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Lesson 2

Read A.B. Simpson's "Solemn Covenant". Rewrite it in "today's English" and then write out your own solemn covenant including what you would want to commit yourself to before God.

Oh, everlasting and almighty God, Ruler of the universe, You who made this world and me, Your creature upon it, You who are in every place beholding the evil and the good, you see me at this time and you know all my thoughts. I know and feel that my inmost thoughts are all familiar to you and you know what motives have induced me to come to you at this time. I appeal to you, you are a searcher of hearts, so far as I know my own heart, it is not a worldly motive that has brought me before you now. But my 'heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked,' and I would not pretend to trust to it; but You know that I have a desire to dedicate myself to you for time and eternity. I would come before you as a sinner, lost and ruined by the fall, and by my actual transgressions, yea, as the vilest of all your creatures. When I look back on my past life, I am filled with shame and confusion. I am rude and ignorant, and in your sight a beast. Thou, O Lord, didst make Adam holy and happy, and gave him ability to maintain his state. The penalty of his disobedience was death, but he disobeyed your holy law and incurred that penalty, and I, as a descendant from him, have inherited this depravity and this penalty. I acknowledge the justness of Thy sentence, O Lord, and would bow in submission before you.

I want to commit to you by serving in your house with the instrument you gave me which is my voice! I want to declare in song what you have done for me and my loved ones, even though I did not deserve it! I submit to your word my loving King and will do as you say! But please help me in times of trouble and confusion and forgive my sins! Let your anger not consume me and look at me with the eyes of Love! I will accept your correction my Father as a daughter accepts her fathers! I am ready to serve you Heal my heart so I can do everything with Your spirits guidance! In Jesus name Amen!