



## THE BLOOD COVENANT OF GOD

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### DAY 1 – THE COVENANT NAME CHANGE

Jesus told us to have faith in God. The first covenant God made was with Adam and Eve. The first human blood shed was in the cut of circumcision. The circumcision and name change happened to you when you were born again. We need a greater understanding of covenant that allows us to access the power of God.

### STUDY IT

- I. Jesus told us to have faith in God (Mark 11:22).
  - Who is God? God is who He says He is.
  - We learn about God by reading and studying the Bible, which was originally written in Hebrew and Greek, and later translated into English.
    - Those are the only two languages that clearly express what God means.
  - It's important to know and understand what God says—not only in English, but also the original meanings found in the original languages.
    - Many arguments have come because the English readers didn't get the full message out of the Greek word *sozo*.
    - In English, it's translated as *salvation*, but in Greek it means so much more—healing, deliverance, soundness—to name a few definitions.
  - You can get spiritual revelation by studying the English translation of the New Testament, but it's helpful to know the full intent of the writer.
- II. The first covenant God made was with Adam and Eve.
  - When Adam and Eve sowed fig leaves together to try to cover themselves, they were trying to meet their own needs. Their sin had made them afraid of God.
  - God killed an animal and made them clothes, a covering (Genesis 3:21).
  - It's obvious that a covenant was made between them, even though human blood was not shed.
- III. The first human blood shed in a covenant was in the cut of circumcision.
  - The first blood covenant that was made where human blood was shed was with Abraham (Genesis 17:1).
    - This covenant introduced the blood-backed promise to the earth.





- The covenant name change happened right after Abram and his male household members were circumcised.
  - God changed Abram's name to Abraham.
  - God put an "h" sound in Abram's name; it was part of God's Name.
- IV. The circumcision and name change happened to you when you were born again.
- Your name was changed. You were named after your heavenly Father (Ephesians 3:14-20).
  - Native people practiced a covenant similar to David and Jonathan's covenant.
    - They would enter into covenant with one another and cut themselves as a sign of the covenant.
    - That covenant scar would cause others to be cautious, because they didn't know the power of that person's covenant partner.
  - The power of our covenant Partner and our relationship with Him is a principle that should be taught to every born-again person the moment he or she gets saved.
  - Once you know you are in covenant with Almighty God, it gives you confidence and boldness because God is your covenant Partner.
  - The scar of circumcision of the heart, the spirit, is real. It's as real as the scars in Jesus' hands.
  - The devil can see the cut across your spirit being. Demand him to take his hands off you, and he *must* obey you!
- V. We need a greater understanding of covenant that allows us to access the power of God.
- When you understand that God's will is backed by a covenant, God's WORD comes alive.
    - We have been born of God, born of Love. We sin not, but we keep ourselves in love. We no longer continually practice sin (1 John 5:18).
    - When we are walking in love, we are keeping the whole law of the covenant.
    - You walk in the light; but if you do sin, appropriate God's promise of forgiveness (1 John 1:7, 9).
  - God told Abraham, "I am the Almighty God" (Genesis 17:1). That's how it was translated into English.
  - God actually said in Hebrew, "I am *El Shaddai*."
  - *El* means God, singular. *Elohim* is plural for God. *Shaddai* means the more-than-enough God, the God who nourishes, the God who takes care of you.



## MAKE IT PERSONAL

God made covenant to obligate Himself to certain promises. When God made covenant with Jesus and invited you to be part of that covenant, what promises did He make to you?

Write down God's promises to you and meditate on the benefits of being in covenant with Almighty God.

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### DAY 2 – THE SIGNIFICANCE OF A BLOOD COVENANT

You are responsible to live what you hear preached. It's very simple: The Bible is a copy of two covenants. Have faith in God—*El Shaddai*, and in Jesus—*El Shaddai* in the flesh. Abram listened to God and didn't contradict Him.

### STUDY IT

- I. You are responsible to live what you hear preached.
  - A person said to Kenneth E. Hagin, "You'll have to answer to God for everything you preach." Brother Hagin said, "Yes, I know. And you are responsible to live everything you hear preached."
  - Scripture tells us, the sower sows The WORD (Mark 4). That's the last time Jesus said anything about the preacher who's sowing The WORD. The rest of the time, Jesus talked about the ground the seed was sowed in.
    - All the responsibility for harvest shifted to the hearers, and only 25% produced good fruit.
    - To whom much is given, much is required (Luke 12:48).
- II. It's very simple; the Bible is a copy of two covenants—two blood agreements.
  - The blood covenant that God made with Abram was made in the blood of animals (Genesis 15:6-17).
  - The part of the covenant that involved circumcision required human blood (Genesis 17).
  - The word *covenant* in Hebrew is from a root word that means "to cut or make an incision." That's why it's called cutting the covenant—blood flows.
  - Brother Copeland realized that Jesus Christ of Nazareth is his blood Brother and the Almighty God is his Friend!
  - If Jesus is your LORD and Savior, He is your blood Brother.
- III. Have faith in God—*El Shaddai*, Almighty God.
  - Who is God? He is Love—that's who He is.
  - God has Names that illuminate His character. You can find them in the Hebrew language.



- God said, "I am the Almighty God, *El Shaddai* (Genesis 17:1), the God who's more than enough." Whatever you need, God has it for you.
- The Bible compares the spiritual life with the natural life.
  - Desire the sincere milk of The WORD so you grow thereby (1 Peter 2:2).
  - You are a new creation in Christ Jesus; old things passed away and all things are of God ([*El Shaddai*] 2 Corinthians 5:17).

IV. Jesus is *El Shaddai* in the flesh.

- *El Shaddai* is your very own Father. More than that, Jesus is your covenant Friend—Friend with a capital letter.
- A Friend who sticks closer than a brother (Proverbs 18:24). Who did Jesus say that covenant Friend is? The one who gives his life for another.
- Jesus said, "Unless you eat of My body and drink of My blood, I don't know you (I don't have a covenant with you)" (John 6:53, 56). That's blood-covenant talk.
- Jesus Christ of Nazareth, *El Shaddai* in the flesh, was made a curse for us and He is ready to give us everything we need.

V. Abram listened to God and didn't contradict Him.

- Melchizedek, who was Shem, spoke into the future and said, "BLESSED be Abram of the Most High God" (Genesis 14:18-20).
- Abram knew enough to keep his mouth shut and listen to God (Genesis 17:2-3).
- Like Rufus Mosley said, "Here lies a fool who knows nothing, doing all the talking to Someone who knows everything."
- The qualification that Abraham had, to enter into covenant with God, was that he would teach his children the things of God. That was important because he would be the father of many nations (Genesis 17:4).
- God told Abram, "Your name shall be Abraham." That "h" sound was God's name in the middle of Abram's name (Genesis 17:5).

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Pray this prayer of thanksgiving with us:

*Heavenly Father, thank You for inviting me to be part of the covenant with You and Jesus. I receive all the benefits that covenant provides. They are mine now! Your love has called me into Your family, and I thank You. I praise You forever! In Jesus' Name. Amen.*





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### DAY 3 – WHO IS GOD?

Who is God? Entering into covenant involves a cut (shedding of blood) and a name change. You don't break a blood covenant between people, and you surely don't break one with God. One of God's Names is Jehovah Rapha—The LORD our Healer. The fundamental reason people in Africa get saved by the thousands in a meeting is because they are covenant-minded people.

### STUDY IT

- I. Who is God?
  - God said to Abraham, "I am the Almighty God. Walk before Me and be blameless" (Genesis 17:1).
  - The way to be blameless before God is to repent when you do something wrong, even if you don't feel like it.
  - God has made covenant to *not* remember your sins. Believe God keeps His covenant; otherwise the devil will keep you bound in guilt.
  - If you are attempting to believe God answers your prayers, but there seems to be a short circuit, it has to do with the covenant of love.
    - The covenant is between Almighty God and the immortal Man, Jesus, and neither of them will break the covenant.
    - You are a partaker of God's covenant.
  - Even after Judas betrayed Jesus, Jesus called him Friend with a capital "F"—that's covenant talk.
  - Modern-day translations of the Bible show *friend* with a little "f".
- II. Entering into covenant involves a cut (shedding of blood) and a name change.
  - Once, Brother Copeland landed in Guadalcanal, and a customs agent who had covenant scars asked Brother Copeland, "When are you going to teach us the covenant of God?"
    - Brother Copeland and the team later preached in Guadalcanal and many people received Jesus.



- Evangelist Rodney Howard-Browne is a good example of the covenant name change.
  - He's a British African from South Africa.
    - The only difference at all in his British ancestry and the African culture is the color of his skin.
    - Years ago, the Howards and the Brownes made covenant. Rodney's name, Howard-Browne, is a reflection of that covenant.
    - Other parties of the covenant are named Browne-Howard.
  - Covenant gives the help of one to another so they became a family together.
- III. You don't break a blood covenant between people, and you surely don't break one with God.
- Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law. Even if it's a man's covenant, you don't break it (Galatians 3:13-15).
  - Years ago, a missionary in Africa was asked to come and speak to the chieftain and his villagers.
    - These people cut covenant with slices at the ends of their fingers and mixed blood by touching fingers together.
    - Even at the banks, when they dealt with finances, they touched fingers as a sign that this was an honorable transaction.
    - The practice of touching fingers was a sign of covenant. They understood touching fingers.
    - The missionary told the chief he wanted to touch fingers with him.
    - The chief called his villagers to come and said, "God wants to touch fingers with us."
- IV. Who is God? One of His Names is Jehovah Rapha—The LORD our Healer.
- "I am The LORD that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26).
  - Abram's covenant was a national covenant and it included healing.
  - We have a healing-salvation-prosperity covenant.
  - This Bible is God's will. It is His last will and testament (covenant). Your church should be reading the will of God every Sunday.
- V. The fundamental reason people in Africa get saved by the thousands in a meeting is because they are covenant-minded people.
- They are ready to believe in a God who keeps covenant.
  - People in this country are not covenant-minded, so you have to preach the same message over and over.
    - Once it is compounded and built into your being, no devil in hell can take it away from you.



- The devil *had* the power of death, but he lost that power over the people who will walk in their covenant.
- Our LORD and Savior went to hell for us, so that God's dream of a family that started in the Garden of Eden could come to pass; and it's happening all over the world.

- VI. Every year Brother Kenneth preaches in Lagos, Nigeria (Africa), for Bishop David Oyedepo, a man who understands covenant.
- God taught Bishop Oyedepo to praise The LORD until something happens.
  - In the past, he struggled with finances. He read Brother Kenneth's book *The Laws of Prosperity*, and Gloria Copeland's book *God's Will Is Prosperity*.
  - Then, Bishop Oyedepo had a visitation of The LORD who told him, "It is covenant!" Bishop Oyedepo understood God's will was prosperity!
  - The first visit Brother Copeland made to Lagos in 2008, Bishop Oyedepo gave him a tour of the land.
    - All the land, buildings and equipment cost \$250 million (American), but Bishop used no American money and had no debt.
    - Phase 2 was already scheduled and would cost another \$250 million (American). Bishop already had the money in the bank.
    - Bishop Oyedepo said, "When I read to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto me (Matthew 6:33), those are words of a blood covenant. I believe it and praise until it happens."
  - Now that church seats 50,000 people. They have five services on Sunday, and overflow tents outside with screens so 51,000 more people can watch the services.
  - Covenant people understand covenant talk; there's blood between you and God.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Brother Copeland has taught about several of God's Names that describe His character. Beside each one, write how His Name affects you.

Jehovah Rapha:
El Shaddai:





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### DAY 4 – HIS WORD IS HIS BOND

God, the *El Shaddai* God, is a covenant-making God. The Bible, God's WORD, is His bond. The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "I am the Almighty God." Any covenant between men is patterned after God's covenant with Abraham.

### STUDY IT

- I. God, the *El Shaddai* God, is a covenant-making God.
  - God's WORD is His bond, and He will not break His covenant.
  - God's original covenant with Abram was the first covenant with God that was guaranteed with the blood of a human being through circumcision.
  - These covenants were all stepping-stones to the covenant God made through the blood of Jesus.
  - The day Jesus rose from the dead, the new covenant was ratified.
  - The New Testament is the last will and testament of God, when God's Son shed His blood, died and was raised from the dead by the *El Shaddai*, God Himself.
  - The moment Jesus was raised from the dead, it was finished—the new covenant was established.
- II. The Bible, God's WORD, is His bond!
  - God cannot lie. It's not that He won't lie—He cannot.
  - When Jesus came to earth as a Man, He didn't fall to the temptation of satan who tried to make Him sin by disobeying God.
  - We have a covenant command from God's WORD that says, "Walk in love" (Ephesians 5:1-2).
    - That's a covenant command. We are to do it, not just try to do it.
    - Your words are your acceptance of the command.
    - Say, "LORD, I believe I should walk in love, and I'm doing it because whatever You say is a commandment to me. Please help me walk in love."





- III. The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "I am the Almighty God" (Genesis 17:1).
- In effect, God was saying, "I am *El Shaddai*. I am the All-Sufficient One; I am everything you will need. I'm giving you My WORD, and because I can swear by no greater, I swear by Myself" (Hebrews 6:18).
  - God said, "Your name shall be Abraham" (Genesis 17:1-5).
    - God put His Name right in the middle of Abram's name—there was a name change.
  - The covenant between God and Abraham required the cut of circumcision.
- IV. Brother Copeland has learned that his word is his bond.
- Christians have trouble believing God's WORD, because they don't believe their own words.
  - They say, "I'm going to be there at 3 o'clock," but they are late. They say, "It scared me to death." No, it didn't; you're still alive. Their word has no value to them.
- V. Any covenant between men is patterned after God's covenant with Abraham.
- The only nation established as a result of World War II was the nation of Israel. God brought His people back to their land because He swore to Abraham and his descendants that He would.
    - Abraham has actually become "the father of many nations" (Genesis 17:4-5).
  - The covenant was the basis of the supernatural act of Abraham and Sarah having a child.
  - Because of Paul's understanding of the covenant, he wrote, "For this cause, I bow my knees unto the Father the Almighty God"—*El Shaddai* (Ephesians 3:14).
  - Jesus said during the Last Supper, which was a covenant meal, "In that day you'll ask Me nothing, but whatever you ask the Father in My Name He will give you" (John 16:23).
  - As a member of the covenant, your name was changed when you were born again (Ephesians 3:14-19).
    - You are part of the whole family, rooted and grounded in the love of God.
    - You are a saint, a separated one. You are holy.
    - You can know what is the breath, length, depth and height of the Anointed One's love so that you will be filled with all fullness of *El Shaddai* Himself.
    - You have the power of God working in you (Ephesians 3:20).



## MAKE IT PERSONAL

God's WORD is His bond, and your word should be true and dependable. Ask the Father for His help by praying this prayer with us:

*Father, thank You that Your WORD is true and never fails. I can always count on Your WORD and depend on it in every situation. Please help me make my words true so others can trust what I say. I declare I will speak the truth in every area of my life, not just the spiritual things. You are my God, and I depend on You. I pray these things in Jesus' Name. Amen.*



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### DAY 5 – WHO IS JESUS?

Who is Jesus? He's our covenant Brother. Cutting covenant had several components including a covenant meal. Everything God has and knows, you have as a benefit of the covenant. Abraham, the covenant Friend of God, had an only son, and God demanded of His covenant brother to offer the son as a sacrifice. The most difficult thing Jesus had to endure was not the physical pain of His sacrifice, it was the separation between Him and His Father.

### STUDY IT

- I. Who is Jesus? He's our covenant Brother.
  - Jesus and His disciples ate the Passover meal together. We call it The LORD's Supper. It became the meal of the new covenant.
  - Jesus shared many things with His disciples during that time (John 13-16).
    - Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled" (John 14:1). Don't worry.
  - Jesus took the bread. It was actually three pieces of unleavened bread folded together, representing Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
    - Jesus took the middle piece (the one typifying Isaac), broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you" (Matthew 26:26).
  - Then, He took the cup and passed it around. He said, "This is My blood of the new covenant. Drink of it." (Matthew 26:27-28).
  - We must see the significance of the covenant Jesus was instituting when we take Communion.
    - The power of God is ours to call on, guaranteed by the covenant and illustrated by the elements of the covenant meal.
- II. Cutting covenant had several components according to E. W. Kenyon's book *The Blood Covenant*.
  - One part was the pronouncement of THE BLESSINGS for keeping the covenant and the curses for breaking it.
    - The representatives exchanged gifts to indicate that all that one group owned was available to the other if necessary.



- Another part was the covenant cut and sharing a cup of wine containing blood from each party. Now they were blood family.
    - The cup Jesus shared with His disciples was the covenant drink that would normally contain the blood of both parties.
- III. Everything God has and knows, you have as a benefit of the covenant!
- “Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth shall come, he will guide you into all truth. Whatsoever he shall hear that shall he speak, and he will show you things to come. He shall glorify me, He shall receive of mine and show it unto you. All things that the Father has are mine, he will take of mine and will show it to you” (John 16:13-15).
  - The priest of the covenant (Jesus) is officiating it right now (Hebrews 8:1). We can understand and access it’s BLESSINGS.
  - We have more than the disciples had. We can pray in the spirit and build our most holy faith.
  - Jesus said, “If you love Me, keep My commandments” (John 14:15, 21, *NKJV*). Jesus is talking about far more than the Ten Commandments.
- IV. Brother Copeland was praying for wisdom about something.
- He stood on God’s promises. “If any man lacks wisdom let him ask of God who gives liberally.... Let him ask in faith” (James 1:5-6). “Jesus has been made unto us wisdom, righteousness and sanctification (1 Corinthians 1:30).
  - Brother Copeland fasted for three or four days and then realized the truth. He asked God for wisdom, so it’s his. He has wisdom now. He expects it to operate in him all the time.
- V. Abraham, the covenant Friend of God, had an only son, and God demanded of His covenant brother to offer the son as a sacrifice (Genesis 22:1-14).
- Abraham fully expected to go through with the sacrifice and that God would raise his son from the dead.
  - Abraham did lay Isaac on the altar and received him raised from the dead in a figure (Hebrews 11:19).
  - He considered not his feelings; he had blood between him and God.
  - That’s why Abraham said, “The boy and I will be back.” He considered not anything but what his covenant Friend said.
  - Abraham’s act of offering his son as a sacrifice had to take place, so that his covenant Friend would be obligated to sacrifice His Son.
  - When Abraham raised his hand to kill Isaac, the angel said, “Hold it!”
  - God said, “I will have to do this plan. My covenant man was willing to kill the only son he had, and now I have to do it.”



- VI. The most difficult thing Jesus had to endure was not the physical pain of His sacrifice, it was the separation between Him and His Father.
- Although Jesus was in agony, He said, "Nevertheless, My covenant Father, Your will be done" (Matthew 26:42).
  - Hanging on that cross, Jesus locked onto God's promises (Psalm 22).
  - He said, "My God, why have You forsaken me.... It is done."
  - Redemption was not finished on the cross. Jesus had to go into hell, defeat the devil and take the keys of sin and death—and He did!

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

The blood covenant between God and Jesus offers you everything God has and is. Meditate on the benefits of the covenant, and thank the Father and Jesus for including you. Send us your stories of success. We want to rejoice with you. [Click here to share your testimony](#), or [contact us on Facebook™](#).

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