

Covenant of Despair (Instead of Covenant of Hope)

1 Samuel 11:1-7

- Decisions based upon fear
- Three different responses to the covenant of despair

AGREEING WITH FEAR

JABESH (dry) (world outside church / fringe church members)

- Covenant makers agree with eye plucking
- Devil wants to remind you of your past (Jabesh had been defeated and bought to ruin before)
- Broken spirit, no defense of themselves, but as soon as besieged to move to defeat.
 - *Believe they could live in peace with him and do their thing*
- Pluck right eye: soldiers fought with shield in left hand so left eye covered, and only right one can focus. **If right eye gone, then they can't fight.**
- Keep them as tributaries (pay a tax)
 - *He did not wish to make them completely blind, but only to deprive them of their right eye, which would disqualify them for war.*
- **From the moment our feet hit the floor the enemy of our soul longs to have us bound up with fear and keep us from moving forward in God's purpose for us for the day.**
- Didn't even acknowledge they had a king (savior)

- **How do we make covenants of despair with the enemy?**
 - When we make our decisions based on our fears we tend to go astray.
 - Fear God won't give Godly spouse, so we date to our choosing / or won't "fix" a spouse, so we leave
 - Fear God won't meet our financial needs, we refuse to give with an open heart
 - Fear we won't be able to learn, it will be hard to excel.
 - Fear we won't be able to change, it becomes hard to recognize that you are.
 - **You stop believing that you can influence your future, and set limits of your existence based on what stands in your way and blocks your vision.**
 - **You have come into agreement with a lie, Satan, but you are fighting yourself.**
 - You will find reason to invalidate your future.

PRACTICING THE FEAR

GIBEAH (hill - worship) (afraid of getting eye plucked) (church)

- Messengers came to the people, but they don't go the king
- [Psalm 55:22](#)
Cast burden on Lord
- Tuned out the Word of God (didn't give us spirit of fear)
- Operating in fear we are listening to a foreigner's (messenger's) voice
- They saw no hope for deliverance, and figured it would happen to everybody
- Lifted weeping (prayers) of fear

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CONQUERING THE FEAR (SESSION2)

SAUL (king) (Indignation about eye plucking) (King Jesus)

- **Romans 15:13**
God of hope fill you; power of Holy Spirit
- Saul had not been inaugurated yet; the work of salvation placed Him throne
 - Christ can't be who He is called to be unless you needed saving
- Saul Issues Call to War
 - Oxen cut as symbolic call to war
 - Sent out by messengers to all Israel to come to aid of fallen member
 - Unity call under the power and authority of the king and prophet/judge
- **2 Corinthians 10:5**
Hold every thought captive
- **2 Corinthians 4:8-9**
Afflicted but not destroyed

CONCLUSION

Break Covenants By

- Remembrance
 - Remember God and the events that have challenged you. Choose to trust the Holy Spirit to bring you into the process of facing painful memories and erasing the limitations that have held you in bondage.
- Renunciation.
 - Next renounce, verbally and aloud, the agreement you have made within yourself with the limiting beliefs. You let the forces of darkness know you are no longer aligning yourself with their schemes to destroy you.
- Release.
 - Finally, release your association with the old feelings, memories, hurts, unforgiveness, beliefs, attachments, self-talk and agreements that held you captive. Acknowledge that you no longer see yourself the old way.
- [Romans 8:15](#)
Spirit we received doesn't make us slaves