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The **Blood** Covenant Teaching Series



Understanding **Blood** Covenant

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Understanding **Blood** Covenant -01 *(continued from inside)*

FOUR KNOWN WAYS OF ENTERING BLOOD COVENANT

1. Cut right palms and shake hands mixing the blood. (traditional hand shake).
2. Cut right wrist and mingle the blood. (used in old testament).
3. Cut right wrist and drip blood in cup of wine and each partner drink from it. This method is *unscriptural and resulted in cannibalism*.
4. Substitute blood of an animal for human beings. God used this method to cover (make atonement) the sins of children of Israel in old covenant. Lev. 17:11- (life in blood is for atonement of the soul).

Again, I believe, when the Church of Jesus Christ really comes to the revelation knowledge of their covenant with God, their Christian walk and life will never be the same. Your personal faith will be 10 times stronger and your authority in this world will be 10 times stronger. Do not miss a single lesson.



Understanding Blood Covenant—Lesson 01

Hebrews 8:6-12 - Paul is referring to Jesus as "the Mediator of a BETTER Covenant. We have 2 main Covenants in the Bible, the Old and the New. (Covenant & Testament have the same meaning).

We have a BETTER covenant and Jesus Christ is the Mediator of it. (He is the link between God the Father and Man). Why is it better? It is more than remission of sins. In order to know and understand the Old Covenant and specifically the Blood Covenant of the Old Testament, we must know WHAT a covenant is.

DEFINITION AND STRUCTURE

Covenant is an agreement or contract between 2 people or 2 groups of people (on any subject). The blood covenant we are dealing with is a contract in which all assets and all liabilities are mutually shared between both parties. ASSETS are ALL your possessions and LIABILITIES are all you owe.

Blood Covenant is not limited to the subject you are negotiating on, as in business.

All debts and liabilities and all the TALENTS of the 2nd person are owned and equally shared by the 1st person. **THE TWO LIVES BECOME ONE!** I Cor. 6:17.

God has entered into a relationship like this with mankind through Jesus Christ. ALL that God owes (nothing) and all that God owns (the earth and all the fullness thereof) is OURS. (I Cor. 3:21). All that we owe and all that we own is Gods. I Cor. 6:19-20. We're dealing with someone who loves us enough to enter into such a covenant. Gods very being is ours and our very being is His. John 15:15. I Cor. 6:17. He shares all that He owns and all we owe. The moment this covenant was signed, Jesus set out immediately to pay our debt.

The Hebrew word for Covenant is "Berith" and has been brought from the old to the new covenant. In English it literally means "to cut where\until blood flows".

God has a contract/testament with man which is sealed with blood, His own blood, that flowed on our behalf. Heb. 9:11-12. This covenant has its ORIGIN in the Garden of Eden when He slew an animal for Adam and Eve's sin. This is where God revealed the beginnings of the covenant He was going to establish with man. The skin covered Adams nakedness, the blood his sin. The animals blood was shed in place of Adams blood. As the skin hid Adams nakedness, so the blood hid his SIN from Gods view. **THIS IS THE FIRST SIGN OF A BLOOD COVENANT BETWEEN GOD AND MAN.** Adam knew little about it then, but we, now looking back, can fully understand "why" God acted in that way. Cain and Abel, Adams sons, were aware and understood covenant but Cain still disobeyed God.

BLOOD SACRIFICES are very old (traced back to Eden). Blood covenant is the basis of all primitive religions. All primitive religions have incorporated blood covenant, whether or not they are related to Jewish religion or Christianity. Most by now have been perverted but they did have blood covenant incorporated into their structure. The origins of these religions are in one way or another connected to the Blood Covenant. This is a very well known and understood fact concerning the religions of the world.

Dr. Clay Trumbull found that Blood Covenant was practiced in India, China, Africa and many of the islands, even in non Christian religions. Blood Covenant is the most sacred Covenant. One can die for it generations later. Stanley had entered into covenants with at least 50 different African tribes. Each time he had to cut himself until the blood

flowed. This meant 50 incisions in his arm. They were purposely kept visible. They would rub ash in the wound so that you could see the scar clearly, even after it had healed. All that he owned belonged to the tribe and all the tribe owned belonged to Stanley, so they could not kill him. In fact, they would fight for him to the death. They had to protect him no matter what. This gave him the right to go anywhere he wanted to in Africa and to preach the gospel everywhere he went. If someone wanted to kill him, he would just roll up his sleeve and show his scars that he was protected by 50 tribes and the assailant knew if he hurt Stanley he would have to fight all the tribes with which he was in covenant with also. This would convince the person to not kill him. Hallelujah! I'm so glad I have a covenant with God. If the devil comes after me, he had better watch out!

There was a Christian girl who was attending an underground church in a communistic country. She was stopped by the police as she was going to worship the Lord and to fellowship with the saints. The police asked her where she was going? Being a Christian, she wanted to tell the truth. If she had told them outright, they would have killed all her brothers and sisters in Christ and the church destroyed. This Christian girl understood what the Covenant meant. Praise the Lord! She first prayed for wisdom and then she explained to these policemen: Sirs, my big brother has died and I am going to the reading of the Will. I am going to find out what my inheritance is. Hallelujah! If someone in Africa broke the covenant, then his own wife, or mother or relatives, would kill him. He would not be able to run very far. Everyone would be on his trail if he broke the covenant. This is how sacred the Blood Covenant was. It could not be annulled and the children of the persons who entered into it, down through the 3rd or 4th generation would uphold the covenant. Even hundreds of years later, it was still in effect and people would share all they owned. It was never cancelled. **WHEN ONE KNOWS THAT GOD AND MAN HAVE A COVENANT LIKE**

THAT, IT BEGINS TO SOUND VERY INTERESTING.

THREE MAIN REASONS FOR ENTERING BLOOD COVENANT

1. Protection - ex. Joshua and other kings. (stronger must protect the weaker)
2. Business - to insure neither partner took advantage (ex Jacob and Laban.).
3. Love - David and Jonathan became brothers, for loves sake. (main O\T reason).

When we understand the covenant, you understand the things that David said when he slew Goliath. He said "*I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts..*" He said "*the battle is the Lords*". You see, God was bound to fight his battles because he had a covenant with God. He also said of this giant "*Who is this uncircumcised Philistine?*"

Uncircumcised means he did not have a covenant with God and he had no right to challenge the armies of God. Those armies of Israel belonged to God. They were God's own armies, because Israel belonged to God and God belonged to Israel. God had said to Israel *...I am your God.* He did not say that to the Philistines. Israel owned God as their own personal God, through that covenant and the circumcision of the flesh. It was a sign in the flesh of that covenant. That mark where the blood was shed in man, was the sign that there was a covenant between God and man. David ran up that hill with those five stones, one for Goliath and one for each of his four brothers. As he ran up that hill he was shouting about his covenant with God. Goliath thought he was fighting David but found out he was fighting God.