



COVENANT

COVENANT OF THE KINGDOM FACILITATOR GUIDE

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Checkers is a classic board game that most everyone has played sometimes in life. The concept is simple though mastering the game takes strategy. Two opponents face each other. Taking turns, they move their pieces in diagonal directions to the other person's side without having a game piece "jumped" and removed from the game. Once safely reaching the furthestmost row on the other person's side, they are "crowned," giving them a new level of authority to move in a new direction. The person who has overcome and removed all pieces of the enemy is the winner.

What happens if a person refuses to make a move? [The game is at a standstill. If one person doesn't make a move, then the game is null.]

How long will play with a person who refuses to move?

Read about David's story...

2 Samuel 7:1-2 —When the king had settled into his palace and the Lord had given him rest on every side from all his enemies, 2 the king said to the prophet Nathan, "Look, I am living in a cedar house while the ark of God sits inside tent curtains."

What was David's "move?" [He decided it was right for him to build a temple/house for God.]

How do you think it made God feel that David considered his blessings and wanted to bless God back? [No doubt God felt David's worship.]

What did David's "move" say to God? [That David could be trusted to use what had given Him for something bigger. It also said that he was willing to do great things to honor God.]

How does a check game compare with the Christian life? [You have to make a move in a positive direction to show that you are still willing to serve and honor God. God has a place of honor and higher authority for those who will strive to obtain it. In the end, you must confront and defeat the enemy if you are ever going to win the battle!]

How important do you think it was to the covenant deal God made for Him to see David's motivation and heart for Him?

Can God see that you are willing to make daring moves in order to advance in your Christian walk?

A COVENANT-MAKING GOD

So far in this COVENANT sermon series, we've looked at the deals God made with Adam, Noah, Abraham, and Moses. In this last message, we will look at the deal God made with David.

2 Samuel 7:11b-16—The Lord declares to you: The Lord Himself will make a house for you. 12 When your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up after you your descendant, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He is the one who will build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be his father, and he will be My son. When he does wrong, I will discipline him with a rod of men and blows from mortals. 15 But My faithful love will never leave him as it did when I removed it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. 16 Your house and kingdom will endure before Me forever, and your throne will be established forever.

According to verse 11, who was going to build a “house” for who? [God would make a house for David and his descendants.]

According to verse 13, who was going to build a “house” for God? [David's son (Solomon)]

What was the difference between the two “houses?” [While Solomon would build an actual physical temple, God talks about building a “house of David” that secures David's descendants will rule over Jerusalem.]

God doesn't want David to build Him a HOUSE, instead, God wants to build David a DYNASTY.

Likewise, God doesn't only want us to do great things for Him, but He longs to do great things FOR US.

God isn't a God who just wants more and more from you. If you are tired and think following God is just something to do that takes up our time, you miss the point. God is seeking people in whom He can build dynasties! He wants to take you to a new level in Him, and He will carry you there!

In this series, we have found that covenants can have different characteristics.

They can be:

- **SPECIFIC** (pertaining to just one person or family)
OR GENERAL (pertaining to all mankind)
- **CONDITIONAL** (terms the people had to do to make the covenant take effect)
OR UNCONDITIONAL (God promises to fulfill the terms regardless of other factors)
- **TIME-SPECIFIC** (the covenant was good for that time period only)
OR TIMELESS (the covenant refers to things in the future)

PROMISES TO DAVID & THE PROMISES TO US

PROMISE: David will have a son that will sit on the throne to establish a kingdom.

Earthly Fulfillment: **SOLOMON**.

Eternal Fulfillment: **JESUS**.

Matthew 12:42—The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here.

Matthew 9:27—As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, crying out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"

Matthew 12:23—All the crowds were astounded and said, "Could this be the Son of David?"

PROMISE: David's son will build the temple.

Earthly Fulfillment: The **TEMPLE** was finished in 957 BC. It was destroyed in 586 BC.

Eternal Fulfillment: When Christ lives in us, we become the "**HOUSE OF GOD**."

1 Corinthians 3:16—Don't you yourselves know that you are God's temple and that the Spirit of God lives in you?

PROMISE: Descendants of David will sit on the throne forever.

Earthly Fulfillment: The last descendant of David to sit on the throne was Zedekiah. David's descendants didn't follow God and broke their end of the deal, breaking the

covenant. Sin cut off the reign of the Davidic kings.

Eternal Fulfillment: Through the work of Jesus, salvation is extended to us to become kings and priests forever! Jesus sits on the throne now and will sit on the throne in Jerusalem for 1000 years.

Jeremiah 23:5—'Behold, the days are coming,' says the LORD, "That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.

PROMISE: Even though he does wrong, God's love will never leave him.

Earthly Fulfillment: 1 Kings 11⁹⁻¹¹—The Lord was angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned away from the Lord, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice. 10 He had commanded him about this, so that he would not follow other gods, but Solomon did not do what the Lord had commanded. 11 Then the Lord said to Solomon, "Since you have done this and did not keep my covenant and my statutes, which I commanded you, I will tear the kingdom away from you and give it to your servant.

Eternal Fulfillment: 1 John 4:19—We love because he first loved us.

PROMISE: David's dynasty will be forever.

Earthly Fulfillment: Jeremiah 33:17— For thus says the LORD: 'David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel; **NOTE:** the symbol of Israel is THE **STAR OF DAVID**. He is still reverence to this day in Israel.

Eternal Fulfillment: JESUS Luke 1:32-33—He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David: and He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end

In Jesus, the monarchy of David will one day be completely fulfilled, and the Kingdom of Heaven will become a physical reality.

How did the covenant God made with David affect his descendants? [If they all obeyed like David that had the promise of being kings and rulers.]

How does your obedience to God affect your children / grandchildren? [You have the chance to pass down a legacy of faith and hope for a future through your faith.]

Are you the recipient of a legacy of faith from your family? If not, do you wish you had that kind of upbringing?

David's family failed in their obedience and their earthly kingdom was ultimately destroyed. Was hope for the future lost? [No. Jesus was the fulfillment that allows us to be redeemed for our failures and live eternally in His Kingdom!]

1 Chronicles 22:8— But the word of the Lord came to me: ‘You have shed much blood and waged great wars. You are not to build a house for my name because you have shed so much blood on the ground before me.

Why wouldn’t God let David build the temple? [Because he had “blood on his hands.”]

What are the things that keep us from building a legacy for God? [Mostly, we have a lack of intentional worship and thankfulness to God. David was first thankful for all God had done for him, which motivated him to build a place for worship to Him. Most of us fail to be that thankful.]

PRAYER TIME

- Consider all that God has done for you. Give Him praise and worship for all He has done for you.
- Ask God to help you make brave moves in positive directions for God.
- Ask God to help you leave a lasting legacy for your family.
- Establish your own covenant of faith and obedience with God. Declare Jesus as the eternal fulfillment of all covenants and put your full trust in Him.

