

SERMON NOTES

covenant benefits

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“To live a life of victory, you must know your covenant benefits and build your life on Gods’ Word.”

Ephesians 2:1 – 2,12 (MSG)

¹⁻⁶ *It wasn’t so long ago that you were mired in that old stagnant life of sin. You let the world, which doesn’t know the first thing about living, tell you how to live. You filled your lungs with polluted unbelief, and then exhaled disobedience. We all did it, all of us doing what we felt like doing, when we felt like doing it, all of us in the same boat. It’s a wonder God didn’t lose his temper and do away with the whole lot of us. Instead, immense in mercy and with an incredible love, he embraced us. He took our sin-dead lives and made us alive in Christ. He did all this on his own, with no help from us! Then he picked us up and set us down in highest heaven in company with Jesus, our Messiah.*

¹² *But don’t take any of this for granted. It was only yesterday that you outsiders to God’s ways had no idea of any of this, didn’t know the first thing about the way God works, hadn’t the faintest idea of Christ. You knew nothing of that rich history of God’s covenants and promises in Israel, hadn’t a clue about what God was doing in the world at large. Now because of Christ—dying that death, shedding that blood—you who were once out of it altogether are in on everything.*

- Having covenant with God must be the foundation of a victorious life.
- Tapping into the covenant benefits will set you free and live in freedom.
- Declare what God has already said over your life. Agree and align yourself with what God has said.

Psalms 103:1 – 4, 5 & 18 (KJV)

¹ *Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.* ² *Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:* ³ *Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;*

⁴ *Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies.* ⁵ *Who satisfies your mouth [your necessity and desire at your personal age and situation] with good so that your youth, renewed, is like the eagle’s [strong, overcoming, soaring]!* ¹⁸ *To such as keep His covenant [hearing, receiving, loving, and obeying it] and to those who [earnestly] remember His commandments to do them [imprinting them on their hearts].*

“Find the benefits, blessings and promises in God’s covenant.”

Benefits of God's Covenant:

1. Forgiveness
2. Healing
3. Favor
4. Satisfaction
5. Long Life

Psalm 5:12 (KJV)

¹² *For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favor wilt thou compass him as with a shield.*

5 Steps To Walk In God's Covenant:

1. Find it!
2. Think it!
3. Say it!
4. Believe it!
5. Receive it!

Psalms 103:18 (AMP)

¹⁸ *To those who honor and keep His covenant, and remember to do His commandments [imprinting His word on their hearts].*

- Tattoo God's covenant benefits, blessings, and promises in your heart.
- Speaking the covenant benefits gets it to your heart.
- You will get better when your thoughts get better.
- Keeping God's covenant comes through hearing it.
- Be intentional about what you say.

Luke 13:11 (NLT)

¹¹ *He saw a woman who had been crippled by an evil spirit. She had been bent double for eighteen years and was unable to stand up straight.*

- She was a daughter of Abraham – covenant benefit.
- Are you living crippled?
- It is God's will for you to live free from circumstances that cripple you.
- It's part of her covenant benefit.

Discussion Questions:

1. What are the benefits of God's covenant?
2. How do you walk in God's covenant?
3. Daily Declarations:
 - "I am in covenant."
 - "I am blessed of the Lord."
4. Challenge: Have a blessings list and write them down daily.