



Protocols & Requirements

Between

Spiritual Father & His Spiritual Sons

Introduction

Let's face it - faithfulness, loyalty and true unity greatly lack in the world today. Sadly, they also lack in the church.

God is a faithful God. His claims of faithfulness are contained in the highest level of relationship available to man, which is called 'covenant.'

'Covenant' means a solemn oath/pledge of commitment that is binding, enduring and unbreakable. You are bound to covenant. Covenant speaks of faithfulness and enduring commitment. Covenant is an irrevocable, undissolvable oath of commitment.

His promise is that He will never leave us nor forsake us (Hebrews 13:5). The Bible is a covenant between God and His people. To enjoy the vast benefits and blessings relies in our ability to faithfully keep our covenants. Covenant is the highest level of relationship on earth and it is the relationship that God is most concerned with. The church is often referred to as the 'covenant community', but the reality is very few churches operate in the fullness of this principle.

Ezekiel 20

³⁶ Just as I pleaded My case with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will plead My case with you," says the Lord GOD. ³⁷ "I will make you pass under the rod, and **I will bring you into the bond of the covenant;**

The word 'bond' (tie or bind) in Hebrew means to 'imprison.' Once you enter into covenant you are circled with an impenetrable wall that cannot be broken. In essence, it means to be imprisoned to God and the assignment He deposits into the heart of a man (spiritual father) whom He has selected in His own sovereignty.

There is a covenant 'vertical' (with God) and there are two types of horizontal covenants: people with people. These two horizontal covenants are:

1. Covenants with 'the brotherhood'

The covenant between the brotherhood is the special relationship between those men God has called together to serve the vision and purpose of God deposited in their man of God (spiritual father).

Hebrews 13:1

¹ **Let brotherly love continue.**

Amos 1:9

Thus says the LORD:

" For three transgressions of Tyre, and for four,
I will not turn away its *punishment*,
Because they delivered up the whole captivity to Edom,
And did not remember the **covenant of brotherhood.**

2. Covenant with the recognized or Chosen Leader

The reality is it is very easy for men to say they are in covenant with a God whom they cannot see. But the proof of their covenant with God is evidenced in how they properly discern and submit to God's chosen man – a man tangibly in their presence. This ability discern and submit goes to the heart of rebellion in terms of differentiating between those who are faithful and those who are not, and is one of the major reasons why so many Christians

have no discernable proof of blessing in their lives and families, and why there is very little discernable kingdom expression in our country today.

We are blessed to Bishop Brian Tamaki, our spiritual father through whom this powerful kingdom principle is being restored. The fruit of his ministry is self-evident, so much so that his call and influence is discerned at many levels in both the Christian and non-Christian communities here in New Zealand and around the world.

Bishop Tamaki descends from the Ngati Ngawaero and Ngati Maniapoto sub-tribes of Tainui and the first Maori King, Potatau Te Wherowhero, who said, *"After I am gone, hold fast to love, to the law and to the religion of Christ."*

He committed his life to Christ at the age of 21, during Easter Weekend of 1979 at Turangawaewae Marae in Ngaruawahia. Since that time, he has grown to become one of New Zealand's most prominent Preachers and advocates of the Christian faith. His message has challenged the traditional perimeters of Christian influence, taking the gospel outside the four walls of the Church to break new ground in social, religious and political spheres. He is the founder of the Destiny Movement and has pioneered many firsts in our nation. He is highly sought after both locally and internationally. A successful father and grandfather, Bishop Tamaki is an inspiration to thousands in our country.

Spiritual fathers are extremely rare. Through our Bishop, we have a once in a lifetime opportunity to restore true kingdom order so our children have a future and a hope, and a powerful kingdom legacy to inherit.

When spiritual sons discern and properly covenant with their spiritual father, the foundation of kingdom is established through faithful men. It involves love, sacrifice and obedience.

The Bible is full of Old and New Testament examples of the kingdom in action through this principle.

- (a) David established the kingdom in his time through this principle...

1 Chronicles 11

Then all Israel came together to David at Hebron, saying, "Indeed we are your bone and your flesh." ² Also, in time past, even when Saul was king, you were the one who led Israel out and brought them in; and the LORD your God said to you, "You shall shepherd My people Israel, and be ruler over My people Israel." ³ Therefore all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and **David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD**. And they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the LORD by Samuel.

⁴ And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem, which is Jebus, where the Jebusites were, the inhabitants of the land. ⁵ But the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, "You shall not come in here!" Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion (that is, the City of David). Then David dwelt in the stronghold; therefore they called it the City of David. ⁶ And he built the city around it, from the Millo to the surrounding area. ⁷ So David went on and became great, and the LORD of hosts was with him.

- (b) Jonathan left the allegiance and legacy of his natural father (King Saul) to covenant with David in order to preserve and set up a blessing for his offspring and future generations.

1 Samuel 18:1-4

¹ Now when he had finished speaking to Saul, **the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul**. ² Saul took him that day, and would not let him go home to his father's house anymore. ³ Then **Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul**. ⁴ **And Jonathan took off the robe that was on him and gave it to David, with his armor, even to his sword and his bow and his belt.**

- (c) The Apostle Paul set the pattern of proper church order in how he begat sons and whole local churches to bring kingdom expression to their communities.

1 Corinthians 4:15-17

¹⁵ For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. ¹⁶ Therefore I urge you, imitate me. ¹⁷ For this reason I have sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved and faithful son in the Lord, who will remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach everywhere in every church.

1 Timothy 1:1-2

¹ Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the commandment of God our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope, ² To Timothy, a true son in the faith

2 Timothy 2:1

¹ You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ² And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

Titus 1:4

⁴ To Titus, a true son in our common faith:

- (d) Jesus Himself sought out 12 men who He disciplined and then commissioned to build the church and advance the kingdom. One of His final acts with those men was to cut the covenant represented by His blood that was soon to be spilled for the saving of mankind.

Matthew 14:18-19

¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

Luke 22:19-20

¹⁹ And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

²⁰ In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

- (e) The early church was powerfully established and nobody who belong to it lacked.

Acts 4

³² Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. ³³ And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ Nor was there anyone among them who lacked;

Philippians 2:1-4

¹ Therefore if *there is* any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, ² fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

At our 2009 Labour Weekend Conference Destiny's men will be consummating our covenants together (the brotherhood), and towards our man of God. In doing so, we will establish the foundation for the kingdom to bear in our nation, and to give an example to the church and our nation of how men ought to unite under God and His set man so the kingdom can come.

For us, it is about discerning the special anointing and function God has put on Bishop's life and how we as sons, properly approach and treat that anointing so we can maximize its benefits not just for our generation, but for our children and the generations to come.

Benefits & Blessings of Sonship

The benefits of spiritual sonship and keeping covenants are immense, not just for us, but for our children and future offspring.

Deuteronomy 30:1 & 19

¹ "Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call *them* to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God drives you... I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;

God attaches the blessing and the curse to the covenant. It is important to understand that blessing and cursing are twin powers. They are not opposites: they are two sides of the same coin. You are either under one or the other.

In keeping covenant the blessing rests on you and your offspring for generations to come. The blessing begins to work for you and your family over and above anything you can achieve in your own strength.

Deuteronomy chapter 28 clearly sets out the benefits of keeping covenant:

"Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth.

And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God:

- "Blessed *shall you be* in the city, and blessed *shall you be* in the country.
- "Blessed *shall be* the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.
- "Blessed *shall be* your basket and your kneading bowl.
- "Blessed *shall you be* when you come in, and blessed *shall you be* when you go out.
- "The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.
- "The LORD will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.
- "The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in His ways.
- Then all peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they shall be afraid of you.
- And the LORD will grant you plenty of goods, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground, in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give you.
- The LORD will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.
- And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe *them*.

So you shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right or the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

However, the blessings are conditional on obedience to God and fulfilling the requirements of sonship.

Requirements of Sonship

1. Give him obedience

Hebrews 13:17

17 Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

2. Give him honour

1 Timothy 5:17-19

Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine. 18 For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer is worthy of his wages." 19 Do not receive an accusation against an elder except from two or three witnesses.

1 Peter 2:17

Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king

3. Imitate him and follow his faith

1 Corinthians 4:17

For this reason I have sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved and faithful son in the Lord, who will remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach everywhere in every church.

Hebrews 13:7

Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.

1 Peter 5:3

Nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock;

4. Give him your loyalty and your strength

1 Chronicles 12:18

Then the Spirit came upon Amasai, chief of the captains, and he said:

"We are yours, O David;

We are on your side, O son of Jesse!

Peace, peace to you,

And peace to your helpers!

For your God helps you."

So David received them, and made them captains of the troop.

Protocols towards our spiritual father

1. PUBLIC CONDUCT

As sons of the house, we are advocates for God, Bishop, our church, each other and our families. Many people will not read a Bible, but they will read us. Therefore, our conduct and conversation should reflect our kingdom call.

- In all conversation, always speak of Bishop in a favourable and positive light.
- In formal and/or public occasions, always address Bishop and Ps Hannah first in acknowledgements and addresses at meetings. This is a sign of respect to the father of the movement.
- Whenever you have public honours (church or secular) it is fitting to reference your 'mentors' and 'role models', Bishop and Ps Hannah. This brings God into the situation as well – because Bishop is one of God's best known representatives in our country. This includes awards, those doing special items, guest ministries, special appearances in church and outside of the church. To mention Bishop's name also esteems Destiny Church and Christ.
- Never use Bishop's name to back up your claims, personal agendas or advancements in any situation unless you have prior permission.

2. CONDUCT TOWARDS BISHOP

Bishop is the tangible expression of God and our call. Son's need to understand how to properly approach our man of God in order to protect the anointing and to ensure we don't intentionally or unintentionally transgress this special relationship.

Remember, honour is the principle of release.

- Always be respectful and honourable in Bishop's presence, even though he is very sociable and open - remember who he is! (For example, don't be in his face giving your stuff and version. Protect him from outsiders who attempt to do this. Tactfully move in on people who do this and politely move them on!)
- Ensure Bishop and Ps Hannah are duly honoured, cared for and given the appropriate respect. Treat and respect Ps Hannah as you would Bishop.
- Bishop is a people person. Often it is better we offend others than him.
- Remember, Bishop carries our vision and our anointing for the future and hope of our families and offspring: we ought to guard, protect and watch out for him and Ps Hannah.

3. DISCERNMENT

As son's, we need to be in tune with what is happening. Being able to properly discern how to conduct ourselves in different settings by reading a situation is an important part of our spiritual maturity.

- Feel Bishop's flow and be attentive to his thoughts and direction: particularly in situations of engagement – in church, meetings, and outside activities/missions. This gives unity and power to what God is saying and doing through him. Endorse what Bishop endorses, fully support what Bishop promotes. Ensure what Bishop is involved in is supported and successful.

- Whenever Bishop speaks all other talking stops: give him your full attention. Be careful not to cut in on him when he is speaking and ensure others don't either. Don't start talking or gesturing to somebody else while Bishop is speaking.
- Never openly disagree with Bishop in front of others.
- Familiarity: Be careful not to become familiar (which can lead to contempt) with Bishop due to his friendliness and openness, particularly outside of the pulpit.

ETIQUETTE

- When Bishop and Ps Hannah enter a room, stand and acknowledge their presence. Take your seat after Bishop and Ps Hannah are seated or when Bishop indicates.
- If seated with Bishop at the table, wait until he has started eating before you start eating, unless Bishop indicates otherwise.

4. CHURCH SERVICE (IN HOUSE) PROTOCOLS

- Always participate – don't be a passive spectator. Church services are Bishop's 'life.' For example, sit as close as possible to the front to be nearer to him. Hanging back without good reason indicates too many negative things.
- Be verbal and vocal during the preaching: affirming truth with "amen" and "that's right" is unity and spiritual partnering with Bishop during his preaching. The men actively participating with Bishop during the preaching builds faith and strength in the church. Participation also builds an atmosphere that is conducive to supernatural events. So clap, shout, laugh and be active!
- Always come prepared with your Bible, pen and paper/laptop etc. Taking notes is very important in terms of retention and sets a positive example to others. It also shows you highly value the Word of God from Bishop's mouth.
- Come to church prayed up: anticipating God to speak through Bishop. Verbalise that anticipation to your wife and family – it teaches them to expect God to speak during service.
- Always come dressed well to all meetings with Bishop. His dress-code is your dress-code. Be well groomed and looking like your call... GREAT! Remember, your calling card is your face so look happy and smile!!!
- Always ensure you contribute to every church service in a positive manner - before, during and after service. Be friendly to all and encourage people. Actively building the church on all occasions is what pleases Bishop the most. Therefore, strive to be very good at this!

5. SUPPORTING BISHOP'S FUNCTION & MINISTRY

- Seek to find out his speaking itinerary (Area Shepherds have this). Sometimes you may arrange to travel in a region or to other churches and engagements to support Bishop in presence and number. This adds spiritual weight to the meeting and serves as an acknowledgement from the sons of their special relationship with Bishop.
- A team of men around Bishop reflects his importance to them. Never tolerate anyone (regardless of who they are) speaking or talking critically of Bishop and his wife/family or the church. You are not only to stop them in their tracks but to seriously 'warn' them that they criticize you when they criticize Bishop.
- Celebrate Bishop's special occasions with him: surprise on birthdays – anniversaries and special occasions/achievements. Don't wait for others to do it. In a sign of your love and respect for him, at times give gifts to him and/or Ps Hannah. A gift means many things... love, honour and blessing them: they will feel appreciated.

- Be protective of Bishop and his family. Remember, he will be more criticized, scrutinized and demonized than most others because of who he is and what he carries. You will hear all sorts of statements and opinions but you must be prepared to ignore them and consistently hold him in the same high regard no matter what you hear.
- Bishop is human and does make mistakes. Be prepared to defend against any problems arising out of his mistakes. A loyal man is supposed to 'cushion' the effect of a mistake on Bishop and to protect him. NEVER intentionally expose his weaknesses.
- All Bishop's sons should contribute towards creating a culture of honour and respect amongst all peoples, Christian and non-Christian. Many of the next generation will grow into this culture, which the Bible upholds and God 'blesses' richly because of faithful sons who consistently model this culture.
- Bishop may downplay and may even discourage you in overtly honouring him BUT this should never stop the men from doing what is honourable and what is in their heart to do. Bishop's discomfort with honour should never rob the people of the spiritual rewards for such honourable and respectful actions towards him.
- It is appropriate for men to tell others of their love for Bishop. It creates respect in others for Bishop and genuine honour and humility in the ones who say it. Acknowledgement to others that Bishop has made your life what it is gives credit to God as he is one of the most well known representatives of God in our country.
- Acquire Bishop's messages through DVD, CD or MP3 and the VIP notes: this aids you to catch the word, revelation and anointing.
- Reinforce and emphasise what Bishop says and preaches. This lends greater impact to his words. Quote him as often as possible in favourable terms.
- The men should develop a 'Comradery of Honour' as a reminder to each other when conduct and respect falls away from Bishop and towards each other.

COVENANT OATH

Today, we stand in the presence of God, first to affirm our covenant with Jesus Christ, sealed by the shedding of His blood through His death and resurrection from the dead.

If you agree, say “amen.”

According to 1 Peter 2:17, we pledge today to honour, love and protect the brotherhood of this covenant. If you agree say “amen.”

Above all, we stand here today in the presence of God to enter into this sacred covenant with our man of God, Bishop Brian Tamaki.

If you agree, say ‘amen.’

We hereby affirm that we are aware of the severity and solemnity of this covenant, which invokes both the blessing and the curse as part of this covenant agreement.

If you agree, say “amen.”

Deuteronomy 30:19 says “... I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live”

Today, if you choose blessing over the curse and life over death, say “amen.”

To you Bishop we pledge our allegiance, our faithfulness and loyalty. We pledge to serve the cause that is in your heart and to finish that work. Success to you and success to those who help you – for God is with you.

If you agree, say “amen.”

Now we formally enter into this covenant by individually pledging our oath of commitment, taken from the oath of Elisha to his spiritual father, the prophet Elijah, which says,

“As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!”