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*My Solemn Covenant with God & AB Simpson Rewrite*

*God, the Father of Heaven and Earth, I thank you for your favor over my life and for choosing me. Thank you for sending your son, Jesus, in order to reconcile me right before your throne of heaven, and may you enable me to walk humbly in your grace. I come before you bringing nothing worthy but my adoration for you. You are the sovereign sustainer of all that I do in my life, and I pray that there is nothing that takes my focus away from my desire to please you. God, I pray that what I do today will honor you tomorrow.*

*Lord, I ask for your heavenly perspective for every season of my life, and to have a sound mind to endure any trouble wholesomely and with patience. I will remember that true lasting hope is found not in my circumstances but in you, and your Word. I will meditate on your promises in the Bible, remembering that I can always have hope. Father, thank you for sending your son, Jesus and giving me the Holy Spirit as my constant comforter.*

*I pray for the Holy Spirit to be a spiritual insight in my life and the lives of others. May I be guided into a lifestyle of seeking the kingdom of God above all else, and discover the abundant life available to me in the Spirit. I pray for life altering revelation and grace that only you can provide and may it powerfully flow through me that I may bring your presence wherever I go. I declare and I base my calling after the verse, Micah 6:8, which reveals that your desire is for your children to care for those in need and to do justice, love kindness, and to walk humbly with Him.*

*Rewrite of A.B. Simpson's Solemn Covenant*

Everlasting God, Ruler and of the universe who created the world, and me as one of your creatures living on it. You are all powerful, knowing both the good and evil. You are present with me now, you see me and know all my thoughts because they are all familiar to you. You know my motives that have compelled me to come to the end of thinking and move towards you. I appeal to you, the searcher of hearts, that I am aware of my own heart, and it is not a worldly motive that has brought me before you now. But my heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked so I do not pretend to trust it, but God you know my desire to dedicate myself to you. I come before you as a sinner, lost and ruined by the fall, as well my actual transgressions. When I look back on my past life, it is as if I am the vilest of all creatures and I am filled with shame and confusion. In your sight, I am like a beast, rude and ignorant. Lord, made Adam holy and happy, and gave him the ability to maintain his state. The penalty for disobedience of the holy law was death, and Adam disobeyed and he incurred the penalty, and as a descendant from him so do I. And I have inherited this depravity and this penalty. I acknowledge the justness of the sentence, Lord, and I bow in submission before you.

Lord, how can you stand to look at me, a vile creature? For it is infinite condescension to notice me but truly your loving kindness is infinite and everlasting. Lord, you sent your Son, Jesus in your image, with a body such as mine and a reasonable soul. In Him, we are united in all the perfections of the Godhead with the humility of our sinful nature. Jesus is the Mediator of the New Covenant, and through Him we all have access to Him by the same Spirit. Through Jesus, the only Mediator, I come to you, Lord. And by trusting in His merits and mediation, I boldly approach the throne of grace. I feel my own insignificance, Lord, but you strengthen me by your Spirit. I approach you in the order of the new covenant for everlasting life. Your Word has told us that it is your Will that all who believe in your Son might have everlasting life, and that you will raise him up at the last day. Jesus, you have given us a New Covenant and have sealed that covenant in your blood, on the cross.

“I now declare before you, my conscience and bear witness to the heavens, and all the inhabitants of the earth, which my God has made, that I accept the conditions of this covenant and close with its terms. These are that I believe in Jesus, I accept salvation through Him, my Prophet, Priest, and King. I am made of God's wisdom and righteousness, and have complete salvation. The Lord has made me willing to come to

Him, and has subdued my rebellious heart by His love. So now take it and use it for your glory, whatever rebellious thoughts may arise within me, allow me to overcome them. Bring into subjection everything that opposes itself to your authority. I yield myself to you as one alive from the dead, for time and eternity. Take me and use me entirely for your glory.

“Ratify now in Heaven, my Father, this Covenant. Remember it, Lord, when you brought me to Jordan. Remember it, Lord, on that day when you came with all the angels and saints to judge the world, and may I be at your right hand then and in heaven with you forever. Write down in heaven that I have become yours, yours only, and yours forever. Remember me, Lord, in the hour of temptation, and let me never depart from this covenant. I feel, Lord, my own weakness and do not make this in my own strength or else I will fail. But in your strength, captain of my salvation, I shall be strong and more than conqueror through Him who loved me.

“I have now, Lord, as you have said in your Word, a covenant with you, not for worldly honors or fame but for everlasting life, and I know that you are true and will never break your Holy Word. Give to me now all the blessings of the New Covenant and especially the Holy Spirit in great abundance, which is the earnestness of my inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession. May a double portion of your Spirit rest upon me, and then I will go and proclaim to transgressors your ways and the laws to the people. Sanctify me wholly and make me fit for heaven. Give me all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

“I am now a soldier of the cross and a follower of the Lamb, and my motto from henceforth is ‘I have one King, Jesus. Support and strengthen me, my Captain, and be mine forever.

"Place me in whatever circumstances you desire, but if it's your holy will, I pray that you give me neither poverty nor riches, feed me with what is convenient, should I be poor and steal, or rich and say, 'Who is the Lord?'" But your will be done. Now give me your Spirit and your protection in my heart at all times, and then I shall drink of the rivers of salvation, lie down by still waters, and be infinitely happy in the favor of my God.

A. B. Simpson

