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In this time of Covid-19 social distancing, we have received many emails and phone calls about what SOWeR subscribers may and may not do with materials from the subscription. The same questions have arisen around SEED. We would like to give as much freedom as we can to congregations, while at the same time making sure that Sola Publishing is able to remain in business. Sola can only do that by maintaining its intellectual property and trying to insure that our materials offered for sale do not become freely available online.

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- c) Other SOWeR content and files taken directly from the SOWeR website may NOT be distributed electronically, posted on social media or on website, or made available to the general public.

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- d) SEED resources may NOT be distributed electronic documents via email, or posted on social media, or on websites (even if your congregation is a subscriber).

When the crisis has passed and corporate worship and learning opportunities are restored, we encourage subscribers to go back to limiting access, by changing their passwords. Thank you so much! We appreciate your business and are here to serve you in this time of uncertainty, as always. God bless your ministries and keep on sharing God's Word!