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Understanding Blood Covenant -05 (continued from inside)

The 2nd Adam can now walk on the earth.

God knew He gave His all, (but the angels didn't). But would Abraham? Before God could give His only Son, Abraham had to be put to the test.

Did Abraham believe God and the vision He gave him? Yes! Abraham is a man of faith. Gen. 22: 1-5 – Abraham knew God would keep His covenant.

James 2:21 – "was justified by his works.- it simply proved He was believing.
Heb. 11:17-19 – Abraham believed God would raise His son from the dead"
James 2:22-23 – "friend" means covenant partner. All you and I are required to do is to believe! (like Abraham). All the work was done by God and Jesus Christ.
Abraham believed what God said. All we are required to do to enter into this new covenant is to believe in that covenant that Jesus Christ made for us, when He hung on the cross.

He gave Life! He gave His All!

HALLELUJAH!



COVENANT BETWEEN GOD AND ABRAHAM

There are many covenants mentioned in the Bible. The 2 main ones mentioned in the Old Covenant is the Abrahamic covenant and the Mosaic Covenant where the law was given to the children of Israel some 450 years later. We are dealing with the covenant between God and Abraham. This Covenant initiated between God and Abraham, was initiated and set in force between God and man right here in Genesis 15.

God seeks out Abraham because He wants to bring the new Adam, the last Adam, Jesus Christ, down onto the earth, to set in order what the first Adam destroyed.

Gen. 15:1 "After these things the Word of the Lord came to Abraham in a vision saying, Do not be afraid Abram. I am your shield,". What does this tell you? He is saying "I am your protection". He did not say He was going to give him His shield, but He said I AM YOUR SHIELD. Praise God we do not have to find a shield for God is our shield and exceedingly great reward. He is saying here "What I have is your!" It is the exchange of possessions. This is Blood Covenant language. God is forming the covenant with Abraham. Note Abrams' response "But Abram said, Lord God, what will you give me, seeing I go childless ..." Gen. 15:2. That is a good question. God had just said to Abram He was going to give him things. It is the exchange of possessions in the Blood Covenant. "But Abram said "Lord God, what will you give me seeing I go childless and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus? Look you have given me no offspring; and indeed one born in my house is my heir!" Then God told Abram that he will not be your heir but one who will come from your own body will be heir. "Then He brought him outside and said, "look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him "So shall your de-

scendants be". Gen. 15:2-5. God told him he would have as many descendents as there were stars in the sky. He wanted to hear that because was no point to God saying that He was going to give Abram all His possessions when Abram had no one to pass the inheritance on to. That is why he complained. The Lord reassured him that his descendants would be as many as the stars in the sky. "And he believed the Lord.... Circle the word believe. It is very important here. It means "unqualified committal of himself and of all he was or ever will be to God. It was NOT just saying "Lord. I accept what you are saving to me. This word BELIEVED means in its fullness, that Abram had an unqualified committal to God. He needed no more qualification, no more explanation, proof. He committed himself completely to God, and all that he had been he gave to God and all that he was he gave to God and all that he ever would be he gave to God. Abram believed the Lord! A covenant is total giving on both sides. This is what God needed. "And He believed the Lord and He accounted it to him for righteousness." Gen. 15:6.

When Abram did that for God, God accepted that faith and made it righteousness. We are righteous today, because we believe in the completed work at Calvary. Abram was accounted righteous - it could have been at least 2000 years before Christ came – because He WOULD come. But Abraham was considered righteous there. Eph. 1:4 As far as God was concerned, Jesus Christ was crucified BEFORE the foundation of the earth. He'll make Abram righteous NOW and pay the debt 2000 years later. (on credit).

They received in part before the crucifixion; we receive it all AFTER.

Noah believed in the Lord but Abram was ready to give ALL.

II. Genesis 15:6-8.

Abram was standing on Canaan Land and He wanted to know "How he would know that he would inherit the land".

When you're gone Lord, what proof do I have?

Gen. 15:9 – Look what God says - what was God going to do?

Make a covenant sacrifice!! Abraham knew what covenant was.

God is guaranteeing that He will give Abram this land and keep His promises made about your seed. Gen 15:10 – carefully note How this covenant is cut! Every word God says is significant.. Why "3"? There are 3 persons in the Godhead. This means all heaven is behind it.

Something else in vs 17 & 18. Father God & Jesus walked through that sacrifice, the center of that sacrifice when covenant was initiated with Abram. The 3 covenant sacrifices represent God the Father. Jesus Christ and Abram. The sacrifice was cut in half to represent two people (man & deity). The dove represented the Holy Spirit and did not cut the birds in half. Gen. 15:10-12 – "the sun setting". This is important, it tells you it is the same day. Why Horror? Abraham was not unconscious. He was in a trance in the spirit realm and He saw something. He saw the future of his people. Verses 12-14 say "they shall come out with great possessions." God pays them for their 430 years of labor. Verse 16 – when the Israelites came back, they destroyed the Amorites. (Don't worry about them).

Gen. 15:17-18 – the smoking oven is God the Father. Duet. 4:24 says He is a consuming fire). The burning torch (lamp) is Christ – for Ps. 119:105 says the word is a lamp to our feet and Christ is the Word).

Who do you think was going through? God the father in a new covenant with Jesus Christ (the seed). You and I are in Christ and that is why We have a part in it. EPH. 1:4 – says He chose us before the foundation of the world. THIS ABRAHAMIC covenant, enabled God to bring the "new Adam" into the earth through Abrahams seed, to fix the problems created by the 1st Adam.

The same day "the Lord" made covenant with Abram and your descendants"

Christ was there as the 2nd Adam. Gal. 3:16 – was to Abraham and his Seed (Jesus).

Christ was the Mediator of it . Gen. 17:1-4 (not yet complete). Here God is adding to a covenant already

in force.

III. CHANGING OF NAMES (1 of the steps to enter).

Gen. 17:5 – Abrams name changed to give him power of attorney over all He owns. – Abr**A**
<u>H</u>am – Jehov<u>AH.</u> Gen. 17:6 –said He would make him exceedingly fruitful.

DID GOD CHANGE HIS NAME?

Yes! Exodus 3:16 – He took their name into His identification.

Gen. 17 7-8 – "to be their (personal) God.

A). REASON FOR CIRCUMSION

Gen. 17:8-11 – Blood is shed from BOTH parties in the covenant.

1st Covenant – in circumcision (man's blood)

2nd Covenant (better one) – God's blood was shed. Acts 20:38. – Heb. 9:12.

It was a reminder to Abraham that the covenant was ever-lasting and embraced all his seed and could never be annulled.

B). Gen. 17:12-15 – Sarai's name was changed to SarAH. JehovAH. It means "princess".

Gen. 17:16 – God says He will bless her and bless the nations.

THE BIG PICTURE – God and Abraham now have a covenant in force. It is binding and sealed with blood between God and Abraham.

GOD – now has legal right to bring the "New Adam" into the earth BECAUSE: He owns what Abraham owns. So He used Abrahams seed (descendent) to prepare a body for Christ the 2nd Adam. Heb. 10:5.

John 1:14 tells us the "Word became flesh". Luke 1:31 the Seed of God was planted in Mary's womb. (giving His son Isa. 9:6) he gave all.