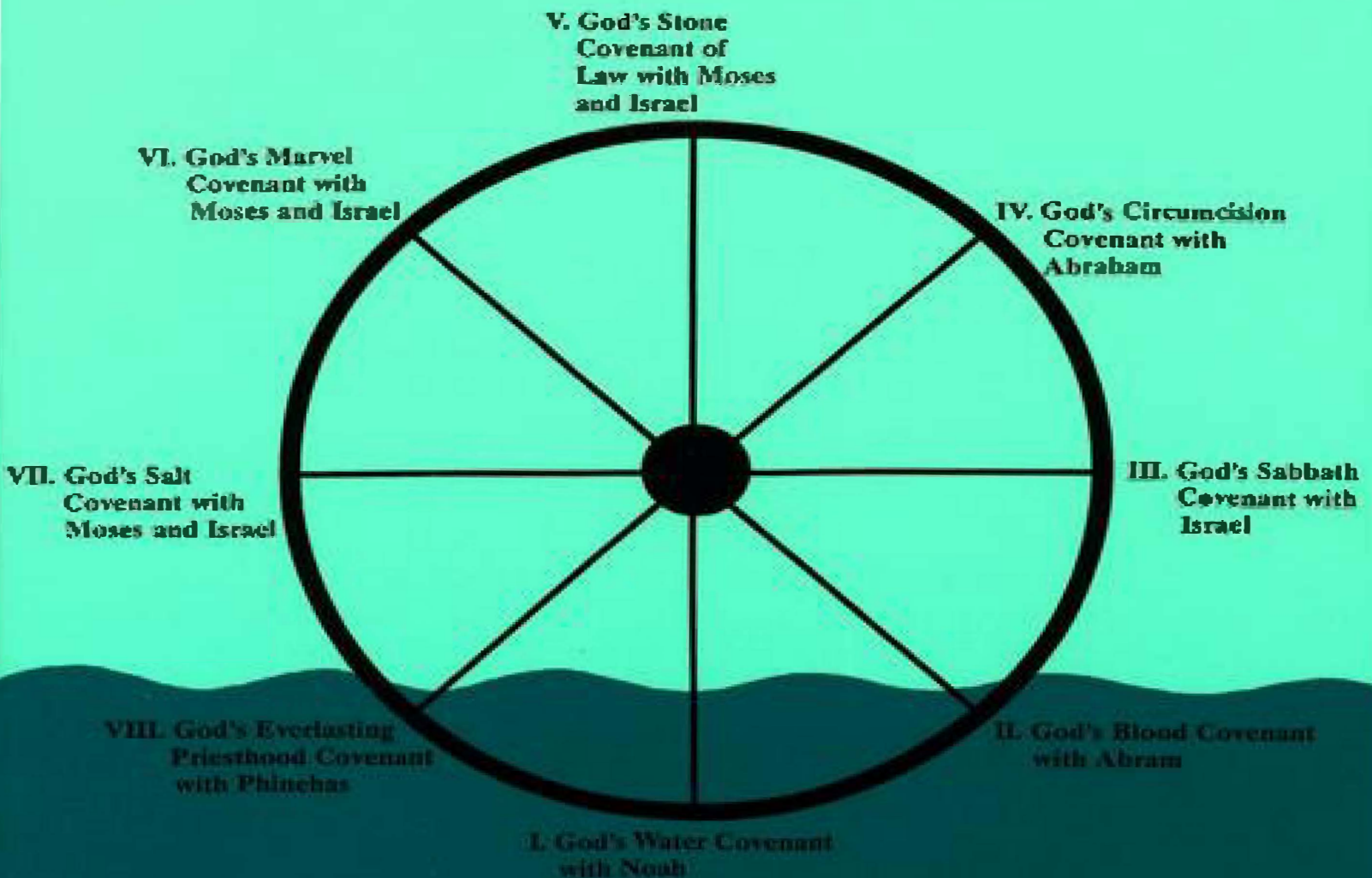


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Introduction

The Wheel of the Old Covenant, commonly known as the Old Testament, consists of eight different spokes, as it were, because the Covenants God made with His people in the Old Testament numbered eight.

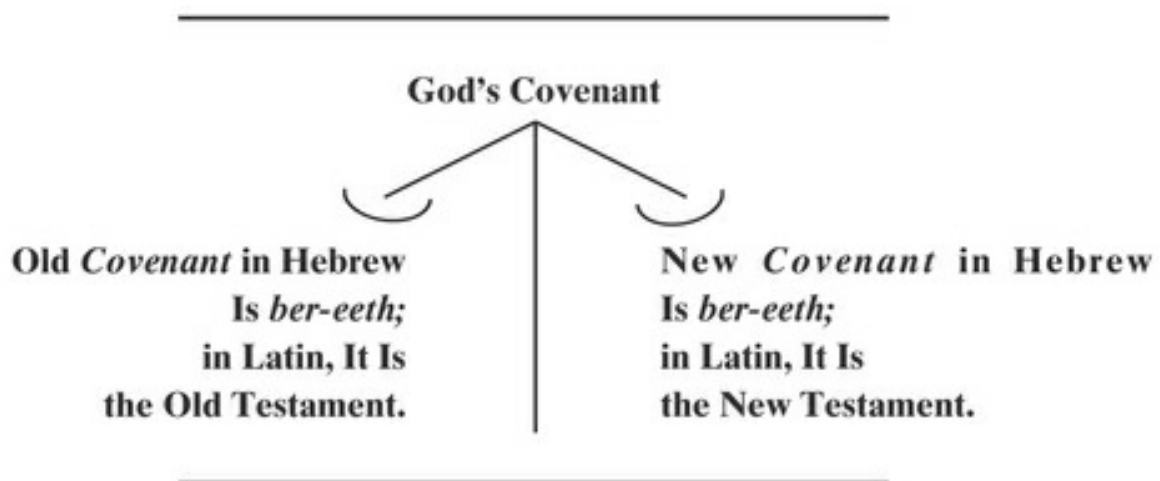
Since Hebrews wrote the Bible, the language of the Old Testament is Hebrew, and since the word *testament* is not found in the Hebrew language, the word *testament* does not appear in any of the thirty-nine books of the Old Bible or *Old Testament*, as we know it. The word *testament* actually comes from the Latin word *testamentum*, which means witness or a will, as in one's last *will* and *testament*. It was later translators of the Bible who used the word *testament* for the Hebrew word *ber-eeth*, which means covenant or a written binding agreement. So, strictly, the Old Bible is God's Old Covenant.

The LORD's Word *is* His Covenant, both in the case of the Old Covenant, as well as in the New Covenant. The LORD's *Covenant* is an agreement or mutual obligation contracted deliberately and solemnly by and between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. The LORD's Covenants are Divine and above all Creation. The Old and New Covenants were agreements made among the Eternal Father, the Eternal Son, and the Eternal Holy Ghost. The Covenants concern themselves with the mission of carrying out the Eternal Father's Purposive Will and Master Plan. They work to obtain Eternal Redemption through the Blood of God's Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ. God's Covenants with mankind signify His solemn Promise to perform His Covenant in Jesus Christ.

The Hebrew word for Covenant, *ber-eeth*, includes the idea of cutting. In the LORD's solemn Covenant, He caused the offerer (the person bringing an offering) to pass between the divided parts of the blood sacrifice as a demonstration of becoming one with His Covenant of Blood. The *ber-eeth* Covenant has a cleansing property. *Ber-eeth* also means a circle, ring, chain, oath of fidelity, solemn injunction, *covenant*, treatise, to promise fidelity, a compact, confederacy, a league. The Hebrew root word for *ber-eeth* is *baw-raw*, which means to select, to feed, to render clear, to choose, to manifest, to give meat, to eat, an agreement between parties, and Messiah.

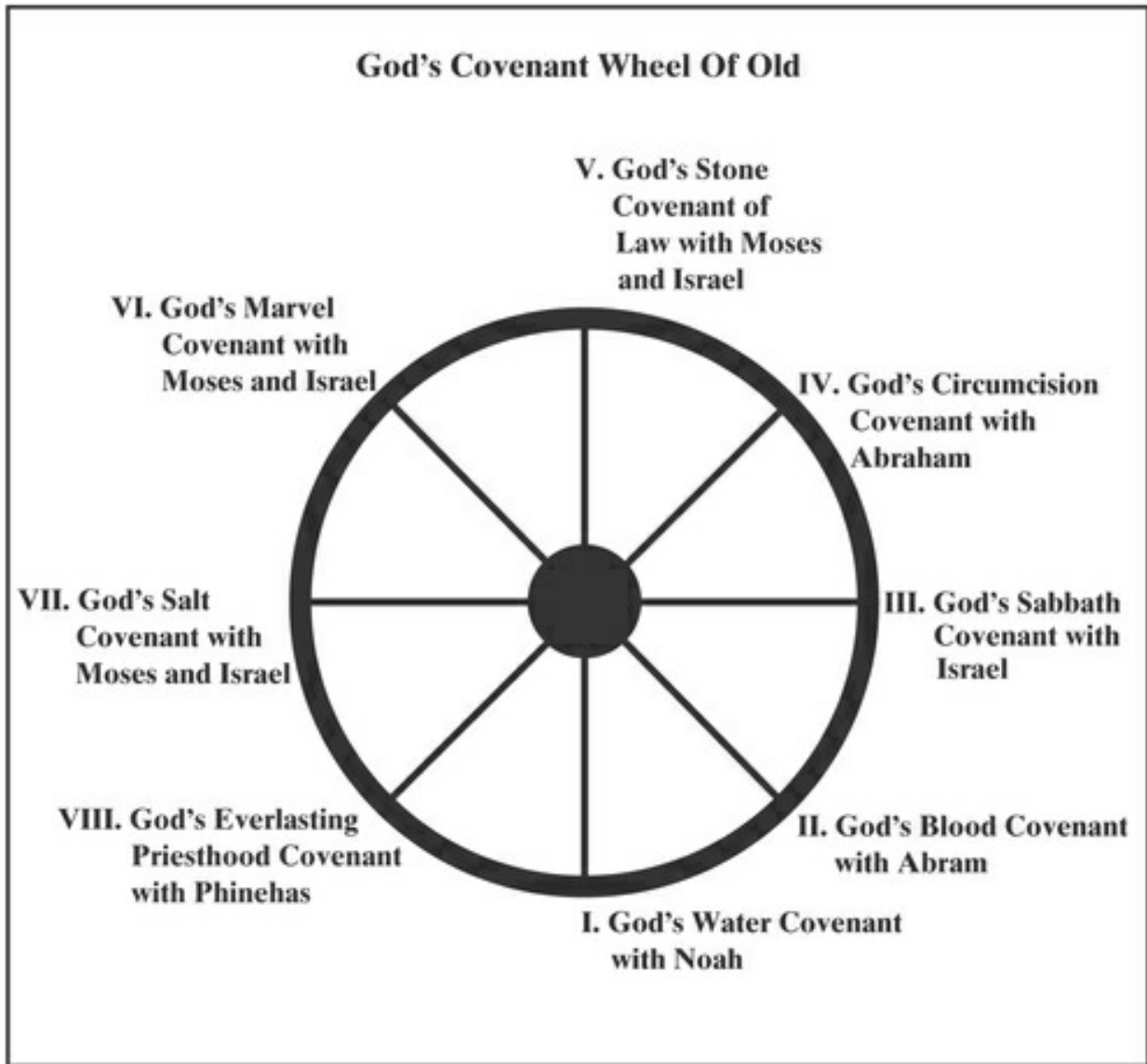
God's *ber-eeth* Covenant expresses a separation, a piece, a stretch, an arrangement that is to be carried out quite independently of all external circumstances, even through opposition. It is the conception of the *absolute*, something separated or cut off from all connection between natural cause and effect; something *absolutely unconditional*. God's Divine *ber-eeth* is separate, disconnected, kept and supported by His *absolute, divine independence* from His Creation. God's Divine Covenant has no connection with nor support from matter. God's absolute Covenant is Divine and unilateral. The Infinite, Divine God assures us that He will keep and perform His Covenant.

God's *ber-eeth* Covenant is manifested and revealed in the two great dispensations known as the *Old Testament* and the *New Testament*, but in truth and reality, it is the *Old Covenant* and the *New Covenant*.



The Wheel of God's Old Covenant (*ber-eeth*) contains eight different spokes within the Wheel, which represent

the eight Covenants God made with His people in the days before Jesus Christ came to Earth and died on the Cross to fulfill all the types and shadow in the Old Testament. This study examines, in chronological order, the eight spokes in the Wheel of God's Old Covenant.



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The Eight Covenants God Made With His People In The Old Testament

I. God Made a Water Covenant with Noah.

The *first* Spoke in the Wheel of the Old Covenant is the Water Covenant God made with Noah. God always carries out His Divine Covenants in spite of all opposition to them.

God's Water Covenant of His Love, Life, and Light that He made with Noah is found in the Book of Genesis.

But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee (Genesis 6:18)

Noah is the second father of the human race. All families of Earth are in direct line of descent from him. Because of the violence and wickedness of Noah's day, the LORD God determined to destroy the agents of wickedness in order to purify the Earth by water.

Before God's execution of His Judgment by water, He commanded Noah to build an ark for his family, for seven clean pairs of the animals, and for two pairs of the unclean animals. All these mentioned — the people and the animals — found safety in the ark, but all the rest of the creatures on Earth perished in the deluge of waters that prevailed high above the Earth for 150 days.

After the floodwaters had receded from the Earth, and it was dry again, Noah, his family, and the animals came out of the ark. Then, Noah built an altar unto the LORD and offered a sacrifice, dedicating the newly, purified Earth to the LORD so that the Earth with its inhabitants could be lifted up to the LORD for the fulfilling of their Moral High Calling before the LORD.

At this time, God made a *ber-eeth* Covenant with Noah, divinely assuring him of the continuance of the human race on Earth. God established His Covenant by giving Noah a sign of His bow in the cloud.

And I, behold, **I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you;** (Genesis 9:9).

And God said, **This is the token of the covenant** which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: **I do set my bow in the cloud,** and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the Earth: (Genesis 9:12,13).

And **I will remember my covenant,** which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and **the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the Earth.** And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the Earth (Genesis 9:15,16,17).

God assured Noah that His waters of purifying Judgment from His merciful Love, Life, and Light would not come again in the form of a deluge on the Earth and its inhabitants, and that the recurrence of the seasons and of day and night would not cease. God's *ber-eeth* Covenant of rainbow light in the cloud assured Noah that the whole world would not again be destroyed by a flood.

The few natural boards of Noah's Ark were *not* the actual means of salvation for him, his family, and the animals. Rather, their salvation was in God's infinite *ber-eeth* Covenant and His divine protective Providence in having Noah build the ark. While the ark was tossed about on the flood waters of God's Judgment, all in it were safe.

God assured Noah that, through His *Water Covenant*, the course of nature shall be continued until the end of time, in spite of the temporal disruption brought by the flood. God put a great honour on Noah by making him an overseer of his *Water Covenant*, and all the Earth and all its inhabitants. God's Salvation of Love, Life, and Light in His Mercy and Grace was revealed to Noah, who became the fountain and foundation of all future life on the present

Earth.

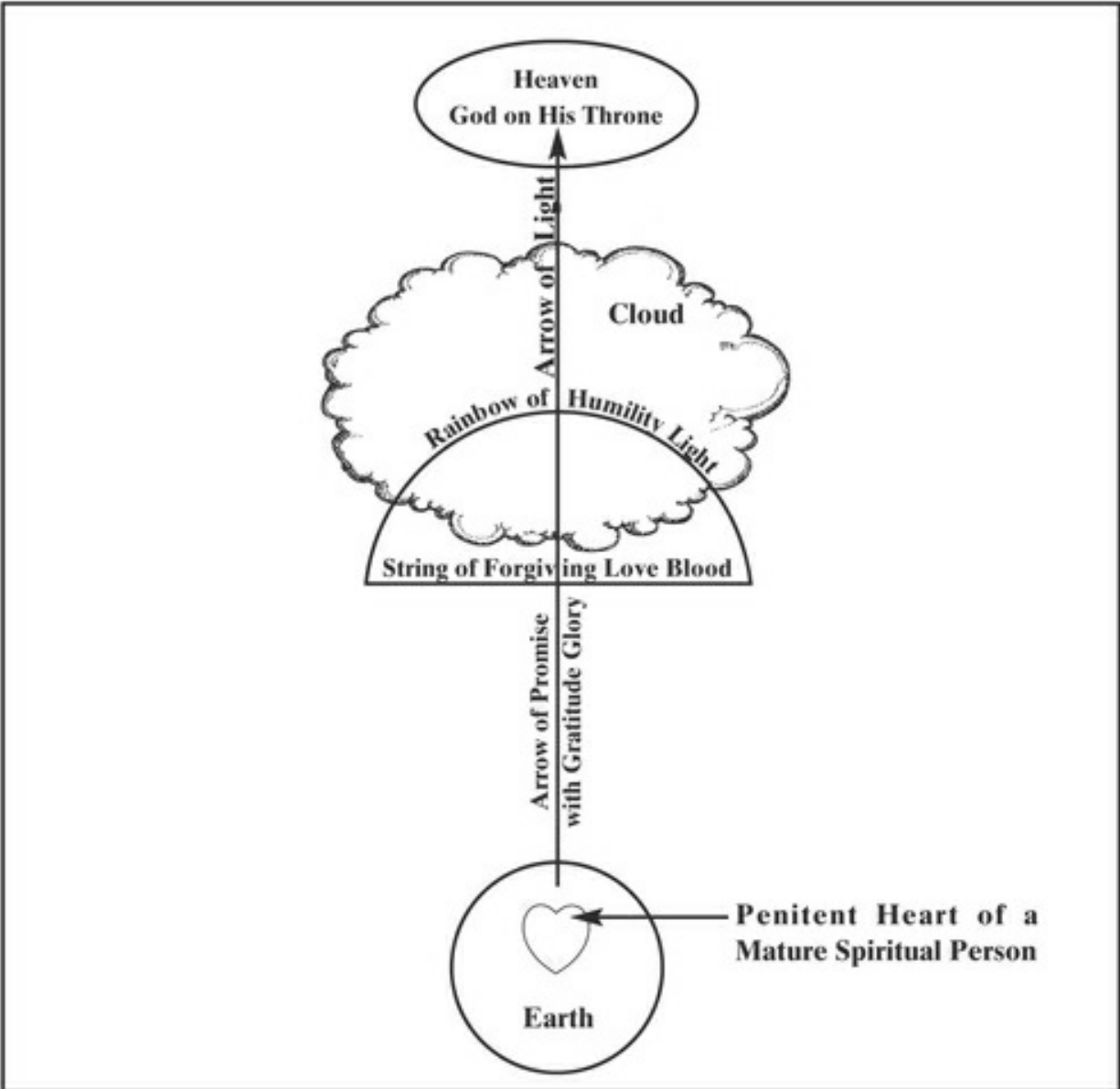
God's Judgment upon the Earth was like a womb that brings new life to birth. It takes forty days in the mother's womb for the human fetus to be fully formed. Likewise, there were forty days and nights that the windows from Heaven, above, and the fountains from the *teh-home* Depths, below, poured their judgmental waters upon the Earth. These catastrophic floodwaters from the *teh-home* gushed upward from God's fountains in the Deep, and the deluge of waters from God's windows, above, poured forth their waters upon the Earth. These forty days and nights of dark waters from below and from above were like a womb, as it were, for the formation of a new future of Love, Light, and Life for the whole world.

God also gave a *light sign* in the form of a bow in the cloud as a token of His Promise never again to destroy the world by a flood. Heretofore, there had been no bow of light in the cloud, for God had watered the Earth with a mist of vapor from the Deep.

The Old Covenant of Blood or the Old Testament was a shadow and type of the New Covenant Blood or the New Testament of the LORD Jesus Christ. God's rainbow of light in the cloud is like a *reverse weapon with its bow and string toward the Earth while the arrow of God's light of Promise shoots away from the Earth toward Heaven*. Hence, the rainbow is a sign of peace between Earth and Heaven. There will be no more judgmental arrows of deluging waters shooting upon the Earth from below and above.

This beautiful rainbow of light also pictures Christ's Bow of Humility that is bent toward penitent humans on Earth, while He shoots his Arrow of forgiving prayer up to the Heavenly Father in their behalf. Remember, the Humility Bow of Christ's bent Will leads us to the Father's Purposive Will. The string of Christ's Humility Love-Blood sends the Arrow of His Light of Promised Forgiveness to His Heavenly Father. Christ's Arrow of Forgiving Light ascends to His Father with His thanksgiving and blessing.

The LORD Jesus Christ desires to form this same spiritual Bow of Humility Love, Light, and Life in us so that we, too, can shoot up the arrow of Forgiving Light to the Father for our penitent brothers in Christ and for our enemies, too. May Christ's Humility Bow, his String of Love, and His Arrow of Forgiving Light be formed in our penitent souls, after we have been through the womb of God's flood waters that He sends into our lives in order to give us a new, purified future. As a result, we, too, will send up our new arrows of light of blessings, praises, and thanksgivings to Jesus and to the Father above. God's Purpose with His rainbow of light in the cloud is to satisfy us, not to terrify us. The following diagram may help to clarify this Principle.



Noah, the second head of mankind, so to speak, received God's blessing to replenish the newly sanctified Earth with people.

And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth (Genesis 9:1).

It was Noah's mission to have children and to bring them up for the LORD. God assured Noah of His *Good Will* toward them and of His Merciful Kindness and Graciousness from His *Purposive Will*.

God promised to bless Noah's descendants so that they could be fruitful and multiply on the *new* Earth.

The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's: but **the earth hath he given to the children of men** (Psalm:115:16).

God wants men to multiply on Earth so that He can direct the destinies of His creatures from Heaven above.

God blessed Noah so that humans would be multiplied and perpetuated on Earth and, afterward, enter into the ocean of Eternity. The LORD God has never forsaken His Covenant with Noah.

II. God Made a Blood Covenant with Abram.

The *second* Spoke in the Wheel of God's *ber-eeth* Covenant in the Old Testament is the Covenant of Blood that God made with Abram *before* his name was changed to Abraham.

After these things **the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision**, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward (Genesis 15:1).

And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it. And he said, Lord GOD, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it? And **he said unto him, Take me an heifer** of three years old, **and a she goat** of three years old, **and a ram** of three years old, **and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.** **And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not** (Genesis 15:7-10)

And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, **behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces. In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram**, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates: (Genesis 15:17, 18).

In these passages of Scripture just quoted, God had brought Abram up from Ur of the Chaldees to Canaan's Land, from the flaming furnace of Nimrod; then, He promised to bring Abram's descendants up out of Egypt, and this was before even one of them had descended into Egypt.

God ratified His Prophetic Promise with Abram through the *Blood Covenant* of the following animal sacrifices:

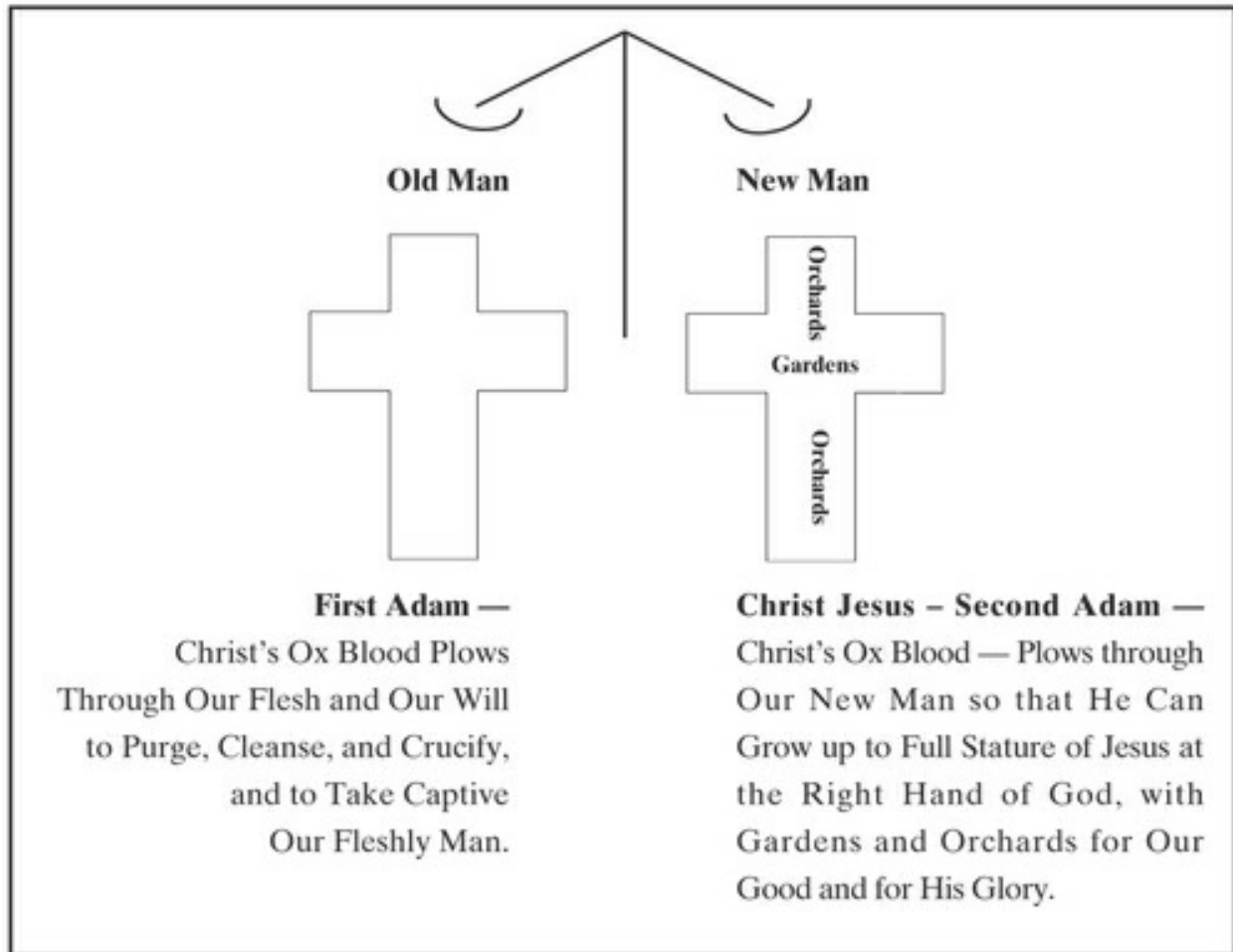
- a three year-old heifer,
- a three year- old she goat,
- a three year-old ram, and
- a turtle dove and a pigeon.

These *four classes* of sacrifice or four classes of *atoning blood* under the Old Testament Covenant were pictures of Christ Jesus' everlasting *Atoning Blood*.

A. The Atoning Blood of the Heifer Was a Picture of Jesus Christ's Atoning Blood.

The *heifer blood* or ox blood was a picture of Jesus Christ's *Atoning Blood* that plowed, as it were, to make a *Blood Way* in God's Sanctuary, which ascended straight up from the Courtyard, through the Holy Place, into the Holy of Holies, where God's *kabode* Glory Presence dwelled. Thus, the Way of the *Covenant of Blood* leads to the Father's Glory in the Holy of Holies.

It is Christ's *Ox Blood* that plows through our fleshly nature to take it captive so that those things that are unlike Christ can be crucified and so that our New Man can grow to maturity. The Risen Christ, with His Ox Blood, plows through our New Man, as it were, to make a way for new Seeds of His Truth to be planted. Thus, new beautiful gardens and fruitful orchards grow up in our hearts for our good and for God's Glory.



B. The Atoning Blood of the She Goat Was a Picture of Jesus Christ's Atoning Blood.

The *She Goat* Blood of Christ, as it were, creates a clean heart in us so that we can continue to grow in Christ's Love, Light, and Life and, thus, enter into a glorious relationship with God and His people.

A sheep that is freshly washed in Jesus Christ's Blood instantly obeys the Voice of His Shepherd, coming and going daily at His commanding call. A true sheep will put himself into the hands of his shepherd and stand quietly, while the Shepherd shears or strips away his wool of beauty and warmth.

The sheep's timidity and docility picture a believer who has allowed Christ's Humility Blood to wash away Leviathan's hate, death, and darkness from his will, leaving Christ's Love, Light, and Light so that he can enjoy Jesus and share Him with others.

C. The Atoning Blood of the Ram Was a Picture of Jesus Christ's Atoning Blood.

The mature *ram's blood* pictures the Power and Strength of Christ's Atonement Blood, which is tame and tractable toward His Heavenly Father, but which obstinately opposes all the Father's enemies, which are hate, death, and darkness. A ram never uses its horns against its owner and master, only against strangers who seek to break into the sheepfold. Christ Jesus uses His powerful Horns of overcoming Blood against all of His Father's enemies.

Jesus Christ's Blood obstinately resists all Luciferic and Leviathanic deafness and blindness within, and all worldly enticements, without, that try to lead the soul astray from the Father and the Son. Jesus Christ remained true, immovable, and faithful to His Heavenly Father. He followed all of His Father's Commands. Jesus' atoning Ram's Blood gives us His spiritual Strength and His Power to grow up in His Word. As a result, we can walk and lead His flocks to their appointed gardens, orchards, and fields for food and drink.

D. The Atoning Blood of the Turtledove and the Blood of the Pigeon Were Pictures of Christ's Atoning Blood.

The turtledove and pigeon are peaceable birds without the carnivorous nature of birds of prey that have strong crushing beaks and fierce destructive claws.

The *turtledove* migrates south in winter and returns to herald spring with a song. The dove and pigeon birds represented Christ's meek Love, Light, and Life that were without Leviathan's weapons of strong beaks and destructive claws of aggressive, defensive warfare. The turtle dove and pigeon live and save themselves and their young by *soaring upward* away from their enemies *below*.

We cannot hope to soar upward with Jesus while still retaining Leviathan's beaks and claws of hate, death, and darkness. With Christ's Atoning Humility Blood, we can be cleansed, and we can soar upward to our Heavenly Father.

The turtledove and pigeon blood pictured Christ's shy helpless Blood as it lay in the Tomb, waiting for the Father's Resurrection Power to help it soar up on High to the Father's Throne of Grace. We are a shy, fleeing fugitive from the enemies of hate, death, and darkness. Our only hope of escape from our enemies is to lay hold of Christ's ascending Resurrected Blood that will cause us to soar upward on His atoning Wings of Love, Light, and Life.

Remember, our soul escapes the snares and Death of Lucifer and Leviathan by soaring upward on Christ's Atoning Blood.

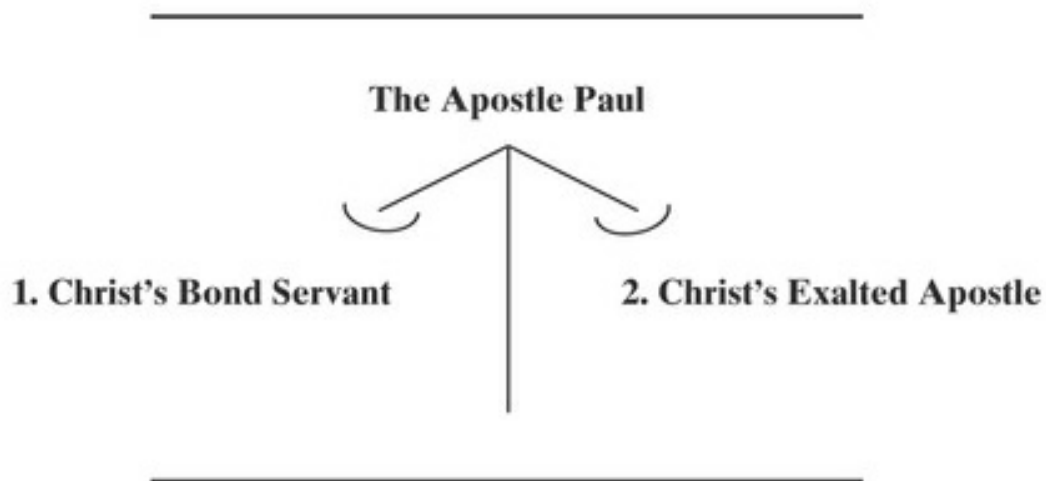
All of these sacrifices of atoning blood of these four classes of animals were a picture of our precious LORD Jesus Christ — for Abram in his day, for the Nation of Israel, and for the whole world, up through today. The Old Covenant, under the shadow and type, was God's beginning revelation of His precious Blood of Atonement for Sin, although it always has been in existence from *keh-dem* Eternity.

Abram had to learn that his prophetically promised Seed should first suffer as a persecuted Seed and be made broken vessels in slavery, for 400 years in Egypt, before they would be freed as a tiny, newborn nation. For Christ's sake, we, too, must suffer and be made broken vessels through persecution. Then, we shall reign with Him, both in this world and in the world to come. Similarly, Abram's progeny, his Seed, were first strangers in Canaan's Land; then, they were slaves in Egypt before the LORD God made them lords and masters in their own land. For Christ's sake, we, too, must learn to be small servants and slaves before Christ will make us great lords and masters in His Eternal Land.

The Apostle Paul declared that he was Christ's *bond* servant, which means a *slave* servant.

Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness (Titus 1:1).

Paul was first a bond servant then an exalted Apostle.



Paul, Christ's bondservant and slave, was absolutely under the authority and control of Jesus Christ, Who was

absolutely subject to His Father's Purposive Will and Master Plan for Him. As Christ's bondservant and slave, Paul was divested of all freedom and personal rights. He was completely influenced by God's Word and by His Holy Spirit. As a result, Paul was made an exalted Apostle — the only Apostle who was sent to the Gentiles. Also, he was the only Apostle who revealed the beautiful Principle of Growing up in Christ's Spiritual Stature.

Remember, before Jesus Christ was resurrected, He was crucified. Before the Apostle Paul was a great leader and exalted one, he was a bondservant and slave for Christ's sake.

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: **Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 4:11-13).**

Likewise, before Israel could be exalted in Canaan's Land, in her own land, with her own independence, she had to be a bondservant and slave in Egypt.

God's Covenant of Blood, however, protected Abram and his Seed as strangers in Canaan's Land and as bond slaves in Egypt. Then, God's Atoning Blood of the Passover Lamb brought them up out of Egypt into their own land.

This Old Blood Covenant was a shadow and a type of the New Covenant of Atonement Blood through Jesus Christ. The LORD Jesus Christ implemented the New Blood Covenant at the first Communion Table.

The New Blood Covenant of Christ Jesus reveals that *what we should determine to know and desire to understand is nothing but Jesus Christ and His Crucifixion, which is the Better Covenant.*

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, **Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament**, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom. And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives (Matthew 26: 26-30).

The New Covenant in Christ's Blood is the Better Covenant. The *New Better* Covenant is the comparative of the *Old Good* Covenant that covered sin until Jesus came to take away sin.

The New Covenant in Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ is superior to the Old Covenant in the following ways:

- Spiritual Moral Quality,
- Wisdom,
- Knowledge,
- Joy and Gladness.

Jesus Christ's Blood makes a better soldier, for it helps the Christian Soldier to discharge his duties in a more excellent manner. Jesus Christ's Blood improves our circumstances and conditions by changing us in the midst of them. Christ's Blood purifies our desires.

The Blood of Christ's New Covenant is so exciting that it generates a desire to go to be with Him, as the Apostle Paul said in his letter to the Philippians:

For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better (Philippians 1:23).

Jesus Christ's Blood creates better days of His Love and Life for Christians as they walk in the Light with Him. Jesus Christ's Blood creates a superior advantage for Christians by giving them victory over the flesh, the world, and the Devil. Jesus Christ's Blood helps Christians to grow and to gain the "bettermost" of a spiritual relationship with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Ten things are revealed in the Book of Hebrews about the New, Better Blood Covenant of Jesus Christ. After

studying them, we later will understand the *ten things* that parallel the ten aspects of the Covenant of Law written on the stones that God gave to Moses.

1. Jesus Christ Was a *Better Saviour* with a *Better Name*.

Being **made so much better than the angels**, as he hath by inheritance obtained **a more excellent name** than they (Hebrews 1:4).

The Heavenly Father gave His Son, the LORD Jesus Christ, a superior Name or Nature above all created creatures, including the Angels of Heaven. Christ Jesus is the Only Begotten Son of God, with a Divine Nature begotten through His Eternal Generation.

I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, **Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee** (Psalm 2:7).

Jesus Christ is the Unbegotten Father's Son by Eternal Nature and Generation. The New Blood Covenant of Christ is the Fountain and Foundation of all spiritual relationships between God and man.

2. The New Covenant Blood of Jesus Christ Is the *Better Blesser*.

For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, **priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him**; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, **King of peace; Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made (having or image) like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually**. Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils. And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham: But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, **and blessed him that had the promises**. And without all contradiction **the less is blessed of the better**. And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth. And as I may so say, **Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham** (Hebrews 7:1-9).

The Scriptures just quoted are saying that the Heavenly Father is the Unbegotten Melchisedec High Priest without father or mother but with the Image like His Only Begotten Son's. The Unbegotten Father is the Self-existent LORD God who reveals Himself through His own Image in His Only Begotten Son, the Christ, Whom He begot from His own Bosom. Christ, the Son of God, is the Begotten Melchisedec Priest, to Whom the Levitical Priesthood paid tithes while in the loins of Abraham. The Levitical Priesthood paid tithes to the Melchisedec High Priest, the Christ, the Son of God, Who is the Better Blesser.

And **Melchizedek king of Salem** brought forth bread and wine: and he was the **priest of the most high God**. And he [Melchisedec Priest] **blessed him** [Abram], **and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God**, possessor of heaven and earth: **And blessed be the most high God**, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all (Genes 14:18-20).

The Melchisedec Kingly Priest blessed *Abram and the Levitical Priesthood in his loins*. When Christ the Word or Melchizedec, was made flesh, He took on a human Nature called Jesus, the Son of Man. Jesus was always subject to Christ, the Melchisedec Wisdom of God. Jesus grew in Christ's Wisdom.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man (Luke 2:52).

Jesus proved Himself faithful unto Death, even the Death of the Cross. As a result, His Heavenly Father raised Him, the Son of Man, from the dead and eternally joined his Humanity to the Divinity of Christ, the Son of God, the

Begotten Melchisedec High Priest. The Divinity of the Humanity of the LORD Jesus Christ is a surety of a Better Covenant.

For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God. And inasmuch as not without an oath he was made priest: (For those priests were made without an oath; **but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:**) **By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament.** And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death: But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood (Hebrews 7:19-24).

After the Unbegotten Father, the Unbegotten Melchisedec High Priest, begot Christ, His Begotten Lamb, the Father offered Him as a Sacrifice to obtain the Substance for the creation of the world.

And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of **the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world** (Revelation 13:8).

In due season, the Father sent His Only Begotten Divine *Son*, the *Christ*, the *Lamb*, the *Word*, into the world to be made flesh, to take on Humanity, and to reveal the Name of Jesus. Christ Jesus was faithful to Death in His Divinity and Humanity so that He could be made a Melchisedec High Priest and a Mediator. He gave His precious Blood to redeem fallen, sinful Creation.

Now, Christ Jesus is risen with His Humanity and Divinity, which are eternally joined together as a Melchisedec High Priest and a Mediator for all Creation. This is the wonderful Works of our Heavenly Father, and they are marvelous in our eyes! To God be all the Glory for His Purposive Will and Master Plan.

3. The New Covenant Blood of Christ Jesus Gives a *Better Hope*.

For the law made nothing perfect, **but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God** (Hebrews 7:19).

The New Blood Covenant of Jesus endows us with a *Better Hope*, by which we draw nigh and near God. The Old Covenant was weak and unprofitable. It made nothing perfect; it could not justify man's guilt, nor could it take it away. It could not sanctify man's inward pollution of his spirit nor cleanse man's conscience from dead works in his worship of God. But Christ's *Better Hope* freed man from his guilt, inner pollutions, and defilements. Christ's *Better Hope* gives man a true Spiritual Feeling of assurance that the expectation of his desire to be an overcomer and to be like Jesus will be accomplished. Christ's *Better Hope* creates an awareness of moral development and spiritual progress in his soul and spirit. Christ's *Better Hope* is His eternal Spring and Fountain in the penitent soul and spirit that restores and illuminates them, making them to know that they will be continually blessed through the New, *Better Blood Covenant*. The New *Better Hope* is the Father's cordial of Christ's Resurrected Blood that makes the soul and spirit leap for joy.

The New *Better Hope* is a sweet fragrant garden and a fruitful orchard that keeps the soul and spirit satisfied, refreshed, and restored. Christ's New *Better Hope* is Christ's resurrected Breath in the soul and spirit that fills them with His Love, Light, and Life.

4. Jesus Christ Is a *Better Blood Covenant or Testament*.

And inasmuch as not without an oath he was made priest: (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, **Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:**) **By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament** (Hebrews 7:20-22).

The Levitical Priesthood brought nothing to perfection. The end of every High Priest under the Old Covenant was always Death. But Jesus Christ is a Resurrected High Priest forever, after His Father's eternal order of the Melchizedek Priesthood.

The LORD Jesus Christ understands our infirmities; therefore, He ever lives to make intercession for them.

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need (Hebrews 4:16).

And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, **because he maketh intercession** for the saints according to the will of God (Romans 8:27).

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, **seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them** (Hebrews 7:25).

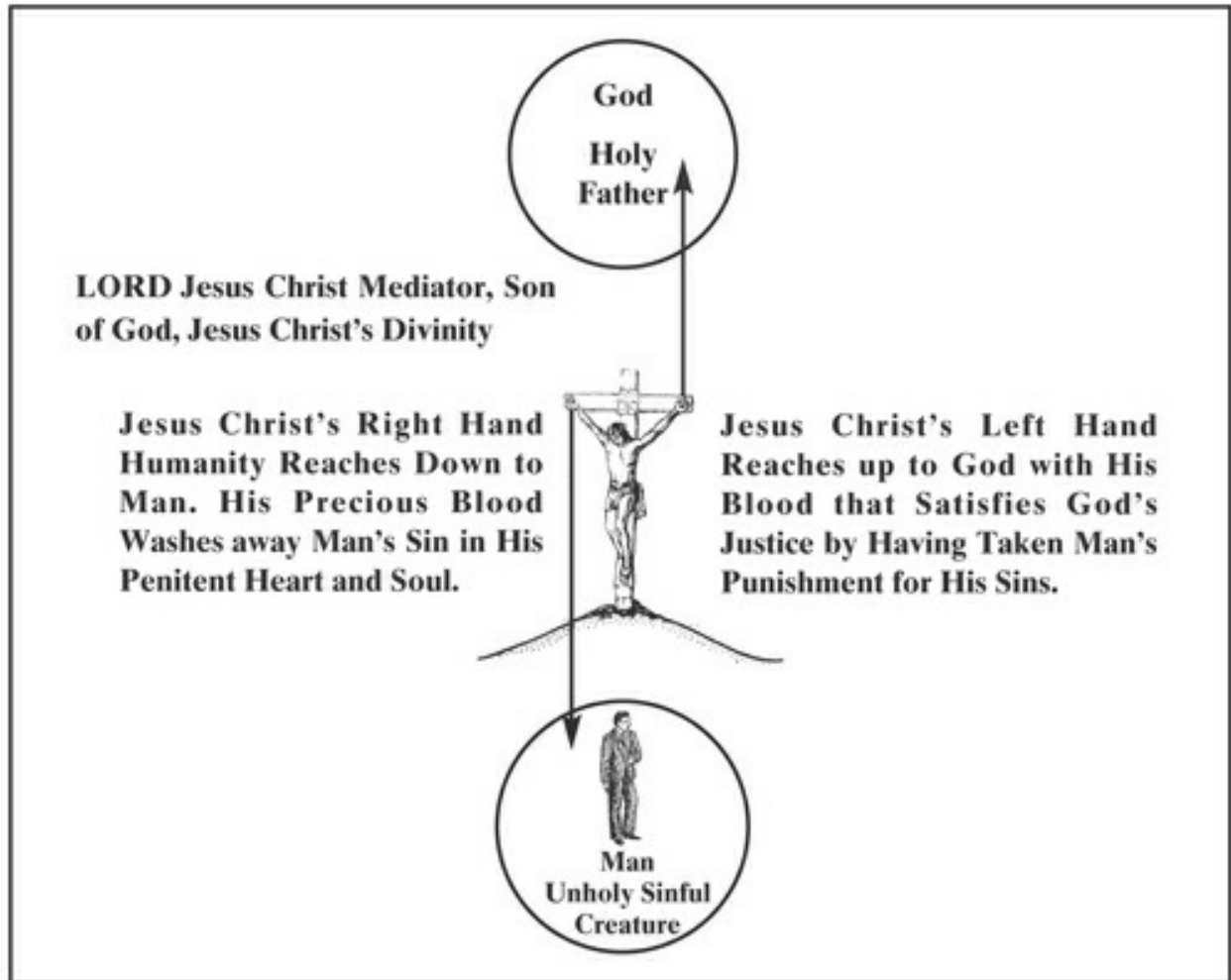
The LORD Jesus Christ intercedes for us in prayer at God's Right Hand, and the Holy Ghost intercedes for us as He prays *through* us. There is only one Mediator of the New Covenant, the LORD Jesus Christ.

5. The LORD Jesus Christ Is the Mediator of the New Blood Covenant.

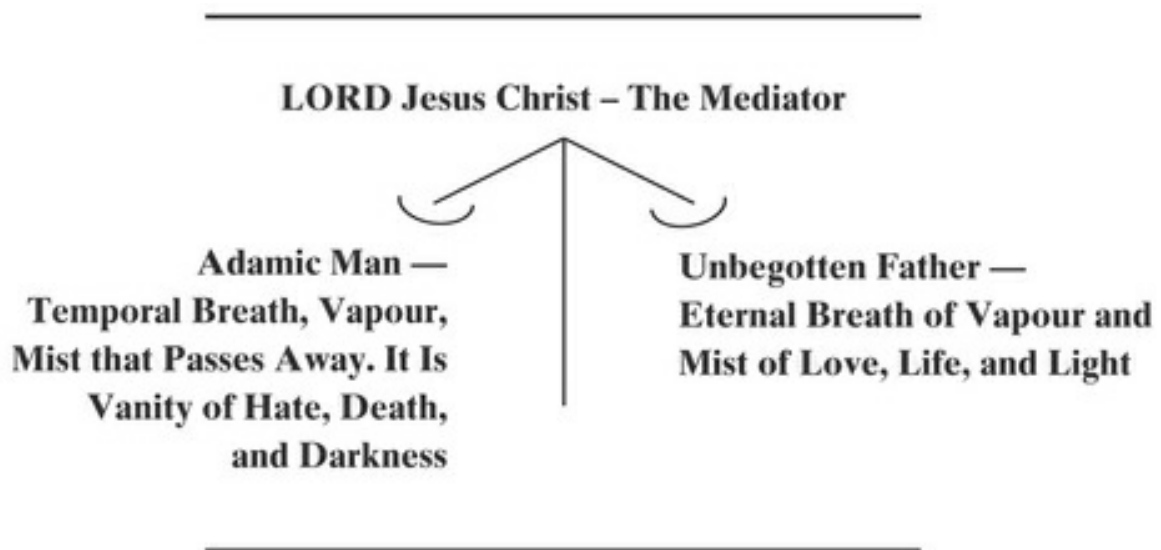
But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also **he is the mediator of a better covenant**, which was established upon better promises (Hebrews 8:6).

And to **Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things** than that of Abel (Hebrews 12:24).

A mediator stands in the middle in order to be an intermediary or conciliator between persons and sides. A mediator intervenes to settle the differences between persons in order to restore peace and harmony. This is the Purpose of the Heavenly Father's giving His Only Begotten Son two natures: Divinity and Humanity.



The LORD Jesus Christ is a Mediator between the breath of man, which is vain vapour, and the Unbegotten, Infinite, Divine Breath of the Father in Christ Jesus, His Son.



Human life began because the Breath of the Son and the Father breathed the Breath of Life into Adam.

And **the Lord God** formed man of the dust of the ground, and **breathed into his nostrils the breath of life**; and man became a living soul (Genesis 2:7).

Leviathan, the old crooked Serpent, came into the Garden with the *breath* of his words to separate man's breath from God's Breath.

Now **the serpent was more subtil** than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden (Genesis 3:1)?

Leviathan's breath is described in Job 41:21: "*His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth.*" Leviathan's hot breath stirs up all kinds of flaming, fiery, opposition against the LORD's Name and Word. Leviathan's soldiers have the same breath that Saul had against the early church before he became the Apostle Paul.

And **Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter** against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest (Acts 9:1).

God warned Israel that her own idolatrous breath would consume her.

Ye shall conceive chaff, ye shall bring forth stubble: **your breath, as fire, shall devour you** (Isaiah 33:11).

A person's hot breath of hate, death, and darkness will consume him. Job used his hot breath of complaining against God until he had to acknowledge that his breath was corrupt.

My breath is corrupt, my days are extinct, the graves are ready for me (Job 17:1).

Before he humbled himself in the midst of his suffering, Job used his fallen, wicked breath against the LORD. Then, Job cried out for a Daysman or a Mediator between his breath and God's Breath. The Book of Job also reveals the Power of the LORD's Breath.

In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and **the breath of all mankind** (Job 12:10).

The breath of all mankind is in God's Hands, which means that He has Sovereign, Supreme Control over each breath man takes. The Book of Acts confirms this Truth.

Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing **he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things** (Acts 17:25).

The LORD sent Elihu to be a daysman or mediator between God's Holy Breath and Job's corrupt breath. Elihu was a picture of Jesus Christ, the true Mediator and our great High Priest.

The spirit of God hath made me, **and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life**. Behold, I am according to thy wish in God's stead: I also am formed out of the clay (Job 33:4,6).

In order for Elihu to be the daysman or mediator that Job had longed for, he had to cause Job to see just how corrupt his breath really was with hate, death, and darkness, and how Holy and Just the LORD's Breath of Love, Life, and Light is. Elihu pointed out Job's corrupt breath through his false judgment about himself.

Surely thou hast spoken in mine hearing, and **I have heard the voice of thy words, saying, I am clean without transgression, I am innocent; neither is there iniquity in me** (Job 33:8,9).

Elihu continued to point out Job's corrupt breath in depth.

Job hath spoken without knowledge, and his words were without wisdom. My desire is that Job may be tried unto the end because of his answers for wicked men. For he addeth rebellion unto his sin, he clappeth his hands among us, and multiplieth his words against God (Job 34:35-37).

As a mediator, Elihu justified the Holiness and Righteousness of God's Wisdom and Knowledge. The LORD has Sovereign Power to take His Spirit and Breath from man as He wishes.

If he set his heart upon man **if he gather unto himself his spirit and his breath** (Job 34:14).

By the wish of the great "I Am that I Am," He breathes out frost and freezes the face of the waters.

By the breath of God frost is given: and the breadth of the waters is straitened (Job 37:10).

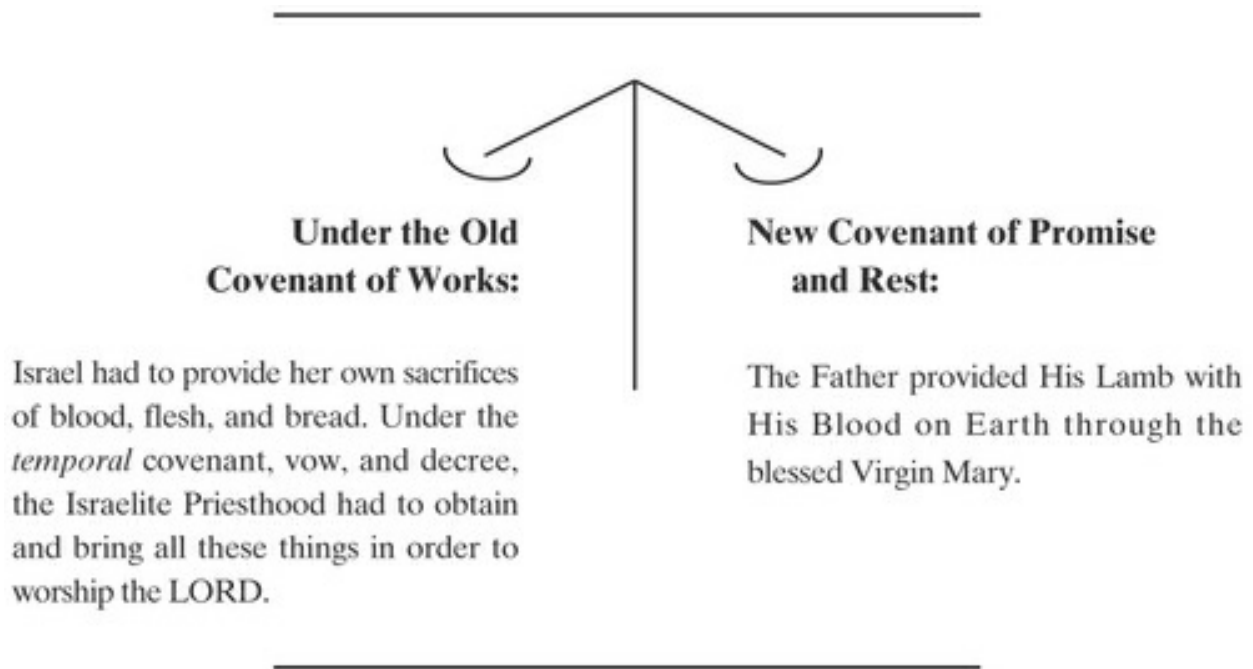
The LORD God's Breath is Love, Life, and Light, whether hot or cold.

6. Jesus Christ's New Blood Covenant Has *Better Promises*.

But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also **he is the mediator of a better covenant**, which was established upon better promises (Hebrews 8:6).

The LORD Jesus Christ, our Eternal High Priest Who was consecrated by the Unbegotten Word and Oath of our Heavenly Father, needed only to offer up Himself *once* for us. Christ possessed eternal, immutable consecration and sanctification. He is Holy, harmless, and an undefiled High Priest. Christ's impeccable High Priesthood sets Him above all other forms of Priesthood. As a result, Jesus Christ offers Better Promises.

The Unbegotten Father bestowed upon His Son a more excellent Ministry as a Mediator, with Better Covenant Promises or vows. Jesus' Covenant of Promises are His Oaths of Assurance and Security.



The LORD Jesus Christ suffered, bled, died, and rose again to furnish the New Covenant worshipper with everything they need for:

- Salvation,
- Growth in Spiritual Stature, and
- Worship.

The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost did all the work for every penitent soul. So we enter the New Covenant of Promise with no price and no labour. We only believe, receive, and enjoy God's New Covenant of Grace for us in Salvation, growth, and worship.

Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? **hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?** (I Corinthians 1:20).

The veracity of the Lord God, the mediation of Jesus Christ, and the operation of the Holy Ghost are all engaged in fulfilling the LORD's precious Promise in us and for us. What God accomplishes in us is for our good and God's Glory. Thanks be unto God for His unceasing Mercy and Grace, His never failing Truth, and His immutable Faithfulness. The LORD's divine Promises generate the Power and the means for us to be holy in Christ Jesus.

Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God (II Corinthians 7:1).

We must cleanse our spirits from the filthy attitudes of hate, death, and darkness.

To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you (I Peter 1:4).

If it were not for God's Promises, we would never know the depth, height, length, and breadth of our inheritance in Christ Jesus. The preciousness of Christ's Promises enlightens our eyes to look for growth in the measure of Christ's Spiritual Stature in us. Jesus' Promise to forgive us as we forgive others is an exceedingly great and powerful force that encourages our hearts in the midst of life's storms.

7. Jesus Christ's New Blood Covenant Is the *Better Sacrifice* for Cleansing the Heavenly Tabernacle.

Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and **without shedding of blood is no remission. It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.** For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us (Hebrews 9:21-24).

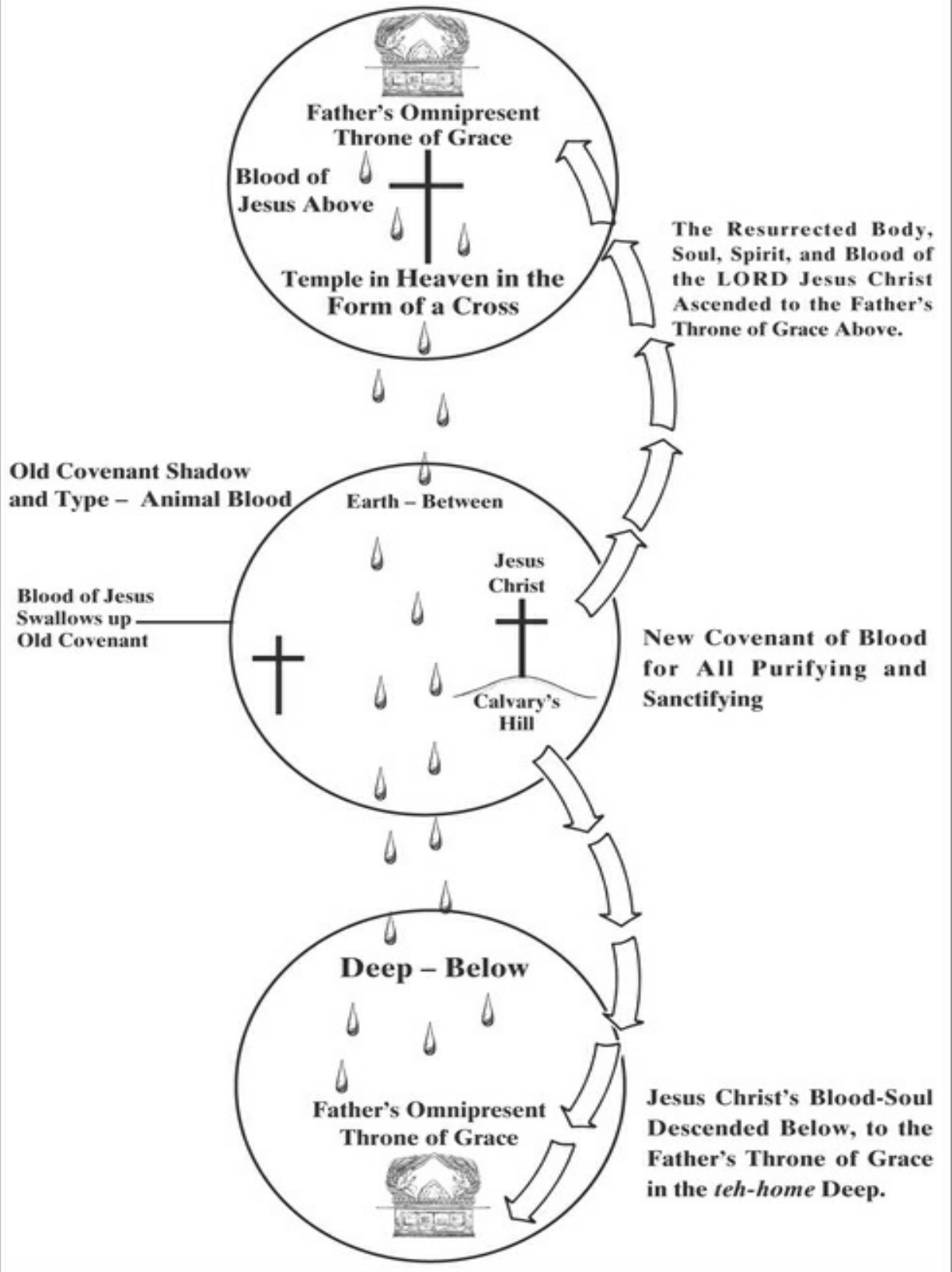
The Old Covenant could not purify things on Earth nor things in Heaven. It was necessary that the patterns of the things in Heaven be purified by *better sacrifices* and a *better High Priest*.

The Sanctuary on Earth was a picture and type of the Heavenly Sanctuary. The things in Heaven are better and more holy; therefore, it is necessary to have a better sacrifice than bulls and goats, better than the earthly patterns. The LORD Jesus Christ is the LORD's "bettermost" Priest with His precious shed Blood. The Atonement Blood had to be put in Heaven to appease the Father's Wrath against sin. God the Father provided a "bettermost" sacrifice of Blood through His Divine Son that should purge, sanctify and consecrate all things unto God. The Sacrifices under the Old Covenant were themselves defiled by the Death brought on by Adam's disobedience. Therefore, things were filled with Death. Hence, it was impossible for a dead, defiled thing to take away sin and purge the offerer from his sin and his guilt that was punishable by Death.

The LORD Jesus Christ was from above, with the Holy, Divine Blood of His Unbegotten Father. As a result, He had a "Bettermost" Covenant of Blood that could sanctify all things unto the Father.

Let us examine a diagram that draws out the journey of Christ's Blood that prepared a Way for His Blood to ascend on High to purify the Heavenly Tabernacle.

Heaven Above



The Blood of Christ descended to the Deep, and it ascended to the Heights in God's Sanctuary above.

8. Jesus Christ's New Blood Covenant Gives *Better Enduring Substances*.

But call to remembrance the former days, in which, **after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions;** Partly, whilst ye were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used. For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that **ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance. Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward** (Hebrews 10:32-35).

The early Christians suffered great afflictions during the great conflicts that came against them. They suffered reproaches as gazing stocks and spectacles before the world. But the Light of the Truth had shone in their hearts, causing them to be aware that, in the midst of it all, they were laying a "*bettermost*," enduring *Substance in Heaven*, which was a real weight and real Substance. They were joyful and glad to suffer for Christ's sake. Their joy helped them to endure the temporal suffering on Earth that would soon pass away, and they would be left with only their treasures of Gold, Silver, and Precious Stones of Wisdom, Understanding and Knowledge of the LORD's precious Name.

The eternal reward of the LORD's precious Presence, His divine Glory, and His infinite Love, Life, and Light are above all the sufferings, humiliations, and afflictions in this temporal time. The temporal fires and breakers that purify us in order to prepare us for our future are not worthy to be compared with the Glory of God and the Lamb, the River of Life, and the awesome Fruits of the Son and Father's Eternal Love. These Truths are our companions, our comforters, and our Spiritual Substance that enable us to endure our present sufferings for Christ's sake. Thanks be unto God for *Better Enduring Substance*.

9. Jesus Christ's New Blood Covenant Leads to a *Better Country*.

Abraham's abounding Trust in the LORD's Word caused him to leave his country to seek a city whose Builder and Maker is God. Abraham is the Spiritual Father of the Faithful.

These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and **embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.** And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But **now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city** (Hebrews 11:13-16).

The Hebrew root word for country is *yaw-shab*, which means to sit down in quiet, to dwell, to remain, to settle, to marry, to dwell, to remain. The Hebrew Word for better is *tobe*, which means to be bright, cheerful, happy, glad, and prosperous.

The LORD Jesus Christ's Inheritance includes His Father's cheerful and happy country or *Better Country where His New City abides*. There is a host of these chosen, faithful and trustful soldiers mentioned in the eleventh chapter of the Book of Hebrews. Although, Noah, Abraham, and Jonah, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses' parents, Moses, Rahab, Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthath, and David all walked by great faith, their faith was good, but not perfect. They were waiting for the better, more perfect Resurrection Faith of the LORD Jesus Christ, Who came to Hell, Death, and Paradise to set them free by the Power of His Resurrection Faith.

And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; **And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection,** and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many (Matthew 27:51,52,53).

Herefore he saith, **When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive,** and gave gifts unto men.

(Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?
(Ephesians 5:8,9).

Thus, the believers from the Old Covenant and the believers in the New Covenant were united through Christ's perfect Resurrection Faith as the Family of God. This is the reward for all those who are called, chosen, and faithful. From the LORD's eternal view, it does not matter that we live in a country where wretchedness, wickedness, and war rule and reign. We are going to a Better Country with a New City to enjoy the divine Prosperity of the God of Love, Life, and Light being our God and of our being His People.

10. Jesus Christ's New Blood Covenant Promises a *Better Resurrection*.

Women received their dead raised to life again: and **others were tortured**, not accepting deliverance; **that they might obtain a better resurrection** (Hebrews 11:35).

All the resurrected ones whom Christ raised up by Begotten Glory had to die again. But Christ was raised by His Unbegotten Father's Unbegotten Glory, never to die again. This is the "Bettermost" Resurrection.

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as **Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father**, even so we also should walk in newness of life. **For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection** (Romans 6:4,5).

When we take on baptism in Christ, we also take on His Father's Unbegotten Resurrection *kabode* Glory. The Father's *kabode* Glory of Love, Life, and Light leads us onward and upward in the Spiritual Stature of Jesus Christ. The Father's glorious Love, Life, and Light unify our *lover* hearts and minds to put off all Luciferic and Leviathanic hate, death, and darkness and to be united to Christ Jesus. The Father's Unbegotten *kabode* Glory stamps the Image of His Son on our lover hearts with His Unbegotten Fire. Then, we arise and do the following things:

- **We walk in Love:**

And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour (Ephesians 5:2).

- **We walk in the Light:**

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. (I John 1:7).

- **We walk in Newness of Life:**

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, **even so we also should walk in newness of life** (Romans 6:4).

- **We die daily:**

I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, **I die daily** (I Corinthians 15:31).

For to me to live is Christ, and **to die is gain** (Philippians:1:21).

As it is written, **For thy sake we are killed all the day long**; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter (Romans 8:36).

To die daily is to put off the flesh that is unChristlike and to put on Christ. But Christ must open our eyes so that we can see our flesh and not someone else's. We can tell when we have died, for that day, we will have gained more of Christ in Wisdom, Understanding, and Knowledge, both theoretically and empirically. Then, we can truly testify that it is so exciting to walk in the following ways:

- We will walk in Christ's new conversation;
- We will walk in Christ's new Paths and Way;
- We will walk in Christ's new rules;
- We will walk in Christ's new Principles of Truth;
- We will walk with Christ's new leaders;
- We will walk with Christ's new companions.

Christ's *Better Resurrection* has given us His Better Resurrection that the Old Covenant people did not have. Christ has given us His Better Resurrection Faith so that we can rest and run on in *His* Resurrected Faith, not *our* weak, finite faith.

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: **and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God**, who loved me, and gave himself for me (Galatians 2:20).

Our Better Covenant in the Blood of Jesus Christ enables us to live by the Son's Faith, not our own. It is such a high and holy privilege to walk in Christ's Resurrection Faith until all things become new.

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; **behold, all things are become new** (II Corinthians 5:17).

Then, the old man is not what he was, but he is what he was not. To God be all the Glory! This is our abounding joy when Christ's Love, Light, and Life rule *in* our soul and *over* our soul.

III. God Made a Sabbath Covenant with Moses and Israel.

The *third* Spoke in the Wheel of God's *ber-eeth* Covenant in the Old Testament is the Covenant of the Sabbath Rest that God made with Israel. This Covenant was made before God gave the *Torah* Law on Mt. Sinai.

And he said unto them, this is that which the Lord hath said, To morrow is the **rest of the holy Sabbath unto the Lord**: bake that which ye will bake to day, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning. And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein. And Moses said, Eat that to day; for to day is Sabbath unto the Lord: to day ye shall not find it in the field. Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the Sabbath, in it there shall be none. And it came to pass, that there went out some of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none. And the Lord said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws? **See, for that the Lord hath given you the Sabbath**, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye everyman in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day. **So the people rested on the seventh day** (Exodus 16:23-30).

When God calls us to lie down in the midst of our incompleting work, He considers it complete. The Sabbath Day is a memorial of the Creation of the World and of God's Sovereignty over it, which was recognized by God on the *first* seventh day, when He rested from His Creative Work.

God commanded a Sabbath of Rest in the world of Creation; therefore, He withdrew His Creative Hand from His Work. As a result, no new Creations have been brought into existence. However, God introduced in Israel the Moral Principle of Rest and the Sanctification of the Sabbath so that mankind could celebrate it. The Sabbath was not new, but people's *celebration* of it was new.

The Israelites were commanded to gather double manna on the sixth day and prepare it for the seventh day. Those who obeyed this Command found their bread sweet and good on the Sabbath Day. However, when the bread was kept contrary to God's Command, it stank and bred worms. When the scornful refused to gather double on the sixth

day, they found none on the seventh day. The LORD God took an effectual course to make Israel remember the Sabbath Day and to prepare for it.

God's natural Sabbath designates the Eternal Rest of the soul in Heaven. God's Sabbath Day is a day of holy joy to the penitent, obedient heart.

The LORD Jesus Christ shared His Love, Light, and Life by healing people on the Sabbath Day so that they could praise the LORD and celebrate His Holy Day with exceeding great joy.

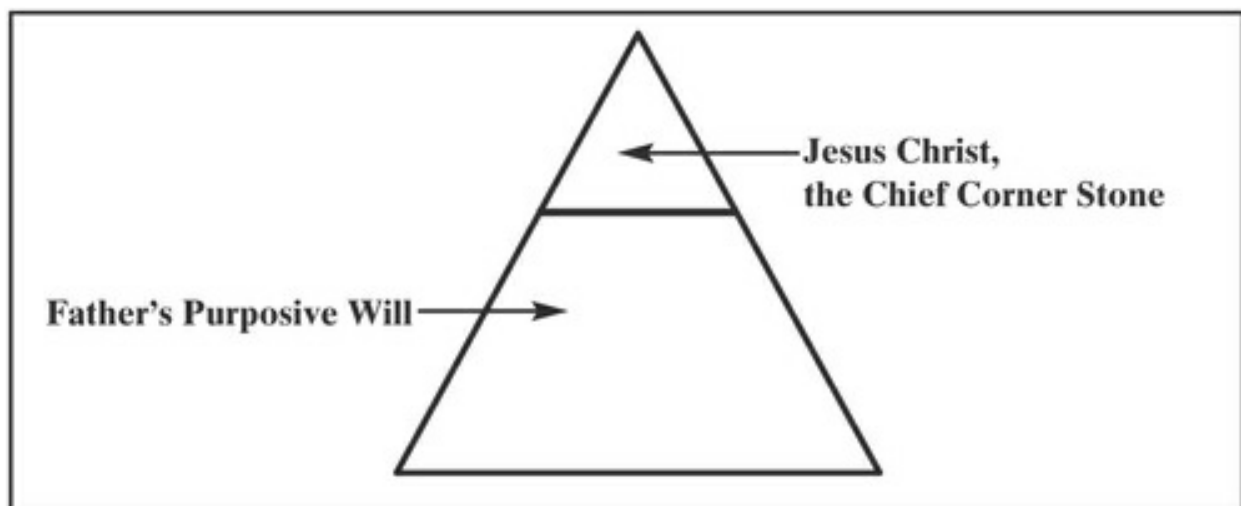
God's Word gives us examples of Jesus' Rest and Work on the Sabbath. Jesus performed twelve different classes of ministry on the Sabbath, which fit together with His twelve Governmental Names.

In Exodus 34:67, God the Father gave His Son twelve Governmental Names, which are as follows:.

1. LORD
2. God
3. Merciful
4. Gracious
5. Longsuffering
6. Abundant in Goodness
7. Abundant in Truth
8. Preserver of Bountifulness
9. Forgiver of Iniquity
10. Forgiver of Transgressions
11. Forgiver of Sins
12. Just Judge

Through His Purposive Will and Master Plan, the Unbegotten Father spoke through Jesus Christ and told Him all the places to go, the things to teach, and all the Wonderful Works to do to make His twelve Governmental Names known on Earth.

These are His Wonderful Works, and they are marvelous in our eyes. Although the Pharisees rejected their Messiah with His twelve Governmental Names, the Unbegotten Father made Him the *Chief Corner Stone* on the Tower of His Purposive Will.



A. LORD, the Son's First Governmental Name, Was Established when He Fed His Disciples on the Sabbath Day, because It Proved that He Is LORD, Even of the Sabbath.

At that time **Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungred, and**

began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat. But when **the Pharisees saw it, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day.** But he said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him; How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests? Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless? **But I say unto you, That in this place is one greater than the temple. But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day** (Matthew 12:1-8).

By establishing the Law of Love and Mercy that performs *works of necessity* on the Sabbath Day, Christ justified His Disciples who were plucking and eating ears of corn on the Sabbath.

B. God, the Son's Second Governmental Name, Fits with His Healing a Man's Withered Hand on the Sabbath.

And, behold, **there was a man which had his hand withered.** And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him. And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out? How much then is a man better than a sheep? **Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days. Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other** (Matthew 12:10-13).

When He healed the man's withered hand, Jesus showed that the Works of Loving Mercy are necessary on the Sabbath.

C. Merciful, the Son's Third Governmental Name, Fits with His Healing All the Multitudes on the Sabbath.

But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and **he healed them all** (Matthew 12:15).

When the Pharisees openly opposed Jesus' Works of Love, Light, and Life on the Sabbath, He sought a secret, safe place and healed the multitudes of afflicted people. Jesus, the Sun of Righteousness, arose with healing in His Wings for the multitudes on the Sabbath. By giving them healing, Jesus helped their weary souls to rest on the Sabbath.

D. Gracious, the Son's Fourth Governmental Name, Fits with His Teaching His Doctrine on the Sabbath.

And they went into Capernaum; and **straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught. And they were astonished at his doctrine:** for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes (Mark 1:21,22).

Jesus did *Sabbath Work* so that He might lead His people to *Sabbath rest* by listening to His wonderful Words of Life in the Synagogue. Jesus taught as One who spoke with authority because He was teaching what He heard from His Father and His Purposive Will. As a result, Christ's Doctrine is most astonishing and amazing. However, the more we hear it, the more we love, admire, and adore it. To God be all the Glory!

E. Longsuffering, the Son's Fifth Governmental Name, Fits with His Casting an Unclean Spirit out of a Man Who Was in the Synagogue on the Sabbath.

And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, **thou Jesus of Nazareth?** art thou come to destroy us? **I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of**

him. And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him. And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, **What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him** (Mark 1:23-27).

As soon as Christ began to preach, the enemy arose to oppose Him. God designed this so that His Son could work miracles to confirm the faithfulness of His Doctrine, which is to conquer Lucifer and Leviathan and to cure sin-sick souls and afflicted bodies. Jesus muzzled the unclean spirit who tried to flatter Him by telling Who Jesus was, while he carried on his malicious mischievous deeds and designs.

The LORD Jesus Christ and His New Doctrine can *command* unclean spirits, and He has the authority to *command* our spirits.

F. Abundant in Goodness, the Son's Sixth Governmental Name, Fits with His Healing, on the Sabbath, of the Woman Who Was Bowed over with Her Infirmity.

And, behold, **there was a woman** which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was **bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.** And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. And **the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.** The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? And **ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?** (Luke 13:11-16).

In His Abundant Goodness, Jesus saw a poor woman who had been “bowed over” in her body for eighteen years, and Jesus healed her so that she could *rest* and *glorify* God on the Sabbath, which she did. But with great indignation, the ruler of the synagogue accused Jesus of committing a heinous crime on the Sabbath. What diseased perception of reality! What unparalleled spiritual blindness and cruelty! Here was God's Almighty Power manifested in a wonderful Work. Here was a poor woman freed to rest and keep the Sabbath in glorifying and praising God, yet this “pious, religious” man was indignant!

G. Abundant in Truth, the Son's Seventh Governmental Name, Fits with Jesus' Eating Bread on the Sabbath.

And it came to pass, as **he went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat bread on the sabbath day, that they watched him** (Luke 14:1).

Jesus, the One Who was Abundant in Truth, bore no ill will to the Pharisees, so He went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat food on the Sabbath Day.

H. Preserver of Bountifulness. the Son's Eighth Governmental Name, Fits with His Healing, on the Sabbath, the Man Who Had Dropsy.

And, behold, there was a certain man before him which had the dropsy. And Jesus answering spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, **Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day?** And they held their peace. **And he took him, and healed him, and let him go;** (Luke 14:2-4).

Jesus, as the Preserver of Bountifulness, healed the man with dropsy on the Sabbath. When Jesus was in the house of the chief Pharisee, they watched Him to see if He would heal on the Sabbath. Knowing that He was watched, Jesus asked them if it were lawful to heal on the Sabbath, but they did not have courage to speak their true thoughts. So Jesus healed the man with dropsy and then appealed to their human mercy for their animals that compelled them

to pull the animal from a ditch on the Sabbath.

Likewise, Jesus had compassion on the poor man and pulled him from the ditch of dropsy on the Sabbath day. The man knew that Jesus, Who was *Abundant Truth*, had set him free. “Ye shall know the Truth and the Truth shall set you free.”

I. Forgiver of Iniquity, the Son’s Ninth Governmental Name, Fits with the Women Who Rested on the Sabbath before Going to Jesus’ Tomb the Next Morning.

And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; **and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment** (Luke 23:56).

The women disciples had followed Jesus to the Cross and on to the tomb to see where He was laid; then, they returned to their homes to prepare embalming spices and ointments to take back to the tomb. But, first, they *rested on the Sabbath*; then, they arose early on the first day of the week to run to Jesus’ Tomb.

J. Forgiver of Transgressions, the Son’s Tenth Governmental Name, Fits with Jesus’ Healing the Impotent Man on the Sabbath.

After this there was a feast of the Jews; and **Jesus went up to Jerusalem**. Now **there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool**, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, **having five porches**. **In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water**. For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. **And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years**. **When Jesus saw him lie**, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, **he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?** The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. **Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk**. **And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath**. **The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed**. He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk. Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk? And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place. **Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more**, lest a worse thing come unto thee. The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole. **And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day**. But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God (John 5:1-18).

Jesus was in Jerusalem at the feast of the Jews on the Sabbath Day when He healed the impotent man. He was at the sheep gate near a “washing pool” called Bethesda. Here, before the sheep was washed and before it was sacrificed, an angel miraculously stirred the water with his power so that the sheep would be miraculously washed. The water was so powerful that any one who was the first to touch the water would be healed. This was called “the Pool of Mercy”.

The infirm man could not get to the Pool of Mercy, so Jesus, the Forgiver of Transgression, brought the “Pool of God’s Mercy” to the impotent man so that he could be cleansed and keep the *Torah* by working six days and resting and worshipping God on the seventh. As a result, the Jews persecuted Jesus and sought to slay Him.

Jesus could have healed people secretly on the Sabbath, but He especially commanded the impotent man to carry his bed so that the Pharisees would see that he had received the Power of God on the Sabbath. This was a reproof to their sinful idolatrous traditions that they had imposed on God’s Sabbath Day.

K. Forgiver of Sins, the Son’s Eleventh Governmental Name, Fits with Jesus’ Healing the Blind Man on the Sabbath.

And it was the **sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes**. Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see. **Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day**. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them (John 9:14-16).

Jesus made clay and opened the eyes of the blind on the Sabbath because He is a Merciful Forgiver of Sins. Jesus opened the poor man's eyes on the Sabbath so that he could read the *Torah*, but the sinful Pharisees denied that Jesus was the Christ, rejected the marvelous, wonderful Works that Jesus performed on the blind man's eyes, and cast out the "seeing man" from the synagogue. What an unspeakable shame!

L. Just Judge, the Son's Twelfth Governmental Name, Fits with Jesus' Resting in Hope for His Father to Resurrect Him.

After his crucifixion, Jesus Christ, the Just Judge, rested in hope on the Sabbath Day, waiting for His Father to come and raise Him up with His *kabode* Glory.

Jesus' Soul, with its Blood, rested in the Throne of Grace in the *teh-home* Deep, while His flesh rested in hope in the grave.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: **my flesh also shall rest in hope** (Psalm 16:9).

King David prophesied about how Jesus the Messiah must put off His Body and go through His obedient Death of being separated from His Soul with the Blood that would go to the Throne of Grace in the Deep, and from His Spirit that would go into the Hands of the Father. Through all of this, Jesus flesh remained in perfect rest on the Jewish Sabbath Day, as He waited for His Father's Unbegotten *kabode* Glory to raise Him from the dead.

This twelvefold Ministry of Jesus Christ was pictured in the twelve loaves of bread on the Table of Shewbread that was eaten every Sabbath and was replaced by twelve fresh loaves every Sabbath. God also commanded Moses that twelve fresh loaves of the Shewbread were to be prepared so that they could be set in order upon the Golden Table every Sabbath Day. This demonstrated that Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, with His twelve Governmental Names, is the Governmental Bread of the Sabbath.

And thou shalt take fine flour, and **bake twelve cakes** thereof: two tenth deals shall be in one cake. And thou shalt set them in two rows, six on a row, upon the pure table before the Lord. And thou shalt put pure frankincense upon each row, that it may be on the bread for a memorial, even an offering made by fire unto the Lord. **Every Sabbath he shall set it in order before the Lord continually**, being taken from the children of Israel by an everlasting covenant. And it shall be Aaron's and his sons'; and they shall eat it in the holy place: for it is most holy unto him of the offerings of the Lord made by fire by a perpetual statute (Leviticus 24:5-9).

Although each loaf was baked in a separate pan, all were arranged as a "brotherhood whole" in two separate rows of six in each pile on the Table. Since each tribe represented one of the LORD Jesus Christ's twelve Governmental Names, it was important that all the loaves be joined together as one composite whole. Likewise, we, too, must come each Sabbath and lay our world, with all of its needs, at the Feet of the LORD Jesus Christ and acknowledge Him as our LORD, Owner, and Master.

Each one of the two rows of Bread was adorned with frankincense and with some of the Fire from the Brazen Altar. This was a picture, a symbol, for us that we must offer both our natural bread and our Spiritual Bread with fresh love, faith, and gratitude to God on the Sabbath.

The Sabbath Day of Rest is a time of a grateful, joyful celebration and memorial to the LORD's Holy Name as the Divine Creator, Owner, and Master of all Creation. The Sabbath Day is for all of God's people to rest from all their exertion of six days and to come to the LORD's House. Here, we experience God's creative Work in our spirits and souls for our spiritual education and our moral development.

Hence, the third *ber-eeth* Covenant, in addition to Water and Blood, is the *ber-eeth Covenant of the Sabbath Day* or Rest in the LORD. The Sabbath of Rest is as old as the Creation because the LORD rested on the seventh day

after His six days of Work.

The LORD Jesus Christ also has a spiritual Sabbath Rest for us, now, but we must press onward into the Melchizedek Priesthood in order to enjoy Christ's Sabbath Rest. The Heavenly Father has an Eternal Rest for His whole Creation, after every knee has bowed and every tongue has confessed that Jesus Christ is LORD.

The LORD Jesus Christ's rest is a home for the fleeing exile; a mansion for the journeying pilgrim; and a retreat for the toiling workman.

God provided rest for Noah's Ark on Mount Ararat, after it had tossed on the troubled waters of God's Judgment. Israel had rest in Canaan's Land from the wars of possessing the land. Today, Jesus provides rest for the storm-tossed soul.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:28).

Ultimately, the Eternal Rest from painful weariness, sadness, sorrow, and afflicting sin will be found in God's New Creation.

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful (Revelation 22:5).

The LORD renewed His Covenant of Rest with Israel in the wilderness.

Wherefore **the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant** (Exodus 31:16).

The LORD God's giving of the Covenant of Rest is an unconditional, complete absolute for all time. In the six days of the LORD Christ's creative Work, He created the world and all that is therein. The LORD Christ, Who stood personally by His Father, is the *ore* Light of the world. As the Father commanded, the Son created.

Let them praise the name of the LORD: **for he commanded, and they were created** (Psalm 148:5).

The Father commanded His Son, and the Son created all things without any effort or toil.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. **All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made** (John 1:1-3).

Christ, Wisdom, the Word of God, created all things! He also creates a New Heart within the penitent sinner.

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me (Psalm 51:10).

A new *worker* heart will war against every wicked thought, every sad feeling, and every debased deed committed against the LORD.

The LORD Christ's creative purification in the *worker* heart also forms perfect sincerity in the penitent *worker* heart so that it can be sincere with itself, its brethren, and with the LORD Jesus Christ.

Self-deception is the diseased perception of reality that always makes one accuse, blame, and judge others. We must choose to rest in the LORD Jesus Christ. We must also go to the honesty room with Him and ask Him to heal our spiritual deafness, blindness, and paralysis that prevent us from feeling His convictions, from hearing His Voice, and from seeing our wrongs so that we can enter into greater Sabbath Rest in Him.

IV. God Made a Covenant of Circumcision with Abram and His Seed.

The *fourth* Spoke of the LORD's Wheel of His *ber-eeth* Covenant, which He made with Abram and his Seed in the Old Testament, is His Covenant of Circumcision. This was the Father's Love Covenant of Wisdom. God's *ber-eeth* Covenant of Circumcision is found in the Book of Genesis, chapter seventeen:

And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. **And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly** (Genesis 17:1,2).

The Heavenly Unbegotten Father revealed His Love Covenant of Wisdom to Abram. God's Almighty Love Covenant of Wisdom with Abram contained His Promise to multiply Abram exceedingly.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old and his whole life seemingly lay behind him, he found himself at a new beginning of increase.

The LORD's glorious *shekinah* Glory Presence visibly displayed Itself to Abram. The LORD God, the Father, first revealed Himself to Abram; then, later, God changed Abram's name to Abraham. Abram was overcome with the brightness of the LORD's *shekinah* Glory and fell on his face before the LORD in humility, as he revered the LORD of Glory. Then, the LORD revealed His Name of *El Shaddai* to Abram through the twelve Governmental Names of His Son.

There are twelve aspects of God's Love Covenant of Wisdom, which was made with this Old Covenant father, Abram.

A. The Almighty God's Love Covenant of Wisdom Made Abram a Father of Many Nations.

As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and **thou shalt be a father of many nations** (Genesis 17:4).

B. The Almighty God's Love Covenant of Wisdom Changed Abram's Name to Abraham.

Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee (Genesis 17:5).

The LORD gave Abram the first *hay* (*hay* is a letter of the Hebrew alphabet) of His *Tetragrammaton* Name of *Understanding*.

C. The Almighty God's Love Covenant of Wisdom Gave Abraham an Everlasting Covenant for Fruitful Seed, Naturally and Spiritually.

And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. **And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant,** to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee (Genesis 17:6-7).

D. The Almighty God's Love Covenant of Wisdom Gave Abraham and His Seed Everlasting Possession of Canaan's Land.

And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God (Genesis 17:8).

E. The Almighty God's Love Covenant of Wisdom Commanded an Outward Sign or Token of His Ownership.

This is **my covenant**, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised. **And ye shall circumcise** the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a **token of the covenant** betwixt me and you (Genesis 17:10,11).

F. The Almighty God's Love Covenant of Wisdom Changed Sarai's Name to Sarah.

And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but **Sarah shall her name be** (Genesis 17:15).

The LORD gave Sarah the second *hay* (Hebrew letter) of His *Tetragrammaton* Name so that she could be under subjection to Abraham's understanding of the Covenant.

G. The Almighty God's Love Covenant of Wisdom Made Sarah a Mother of Nations, and from Her Came Kings of People.

And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and **she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her** (Genesis 17:16).

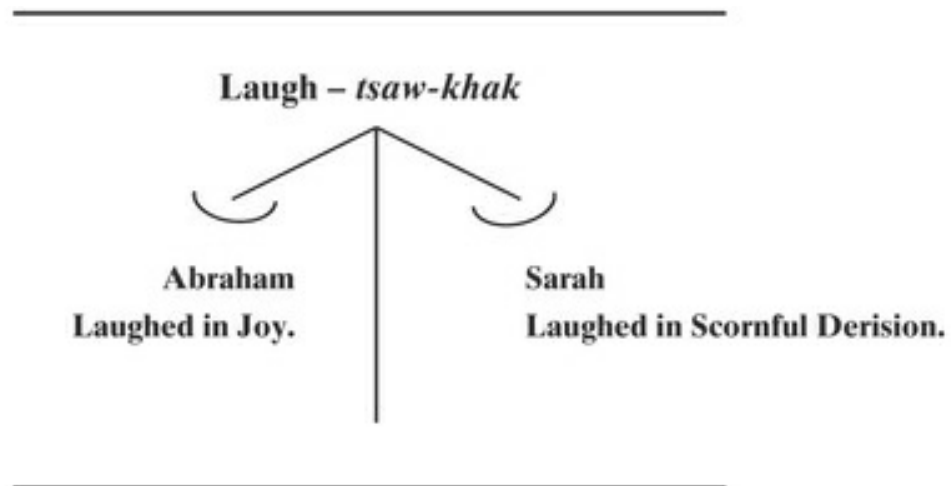
H. The Almighty God's Love Covenant of Wisdom Filled Abraham's Heart with Laughter, Merriment, and Happiness.

Then **Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed**, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety year old, bear? (Genesis 17:17).

Abraham laughed for joy that he would be a father at 100 years old and that his wife would be a mother at 90 years old.

The Hebrew word for *laughter* is *tsaw-khak*, which has two distinct meanings; one meaning is positive and one is negative. One meaning of *laughter* is *joy*, the other meaning is *scorn*. Abraham laughed out of positive joy and happiness in his heart at the good news, which was too good (to his natural mind) to be true.

Later, when Christ appeared in an Angelic Form to Abraham and told him that He would return the time of procreating life to him and to Sarah and that they, indeed, would have son, Sarah heard it, as she stood in her tent door, and she laughed in *tsaw-khak* scorn in her *blessor* mind, when she should have been blessing the LORD for the good news. Instead, in her withered physical condition, she derisively laughed, which indicated her bitter disbelief at such a possibility, as if this were beyond the Power of the Almighty God. We should never sneer at the possibility of God's Omnipotence to bring about miraculous events. When the LORD accosted her for her scorn and derision, she denied to the LORD that she had laughed.



When Abraham laughed, it was in the joy of knowing that God would perform His Promise to give him a son.

Then **Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed**, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear? (Genesis 17:17).

But when Sarah laughed, she evinced her scornful derision that anyone could think that a woman ninety years old could have a child.

Therefore **Sarah laughed within herself**, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord

being old also? And the LORD said unto Abraham, **Wherefore did Sarah laugh**, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old? **Is any thing too hard for the LORD?** At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and **Sarah shall have a son. Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not;** for she was afraid. And he said, Nay; but thou didst laugh (Genesis 18:12-15).

When Christ reproved Sarah's indecent expressions of distrust, she denied that she had laughed. Although Sarah had willingly entertained the LORD and the two Angels, by her laughter, she scorned His Almighty Power. As a result, she had just one son, Isaac. Then, the LORD withdrew the glorious regenerating Power of His Life from her. But Abraham, who believed, was blessed with many children by Keturah and his concubines.

Then again Abraham took a wife, and her name was Keturah. And she bare him Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. And Jokshan begat Sheba, and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, and Letushim, and Leummim. And the sons of Midian; Ephah, and Epher, and Hanoch, and Abidah, and Eldaah. **All these were the children of Keturah.** And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac. But unto the sons of the concubines, which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts, and sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east country (Genesis 25: 1-6).

As a result of Abraham's laughing in joy, he lived on with God's miracle Power in his body, begetting sons and daughters by his second wife, Keturah, and his concubines.

I. The Almighty God's Love Covenant of Wisdom Named Abraham's Miracle Son Isaac.

And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; **and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant,** and with his seed after him (Genesis 17:19).

In the Hebrew, the word Isaac is *yits-khawk*, which means joy and laughter. Abraham's son of joy and laughter gave joyful gladness to his parents and to all believers through the ages.

J. The Almighty God's Love Covenant of Wisdom Is Established with Isaac.

And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: **and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant,** and with his seed after him (Genesis 17:19).

By His all-sufficient Mercies and Grace, the Almighty God gave the Everlasting Covenant Blessings to Isaac, reserving and appropriating them to him. God reiterated His Master Plan to Abraham about how the Covenant was to be carried out. God repeated that Sarah was to be the mother of the Son of the Covenant. God's Promise brings joy, and His fulfillment brings exceeding great joy.

Later, Abraham seemed to have a memory loss about what God had said: "*I am the Almighty God and I will make my Covenant with him*" [Isaac]. Abraham tried to push God to make the Covenant through Ishmael, despite God's declaration to make the Covenant through Isaac.

And Abraham said unto God, **O that Ishmael might live before thee! And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him. And as for Ishmael,** I have heard thee: Behold, **I have blessed him,** and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly: twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. **But my covenant will I establish with Isaac,** which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year. (Genesis 17:18-21).

This passage shows us how our carnal human wills always try to wrestle the rein of control away from our Creator, regardless of our great spiritual visitations. Abraham had received a miraculous visitation from God, but in

his human attachments to the past, he tried to change God's plans to make the Covenant happen through his existing son, rather than the promised child to be conceived through God's miraculous Power. God responded that He would bless Ishmael, but that He would not bring the Promised Seed through him.

K. The Almighty God's Love Covenant of Wisdom with Isaac Was to Be Revealed at "This Set Time Next Year."

But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year (Genesis 17:21).

God's Purposive Will and Master Plan are immovable; they are established, permanent, and settled from *keh-dem* Eternity. His Purpose and Plan are resolute, persisting, and perpetual. They shall prevail. Consequently, Almighty God with *divine certainty* established the appointed time for Isaac's conception and birth.

L. The Almighty God's Love Covenant of Wisdom Begets Immediate Obedience: the "Selfsame Day," Abraham and His Household Were Circumcised.

And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house; and **circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as God had said unto him.** And Abraham was ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. **In the selfsame day was Abraham circumcised, and Ishmael his son. And all the men of his house, born in the house, and bought with money of the stranger, were circumcised with him** (Genesis 17:23-27).

While God's Command to circumcise was yet ringing like a golden bell in his ears and his other senses were tingling with the Power and Glory of God's Voice and the LORD's Love filled his heart to obey, Abraham immediately applied himself to circumcising Ishmael and his household.

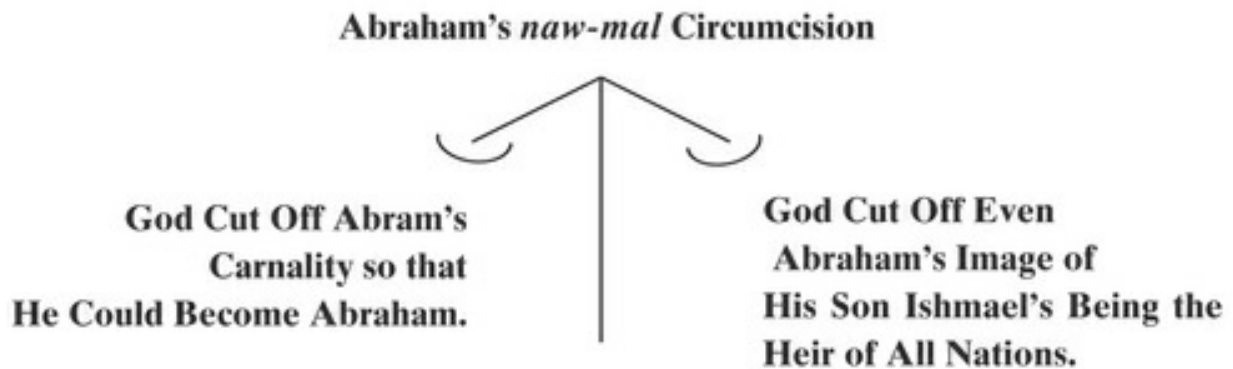
The Psalmist said that he also hastened to obey the LORD's Command.

I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments (Psalm 119:60).

It is important for us to discharge, skillfully and swiftly, our obligations, according to God's Purposive Will. We must never be deterred by laziness and procrastination. While God's Almighty warm Breath was on Abraham, he immediately obeyed God's Command to circumcise himself and his household. Obedience always begins with serious consideration about the eternal consequence of God's Purposive Will and Master Plan, whether it brings pleasure or pain.

In this passage, there are two distinct words for circumcision: *naw-mal* and *mool*. Abram is the only person who received a *naw-mal* circumcision. Everyone else in the Bible received a *mool* circumcision. Abraham is the only man in the Bible who circumcised himself. For all others, circumcision was performed by another, usually the parent.

Let us look at a scales that will help us to clarify the truth about the natural and spiritual effects of this *naw-mal* circumcision for Abram, the man, and Abraham, the father of all nations.



And **ye shall circumcise** [*naw-mal*] **the flesh of your foreskin**; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you (Genesis 17: 11).

The word *naw-mal* (Abram's circumcision) means to be clipped, to cut down or off, as in a branch. It also means to cut short, to curtail, to blunt, to nibble, to grow, cutting, consuming, and eating. In order to understand Abram's *naw-mal* circumcision, we have to learn about the word *naw-mal*.

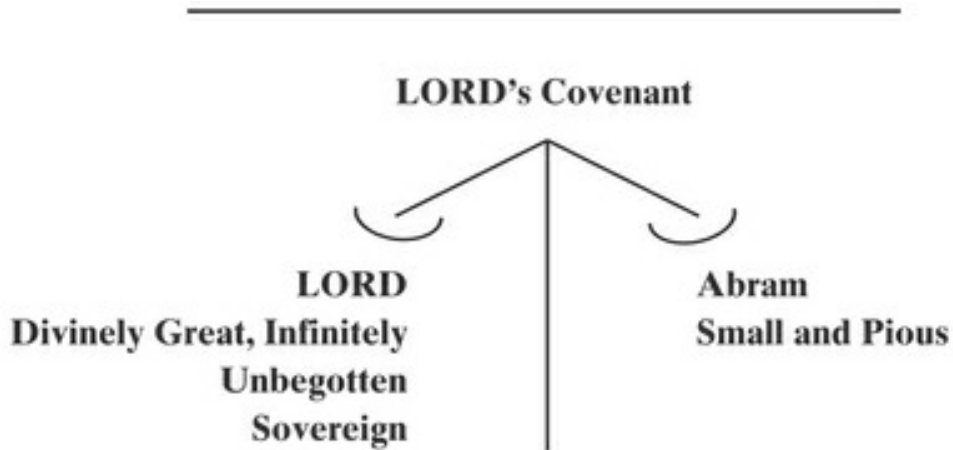
The feminine form of the word *naw-mal* is *nem-aw-law*, which is the name for the ant. This word, then, represents being cut, for the ant's body is bisected or nearly cut in half. The ant knows its season and when to store up food and when to cut and eat (devour his food). The wise man encouraged the sluggard to learn from the ant.

Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise (Proverbs 6:6).

The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer (Proverbs 30:25).

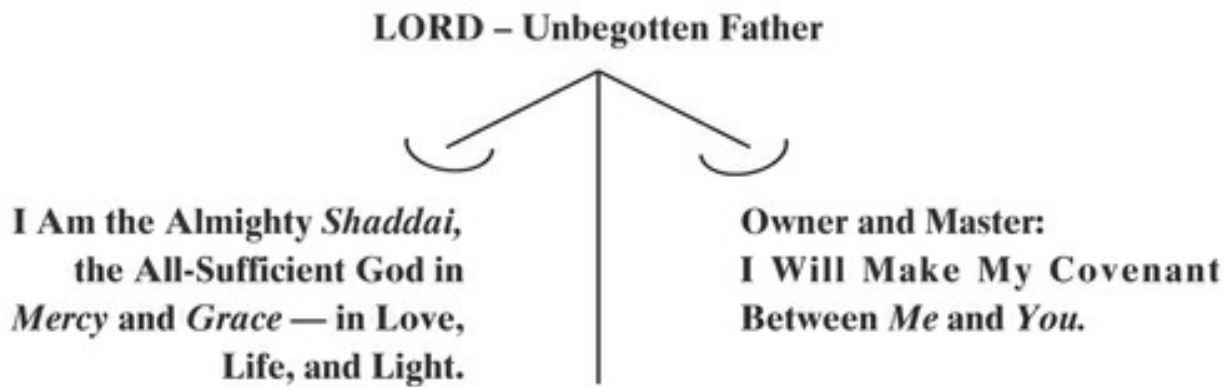
Ants never waste a tiny atom of food; they store it up in the summer so that they can cut and eat it in the winter. The *naw-mal* circumcision enables us to cut away the frivolities and foolishness of the summer season so that we can store up seed for the winter. When circumcision occurs in our *lover* hearts so that we are clean and separated, we become like the ant and store up Seed, which we can cut and make into bread during the winter.

God's Covenant of Circumcision consisted of an agreement between the great Unbegotten LORD and the small pious Abram.



The Eternal Father of Mercies and Grace made an agreement with small, pious Abram, the father of the faithful, that Abram would circumcise himself, and he obeyed. Therefore, Abram is called the friend of God, with whom God shared His Counsel and Secrets.

The LORD appeared to Abram in His *shekinah* Glory. Abram was so overwhelmed by the brightness of God's divine Glory that he fell on his face before Him. The Unbegotten Father revealed to Abram Who He is and that He is the Owner and the Master of the Covenant.



God's unconditional Covenant of Mercy and Grace did not depend on Abram. Contrariwise, Abram was to depend solely on God's all-sufficient Mercy and Grace, which Abram already had been practicing from his days in Ur of the Chaldees to his present time. By God's loving Mercy and Grace, Abram had faith to overcome those in the Ur of the Chaldees who were haters of the True God.

By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, **obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went** (Hebrews 11:8).

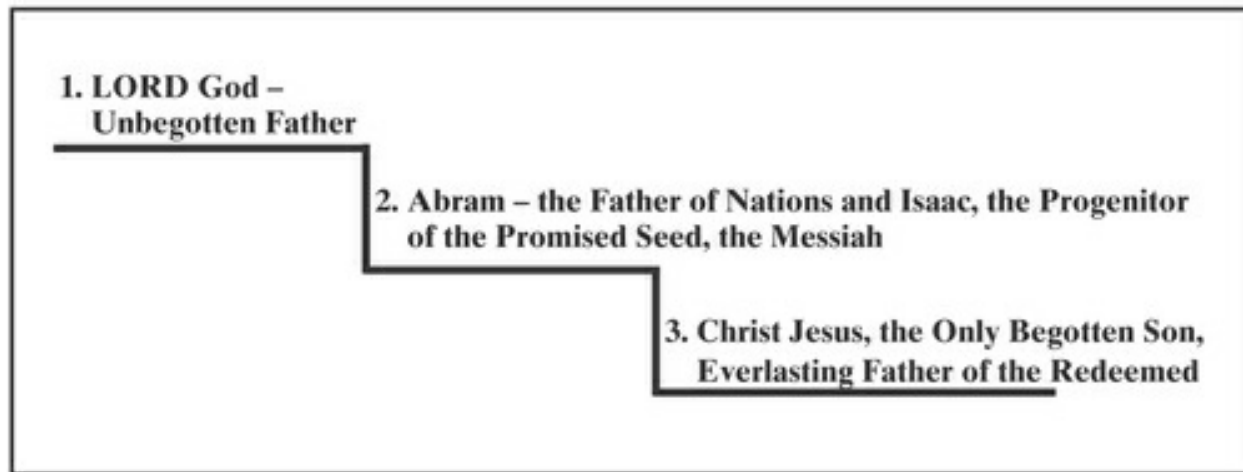
By God's loving Mercy and Grace, Abram had faith to sojourn in Canaan's Land as a stranger, as he looked for a

city whose Builder and Maker is God.

By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: **For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God** (Hebrews 11:9,10).

By God's loving Mercy and Grace, Abram received the Covenant of Life into his loins and begot Isaac from whose blood line came the Messiah, the Christ, the Everlasting Father.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: **and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace** (Isaiah 9:6).



Abram was already ninety-nine years old when he received God's Covenant of Circumcision through the revelation of the Name of Almighty God or *Ale-shad-dah-ee*, which means to be powerful, impregnable, to destroy, to utterly lay waste, to spoil. Almighty God is the Sufficing One, the All-sufficient One, and the Satisfying One.

The stamp of *El Shaddai*, the Sufficient One, is the stamp of existence on all universes. Every tiny being or the smallest bit of matter bears His imprint. He has given every thing form, and He has empowered every thing with force. The Almighty God is the Infinite Divine Source of all existence. He also is the Restraining Fence to every living force, form, and activity. He sets the boundary line for every force, form, and activity.

The Almighty God is not absorbed or swallowed up by His Creation. Nothing or no one in the whole Creation can stamp anything upon the Unbegotten *El Shaddai's* Infinity and Divinity; contrariwise, the Almighty God has stamped His Omnipotent Name upon all created Life. This is His DNA blueprint upon all created matter.

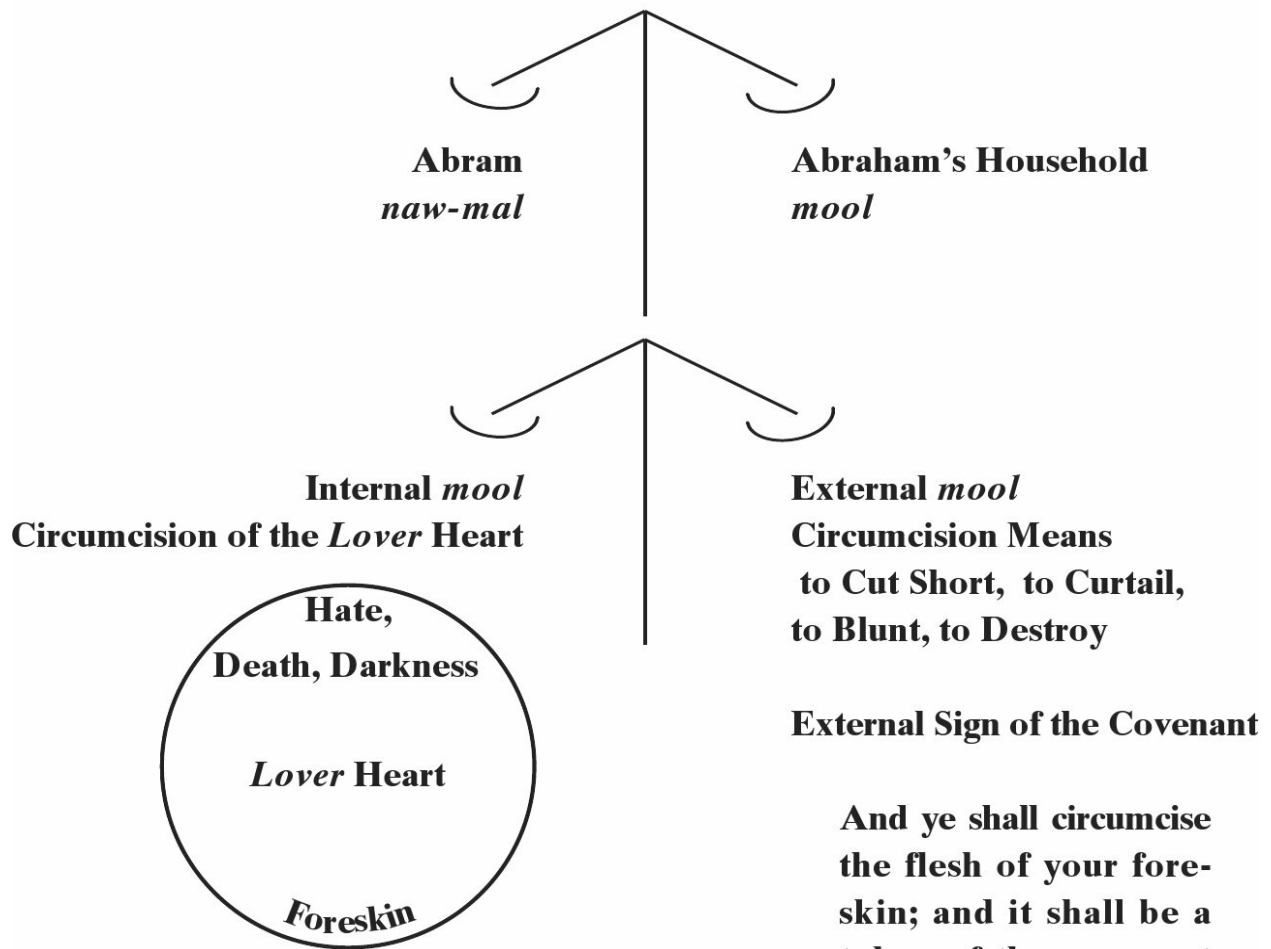
The Almighty God stamped His DNA Covenant of Circumcision, as it were, upon Abram who also was to bear the outer sign of it on his procreating organ by cutting away its foreskin.

The Hebrew word for the Almighty God's internal and eternal circumcision of Abram, personally, is *naw-mal*, which means to become clipped, to be cut down as a branch, to cut off in circumcision. God waited thirteen years from the birth of Ishmael before instructing Abram to circumcise himself. Abram was ninety-nine years old, weak and frail, and Sarai was eighty-nine years old when God gave Abram His Covenant of *naw-mal* Circumcision of Love and Wisdom, which directed Abram to circumcise himself.

Abram's *naw-mal* circumcision was different from all other circumcisions because *El Shaddai* was there helping him. As Abram was circumcising himself outwardly, Almighty God was circumcising the old carnal nature of Abram that had joined with Sarai in trying to have an heir out of season by the wrong person, Sarai's Egyptian handmaid. Almighty God circumcised Abram's scales of judgment in his *lover* heart, and He empowered Abram to circumcise himself externally. As a result, the Almighty God changed Abram's name to Abraham and filled him with unspeakable joy and restored his old body with a new holy Life in the midst of the desert, as it were, of his old age. How great is Almighty God!

Abram's *naw-mal* circumcision completed his transformation into Abraham. Then, God miraculously helped Abraham to circumcise (*mool*) the other members of his household, despite Abraham's own pain and debilitated condition that had resulted from his surgery. God gave Abraham the *mool* circumcision for his entire male household.

LORD's Circumcision



Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked (Deuteronomy 10:16).

Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings (Jeremiah 4:4).

The Responsibility for the Circumcision Rested on the Father of the Family.

By God's Mercy and Grace, the individual must cut off and remove the hard excrescence that grows over the *lover* heart. This hardness comes from hate, death, and darkness in the reins of unjust judgment. The hard foreskin refuses to allow the influence of God's Love, Life, and Light to control the heart.

The sign of circumcision on the *lover* heart from *El Shaddai* devours all other strange lovers. The object of circumcision is to oppose by cutting; therefore, its purpose is to restrict and limit the enemy against usurping the LORD's place in our hearts. If we submit to Almighty God's circumcision being stamped on our *lover* hearts, we will cut off ignorance and slothfulness so that, like the ant, we can store up our spiritual Food in our appointed season. We will thus cut off Leviathan's hate, death, and darkness that would oppose God's Love, Life, and Light.

The first testimony in the New Testament about a baby receiving *mool* circumcision is the record of John the Baptist's circumcision.

And it came to pass, that **on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child**; and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his father (Luke 1:59).

The external rite of *mool* circumcision was a token of the internal and eternal union or bond between the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Jeremiah the Prophet, commanded Israel to circumcise (*mool*) themselves to the LORD.

Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings (Jeremiah 4:4).

Jeremiah besought the people of his day to circumcise (*mool*) their *lover* hearts, to repent, and to cut off the hard excrescence from around their hearts. God wanted the hard indifference around their internal *lover* hearts to be removed so that He could minister His Love, Life, and Light to their hearts.

The internal and external form of *mool* circumcision is a sign of a secret, internal love relationship with God. Man's organ of conception is a witness of the inherited corruption in the blood Seed of conception, birth, and deed that is transmitted by parents, going back to Adam the first.

Jesus gave His Holy Blood in Circumcision so that we have His True Circumcision Blood in our *lover* hearts. Jesus' Circumcision in our place teaches us that, as newborn babes in Christ Jesus, we need to be joined to Him as our Everlasting Father in His spiritual family.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, **The everlasting Father**, The Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6).

Jesus was circumcised when He was eight days old, according to the Law of Circumcision.

And **when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS**, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb (Luke 2:21).

For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: **In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism**, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead (Colossians 2:1-12).

The Name of Jesus Christ, which permeated the waters of His Death, and Life, cuts off Leviathan's hate, death, and darkness in the reins of our *lover* hearts within.

Christ's true Circumcision consists of putting off the body of sin of the flesh by allowing Jesus to help us renounce sin and by asking Jesus to renew our *lover* hearts. We must give up the scales of Leviathan's judgment of hate, death, and darkness in our *lover* hearts and allow Jesus Christ and the Unbegotten Father to be the Just Judge

of right and wrong in our thoughts, feelings, and deeds.

It is not enough to immerse our outer man in the Waters of Christ's Death and Life. Like Paul, we must die daily and put on Christ's Love, Light, and Life through the Waters of His Name, Death, and Life. Hence, we will be filled with Christ's Love, Light, and Life, which we can then share with others.

For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:
But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God (Romans 2:28,29).

Paul declared that the *worker* heart must also be circumcised so that it will consciously work, not to make its own name known, but to make known the Name of the LORD Jesus Christ.

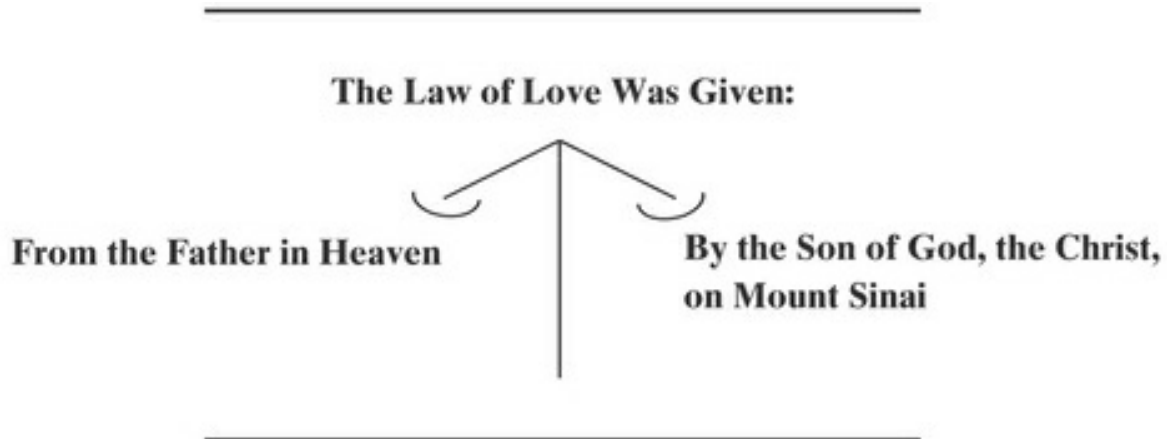
V. God Made a Stone Covenant with Moses, Israel, and the Entire World.

The *fifth* Spoke in the Wheel of the Old Covenant is the Law of Love in Stone that God gave to Moses for Israel. God's Law to Moses was a moral miracle in the midst of ancient heathenism.

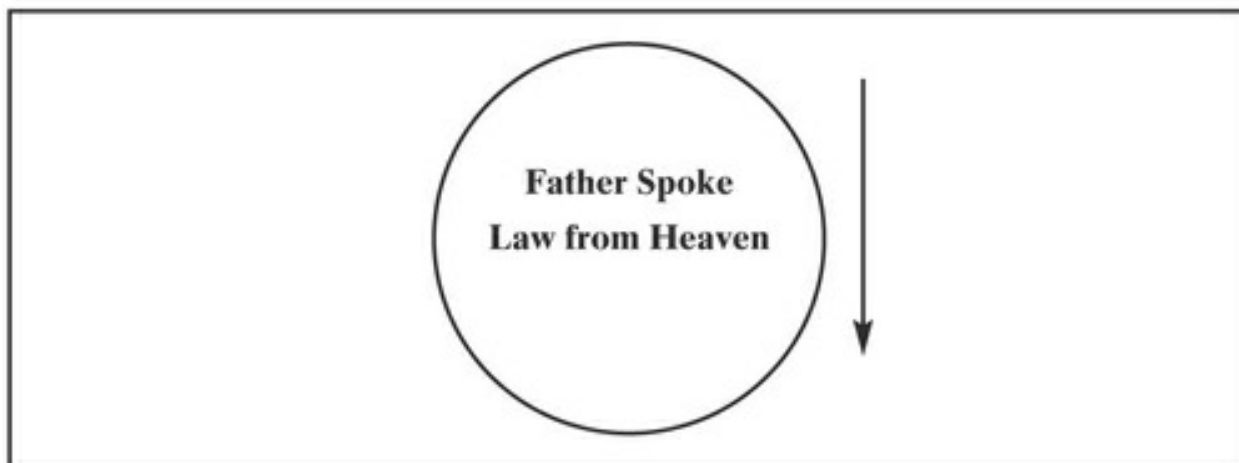
The Covenant of the Law was given from Heaven by the Eternal Unbegotten Father, and on Earth, from Mount Sinai by God's Only Begotten Son, the Christ.

In Hebrew, the word for *law* is *to-raw* or *torah*, which comes from the root word *yaw-raw*, which means *to flow as water, to rain, to shoot, to point out by aiming the finger, to teach, archer, to direct, to inform, and to instruct*.

This Law of Love also is called the *Dialogue* in French or, in English, the Ten Commandments. This was the Moral Law of Love that was promulgated or published from Heaven by the Heavenly Father and from Mount Sinai by the Only Begotten Son of God, the Christ.

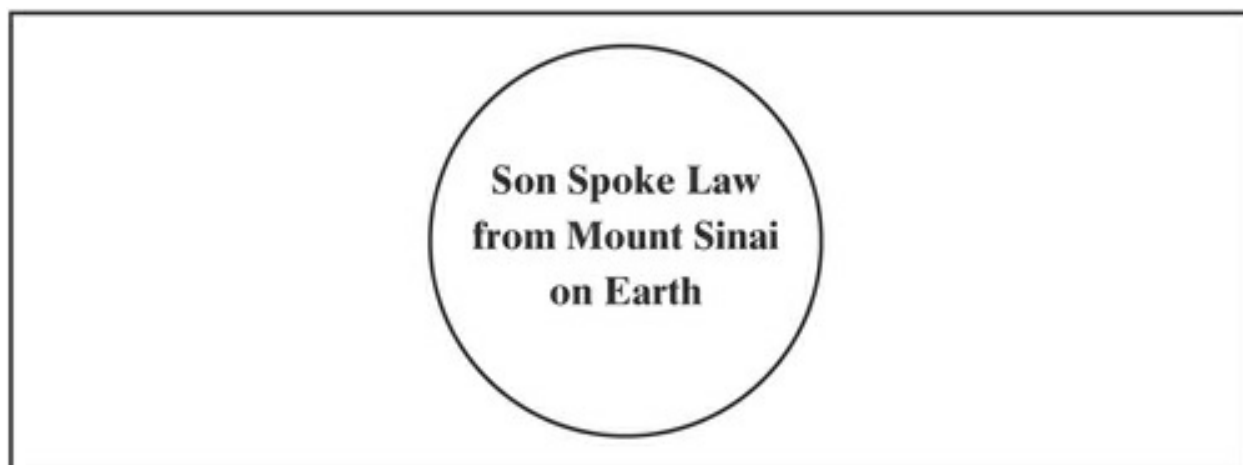


A. The Law of Love Was Spoken by the Father from *Heaven*.



Out of heaven he made thee to hear his voice, that he might instruct thee: and upon earth he shewed thee his great fire; and thou heardest his words out of the midst of the fire. Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the LORD he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else (Deuteronomy 4:36,39).

B. The Law of Love Was Spoken by the Son of God from Mount Sinai, on Earth.

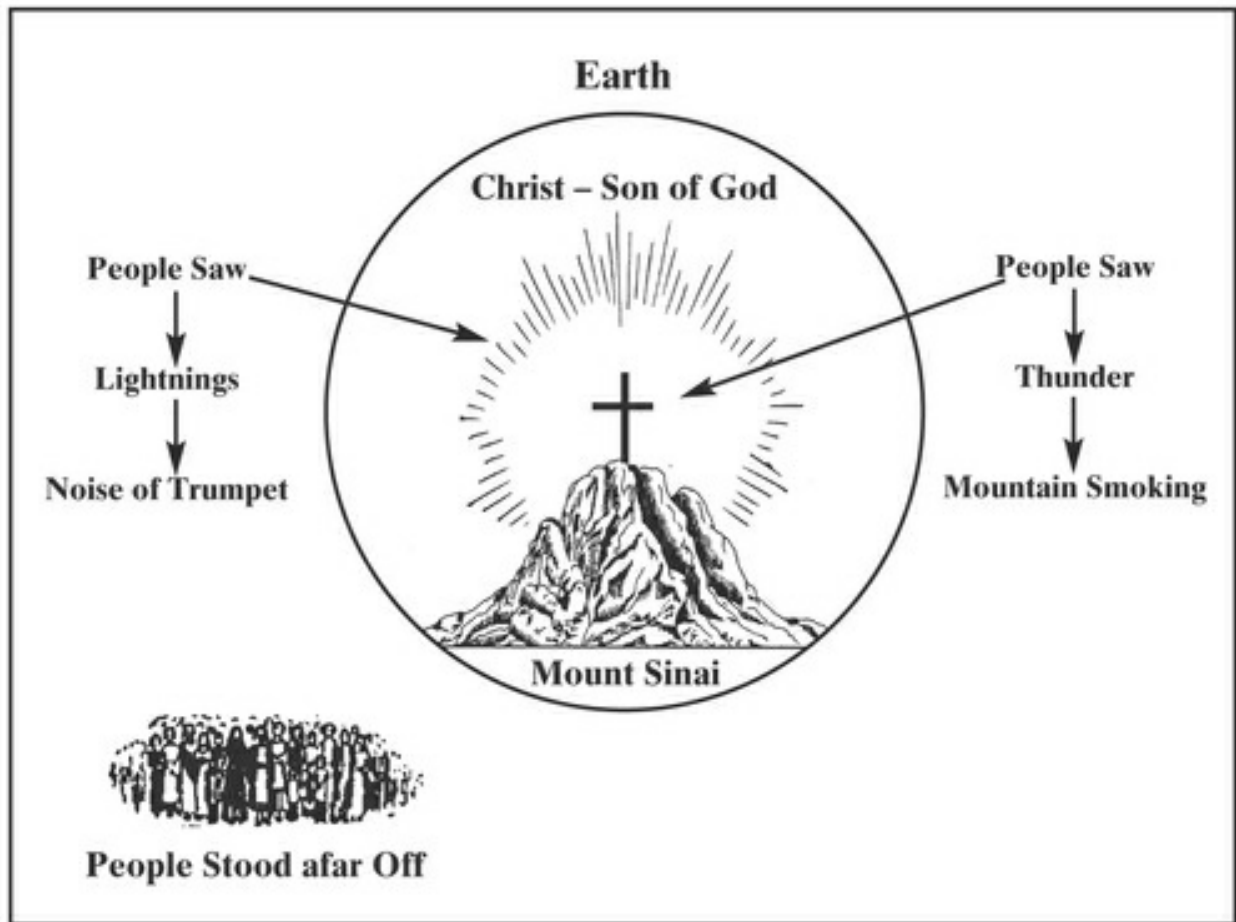


Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons; Specially the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children. **And ye came near and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire unto the midst of heaven, with darkness, clouds, and thick darkness. And the LORD spake unto you out of the midst of the fire:** ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; only ye heard a voice. And **he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone** (Deuteronomy 4:9-13).

The Heavenly Unbegotten Father spoke His Divine Words of Love from Heaven, above, to His Only Begotten Son on Mount Sinai, Who spoke them to the people.

The Christ always is the Mediator between God and Man. The reason for a Mediator is that human beings are

unable to endure the Unbegotten, Divine Fire of the Father's Love and Word of Truth. Hence, the Father gives His Unbegotten Love and Word to people through His Begotten Son and His Begotten Fire.



And **all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off.** And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die. And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not. And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was (Exodus 20:18-21).

The people saw: the **unity of thunder**; the **flames of lightning**; the **tones and notes of the trumpet or shofar horn**; the **mountain going up in fire and smoke**.

When they saw how the most solid earthly matter could not bear such a close proximity to God, *they trembled and moved backward*. They besought Moses to be a mediator between them and the Christ, the Son of God. Can you imagine what would have happened to the people if the Unbegotten Father, with His Infinite Fire, had spoken straight from Heaven, apart from Christ, the Mediator? They would have ceased to exist! They could not even *stand before* the Divine Begotten Fire of the Son of God.

Let us continue to examine the Law of Love in the first set of Commandments that the Son of God gave to Israel and that Moses broke.

The LORD commanded Moses to make an Ark out of shittim wood to hold His Moral Law of Love.

And **they shall make an ark of shittim wood**: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof (Exodus 25:10).

The LORD informed Moses that Bezaleel (whose name means the “shadow of God”) had been given Wisdom and Understanding, directly from God Himself, to qualify him for the work of building the Tabernacle and preparing its various pieces of furniture, including the Ark.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, See, **I have called by name Bezaleel** the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: **And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,** To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, (Exodus 31:1-4).

So Bezaleel constructed the first Ark, by the LORD’s express Command, to hold the first set of Commandments in stone.

And **he gave unto Moses,** when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, **two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God** (Exodus 31:18).

Moses broke this first set of the Covenant that was engraved in stone by the Finger of God.

Also in Horeb ye provoked the LORD to wrath, so that the LORD was angry with you to have destroyed you. When I was gone up into the mount to receive the tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant which the LORD made with you, then I abode in the mount forty days and forty nights, I neither did eat bread nor drink water: And the **LORD delivered unto me two tables of stone written with the finger of God;** and on them was written according to all the words, which the LORD spake with you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly. And it came to pass at the end of forty days and forty nights, that **the LORD gave me the two tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant.** And the LORD said unto me, Arise, get thee down quickly from hence; for thy people which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt have corrupted themselves; they are quickly turned aside out of the way which I commanded them; they have made them a molten image. And **I took the two tables, and cast them out of my two hands, and brake them before your eyes** (Deuteronomy 9:8-12,17).

The people of Israel provoked God to wrath with their idol image. The LORD’s Wrath (in Hebrew, the word is *ketsaf*, which means rage) was His immediate feeling of deliberate indignation caused by Israel’s objectionable behaviour. The LORD’s Wrath was not a moment of rage with self-controlled consideration; rather, the LORD’s Wrath was His Anger that welled up, as it were, after due consideration and contemplation of their dastardly, idolatrous deed.

Consequently, when Moses came down the mount with the precious treasure of the *Torah* Love that had been entrusted into his hands, and he saw the people acting treacherously against the LORD’s treasure of *Torah* Love, he smashed and broke the Law engraved on the stones.

These recorded Words of Truth teach us the following things:

- The LORD sees the idol calves we make.
- The LORD considers and contemplates our idol deeds, and His deliberate wrath wells up and overflows.
- The LORD will send His messenger to demonstrate that his Law has been broken by an idol calf of hate, death, and darkness before the eyes of the offender.
- The jealous LORD will break and grind to powder every idol calf and cast it away.
- The Just, Righteous LORD will punish the guilty offenders.
- The faithful LORD will reward the stand up, singing, warring soldiers with entrance into the Priesthood.

Three times, Moses fasted forty days in connection with the *Torah*-Truth. These times were as follows:

1. The First Time Moses Fasted Forty Days and Forty Nights Was when the LORD Gave Him the First Set of Stones with the Law Engraved on Them.

And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and **Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights** (Exodus 24:18).

And **he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments** (Exodus 34:28).

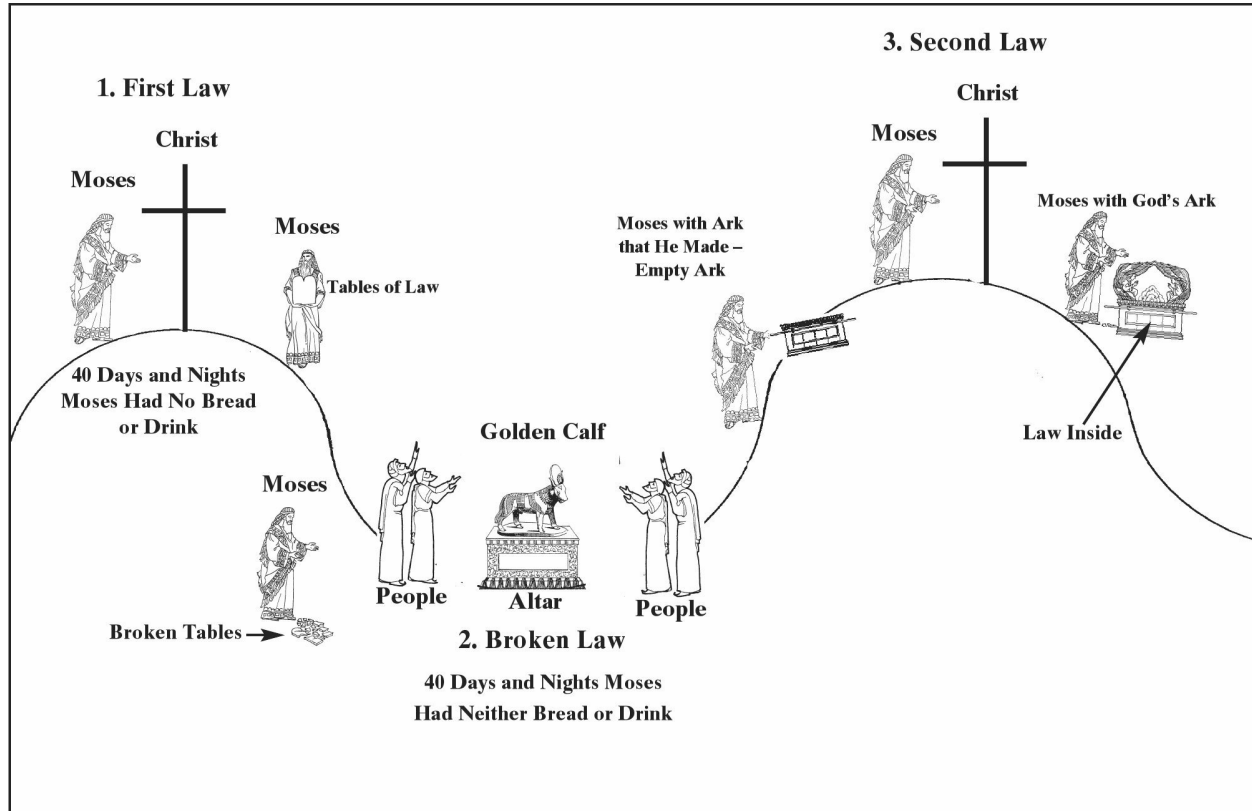
And it came to pass **at the end of forty days and forty nights, that the LORD gave me the two tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant** (Deuteronomy 9:11).

2. The Second Time Moses Fasted Forty Days and Nights Occurred when Israel Made the Golden Calf.

And I took the two tables, and cast them out of my two hands, and brake them before your eyes. And **I fell down before the LORD, as at the first, forty days and forty nights**: I did neither eat bread, nor drink water, because of all your sins which ye sinned, in doing wickedly in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger. For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure, wherewith the LORD was wroth against you to destroy you. But the LORD hearkened unto me at that time also. And the LORD was very angry with Aaron to have destroyed him: and I prayed for Aaron also the same time.... **Thus I fell down before the LORD forty days and forty nights, as I fell down at the first**; because the LORD had said he would destroy you. I prayed therefore unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, destroy not thy people and thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed through thy greatness, which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand. (Deuteronomy 9:17-20,25,26).

3. The Third Time Moses Fasted Forty Days and Forty Nights Occurred when the LORD Gave Him the Second Set of Stones that Were Put in the Ark that Moses Himself Built.

And I stayed in the mount, according to the first time, **forty days and forty nights; and the LORD hearkened unto me at that time also, and the LORD would not destroy thee** (Deuteronomy 10:10).



The Broken Law was put in the Ark of Bezaleel, which had a Mercy Seat for Atonement Blood.

Three times, in connection with the Law that was graven in stone and that was unalterable and absolute as stone, Moses spent forty days and nights alone, fasting and seeking God. Moses' forty days and nights of isolation and separation from earthly things allowed his whole being to be given exclusively to the LORD. Hence, he was prepared to receive the loftiest and highest revelation of the LORD's Law of Love that had been written with the *stylus pen* of Christ's Finger.

When Israel created an idol calf, at the bottom of the mountain, its powerful wickedness permeated and defiled the fellowship between the LORD Christ and Moses on top of the mountain. Hence, the LORD sent Moses back down the mountain to deal with Israel's treacherous betrayal of the LORD's Law of Love.

When Moses saw the golden calf and the people's wicked worship of the calf, he broke the first set of the LORD's Law of Love. The Hebrew word for *break*, in this instance, is *shaw-bar*, which means to burst, break in pieces, brokenhearted, to crush, to hurt, to destroy, to quench, to tear. With a broken heart, Moses, suddenly and violently, cast down the *Torah* Stones to the ground, and they broke.

The idol calf represents the many attachments that we human beings create out of our thoughts, images, and pleasures that usurp the place that God should hold in our lives. When mental idols of error remain restricted to the thought in the mind, in the theoretical realm, there is hope that the teaching of Truth will lead a soul to repentance and to return to a true conception in and perception of the Truth. But when the idol thought has extended to the sphere of experiential poisoning, i.e., the sphere of empirical knowledge, the idol calf will cause carnal humans to perform immoral deeds and to offer their sacrifices upon their altar of error, just as the Israelites did.

The sensuality of the flesh always clings to its source, Leviathan, who has taught man to revel in his stolen delight. An idolatrous *lover* heart is an unfit home for the LORD's priceless treasure of His *Torah*-Truth.

The second time Moses fasted forty days and forty nights was when he interceded to God on behalf of the idolatrous Israelites so that God's Wrath would be turned away, and the people would not be destroyed. After the purging of the nation, to some degree, and after Moses had fasted forty days for God's Anger to be turned away so that the whole nation would not die, the LORD commanded Moses to lead the people to Canaan's Land, but they would go without His Presence in their midst.

The Nation of Israel was still carnal and immature and had not learned the spiritual lessons that were necessary if

the LORD were to remain in their midst. They had not learned the following things:

- complete surrender to the LORD's Purposive Will and Master Plan;
- empirical Knowledge that all the *lover* heart must do is to keep the Law of Love;
- faithful, restful trust in the Father that He would overcome Leviathan.

These spiritual virtues are the eagle wings that carry the spirit and soul high above, into the Bosom of the Heavenly Father, where there is perfect Love, Joy, and Peace that fill all in all.

In his deep grief, Moses discovered there was no consoling joy in future riches and plenty without God's Presence in their midst and without the privilege to go to new spiritual heights in God. After Israel's sin of worshipping the golden calf, Moses lost his desire to lead them further without a special revelation of the LORD's glorious Presence being with him. Hence, the LORD Christ put Moses in the *tsoor* Rock of the Father, Who revealed some of the Glory of the Back His Son. As the Son of God passed by, the Father revealed a portion of His Son's Glory from His Back.

After Moses' first and second forty days and nights of fasting and praying for the Law and for the LORD's forgiveness concerning the idol calf, the LORD commanded Moses to provide the second set of stones for the Tables of the *Torah* by hewing them out of stone. The LORD promised to write, again, the same words.

And the LORD said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and **I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest.** And be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning unto mount Sinai, and present thyself there to me in the top of the mount (Exodus 34:1,2).

As recorded in the book of Deuteronomy, Moses obeyed the LORD's Command to duplicate the first Ark.

At that time the Lord said unto me, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first, and come up unto me into the mount, and make thee an ark of wood. And I will write on the tables the words that were in the first tables which thou brakest, and thou shalt put them in the ark. And **I made an ark of shittim wood, and hewed two tables of stone like unto the first, and went up into the mount, having the tables in mine hand. And he wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten commandments, which the Lord spake unto you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly: and the Lord gave them unto me. And I turned myself and came down from the mount, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they be, as the Lord commanded me** (Deuteronomy 10:1-5).

God's Covenant does not alter His Law just because man lapses into sin. God the Father gave His Law again, in other unbroken stones, to verify this Truth. After Israel's sin by the idolatrous calf had broken God's Law, God proved that Israel could not break His Covenant of the Law; hence, He gave a Perfect Law on perfect stone. Our only option in relation to the LORD's *Torah* Law of Love is either *to retract* from it *or to return* to it, for we cannot *destroy* it. The Law is His Covenant of Love in the *Torah*-Truth. Human beings can neither negate God's Law of Love nor reform it. The LORD's *Torah*-Truth is fixed and unalterable.

The new Law that the LORD wrote, according to the first Law written, was placed in the second Ark, the one that Moses built. Moses' Ark was a picture of the unbroken Law of the Unbegotten Father, which is greater and above the Begotten Son of God. The Son of God was made Flesh, and His Flesh was cut, pierced, striped, and broken for the sins of men, and He gave His Atonement Blood to repair His Broken Law, and He did it for man. God's Covenant of Love Blood from His Only begotten Son and from Himself is immutable and unchangeable, both now and forevermore.

There were ten parts in God's Covenant in stone with Moses (the Ten Commandments). We have already seen, under Roman numeral two in this study, that there are also ten parts of God's New Covenant of Blood in Christ, Who is the *selah* Rock, from which the Blood of His New Better Covenant flowed. Hence, we can see how the Covenant of the Law of Love fits together with the New Better Covenant of Blood. Jesus Christ's Atonement Blood was a New Better Covenant that fulfilled the Old Covenant Law of Love given to Moses.

VI. The LORD Made a Covenant of Marvels with Moses and Israel.

The *sixth Spoke* in the Wheel of the *ber-eeth* Covenant of the Old Testament is the Covenant of Marvels that the LORD made with Moses and Israel.

And he said, Behold, **I make a covenant: before all thy people I will do marvels**, such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation: and all the people among which thou art shall see the work of the LORD: for it is a terrible thing that I will do with thee (Exodus 34:10).

The Hebrew root word for marvels is *paw-law*, which means to separate, to distinguish, to make great, difficult, wonderful, miracles, to accomplish, hidden, things too high, to perform the extraordinary, to set apart, to consecrate, to dedicate. God entered into a sacred agreement with Moses to perform miracles for His people.

Moses' mission was clothed with the LORD's Covenant of Marvels: that is, His miraculous, supernatural works, which God displayed from Egypt to the Red Sea, through the Wilderness, and on into Canaan's Land. God's divine Power also was revealed through His divinely anointed messengers.

God established His Covenant of Marvels on His absolute Power to perform — a Power that is independent of all external conditions and circumstances. God's powerful Purposive Will is neither subject to, nor has any connection with, natural causes and effects. God's Covenant of Marvels is infinitely Sovereign and Supreme above all Creation.

The Name *Wonderful* was given to the Messiah, the LORD Jesus Christ.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and **his name shall be called Wonderful**, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6).

The Hebrew word for *wonderful* is *peh-leh*, which comes from the same root word as *marvels*, *paw-law*, and means a miracle, a marvelous thing. Hence, Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of God's Old Covenant of Marvels.

Not only did Jesus Christ perform miraculous, supernatural Works on Earth, but the revelation of God's Word of Love and Forgiveness to penitent sinners, through Jesus Christ, is the most miraculous display of God's Almighty Power. Christ's Person on Earth is a display of the great miracle of God's Almighty Power that joined His dedicated Divinity and holy Humanity into one unified Body. The miracles that Christ did on Earth are the natural manifestation of His dedicated Divinity and Humanity in one Person, the likes of which is not to be found in the whole realm of nature or in the history of mankind. God's Infinite Divine Nature and Power are unparalleled and unalterable!

The Heavenly Father has given His Only Begotten Son the incontestable right to govern. Jesus Christ is the New Covenant of Marvels, and God has placed all government upon the Son's shoulder. The Son has not complained and will not complain about the burden upon His shoulder. Such burden shall grow and increase as the bounds of His Kingdom are continually enlarged. His Beauty and Brightness shall shine with more splendor. By Love and Peace, He shall rule in the hearts of all people.

Moses' mission was to receive the Law from its Absolute, Divine Origin — the Hand of God. Moses' mission of giving God's Law of Love to all people was God's wonderful, marvelous Creation. Moses' mission in the midst of human history is unique from all others. He received the same Law of Love on two different sets of stone on two different occasions. The two sets of stones represented the Law of Love, Life, and Light from the Father and the Love, Light, and Life from the Son. Moses received the LORD's Law of Love in stone for the continuing education of God's people so that they could be brought up in the complete Knowledge of the Divine *Torah* that was written in stone. As a result, mankind would be able to recognize the LORD Jesus Christ, God's Living Law of Love in a Living *selah* Stone that was made Flesh and dwelt among men.

The LORD's Covenant of His Marvels proves His Divine Certainty and His Holy Infinity that have all conquering Power to master all, including the following:

- the hardest hearts,
- the most rebellious wills,
- the most obstinate mind in all persons,

- the display of all contrary powers, and
- the rebellion in the population of all nations.

Consequently, the LORD's *Torah*-Truth of Love and Peace shall rule and reign until it is firmly established in every heart, will, and mind. Then, every knee shall ultimately bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is LORD or Master.

Wherefore **God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,** to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:9-11).

The Covenant of the LORD's Marvels inside the penitent *lover* heart is the Father's Blessings in spiritual song in the *lover* heart.

O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous [paw-law] things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory (Psalm 98:1).

God miraculously unveils and drives away all the things that obscure the sight of our Understanding so that we may see the wondrous (*paw-law*) realms of His Love and Peace in His *Torah*-Truth. When, through intercession and travail, we understand His Precepts, we experience His wondrous Works of Love in the reins of our *lover* hearts.

The New Song is the *recent*, the *now* restoration and repairing of His fresh Love and Joy, through His New Light and New Life. Until the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost form, in the *lover* heart, a new experience of gratitude, this is a song that will never before have been heard. David, the sweet Psalmist of Israel, is a classic example of this Truth.

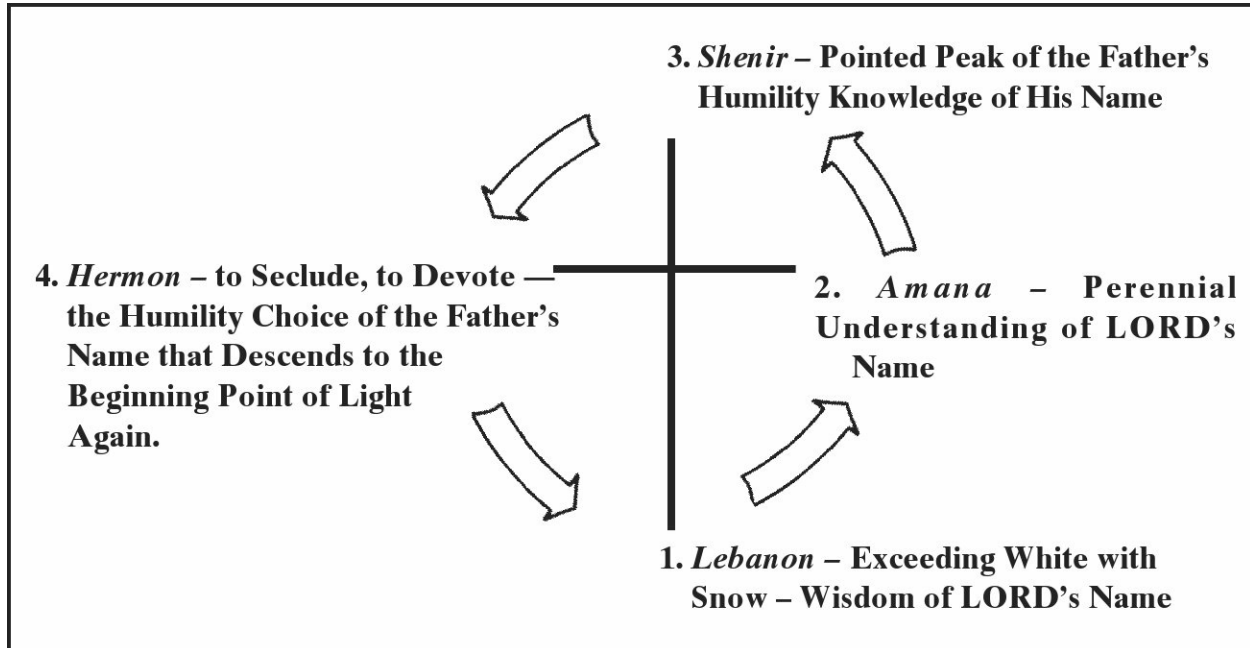
Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous [paw-law] things out of thy law.... Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous [paw-law] works (Psalms 119:18,27).

This is a Psalm of prophetic hope for the sincere soul who walks upward in the faith of Christ's Stature and who will ultimately sing the victorious New Love Song.

This is the Song of Love that the Bridegroom asks his spouse to come and sing with Him from the top of four mountains that represent the Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, and Prudence of His *Tetragrammaton* Name.

Come with me from Lebanon, my spouse, with me from Lebanon: **look from the top of Amana,** from the top of **Shenir** and **Hermon,** from the lions' dens, from the mountains of the leopards. (Song of Solomon 4:8).

The following diagram shows the order of the Unbegotten Father.



These mountains represent the Humility and Faith of the Crucified Christ and the Resurrected Christ Who reveals the Father’s Name by leading us to His Heavenly Father.

It is here that the New Covenant Song of Delight and Spiritual Ecstasy is sung by the Bridegroom and those souls who become His Spouse. This is a gratitude Song of Joy for the Father’s Right Arm or Son, the LORD Jesus Christ — for His redeeming Salvation and for His glorious Victory over the world, the flesh, and the Devil.

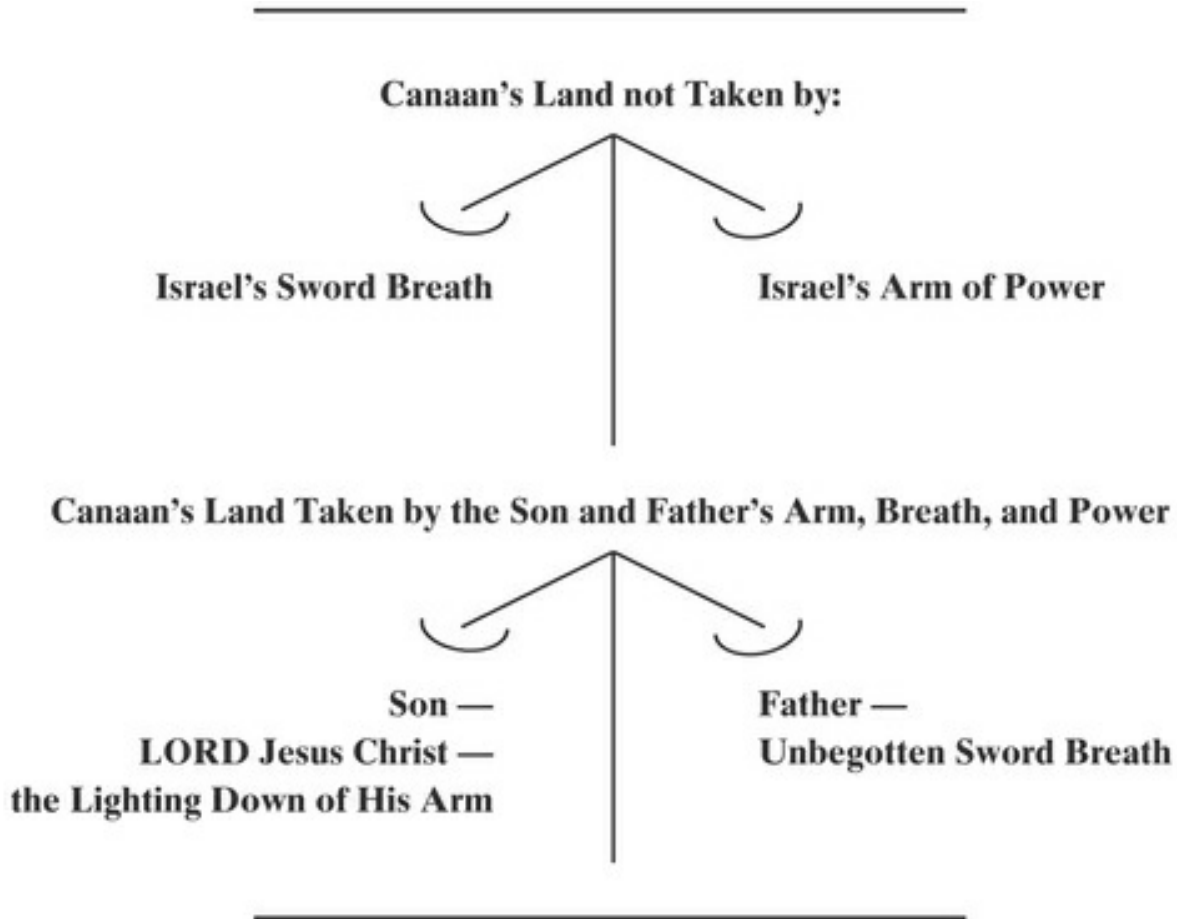
O Sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth. Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day. **Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders [paw-law] among all people.** (Psalm 96:1-3).

Each time the soul and spirit are delivered from Lucifer and Leviathan’s hate, death, and darkness, a New Song of blessing, praising, and thanking the Blood of Jesus Christ is generated.

The LORD reveals His wonderful Name through His mighty Deeds and wondrous Acts. We are to pronounce, daily, His new, fresh, great deliverances; thereby, we encourage others to pay grateful homage to His Holy Name. The LORD’s Holy Name is praiseworthy and greatly to be praised. The LORD’s interventions in our lives generate deep roots of loving gratitude in our *lover* hearts. Ultimately, the New Jerusalem in Heaven and the New Jerusalem on Earth will join together to lead the whole Creation in a New Universal Song of blessing, praising, and thanking the LORD Jesus Christ.

The New Victorious Song of Canaan’s Land was acquired not by the valour of Israel’s army, but by the victorious “lighting down” of the LORD’s Right Arm of Almighty Power.

And the LORD shall cause his glorious voice to be heard, and shall shew the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of his anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, and tempest, and hailstones (Isaiah 30:30).



For thou art great, and doest wondrous [paw-law] things: thou art God alone (Psalm 86:10).

The LORD bares His holy Arm to manifest His Almighty Power before all nations and all who oppose His Reign. God's holy Arm is stretched out in Justice and in defense of His Holiness and pursuance of His Word of Promise. The great Salvation that was wrought through the Arm of the LORD Jesus Christ was revealed and seen to the ends of the Earth.

The LORD God, the Heavenly Father, caused His glorious Voice to be heard when He sent His Son into this World.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved (John 3:16,17).

Jesus Christ has Power to negotiate peace in the whole Earth. The "lighting down" of His holy, humility Arm will not cease working until peace is established in all the Earth. Jesus Christ did not come to condemn man and the Earth. Because of sin, they were already under God's condemnation; rather, Jesus Christ came to establish His glorious, everlasting Kingdom of Peace.

When the LORD appeared, again, to Abraham in the form of a man with two men Angels, He informed Abraham that Sarah would be rejuvenated according to the *time of life* (her childbearing time). Sarah heard the Promise and laughed in scorn within herself. God rebuked Sarah's indecent expression of distrust. When Sarah's inner laughing was exposed, she denied the charge. God responded with a question about His wonderful, marvelous Might that can do whatever He wishes.

Is any thing too hard [*paw-law*, marvelous] **for the LORD?** At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son (Genesis 18:14).

The first time in the Bible that the LORD revealed His Covenant of Marvels was when He revealed it to Abraham and Sarah. The LORD declared that nothing was impossible for His Covenant of Wonderful Might to perform. The LORD reiterated His Promise to Abraham and revealed that His displeasure with Sarah would not hinder the fulfillment of His Covenant of Marvels to Abraham at the appointed, destined time.

When Jesus Christ manifested His Father's Covenant of Marvels to the Nation of Israel, they responded more negatively than Sarah.

And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful [*paw-law*] **things that he did,** and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; **they were sore displeased** (Matthew 21:15).

When the Jews saw the wonderful, miraculous (*paw-law*) things that Jesus did in healing people in the Temple, they were "sore displeased." They were angry, irritated, vexed, distressed, and filled with sadness. They were filled with dissatisfaction, disapproval, and discomfort. How unspeakably sad that such Wondrous Works should be opposed with such hate, death, and darkness! Yet their intense displeasure did not deter Jesus from continuing to do the wonderful, miraculous Works that He saw His Father doing, for the LORD's Covenant of Marvels does not depend on human approval or temporal circumstances. His Covenants are immutable and absolute.

VII. The LORD Made a Salt Covenant with Moses and Israel.

The *seventh* Spoke in the Wheel of the Old *ber-eeth* Covenant or Old Testament is the Covenant of Salt — Salt which applies both to the natural realm and to the spiritual realm.

The LORD made His Salt Covenant with Moses and Israel. In the natural realm, salt is an essential nutrient, food preserver, and an appetizing seasoning for man and beast. In the spiritual realm, salt is the LORD's satisfying Love, Loyalty, and Fidelity that preserves all things. In both the natural and spiritual realms, salt implies durability, fidelity, and purity.

The LORD God entered into a Salt Covenant with the Nation of Israel in the Old Testament time.

And every oblation of thy meat offering shalt thou season with salt; neither shalt thou suffer **the salt of the covenant of thy God** to be lacking from thy meat offering: **with all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt** (Leviticus 2:13).

All of Israel's sacrifices were salted according to the Salt Covenant.

And thou shalt offer them before the Lord, and **the priests shall cast salt upon them,** and they shall offer them up for a burnt offering unto the Lord (Ezekiel 43:24).

The Salt Covenant of Love, Loyalty, and Fidelity has preservative powers that prevent decay. Spiritual Salt is the unchangeableness in Jesus' Name with its Love, Loyalty, and Fidelity that surround and fill our *lover* hearts so that they are preserved from the outside influences of the world, the flesh, and the Devil. As a result, the Love, Loyalty, and Fidelity of Jesus' Name keep our *lover* hearts unchangeable and unalterable toward the LORD so that we can be permanently faithful to the LORD.

The Hebrew word for *salt* is *mel-akh*, which means powder, salt, or easily pulverized and dissolved. It comes from the root word *maw-lakh*, which means to rub to pieces so as to pulverize, to disappear as dust, to season with salt, to temper together, to vanish away, to draw, to pull, to glide away, to flee, to vanish, smoothness and softness, to soothe.

Salt is a powder used for preservation — for preventing decay. Decay is the working of a substance that is trying to build a new structure, that is trying to transform one substance into another. Salt represents God's Unchangeableness. Salt closes in and attaches itself to objects and renders them unsusceptible to the changing influences of other exterior substances.

The LORD's Salt Covenant keeps an object independent and unaffected by exterior influences. The Salt Covenant imparts to an object the nature of immutability in all circumstances and all conditions. God's Salt Covenant remains unchangeable and permanent, forever. Its nature is absolute and eternally enduring. God's Salt Covenant assured His people of His Endurance and Unchangeableness. God's Salt Covenant is not subject to the choices and opinions of the sons of men. God is Guarantor and Trustee of His Salt Covenant.

When the tiny Nation of Israel was born as an infant son in Egypt, it was neglected and deprived of all attentions that were necessary for its survival. The tiny newborn nation was in a state of helplessness, slavery and captivity. Nevertheless, the LORD had Mercy and Compassion on His tiny infant son so that he did not perish. There was no one to cut his navel cord; no one to wash him with water for cleansing; no one to rub him with salt; no one to swaddle him. The Prophet Ezekiel described the infant nation:

And as for thy nativity, in the day thou wast born thy navel was not cut, neither wast thou washed in water to supple thee; thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all. None eye pitied thee, to do any of these unto thee, to have compassion upon thee; but thou wast cast out in the open field, to the lothing of thy person, in the day that thou wast born. And when I passed by thee, and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live; yea, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live. (Ezekiel 16:4-6).

In eastern countries, the custom was to cut a newborn baby's navel cord and rub the baby all over with salt, water, and oil. Then, the baby was tightly swaddled with swaddling bands for seven days to harden and strengthen its body. God's tiny infinite nation or son, Israel, was born in an open field of Egypt and abandoned, as it were, in Egypt. Yet the compassionate LORD passed by and saved his life.

When the LORD also saw the tiny, new nation wallowing in the Passover Blood of the Lamb that had brought the nation to birth from the Egyptian womb of suffering, the LORD sent His Death Angel to cut the umbilical cord, as it were, by killing the firstborn of man and beast in Egypt. As a result, Pharaoh commanded Moses and Israel to get out of Egypt. Then, the LORD washed and salted Israel by taking her through the frozen salt water of the Red Sea. In the desert and wilderness, the LORD clothed the Nation with the beautiful garments of the Priesthood.

The LORD's Salt Covenant with Israel includes His providing natural salt by turning the marshy land around the Dead Sea into a salt pit during Christ, the Messiah's, Millennial Reign on Earth.

But the **miry places thereof and the marishes thereof shall not be healed; they shall be given to salt** (Ezekiel 47:11).

Elisha, the LORD's Prophet healed the bitter spring waters of Jericho with a Covenant of Salt.

And the men of the city said unto Elisha, Behold, I pray thee, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord seeth: but the water is naught, and the ground barren. And he said, **Bring me a new cruse, and put salt therein.** And they brought it to him. And he went forth unto the spring of the waters, and **cast the salt in there,** and said, Thus saith the Lord, **I have healed these waters;** there shall not be from thence any more death or barren land. **So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the saying of Elisha which he spake** (II Kings 2:19-22).

Elisha demanded that the men of Jericho bring a new cruse or new vessel full of salt, and when Elisha cast in the salt, their bitter springs of water were healed.

When we allow Jesus to create a clean heart (cruse) in us and fill it with the salt of His Love, Loyalty, and Fidelity, the bitter waters of our spring of hate, death, and darkness will be healed.

The root word for *salt*, *maw-lakh*, also means to well up or to flow. The Covenant of Salt is used as a symbol and pledge of inviolable amity, love, friendship, and peaceful relations between persons, groups, and nations. The Covenant of the Salt of Love, Loyalty, and Fidelity was for generating harmony and good feelings. The pleasures of amity are the generation of goodwill in the brotherhood that produce the Fruits of Righteousness. Christ's Salt of Love, Loyalty, and Fidelity in our *lover* hearts produces the benefit of unceasing spontaneous expressions of thanking, praising, and blessing the Blood of Jesus Christ.

To mankind, the LORD's Covenant of Salt of Love, Loyalty, and Fidelity is indissoluble and indestructible. Man

has no power to affect the LORD's Covenants. The LORD God commanded all sacrifices to be offered with salt because they all pointed to the Christ, God's sacrificial, eternal Atonement Offering, whose whole Being — Spirit, Soul, and Body — was impregnated with Love, Loyalty, and Fidelity to His Heavenly Father.

Salt intimately and thoroughly permeates the substances with which it comes into contact so that all surrounding particles are filled with its nature. Spiritual salt permeates all particles with its savory taste of Love, Loyalty, and Fidelity.

Salt was one of the five ingredients in the incense burned at the Golden Altar in the Holy Place. This same incense was used in the Holy of Holies in the High Priest's censer. This incense was a picture of the Name of Jesus. The five ingredients of incense that represented Jesus' Name in the Old Covenant were beaten very small for daily use on the Golden Altar. On the Day of Atonement, the incense was beaten *doubly* small.

The Spiritual Salt in the Name of Jesus preserves the soul from corruption. The Spiritual Salt of Love, Loyalty, and Fidelity is required in all offerings to God. We need the Salt of Love, Loyalty, and Fidelity of Jesus' Name in all that we do to purify our pride and to preserve us from more pride.

Salt was the fifth ingredient in the incense, a picture of Jesus, and it permeated all the other four spices to create one sweet savoury smell. Christ Jesus spiritual Salty Love, Loyalty, and Fidelity permeate His whole Name. This is why it pleased the Father to bruise His Son, our Redeemer, Who offered Himself as a Sacrifice for sin. Christ Jesus' sweet smelling savour of Salty Love, Loyalty, and Fidelity wells up to the LORD God and flows down to suffering, sinful humanity.

The LORD's Covenant of Salt commanded that salt be offered in every sacrifice to picture Christ's Love, Loyalty, and Fidelity.

All the heave offerings of the holy things, which the children of Israel offer unto the LORD, have I given thee, and thy sons and thy daughters with thee, by a statute for ever: it is a covenant of salt for ever before the LORD unto thee and to thy seed with thee (Numbers 18:19).

The fact that the Salt Covenant is established forever (the Hebrew word for forever is *o-lawn*) reveals that the Salt Covenant in the Old Covenant had an eternal spiritual counterpart. An example of this is illustrated in the following diagram.

God's Covenant with day and night is unbreakable and so is His Covenant with King David, which is forever.

Thus saith the Lord, If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season; Then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers (Jeremiah 33:20,21).

Thus saith the Lord; If my covenant be not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth; Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant, so that I will not take any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them (Jeremiah 33:25,26).

When Jesus Christ comes again, as one Shepherd over all the Earth, David, the King of Israel, will be raised up to rule over Israel.

Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwelling-places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God. **And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd:** they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them. And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's **children for ever: and my servant David shall be the prince for ever** (Ezekiel 37:23-25).

King David was a man after God's own heart, in that he loved the LORD and was loyal to Him; he never turned to idol worship. The LORD God will keep His Salt Covenant with David. In the Millennial Reign of Christ, the House of David will be restored.

The LORD's Covenant of Salt is forever. The LORD's Salt Covenant is a spiritual Moral Principle of Christ's Love, Loyalty, and Fidelity. Consequently, it is revealed again in Christ Jesus' Covenant of Blood in the New Covenant. Jesus told His Disciples that they were to be:

- fishers of men — Life
- salt of the Earth — Love
- lights of the World — Light

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under of men (Matthew 5:13).

Thus, Jesus' revelation to His Disciples of what their future held would encourage them to be loyal and true in the midst of their sufferings, at those times when others would display their contemptible rejections of them. The Apostles of the Old Covenant were to be the *salt of Canaan's Land*, but *Christ's Disciples* were to be the *salt of the Earth*. Although they were few and weak in the Earth, the Disciples were to work like salt: silently, irresistibly, and insensibly until the sweet savour of Christ's Gospel would penetrate the whole Earth.

If we are good spiritual *salt*, like Christ, we will diffuse His sweet Saviour in all the places we go. However, we must be:

- white and pure by daily exhibiting faith in His purifying Blood;
- small in the warmth of Christ' delightful Word so that we are aware at all times that He is the Great One;
- broken into many grains in the midst of life's breaking situations so that we can diffuse Christ's Saviour faster in the midst of opposition.

Like the Disciples, we must be willing to be scattered abroad to diffuse Jesus' Love, Loyalty, and Fidelity. But if

Christ's Salt in us has lost its savour, then our word will be flat, foolish, and flavorless. Thus, it will be good for nothing but to be trodden under the feet of men.

For **every one shall be salted with fire**, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt. Salt is good: but **if the salt have lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another** (Mark 9:49,50).

Those who will not present themselves to Christ Jesus to be salted with the Grace of His Love, Loyalty, and Fidelity will be made dying sacrifices to His Justice. If we do not submit to Christ for His Grace of Salt to eat out our corrupt flesh of hate, death, and darkness, we will be left for the corrupt flesh to devour our portion of Christ's Love, Light, and Life.

So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple. **Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned** (Luke 14:33, 34).

The LORD Jesus Christ's servants are the *salt* of the whole Earth. Hence, we need the savour of the Salt of Christ's Love, Loyalty, and Fidelity in order to endure suffering the contempt and rejection of others we encounter, and in order to draw the hearts of others to Jesus, creating thirst in them for His Word.

Without salt, life cannot be sustained either in the natural realm or the spiritual realm. If we do not have salt in ourselves, we cannot diffuse it among others. If we have Jesus Christ in our hearts, we have the Father's Covenant of Salt. However, if we do not have His Love, Loyalty, and Fidelity, we are worthless and fruitless as His witnesses or ministers.

Christ's Salt creates a thirst in others for Christ's satisfying Waters of Truth. There is no remedy for unsavoury salt; it is unprofitable and good for nothing except to be a part of a trodden path. The Apostle Paul exhorted Christians to walk wisely before the world and always to have their conversation of grace seasoned with Christ's Salt of Love, Loyalty, and Fidelity.

Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man (Colossians 4:6).

As Christians, we must see that all of our conversations are savoured with Christ's Grace and Salt. If our speech and our behavior are seasoned with Christ's permeating Salt of Love, Loyalty, and Fidelity, we will diffuse the savour of Jesus' precious Name to those who hear us. If we share enough spiritual Salt in our speech, others will taste Christ's penetrating, Salty Love and be influenced toward receiving more of Him. The Power of Christ's Salt always gives us a wise answer for everyone, according to God's Purposive Will.

The Apostle Peter also encouraged believers always to be ready to speak with Christ's humility Salty Love.

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and **be ready always to give an answer to every man** that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you **with meekness and fear** (I Peter 3:15).

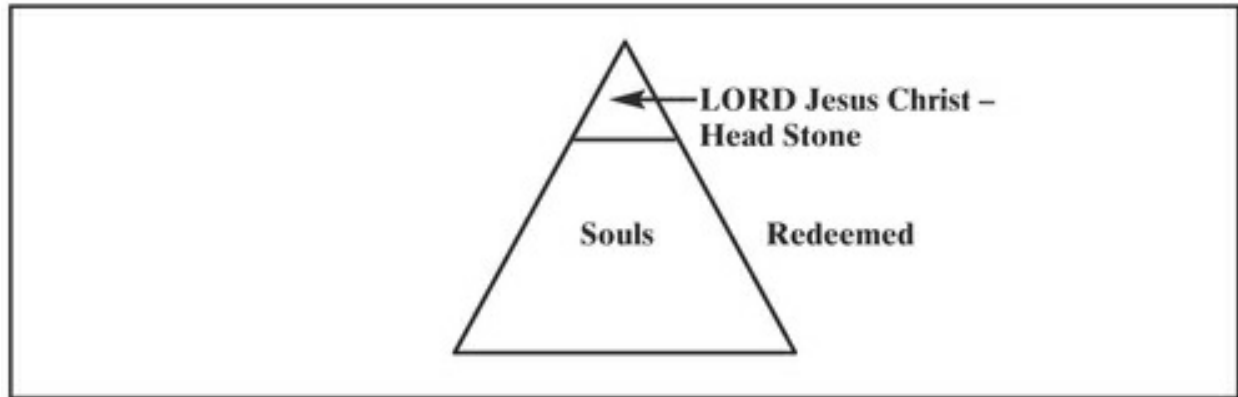
When, with His sincere Salt, we sanctify Christ in our hearts, we can love, worship, and adore Him with fervency and reverence to His Holy Name. If we truly trust in Christ's Faithfulness in the midst of trials, tribulations, and temptations, we will submit our ignorance to His Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, and Prudence. If we take on Christ's Holiness in our thoughts, feelings, and deeds, we will acknowledge His wonderful Works in all things, thus bearing witness that they are marvelous in our eyes.

The Psalmist wrote about this same Principle.

The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner. This is the LORD's doing; **it is marvellous in our eyes** (Psalm:118:23).

This verse is a Prophecy about Israel's Messiah, the Christ. In His humiliation, Israel's Messiah, the Christ, the Living *Torah* Stone of Truth, was rejected and given to the Romans to be crucified. Yet the Heavenly Father exalted Him to build a tower to His Name of redeemed souls out of all kindreds, tongues, and nations, and made the LORD

Jesus Christ, the Head Stone, the Corner Stone to His Glory.



The LORD's Purposive Will and Master Plan generated all these wonderful Works through Christ Jesus, and it is marvelous in our eyes. To God be all the Glory!

God's Covenant of Love, Loyalty, and Fidelity is displayed through salt, which gives a lasting taste to His *Torah*-Truth, keeping it living, fresh, and delightful in the penitent spirit and soul.

VIII. God Made a Perpetual Priesthood Covenant with Phinehas.

The *eighth* Spoke in the Wheel of the *ber-eeth* Covenant of the Old Testament is God's Perpetual Priesthood Covenant that He made with Phinehas. When Israel camped in Shittim, she joined herself to Baal-peor in idol worship, thus committing whoredoms both naturally and spiritually. Her behaviour kindled the LORD God's Wrath toward her.

And, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who were weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And **when Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand; And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly.** So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel. And those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand. **And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying: Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for my sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy. Wherefore say, Behold, I give unto him my covenant of peace: And he shall have it, and his seed after him, even the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was zealous for his God, and made an atonement for the children of Israel.** (Numbers 25:6-13).

In obedience to the LORD, Moses had called the judges of the nation to go out against the wicked leaders of the insurrection against the LORD so that the LORD's fierce Wrath would be turned away from Israel. At that moment, a wicked prince from the tribe of Simeon, in his impudent and insolent rebellion, brought a Midianitish woman to his tent to commit more whoredom in Israel.

Zimri, the wicked prince from Simeon, defied the Glory of God and proudly affronted God's honourable judges. He vainly imagined that because he was a prince, he was too powerful and too high to be disciplined.

Zealous Phinehas, however, destroyed Zimri, the wicked leader, and thereby turned away God's Wrath from Israel. Because Phinehas rose up in love, loyalty, and fidelity to defend the LORD's honour and slew the wicked offenders, he was rewarded with a Covenant of the Everlasting Priesthood of Peace. Phinehas' zeal and promptness in punishing Zimri's sin and the Midianitish woman's sin turned away the LORD's Wrath from Israel.

The Hebrew word for peace is *shaw-lome*, which means, safe, well, happy, friendly, welfare, health, prosperity, great, and whole. Peace implies a state of quiet, tranquility, freedom from disturbance, and the absence of agitation or disorder. The LORD's Peace exempts the soul and spirit from war and hostility. The LORD's Covenant of Peace

delivers the soul and the spirit from strife, contention, and quarreling. The LORD makes solitude in the soul and calls it Peace. The LORD's Peace liberates the soul and spirit from fear, anxiety, and anger.

The Psalmist affirmed this Truth and said that loving God's Law brings peace.

Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them (Psalm 119:165).

Even when the soul and spirit are assailed by malicious opponents and opposers, the *lover* of the LORD's *Torah*-Truth creates peace in his *feeling* mind. In the LORD's Covenant of Peace, there is no stumbling in darkness, and all temporary obstacles are overcome. The LORD's Covenant of Peace generates silence, stillness, and a hush in the soul and spirit and leaves its peace on the tongue.

The LORD's Covenant of Peace reveals God's absolute decision that is supported and sustained by His divine Promise. The Covenant of Peace is the place of most complete harmony of all conditions of relationship with the LORD Jesus Christ, the redeemed brotherhood, and the created brotherhood.

The LORD's Covenant of Everlasting Peace is the ultimate realization and absolute awareness that God is Love; God is Good; and that God is the Supreme, Sovereign Ruler.

Phinehas, a son of Eleazar and grandson of Aaron, displayed his zeal in promptly punishing Zimri's wicked sin. This turned away the LORD's Anger against the nation. As a result, Phinehas was awarded the honour of the Perpetual Priesthood of the Lamb of God, Christ's Everlasting Priesthood of Peace, the firstfruits to God and the Lamb.

This is the Everlasting Peace that is absolutely guaranteed, ultimately, for all Creation through the LORD Jesus Christ, the Eternal Prince of Peace.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and **his name shall be called** Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, **The Prince of Peace** (Isaiah 9:6).

And **he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end** (Luke 1:33).

The infinite Unbegotten Father in Heaven begot His Only Begotten Son as an Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace. Jesus Christ is the Everlasting Father of Redemption, Life, and Happiness, both in this world and in the world to come.

The LORD Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace Who has done and Who does all the following things:

- He has made and makes Peace between *God* and Man;
- He has made and makes Peace between men;
- He creates Peace in the midst of a stormy soul;
- He creates Peace in His Kingdom;
- He preserves Peace in all; and
- He commands Peace in all.

Christ is the Prince of Peace, and His Reign is Peaceable.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee (Isaiah 26:3).

Christ keeps the submissive soul and spirit in perfect Peace, inward peace, outward peace, peace with God, peace of conscience, peace at all times, and peace under all circumstances. Christ keeps the mind that is stayed on Him in perfect peace.

As the Apostle Paul revealed, the Peace of Christ is the victorious warrior.

For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; **for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace** (Ephesians 2:14, 15).

Jesus Christ is our Covenant of Peace, Who will lead us to the Covenant of the Everlasting Priesthood. He made Peace by His Redeeming Blood and His Reconciling Peace. He makes all One by taking away the wall of separation. We cannot be in Christ's' Everlasting Priesthood if we do not work to keep the Bond of Peace now.

Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:3).

Christ's Bond of Peace unites the brotherhood. His Power of His Bond of Peace enables us to achieve the following states of personal conduct:

- to live friendly with one another;
- to keep a peaceable disposition and conduct;
- to evade discord, disputing, and discouraging our brothers in Christ; and
- to bind twigs together or branches of the vine.

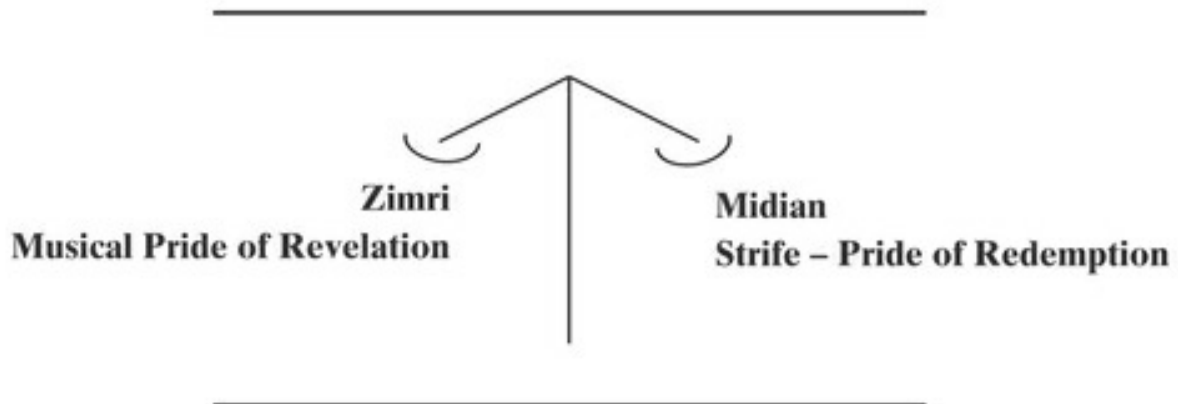
And **the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds** through Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:7).

It is the Peace of God or the Everlasting Priesthood that will keep our *lover* hearts* (reins) and *weaver* minds in perfect Peace through Christ Jesus. It is the Covenant of the Priesthood that keeps us from sinning and sinking under Lucifer and Leviathan's hate, death, and darkness. Christ's Covenant of Peace in the Priesthood keeps our *lover* hearts and our *weaver* minds still, silent, and soundless. He keeps the emotions of our spirits and souls in a peaceable, pleasing, and placid state. Christ's Covenant of Peace keeps our spirits and souls sound, satisfied, and in a tranquil state. These are the Wonderful Works of God, and they are marvelous in our eyes!

Phinehas acted as a mediator between Israel and God. By putting the ringleader, Prince Zimri, to death, Phinehas slew the destroyer of Peace in God's Kingdom, the peace of the nation, and the peace of the individual in the nation. After Prince Zimri, the defier of God, the disturbing storm of wickedness, had been removed in Israel, God's Waters of Peace restored the nation to a quiet and calm state.

Since all Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction (II Timothy 3:16,17), this record of Zimri and the Midianitish woman also serves as a warning for us, today.

The Hebrew word for *Zimri* means musical, and the Hebrew word for *Midian* means strife. These two people — Zimri and the Midianite woman — created a musical strife in Israel.



Zimri represents the big "I" or carnal man's Pride of Revelation, whose goal is to make his own name known by

singing his own praises and recruiting a choir of followers to enhance his “Song of Self.” The Midianitish woman represents man’s Pride of Redemption that always strives to increase the “Self Song.” As a result, the whole universe of pride becomes various worlds in collision. Each person’s prideful world has the same goal of making his own name the “best seller,” to the detriment of all others.

This is what happened to Nebuchadnezzar, the royal king of the Chaldeans. This king had a huge golden image made of himself and gave a royal proclamation for all people to gather together and worship his image. So they gathered their musical instruments (their “Zimri”) together to help the king enhance his “Self Song”.

That at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up: Therefore at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of musick, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down and worshipped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up (Daniel 3:5,7).

But the three Hebrew children: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, refused to join the idolatrous choir to make the king’s “Self Song” heard. Soon the Midianitish woman of strife appeared, as it were, and tried to force these three children of God to bow down to the idolatrous golden image. When this failed, the three Hebrew children were bound and thrown in the fiery furnace. All the enemy’s fire could do, however, was to burn the bonds off of God’s children, which gave them freedom in the fire to walk around and thank, praise, and bless the LORD in the midst of the fire. Thus, they overcame the idolatrous Zimri and Midianitish woman of their day.

The LORD’s Judgments always overcome man’s Pride of Revelation and Pride of Redemption.

They joined themselves also unto Baal-peor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead. Thus they provoked him to anger with their inventions: and the plague brake in upon them. Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment: and so the plague was stayed. And that was counted unto him for righteousness unto all generations for evermore (Psalms 106:28-31).

When Israel clung to Baal-peor, ate the dead sacrifices that were sacrificed to their dead idols, and committed whorish fornication with the Midianites, the LORD’s Wrath burned in the form of a deathly plague, which went forth and took the lives of 24,000 people.

Phinehas, God’s singing soldier, stood up as God’s Priest and executed God’s fiery Judgment upon the guilty pair. Phinehas, the Priest, invoked the LORD’s Almighty Power and Glory to perform this bold, righteous deed. Phinehas’ actions declared war on both idolatry and adultery.

Israel had eaten of God’s Heavenly provisions of Bread on His Table in the wilderness, and she had drunk His Waters of Love from the *teh-home* Deep; then, she impudently and obstinately turned her back on God’s precious miracle Table to eat the dead sacrifices that were offered to dead idols. Thus, she displayed her impudent contempt for God’s Institutions, His Commands, and His Warnings and Threatenings. Consequently, God displayed His divine displeasure against the children of Israel by sending His plague of Death among them. Since they chose Death, they sowed Death; therefore, they reaped Death.

The Israelites had seen God’s divine displeasure against vain idols in Egypt, and they had seen the punishing plagues God had sent on the Egyptians. Yet, in spite of all of this, they deliberately chose the path of idolatry and adultery, which were both punishable by Death. They chose Death, but Phinehas, God’s Priest, chose Eternal Life in God.

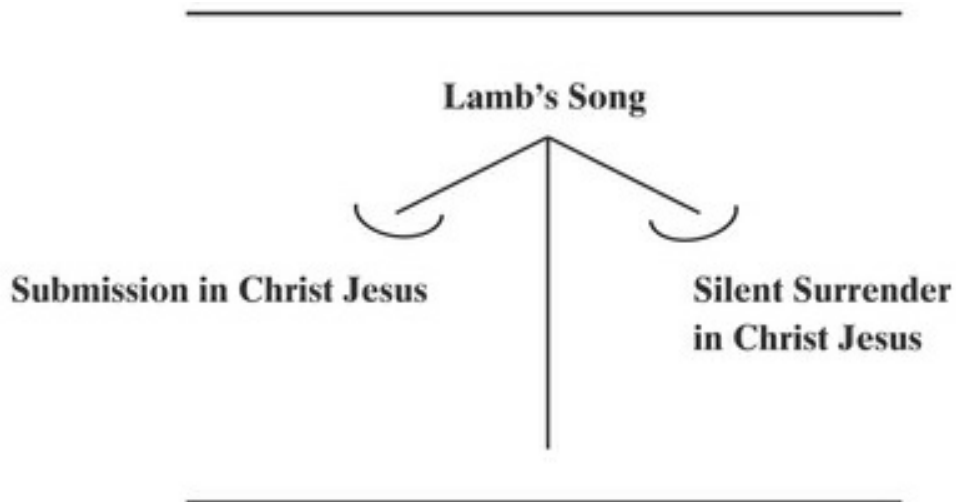
Israel’s rebellion and obstinacy were so ignorant, inaccessible, and impregnable that only God’s fiery Judgment could penetrate them. Their unspeakable sin sunk them into the depths of God’s Judgments.

The obstinacy of the “Self Song” asserts its disharmonious tune without being able to justify itself; it is persistent without reasonable motive; its self-love is tenacious in its determination to substitute its musical ability to glorify itself and make its own name known instead of the Lord’s Name.

Impudency and obstinacy are like a paper kite; they only fly high by pulling against the LORD’s Purposive Will. We practice obstinacy and contention only when our soul is illiterate about the LORD’s Love and Truth.

As Phinehas’ eternal reward for his obedience, the LORD God gave him a perpetual, unceasing Priesthood to minister throughout the ceaseless future ages in Christ Jesus’ *ad* Eternity and in the *o-lawm* Eternity of His Master Plan.

God counted Phinehas' deed of faith like unto Abram's, who believed God; hence, his faith was counted unto him as Righteousness. Let us learn from Phinehas what we have to do to be in the Lamb's Eternal Priesthood of the 144,000. We must learn to sing the *New Song of the Lamb*, Who has removed Zimri and the Midianitish woman's song of obstinacy and contention. The Lamb's *New Song* for us is submission and silent surrender in Christ Jesus.



The reality of the Lamb's *New Song* being sung by the 144,000 will be proven by their having no guile in their mouths and no fault before God.

And I looked, and, lo, **a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand**, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: **And they sung as it were a new song before the throne**, and before the four beasts, and the elders: **and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth**. These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. **And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God** (Revelation 14:1-5).

These souls will have no guile in their mouths because their *lover* hearts will be full of God's Breath, as they thank, praise, and bless the Blood of Jesus.

To God be All the Glory for His Covenants of Old that are forever binding because of His Infinite and Unchanging Word!
