



SERMON NOTES

GLOBAL OUTREACH CHURCH

BLOOD COVENANTS

Lev. 17:11 KJV

- Blood covenants begun with Adam and subsequently all great covenants in the Bible have been sealed with blood: Blood covenants demonstrate God's love and grace to man

Genesis 3:21-22 KJV

- When Adam and Eve sinned and tried to cover their nakedness with fig leaves, The Lord slew an animal in the first animal sacrifice and used the blood to cover their spiritual nakedness and the skin of the animal to cover their physical nakedness; this was an act of God's grace way back in the garden of Eden.

Genesis 4:4 KJV

Hebrews 11:4 KJV

- Adam and Eve more than likely narrated the event of God sacrificing an animal and using it's skin to cover their nakedness in place of their man made fig leaves to their sons (Cain and Abel) and subsequently instructing them that God's acceptable method of offering is animal sacrifice.

In Genesis 4:4 and Hebrews 11:4, it is instructive to note that Abel sacrificed an animal as an offering to God and scripture tells us that God had respect unto him and his offering and was counted righteous.

NOAHIC COVENANT

Genesis 8:20-21 KJV

- Noah offered a blood sacrifice after the deluge and the responded with a covenant of preservation for mankind

THE FIRST PASSOVER

Exodus 12:13 KJV

- In order for Israel to leave Egypt into freedom, they had to kill a lamb and apply the blood to the door posts so that the death angel will pass over them when they are in Egypt to execute their assignment.



- In the Old Testament, these offerings were called substitute offering and they covered the sins of the people as a foreshadow of the ultimate substitute in which Christ's shed blood will completely satisfy God and cleanse away the sin of man unto justification.
- Isaiah 53:11 KJV

ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

Genesis 15:8-18:

- The Abrahamic Covenant is a classic example of a blood covenant which explicitly depicts the very definition and understanding of the Hebrew term for covenant which is..... ["to cut and making a pact by walking between pieces of flesh"]

The two linchpins of the Abrahamic Covenant as a classic example of blood covenant are:

1. THE SACRIFICIAL ANIMAL CUT

Genesis 15:9-10

- The sacrificial animal(s) for the covenant are cut and placed side by side for the covenanting parties to walk through thereby sealing the covenant in blood.

2. WALK OF DEATH

Genesis 15:12; 17-18:

- When the covenanting parties walk through the carcasses, the blood covenant is consummated with the penalty of mutilation imposed on any of the parties who will default on the terms of the covenant. In an absolute display of God's benevolent grace, He puts Abram to sleep during the walk of death thereby shielding him from the potential future penalties of mutilation should he default and instead we have a powerful imagery of Theophany walk between the carcasses. God then, makes a unilateral covenant with Abram with the covenant promises solely left for God to fulfill.
- The blood covenant therefore is **IMMUTABLE, IRREVOCABLE and IRREVERSIBLE**