COVENANT EXPANDED

Genesis 17:1-21

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.

JAMES 1:2-3

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

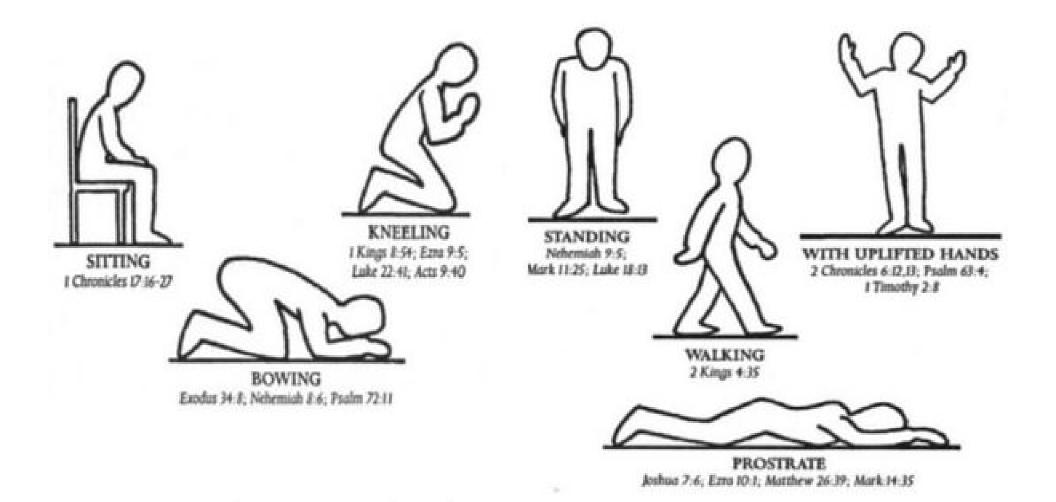
COVENANT EXPANDED

Walk before me and be blameless!

Entering a conditional covenant

"Walk before me and you will be blameless"—
the imperative of blameless is dependent on a
preceding imperative, so it should not be read
as an English imperative "be" but as a
"consequence" that follows from an initial
condition."

DIFFERENT WAYS TO PRAY



COVENANT EXPANDED

I will be your God and you will be my people

Covenant is sealed with Circumcision

Circumcision of the heart is the inward change that is needed

Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn.

DEUTERONOMY 10:16

And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

DEUTERONOMY 30:6

Circumcise yourselves to the LORD; remove the foreskin of your hearts

JEREMIAH 4:4

For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter.

ROMANS 2:28-29

