

# The Strong Appeal and Hope of the Covenant: Restoration — Repentance and Forgiveness Deuteronomy 30:01–20

## **1. *The conditions of the covenant***

- a. Must sense the need for repentance: Call to mind, meditate upon the blessings and judgments of God
- b. Must repent, return to the LORD
- c. Must obey the LORD — obey with all your heart and soul (see v. 10)

## **2. *The promises of the covenant: Restoration — forgiveness and acceptance***

- a. The LORD will have compassion and restore His people
  - 1) Restore them from all nations — even from the most distant lands
  - 2) Restore them to the promised land
- b. The LORD will make them more prosperous and numerous than ever before
- c. The LORD will circumcise, cut away the sins of their heart: Forgive them
  - 1) That they may love God
  - 2) That they may live
- d. The LORD will transfer all the curses upon the enemies of His people
- e. The LORD will stir His people to obey all His commandments

- 1 When all these blessings and curses I have set before you come on you and you take them to heart wherever the LORD your God disperses you among the nations,
- 2 and when you and your children return to the LORD your God and obey him with all your heart and with all your soul according to everything I command you today,
- 3 then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you and gather you again from all the nations where he scattered you.
- 4 Even if you have been banished to the most distant land under the heavens, from there the LORD your God will gather you and bring you back.
- 5 He will bring you to the land that belonged to your ancestors, and you will take possession of it. He will make you more prosperous and numerous than your ancestors.
- 6 The LORD your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, so that you may love him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live.
- 7 The LORD your God will put all these curses on your enemies who hate and persecute you.
- 8 You will again obey the LORD and follow all his commands I am giving you today.

<p>f. The LORD will pour out His blessings upon His people: Bless their lives, work, and property</p> <p>1) Will make them prosperous and successful</p> <p>2) Will take joy and rejoice in His people</p> <p>g. The promises of the new covenant are conditional; the restoration and blessings are conditional</p> <p>1) You must obey the LORD and His commandments</p> <p>2) You must repent, turn to the LORD wholeheartedly</p> <p><b>3. <i>The appeal of the covenant: The call to love and obey the LORD</i></b></p> <p>a. The call to obey is not unreasonable nor impossible</p> <p>1) The commandment is not in some inaccessible place</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not up in heaven — still unrevealed and hidden in God's heart</li> <li>• Not beyond the sea in a foreign land</li> </ul> <p>2) The Word is near, has been revealed to you: So you can obey it</p> <p>b. The call is to make a decision</p> <p>1) Between life and death</p> <p>2) Between good and evil</p>	<p>9 Then the LORD your God will make you most prosperous in all the work of your hands and in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your land. The LORD will again delight in you and make you prosperous, just as he delighted in your ancestors,</p> <p>10 if you obey the LORD your God and keep his commands and decrees that are written in this Book of the Law and turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.</p> <p>11 Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach.</p> <p>12 It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, “Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?”</p> <p>13 Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, “Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?”</p> <p>14 No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it.</p> <p>15 See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction.</p>
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<p>c. The call is spelled out</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) To love the LORD</li> <li>2) To walk in His ways</li> <li>3) To obey His commandments and laws</li> </ol> <p>d. The results of heeding the call are positive</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Will live and multiply</li> <li>2) Will be blessed</li> </ol> <p><b>4. <i>The final warning against breaking the covenant</i></b></p> <p>a. The transgressions named: Turning away, idolatry and false worship</p> <p>b. The judgment</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Will perish, be destroyed</li> <li>2) Will not live long in the promised land</li> </ol> <p><b>5. <i>The final appeal to accept the covenant</i></b></p> <p>a. The choice to be made: Life or death, blessings or curses</p> <p>b. The appeal: Choose life — so, you and your children will live</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Choose to love God</li> <li>2) Choose to obey Him</li> <li>3) Choose to cling to Him</li> </ol> <p>c. The reason</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The LORD is your life</li> <li>2) The Lord will give you a long life in the promised land</li> </ol>	<p>16 For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.</p> <p>17 But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them,</p> <p>18 I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.</p> <p>19 This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live</p> <p>20 and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.</p>
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