



## THE BIBLE IS A BOOK OF BLOOD COVENANTS—PART 1

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### DAY 1 – OUR COVENANT IS BACKED BY JESUS

The LORD appeared to Abram, and said, “I am Almighty God; walk before Me, and be thou perfect.” Part of the Abrahamic covenant was physical circumcision. Abraham was promised that he would be heir of the world. We have to choose—God’s way or man’s way.

### STUDY IT

- I. The LORD appeared to Abram, and said, “I am Almighty God; walk before Me, and be thou perfect” (Genesis 17:1).
  - Almighty God in Hebrew is *El Shaddai*, the God who is more than enough.
  - God said, “Walk before Me and be blameless. I will make covenant between Me and you and will multiply you exceedingly” (Genesis 17:1-2).
    - The outward sign of the covenant was wealth.
  - “As for Me (on My side), My covenant....” It wasn’t Abraham’s covenant yet. There are conditions to be met to be a part of the covenant.
  - God changed Abram’s name to Abraham which means “the father of a great multitude.” This was the first covenant name change. The names of both the man and his wife names were changed (Genesis 17:5, 15).
    - The *h* in God’s Hebrew Name (Yud Hey Vav Hey) was inserted in Abram’s name to change it to Abraham.
  - How could Abraham possibly be the father of a great multitude? He and Sarah were too old to have children.
    - That’s the contradiction, and Abraham didn’t try to explain it.
  - God said, “I will establish My everlasting covenant between Me and you and your descendants” (Genesis 17:7).
  
- II. Part of the Abrahamic covenant was physical circumcision.
  - Abraham circumcised his household, including Ishmael and himself, that very day (Genesis 17:26-27).
  - God instructed Abram to sacrifice innocent animals to ratify a covenant (Genesis 15:9-10, 17).
    - Animals paid the price for Adam’s sin. Adam committed high treason. He chose his wife over God.





- III. Abraham was promised that he would be heir of the world (Romans 4:13).
- When you read *promise* in the Bible, substitute “blood promise.”
    - God has given us exceedingly, precious promises (blood promises) all in the blood of Jesus (2 Peter 1:4).
  - Those who have the faith of Abraham, who is the father of all who believe, can receive the promise by grace through faith (Romans 4:16).
  - God made Abraham and Sarah able to have a son. He called those things that were not (the ability to have children) as though they were (Romans 4:17).
  - Abraham was not weak in faith, so he didn't consider his body dead nor his wife's barren body, and therefore his faith in God was counted to him as righteousness.
  - When Abraham shed his blood in circumcision, the covenant was activated.
    - Circumcision was a token, a mark, of the covenant—not the actual covenant.
    - Neither Abraham nor Isaac could die for the sin of the world, but they did have a token, a sign of the covenant—circumcision.
- IV. We have to choose—God's way or man's way.
- Abraham chose God's way or covenant thinking.
  - Faith produced an impossible child, a special child, Isaac.
    - God produced an impossible Child, a special Child, Jesus.
  - Righteousness came through the blood of Jesus. Faith is the connector to appropriate Jesus' blood sacrifice and the Covenant to us.
  - Circumcision didn't make Abraham or the Jews righteous.
    - It was faith that made them righteous. “Through the righteousness of faith” (Romans 4:13).
  - The Law came to point us to Jesus, who was perfect. It was to make man know he could never be worthy or righteous by himself.
  - We have to use faith in Jesus Christ to be righteous.
  - We are in a blood relationship with God, and He knows us.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

We are in Covenant with God. Therefore, we can call on Him for help.

Pray with us:

“Heavenly Father, thank You for including me in Your Covenant. Because You have made me righteous, I can worship and fellowship with You. Thank You for Your promises that I can receive by faith. Today, I receive Your Love, wisdom and protection by faith in Jesus Christ. Thank You, Sir. I pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.”



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## DAY 2 – CONSIDER JESUS, YOUR EVERLASTING COVENANT

*God, the Covenant, and the Contradiction* is the new book by Kenneth Copeland and Greg Stephens. God wanted mankind back so much that His Love devised His plan. Brother Copeland is announcing everywhere he preaches that our nation is in covenant with Almighty God. Abraham was wealthy the right way; by covenant with God.

### STUDY IT

- I. *God, the Covenant, and the Contradiction* is the new book by Kenneth Copeland and Greg Stephens.
  - The outline for the book begins as follows:
    1. God said, “As for Me...” (Genesis 17:4).
    2. Abraham considered not his own body. He considered only what God promised in the covenant.
    3. Consider Jesus—the blood of the everlasting Covenant. He swore by Himself. We have a better Priest and a better Covenant than Abraham.
- II. God wanted mankind back so much that His Love devised His plan.
  - Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever because He is the High Priest of this better Covenant (Hebrews 13:8).
  - After three days and three nights, when Jesus was raised from the dead, He saw Mary Magdalene in the garden. Jesus told her, “Don’t touch Me, I have not yet ascended to My Father and your Father” (John 20:17).
    - Jesus had to appear before the Most High God. He had to put His blood on the heavenly mercy seat (Hebrews 9:11-12).
    - Jesus had to wait until He had human blood to offer in heaven once and for all (Hebrews 10:10).
  - When Jesus came, the pieces were all in place for God’s plan.
  - The future of the ages had to be revealed, and His story was written by the Apostle John, who was a man like Jesus, so full of Love and committed to communicate God’s plan.



- III. Brother Copeland is announcing everywhere he preaches that our nation is in covenant with Almighty God.
  - George Washington laid his hand on the Bible opened to Genesis 15, the written covenant God made with Abraham.
    - Washington made a vow that this country would follow God.
    - The first recorded act of Congress was to make covenant with Almighty God.
    - Washington and the Congress walked to a chapel and prayed for THE BLESSING of God on this nation.
  - You have been given dominion in your life and in your nation. Use that dominion in your prayers.
  
- IV. Abraham was wealthy the right way; by covenant with God.
  - The love of money has become more important than The WORD of God and the covenant of God in our nation.
    - There's a lot of money to be made in the business of sin.
    - Brother Copeland and Gloria began in poverty. But by learning from Oral Roberts and Kenneth E. Hagin, they learned God's laws of faith. Soon, they were no longer poor.
  - Abraham obeyed the physical circumcision requirement immediately.
    - We have been circumcised in our spirits by the Holy Spirit.
  - Abraham and Isaac agreed to God's command to offer Isaac to God.
    - By faith, Abraham obeyed God, expecting Isaac to be raised from the dead (Hebrews 11:17).
    - Isaac, the son of Abraham, was a type of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
  - Your faith should be where Abraham's faith was: He considered Jesus, not the circumstances (Hebrews 12:3).
  - The cure for worry: "Faint not in your mind" (Hebrews 12:3).

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

You have heard many times we are to keep our eyes and ears tuned to God's WORD. We are to put His WORD first in our lives. That means consider Jesus in everything you do.

Write three tasks from your daily schedule. Beside each entry, write in red, "Consider Jesus before you begin."

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## DAY 3 – AN ETERNAL COVENANT WITH GOD

The Old Testament could be called the Old Covenant. The chapel where George Washington made covenant with God for this nation was St. Paul's Chapel in New York City. There is a new term used in Genesis 17—everlasting Covenant.

### STUDY IT

- I. The Old Testament could be called the Old Covenant.
  - “This is My blood in the New Covenant, shed for you” (1 Corinthians 11:25).
  - God told Abraham that he would father many nations (Genesis 17:4). One of those nations that came from Abraham was the United States of America.
  - Read George Washington's prayer of allegiance:
    - “Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection. Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government, and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large, particularly for the brethren who served in the field. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.
    - “And now, Almighty Father, if it's Thy will that we maintain a place and a name among the nations of the earth; grant that we may be enabled to show our gratitude for Thy goodness by our endeavors, to fear and obey Thee. BLESS us with Thy wisdom in our counsels, success in battle, let our victories be tempered with humanity, endow us, also our enemies, with enlightened minds that they may come sensible of their injustice, willing to restore our liberty and peace. Grant the petition of Thy servant for the sake of whom Thou had called Thy beloved Son. Nevertheless, not my will but Thine be done.” —George Washington
- II. The chapel where George Washington made covenant with God for this nation was St. Paul's Chapel in New York City.
  - Although St. Paul's Chapel was close to the World Trade Center, it survived the 9/11 attack.



- Dan Stratton pastors a church near the World Trade Center. He was teaching his people how to hear the voice of God.
    - When the buildings were destroyed, many of his congregation escaped harm by listening to God's warning.
  - George Washington tied the U. S. to a covenant that goes back to Abraham.
  - The United States became part of a fulfillment of the Abrahamic covenant.
    - The gospel has been preached around the world from this nation.
    - Part of *everlasting* includes BLESSING. This nation has been BLESSED, and we have been a BLESSING to other nations.
- III. There is a new term used in Genesis 17—*everlasting* (Genesis 17:7, 13, 19).
- It's from the Hebrew *olam* meaning "forever and ever."
    - It references a Covenant made for eternity, past earthly time. It's a spiritual Covenant with heavenly connections—not of the earth.
  - Up until WWII, Germany was considered the most evangelical nation on earth through the Lutheran church.
    - Martin Luther received a revelation of "The just shall live by faith." In Greek it says, "By faith, the just shall live" (Romans 1:17).
  - After WWII, many missionaries went to China.
  - Brother Copeland preached prosperity and covenant in Beijing.
    - There were 60 people in attendance who sacrificed to get to the meeting in order to hear faith. They represented over 2 million other people hungry to hear the message of faith.
    - The Word of Faith we preach is getting into China and Taiwan.
  - Jesus obtained eternal redemption for us (Hebrews 9:12).
  - Jesus is the Mediator of the New Covenant, the everlasting, eternal Covenant (Hebrews 8:6).

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Our Covenant with God is eternal—everlasting. Be confident it will exist forever!

Pray with us:

"Father, Your Covenant will last forever. I refuse to fear that it will ever end. I know You will be my Father and take care of me—life without end. Thank You. In Jesus' Name. Amen."





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### DAY 4 – JESUS, THE MEDIATOR OF THE NEW COVENANT

Jesus has given us a better Covenant, and He is the High Priest. David lived by God's covenant. Hold on to and reverence what God's WORD teaches.

### STUDY IT

- I. Jesus has given us a better Covenant (Hebrews 12:24).
  - We are not like Esau who rejected his birthright for a meal and could not get it back.
    - Jacob received the birthright and continued the Abrahamic Covenant as Israel.
  - The Bible “stories” are all connected to God's truths.
  - Christians are not under the Law given at Mount Sinai.
    - We come to Mount Zion, to Jesus, the Mediator of the new covenant (Hebrews 12:22-24).
  - Paul is like Moses to the Church. Moses got the children of Israel out of Egypt. Paul helped the Church get out bondage. Paul wrote the epistles explaining the Covenant to us.
  
- II. David lived by God's covenant.
  - When he saw Goliath, David spoke the giant's defeat.
  - David didn't pray for an angel to kill the giant. He used The WORD to defeat Goliath.
  - David had a covenant relationship with God. He sang songs to God, many which we have written down in the book of Psalms.
    - Even when David sinned, he ran *to* God.
  - David wrote Psalm 22—the Psalm that Jesus used to come out of the grave.
  
- III. Jesus is our High Priest.
  - This is the excellent ministry that came from the excellent glory.
    - “For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am





well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with Him in the holy mount" (2 Peter 1:17-18).

- Have excellence in your ministry. Be brutally honest with yourself. Expect excellence from everyone in your ministry.
- Brother Copeland took a DNA test that didn't show he was part Native American.
  - To be excellent, he stopped saying he was from Indian descent.
  - Another DNA testing company was found that uses Native American DNA markers.
  - That test proved that Brother Copeland is of Indian descent. Now he can talk with certainty about his Indian heritage.

IV. Hold on to and reverence what God's WORD teaches.

- "The love of money is the root of all evil" (1 Timothy 6:10).
- "We have a more sure word of prophecy" (2 Peter 1:19). It's a light that guides us to Jesus.
  - "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 1:21).
- Solomon prayed the will of God to forgive our sins and heal our land (2 Chronicles 7:14).
  - That prophecy applies to us personally and nationally.
- Jesus is coming back to take the Church to heaven.
  - The book of Revelation talks about many people who are saved during the Tribulation. Don't give up hope for your loved ones.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

The purpose of a mediator is to stand between two sides and bring them together. Jesus is our Mediator. He stands between us, who have been made righteous, and presents us to God, who is perfectly righteous and holy.

Based on your position in Christ, write down one of your petitions, and write The WORD of God, the promise of God, you are standing on for the answer.

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### DAY 5 – A COVENANT OF BLESSING

It's impossible to please God without faith. The disciples got born again when Jesus breathed on them. The woman with the issue of blood didn't feel healed until after she believed it. You need to be a covenant partner of a ministry.

### STUDY IT

- I. It's impossible to please God without faith (Hebrews 11:6).
  - “Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]” (Hebrews 11:1, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).
  - Bible hope is based on Scripture.
    - Faith is the title deed.
    - “Faith comes by hearing and by hearing The WORD of God” (Romans 10:17).
  - Faith is the catalyst.
  - Prayer does not make faith work; faith makes prayer work.
  - Oral Roberts used his faith like a mechanic uses a tool.
  - Faith must come to a place where it is so strong that it explodes and accomplishes what you need.
  
- II. The disciples were born again when Jesus breathed on them (John 20:22).
  - Thomas made a decision. “If I can't see it or feel it, I won't believe” (John 20:25).
  - People asked Smith Wigglesworth, “How much do you pray?”
    - He answered, “I stay in prayer all the time.”
  - “BLESSED are they who have not seen and have believed” (John 20:29).
  
- III. The woman with the issue of blood didn't feel healed until after she believed it (Mark 5:29).
  - Jesus said to her, “Your faith has made you whole” (Mark 5:34). Jesus didn't say, “My Anointing made you whole.”





- It took faith—the guarantee, the title deed. She said, “I own this healing. It’s mine!”
- Jesus went with Jairus to pray for his daughter.
  - When the news came of her death, Jesus answered and dealt with fear (Mark 5:36). Then Jesus raised her from the dead.

IV. You need to be a covenant partner of a ministry.

- It is a BLESSING to be in covenant with someone who is in covenant.
- Abraham was in covenant with God. His servant, Eliezer, was in covenant with Abraham.
  - Abraham instructed Eliezer to go back to his home area and get a bride for Isaac (Genesis 24:4-6). He didn’t want Isaac to go back to the home area.
  - Abraham told Eliezer, “God will send His angel before you” (Genesis 24:7). Take a wife from there. Don’t take my son back there.
  - When the servant arrived, he prayed (verses 11-14).
- The servant did not have a covenant with God, but he was praying to God who had a covenant with Abraham. The servant was praying based on Abraham’s covenant.
- Before the servant had finished speaking, the girl came (Genesis 24:15).
  - It’s important to ask, seek and knock. The prayer has to be prayed.
- She gave Eliezer a drink and offered to water his camels.
  - She didn’t know she was watering camels loaded with *her* wealth.
- She decided to go with the servant, *Eliezer*, whose name means “the helper.”
  - The Holy Spirit, the Helper, went to get the bride for the Son, Jesus.
- God made sure Rebekah entered marriage as a wealthy woman.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Being in Covenant with God is living in THE BLESSING. It’s all yours, if you will receive it. We are interested in hearing about THE BLESSING of God in your life, so please contact us with your successes by [clicking here](#), or [contact us on Facebook™](#).

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Remember: God loves you, we love you, and JESUS IS LORD!

