

On Saturday, January 19, 1861, Albert Benjamin Simpson, wrote a covenant to the LORD, dedicating himself wholly to God. The following is a short rewrite of that covenant in today's vernacular.

“God, You are infinitely bigger than anything I can imagine. You have made the world and me and know what has brought me before you. You know my heart better than I and are acquainted even with my thoughts. I have come to You God a sinner aware of the beast likeness of my past but I still come aware that like Adam, the penalty is death for my sins. Echoing Ps. 8, what mercy and grace Lord you display even in coming down to my level. Thank you for your Son Jesus in whose name I stand before you. I covenant with You. I give you all of me. Use it to your good pleasure that Your kingdom may advance with power and purpose. All things can and will be done as You work through me. Only don't make me too rich or too poor, but in all things support me. Eternally yours, Albert Simpson.”

Here is my own spin on A. B. Simpson's covenant. I know a covenant is a huge thing to do before God. I was married and broke a few vows. The Bible says don't be speak to say anything before God... let your words be few” (Ecc. 5:2). With sincerity, I make this covenant before God.

God, You have been from eternity past, are, and will continue forever. You are greater than anything I can imagine. With Your power you sustain the whole earth and everything that You have made here. Thank You for your word, and for Your Son Jesus, in whose name I pray and make this covenant. I know that my life is but a vapor, a quick passing breeze. But, as quick as it is, You saw fit to send Jesus to die for even me. So, today, I stand before You and give You my life, my heart, my mind, and my strength. Use it for Your glory, Your will and Your purpose here. I give you myself completely. In Your strength, I walk away from the world and its lusts and embrace with my heart Your ways. Every dream and vision I have. I give to You my life and belief in Your Son Jesus in exchange for eternal life. As I walk in Jesus, lead me and walk with Me, lest I go astray or forget that You are always with me even when I am physically alone. Bring me back to this covenant in moments of temptation and by Your grace, fight for me and lead me to You and not into myself or even worse the world with its lust. You have made provision for your children as your word says. May I trust in Your word until the end and be forever comforted in your favor and embrace.

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