

The Covenant and Prayer (Ex. 17:8-16)

I'm truly thankful and honored to meet you all during this time of worship. May this be the time that God receives the utmost glory and the time where we come to the answer. Because Jesus is the Christ and God has given us His grace it is unchanging. What we must be thankful for the most is that He has allowed us to come to know this covenant. Today it records the victory of Moses as well as Aaron when they prayed. Today's sermon is entitled the covenant and prayer. Everyone must receive answers. All creation must receive all things from God. Also, the answer not only resolves your problems yet it plays a spiritual pivotal role. First and foremost without an answer you cannot stand as a witness. Our ultimate goal is to stand as a witness and it is for us to stand as a witness till the end of the world. That is how important answers are to us. Also, you must possess the answer in order for your spiritual eyes to be open. Your spiritual eyes can never be open just by simply memorizing His word. Also, it's very important for you to confirm what you know, for that will be your answer. You must not simply end by knowing it, you must confirm it in the field. We all know that Jesus is the Christ. However, your spiritual eyes must be open to see that that is your answer. Of course, by faith you are able to confirm it. Of course, if God gave you His eternal faith rightfully so you are able to confirm it and have faith in it. It is a rare case, however, as they live their life they are able to confirm it out in the field. That is how you must be able to first possess the spiritual eyes to come to answer, but not only that you must confirm your answer out in the field. Not only that, you must come to the conclusion as you continuously receive answers and confirm it. Of course, you may come to the conclusion of it when you have faith in it. After you continuously receive answers from God and you are able to have assurance and confirm it, that is when you are able to come to the conclusion of it. That's why, without any answer you can never come to the conclusion of it. You truly want to come to the answer of it but yet you do not have the answer. Not only that, you must truly come to the answer so that you are able to hold to that as your covenant. You must have experience of receiving answers in order for you to come to the answer of it. When you truly come to the conclusion of it, that is when you are able to truly hold to it as your covenant. That is very rightful for you. This is the process that you must take. When you come to the answer and truly hold to it, that is when you are able to stake your life to it. The reason for that is because you have already come to the answer of it. No fool will take an incorrect path when they have already come to the answer. That is why you must repeatedly hold to it, confess, and truly hold to it as your answer. From there, you will be able to go in 24 hours. It's not an exaggeration to say that the last answer all mankind can receive is to reach 24 hours within their life. Of course, nothing could ever surpass 24 hours. When you reach 25 hours you will be able to go into the depths of it. Just like that the answer itself has spiritual worth to where it not only resolved your problems. Of course, it's most needed, the fact that you are able to see the spiritual meaning behind it all within all the answers that you receive. That is why the prayer that you must hold to today is the covenant and prayer. This answer though prayer only takes place through the covenant. For the sake of your prayers to be answered God has given you the prayer and the covenant. So may you have a deep understanding of the covenant and prayer. Also may you be able to see the significance between these two. Prayer can never take place if you are apart from the covenant. Rightfully so, within your prayer that holds to the cove-

nant, there will be many changes taking place.

Because when you go in the depths of prayer you will go into the depths of your covenant. May the blessing be upon you so that you are able to go into the depths of prayer and the covenant to see the significance of it.

1. Prayer

Today's bible passage speaks about the covenantal prayer of those who held onto it. It also speaks about the importance of praying together. Today's scripture is regarding the fight against Amalek. Whenever Moses prayed they prevailed and whenever he lowered his hands and did not pray Amalek prevailed. In verse 11 it says, Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. What it means when he held his hand up high meant that he was praying. For the Israelites, they had the habit of raising their hands up high to pray to God. Of course, Amalek was a nation but they were very unclear regarding their history. They are a nation that is not quite researched of how they came to be and where they all started from. Yet, they were one of the nations that continuously invaded and bothered the Israelites. In first Samuel, God tells king Saul that he must put all the Amaleks to death. He also said to put down and kill all the children. To that extent they were a very wicked nation. Not only the people but God told them to kill all the livestock as well. Yet, that is exactly what king Saul did not do. That is why Samuel said a very renowned saying to king Saul which was that he must be able to obey. Whenever Moses prayed they prevailed and when Moses did not pray that is when the Amalek prevailed. And it said, "But Moses' hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side." And then it says that the soldier and warrior, Joshua, went and defeated Amalek. That is why today's passage is regarding the one who holds to the covenant and prays and those that pray all together. And another message that God gives to us is that even in the midst of war, it is prayer that decides all things. It is a tremendous message that is being relayed to us today. Also, another message is that, when you pray, you will prevail. When you do not pray, you will not prevail. That is why, in Verse 16, God swears and keeps his promise to them. It says that "The Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation." And in Verse 14, He says that "I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven." It means that, when you are praying, God will fight and defeat the work of Satan. God will utterly blot him out. That is why we are able to confirm once again that, when you pray, it is God who will bind the forces of darkness. This is a tremendous answer that Moses, Aaron, and Hur were able to receive. In my time in Korea, I listened to a Korean radio station. There were many testimonies and confessions that were of much grace to me. Not only was I able to gain strength but also confirm many things. One time, there were at least ten to twenty elderly women who had gathered at the prayer center. Through the Korean Christian radio, they were able to receive all kinds of prayer topics, from those who owned businesses to personal prayer topics people had. They would receive them and pray for them. These elderly women would receive the prayer topics because they lived at the prayer center, and they would simply eat their meal and pray and eat their meal and pray. Those that received answers through the prayers of the elderly women would give them offerings and other gifts. And they spoke about many answers that they received, and there were many tremendous answers. So, for example, there'd be a paper that read someone from Busan who owns a

business, is the owner, would like this kind of prayer topic, and they would like this to be prayed for. One of the reporters from the broadcast station went to go and meet these elderly women and saw how bright their faces were. He was able to see that they were full of grace from praying for others. I believe it has been more than thirty years ago. And recently, I heard a testimony from a deacon. The person was diagnosed at the hospital, and the doctor said that their condition was not that great and that they should be very careful. Yet, he did not listen to the doctor and just lived their life. Then, one day, the person fainted and was rushed to the emergency room. For fourteen days, he was unconscious and in a coma. So, he was not in a good condition and was hospitalized. In the end, he was able to regain their health and give their testimony. He confessed that, during the time he was unconscious for fourteen days, he was able to hear the church members' prayers and praises. This person not only received much grace but also was able to continuously pray before God. He gave his testimony before the congregation members and said that, if it wasn't for their prayers, he would have been dead. This person was, in their past walk of faith, not so strong, and neither believed in heaven or hell. He attended church, and his wife was a senior deaconess, but he did not have much faith. Yet, through that time, he was able to experience and really see that heaven and hell do exist. That is why, once again, I was able to confirm in my heart through their testimony. I was able to see how important it is for myself to pray for the congregation members. I should not be lazy when praying about you all. Many times, whenever we share news that someone is very ill and say we should pray for them, there are those that pray very strongly. However, that is not needed because, even for that deacon, while he was hospitalized, he was able to hear the prayers and praises of the congregation members. That is when I thought that we should have a prayer team as well. We might just write down prayer topics and confess with our mouths, but even with that, God will answer. Whenever you are praising or praying for your evangelism subject, it will be relayed to them as well. For Moses, he could not do it on his own, so he needed Aaron and Hur to raise his arms so he could continue to pray. I believe that this is a very important message for us who are living in the end times. As time goes on, our enemy will continuously attack us. That is why we must come together as one. We should never break apart. May this be the time you resolve inside your heart once again. The overall message that God gives to us is that, when we pray, God will answer us. And God is giving us the message that, when you pray, you will prevail. That is why we must pray and form a prayer team. By God's grace, we have been able to pray for one another, but we must take the next step. We must take the next step for the sake of world evangelization, the remnant movement, and church revival. That is why for the church officers, we need the effort of will from you guys. Please never be oppressed by the coronavirus. For you to give worship at home because of this pandemic, we do understand, but yet that is not a normal walk of faith. Even this pandemic is getting worse and I did speak with our Elder Peter for he is a doctor and he said that the chances of you dying because of this coronavirus is decreasing. I do believe that during the first time the pandemic broke out, this is what I spoke about. So, during that time there was a plague that was taking place to which many and countless people died within Europe and that's when the Reformation arose. The religious Reformation took place and that became such an important and pivotal role within church history. May you carefully think about it, you possess the covenant and the authority to which you are able to be victorious wherever you go. You must live by faith.

That is why you must not hide from this pandemic, if not you will be defeated by Satan. But yet for those who will really live will live. So may you be the one to truly pray. Especially for you church officers, why has God called you as a church officer? May you put in your effort of will to do his will. Especially for the young adults, where are you utilizing all your strength and efforts? May you be used for the sake of saving the remnants. Especially for those who are of age, may you quietly pray. That is why we must never lose hold of what we must do. Especially for the grandmas, their facial expressions were so lit, it is because they first received grace as they prayed for others. That is why those who have the covenant must pray. It is because after you receive the covenant, the next step for you to take is to pray. Of course, naturally, prayer must take place for you. It is because, inside of prayer contains the mystery to move God's promises. God's promises have already been given to you. God has given us the weapon and the spiritual method for us to utilize and move God's promises that he has already given to us, and that method and spiritual weapon is prayer. In today's message, in the Bible scripture, it says that when you pray you will prevail. Today's message is, if you do not pray, then you have no choice but to be defeated. May you pray so that the blessing of victory will be upon you.

2. The Covenant

The second point we will look at is the Covenant. For Moses who prayed, he had a sure direction to take. That was to go to the land of Canaan and that became his covenant. That was the Word that God had given to him. That is why Amalek had no choice but to be put to death. It was the work that could never be overlooked for the reason is because they blocked the way that the Israelites were going to the land of Canaan. For all those who blocked the Israelites going to the land of Canaan, they were all put to death, even in the incident of Red Sea. That is why Moses' prayer was very simple. If your prayer is simple, there is much power to it. It was a prayer that he did not even need his own thinking, he just simply needed to pray holding onto that alone. That was who Moses was. It is the characteristic of those who have the covenant to which they pray holding onto the covenant. For those who hold onto the Word as their own covenant and they just simply pray for that, their prayer is simple. Surely enough, they have the faith of foundation that they will be victorious. This was the covenant journey that Moses took and this was his heavenly mandate. That is why without assumption nor doubt, he was able to pray to bind and prevail against Amalek. Moses already knew in the back of his head, that regardless of it all, they must be put to death. The reason is because they are the ones who go against God's will. What would have happened if Moses took the opposite side? Then do you believe that God would have answered him? I do believe in my own opinion, God may have answered him once or twice. But yet of course he would never have let him be. God would have definitely blocked the path that Moses was incorrectly taking, to which he had no choice but to bring him back to the Lord. Of course Moses was not a man to do that. From the odds, he would have never done that. But yet I'm just giving you an example comparing to ourselves who are weak and lacking. When God's will and his desire truly becomes your own covenant, then that truly becomes your great power within your prayer. If you truly hold onto God's hardened desire of 237 nations and world evangelization even as your own heavenly mandate, that will become such a powerful and authoritative prayer. That prayer will be very simple, not only that, has much power and authority. Your thoughts will not be dispersed and not only that, you will be able

to concentrate, that is why it will have much power. That is God's will, that is why God has no choice but to pour down his power to you. That is how you must be able to hold onto this as your covenant. So may the blessing be upon you to which this will come inside of you. To be honest, all the prayers that you give to God are unneeded prayers. But yet of course if you have the foundation as your covenant and you pray holding onto all those prayer topics, it will be completely different. That is why the covenant will become such an important fundamental to you. For you to enjoy Christ is your foundation and 237 nations is the specific direction that you must take. This becomes the source of power upon you. If Christ becomes your answer and your covenant, not only that, 237 becomes the direction that you take, your prayer is complete. If Christ is your fundamental covenant, then 237 is the reason why you live. Answers are very important as well, but not only that, your commission is important. Your commission will not only become such a spiritual weapon, but also an authority to you. For Moses was a man who possessed these two things. He was a man that correctly knew of Christ. It is Moses who wrote Genesis 3:15 and also he had the sure commission of going to the land of Canaan. Not only Moses, but these two remnants as well. We've heard it yesterday before, but I do believe that all of us have listened to the World Remnant Conference at home. There are many important word terms that were relayed of what is to come in the near future. And most importantly, the representative of all of that is that this age is the Exit Age. It is an age that has no correlation or relationship to what is taking place. And now it is the age of being contact-free. We are living in a contact-free age. He also spoke about what is to come in the near future. And we all do acknowledge that we are living in an age in which humanity will be completely wiped out soon enough. We can never deny that it is only by God's power that we can transcend time and space within this age. But the brutal problem is, as we live in this age, how are we able to handle it? The issue is, how can we continue the ministry that can transcend the time and place in this age? And of course, when we see the changes that are seen in the eye, we become very discouraged because we are lacking. And there are times when we fear because we do not know what is to come in the near future. But yet, we already possess the answer. It is because God is our background. No matter how strange the world may become, we possess the answer. And that answer is of Christ and the land of Canaan. That answer is of Christ, world evangelization, and 237. If you fundamentally enjoy Christ, and make the confession of the commission of saving the 237 nations, then you already possess the answer. This becomes the complete spiritual weapon that is able to change the world. Rightfully so, Christ becomes the complete and fundamental answer to this age that is becoming strange like the Exit age and contact-free age. And the reason is because God moves according to the covenant. This is God's standard as He is the one that has and holds to all judgement. You don't have to be too concerned about the changes taking place in the world. You should keep the change in mind, but fundamentally, hold to the answer and stand before God. It is God's promise that automatically, the work of transcending time and place will be done. Not only that, but you will be able to surpass and save the age. It will be a great opportunity for you. So please do not take the covenant so lightly. Regardless of how strange the world is becoming, everything will be finished with the answer alone. What is the reason for that? God will do it. Even if the world is becoming strange, it is God who holds the answer and is all by God's standard of the covenant. That is why, when there are changes taking place in this world, just keep in mind.

Just simply, keep it in mind and have the external changes take place so that you can accommodate to the changes in the world. All you have to do is apply the Gospel and be victorious in it. May you hold the fundamental content, for your external changes must take place as well. And of course, as the world is changing, you must accommodate to their living as well, so just do that. If there are any changes that you must apply to, keep it in mind, but hold to the covenant. There is no reason for you to predict what is to come, but as long as there are changes that will take place, just simply keep that in mind. There may be those who are quite sensitive regarding this matter. However, please do not be anxious about the changes of this world. You must be able to have the wisdom and knowledge to accommodate the changes, but may you never forget that God is more centered on the covenant that is within your heart. And this covenant will never change. The content will never change as well. The book of Revelation states what is to come in the end times. It will become more severe than it is right now. But even at the time, the standard was Jesus Christ at the blood of the cross. For those who have the covenant, they will live, but those who do not have the covenant, even though they are strong and possess the 3rd and 4th Industrial Revolution, it does not matter because they will be put to death. God has recorded the book of Revelation to show what is to come. It does not matter if there will be a hundred revolutions. It is because you just have to live that. What is more important is whether you live or die. If you try your best to make a living, you will perish, but if you hold to the covenant and live your life, everything will take place. That is what it means to live by faith. Isn't it better for you to live in heaven? If you listen to others' testimonies, you can keep it in mind because it does exist. This is not a game. There is only one reason why you live, for the sake of evangelism., In God's perspective, nothing else is of value or of worth. All you have to do within the changes that are taking place in the world is to keep it in mind, but remember to fundamentally hold onto Christ. So what can you do? Relay of Christ and save them. And what about for yourself? You have the answer. With that, everything is finished. Who cares if the people of the world seek after the 100th Industrial Revolution to which they gain all the wealth and money. All that matters is if you have your wealth and money. Even if they have everything and you have nothing, it doesn't matter because they will perish. Rather you must be concerned that our walk of faith comes to a complete disaster. Regardless of all the changes that take place, it does not matter as long as you have the covenant. It is because you have the covenant. Of course, you must accommodate to the world, so change in that matter. You do not have to be number one in the external changes to fit in the world. Simply follow after it. If you do hold to the covenant, and God gives you the wisdom and knowledge, you will be able to reach the top. But do not be anxious or concerned if you do not have this wisdom or knowledge. It does not matter of the changes in this world because all you do is hold to the answer that Jesus is your Christ. May you hold onto the covenant once again and be victorious. God has already prepared the way for you to take because you have the covenant. God has called you so that He is able to go to the very extent to save that one dying soul for you. May you have faith and be victorious. All you have to do is sincerely confess Christ and earnestly evangelize. With that alone, everything is finished. Today, God has given us a tremendous message. He says that when you pray, you will prevail. It doesn't matter if there is a 100th Industrial Revolution that comes. When you pray, you will prevail. May this blessing be upon you.