

Blood Covenant Truths: Lesson 2 – Preparation of Covenant

Lesson 1 established why God needed blood covenant. God gave man dominion over the earth with only one condition – don't eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil or you will die. Adam exercised his free will in choosing to disobey God. Because God had no "help man out" or "correct man's rejection" clause in His delegation of dominion, God had no legal right to override man's dominion and take back what Adam turned over to Satan. Why, because God cannot break His word, so He could not arbitrarily undo the results of man's choice.

Write out the following verses:

Isaiah 55:11. _____

Malachi 3:6. _____

Hebrews 13:8 . _____

But God had to have a way of redeeming man without breaking His word. His plan was to establish a Blood Covenant with man and use this legal agreement as the means of delivering man from Satan's power. According to 1 Peter 1:18-20, when did God decide to use this plan? _____

So, before God even created man, He already had a plan on how to redeem man if he disobeyed. Therefore, it is not surprising that immediately after man's fall, God started implementing this plan. The first indication of God's plan is given in Genesis 3:7 and Genesis 3:21. What is the common subject of these two verses? _____

Write out Romans 3:23. _____

In this verse Paul describes a result of Adam's sin. The Greek word 'usterountai', which means "to fall short of, be deficient of" is used to describe man's state. By his disobedience Adam forfeited the glory that God had clothed him with. He found himself naked and knew that it was not a condition that man should be in. So he used his own efforts to cover his nakedness (Genesis 3:7). However, after God explains the full consequence of Adam's sin (a summary of the curse – Genesis 3:14-19), in His mercy He proceeds to provide "suitable" clothing for Adam (Genesis 3:21). The reason it was "suitable" is because in order to provide coats of skins, God had to shed the blood of an animal. This is the first indication of the need for a blood covenant to deal with sin. The fact that Adam's sons knew they had to provide blood sacrifices to God (Genesis 4:3-5) indicates that God must have taught Adam of the need to shed blood to deal with sin and in turn Adam must have taught his sons this truth.

Why did God reject Cain's offering? _____

Write out Genesis 3:22. _____

Why did God prevent man from eating of the Tree of life (Jesus) and thereby live forever? _____

This is an example of the mercy of God, because if sinful man ended up living forever, there would be no chance for redemption by the shedding of righteous blood and the satisfying of eternal justice by completion of the death penalty. A righteous man had to die for redemption to be possible. So in His mercy, God removed man's access to the Tree of Life until after the Tree had taken on human flesh, sacrificed His life and risen again.

Now read John 6:53-56. What must each person do to receive life and be restored to a relationship with Jesus?

Now read Genesis 3:15. What was Satan told that the seed (Jesus) would do to Him? _____. So, because of this prophecy, Satan made it his primary goal to prevent the Seed from ever being born. So, when Cain got angry because God did not accept his self effort motivated offering, Satan saw it as an opportunity.

Read Genesis 4:1-10. Since God accepted Abel's offering, Satan probably thought Abel was the seed. God warns Cain in Genesis 4:7 "... Satan wants you (sin is at the door), but you have power to reject him". However, Cain's pride in his own efforts resulted in his believing Satan's lies and he ended up murdering his brother.

Write out Genesis 4:10. _____

What does this verse say blood has? _____

In Bible theology, there is a principle called 'The law of first mention' that says there is a special significance the first time a subject or word appears in scripture. This verse is the first time blood is mentioned. Notice God left out mention of blood in Genesis 3:21. Why? because he wanted the significance of the first mention to be about what blood does. Hebrews 9 explains that the old tabernacle sacrifices were all types of what Jesus did at the cross. Since blood has a voice and Jesus blood cleansed the heavenly temple (v12), it follows that the voice of His blood continually declares (v14) that you are righteous, sanctified, and have been given a pure conscience. Because His blood declares this, you delivered from the need to use self effort in any area of your life – to pay for sin; to please God; to build godly character, to become successful, and so on. The blood has perfected you!!!

Because of its centrality to human redemption and eternal life, God has woven the truths of Blood Covenant throughout the Old Testament. God has "hidden" how He planned to deliver man from the curse of Adam's disobedience in the Old Testament for wise men to seek out. In the New Testament He uncovers these hidden things to bring revelation and joy to His children. For example, one hidden prophecy is in the names of the first eight men in Jesus lineage. Genesis 5: 1-32 lists these men and when we look at the meanings of their names as provided by Strong's concordance of bible words, the story of redemption is seen.

Adam – (H120) - ruddy, that is, a human being (an individual or the species, mankind, etc.): - X another, + hypocrite, + common sort, X low, **man** (mean, of low degree), person.

Seth – (H7896) - A primitive root; to place (in a very wide application): - apply, **appoint**, array, bring, consider, lay (up), let alone, X look, make, mark, put (on), + regard, set, shew, be stayed, X take.

Enos – (H582) – properly a **mortal** (and thus differing from the more dignified H120); hence a man in general (singly or collectively). certain, chap [-man], divers, fellow, husband, (certain, mortal) man, people, person, servant, some (X of them), + stranger, those, + their trade.

Canaan – (H7077) – A primitive root; to erect; to nestle, that is, build or occupy as a nest: - **Dwelling**.

Mahallel – (H4110 + H410) – fame:- **praise** (plus) the Almighty: - **God** (god), X goodly, X great, idol, might (-y one), power, strong.

Jared – (H3381) – A primitive root; to descend (literally to go downwards: - bring down, carry down, cast down, (cause to) **come down**, fall (down), get down, subdue, take down.

Enoch – (H25960) – A primitive root; properly to narrow; figuratively to initiate or discipline: - dedicate, train up (**Teaching**)

Methuselah – from two Hebrew root words (H4970 - From an unused root meaning to extend; properly extent (of time); but used only adverbially (especially with other particles prefixed), when (either relative or interrogative); and from H7971 - A primitive root; to send away, for, or out (in a great variety of applications)) meaning when sent away or **His death shall bring**.

Lamech – (H3929) - From an unused root of uncertain meaning (*probably **weary** or **struggling***).

Noah – (H5117) - A primitive root; to **rest**, that is, settle down.

Write out the sentence made by the key (underlined) meanings of these names: _____

So, even the boring genealogy in Genesis 5 tells the story of Jesus and what He has done for us.

Now let's look at Satan's continued attempts to destroy 'the Seed' and how God continued to prepare the way for Jesus to come to the earth and deliver man from the curse.

Read Genesis 6:1-22 and answer the following questions:

Why does verse one use the word for 'men' and then in verse 2 the words 'sons of God'? _____

Where did the giants in the earth come from? _____

Verses 1-4 indicate that Satan's next attempt to destroy the seed was to corrupt the human race with demonic seed. This resulted in the birth of giants who were half man/half demon. So in verse 3 God limited the life span of man to minimize the promulgation of this corruption. However, these "half-lings" rapidly over-ran the world in wickedness and in verse 7 God decided they have to be destroyed.

What did Noah find in the eyes of the Lord (verse 8)? _____

What two words are used in verse 9 to describe Noah? _____

The Hebrew word for perfect is 'tamiym' which means *"entire (literally, figuratively or morally); also (as noun) integrity, truth: - without blemish, complete, full, perfect, sincerely (-ity), sound, without spot, undefiled, upright (-ly), whole."*

Since all flesh was being corrupted by demonic cross-breeding, this word becomes significant in that it means Noah was a genuine man. So God's destroying the earth and its inhabitant was a demonstration of His grace in preserving the pure human seed to enable Jesus to come in the fullness of time. Noah finding grace was because he was a man of pure human blood who worshipped God.

The story of Noah's ark is a beautiful allegory of our Christian lives. This study doesn't go into the details of this, so you are encouraged to receive it from the Holy Spirit. However, to get you started, here are a couple of introductory comments:

(1) The Ark can represent Jesus. Noah was in the ark, just as you are in Jesus. Since God shut Noah in the Ark, I was impossible for Him to fall out. If Noah fell over, he was still in the Ark. All of Noah's supply was in the Ark. The external destruction could not touch Noah in the Ark.

(2) The Ark can represent us as Christians. The ark was made of wood which is the type for humanity and then it was overlaid with pitch. The Hebrew word translated as pitch is also translated as redemption. The ark rode above the destruction that covered the earth.

Go ahead and enjoy studying this story (Genesis 6:8 – 9-29).

There is one major covenant lesson that comes from the story of Noah that you need to embrace. Read Genesis 9:11-17 and answer the following questions:

What covenant did God make with Noah? _____
_____.

What token did God give to represent the covenant? _____.

With whom did God make this covenant? _____.

Now read Isaiah 54:9 and answer these questions:

What covenant does God refer to? _____
_____.

What does God state this old covenant represents in the new covenant? _____
_____.

So what does the rainbow now say to the Christian? _____
_____.

Because of the New Covenant (Hebrews 8:12), God has eradicated your sins (past, present and future – removed as far as the East is from the West – Psalm 103:12) and will never raise them with you again. To do so would be to break His covenant and deny the fullness of what Jesus did on the cross.