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CONDITION, CONDITIONS

When God promised to give the land of Canaan to Abram and his descendants forever, He didn't place any **conditions** on that promise.

- **Genesis 13:15:** "For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever."

When Jacob vowed to God after He promised to be with him and preserve him, Jacob's vow had a list of **conditions** attached to it.

- **Genesis 28:20-21:** "And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God:"

Under the Mosaic Law, the penalty for theft depended on whether the stolen item could be recovered in its original **condition** or not.

- **Exodus 22:1, 4:** "If a man shall steal an ox, or a sheep, and kill it, or sell it; he shall restore five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep. ... If the theft be certainly found in his hand alive, whether it be ox, or ass, or sheep; he shall restore double."

Under the Mosaic Law, God put a difference between clean and unclean skin **conditions**.

- **Leviticus 14:54-57:** "This is the law for all manner of

plague of leprosy, and scall, And for the leprosy of a garment, and of a house, And for a rising, and for a scab, and for a bright spot: To teach when it is unclean, and when it is clean: this is the law of leprosy."

Under the Mosaic Law, After Aaron put all the sins of the Israelites on the scapegoat, he was to send the goat into the wilderness by the hand of a man who was in good physical **condition**.

- **Leviticus 16:21:** "And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness:"

Jephthah's vow to the Lord had a **condition**. It depended on God delivering the Ammonites into his hands.

- **Judges 11:30-31:** "And Jephthah vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou shalt without fail deliver the children of Ammon into mine hands, Then it shall be, that whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be the Lord's, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering."

When Abner asked David to make a league with him, David said he was willing to do that (but only on the **condition** that he brought Michal to him).

- **2 Samuel 3:12-13:** "And Abner sent messengers to David

on his behalf, saying, Whose is the land? saying also, Make thy league with me, and, behold, my hand shall be with thee, to bring about all Israel unto thee. And he said, Well; I will make a league with thee: but one thing I require of thee, that is, Thou shalt not see my face, except thou first bring Michal Saul's daughter, when thou comest to see my face."

When God appeared to Solomon the second time, He told him that He was going to put His name on the temple that Solomon had built forever. (However, there was a **condition** attached to that: he and his descendants had to keep His law.)

- **1 Kings 9:3, 6-9:** "And the LORD said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually. ... But if ye shall at all turn from following me, ye or your children, and will not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them: Then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people: And at this house, which is high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why hath the Lord done thus unto this land, and to this house?"

Nehemiah spoke to the rulers, the Jews, the priests, the nobles, and the workers. He did this *after* looking over the ruins of Jerusalem and seeing for himself what **condition** the

city and its wall was in.

- **Nehemiah 2:15-17:** "Then went I up in the night by the brook, and viewed the wall, and turned back, and entered by the gate of the valley, and so returned. And the rulers knew not whither I went, or what I did; neither had I as yet told it to the Jews, nor to the priests, nor to the nobles, nor to the rulers, nor to the rest that did the work. Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach."

People who are lazy are unwilling to work in anything less than ideal **conditions**.

- **Proverbs 20:4:** "The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing."

We must to move forward with sowing and reaping in spite of imperfect **conditions**.

- **Ecclesiastes 11:4, 6:** "He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap. ... In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

Even when the wood that's taken from vines is in perfect condition, it's still **useless**. (This prophecy was spoken against Jerusalem, who were deeply idolatrous.)

- **Ezekiel 15:2, 5-7:** "Son of man, what is the vine tree more than any tree, or than a branch which is among the trees of the forest? ... Behold, when it was whole, it was meet for no work: how much less shall it be meet yet for any work, when the fire hath devoured it, and it is burned? Therefore thus saith the Lord God; As the vine tree among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so will I give the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And I will set my face against them; they shall go out from one fire, and another fire shall devour them; and ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I set my face against them."

God chose to show kindness and love toward mankind in spite of its sinful and wretched **condition**.

- **Titus 3:3-4:** "For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,"

REQUIREMENT, REQUIREMENTS, STIPULATION, CRITERIA, PREREQUISITE

The reason Balaam went with the princes of Balak was because the angel gave him permission, with the **stipulation** that Balaam was only allowed to say what God told him to say.

- **Numbers 22:35:** "And the angel of the LORD said unto Balaam, Go with the men: but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak."

Under the Mosaic Law, in order for a father to have authority over his daughter, she had to be young, unmarried, and still living with him. All three of those **criteria** had to be met.

- **Numbers 30:3-5:** "If a woman also vow a vow unto the Lord, and bind herself by a bond, being in her father's house in her youth; And her father hear her vow, and her bond wherewith she hath bound her soul, and her father shall hold his peace at her; then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she hath bound her soul shall stand. But if her father disallow her in the day that he heareth; not any of her vows, or of her bonds wherewith she hath bound her soul, shall stand: and the LORD shall forgive her, because her father disallowed her."

Moses kept emphasizing that the tribes of Reuben and Gad had to be armed for battle when they went to war in Canaan. That was part of the **requirement**.

- **Numbers 32:29-30:** "And Moses said unto them, If the children of Gad and the children of Reuben will pass with you over Jordan, every man armed to battle, before the Lord, and the land shall be subdued before you; then ye shall give them the land of Gilead for a possession: But if they will not pass over with you armed, they shall have possessions among you in the land of Canaan."

When God commanded Gideon to bring his people to water, He commanded him to divide them into groups based on specific **criteria**. However, God didn't explain who was being chosen to go to war and who was being rejected until the test was over.

- **Judges 7:5:** "So he brought down the people unto the water: and the LORD said unto Gideon, Every one that lappeth of the water with his tongue, as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one that boweth down upon his knees to drink."

The promise that one of David's descendants would always sit on the throne of Israel had a **requirement**: his children had to walk before God in truth with all their heart and soul.

- **1 Kings 2:4:** "That the LORD may continue his word which he spake concerning me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel."

Hezekiah prayed that God would pardon those who prepared their heart to seek God but who hadn't cleansed themselves according to the purification of the sanctuary (in other words,

according to the **requirements** of the Mosaic Law).

- **2 Chronicles 30:18-19:** "For a multitude of the people, even many of Ephraim, and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet did they eat the passover otherwise than it was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, The good Lord pardon every one That prepareth his heart to seek God, the LORD God of his fathers, though he be not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary."

The *entire* Mosaic Law had to be kept in order for a person to be declared righteous by the law. The requirement to not go near a menstruating woman was just as important as the **requirement** to not worship idols. They were both parts of the law, and neither were optional.

- **Ezekiel 18:4-6:** "Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die. But if a man be just, and do that which is lawful and right, And hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, neither hath defiled his neighbour's wife, neither hath come near to a menstruous woman,"

There are **requirements** for entering into the kingdom of Heaven.

- **Matthew 18:3:** "And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."
- **Luke 18:17:** "Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein."

The **requirement** for Jesus to return to the Jews is for them to accept Him as their Messiah. Once they accept Him, He will return to them. (This will happen at the end of the tribulation.)

- **Matthew 23:39:** "For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord."

Peter observed the dietary **requirements** of the Mosaic Law and avoided eaten anything that was unclean.

- **Acts 10:13-14:** "And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat. But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean."

The **prerequisite** for having spiritual gifts is to be saved and have the Holy Spirit.

- **1 Corinthians 12:3-4:** "Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit."

One of the **requirements** of being an apostle is that you must have seen the resurrected Christ. If you weren't an eyewitness to His resurrection then you're not qualified to be an apostle.

- **1 Corinthians 15:7:** "After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles."

Paul was passionately against adding anything to the gospel. Even adding just one new **requirement** (such as circumcision) was fatal and enough to send a person to Hell.

- **Galatians 5:2:** "Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing."

Obedience to God in all things is a **requirement** for church membership.

- **2 Thessalonians 3:6:** "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us."

It's reasonable to expect church leaders to be blameless. That's the **requirement** God has set, and it's *not* negotiable.

- **1 Timothy 3:2:** "A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;"

There are **requirements** which widows must meet before the church is responsible for taking care of them.

- **1 Timothy 5:4, 9-10:** "But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God. Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man. Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work."

The character qualities Paul lists in these verses aren't goals that church leaders should strive to meet. Instead they're the basic **requirements** for being a church leader. Those who don't measure up to these goals are disqualified from leadership and aren't allowed to serve.

- **Titus 1:5-6:** "For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee: If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly."