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A.B Simpson "Covenant"

"Almighty God, ruler of the universe, the one who rules this world, and me, the creator of it all, the one who is in all, good or bad, the one who knows my every thought. I am fully aware that you know my innermost thoughts and are familiar with them all because you made me. I devote myself to you. Although I know my heart isn't motivated for the things of this world, I am aware that the soul is deceitful and wicked above all things. I come to you as a sinner lost and confused by the sin of this world. As I sit and reminisce about my past, I am so occupied with shame and confusion. I am rude and ignorant, as a beast."

"How can a Lord like you notice a sinner like me. But then I remember the infinite kindness. Father God didn't send His son in our image with such a sinner mind. But in Him, we all come together with the humility of our sinful nature. Through Jesus, we all have the same access to the Father. I would humbly approach the throne of grace. My insignificance is noticeable, but the spirit strengthens me."

"I now declare before the lord that I believe in Jesus and accept salvation through Him, my Prophet, Priest, and King. This has brought me to the place of surrender. So now, God, I put it in your hands, do whatever it is that you want to do—use it for your glory. Whatever isn't glorifying you, please remove it. Here I am surrender and ready to be used entirely for your glory."

"Glorify yourself, Father. In the final days you come to judge, may I hear the words "Good and faithful servant." Don't depart from me in times of temptation; never allow me to leave this covenant. I am fully aware of my weakness, but I won't rely on my strength but yours.

"I write this covenant, not for praises or fame, but to be unified with you, o lord. Allow the Spirit to dwell in me in this new covenant. May a double portion of the Spirit rest upon me, and then I should go and proclaim the ways of the lord to the saints. Make me new and fit for what you called me to.

"I am now a soldier of the cross and a follower of the Lamb, and my covenant from here on is that I have one King and His name is Jesus.

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A Dedication of Myself to God
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Almighty God, thank you for creating me. Thank you for the gift of salvation through your Son, Jesus. You know more than anyone my anxious thoughts. There are moments in my walk with you where I don't feel like I'm walking with you. However, I won't be walking by feelings. Instead, I'll be walking by faith, knowing that you're with me through the valleys and on the mountaintops.

Knowing that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me to have eternal life, I promise myself to be his disciple, to walk in his faith and journey. I need your saving grace, and I'm seeking to follow your teachings under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I faithfully and truthfully pledge my time, my skills, my effort, my resources, and my strength to search out God's will for me- and for me to obey.

I promise to worship every day and on Sundays unless prevented.

I will pray each day, privately, and with my family or with friends.

I will read and study the scriptures each day.

I will return to Christ the first tenth of all I receive.

I will spend about six hours each month to further the cause of the disadvantaged kids in my community.

When I am aware of injustices to others, I will not remain silent. I will make sure there is justice for everyone.

I will obey the promptings of the Holy Spirit to serve God and my neighbor.

I will prayerfully care for my body and for the world in which I live in.

I make my commitment, trusting in the grace of God to give me the will, strength, and wisdom to keep this covenant between us.