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### The **Blood** Covenant Teaching Series



## Understanding **Blood** Covenant

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### Understanding **Blood** Covenant -03 (continued from inside)

the body. Do you ever go to church and leave your head at home?

**I Samuel 18 contains a scriptural example of the Blood Covenant being instituted between two men.** This is a powerful teaching that is going to bless you richly. In this chapter we see what happens between David and Jonathan as they enter this covenant that is sealed with blood.

But first lets go back and examine chapter 17 in which David fought Goliath and killed him with a sling and a stone. David did so by standing on his covenant, and he pointed out to everyone that Goliath did not have a covenant with God. Goliath was outside of God's protection and provision - he was uncircumcised. David then declared that the battle is the Lord's and I am coming to you in the name of the Lord of Hosts. What David was saying is God was in Covenant with him and He had to fight on his behalf, because He was his covenant partner. God's strength was his. God's ability was his. That day He would fight and would destroy Goliath and he knew it when the stone hit him in the head.

Saul, who was 7 1/2 to 8 ft tall, was amazed at what the small boy David did and asked him to stay with him and be in charge of his armies. David agreed and led the armies to great success.

In chapter 18, David & Jonathan made covenant, which was a covenant of love. Jonathan was Saul's favorite son and wanted the kingdom to pass down to Jonathan, but God had other ideas.

I Samuel 18:1-3, Jonathan and David made a covenant because he loved him as his own soul. In doing so, Saul's throne was given to David for all Jonathan had was exchanged. Jonathan was heir to Saul's throne. Christians are to love one another as Christ loved

the church and gave his life for it. They mingled their blood and became one. I Sam. 20:41-42 - This covenant was forever between them and their descendents. This was not a homosexual relationship as some try to say. Jonathan and David were covenant heads. (Vs 31-32). Eph. 1:21 - Christ is our covenant head for all mankind.

**Now comes a tragic turn!** Saul and his 3 sons were killed in battle by the Philistines. Saul had drifted from the Lord and turned to witchcraft and fortune tellers instead of the Lord and got out of God's protection. Saul tried many times to kill David but could not. David had 3 different opportunities to kill Saul but refused. He said "he would not touch Gods anointed." Saul's staff and army's knees would knock at the very mention of David's name.

**II Sam. 2** - David was anointed King over Judah (2 tribes) after Saul's death. II Sam. 5 - David was anointed King over Israel (10 tribes), bringing the 12 tribes of Israel back together.

(see supplement 01)



## Understanding Blood Covenant—Lesson 03

### MORE STEPS TO ENTERING INTO THE BLOOD COVENANT

As previously discussed, the Blood Covenant is simply a contract or an agreement between 2 people or 2 parties, in which everything they own is equally shared and owned by both, whether they are debts or liabilities, or talents. This covenant cannot be sealed without the shedding of blood. Their lives become one and share all things mutually.

The important thing to remember is that God almighty has a covenant like this between He and mankind and it is in existence today. There are 8 steps that can be taken if you wish to enter into a blood covenant with someone. They are 8 Bible principles.

The **first step** is to exchange coats or garments with the other person. This signifies that all I own, I am giving to my covenant partner and all he owns he is giving to me. **Step two**, is to exchange weapons. That simply means that all my power is available to you if you need it. The **third step** is the exchange of names. This means that I have the legal right to use his name. I have power of attorney to use his name to get everything that he could get by using his own name. I have the legal right to use all his assets and facilities in his name. In addition it also shows everyone that I have a covenant relationship with the other person and he with me. The **fourth step** is by the shedding of blood. The palms or wrists are cut and the blood is allowed to mingle. The Bible tells us that the life of the flesh is in the blood, and when the two bloods mix like that, the two lives are mingling and are becoming one life. We have a covenant like this with God and Jesus Christ has given us the right to use His Name, because it is part of the Covenant. Jesus said “Whatever you ask the Father in My Name He will give you”. When I use the name of Jesus, it is as if Jesus Himself was making that request. This Blood Covenant is very important, very powerful and can never be bro-

ken. It is also continued on through the descendants of the Covenant Partners. It will never be annulled because it is an eternal contract.

**Step Five (5)** – this step consists of **splitting of the animals**. When instituting a covenant with someone they would split the animals in half, from the back of the head, down to bottom of the spine. The two halves were laid on the ground with a space between them, allowing the blood to run onto the ground. They would then walk between the 2 halves and around the outside of the 1<sup>st</sup> half and then the other half, forming a figure 8 through and around the animal. This is important because the figure 8 symbolizes infinity, never ending, eternal. Another important point in this step is if they did not wish to cut their wrists or their palms in order to shed their own blood, they could use the blood of the animal that had been shed as a SUBSTITUTE for their own blood. When people entered a covenant in this way in the old covenant, it was not necessary to take all eight steps. They could take only two or three of these steps, if desired. - Gen. 15

**Step Six (6) - PRONOUNCING OF BLESSINGS AND CURSES** – all contracts have certain laws and conditions which must be abided by. If you failed to do so, the contract is either annulled or you are obliged to pay a penalty. The covenant has specific laws that govern it, and if they obey the laws, they enjoy and reap the blessings of the covenant in their lives. If they disobey, or if anyone disobeys, or breaks the laws of the covenant, they suffer the consequences and the curses come into effect in their lives. BLESSINGS ARE PRONOUNCED WHICH– are the finances, talents, whatever I own all becomes yours. CURSES ARE THEN PRONOUNCED WHICH ARE-ALL the terrible things that you can think of and declare which will come upon you if you break the covenant laws. You would make them so bad that the partner would be more afraid of his covenant partner than he would of our enemy, thus keeping the covenant rather than breaking it. If I

did break it, my mother, or my sister, or my brother or my children would find me and kill me. That is how powerful a covenant is. The covenant God made with man has blessings and cursing identified in **Deuteronomy Chapter 28**. There is not one person who has obeyed all the law so everyone fell under the curse.

BUT I have GOOD NEWS for you. Galatians 3:13 tells us that Jesus Christ accepted that curse in our place. He became a curse for us so that we might inherit the blessings of Abraham. Jesus Christ became a curse for us. He took all those diseases, death and poverty and swallowed them up on the cross. That is why when you and I break the law nothing happens to us. He has already judged us for it and He punished Jesus. But I do not advise you to go out and break the law. When you do you will be in Satan’s territory then and he will be entitled to deal with you. Living in the USA our armies protect us here. But if you go on a picnic in China or Iran our armies cannot protect you there. When you move out from under God’s protection by walking out of His covenant, you are in trouble, because the devil can see that you have not got your armor on, and he will nail you. You will come running back with your tail between your legs and then what? God will forgive you! He will restore you! He will heal you and bless you! Isn’t our God wonderful?

### STEP SEVEN (7) - THE MEMORIAL.

A MEMORIAL must be set up between the covenant partners. They agree to erect something which they will remember or will remind them continually, forever, that they have a covenant. Today we have tombstones which remind us that our loved ones are buried at a certain place. These stones are a memorial to us. Now in the same manner the covenant heads will set up a memorial to remind them of the covenant that they have with each other. Some of the things used for a memorial are; a large stone, writing can even be put on the stone including even the blessings and curses. Also they could pile a whole bunch of rocks on top of each other, or they could exchange sheep and as these sheep multiplied

they would be reminded in years to come, of the covenant they had with each other. They could plant a tree, or even a forest, which would live for hundreds of years and whenever they or their children looked at it, they would be reminded of their covenant. Genesis 31:43-51 gives us an example between Laban and Jacob. The reason for their covenant was security because the blessing of God was on Jacob and eventually all that Laban had, eventually Jacob owned. Abraham and Abimelech made a similar covenant over a well and water. They planted a tamarisk tree and made a memorial of it. Gen. 21:21-32.

### STEP EIGHT (8) - EATING THE COVENANT MEAL.

The last step was to eat the covenant meal. They would eat bread and drink wine. The BREAD symbolized or represented the body of a person. The WINE represented the blood. When he gave BREAD to his covenant partner and he ate it, the eating of the person's body symbolizing that his body is in his partner and his partner's body is in him - they are ONE. The WINE represents the blood and the blood is the life of the flesh. When the covenant partners drink each other's wine, it literally means that his life is in his partners and his partner's life is in him therefore they are one life. That is how powerful this covenant is. That is exactly what Jesus Christ did when he broke bread with his disciples before dying and going to the cross. He shared the wine and the bread saying "My body is yours, my life is yours, You and I, we are one." I Cor. 6:17 says "He who is joined to the Lord is one Spirit with Him." You as the body of Christ are one with Jesus Christ the head of the body. The Bible gives the body as an explanation of the relationship between Jesus Christ and the church. You and I are the body and Jesus is the Head and that means we are one. The head is not divorced from the body, it is one with