

## The Covenant of Salt (Leviticus 2:11-16)

As we live our lives we face problems. Amidst problems there are times when we are in fear and avoid that problem. However, you must not be like that. You must challenge the problems that you face. You must hold to the covenant and challenge it for that is God's will for you. There are many people who are in doubt regarding this pandemic because it is taking such a long time. Of course we must keep all the guidelines and restrictions, however, we must not be in fear of it. You must first deny yourself before him before walking your walk of faith. If you continuously live for your own behalf and do not deny yourself before Him you will face all sorts of problems. For it is God's will for you to deny yourself before Him. Of course, amongst the believers there are those who have renown faith but yet also within the worldly perspective those who have failed in life come to meet God and have tremendous faith compared to others. It is because they have already hit rock bottom so there is nothing for them to fear. That is how you must live your life as well. That is why may you be able to hold onto the unchanging covenant the salt of the covenant. I want to share a forum with you regarding the next step that we must take for the mission. Mission is God's unchanging plan to which all must take part in. The end of all gospel books speaks about mission. The last word that Jesus spoke of was regarding mission. Rightfully so, the church must have the direction towards world mission and we express that as saving the 237 nations. For our church, the main direction is to save Latin America and that is the start. We must partake within the mission of every nation however, we are also connected with India and India is a very important mission field. China is a communist nation that is why they block the gospel. However, in India that is not the case. It's just a very far distance. We began by saving Latin America. That is why we observe the Latin America Sunday. I believe that the elders suggested an important idea. We will always observe Latin America day on the Lord's day. We have been connected to Latin America missions seven years ago. At that time, we were connected to the RU dean, Missionary Kim. Missionary Kim was circling Latin America for a mission and at that time he resided in the region of Ensenada. One time Missionary Kim contacted me saying that he will open up a pastoral seminary so may you come and give a lecture. I took along camp minister Mario so that he could interpret for me. At that time, we relayed the gospel to them and we were connected to Pastor Ricardo. Pastor Ricardo's first response when he heard of the gospel for three nights and four days was why do they continuously emphasize the same gospel over and over. At that time, I tremendously emphasized on the covenantal prayer so he wondered why he is continuously speaking of the covenantal prayer so he put that aside at home. After six months I went back and in Pastor Ricardo's perspective it was a different bible scripture yet, it was the same content and message of the gospel. In Pastor Ricardo's testimony he said that it did not make sense to him that they endlessly spoke of the same gospel message. However, by God's grace he began to write the covenantal prayer and he began to relay the gospel. Little by little God began to change his thoughts and he began to have the mindset that maybe I need to start writing the covenantal prayer so he began to do so. After two to three months of writing the covenantal prayer he went out to go share the gospel to children. He wore a clown costume and along the way there was a caucasian woman that approached him. The caucasian woman asked him what he was doing and he said I am here to share the gospel so she invited him over to her house for dinner. They conversed with one another and for two hours he spoke about what the gospel is and

why the mission is not taking place. For Pastor Ricardo in the beginning he was always complaining about the same gospel message but he began to change and relay the gospel to others. I believe that the caucasian woman he met was a professor who had a PhD in the Azusa Pacific University which is a christian university. The caucasian woman suggested to Pastor Ricardo to take over the Ensenada mission center that she had. For Pastor Ricardo, he inherited the Ensenada mission center that she owned; that's when his life completely changed. At the time, when Missionary Kim went to go and give the pastoor seminar he was in a location that simply had walls but no roof whatsoever. It took him at least 3 to 4 years to inherit the property and the property is very large. There are at least three buildings in the property that are 30,000 to 40,000 square feet and he inherited that all. Whenever we go to Ensenada we reside there. Also, there is a sanctuary that can fill up to at least 300 to 500 people. Also, there is an attic that can fill up to at least 400 to 600 people. Also, they have their own electricity and well. They have a home where his family resides and they have another home where all those who live at the mission center stays there. They have a school from elementary to high school which at least 30 to 50 students attend. It is a tremendous place. In the past, Pastor Ricardo lived in a place where there was no roof yet, his life was overturned to which he was able to inherit all those properties. Along his way in Mexico City he met someone. One day he approached the man and shared the gospel to him. That is when the man said please come to my church and share the gospel so he did. At that time, along with myself, my wife, camp minister Mario, and Pastor Ricardo went. We were able to see that he had three churches. On the first night, at the first church after we gave the lecture one young adult went to my wife. The young man said I would like to go to seminary school. What can I do? And that is Pastor Hasoaiiah. Then we went to the pastors church for the last time but pastor Romero didn't understand the enjoyment. He could not surpass enjoyment or enjoy what he possessed. The second time we went, Pastor Romero allowed us to sleep in his apartment. Until 4 AM, Pastor Ricardo, Camp Minister Mario, and Pastor Josea, who was not a pastor, were able to have team ministry. Even as they discussed it with Pastor Romero, he did not fully understand what it meant to enjoy. And so he said that he could no longer partake in this movement, so he left. Everyone left except for Pastor Josea, who remained. At that time he was having a conference, so they invited Pastor Josea to lead the praise. After that, God had opened the doors of evangelism to the extent of Guatemala. When the pandemic began to hit, the ministry stopped for about two years. This began 5 years ago but along those times, we would send these important figures to go to the region of Daegu in Korea to receive training for 40 days. They were able to go at least 4 times in the four years and sent 40 people the last time they went. We thank you so much for your offering. I am able to see that in the start of the 5 years and 2 years of the pandemic, God has allowed at least 10 of these important figures to be sent out in the field on our behalf. Of course there is a time span in which we must wait in order to commission someone out in the field. I do believe that there are at least 5 churches that are being revived, adding up to around 500-600 congregation members. Two times a week, we have a bible study and there are at least 30 pastors or lay leaders that join us. There is also a meeting just for the pastors in which there are at least 10 pastors that join. This is the summarization of the Latin American missions that have been taking place over the 7 years. To be honest, now is the start. In September, I had to talk to Pastor Josea, so I gave him a call. His church is in Toloopa, but he always stays in Ensenada. I asked him how come he does not have to go back to his church. However, he said that he did not

have to go. I asked him who could give the sermon if he does not go back to his church, but he said that there are three other people that could give the sermon on his behalf. These three people are not pastors but are two elders and one lay leader. I asked him if he really does not need to return back to his church, so I suggested that he should become a missionary as he responded saying that he would love to. He constantly told the congregation members of his church that he would not stay in his church because he would become a missionary. During the call, it was on speaker phone so Pastor Ricoardo, who was next to him, also responded saying that he would want to become a missionary as well. And I told them that I was not joking around in which I asked them once again properly and they responded to my questions. When they told me that they wanted to become a missionary, I told them that we could meet at the next Ensenada mission. On the way, I was able to meet Pastor Kim from RU. I said that we would support any plans that were to be made for the missions that were to take place in Mexico. In October, we went to a city in Mexico, Chiapas, and Guatemala. When they went to Guatemala, they were positive with coronavirus. For Pastor Ricardo, when he had the virus, he resided with 7 other people in which two were not affected by the virus, but still resided together. When Pastor Josea went to Guatemala, he took four other lay leaders with him. When he went, the elders were able to support airplane tickets for the lay leaders. Pastor Josea has a different mindset because he always takes the lay leaders so that he could train them out in the field. The second time they were sent out again. They went back to the city of Chiapas to confirm it once again. Even in Apostle Paul's ministry, he went to the region for a second time to confirm it once more. At that time, Pastor Ricardo and Pastor Israel were able to go. I spoke about it many times, but Pastor Israel is the head of the Mexico Presbyterian Church. We sent Pastor Israel to receive training, but someone who lived in the same ranch as Pastor Ricardo, named Ricardo, went along with him. So he suggested for Ricardo to go as well because he wants to take him as a witness. The staff Ricardo was sent to prison, in which Pastor Ricardo did prison ministry to save his life. During Pastor Ricardo's prison ministry, he was able to share the gospel to 5 different people, two that were male and three that were female. One of the females married the staff Ricardo and they had their own children. Pastor Ricardo wanted to take his staff to stand as a witness to others. Pastor Ricardo runs the mission center, but there are also many other churches that request Pastor Ricardo to go in and speak to them. I believe that he could be the door to open to save the American churches as well. And today in the morning, he texted me, saying that he is in California right now. And Pastor hosea texted me that he will be there for ten days and, afterwards, he will go back to Guatemala. And I asked how the ministry was going. However, the wife is not so great, so he was not able to respond to me. So, later on, he told me that he would send all the photos of his ministry from El Salvador to Elder John. And through his ministry in Guatemala and El Salvador, God has opened up five more doors to different nations. And I believe that, for the sake of next year's mission, we need to talk about it even more. And Latin America is such a golden fishing field; that is why, if you just go out to the field and share the gospel, God is bound to open the doors for you. And this is the start for us as well. Once everything with this pandemic dies down, we must go as well. I am thinking that we should create four teams and have them circuit around Latin America. Of course, we shouldn't just send anybody. If that was the case, there would be negative effects. So, I thought to myself, "It'd be great if we were able to have at least 100 teams that are able to do this work." They would establish their own mission plan and circuit around Latin

America. And of course, it's going to take some time because we can't just send anybody. So, until we are able to create 100 teams, we will start with at least twenty teams that are able to do this work. This is the overall picture that we have for Latin American mission. This is exactly the mission that Apostle Paul partook in. Many of the scholars of the Bible say that it is at the time Apostle Paul was in prison that a great amount of mission took place. And the Latin America churches are merely a start. God says that He will give us the power so that we will be able to partake in world evangelization. So I hope that there will be a team that will be commissioned to save India. And any amongst us becomes a pastor or missionary that desires to be commissioned out to Latin America, we must absolutely do so. And in this contact-free age, we must continuously continue on the Bible study and mission as well. We must go where God leads us, but this is the overall picture God gives to us for Latin America missions. I am continuously praying for this and I have such great hope for the sake of this work. I am truly thankful to God for allowing me to be a part of this significant work. I have the heart to give my all for the sake of Latin America, the world, and the Remnants. I do believe that God will give you great evidence of the economy for the sake of the business people who hold onto the covenant. It is not only I who partakes in this movement, but we must all partake in this movement holding onto the covenant and pray. I have a firm conviction that God will fulfill it because He has given us the Word and the covenant. A hundred teams is not a lot, but one hundred teams that God will fulfill. Imagine that there are over 6 million people living in Latin America, 36 countries, and places that only speak english. May you have hope as you are deep in prayer to open your eyes and see this work. For those that have the word for the sake of this work, may you pray to God. May you not be seized or compelled by your own life. That is not God's will for you. For the Israelites, they were only seized by their own nation and therefore had no choice but to perish. That is why God allowed the great proclamation of Babylon to occur as they were taken as captives. During colonization, there were those that were able to be very successful in the economy such as Daniel. When they returned back to the land, there were some that did not return because they were so full in economy. Even in Downtown LA, there are some Jews that are able to boldly testify that they are the Jews. You must partake in the mission and open up your spiritual eyes. Open up your eyes wide. There are so many people that must be saved and they are dying.

### **1. The Covenant of Salt**

Today's bible scripture speaks of the grain offering. The grain offering is given to the Lord from the harvest. They shall pour oil and put frankincense on it to which it would be a pleasing aroma to the Lord. It says that they would burn it to be a memorable portion for the Lord. There were times when they would also bake it for the Lord and give it for offering. Some would cook it in a pot and give it to the Lord. Yet, they all signify the death of Jesus Christ. It was the food offering given to the Lord as a pleasing aroma. In other words, you must be able to share this pleasing aroma of Jesus Christ to save others. Through the sacrificial offering, within the temple that you give the offering, the pleasing aroma of Jesus Christ will be spread out to the world to which they will be saved. It is the words of the Lord that if you give this sacrificial offering in the temple, He will do the rest. In the present time, if you confess Jesus Christ, then the Lord will do the rest for you. Verse 11 states, "No grain offering that you bring to the Lord shall be made with leaven, for you shall burn no leaven nor any honey as a food offering to the Lord." The leaven represents sin and the honey represents the world. That is why you

must not mix what is not God's with the things of God. Verse 13 states, "You shall season all your grain offerings with salt. You shall not let the salt of the covenant with your God be missing from your grain offering." Salt is something that you cannot mix something with, but plays the role in blocking the mixture of any other things. That is why the grain offering signifies Jesus Christ who is the salt of the world. The Lord said that there is nothing else in the world that you could mix with Jesus Christ which is why there must be the covenant of salt in the grain offering. Matthew 5:13 states, "You are the salt of the earth." Because you are the people of God, and God, Himself, is with us, you are the salt of the world. That is why when you testify of the gospel, you play the role of being the salt of the world. Salt will never be missed with anything nor will it change and of course it will never disappear. Salt can block other things and revive all. In the state of Utah there is the salt lake city. It used to be an ocean so underneath the water there is salt. The salt will never rot nor will it ever change and it remains still. That is why salt itself will never rot. It stays as it is. For the sake of explaining Jesus Christ to this world God created such objects and it holds a tremendous message to it. Like in today's passage regarding salt it is the same. It is also the same regarding the blood of the livestock. This is what it says in Leviticus chapter 17 verse 10-11, "If any one of the house of Israel or of the strangers who sojourn among them eats any blood, I will set my face against that person who eats blood and will cut him off from among his people." Not only the Israelites but this included even the sojourners who simply stayed for a couple of days. That means that all mankind should never eat the blood and God explains the reason in verse 11, "For the life of flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life." In conclusion, God's message is that you must not eat the blood for that is not the reason I have created it. Of course, with other different methods you are able to save the livestock however, God used the blood to signify the precious blood of Jesus Christ that will give life to all. It's the same for the animals as well. Amongst the animals there is the sheep and lamb. Of course during the time of shepherding they would have all of their lambs together so their lambs would get mixed around. However, the shepherds are not worried if they lose their lamb or not. It is because when the shepherd goes back home the shepherd would simply call the sheep and the sheep would follow after the owner's voice. That's amazing. This is what it says in John 10:4-5, "When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice." They will not follow a stranger for they do not recognize the voice of the stranger and even if you kill a sheep they simply stay put. Even if the shepherd tries to kill the sheep by the neck they simply stay put and that signifies the death of Jesus Christ. It is Jesus Christ who did not say a single word and died for us. It's so amazing just like today's passage regarding salt. That is why the covenant of Jesus Christ is the salt of the covenant. It is unchanging and it will never decrease. There is no change to it and it will never rot or perish. It will never be mixed with anything else and it will rather be used to save you. That is who Christ is. Do you want your life to be revived? Do you want to be revived? Then you must only hold to Christ. Do you simply want to live a life halfheartedly? You may be able to survive with the money that you make and of course you will be able to survive with the help of others. But if you rightfully want to live it must be only Christ and nothing else. That is why you must not follow after the words of others. You must be able to follow after the word of God. Why are you following the words of others. Many times people will speak words of disbelief so why do you follow after that

it is such a foolish thing to do. If you truly want to live then you will be revived when you do only Christ. It is very simple. That is why we are able to have faith in only Jesus Christ who has power within the covenant. That is why regardless of the problems you face you must never change. You must never change yourself because it is only Jesus Christ.

## **2. True Prayer**

If you have the covenant then you must be able to pray. There are countless times where we listen to the message that says because you have the gospel there is nothing else for you to do except for holding to it and enjoying it in prayer. According to the extent of you holding to the covenant your life will be changed. Of course, you may question if the covenant decides every aspect of your life then why is prayer important? It is because you are able to enjoy the covenant through prayer. Of course, you cannot say it's true prayer if there is no covenant within that. Of course, there are times when you give your personal prayer before God that may not hold to the covenant. However, all of those prayers must be inside the covenant. There are so many things that you may pray about to God. It is because we all face problems. Of course, last year you faced a problem and next year you will face another. Yet, God has given you only one solution to all problems and that is the covenant. The conclusion of the bible says that you must never look down on the covenant for only the covenant is the solution to all problems. That's why when you pray may you hold to the covenant. It's because the covenant has power and prayer is merely a method. You must be able to pray holding onto the covenant. There are times when you desire to fervently pray your own prayers. But you must change your personal prayer topics before the covenant. You must receive much grace and have power as you hold onto the prayer that holds onto the covenant. When people do not hold onto the covenant they have no choice but to cling to their own prayers. It's because they face problems. That is why they emphasize in their heart by fervently praying before God so that they can receive answers to their problems. However, if you want true prayer to take place inside of you and want to pray the accurate prayer you must hold onto the covenant first. Christ is the fundamental to all that is why you must be able to first and foremost hold to the covenant. You must be able to hold to the covenant to which satan will be bound. Yet, you may pray to God please cast away the work of satan. However, you will be tired and you will have no choice but to give up because satan will constantly attack you. Yet, unseen to the eyes you must be able to fight the spiritual battle holding onto the covenant. You must fight holding onto the covenant. That must take place. Matthew 12:29, "You must be able to first bind the strong man." You must crush the serpent's head, Genesis 3:15. That is the fundamental healing and that is the complete solution. Everything else is merely temporary. The complete solution is that you must be able to crush the serpent's head. Of course, it is God himself who explained Jesus Christ who crushed the serpent's head. Of course, he emphasized the importance of Jesus Christ who will come and crush the serpent's head. This is truly an important message. You must be able to fight the spiritual battle as you bind the work of satan. This is what true prayer is. The one who possesses this covenant and prays has the covenantal prayer. I'm not trying to say that your personal prayer topic is not a prayer before God. However, I'm trying to emphasize that this must be the fundamental prayer to your life. May the blessing be upon you so that you are able to go inside of deep prayer. That is when amazing healing will be upon you to which you are able to enjoy this tremendous blessing.