



# The Conditions of a Consecrated Life

## *Living in the Shelter of Covenant Love*

**(1 Kgs 9:1-9; cf. Rom 12:1-2; 2 Cor 7:1)**

*Study Notes Handout: Week Seven*

*When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if My people who are called by My Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.      2 Chronicles 7:13 - 14*

*Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.      2 Corinthians 7:1*

*Take my life and let it be, consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Frances R. Havergal (1836 - 1879)*

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### Introduction to Message:

God's unconditional love to those who have placed their faith in His Son does not mean that He lets His children live as they please. Love 'always protects' (1 Cor. 13:7). Therefore He both allows and designs consequences to sin so that His erring children will choose the path of peace.

#### 1. Covenant Love is Unconditional and Never-Changing toward the Beloved

(Neh. 1:5 - 7; 1 Kings 8:23 - 26; Dan. 9:4 - 6; Mal. 3:6 - 7; Lk. 22:20; Heb. 10:16)

#### 2. Covenant Love is Intent on Protecting the Heart of the Beloved

(1 Sam. 16:7; 1 Kings 2:4; 3:12; 8:46 - 49, 61; 9:4; Mk. 12:30; Acts 13:22)

#### 3. Covenant Love is Always Ready for Restoration with the Beloved

(1 Kgs 8:31 - 53; 2 Chron. 7:13 - 14; Is. 57:16 - 19; Hos. 11:8-9; Jn 21:15f; Gal. 6:1)

### Questions for Reflection:

- i. What are some of the misconceptions about love in our world today?
- ii. How is God's love different than any other love? Is it right to say that God's love is unconditional? How is God's love for the Christian different than His love for unbelievers?
- iii. How does the discussion of 'consequences' relate to love (i.e. in parenting, in faith etc)?



## **Personal Study Notes**

### **Focus: 1 Kings 9**

**God's Covenant, in a Vision, with Solomon (9:1-9)**

**The Mutual Present of Solomon and Hiram (9:10-14)**

**Other Acts of Solomon (9:15-25)**

**Solomon's Commercial Activity (9:26-28)**

*Personal Prayer Points from this Passage:*

**Questions or Insights for Discussion:**

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