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The Belt of Truth – Covenant Terms

Dale Hudson, 7/10/2022 1:06 PM: Good afternoon everyone!

Read: Ephesians 6:10-14

Read: Genesis 15:1ff

We are continuing on with the Belt of Truth (Ephesians 6:14)

Gen. 15: 1 - "I am your shield..."

God cut covenant - exchanged all that He is/has for all that we are

Karath b'riyth - to cut covenant, to cut where blood flows

Covenant Steps or Process:

Step 1: Take off/exchange Coat or Robe

— 1 Samuel 18:1-4

— By doing this (taking off my robe or coat), I am symbolically saying, "All I am, I am giving to you, or I am giving you all of myself. My total being and my life I give as a pledge to you."

Step 2: Take off/exchange Belt

Paul, in Ephesians 6:14 says the first weapon of our warfare being the "belt of truth," saying anyone attacks you, they attack me (God). I fight for you. Your debts are my debts. All that I am, I give to you.

— 1 Samuel 18:1-4

— The next thing I do is take off my belt and give it to you. Since the belt holds my armor together; sword, dagger, bow, shield, etc.

— I am symbolically giving you all my strength and pledging you all my support and protection. "If anybody attacks you, they are attacking me. Your battles are my battles and mine are yours. *Deut. 3*

Step 3. Cut the Covenant

A ritual that must be done through blood. Once done, it cannot be broken. In doing so we are saying two things when we cut covenant:

1. We die to ourselves, giving up the rights to our own life and beginning a new walk with our covenant partner unto death.
2. Pointing to the slain, bloody animals you say, "God do to me as these animals and more if I ever try to break this covenant."

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God was covenanting to the same when He cut covenant on behalf of Abraham (and ultimately us).

God put Himself on the line, all that He is and has, when He cut covenant with Abraham.

The belt of truth reinforces that God, without fail, will always keep His Word to us.

Step 4: Raise the Right arm and mix the blood (Isaiah 62:8)

We raise our right arm, cut our palms and bring them together, mingling our blood together, thus swearing our allegiance to each other. As our blood mixes, our lives intermingle and we become one.

This is because our blood is our life.

This removed the hostility, bringing about peace. We become covenant friends, no longer aliens, hostile to God.

Read: James 2:23

H. Clay Trumbull - his book [The Blood Covenant](#) is a good source of information on the blood covenant

The blood covenant automatically makes you accepted.

Step 5 - Exchange Names (Gen. 17:5, 15; 32:18)

Abram --> Abraham

Sarai --> Sarah

Jehovah - YHWH (Yed Hei Vav Hei) - God of Covenant

- God puts the "Hei" of His name into Abram's name and Sarai's name
- Abraham is now the father of many nations, Sarah is now the mother of nations
- God's name is changed to the "The God of Abraham"

Symbolically in today's time, a man and woman (born a heterosexual man or woman) marry and they exchange names (take unto themselves all that the other person is)

Anytime God (El Shaddai, Elohim, Jehovah Rapha) touches or attaches Himself to anything, it comes to life. You don't lose, you only gain.

What cause us to not receive all that God is while in covenant with Him is bad teaching and bad believing (living under an unrenewed mind)

- Hei - represents divine breath, revelation and light. The word "light" is mentioned five (5) times on the first day of creation (Gen. 1:3-4), which is said to correspond to the letter Hei.
- Hei - also represents God's creative power - "By the Word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the hosts of them by the "breath of His mouth." (Psalm 33:6) - referring to the sound of the letter "Hei" - the outbreathing of Spirit (See 2 Cor. 5:17)

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You must get revelation of this. If you are in a mediocre position anywhere in your life, revelation of all this removes all of that. You step forward into your exalted position in Christ.

Step 6: You make a scar (Isaiah 49:16)

The next step is to rub our blood together and make a scar as a permanent testimony to the covenant. The scar will bear witness to the covenant we have made.

It will always be there to remind us and anyone else of our covenant responsibilities to each other. It is or guarantee of our covenant.

If anyone tries to harm us, all we have to do is raise up that right arm and show our scar.

Example: Stanley and Livingston in Africa (the story of the king cutting covenant)

Step 7: Give Covenant Terms (Gen. 31:52-53, 21:23, Joshua 9)

Then we stand before witnesses and give the terms of the covenant.

I say, "All my assets are yours. Ally my money, all my property and all my possessions are yours. "if you need any of them, anything I have, just come and get it."

Notice: It's already given...you just need to place a claim, take, possess what is already yours.

Read: Deuteronomy 28:1-14 - The blessings (The curses follow)

But there was a dilemma, there were curses attached...how to get rid of that?

How can the covenant be kept by a man who cannot keep truth?

Next week we'll tackle that.

Read, meditate on the book of Galatians (*especially chapter 3)

Remember the eight (8) Cornerstones of Faith – they fit and depict our covenant of peace

1. God cannot lie! He is the Spirit of Truth!
2. God is good! He is good to me.
3. Nothing is impossible for God! Therefore, if I believe, nothing will be impossible for me.
4. The broken body and shed/sprinkled blood of Jesus has paid for everything!
5. Righteousness is a gift from God!
6. God loves me! I am significant to Him.
7. He will never leave nor forsake me!
8. My response: Expect His (loving)kindness!

Shalom - Peace (He is the power that destroys the authority connected to chaos)

Read: Proverbs 4:20, 21