

## Covenants Between God and ...



**Words to Find:**  
 Abraham  
 Adam  
 Church  
 David  
 Israel  
 Moses  
 Noah  
 Repentant

### Kicking Back

*Gospel Herald*

One frosty morning, a little girl stood looking out of the window into the farmyard. In the farmyard there stood many cows, oxen, and horses waiting to drink. The cows stood very still until one of them attempted to turn around. She happened to hit the cow nearest her, whereupon that cow kicked and hit another. In five minutes all of the cows were kicking one another in fury!

The mother of the little girl laughed and said, "My dear, do you see what comes from 'kicking' when you are hit? Just so, I have seen one cross word set a whole family saying angry words!"

Later, when the little girl and her brothers were irritable, Mother said, "Take care, my children. Remember how the fight in the barnyard began. Never give back a kick for a hit, and you will avoid lots of trouble."

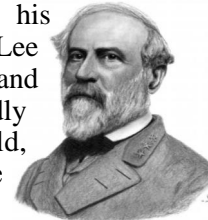
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### General Lee's Forgiveness

*New Century Leader*

A Union soldier, bitter in his hatred of the Confederacy, lay wounded at Gettysburg. At the close of the battle, General Lee rode by, and the soldier, though faint from exposure and loss of blood, raised his hands, looked Lee in the face, and shouted as loudly as he could, "Hurrah for the Union!"



The General heard him, dismounted, and went toward him, and the soldier confessed, "I thought he meant to kill me. As he came up, he looked at me with such a sad expression upon his face that all fear left me, and looking right into my eyes, he said, 'My son, I hope you will soon be well.' If I live a thousand years, I shall never forget the expression on General Lee's face. There he was, defeated, retiring from a field that had cost him and his cause almost their last hope, and yet he stopped to

say words like those to a wounded soldier of the opposition who had taunted him as he passed by. As soon as the General left me, I cried myself to sleep there upon the bloody battleground."

### What to Do If You Have Enemies

Here is some of what the Bible says about enemies, and how a Christian should behave toward them.

❖ **If you do right and live right as a Christian, you will probably have enemies and those that disapprove of your devotion to the Lord.**

*"Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets." Luke 6:26*

❖ **No matter what they do, we still need to love and be kind to them!**

*"But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you," Luke 6:27*  
*"Owe no man any thing, but to*

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## What to Do If You ...

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love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law." Romans 13:8

❖ **Do not be happy when they suffer.**

"Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth:"

Proverbs 24:17

❖ **Be kind to those that oppose you.**

"If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink: For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee."

Proverbs 25:21-22

"Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I [Jesus] say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;"

Matthew 5:43-44

"Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not." Romans 12:14

❖ **God should handle the problem and not you!**

**"PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR ENEMIES, FOR THEY ARE THE FIRST TO DISCOVER YOUR MISTAKES."**

Antisthenes

"Plead my cause, O LORD, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me. Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help. Draw out also the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I am thy salvation. Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt." Psalms 35:1-4

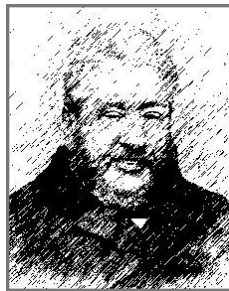
## Spurgeon's Deafness

Christian Herald

C. H. Spurgeon, while still a young man and a village pastor, was passing the house of a woman who had a reputation for being a foul-mouthed, quarrelsome woman. She greeted him with a volley of words that were the reverse of being polite. Smiling, the young preacher said, "Yes, thank you. I am quite well."

She burst into another string of expletives. "Yes, it does look as if it's going to rain," he replied.

Surprised, as well as exasperated, the woman exclaimed, "Bless the man, he's as deaf as a fence post. What's the use of talking to him?"



## "He Served Me Cruelly!"

Biblical Treasury

A man came to me and said, "I cannot understand it, sir, but it seems as if God is blotted out of my life. I used to be so happy."

I asked, "Why is it so?"

Said he, "I think it has to do with my treatment of my brother. He served me cruelly over my father's will, and I said I would never forgive him. I am sorry I said it, but he has been going from bad to worse, has lost his wife and child, and is now on his death bed, and I cannot go to him because I said I never would."

I suggested, "My friend, it is better to break a bad vow than keep it. Go to him."

He went, and the blessings of God came back into his life. His joy returned.

## When Struck by a Potato

Sunday Companion

A Salvation Army officer tells of an old Maori woman who had won the name of "Warrior Brown" by her fighting qualities when in drink or enraged. She was converted, and gave her testimony at an open air meeting, whereupon some foolish person hit her a nasty blow with a potato. A week before, the cowardly insulter would have needed to make himself scarce for his trouble, but how she had changed.

"Warrior" picked up the potato without a word and put it in her pocket.

No more was heard of the incident until the harvest

festival came around. Then "Warrior" brought a little sack of potatoes and explained that she had cut up and planted the insulting potato, and was now presenting to the Lord its increase.



## Jesus Held His Peace

A. H. Simpson

The day when Jesus stood alone  
And felt the hearts of men like  
stone,

And knew He came but to atone,  
That day "He held His peace."

They witnessed falsely to His  
Word,  
They bound Him with a cruel cord,  
And mockingly proclaimed Him  
Lord,

"But Jesus held His peace."

Dear friend, have you for far much  
less,

With rage, which you called  
"righteousness,"  
Resented slights with great dis-  
tress?

Remember — Jesus held His  
peace.

**"The habit of judging and condemning others is usually a great deal more serious blemish than are the things we so glibly point out as flaws or faults."**