

# Making A Covenant With Death

*“Instead, you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.”  
James 4:15, English Standard Version*

To overcome \_\_\_\_\_, we must first get past \_\_\_\_\_.

## Isaiah 28: Judah And Their Covenant With Death

- A. Isaiah 8:5-8 – God had warned that \_\_\_\_\_ would come upon them like a \_\_\_\_\_, reaching even to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. The futility of trusting self over God:
1. 28:13 – The people were \_\_\_\_\_ by hearing the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, and paid no attention.
  2. 28:14,15 – They thought they had made a \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_, but their refuge was only \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. 28:16 – God had laid a \_\_\_\_\_ stone in \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ foundation. His covenant was what they needed.
  4. 28:17-19 – God would \_\_\_\_\_ their covenant; their agreement with \_\_\_\_\_ would not \_\_\_\_\_.
  5. 28:20 – They had made their own \_\_\_\_\_, and they would have no \_\_\_\_\_ in it. It was too \_\_\_\_\_!

## Do We Attempt To Make Covenants With Death?

- A. Useless attempts to ignore God’s word:
1. Luke 12:14-21 – This man put his \_\_\_\_\_ in his \_\_\_\_\_, not knowing his \_\_\_\_\_ would be required that \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Isaiah 28:4 – Like a ripe fig that is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in a moment, so our \_\_\_\_\_ are often taken quickly.
  3. Proverbs 23:4,5 – It’s as if our \_\_\_\_\_ will sprout \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ away.
  4. Ecclesiastes 8:7,8a – Do we have \_\_\_\_\_ over death?
  5. James 4:13-15 – “If the Lord \_\_\_\_\_” is how to view \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Building lives on the tested stone:
1. 28:16 – God’s \_\_\_\_\_ is our \_\_\_\_\_ foundation.
  2. Romans 9:32,33 - \_\_\_\_\_ is that \_\_\_\_\_ God has set.
  3. Do we gladly receive God’s \_\_\_\_\_? It’s our only hope.

John 14:6 – God offers us a \_\_\_\_\_ with life, and it comes through His \_\_\_\_\_. Do we prefer a covenant with \_\_\_\_\_?

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