

Lesson 1 Covenant

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Wikipedia says: Covenant is an alliance of agreement made by God, a treaty or a contract!

Gen 1.27-28. God created man

Gen. 2. 15-17 first covenant between God and Humans

Gen3. 7 they used leaves

Gen. 3. 21 God covers with skin

Gen4.3-6 Cain and Able

The cutting of the covenant

1. covenant made by blood
 - a) Recorded in all ancient civilizations. The total giving of one's self to another forever.
 - b) The more modern we become the more we move away from a covenant of blood and demands of absolute loyalty
2. In the days of the Old Testament

Families cut the covenant based on strengths and weaknesses, not on things in common. Because it is based on differences there had to be great discussions. It was never entered into lightly.

 1. There is no way out without death
 - a. Blood is thicker than milk or water
 - b. More binding than having the same mother.
 2. Covenant is forever whether we get along or not.
 3. You cannot choose who your born kin is, but you can choose who your blood brother is.

Noah Gen. 8.20- 9. 17

1Cor. 15.21 dead came through a man

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Gen 15. 7-11

15. 17-18 God cut a covenant with Abraham

God put Abraham to sleep and cut the covenant with Jesus

Gal 3.29 Heirs of Salvation

The covenant representative is chosen.

1. Someone who sums up the whole tribe.
2. The covenant site is chosen where all parties can see
3. The animal is selected
4. Preparing of the animal

It was parted down the backbone.

Gen. 15. 9-10

and made fall down opposite each other creating a walkway of blood between the walls.

Gal.3.6-8 all nations will be blessed through You

Gal. 3. 29 Heirs of Salvation with Abraham

Rom 4.1-3 Abraham believed

Rom.1.16-17 the righteous will live by faith

Ps. 143.8 in you I trust

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David and Jonathan

1 Samuel 18.3+4

1 Samuel 20.12-14

The ceremony

1. Each man takes of his coat and gives it to the other
 - a. Coat stands for who I am and all that I am = authority
 - b. I give myself to you
2. They take of each other's belts and of weapons.
 - a. Giving of strengths
 - b. Your enemies are my enemies
 - c. Even if I die, I stand with you.

2 Samuel 9.1-12

John 11.25-26 exchange of strength and weakness.

God gives us

- Love /Salvation
- Protection Ps.91
- Armor Eph6.10-17
- Set a table Ps. 23.5
- Peace John 20.21
- etc.

we give God

- thanksgiving Deut. 28.47
- Praise 1 Chr 23.20
- worship 2. Chr. 20.21-22
- affections of our heart
- 2 Cor. 10.5
- etc.

Tess. 4.14 We will raise because of Jesus

Peter 1.3 into a living hope

2Cor. 5.14-15 we no longer live for ourselves

1Cor.15.21 dead came through a man

John 15.12 greater love has no one

At.13.33-34 I will give you the blessings of David

Isa 55.3 I make an everlasting Covenant

2 Samuel 23.5 has not God made an everlasting Covenant

2nd Chr. 22. 2-3/ 8-9/10-11 23.1-3 goes till 16. Joash

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Ps 22.1-22

JESUS THE CROSS

The walk of Blood in the ancient ceremony:

- a. Walk through the path of blood between the haves twice through
- b. Stop together in the middle and say “even as this animal has died, I will stand with you even in the midst of death” pronouncing the blessing and the curse
- c. Standing in blood, I make promises I can never break.

The promises are made by each one- the blessing of covenant
each representative swears by God to keep his promises, making God the third party and witness to the covenant.

the cutting of Flesh

1. the wrist or hand
2. the life blood of the family is being shed.

The hand is lifted as the oath is sworn, with blood running down the arm, to keep the terms of the covenant “so help me God”

The seal of the covenant

- a. The scar will never go away
- b. It is the sign we are absolutely one

Luke 23.34 Jesus forgives humans on the cross

Gal.3.13 we are redeemed from the curse

Mark 15.33 darkness came over the whole earth

1Pet. 3.21 we are saved by the resurrection of Jesus

Peter 2.24 by his stripes we are healed

2Cor 8.9 He became poor so we become rich

Lesson 5 **Marriage**

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The name change: in the ancient ceremony the names are exchanged

The testimony forever- we are now one family; our names are one.

John 15.16 we have His Name

Eph. 3.15 in Heaven and Earth derives its Name

We have become friends. To be friends a covenant must have been made.

Prov. 18.24 a friend sticks closer than a brother

The legal word is remember. These two words are nothing without covenant.

This is what God speaks over you:

I hold you in my mind (Ps. 103.4), I crown you, you are ever before me,

I live in constant reality of the bond between us,

It is as if I am, at this moment standing in the blood swearing,

I am- never I did or I will in the future, always now.

I am plotting and planning ways to bless you and surprise you as I keep the covenant terms.

1Cor 13.4-8 Love is patient

Gen. 2.24 they will become one flesh

Eph 4. 2-4 take every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit

Mal. 2.14-15 the Lord made them one

Isa 54.5 the Lord is your husband

Eph 5.25-33 husbands love your wife

Mark 10.9 what God has put together ...

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the Lord's supper

The covenant meal is the grand finale.

John 6.51-68 He is the bread

The cup of wine.

Is drunk saying, "drink my life's blood as I drink your life's blood

1. I see you fulfilling all the terms of the covenant as I fulfill your life
2. Eph. 1.23 it is His body

The piece of Bread

1. They fed each other the bread as a final statement.
2. Take me—all that I am eat of me I am yours.

Isa 53.4-5 By his stripes / Matt. 8.16-17 1 Pet.2.24

Act. 5.30 raised from the dead

Act 2.23 Jesus was handed over

Phil 2.8 -9 Jesus obedient to death exalted

Rom.6.8 if we died with Christ, we will also live... Rom. 6. 5-6

John 19.30 it is finished

John 11. 25-26 he who believes in me will never die

1 Peter 1.3-4 our inheritance is now and eternal

1Cor. 13.2, 4-5,13 Love

1Cor 1.18 the power of God unto salvation

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The Church

Ex 12.5-8 put the blood on the doorposts

Ps. 105.37 none feeble

Heb. 4.1-6 To them also the gospel was preached.

Ex 20.19 reject His voice

Col 2.14 we have redemption

Rom 8.1-2 we are no longer under law

Luke 14.27/ Matt. 16.24/Matt. 10.38 carry his cross

Matt. 11 28-30 my Yoke is easy

2 Peter 1.4 exceeding great and precious promises

Phil 3.10 know Christ and the power of His resurrection

Rev. 20.6 death has no power over us

John 4.9 everyone is included

Eccl. 4.9/12 together we are stronger

Gal.5.6 only Faith which works by love

- God considers what good we do to each other as covenant love
Heb.6.10-19 through faith and patience we inherit.

Eph 4. 2-4 take every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit

Col. 3.14-17 put on love, do all in the Name of the Lord