



“And they transgressed against the God of their fathers, and played the harlot with the gods of the people of the land... And the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul, the King of Assyria... and he carried them away *into captivity*.” 1 Chronicles 5:25-26

Be encouraged, your covenant with the LORD extends even to your children and grandchildren. “...otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy.” (1 Corinthians 7:14) My relationship to the LORD by His covenant in Jesus Christ, allows Him access to my family, to convict, to lead, to save, to bless. A godly heritage can literally declare, “The God of my Fathers.”

But be warned. To enter into a covenant relationship with the Almighty, and to then turn from that covenant invites hardship and much pain. Not because our Father is spiteful or easily offended, but because there is an enemy of our souls that hates us and is intent upon bringing us to ultimate destruction as a means of touching God Himself! After all, the devil cannot touch God, so he strikes at that which is most precious to the Lord – His children. “...who are taken captive of *Satan* at his will.” (2Timothy 2:26b)

Could it be that today you find yourself in some type of captivity or prison? Could it be that your chains, while held by the devil, have been empowered by your unwillingness to follow the Covenant cut in Jesus’ blood? There is a way of escape, a way back out of captivity, a way into the freedom and light of God’s love. A genuine repentant heart before our Father enables us to “come to our senses and escape the snare of the devil.” (2 Timothy 2:25-26)

In Jesus’ name I submit to my Father and choose obedience to His word and the New Covenant in His blood. I therefore resist the devil and demand the chains of every bondage and captivity to be broken – chains of sins – chains of lack – chains of emotional disruption. I stand fast in the liberty found only in Christ Jesus!