



# THE BETTER MAN

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**THE CHURCH AT ELLERSLIE**

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## WELCOME TO THE CHURCH AT ELLERSLIE!

We are a family of believers that cling tightly to the Word of Scripture and enjoy the heritage of a faith centered upon the majesty of Jesus Christ and His work upon the Cross. If you love the words of Scripture, worship Jesus Christ, and prefer Truth spoken with thunderous straightforwardness, then you will probably enjoy it here.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS + SCHEDULE:

- **Daily Thunder** – join us in the chapel M-F at 8:15am for teaching, prayer, and worship
- **Wednesday Night Prayer** – 7:00pm

## PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR:

- Semester students: June 12–July 17
- Cambridge 70 Event (for men): August 26-28

# THE BETTER MAN

## DELIBERATELY CHOOSING TO OBEY

When we deliberately choose to obey God,  
He will tax the remotest star and the last grain of sand  
to assist us with all His almighty power.

Oswald Chambers

### DELIBERATELY

*With careful consideration, or deliberation; circumspectly; not hastily or rashly; slowly (Websters 1828)*

### THE HEIR APPARENT

*The obvious heir to the throne. The one first in line of succession - guaranteed the throne if he remains alive*

### IF HE REMAINS ALIVE

### THE PLAYERS

1. **Saul** – *The Reigning King of Israel*
2. **Jonathan** – *You, the heir apparent*
3. **David** – *The Better Man*

### THE BETTER MAN

So Samuel said to him, "The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today, and has given it to a neighbor of yours, who is better than you."

1 Samuel 15:28

### THE PLAYERS

1. **Saul** – *The Rejected King, The Old Man, The Flesh*
2. **Jonathan** – *You, Self, The Heir to the Unlawful Throne*
3. **David** – *The Rightful King, Jesus Christ*

### JONATHAN MUST CHOOSE

*The Old Man (Saul) or the Better Man (David)*

## YOWNATHAN - YŌ·NĀ·THĀN'

*Jehovah + Gives, Appoints, Sets, Establishes, Permits*

### THE DIVINE CONVERSATION

- *Jonathan, it is I, Jehovah, that Appoints*
- *Jonathan, it is I, the LORD, that Gives Power to Rule*
- *Jonathan, it is I, Yahveh, that Establishes Kings*
- *Jonathan, I AM the King Maker!*
- *Jonathan, David is the One I have Set in Charge!*

### GOD HAS REJECTED THE FIRST

#### THE FIRST AND THE SECOND

The Biblical Pattern

- *Cain / Abel*
- *Ishmael / Isaac*
- *Esau / Jacob (Israel)*
- *Leah (Reuben) / Rachel (Joseph)*
- *Mannasah / Ephraim*
- *Saul / David*
- *Old Covenant (Law)/ New Covenant (Grace)*
- *Adam / Jesus*
- *First Birth of Water / Second Birth of Spirit*
- *Old Man (Flesh) / New Man (Spirit)*

He takes away **the first** that He may establish **the second**.

**Hebrews 10:9**

He takes away **(Saul)** that He may establish **(David)**.

**Hebrews 10:9**

So also it is written, "**The first Man**, Adam, became a living soul." **The last Adam** became a life-giving spirit. However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual. **The first man** is from the earth, earthy; **the second Man** is from heaven. As is the earthy, so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly, so also are those who are heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly. Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

**1 Corinthians 15:45-50**

God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

James 4:6

## THAT WHICH GOD RECEIVES

- *God resists the first, but gives grace to the second*
- *God resists the Flesh, but gives grace to the Spirit*
- *God resists the Throne-claimers, but gives grace to the Throne-yielders*

## THE FIRST:

*The Proud - The Throne Claimers*

## THE SECOND:

*The Humble - The Throne Yielders*

## THE LOVE OF JONATHAN

*Loving the One God has Chosen*

## THE COVENANT WITH THE BETTER MAN

The soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul . . . Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. 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 . . . Now Saul spoke to Jonathan his son and to all his servants, that they should kill David; but Jonathan, Saul's son, delighted greatly in David. So Jonathan told David, saying, "My father Saul seeks to kill you. Therefore please be on your guard until morning, and stay in a secret place and hide . . . So Jonathan said to David, "Whatever you yourself desire, I will do it for you" . . . So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, "Let the LORD require it at the hand of David's enemies" . . . So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and ate no food the second day of the month, for he was grieved for David, because his father had treated him shamefully.

**1 Samuel 18:1,3-4; 19:1-2; 20:4:16,34**

## THE MAKING AND AFFIRMING OF COVENANT

- **1 Samuel 18:3** — *Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.*

- **1 Samuel 20:16** — *So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David*
- **1 Samuel 20:17** — *Now Jonathan again caused David to vow, because he loved him; for he loved him as he loved his own soul.*
- **1 Samuel 23:18** — *So the two of them made a covenant before the LORD*

## THE EXCHANGE

Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. 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.

**1 Samuel 18:3-4**

## THE 4 SACRED ELEMENTS OF EXCHANGE

1. **Robe** — *authority, position, name, reputation*
2. **Garments** — *possessions, inheritance*
3. **Sword and Bow** — *protection, preservation, watchful eye of defense*
4. **Belt** - *enabling power, quickening strength*

When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. Then He said to them, "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.

**Luke 22:14-20**

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness . . .

**Isaiah 61:10a**

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

**2 Corinthians 5:21**

## **HE ASKS FOR EVERYTHING**

### **Our Robe**

*Our position, name, fame, and authority in exchange for His*

Will you give up your reputation and be willing to be deemed a fanatic and a fool?  
Will you surrender your name and allow it to be swallowed up in His Name? No longer will anything be about you, but your life from this day forward will be about Him and His glory.  
Will you give up position, fame, and worldly authority in order to become royalty in His Kingdom?

### **Our Garments**

*Our earthly possessions and our corruptible inheritance  
in exchange for the eternal treasure of the Kingdom*

Will you relinquish everything you possess for Him? Will you give up the applause of men, the security of financial stability, and even the comforts of a self-indulgent existence?  
Will you give Him your health, wealth, and every material possession for Him to do with as He sees fit?

### **Our Sword and Bow**

*Our human defense in exchange for His Almighty Defense*

Will you let down your defenses and allow Him to remodel your life? Will you allow Him to discipline you, convict you, and transform you into something that this world will reject, revile, and crucify? Will you surrender to Him your self-preservation in exchange for His preservation of your existence on planet earth? Will you allow Him to use your life to fight His battles rather than your own self-aggrandizing battles?

### **Our Belt**

*Our ability to perform in exchange for His Enabling Power and Quickening Grace*

Will you allow Him to break you? Will you surrender to Him your self-derived strength, so that He may replace it with His own Heavenly version of world-altering power? Will you give Him the privilege of keeping you dependent so that He might prove His Might in and through your life? Will you allow Him the privilege of showcasing His Glory to this world through your existence?

**HE ASKS FOR EVERYTHING, YES. BUT REMEMBER, HE GIVES US EVERYTHING, THAT COULD POSSIBLY MATTER IN RETURN**

## THE COVENANT EXCHANGE

*trading robes with Christ*

- He took on my sin, that I may take on His righteousness
- He took on my curse, my punishment, that I may take on His liberty
- He took on my separation that I may take on His sonship
- He took on my shame that I may take on His favor and bear His glory
- He took on my sorrows that I may take on His joy
- He took on my sufferings that I may take on His comfort
- He took on my Adam-position that I may take on His Kingly-position
- He took on my poverty that I may take on His inheritance
- And, even now, He takes on my Body and wears it as His own, and I take on His Body and am seated in Heavenly Places, at the right hand of the Father, in the Person of Christ

## PHYSICALLY I AM HERE

*But spiritually I am there IN Him*

## PHYSICALLY HE IS THERE

*But spiritually He is here IN me*

## JONATHAN TOOK OFF HIS ROBE . . . WILL WE?

The soul of **[insert your name here]** was knit to the soul of Jesus, and **[insert your name here]** loved him as his/her own soul . . . Then **[insert your name here]** and Jesus made a covenant, because he/she loved him as his own soul. And **[insert your name here]** took off the robe that was on him and gave it to Jesus, with his/her armor, even to his/her sword and his/her bow and his/her belt . . . Now The Old Man spoke to **[insert your name here]** and to all his/her servants, that they should kill Jesus; but **[insert your name here]** delighted greatly in Jesus. So **[insert your name here]** told Jesus, saying, "My Old Man seeks to kill you. Therefore, please be on your guard until morning, and stay in a secret place and hide . . . So **[insert your name here]** said to Jesus, "Whatever you yourself desire, I will do it



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