenant Mark
- 9) Exchange of Names
- 10) The Covenant Meal

SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE

Matthew 12:18

“Behold, my servant whom I have chosen,
my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased.

I will put my Spirit upon him,
and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.

Cutting the Sacrifice / Walk unto Death

THE CRUCIFIXION

Mingling of Blood/Covenant meal

1Cor 11:24-25

and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the **new covenant in my blood**; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Seal of the Covenant Mark

John 20:27

Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.”

Eph 1:13

In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were **sealed** with the promised Holy Spirit

Col 2:11-12

In him you were also circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature, not with a circumcision done by the hands of men but with the circumcision done by Christ, having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

EXCHANGE OF NAMES

2 Cor 5:21

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Exchange of Robes, Belts and Weapons

Isa 64:6.

But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our
righteousnesses are as filthy rags

Isa 61:10

I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has
clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in
a robe of his righteousness

Exchange of Robes, Belts and Weapons

2 Sam 20:8

Joab was wearing his military tunic, and strapped over it at his waist was a belt with a dagger in its sheath

Eph 6:14

Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist,

Exchange of Robes, Belts and Weapons

Lev 26:7

And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword.

Eph 6:17

and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

Pronouncement of blessings and curses

Gal 3:9ff

So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. -- so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith. --- For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. --- And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Pronouncement of blessings and curses

DEUTERONOMY 28

If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God:

You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country.

The fruit of your womb will be blessed, and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock—the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks.

Heb 8:6

Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old, as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises.

NEW COVENANT BLESSINGS

We are in right standing with God

We are free from the law of sin and death

We are blessed and not cursed

God is faithful even if our faith is weak

We have access to spiritual authority

We live by Grace, not by Law

CURSES ?

Gal 3:13

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”

Deut 29:19

Someone when he hears the words of this sworn covenant, and blesses himself in his heart, saying, ‘I shall be safe, though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart.’ This will destroy the watered ground with the parched.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1) Enter into the Covenant**
- 2) Walk in love**
- 3) Obedience to the Word of God**
- 4) Seek His face**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1) Enter into the Covenant

Luke 14:28-33

“For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it—lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, “saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’”

“Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?”

“Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace.
In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.”

Luke 9:23

Then He said to them all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.”

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

2) Walk in love

John 13:34

A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

John 15:13

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

3) Obedience to the Word of God

John 14:15

If you love me, you will keep my commandments

John 8:31

Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.

“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

4) **Seek His face**

Heb 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Rom 11:17

But some of these branches from Abraham's tree—some of the people of Israel—have been broken off. And you Gentiles, who were branches from a wild olive tree, have been grafted in. So now you also receive the blessing God has promised Abraham and his children, sharing in the rich nourishment from the root of God's special olive tree.

Eph 2:12

Remember that at that time you were separate from Christ **excluded from citizenship in Israel** and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.

HOLD FAST TO THE COVENANT

Isa 56:6-7

And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, and who **hold fast to my covenant** — these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer.

Recognise that the promises of God are ours through Covenant.

Understand that God has directed His Lovingkindness to His Covenant people

Understand that there is often a delay between the promise and its fulfillment

Develop a lifestyle of faith and patience which will enable us to inherit the promises

Rom 1:19 -20

Because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse.

Rom 2:14-15

When Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness.