

“The Blood & The Name”

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This morning we're going to look at two primary components of a covenant:

- Shedding of Blood
- Exchange of Names

THE MEANING OF BLOOD = LIFE

This was strictly articulated in the law, Leviticus 17

- Life is in the blood.
- Blood is for the atonement of the soul.
- It is the blood by reason of its life that makes atonement.
- For as the life of all flesh, its blood is identified with its life.

IF YOU ARE IN COVENANT AND EAT THE BLOOD:

- God will set His face against that person
- God will cut him off from among his people

All life is sacred and belongs to God.

Hebrews 9:22 — And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

WHY THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD

Have you ever wondered why animals had to be killed and blood had to be shed to cover sin?

DEATH IS THE CONSEQUENCE OF SIN

Romans 6:23 — The wages (payment, cost) of sin is death. To atone (propitiate) for death, a life must be given/sacrificed.

Hebrews 9:22b — "...without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin (in other words, there is no cancellation of debt)."

Jesus perfect sacrifice "washed away" sin, not just covered it for a time like the animal sacrifices.

THE FIRST COVENANT

Genesis 3: The first covenant made immediately after the fall of mankind. A covenant of Grace came with the promise of the "Seed".

Adam and Eve tried to cover their own nakedness (shame) with fig-leaves (self-made covering, self-made atonement)

- The blood of the animal atoned for their sin.
- The animal skins (sacrifice) covered their nakedness (shame).
- But there were still consequences to their sin.

TYPE AND SHADOW VS ACTUAL

Foreshadows of Jesus

- Clothes of skin
- Abraham sacrificing Isaac
- Law of Moses, institution of sacrificial system (the lamb)
- Jesus (The Lamb)

The animal sacrifices were a shadow of the Lamb (Messiah)

THE BLOOD - REDEEMS

Covenants are sealed with blood.

Ephesians 1:7-8a (NASB) — In Him (Christ) we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us.

- The blood of Christ restores humanity back before the fall.
- It makes us right with God. (Righteous)
- It removes our sin as if it never happened.
- It removes the curse.
- It restores us as sons and daughters of the Lord God Most High!
- It restores our inheritance and our purpose.
- It keeps us from the second death.

THE BLOOD - IS NOT A MAGIC PHRASE

When God delivered the children of Israel out of Egypt, they were to apply the blood of the lamb to their doorposts and mantel. If they did not, the destroying angel would kill them.

This was a fore-shadow Jesus, the Lamb of God. If we don't apply His blood to our souls (make covenant with Him), then we will die in the second death.

However there's no example in scripture of applying the blood to situations or to the enemy.

THE MEANING OF A NAME = IDENTITY

- Identity, how a person is known
- Reputation
- Family / Ancestry
- Sanction / Authority
- Identifying Characteristics
- Function / Position

THE NAME - GIVE US POSITION

The name of Jesus is not some magic token that we wave around.

The name of Jesus is not a signature to end a prayer.

The name is a position that we have in Christ.

Without being in covenant with God, the name is powerless! Seven sons of Skeba (Acts 19)!

Being in His name, means that we have authority that He grants to us. We have rulership. We have inheritance. We have divine purpose. We are seated with Him, positionally, at the right hand of the Father!

HIGHMARK "NAME" EXAMPLE

Because of God shedding His blood with us, we have eternal covenant with Him!

Because we are IN the name of Jesus Christ, in covenant, one with Him, we have authority.

EXERCISING AUTHORITY AS THE BODY

- Prayer for Sandra Kuehn
- Prayer for one another