

## Covenant

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While waiting for a lovely gentleman named Winfried Bauer from Germany to finish writing a book on Covenant which the Lord is giving him, I will fill in this space with what the Lord gave me today on Covenant.

### A Child's Eye View:

The Lord directed me to Psalm 78 this morning. I had been praying and asking what the simplest form of understanding of Covenant with God is. This is what the Lord showed me.

1. What are the works that we must do to please God? We must believe in Him whom the Father sent, Jesus Christ.
2. Psalm 78: 1-7 starts by telling us that we must remember what our God has done for those before us and in our own lives. We are commanded to share this with our children and the next generation so that they will know the acts of love God showed for those before them. In this way they may believe in God's everlasting love for themselves and those around them. This is powerful and truly positive. Verse 7 states: NIV "Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands."
3. Verse 8-11 states what lack of Covenant looks like. NIV "They would not be like their forefathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, whose hearts were not loyal to God, whose spirits were not faithful to him. The men of Ephraim, though armed with bows, turned back on the day of battle. They did not keep God's covenant and refused to live by His law. They forgot what he had done, the wonders he had shown them."
4. Verses 12-16 speaks of all the wonderful miracles God performed for the Israelites. Verses 17-18 says, "But they continued to sin against him, rebelling in the desert against the Most High. They willfully put God to the test by demanding the food they craved.
5. Verses 19-31 Tells how God gave the Israelites what they asked for but in Justice disciplined them in His anger due to their heart attitude in the way the way they asked....grumbling, complaining, asking in unbelief rather than with thanksgiving. Verse 32-37 states, "In spite of his wonders, they did not believe. So He ended their days in futility and their years in terror. Whenever God slew them, they would seek Him; They remembered that God was their Rock, that God Most High was their Redeemer. But they would flatter Him with their mouths, lying to Him with their tongues; their hearts were not loyal to Him, they were not faithful to His covenant
6. God's Covenant with us is His love, faithfulness, complete healing, being taken care of physically through feeding us and clothing us, taking out our enemies, being a hedge of protection around us. Our Covenant with God is believing and trusting in Him. Pretty simple but as a stiff necked people we make it so hard. We choose not to believe His word as His word is stated for ourselves. This is considered rebellion.

So the arguments are our own arguments against God. I understand there are many reasons we may accept our ways but the Lord even in all His grace says that we are still in unbelief, full of lies and in rebellion. Well, how can we change this?

7. We ask forgiveness and become childlike. We choose to believe God's word and choose to speak life from our mouths rather than death over ourselves and others. We choose to humble ourselves and to be in total dependence on God for everything. We must fight to stay childlike, we must strive to enter the Lord's rest while guarding our hearts, and then we will abide in Christ and He in us.

This is Covenant with God from a Child's Eye View.

P.S. Remember...YOU are free in worship as a child. Have fun with God because He loves you so much! God can do more IN YOU when you trust Him. ☺