

Holiness Covenant found in an old SA Ceremony Book

O Thou Everlasting God, my Father and my Friend, Thou has loved me with an everlasting love, knowing all my sinfulness, rebellion, and unfaithfulness, and didst give Thy Son to die for me on Calvary. When I wandered from Thee Thou didst seek me by Thy Spirit, win me to Thyself, cleanse my heart, and give me power over the world, the flesh, and the devil. Since that time Thou has kept me by Thy power, supplied my need, conquered my enemies, and bestowed upon me unnumbered mercies; and now, through the merits of Thy love and death, I enter into the Holiest Place, and humbly make this Covenant with Thee.

Blessed Jesus, the world despises Thee, but I glory in Thee; the world hates Thee, but I love Thee; for Thy sake I separate myself from the amusements, friendships, fashions, and sins of the world, and promise to follow Thee with all my heart, obey Thee with all my strength, cleave to Thee with all my affection, and fight for Thee all my days.

Here now, in the presence of my comrades, deliberately and for ever, I give Thee my body, that it may be Thy temple; my live, that it may ceaselessly do Thy will and bring blessing to those around me; my possessions, that they may be unselfishly held for the good of The Kingdom; and my heart, that it may love only what is good, true, benevolent, and beautiful in Thy sight.

All I have, and all I hope to be, I lay upon Thine altar, for joy or for sorrow, for prosperity or adversity, desiring that I may have the high privilege of sharing Thy sufferings and the honour of bringing glory to Thy name and Salvation to the precious souls for whom Thou hast died. And I trust Thee, my Saviour, whose precious Blood does just now cleanse me from all unrighteousness, to keep me clean, and present me faultless on the Great Judgment Day.

And now, O God, seal by The Almighty Spirit this Covenant which I have made; and grant unto me that wisdom and strength which will enable me to keep these sacred vows even unto death. And so may the promises I make on earth be ratified in Heaven. Amen.