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Oh sovereign and mighty God, Ruler of the universe, who made the world and me and every living thing on it, You, who is omnipotent and watching every good and evil deed, yet You still manage to see me and know my every thought. I know that my innermost thoughts are familiar to You, so You know led me to come to You at this time. I appeal to You, searcher of hearts, so as far as my heart is concerned, I did not come to You with a worldly motive. However, my heart is deceitful and wicked, and I will not pretend to trust it, but You know that I have a desire to dedicate myself to You for eternity. I would come before You as a sinner, lost and ruined by the fall of man as well as my own sins—I come to you as the worst of all beings. When I look back on the choices I've made, I am filled with shame and confusion. I am rude and ignorant, and in your eyes I am a monster. Lord, You made Adam a happy and holy being, and you gave him everything he needed to maintain it. The penalty for his disobedience was death, but he disobeyed You and that warranted the penalty. I, being a descendant of Adam, have inherited that penalty. I acknowledge justification in your penalty, Lord, and bow in submission before You.

How can You, oh Lord, even stand to look at a person like me? It is an honor that you even notice me. Your loving kindness is abundant and everlasting. You, oh Lord, sent Your Son in our image, with a body like mine and a pure soul. In Him was the perfection of You as well as the humility of our sinful nature. Jesus is the mediator of the new covenant, and through Him we

have access to You through the Holy Spirit. Through Your Son Jesus, I would come to you, Oh Lord, and boldly approach Your throne of grace. I feel my own insignificance, Oh Lord, but You strengthen me by Your Spirit. I will now come to you for an everlasting covenant. You told us in Your word that those who believe in Your son Jesus will have everlasting life and You will raise Him up. You have made a promise to us, and You've sealed it with blood, Oh Jesus on the cross.

I now declare before every living thing that God has made, that I accept the conditions of this covenant and its terms. I believe in Jesus and accept that salvation comes through Him, my Prophet, Priest and King. Through Him, I have received wisdom, righteousness, redemption, salvation and sanctification. You, Oh Lord, have made me willing to come to You. You've transformed my religious Lord with Your love. So now, take my heart and use it for Your glory. Whatever rebellious thoughts that may arise within me are Yours to take and bring into subjection of your authority. I submit myself to You. You gave my life meaning. Take me and use me for Your glory.

Hear me in heaven, my Father, this is my promise. Remember it, Oh lord, when you bring me to Jordan. Remember it, Oh Lord, the day that You, the saints and the angels come to judge the earth, and may I be at your right hand in heaven for all eternity. Write down in heaven that I have become Yours, Yours only and Yours forever. Remember me, Oh Lord, in the hour of temptation, and never let me depart from this promise. I know what my weaknesses are, so I am not making this promise within my own strength, because if I did make it in my own strength, I know I would fail. But in Your strength, captain of my salvation, I am strong and more than a conqueror through Christ who loves me.

I have now, Oh Lord, as You have said in Your word, made this promise with You. Not for worldly honors or for fame, but everything I did is for everlasting life. I know that You are

true and will never break Your promise. Give to me now all of the blessings that come with this promise, especially an abundance of the Holy Spirit which is the greatest gift. May a double portion of Your Spirit rest on me, and then I will go and tell the sinners about Your ways and Your laws. Totally sanctify me and make me ready for heaven. Give me all of the spiritual blessings that Christ Jesus has to offer.

I am now a soldier for Christ, and I live according to the motto "I have one King and that's Jesus." Support and strengthen me, Oh Lord, and be mine forever.

Place me where You deem fit. But if it be Your will, let me not have riches or poverty. Give to me what I need so that I never say, "Who is the Lord?" Let Your will be done. Let Your Spirit and protection be with me at all times. I want to drink the abundance of your salvation like its water, lie down and be peaceful and be doing well in the eyes of my God.