

The Redeemed Christian Church of God
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Digging Deep

Covenant of Fruitfulness and Abundance

Texts: Lev 26: 9, Deut 28: 11-12

Introduction

As children of God, we were redeemed and brought with a price. The price was not of perishable things like gold and silver, but the precious blood of our Lord Jesus which is priceless. The blood of Jesus gives us access to certain rights, entitlement, favour, and privileges which are summed up together as covenant benefits. One of the covenant benefits under focus tonight is the Covenant of Fruitfulness and Abundance.

Understanding basic terms

1. What is a Covenant?

A Covenant is an agreement between two or more persons to do certain things or to refrain from doing certain things. A covenant can also be referred to as a contract, compact, treaty, pact, accord, understanding, pledge, promise or bond etc. A biblical covenant which is our focus today is an agreement between God and his people, in which God makes promises to his people and usually requires certain conduct from them for the fulfilment of those covenants. Deut 28: 1.

2. What is Fruitfulness and Abundance?

Fruitfulness, biblically connotes the bearing of much fruits. God wants us to be fruitful in every aspect of life; spirit soul and body. He wants us to thrive and flourish in our business, career, marriage, finance and relationships. Fruitfulness is total freedom from all forms of barrenness. God wants us to be fruitful; to multiply and to replenish the earth. Gen. 1: 26-28. Abundance refers to a surplus, excess, having much more; more than enough; being plenteous/etc. The agenda of God for us is abundant life. John 10:10b. Abraham, Isaac, Israel and Job are few examples of those who really lived in abundance. There are numerous examples of children of God who are living fruitful and abundant lives today. May this covenant be operational in all our lives in Jesus name.

3. How to key into the Covenant of Fruitfulness and Abundance

1. Listening diligently to the voice of God and do all that He commands. Deut 28: 1- 2, Isa 1: 19
2. Obedience and service. Job 36: 11-12.
3. Holiness and righteousness. Psa. 92:12-14; Psa. 1:1-3; Matt 6:31-33
4. Abiding in Christ and in his Word. John 15:5
5. Sowing bountifully, tithe and paying your first fruits. Lk 6:38, 2 Cor. 9:6, Mal. 3:8-10, Prov. 3:9-10.
6. Faithfulness in the things of God and the Kingdom. Prov. 28:20, 1 Cor 4: 2.
7. Diligence. Prov. 10:4; Prov. 28:19, Prov. 13:4

Conclusion

Fruitfulness and abundance are covenant benefits from God to His children. Anyone who is a bonafide child of God automatically qualifies to enjoy these blessings; provided s/he is living a holy life and doing all that is pleasing in God's sight. 1 Jhn 3: 22.