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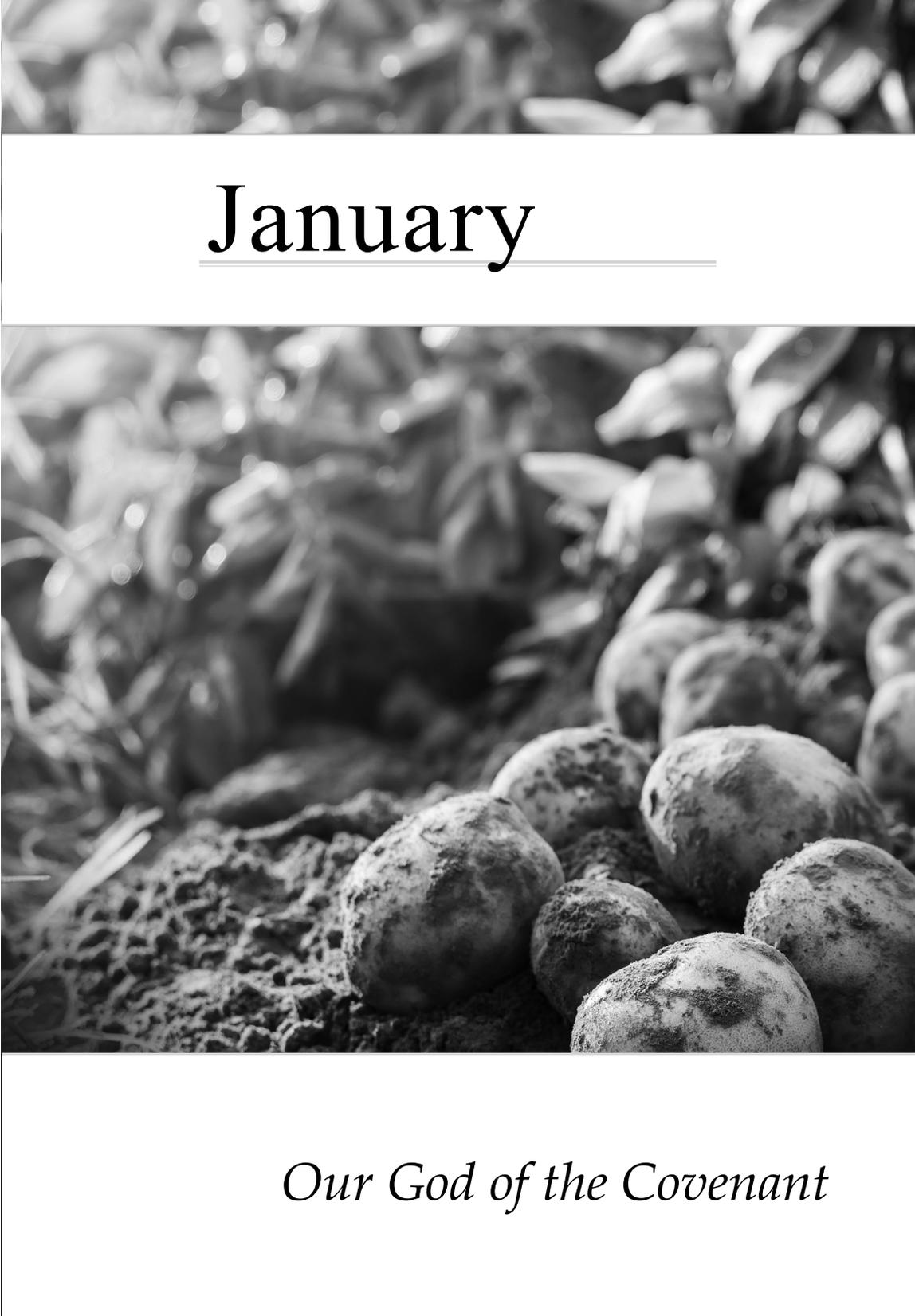
PREFACE

I really feel that the most important part of a Christian's life is his quiet time every day with the Lord. It is absolutely vital for any believer who has a desire to fulfil his calling, to run his race and to complete the task that God has called him to on this earth to have that uninterrupted daily devotion with Jesus.

Therefore I hope and trust that this book will be an inspiration to each one who reads it to continue to have that intimacy with God every morning before he starts his daily chores and rounds.

That first fruit that you give Jesus every day before you commence work will sustain you, will give you direction, will give you godly wisdom and, most of all, will give you tremendous peace of mind.

~Angus Buchan

A black and white photograph of a field of potatoes. The foreground shows several large, round potatoes with soil on their skins, resting on a bed of dark earth. The background is filled with rows of potato plants, their leaves and stems slightly out of focus, creating a sense of depth. The lighting is soft, highlighting the textures of the soil and the plants.

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Our God of the Covenant

A NEW COVENANT

"I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people"
(Heb. 8:10).

On this first day of the year I want to tell you about the new and exciting covenant that God has made with us, His children. It has many promises added to it, but also conditions. Hebrews 8:8-10 says, "The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers ... This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put My laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be My people."

I will be their God, and they will be My people. What an honour! What a privilege to know God is my Father, and I am His child. Can you say that today? Remember, good people don't go to heaven; believers go to heaven. That is a fact. Jesus says in John 14:6: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." Decide today to remain faithful to your loving Father and His new covenant. Put your trust in Him. He will be your God, and you will be His child. What could be better? May God bless you richly as you continue to walk in covenant with Him.

Lord my God, please forgive me for breaking my covenant with You. And thank You for not breaking Your side of the covenant. I thank You for Your new covenant with me.

Amen

CHILDREN OF GOD, FOREVER

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children (Rom. 8:16).

We spoke about God's new covenant yesterday. A covenant is a binding agreement. When God made a covenant with the Israelites He promised to be their God, and they committed themselves to worship Him alone.

I have a beautiful wife and we've entered into a covenant. I wear a wedding ring which declares that I'm married to one woman, and her name is Jill. She wears a ring to tell the world that she's married to one man, and that's me, Angus. That covenant is not to be broken.

When I married my wife, I said, "Until death do us part, we will remain one flesh."

In the Lord's new covenant with us, His children, He says, I will be your God, and you will be My children, forever. Not even death will part us. When you keep your side of the covenant, the Lord Jesus Christ is bound by and willing to keep His promises.

Romans 8:19 says: "The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed." That means the people in the world want to see what we, the Christians, the people of the new covenant, are going to do. We have the answer. We live in agreement with God, so we are the ones who should be leading from the front.

Are you leading the way today? Are you leading people to the Way so that they can be part of God's new covenant?

Lord my God, help me to worship You alone, for You are my God and I am Your child. Help me to lead others to You so that You can make a covenant for them, too. *Amen*

TRUST IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God (Ps. 20:7).

This is the Scripture that is burning in my heart on this day, the biblical truth that I want to share with you today. And I want to ask you, Who are you putting your trust in today? If you are trusting in money, it's not going to last. If you are trusting in your possessions, it's not going to last. If you are trusting in your job, it's not going to last. If you are trusting in your physical health, it's not going to last.

I want to tell you today, I can remember the day I turned thirty. And that was many years ago. But it was the day that I arrived on this farm, and it feels like yesterday. You cannot trust in your money, your possessions, your job or your physical health for these things are here today, and gone tomorrow. In fact, you can trust in nothing but the name of the Lord your God.

That's why I love the words of Joshua 24:15: "Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve ... But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Who are you serving today? In whom are you putting your trust for today and tomorrow? When everything in this world is going totally haywire, there's only one Person you can trust in, and that is the Lord Jesus Christ. In His saving grace you can place your trust completely, forever.

Dear Lord Jesus, thank You that I can put my trust in You. I choose today to serve You. *Amen*

OUR LORD IS THE FAITHFUL ONE

*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever
(Heb. 13:8).*

If the Lord Jesus Christ could do a miracle for me yesterday, He can do it for me today, and He can do it for me tomorrow. For He is the one who never changes.

What is the Lord doing in your life today? What does your testimony consist of right now, my friend? Do you still trust in miracles that happened in your life twenty years ago? Or is the Lord Jesus Christ as relevant to you today as He was then?

Older people sometimes disappoint the young people, because every time they talk about the Lord, they talk about the revival of years ago, about the miracles and wonders that, for example, happened in 1950. Those young people weren't even born yet in 1950. They want to hear those inspiring stories, but they also want to know what the Lord is doing in your life today.

What miracle happened in your life last week? Where are you going to be next week?

The Bible says in 1 Peter 5:7: "Cast all your anxiety on Him [Jesus] because He cares for you." This is how we've got to live. We have to trust the Lord with everything, moment by moment, hour by hour, day by day, year by year. And we can do this for He is the one who stays the same ... yesterday and today and forever.

Thank You, Lord Jesus, that You are the same yesterday and today and forever. Thank You that I can cast all my anxiety on You. You will care for me. Help me to testify about Your faithfulness in my life. *Amen*