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Blood Covenant

The most powerful thing in the whole of universe is the blood of the Lord Jesus. There is no other power or any other blood that is more powerful than the blood of Jesus. Let us honor and plead for the blood of Jesus for through that blood we have power to overcome the devil. The blood speaks and has power that's why I said that it is more powerful than anything.

A covenant is an agreement between two people either to do or to refrain. If one of you disagrees then the covenant between the two of you is broken. The blood covenant has power to cleanse you and to heal you from any work of the devil. The blood covenant started in the times of Adam and Eve.

Gen. 3:15-19-*“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel. ¹⁶ To the woman he said, ‘I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you’.*
¹⁷To Adam he said, ‘Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘you must not eat of it,’ ‘Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. ¹⁸ It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. ¹⁸ By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return”

Sin had come into the world and God pronounced the doom of satan. We all have Adamic blood in us that's why we tend to disobey. There are a lot of people still working in disobedience. There in the garden of Eden God told Adam not to eat fruit from the middle tree but Adam ate and that's when sin (death) entered. It is the same thing with you; you have a choice to choose either death or life. It's your decision to get born again or not. By that sin, Adam had sold us to the devil and therefore we became children of the devil. But God immediately had a plan to save us from that situation we had gotten into.

Gen. 3: 21-*“The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them”*

In other words God came to seek that which was lost. God had to enslave the innocent for the guilty, that's why he had to kill the innocent. God is the one that instituted the slain of the innocent for the guilty. God is prophetically telling Adam that the lamb that is pure is coming. Then God clothed them with a beautiful garment that had come from an animal.

It had something to do with blood, the animal was killed and the skin was taken. By that act, there was a complete philosophy of atonement.

Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

Heb.9: 21-*“In the same way, he sprinkled with the blood both the tabernacle and everything used in its ceremonies”*.

That’s why God didn’t want Adam and Eve to come before Him with false covering. That’s why Christ had to die so that we might live. He had to shed his blood to save us; He had to be naked so that we can be covered. When Adam sinned he became naked therefore didn’t know how to appear before God. We tried to him with our own righteousness. Christ paid the price that no witchdoctor or devil can pay. I want to tell you today that the devil is a liar. Jesus came and died so that we can live. So we don’t stand before God with our own righteousness, which is like filthy rugs, but with the righteousness that is of God by faith. We were naked but God came and clothed us.

Then how do we go before God? Can you be bold and go to Him and say you have a covenant with him? Adam and Eve covered themselves with fig leaves. Every religion right from the time of Cain and Abel to this day is covered with fig leaves.

Example: -

when I was a Hindu I would try to do anything to reach my god. I was worshipping idols; the spirit of disobedience was in me, I had no hope at all as I was being tormented with fear. What about you? What’s tormenting you? Today is your day to be free. So many of us are still blinded, today you must know what Jesus did in Calvary. God came down to save the sinful man; Jesus came so that we might have life. We didn’t have to climb up. Apart from Jesus no one else came down to save us, don’t let the devil lie to you. So called ‘religions’ tried to climb up, but not so with Jesus, He came down. Don’t let the devil put fear in you because fear does not come from God. When Adam sold us to the devil we became the children of the devil, but God came down to take back what satan had taken. Satan had stolen our peace, our families, our bodies etc.

Peter wrote that through the shedding blood there is forgiveness of sin. And by his stripes we are healed. When Jesus died on the cross, his blood became a separation between life and death. Between obedience and disobedience, between sons of God and sons of the devil. You need to make a covenant today. Satan can’t break that covenant. This covenant is between you and God; satan can’t break it unless you let him do so. God can’t make you a robot and force you to do anything, He gave you a choice. The blood of Jesus is a cleansing agent for sin in the whole of universe. If you go to the witchdoctor they will ask you to bring some animal type of blood but that blood wont work.

John.17: 10-*“All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them”*

Jesus says that all you have is nothing. In the blood covenant He has all benefits for you. You may say then why am I not getting my benefits? It’s because you don’t ask. Or you might be asking with the wrong motives. This is not an ordinary covenant; it’s a blood

covenant. If you know that you are in covenant with God, you will claim all your benefits. All powers of darkness that we are fighting are not in control. Jesus is in control. The boss is in control. Who then is your boss? You know, satan doesn't want us to walk in the blood covenant with God. He doesn't want us to use the name of Jesus. If you don't want the devil to torment you then get him out. The devil knows that when the church rises up with authority he will have to go back. The devil can't go forward. The gospel of Jesus will go forward. Satan wants you to be ignorant, he doesn't want you to know the power and authority that is in the name of Jesus. The devil is a liar and the father of it. He knows that he doesn't have power but we do. Jesus is in charge over all things in heaven, on earth and in hell. Therefore all things must obey the name of Jesus. That's why we have the right to claim anything in the covenant; God is always faithful to his covenant, but until we start to pray and reach by faith, that power of the covenant will not be released to us. We are fighting the enemy (enemy) who has been defeated.

Luke 10:19-“ *I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you*”

Jesus stripped him off all powers and authority. Because we have failed to exercise the power and authority given to us, the devil has continued to torment us. God is a covenant keeper, all that belongs to him is yours and yours is his. Jesus was beaten, flesh came out of his body for our salvation. Today I am reminding you of the authority and power that is in you.