The IMPORTANCE of COVENANT

Scriptures teaches us the VITAL IMPORTANCE of COVENANT between The Almighty Creator Yahuah (YHUH/YHWH) and His people Yisra'EL (includes all believers who guard Covenant, both Jew and Gentile). Those who willingly accept this covenant and guard it diligently ENJOY the PROTECTION, BLESSINGS, PEACE, JOY, HOPE and LIFE it entails.

But what about those who REJECT this covenant and embrace a COUNTERFEIT COVENANT?

Please read to find out . . .

Firstly, we have to UNDERSTAND that we must WILLINGLY enter this covenant (we are NOT automatically in covenant with Father YHUH when we are saved).

Secondly, we must also CHOOSE to STAY WITHIN the BOUNDARIES of this covenant. Let's take the covenant of marriage between husband and wife as an example – both parties willingly enter this covenant and both parties make promises/vows to each other to honour this covenant by loving each other, staying faithful to each other, etc. As long as both parties honour this covenant, there is harmony, joy, and peace inside this covenant relationship, but as soon as one party dishonour their vows/promises, they BREAK COVENANT with the other party and the result is strive, hurt, pain and misery. COVENANT with Almighty Father Yahuah works exactly the same. We have TO LISTEN to the BOUNDARIES/GUIDELINES of this covenant, and then WILLINGLY ENTER INTO IT and GUARD IT, to ensure we enjoy all the benefits of this covenant. Let's look at Scripture to see what it teaches us about Yahuah's Covenant.

Deut 29:1 These are the words of the covenant which YHUH commanded Mosheh to make with the children of Yisra'ěl in the land of Mo'ab, besides the covenant which He made with them in Ḥorĕb (Deut 4 onwards).

Deut 29:9 "Therefore you shall GUARD the words of this covenant, and DO THEM, so that you PROSPER in all that you do".

In verse 9, Yahuah COMMANDS US TO GUARD this COVENANT.

Deut 29:12-15 so that you should ENTER INTO COVENANT with YHUH your Elohim, and into His oath, which YHUH your Elohim makes with you today, in order to establish you today as a people for Himself, and He Himself be your Elohim, as He has spoken to you, and as He has sworn to your fathers, to Abraham, to Yitshaq, and to Ya'aqob. "And not with you alone I am making this covenant and this oath, but with him who stands here with us today before YHUH our Elohim, as well as with him who is not here with us today (including you and I, IF we choose to accept this covenant and enter into it). In verse 12, we are GUIDED to ENTER THIS COVENANT.

Sadly the **majority of believers** (I was one of them, serving as a charismatic pastor until 2007) unknowingly and unsuspectingly have been deceived by entering into a counterfeit covenant with spiritual Babylon (which constitutes the modern church), and all it stands for, including its counterfeit laws, customs, traditions and doctrines. Many of us made a vow/promise to subject ourselves to their guidance, correction and discipline, and to uphold their customs, traditions, doctrines and laws. For example, they teach their followers that the instructions, commands and laws of The Almighty were done away with through Messiah's death and resurrection, which Scriptures CLEARLY TEACH as LIES, by the mouth of Messiah Himself (Mat 5:17-20; Luk 16:17; Mar 7:7-9). They reject the Appointed Times of The Almighty (Lev 23) and they uphold the [pagan/heathen] traditions and customs of man like christmas, valentines, easter, halloween, thanksgiving, etc, which Scripture FORBIDS.

They instituted their own 1st day (sun-day) Sabbath, when Scripture CLEARLY TEACHES the observance of the 7th day (sat-day) Sabbath (**Gen 2:3, Exo 20:8-11 and Deut 5:12-15**), which is a <u>SIGN of GUARDING COVENANT</u> with Yahuah (**Exo 31:13 and Ezek 20:12**). What are the <u>CONSEQUENCES</u> for those who choose to DISOBEY the COVENANT of Almighty Father Yahuah?

Scripture teaches that they *bring a CURSE upon themselves* – Read **Deut 28:16-68** to confirm this, whereas they who *GUARD COVENANT with Yahuah will be BLESSED* (**Deut 28:1-15**).

Guarding Covenant with Yahuah is accepting and guarding all that He teaches, instructs and commands through His Word (His Torah), including His laws.

Rom 7:12 So that the Torah (law) truly is set-apart, and the command set-apart, and righteous, and good.

We must FORSAKE and DIVORCE the counterfeit Teachings, Instructions, Commands and Direction of man, taught through religion, to enable us to ENTER INTO COVENANT with our Creator Yahuah!

Please READ and STUDY how man (prophets; priests/pastors/rabbi's; scribes/translators) have deceived the people of ELohim throughout Scripture, leading us astray (Jer 8:8; Jer 10:21; Jer 23:11; Jer 23:14, 26-27; Eze 34:2; Mal 2:1-2)!

We CAN'T be in covenant with BOTH Yahuah and any church who embraces pagan customs and traditions, and teaches the doctrines of man. We are COMMANDED to COME-OUT of spiritual Babylon and their abominations (Jer 51:6 and Rev 18:4).

CHOOSE TODAY who you will serve! CHOOSE today who you will be in COVENANT with! CHOOSE today BLESSING or CURSE!