

The Covenant of Redemption

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Be it known to all men, that, in the presence of the Ancient of Days, it was finally contracted, and unanimously agreed, betwixt these honourable and royal Persons in the God-head, to wit, the great and infinite Lord of Heaven and Earth, on the one side; and Jesus Christ, God-man, his eternal and undoubted Heir, on the other side, in manner, form and effect, as follows:-

That forasmuch as the Lord Jesus Christ is content and obliges himself to become Surety, and to fulfil the whole Law; and that he shall suffer and become an offering for sin; and take the guiding of all the children of God on him, and make them perfect in every good word and

work; and that of his fulness they shall all receive grace for grace; and also present them, man, wife, and bairns (i.e. children), on Heaven's floor, and lose none of them; and that he shall raise them up at the last day, and come in on Heaven's floor with all the bairns at his back:

Therefore, the noble Lord of Heaven and Earth, on the other side, binds and obliges himself to Christ to send all the elect into the world, and to deliver them all fairly to Christ; and also to give him a body, flesh of their flesh and bone of their bone; and to carry Christ through in all his undertaking in that work, and to hold him by the hand:

And also let the Holy Ghost, who is our equal, to go forth into the world, that he

may be sharer in this great work, and also of the glory of this noble contrivance; and let him enlighten the minds of all those whom we have chosen out of the world, in the knowledge of our name; and to convince them of their lost state; and persuade and enable them to embrace and accept of his free love offer; and to support and comfort them in all their trials and tribulations, especially those for our name's sake: and to sanctify them, soul and body, and make them fit for serving us, and dwelling with us, and singing forth the praises of the riches of our free grace in this noble contrivance, for ever and ever.

Likewise, the same noble Lord of Heaven and Earth doth fully covenant grace and glory, and all good things, to as many as shall be persuaded and enabled to accept and embrace you, as their Lord, King and God: and moreover, he allows the said Jesus Christ to make proclamations by his servants, to the world in his name, that all that will come and engage under his colours, he shall give them noble pay in hand for the present, and a rich inheritance for ever;

With certification, that all those who will not accept this offer, for the same cause, shall be guilty and eternally condemned from our presence, and tormented with these devils, whom we cast out from us, for their pride and rebellion, for the glory of our justice, through eternity.

In testimony whereof, he subscribes their presents (a legal term: document, or writing), and is content the same be registered in the Books of Holy Scripture, to be kept on record to future generations. Dated at the throne of Heaven, in the ancient records of eternity.