

THE
Covenant
OF Fifty-Eight
Blessings



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DEDICATION TO MY PARTNERS



You Listened...When I shared my illogical and odd experiences.

You Believed...When I pointed to the Covenant given to us.

You Explored...When I gave you a chance to use your faith experimentally in sowing a specific Seed and giving it an Assignment.

You Stretched...When I asked you to use your faith.

You Sowed...When I challenged you to follow me in sowing a Seed into the work of God.

You Tasted...The unbelievable rewards of the Harvest promised by the Lord of the Harvest.

You Wait Expectantly...For the completion of the Promise of the 100-fold return in Mark 10:28-30.

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts,” (Isaiah 55:8-9).

“Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe His prophets, so shall ye prosper,” (2 Chronicles 20:20).

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

(Why I Wrote This Book)



A number of years ago, I was sitting in an airport in Tulsa, Oklahoma, waiting for bad weather to subside. Every airline had been cancelled for eight hours. Remembering an idea I had carried for some time, I pulled out my black legal pad notebook and proceeded to write down every Scripture from Genesis through Revelation that contained some kind of blessing or promise. My goal was to create a book without any other Scripture except the blessing Scriptures...in the sequence that they were recorded in the Bible. It would reveal the stream of blessing that God had created to flow into mankind...in every single book of the Bible. At that time, it never occurred to me to see exactly how many kinds of blessings were obvious.

That book later became known as the best selling, "The Blessing Book." Tens of thousands were sold through other ministries.

Approximately two years later, I sat on a platform in Washington, DC. My pastor friend was receiving the church tithe and offerings. As I was sitting there, contemplating the amount I should sow, The Holy Spirit very gently nudged me with a question, "How many kinds of blessings are there in My Word?" I remembered my special study. "58," I replied inside my spirit. (Now, there's probably a lot more than 58, but that's how many I counted personally.)

“Plant a special Seed of \$58 into this offering today. It will become a memory in the mind of God and will be a monument to your faith that you want to stand in covenant with your God for the entire 58 blessings to occur during your lifetime.”

It sounded utterly ridiculous to me. Nobody heard it. It was so strong, I remember looking around and wondering if anybody had felt or sensed what was going on inside me.

I have always known that certain numbers were important to God. He is always specific. Always illogical. Whether it is dealing with Gideon’s 300...or instructing the Israelites to walk around the walls of Jericho seven consecutive days...and seven times around the walls on the seventh day...or the prophet telling the leper to dip seven times in Jordan. Numbers do matter. Obviously, they do not seem to matter to us...but to the One Who gave us the instruction.

I wrote out a special Seed for \$58 immediately. Suddenly The Holy Spirit again whispered, “Plant a special Seed of \$58 for your son, Jason. It will represent that you are in covenant—that I will honor your son and bless him in his life likewise.”

Obviously, my mind began to dig for Scriptural validation. Was it my personal imagination? It never lingered long in my heart for that consideration as I lived continuously in relationship and communion with The Holy Spirit.

It does not take me long to recognize my mother’s voice on the telephone.

Relationship really makes a difference.

That is why I never get into an argument with

people concerning whether God spoke to me or not. If He spoke to me, it does not make any difference whether they believe it or not.

I wrote out a second Seed-faith gift of \$58 and this time I placed Jason's name on it specifically.

I believe that giving money as a trade out for a miracle borders on blasphemy. Just recently, I have had people throw down hundreds of dollars on a table asking me to pray a specific prayer of blessing over their life. I refused. Certainly, I could have used their offering for our ministry and it is very needed...but the spirit and motive behind it reminds me of Acts 8:18-23. "And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God,...if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. For I perceive that thou are in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity."

My mind very carefully reviewed all that I could remember about giving offerings to the Lord. Was there an occasion in the Bible where a man specifically gave an offering to the Lord and experienced a direct result? Certainly. "And David built there an altar unto the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the Lord was intreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel," (2 Samuel 24:25). This followed the horrible tragedy

of 70,000 people dying within 72 hours following David's sin.

Scripturally, the purpose of sowing or giving to God is to create the rewards of obedience.

“Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine,” (Proverbs 3:9-10).

“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed,” (Malachi 3:10-12).

“Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that you mete withal it shall be measured to you again,” (Luke 6:38).

When Peter discussed leaving all to follow Jesus, Jesus answered and said, “Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life,” (Mark 10:29-30).

It astounds me that men who want to believe so

many other Scriptures have a problem with these Scriptures. Those who believe what Jesus said about Heaven and hell are incensed that anyone would want to embrace these Scriptures on reward, Harvest, and financial response from God to a single act of Seed-sowing or an act of disobedience.

Some feel that it is sinful to expect a financial gift from God. Yet, every day these same individuals beg God for things far more valuable and far more worthy than money. They ask for Wisdom, the salvation of a loved one, the healing of an uncle who has cursed God his entire lifetime. They beg God to send someone to buy their house, or car, or even ask the Lord to win a lottery on which they have gambled.

People are funny. Maybe very blind.

Anyway, I've got to get back to my story.

I started believing about Jason after I planted the special Seed of \$58 and gave it an Assignment—that God would remember my Seed as a testimony of my confidence toward Him regarding His covenant with me. My money was important to me. My faith was to God. My mind wandered that morning after I planted the Seed. I had gone through a very devastating divorce when my son was just 18 months old. There had been deep difficulties and walls of conflict as his mother had married two more times. Two child custody cases had left me broke. I had really given up on any possibility of having my son and being able to raise him in my presence and serving the Lord in church.

But, I had given my Seed an Assignment. You see, a watermelon seed contains an invisible instruction to create watermelons. An apple seed

contains an invisible instruction to create apples. A tomato seed never consults a cantaloupe seed with a puzzled question, “What do you think I ought to become?” You see, the Creator of this universe places an instruction...an Assignment...in everything He creates. It may be invisible to the human eye. It may be a silent message or Assignment. But the Harvest reveals what it contains. That’s why, with our Seeds that we sow into this world, it is important to give them invisible instructions and call in the Harvest where we need the results the most.

Within a few weeks, I landed back at the Dallas airport and was very surprised to see my secretary standing there. She had never met me in the airport to my knowledge.

“Jason will be here in one hour at the other airport, Love Field,” she said excitedly.

“What’s wrong?” I instantly was tense.

“Nothing,” she said. “His mother has just decided that he can come spend the rest of his life with you.”

That was the beginning of a most incredible journey of miracles that I have ever known during my whole lifetime.

One night, in a little Bible study in Dallas, I rather hesitatingly told the people about my experience with the \$58 Seed. I suggested that they plant it as a special signal and message to the Lord that they were in covenant with Him for something specific with their life.

“You cannot buy a miracle with money,” I insisted as I always do. “But, you can plant this as a Seed of your faith and believe God will provide a supernatural Harvest as He did for my life.”

That night a couple wrote the name of their daughter on their check. She was addicted to cocaine. Her life was in shambles. They were devastated. Fourteen days later, that daughter accepted Christ and was set free from drugs.

One night, Jesse Perez, who traveled with me wherever I went, planted a special Seed of \$58. He wrote on the left hand corner of his check, "Better family relations." You see, there was a sister who had left home 48 years prior. No one in the entire family had seen nor heard from her in those 48 years. No one knew whether she was alive or dead. He had not seen two of his daughters in five years. Jesse had not had a meal with his entire family for approximately 15 years. Fourteen days after he planted his Seed, he was able to spend several days with his two daughters. He got to experience a meal with his entire household and, within 90 days, they had located and found that sister unheard of for 48 years. His 86 year old father accepted Christ. His mother gave her life to the Lord and his sisters and his daughters had marvellous spiritual experiences with God—within days and weeks.

It would astound you if I had kept every single letter...recorded every single testimonial...and perhaps it's best that I have not, though my files are stacked full of incredible letters validating the power of God.

God wants to be worshiped...not His Seed that He provides for us.

Many ministers have asked me about the mystery of the \$58 and the covenant with God.

I don't really have any answers. That's like

asking Naaman to analyze why dipping in Jordan removed his leprosy. It is like asking Joshua how the marching affected the walls of Jericho so that they fell approximately on the seventh day. It is like asking the blind man to explain the chemistry in the spittle and the clay that removed a lifetime of blindness.

I really don't know. I do speculate a lot. I crave Wisdom. I have an intense appetite to understand what creates currents of miracles.

My thoughts are that it is not the amount of the Seed that matters a whole lot to God. But, whether or not it is an act of faith. I feel that your Seed is what God multiplies...but your faith is why He multiplies it.

Some have sowed Seed with carnal motives to manipulate, gamble and simply experiment.

I doubt that they will ever see any results to their Seed. God cannot be bought with silver and gold.

Thousands have seen miracles. Unbelievable miracles.

I do believe that any miracle you ever receive from God will require an act of faith on your part. I also believe that you will have to believe some man of God...somewhere...sometime...before God ever releases a miracle toward you. "Believe in the Lord your God, so shall you be established; believe His prophets, so shall you prosper," (2 Chronicles 20:20).

People are cocky these days. Very arrogant toward preachers. They sneer and the world system will invest millions of dollars to wreck a man's credibility. Consequently, thousands of naive and unthinking sheep follow the pied piper of the media over the cliff into the abyss of doubt and unbelief.

Certainly, there are wolves in sheep's clothing.

Nobody can doubt that. But they will stand before their Maker to give an account for every idle word and every false manipulative system and program they have implemented.

14 Facts About Blessings

- 1. God Wants To Bless You In A Special Way.**
- 2. He Is Capable Of Providing Every One Of These 58 Kinds Of Blessings To Your Life And To Those You Love Every Day Of Your Life.**
- 3. You Must Do Something...Some Act Of Obedience Before You Will Experience Any Rewards For Your Obedience.**
- 4. He Will Often Ask You To Do Something Illogical, Impractical And Something Others Have Never Heard Of.**
- 5. He May Tell You To Do Something That He Never Speaks To Others To Do...Uniquely Your Personal Instruction, Because It Forces You To Use Your Faith.**
- 6. What He Tells You To Do May Be For You Alone And Not Others.**
- 7. He May Give An Instruction To A Man Of God Who Then Imparts That Instruction On To You Like He Did The Widow Of Zarephath Through Elijah The Prophet.**
- 8. You May Have To Go On The Prophet's Word Alone Instead Of Your Own Inner Confirmation Of The Spirit.** (This happened to the widow of Zarephath. It was the word of the prophet she believed.) I had an interesting experience in

Florida in a conference. A well-known man of God sent me a note along with other men of God around me saying he was supposed to address the conference. I never felt it whatsoever. Finally, his tears moved me and I gave him the microphone. The power of God fell through his ministry in an unprecedented way. Miracles happened all over the auditorium. I never felt the presence or moving of The Holy Spirit during the entire time that he ministered. Even when the service was over, I did not “feel” it whatsoever. God taught me something. He is moving around me whether I feel it or not. Wisdom permits others to honor The Holy Spirit moving within themselves.

9. If You Choose To Disobey An Instruction Of The Man Of God, You Must Live With The Consequences Or Losses Your Doubt Has Created.

10. If You Are Waiting For A Specific Instruction To Come From A Man Of God That Fits With Your Philosophy, Behavior Pattern, Or The Logic Of Your Mind...You May Live Your Entire Lifetime Without Ever Experiencing A Miracle.

11. When A Man Of God Gives You An Instruction, It Is Your Faith In God That Causes The Reward System To Work For You.

12. Your Reaction To A Man Of God Determines God’s Reaction To You.

13. God Never Tells You To Do Something That Is Impossible, But Usually Illogical.

14. It Is Not Merely A Seed That We Sow (Of Our Time, Love, Money) But It Is Our Faith That Is Wrapped Around The Seed That Really

Produces The Harvest We Desire.

I really hope that when you finish reading this book, you will sit down and plant a very special Seed of \$58 into the work of the Lord somewhere. It certainly does not have to be my own ministry. In fact, I would encourage you to plant it in your local church and pastor...wrapped with your intense faith in God and count off 58 days on your calendar. Then, document the unusual things that begin to happen for good in your life and those you love.

You will never be the same again.

Some people will misinterpret this grossly. It saddens me, but I cannot go another several years without sharing this and giving others access to a potential miracle.

Just a quick closing thought. My mother and father were well into their seventies. Financial rivers have never flowed at the Murdock household. In fact, the highest salary any church ever paid my father as pastor was \$125 per week. My father had to pay his own house note, car, etc. Yes, seven children were in our family. Consequently, Mother and Daddy could never afford medical insurance. Especially, they could not begin it while they were in their seventies. Tragedy struck and my mother required a double bypass surgery in Houston, Texas at a major hospital. Upon leaving the hospital, they found that one of their major bills alone was \$48,000 for the surgery. My poor parents scraped every cent they could possibly get together and eventually (with a little help from myself and other children) got the bill to \$26,622.

God impressed me to record my story about the \$58 Seed on a little cassette tape and send it to my

parents and a few other friends. My mother called, “Son, Daddy and I felt God on that tape. We’re sending a \$58 Seed. We sure need some miracles at our house.” I knew they did, too.

It was sort of funny, but my mother called me after one week and said, “Son, it’s been a week now and I can’t say that I’ve actually seen any miracles. Am I doing anything wrong?” I laughed aloud, and said, “Of course not, Mother. Give God time.”

She did the same thing the following week. But, when I returned home from a meeting at the end of the third week, three messages were on my machine to call home. When my mother and father answered, they were both so excited they could hardly talk.

“Son, I can hardly catch my breath,” said my father who rarely is that talkative. What happened? That hospital had written and called saying, “Your bill of \$26,622 came to our attention. Once in a while, we want to do something that helps somebody. Your bill is marked, paid in full.”

The hospital had paid my mother and father’s entire remainder of that specific bill, \$26,622.

Coincidence?

Well, what are the chances of it happening to you? What are the chances of it happening within 21 days from the time you plant a very illogical, impractical and ridiculous Seed of \$58? No, I would not build my entire life on a coincidence...nor even a one time experience. My life is built on The Word of the living God. If I never received a Harvest, and I never saw a miracle resulting from any Seed I planted...I would still love my precious Jesus with all of my heart, serve God with total abandonment, and

strive to tell people about Jesus throughout the world. He is what is important on earth, not a few stacks of money.

Please read my heart accurately. I am just saying that at some point in your life...“When you want something that you have never had, God will tell you to do something that you have never done.”

That’s when your journey of miracles will finally begin.

Mike Murdock

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ABILITIES

And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship. *Exodus 31:3*

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith. *Romans 12:6*

Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as He will. *1 Corinthians 12:4-11*

Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. *2 Corinthians 1:4*