

THE BLOOD COVENANT – PARTS 5 AND 6

Part 5

God's covenant with Abraham was a covenant of strong friendship, a blood covenant, but the covenant God cut with Jesus was not just a covenant of strong friendship, but A COVENANT OF ADOPTION; it brings us into God's family; now we are fellowcitizens with the saints and of the household of God

Ephesians 2:8-14, 19; Galatians 3:6-8

Before the gospel was ever preached on this earth after the resurrection of Jesus, God was preaching the gospel to Abraham as they cut their covenant, telling him that through his seed, ALL THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH WOULD BE BLESSED; this covenant would not just be between them, but would include all his seed and allow anyone through faith in Jesus to become the seed of Abraham and enter into the household of God

But to be outside of blood covenant relationship with God is to be without hope and without God in the world; outside of covenant relationship with God, no man has any means of expecting a life of blessing, prosperity and abundance, but is totally dependent on their own natural abilities to gain what they can and with only the means and energy they can provide themselves

The vehicle of blood was never used for the sake of God to keep Him honest to the terms of our blood covenant with Him because He has ALWAYS been serious about covenant relationship; God is not a man that He should lie and the moment He makes a promise to us, it is forever settled and nothing can negate or render that promise void or without effect

- blood was used by God as a means to show MAN the sacredness and power that this relationship would be between them. There has always been a sacredness and reverence for blood and the life of the flesh is in the blood; it represents that when two enter into covenant relationship, they are no longer two, but one, forging their lives together and becoming inseparable from one another

In blood covenant relationship, the blood ITSELF is not what is sacred; the blood represents what is sacred and THE SACRED THING IS THE COVENANT - the words spoken and promised, the bond between the two

Today, we have reached a point in society long ago, particularly in the western world where covenant relationship is virtually unknown, where words are no longer considered a sacred or powerful thing, but are nearly powerless and plain, having no real power and are mindlessly spoken nonstop by countless numbers of people

- Yet there are still places where men know that words have power, such as in a court of law; lawyers will spend hours upon hours deciding WHAT WORDS TO USE IN

SPECIFIC SITUATIONS because CERTAIN WORDS CONVEY CERTAIN MEANING and if they want to express exactly what they want people to understand, they must choose their words very carefully because the words they put down in court are recorded and can only be interpreted one way

- This same carefulness and awareness of our words should be vibrant within us on a daily basis in our relationship with God because LIFE AND DEATH ARE IN THE POWER OF THE TONGUE; the words we speak either add life to us or cause death to take away from us and the result we have is entirely up to each person

Furthermore, God's word is a covenant contract that He is the author of and can only be interpreted one way - how He has written it; no man in history has ever had any right to add to or subtract from God's Word as he desires because IT IS NOT HIS WORD, IT'S GOD'S WORD

- the only way that counts for reading the Word of God is how HE interprets it; He is NEVER responsible to watch over and perform anything He has not promised
- the only way to see His Word performed in our lives is to stand by faith on exactly what He has spoken and believe to receive everything He swore to do unto us
- Innumerable men throughout history have grossly misinterpreted the Word of God in order to make it fit their false beliefs; those lies have spread down generation after generation, causing the Body to become divided and segmented about the meaning of God's Word and render people unable to receive from God as He has always desired them to do
- But when refuse to interpret the Word of God any other way than what His Word says, then we open ourselves up to experiencing God's covenant faithfulness to flawlessly fulfill every promise He has made to us; the way we learn to interpret this covenant contract is by doing just what Yahweh told Joshua to do - meditate in the Word day and night, allowing the Holy Spirit to open the eyes of our understanding to the Word and position us to walk by faith in obedience to His Word
- Now, as our eyes are opened to the truth, this is what gives us the expectation and the faith that God is not just ABLE to do what the Word promises, but He is FAITHFUL to perform His Word to whosoever will believe
- When this happens, it is impossible to see the Bible as a book of religious doctrine, prose, or history, but nothing less than a sacred and irrevocable blood covenant agreement that we have with Him; we are equipped to approach Him with confidence, boldness and complete assurance that when we stand on the promises of God in faith, we walk in victory in every area of life

One of the greatest examples of the power of covenant relationship in the Bible can be seen when Jesus is just coming back from praying in the Garden of Gethsemane

- Because the blood covenant is called the “covenant of strong friendship” in the East, it is no coincidence or accident that when Judas kissed Jesus on the cheek, He said, “what have you to do, FRIEND?”
- The very reason Jesus said this is because only hours before, Jesus and Judas had just eaten the Passover meal together and entered into a blood covenant bond with one another; Jesus had said, “take, drink, this is my blood” and Judas violated the covenant; they had just forged their covenant by eating of Jesus’ flesh and drinking of His blood with the bread and the wine; **THIS IS WHY JUDAS HUNG HIMSELF** - because the power of the grief and sorrow from betraying his covenant brother was so strong he couldn’t stand it

Galatians 3:6-8

In verse 8, every believer can have explained to them the most basic definition of preaching the gospel to the world - brining the sinner into covenant relationship with God through Jesus Christ

- This says that when God told Abraham that through his seed all the nations of the earth would be blessed, He was preaching the gospel to him
- Now when did God tell Abraham that all the nations would be blessed? - **WHEN THEY WERE CUTTING THE COVENANT WITH ONE ANOTHER**; this means that God equated cutting the blood covenant with him to preaching the gospel unto Abraham
- Not only did Jesus tell us in Luke 4 that He was anointed to preach the gospel, but now all believers are to go into the nations and preach the gospel - which is coming into covenant relationship with God through faith in Jesus for the remission of our sins
- The most fundamental factor for us preaching the gospel in the world is to declare that every person on earth now has access to an eternal blood covenant bond with the Almighty God; and when we enter into that bond, every promise in the Word of God, the copy of that blood covenant, is guaranteed to be watched over and performed to us, causing us to have life more abundantly
- Now when we speak of the Great Commission, we can see that we are not headed into the world with a casual or merely general idea of what the gospel is, but the most specific message of all - to go into all the world **AND PREACH THE BLOOD COVENANT!** Our covenant relationship with God includes **EVERYTHING PERTAINING TO LIFE AND GODLINESS** and as we become more covenant-minded and live a covenant lifestyle, we grow stronger in faith and well able to partake of our inheritance when, knowing that the foundation for all of this is the blood covenant

We live in a day and age when true relationship with God is so misunderstood that too many people, even believers, think that being born again and living a Christian life is simply going to Church on Sundays and attempting their best to obey the Word of God

- Instead, they should understand that the God of all creation gave His only begotten Son so every person can enter into an unbreakable blood covenant where He loves every child of God just as much as Jesus; a relationship where we can walk hand in hand with the Almighty God and not just get by in life, but prosper in all we set our hands to do as we accomplish His will for our lives

If we are to walk in the covenant uprightly and correctly before God, then Jesus is our example for everything; How did Jesus walk by faith as a man under the Abrahamic covenant, fulfill all the law under the covenant and live spotlessly while doing it?

- He could live spotlessly before God because He told us how He lived - by every WORD that proceeds out of the mouth of God and GOD'S WORD IS HIS COVENANT
- Every day Jesus was alive, He did not live by what He wanted to do or how He saw fit, but by every word of His blood covenant bond with the Almighty God; and as long as He walked according to it, there was no way the devil could ever trip Him up or cause Him to sin
- Throughout His ministry, every time He ministered to the needs of people, He was doing so at the direction of His covenant partner and the moment He gave the command - whether it was to see, be made whole, rise up from the dead, etc. - it was perfectly fulfilled by God the Father through the power of the Holy Spirit;

Now Jesus has told ALL of His disciples that the same works that He did in the Earth, we will do them also, and even greater works

- Every one of us can go into the world and be just as confident and full of faith as our Lord when we minister to those in the world and in the Body of Christ
- This faith rises in our hearts because we understand the promises we are standing on are not periodically fulfilled as the Father chooses to, but EVERY time we stand by faith and declare the promises of God; not one word He has spoken has ever failed and this revelation causes us to boldly stare any circumstance in the face and walk by faith, not by sight
- Not only does every child of God have THE RIGHT to stand upon the promises of God, but as His covenant partners, we have THE RESPONSIBILITY to speak His covenant Word, put Him in remembrance of those promises, and fully expect that they be performed in our lives

- This bold confidence comes through developing a covenant mentality with the Word of God, not just looking at it as “the Bible”, but as a blood sworn oath from God, which is sealed in the spotless blood of Jesus and that has the full integrity and righteousness of the Almighty God on the line every time it is stood upon

Part 6

Exodus 24:4

- To raise up early means “to prepare for a new start”
- Moses told the people that what he was telling them were “the words of the Lord”; our blood covenant with God is full of words and we must prize all of them; they not only have power, but **THEY ARE ONLY AS GOOD AS THE PERSON SPEAKING THEM**; if the person speaking those words does not have integrity and honor, then the words cannot be counted as trustworthy or dependable, therefore the covenant is like to be broken and come to nothing
- And because God is unchanging, full of integrity, honor and loyalty, Moses said that they would do **ALL** that the Lord commanded them. They had unshakable certainty that when they walked in obedience, God would fulfill every promise and they would be bountifully blessed
- We must realize that Moses was speaking of the blood covenant between El Shaddai and the people of Israel, which was ratified between He and Abraham; this is such a powerful blood covenant agreement that not only did it change the course of Abraham’s life, but it is a blood covenant that is still in operation with supernatural power today and changes the lives of all who come into it, with us as the seed of Abraham and the Lord Jesus as our Savior and great High Priest.

The reason so much of the world has come to the place where people see Christianity merely as one option among many different religions throughout the world rather than a sacred, intimate bond with the Almighty is because the revelation of the blood covenant has nearly faded away into nonexistence among us.

Instead of seeing salvation as a holy, indissoluble covenant that guarantees abundant life, we have come to the place where many see salvation as a mere way of going to heaven and until the Lord returns, we simply attend church and religiously practice the parts of the Bible that we deem valid and necessary.

- This is why the Body of Christ must have the revelation of blood covenant relationship flood through it once more; we must come again to the place where not only do we

understand that supernatural, intimate relationship with our Heavenly Father, but we understand how it is to structure the operation of all the members of the Body of Christ with each other

- One of the greatest revelations about the blood covenant is that when we come into relationship with Jesus, we not only have a personal relationship with Him, but we have a covenant bond to all the members of the body of Christ; knowing this enables us to eliminate division and strife from amongst the Body because we know that to stand against any member of the Body is to come against a piece of God's workmanship and a beloved child of God
- When this happens, we can put away every opportunity to divide and weaken the Body so we can instead operate with the power of the Holy Spirit as one Body; now we are able to recognize that there is no such thing as an unimportant member in it, which causes us to value every member just as much as ourselves; with this recognition in our hearts, everyone is both willing and ready to do whatever is necessary to stand with them until their prosperity manifests, knowing that for one member of the Body to prosper is prosperity for the Body as a whole
- The glorious revelation of the blood covenant equips all the members of the Body to walk in love toward one another, prefer one another, submit to one another in love and do whatever is best for each other so all can prosper and be well

Now, once these revelations shine within us and we stand on them in faith, we become the greatest, most powerful Body of Christ in the middle of a spiritually dead and cursed world; we become a light shining brightly in the darkness and when they see the glory of God displayed in us daily, they are drawn out of the kingdom of darkness and toward the kingdom of God's dear Son

- People cannot help but hunger and thirst for being made righteous in Christ because they see the glory of God at work in us; instead of living a hopeless life with the curse out in the world, they choose to become a child of God and live a life of blessing in covenant relationship with Him

Matthew 26:26

Here Jesus is speaking to His disciples about the new covenant that all who receive Him become a part of; He is doing with them like Moses was doing in Exodus 24 with the people of Israel, telling them that they have a covenant to walk in and be a vital part of every day of their lives

- He took the bread that represents His body and the wine for the remission of our sins and told them, "this is the cup of the NEW COVENANT; one covenant was in the process of being fulfilled and now, the disciples were invited to be participants of a new covenant that provides salvation for all the world

- This is what it means when we go into all the world and PREACH THE GOSPEL; we are telling the hopeless in the world that they have the opportunity to join themselves to an unchanging blood covenant that can transform their lives from death and destruction to abundant life and blessing in Christ
- We are never attempting to bring people into a vague bond with God that they cannot deeply define, but inviting them into an intimate covenant relationship that they clearly know is forever lasting
- This eliminates the ability for Christians to label a relationship with God as dead, dry religion that cannot transform; Instead, we accurately demonstrate with power and glory to the world that we have a blood covenant with God that empowers us to live as children of the Most High rather than spiritual orphans in a lost world

Now more than ever, the blood covenant needs to become a living and breathing reality in the hearts and minds of all believers in the Body of Christ. It can no longer afford to be a subject that remains unspoken of and continues to have so little influence on our daily lives with Christ. All believers need the eyes of their understanding opened to the truth that God loves each of His children just as much as He loves His Son Jesus and will FREELY give to them all that they need and desire. The blood covenant reveals to us the sacredness, holiness and transforming power of genuine relationship with God. We are not to merely get along in life, but to victoriously live and triumph in all we set our hands to do for His glory. We recognize that we are not part of a worldwide religion, but child of God who have been bought with the blood of Jesus and transformed by Him to do His perfect will in the world. With this glorious revelation in our hearts and minds, we walk with uncompromising faith and overwhelming confidence that God not only wants to see His perfect will come to pass in our lives, but is ready to do anything necessary for it to be accomplished. He is our Father, we are His children and a life filled with glory is the expectation as we walk in our blood covenant with the Almighty God.