

## Cuddle Up In The Covenant

*From the time I was a little girl, one of my favorite things has been to come home in the afternoon, take a hot bath, put on comfy pajamas, grab a blanket (even in July) and cuddle up on the couch for an evening of cozy relaxation. I can remember doing that on cold, winter days when I was a young girl in school. Troubles just seemed to melt away in that hot bath. An added bonus is to have supper in the crock pot and be able to smell the aroma as I walk in the house knowing it has all been prepared and that hot bath awaits me. These times don't come often, but when they do, oh my, how sweet they are! The worries of the day just seem to be locked outside and nothing but peace and calm is allowed in my home.*

*A while back, I was in the midst of some 'nagging' times and a very full schedule. Nothing was really wrong...no catastrophes, no major decisions to be made, no sickness...it was just a time of the little things eating away. You know what I'm talking about. It's kind of like being outdoors and having gnats flying around. They don't bite...they don't hurt...they just aggravate the heck out of you. That is how I would describe the season I was in. As I was getting ready for bed one night, and thinking about all that was swarming around, I heard these words, "Come cuddle up in the covenant". Just to make sure I heard correctly, I asked the Lord, "What did you say?" and He replied, "I said just take a break and come cuddle up in the covenant for awhile." I had never said or heard those exact words before, but I can't describe the feeling I felt.*

*As I curled up in bed I began to think about the Father's words. Our covenant, of course, is the salvation that Jesus died for us to have. It's a full salvation (sozo) that's been given to every believer. Remember, the whole salvation package is eternal life, forgiveness of sin, restoration, peace, wholeness, healing, nothing missing...nothing broken, deliverance, provision, protection and prosperity. I smiled because I could not think of one thing that I was going through (or would go through) that had not already been taken care of. Jesus left nothing undone and I don't have to strive for any of it. It is a finished work. I truly knew at that moment that I could relax in that covenant.*

*How sweet the Lord is to speak to our individual hearts. He knew that from childhood to the present day, there is nothing that symbolizes security and peace to me like cuddling up at the end of a day, shutting out the rest of the world and being surrounded by the love that's in my home. With the Father that night, I was surrounded by love. I put on my spiritual jammies and cuddled up in the Father's lap...in the covenant. It was as if He wrapped me in a warm blanket and all those irritating things just melted away. All the troubles of the day were locked outside and nothing but peace was allowed in. He did the very thing in the spirit that He created me to love in the natural. What a personal God!!*

*I've heard those words many times since that night. I usually hear them when things seem to be spinning out of control. Every once in a while, though, I will hear them when absolutely nothing is going on. Either way, they are always very special to me. I heard them one day while I was sitting at my desk at work and thought, "Jesus, I can't go home right now!" He laughed and reminded me that I can cuddle up in the covenant anytime...no matter where I am or what I'm doing.*

*What's nagging at you? I promise you it has been taken care of in the covenant. Grab a blanket and go cuddle up for awhile. Jesus is waiting for you.*