



UNDERSTANDING COVENANT SERIES: LIFE IS SPIRITUAL



key scripture: **Mathew 27:19** ***“Just then, as Pilate was presiding over the tribunal, his wife sent him an urgent message: “Don’t harm that holy man, for I suffered a horrible nightmare last night about him!””***

In the introductory teaching of covenant we came to understanding that covenant is a legal binding agreement or relationship between God and man, which can also exist between men. Additionally, we established that covenants can be put in place with simple words and exist in everyday relationships.

In this study we will see how simple day to day activities and relationships led to great consequences.

Life is Spiritual

The value we place on spiritual things reflects how well we understand life. Life is accumulations of our everyday choices & decisions, these shapes the outcomes of our lives. These everyday decisions carry huge significance spiritually and thus reflects if we are aligned with God or a tool of the devil.

Examples from the Bible

• The Treachery of the Religious Leaders

In Matthew 27 v 1; We can see that it was the chief priests and religious leaders of that time that resolved to execute Jesus who was not found guilty of any wrong. Even though they claimed to know God and were the church leaders of that time, their actions were contrary to God’s will, thus they became tools the devil used to crucify Jesus. Some may argue that Jesus was meant to come and die for the sins of the world anyways. Indeed, according to the scriptures, God sent Jesus to die for the sins of the world, but it does not specify that the Jewish leaders should plot against a righteous man to condemn him to death. That was not the script for the Jewish leaders of that time. They chose to accuse him falsely and sent him over to Pilate to be condemned! What they did not realize was that their decision had made them the devils' tool to condemn Jesus.



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• The Betrayal of Judas Iscariot

Judas was one of Jesus' disciples. The bible recorded that remorse filled his heart when he saw that Jesus was sentenced to death, but it was already too late, he had already betrayed Jesus for a mere 30 pieces of silver coins (Matthew 27 v 3&4). This means Judas did not hate Jesus nor wanted him to die through his own betrayal. He simply loved money & disregarded the things of God. He exchanged money for the relationship & trust he had with Jesus.

Life indeed is spiritual!

Judas tried to rectify his errors by returning the money back to the chief priests, but it was already too late!

Judas isolated himself and took the things of God with levity & found himself fulfilling a negative prophecy through his action & decision to betray Jesus. What became of Judas, the money he collected became a curse and, in the end, he committed suicide and his name became a reproach till this very day.

• The Crowd that Condemned Jesus.

In the same text (Matthew 27 v20 & 21); we see the religious leaders of the Jews inciting the crowd to have Jesus killed!

Imagine how many ignorant people decided to join the crowd & demand for Jesus to be killed! Pilate asked the crowd again but they insisted that Jesus should be crucified and in verse 25; the crowd responded, "...Let his blood be on us and on our children!" Matthew

The crowd (people) made an agreement and consented to crucify Jesus and went further to accept the implication of their decisions on themselves and their children. By their words & actions they have gone against God and thus instruments of the devil. Also, in the spiritual realm it was recorded as the iniquity upon them and their children just because of a frivolous agreement invited by their religious leaders.

Conclusion

We must be mindful of our everyday actions & words and understand that they have spiritual implications that shapes the outcome of our lives. We must therefore align our daily actions & decisions with God's word and his plan for our lives so that we do not become tools for the devil.