

Covenantal Life (Jos. 3:1-13)

We are giving worship at this time, but the focal point of worship is the Word. And rightfully so, praise and prayer is very important. You must have the right spiritual atmosphere in order to receive the accurate word. Thank you for the special praise and the representative prayer from the elder. It is so precious for us to give praise, prayer, and offering to the Lord. Along with that, you must be able to receive the Word of God. May you entrust all things to the Lord as He gives you peace inside of your heart to receive His word. Today's message is entitled "The Covenantal Life." There is God's absolute covenant. There are countless promises from God, yet there is the absolute covenant God will never yield. And He will absolutely fulfill it. He will never allow anyone to block it, nor will He yield it to anything else. And when your life is within the covenant, you will live a miraculous life. To express in an extreme case, you are not able to see miracles take place upon your lives because you are not in the covenant. That absolute covenant is Christ and world evangelization. May you live your life according to this. Then, you don't need anything else. May you raise your children aligned to this. This is the greatest way to raise your children. Of course as a parent, you might have countless thoughts about raising your children. In the midst of all of that, you must raise your child to take this path. Then your child will live a miraculous life. This is the covenantal life. This is the absolute covenantal life. God has called you as the evangelist of this age. And the evidence to that is the fact that God has given you such a historical covenant for this age. And the reason why God has given you the Gospel is so that He can use you for the sake of the Gospel movement. And rightfully so, there are different methods in which He may give it to you directly or indirectly. And we can never imagine God's time, whether it be right now or later. But one thing for sure is that God has called you as the one who remains to save this age. And in the representative prayer, the elder was able to express important words. May you carefully think about it. Think about it to yourself. What is the Gospel to me? And how many people out of the population of this world truly hold to the Gospel. It is truly amazing. The age is becoming more wicked, and the church is losing its power. Yet, God has given you the answer in which you are able to simultaneously save this age and the churches. It is truly tremendous. It is possible. It is the Gospel that saves all. The problem is that they are not in the Gospel, but if you are in the Gospel, it will save you. And rightfully so, when you take a look at this age, it is the Gospel that will block and prevent all disasters. It's the conclusion of the Bible and the history of Israel. God is in charge of this world, and God specifically intervened in the history of Israel. So, no matter how incorrect the imprint one may have is, as long as the Gospel and the Word is upon them, it will overturn all. Your state and your children's states don't matter, as long as the Gospel penetrates inside of you. It will change them all. No matter how strong Satan may be, he can never defeat the Gospel. That is why evangelism that testifies this Gospel is very important. Take a look at Hannah and Samuel and Jochebed and Moses. Jochebed and Hannah's small devotion to relay the Gospel to their children overturned the history of the world. Now take a look at Rebekah. She received the word of God that the elder will serve the younger. But she lacked to relay it to her children. She should have proclaimed to Jacob that the firstborn right was already his. It's the same for Esau. She should have told him that, even though he was the

eldest, the firstborn right was already upon Jacob. Rightfully as a mother, she should've told her sons, "It is not I who decided it but God. You must accept it." Of course, they wouldn't have accepted it at first, but as a mother, she should've continuously testified to it to the end. I believe she did not share this with her husband as well. That is why it is the father that calls Esau and says, "Bring me the stew, for I will eat of it and bless you." She should have told him at the getgo that that's wrong. And in the family line, there are those who were the first to receive the Gospel. That is a very important commission. Do not be like Rebekah. If you do so, your family will perish. She should have spoken the Word of God until the very end. If she did, work would have arisen because the Gospel is always at work. There are times when you lose your strength or face difficulties. Rightfully so, if you hold onto the Gospel as your covenant and never abandon it, then you will see miracles in your life. Of course, it may be the time schedule in which you do not have full conviction of the Gospel. And at times, you might hold onto other things other than the Gospel. You may lose hold of what is really important. But what is important? It is the absolute covenant that you must hold to. It is God's absolute covenant that you must be able to hold onto the covenant and end it all with that. It is God's message that if you hold onto the covenant and follow Him, you will see miracles in your life. May you be victorious throughout this week as you hold onto the covenant.

1. Covenantal Life

Today's scripture speaks about the Israelites crossing the Jordan River on dry land. The water went all the way up to the top, so it's amazing that it stopped. If you look at the Jordan River at the very top, there is a tall mountain, and it is called Mount Hermon. It's in modern-day Syria. That is where the melted snow flows down as water. That passes through the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea. However, the Sea of Galilee is deeper than the ocean. It's about 200 meters below sea level. And the Dead Sea, the one known for its salt that causes you to float, is 400 meters below sea level. There is a difference in sea level. So when water flows down, there are times when it overflows to which it becomes a whirlpool. They say that the width of the river is at least thirty meters and the depth is about one to three meters. On average, the water level is about three meters, but I heard that when the water overflows, whirlpools are formed. When this happens, the width of the river can become 1.6 kilometers. In Joshua 3:15, it says, "And the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest)." So, the water would overflow. Then, in verse 16, it says, "The waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt sea, were completely cut off." And it says, "And the people passed over opposite Jericho." In verse 17, it says, "Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan." And it's recorded that "all Israel was passing over on dry ground." Right now, they are in the place of Jericho. And they are in the opposite of Jericho in the city of Adam, and that is at least 22 kilometers away. That's how far up the water came. And it said it stopped there. It's truly amazing. God was the one who stopped the water for them to cross over the dry ground. This is today's passage. It speaks about the fact of how Israelites followed after the covenant that the Lord God has commanded them and

this is the work that arose. Why do you think God wrote this in His book? This is the message that you must do the same as well. When you follow the ark of the covenant, you will cross over the dry ground. In other words, you must live following the ark of the covenant and live after the covenant. You must do this. All problems have derived from Genesis 3 and the fundamental problems. We cannot come out of this alone because we were compelled by Satan. If sin did not exist, Satan cannot do anything to us. If you went against the law and committed a crime, the police or judge can do something about it. We are all born as sinners so we are compelled by Satan. That is why you need the answer to solve that. The answer is the covenant. The precious blood of Jesus Christ and covenantal sacrifice given to the Lord signifies Christ. Today's scripture shows you the big picture. If you read it, Joshua commands the people to consecrate themselves and to wait for the Lord. When the time came, he took the levitical priest to carry it out. Verse 4 states, "Yet there shall be a distance between you and it, about 2,000 cubits in length. Do not come near it, in order that you may know the way you shall go, for you have not passed this way before." When the levitical priests dipped their feet in the irnk of the water, the water stopped and rose to 22 kilometers. Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan. It is the big picture that God gives to us that if you live by the covenant, your life will be like this. If you live by the covenant, your life will be like you are crossing over the dry ground. The Lord God says that when you hold to the covenant, the Lord will step in the dry ground until you finish crossing the dry ground. It is truly amazing. You must believe in this and hold onto this as your covenant. That's why you must enjoy the gospel dn consecrate yourself. It is God's amazing promise given to you as you will see miracles as long as you do that as you wait for Him. rightfully so, it is the enemy's hearts and livers that were melted that day. The enemies were in fear because they saw the Israelites cross over Jordan with the pillars of cloud and fire upon them. They were trembling because of this. They were in much fear because they were constantly being defeated once the Israelites crossed the Jordan River. The enemies knew the state of the Jordan River, knowing that it was impossible to cross it, but they witnessed the Isrealites crossing over the river. It is God's message and promise that when you follow the covenant, your life will be like this. The Lord says that when you live by the covenant, your life will be filled with miracles and He will crush and demolish Satan who is constantly trying to deceive you. The Lord God says that you must follow the covenant for He will melt Satan completely. This is the covenantal life. We all have the right to receive answers. For anyone who is suffering because they are lacking to receive answers, may you receive it today. May your heart and thoughts be centered on the covenant. The absolute covenant exists. When you live in and by the covenant, you will see continuous answers in your life. You will see the answer at this age. God has already given you the answer. Place it inside of your heart and hold onto it. May you live by it. May you apply it to your fields. May you confess, enjoy, and hold onto it once again. If you continuously do it, you will be in a spiritual battle and live a historical life. Of all the life aspects that may seem like the Jordan River, God will allow you to pass it on dry grounds. There are many witnesses to this in the Bible and in our surroundings. There are countless witnesses in Korea. If you lack faith

in this, why don't you stay in Korea for a month and ask around? All those who lived the covenantal life were able to cross the Jordan River in their lives. Even if this does not take place for you, it is okay because you will live the covenantal life. God will permit this. You will live the evangelist's life to testify of Only Christ to others. You must live your life towards the direction of the absolute covenant of God which is Jesus Christ and world evangelization. Undoubtedly, miracles will take place. Your life will continuously be restored. You will continuously relay this to your children so that they will live a free life inside of God. undoubtedly that will take place. That is the conclusion of the Bible and there are countless witnesses in our surroundings. You can be like that too. That is being shown in your life. Even today, may you confess that "Jesus is my Christ." Hold onto it. Pray for God to open the path so that you can live the life of an evangelist. Every aspect of your life will be as if you are crossing on dry ground. Everything will be overturned into a blessing. This is the answer, what else could be the answer to you? You must live your life heading towards the covenantal life. May this blessing be upon you. It is very simple and easy. It is in the fact that you do not start it. May it begin today.

2. The church is the Platform

In other words, we are the church that is the platform that holds to the content and testifies to others. Thank you so much for your grace in prayer that we were able to return from the Ensenada conference. All of the American missionaries and pastors attended, but the local pastors did not come. We were able to understand this because they need to make a living as well. Two American missionaries were not content with the messages that were relayed so they left early but there is God's plan amidst that. There is a young missionary that resides in Chiapas. He came to speak with me about how they feel. I told them it is in God's time schedule. There is Pastor Renee who returned to the gospel movement after seven year. He was connected through Pastor Josea. He gave his testimony that he returned after seven years and received much grace. He was completely overturned. I told the Caucasian missionaries to take a look at Pastor Renee and he understood that there is God's time schedule. In the midst of us as well, one may leave and come back or those that do not return based on God's time schedule. But you do not need to be concerned. Just do what God tells you to do. Putting that aside, there were many who listened to the messages well. There was an American missionary who I believe could be a great evangelism door to us. The American missionary does a live broadcast in which at least 800 people come and attend it. He says that he has at least 2000 followers in Pakistan. He received much grace so he told us in advance that he would come and attend the Phoenix conference and then he shared that he would bring along other people with him as well. Of course there are those who receive grace and those who don't. We have invited two pastors from Los Cabos and they were able to come and receive much grace. They both told me to come and visit them so I told them let's pray about it. This is the direction that we must take. It is Nicaragua, Venezuela, and Cuba that we are praying for and hopefully we can do that within this year but I do believe that this is the start for the church to be the platform. The representative church for that in the bible is the Antioch church. The term platform itself is not from the message but it's from the outside world. There is a platform in the train station where people wait. In other words it's a place where people can gather. For the in-

ternet as well they have such contents and places where people can gather that's a platform. Such websites can be a platform for many. Google, Facebook, and Amazon are renowned companies known as platforms. Likewise we must be the church that is the platform that holds onto the spiritual content. We must be able to hold onto the important spiritual content for the sake of America and Latin America evangelization. We are the ones who hold onto the spiritual content of the gospel. Rightfully so when God attaches important people to us with the spiritual eyes we are able to testify the correct gospel to them. Also because they must be able to know what evangelism is we must be able to hold onto the contents of evangelism to relay to them. That is why we must be a church that is a platform. May you pray for that. If you are very busy in life and you are not able to go out to the field please pray for those who are able to go out to the field. The Cuba mission has concluded today but yet due to the lack of service that they don't have they sent me all the photos last night. I do believe that elder John has received the photos and he will organize it and upload it in the group chat. To be honest, the service is not so great in Latin America so it's quite difficult to communicate with each other. That is why we must be this church and we must be able to live this life. This is the answer for you but more than the church you yourself are very important and this must take place inside you. With all the triune God and the mystery that he has given to you, you must first possess it. In other words you must first receive the blessing that God has given to you and revive yourself so that you are able to save others. You must be able to experience God's answer first hand. It's not the fact that you must fully experience and then go and save others. As you're experiencing it and as you stand as a witness you must be able to go and testify to save them. That is how God will continuously provide for you and open the doors for you. As you stand before the Lord and as you continuously align your life to his direction he will continuously raise you up. When the church is abundant with these believers that is when the church will be able to stand as a spiritual platform to save many. I do believe that we are a special case in which our church holds onto a very important commission. It is because the door that God opens for us is very special. I do believe that this is the true start. We can never fathom how God will be at work but I do believe that we are a special case. Amidst of our remnants the true remnants must be raised. We must continuously raise up our remnants so that they can hold onto the sure covenant that is recorded in the bible as their own. We must continuously raise up the church officers that are able to support and raise the remnants. It is the 70 disciples, it's very important. The 70 disciples were martyred more than the disciples at that time. Take a look at Stephen; he was one of the seventy disciples. It's very important to take a look at the old testament of the main figure remnants: all of their parents were important church officers. So please hold to the covenant. God is surely at work when he takes a look at your heart first; it's not more important for you to hold onto the covenant and wait for the results. Is there anyone to whom their life is not taking place for them? Is there anyone who is in the midst of a problem to which they yearn for God to resolve it for them? How can God resolve it completely as they crossed the dry ground? Only when you are in his covenant. It's because his covenant is his desire. It is God's covenant where when you are inside of Christ I will bless you and the Lord God said that if you hold onto it he will bless you. The Lord God said that your life will be like the Israelites crossing the dry ground. That is a promise then you must do

exactly that. When you do that then it will exactly be fulfilled. Believers it is very simple. May you be this person. May you be able to follow after the covenant and see the evidence of the heavenly throne upon you. God will continuously be at work and this will become the spiritual content to which we will be able to stand as a church platform. We must be like this and the church must be like this. Last but not least please place this one thing in your heart. God has his absolute plan. Have you ever questioned that? You've heard it many times in the messages. Have you just listened to it or have you truly thought about it? Have you once truly thought about it? Have you ever sat down and recorded it and written it? You must do that. That's when you will be able to connect with God but until then it won't take place. Of course you are in the gospel and you are saved. You are a person of God. Of course you are being used for world evangelism and you are a remnant. You are holding onto the covenant and you are a church officer but you must confirm it. Rightfully God will fulfill it and no one can block it. No matter how one may have a bad temper, if they are able to do this they will be blessed by God. No matter how pure they may be and no matter how innocent a person is, if they lack to do this they will not be blessed so please align and match your life to this. Of course if you just simply live your life praying you will receive much grace and answers but remnants may you think about it. Rightfully so you will be able to receive answers as you are in the walk of faith that prays and there will be grace upon you but yet you will not live the historical life. True start won't take place and your life will not be the life where you cross over the dry ground. At times you may be stuck in problems. May you think about it. Why did God allow them to cross over the dry ground? It is because it was his absolute plan for them to enter the land of Canaan. No one can ever block this even those who were against it were all put to death in the wilderness so may you all be aligned to it. Then it is the conclusion of the bible if you don't do anything else except for this then you will be blessed. That's why we call it the absolute covenant. Of course it's the absolute covenant where once you are inside of it you will be able to see the miracles upon your life. No one can ever block this for this is absolute. May you truly imprint this in your heart. For God it is absolute to go and save America, Latin America, and the entire world. For the sake of that the remnant movement and the multi ethnic movement vid so absolute to God. So I do hope you understand. In the midst of us there may be those you have not yet opened their heart to this. May you pray for it. Of course this is not wrong, you must be able to ask God why I am like this. Yet this is not deep within your heart that means that you are spiritually I'll. Then what should you do? Should you just leave it be? Then you will be at loss. That's why you must continuously confess of Christ. You can never change your own thoughts. Of course in that time of worship you receive much grace and you are in tears and you repent to the Lord but the moment you stand up and leave the church you completely forget about it. As you enjoy Christ may all of it be broken down and may you truly stand as a person of God. That is why may God's absolute desire truly be your life and your life covenant then miracles will undoubtedly arise. May you receive this overflowing blessing from God.