



Your Covenant with God: The Power of the Blood Covenant
Lesson 1: Redemption

Introduction

Hebrews 8:6

This verse is talking about Jesus.

Jesus still has a _____. The ministry that he currently has is better than the ministry he had before.

There are some words contained in this verse that we must understand in order lay a foundation for the subject of the blood covenant.

What is a covenant?

We are not a covenant society, so it is difficult for North Americans to understand covenant.

In other parts of the world, they practice covenants.

A covenant is similar to a _____. That is the closest thing in our culture that can be used to explain it. But it is not the best example.

You could use the words “agreement” or “promise”.

When two parties come together and have an understanding that is an agreement. Still, this is not the best way to explain it.

Dictionary definition of COVENANT: _____

The best picture of covenant in our society is marriage.

God has always dealt with mankind based upon covenant.

The Bible is a book of two covenants.

- The Old Testament could be called the Old Covenant.
- The New Testament is also the New Covenant.

What is a mediator?

Definition of MEDIATOR: _____

Jesus is the mediator between God the Father and people.

The role of a mediator is to bring _____ together.

This verse tells us that Jesus is the mediator of a better covenant.

Why is New Covenant better than the Old Covenant?

It is better because it is based on your _____

What is redemption?

Hebrews 9:15

Hebrews 9:15 – New Living Translation

That is why He is the One who mediates a new covenant between God and people, so that all who are called can receive the eternal inheritance God has promised them. For Christ died to set them free from the penalty of the sins they had committed under that first covenant.

Hebrews 9:15 – Contemporary English Version

Christ died to rescue those who had sinned and broken the old agreement. Now he brings his chosen ones a new agreement with its guarantee of God's eternal blessings!

Why is living under the New Covenant better than living under the Old Covenant?

Because you could never be free from the penalty of sin under the Old Covenant. Now you can! You have redemption.

If you have given your life to Jesus, you have been redeemed. You have redemption. But what does that mean?

Definition of REDEMPTION:

- The word is a compound word in the Greek language.
- The first part of the word is a prefix which means: separation, departure, cessation, completion, or reversal
- The second part to the word means: something to loosen with, a price to set someone free, a ransom

The entire word means: _____

Before you came to Christ, you were held captive by the devil in a life of sin.

You were far from God. You were bound.

When Jesus died for you he loosened your bonds and set you free by paying, in full, the ransom for your life!

- You are now separated from darkness and living in the _____
- You made a departure from being a captive to _____ in Jesus.
- You ceased living a life without God and there has been a total reversal!

You have been redeemed!

It is important to know this because Jesus paid your ransom and you are redeemed, you are now a part of a better covenant.

Everything you do in life as a believer is based on that covenant.

- The covenant is why you don't have to be sick and instead live in health.
- The covenant is the reason why you don't have to live in poverty, but can have all of your needs met with enough left over to give to others.
- The covenant is the reason why you don't have to be fearful, depressed, or be on medication for mental problems. God's covenant with you means freedom for your mind.

If you don't have an understanding of your covenant, you cannot live the way God wants you to live.

If you don't understand your covenant with God, you will never walk in authority over the devil.

This covenant between you and God is the foundation for walking in victory.

To understand this, we must go back to the beginning.

Garden of Eden

Listen to the instructions God gave to Adam and Eve.

Genesis 1:28

Definition of SUBDUE: _____

God was warning them that they had an enemy!

Satan was not a surprise to Adam and Eve.

Genesis 2:15-25

It is important to understand that everything written in the Bible after Genesis 3, God did because of what happened in Genesis 3.

After Genesis 3, God had one goal – _____

We all know the story of how Adam and Eve sinned.

Genesis 3:6

Adam and Eve took something that was given to them by God and gave it to Satan.

They actually committed the sin of "high treason" against God.

When they ate the fruit they experienced spiritual death.

Genesis 3:7

Remember in Genesis 2 they were naked and not ashamed. Now things are different.

Genesis 3:8

Adam and Eve went from a _____ consciousness to a sin consciousness.

Genesis 3:9, 10

Definition of NAKED: _____

Adam and Eve lost their robes of righteousness.

Isaiah 61:10

However, God was not content to let mankind remain this way.

What did God do? – Beginning in Genesis 3 he began working on redemption.

Genesis 3:14, 15

Verse 15 is about Jesus!

In the Bible, when it talks about descendants (or SEED) – it is always HIS Seed. Not HER Seed.

What does this mean? – It is the first prophecy of the virgin birth.

God is telling Satan that a man is going to be born of a woman without the help of a man.

Then He tells Satan that this man (Jesus) is going to bruise his head.

Definition of BRUISE HIS HEAD: _____

God began working on his plan to _____ right here.

God starts here in Genesis 3 by giving the first prophecy of Jesus. He keeps speaking His Word. Prophecy by prophecy, bit by bit, verse by verse – word by word through the entire Old Testament there are words spoken about Jesus.

He keeps speaking His Word then . . .

John 1:14

An Old Testament covenant that points to our New Testament covenant

1 Samuel 18:1-9

Jonathan was King Saul's son.

David and Jonathan loved each other and entered into _____

Later in life, Jonathan married and had a son named Mephibosheth.

Saul and Jonathan died in battle. Because of this, all of Saul's family is afraid, thinking that David will take the throne and kill everyone related to Saul.

2 Samuel 4:4

Mephibosheth spent his life hiding from David, thinking that David wanted to kill him.

Mephibosheth was unaware of the covenant that David had with Jonathan.

2 Samuel 9:1-13

This story is a picture of the _____ we have with God.

David represents _____. He loves us and has prepared a table for us to sit at filled with blessings.

Mephibosheth represents _____. We are in Saul's family. We are rebellious and living in sin.

Jonathan represents _____. He is a part of Saul's family, but he really doesn't seem to belong there. He was more like David, desiring to do the will of God.

He was very Saul and very David. Just like Jesus who was fully God and fully man.

Through the shedding of His blood, He made an everlasting covenant of salvation with everyone who receives Him as savior.