

To Be in Covenant with God
(Jeremiah 31:31-34; I Cor. 11:25; Luke 22:20)

Our covenant with God happens when we become His children through our new birth in Him. Before the foundation of the world He chose us to be in covenant with Him. In His love He picked us for Himself and set us apart to be holy and blameless. The provisions for this covenant are available in Ephesians chapter one: we are blessed with all the spiritual blessings in Christ. All spiritual blessings are adoption through YAHSHUA the Messiah, redemption and deliverance, inheritance, sealed with the seal of the Holy Spirit guaranteeing our inheritance.

The first covenant was with Adam when God created him (Gen. 1:26-30). That was the time of innocence; neither Eve nor Adam knew sin. God created Adam and gave him a garden with dominion over all the animals, over every creature on earth. He provided them with plants yielding seed for food. He blessed them and said, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and over every living creature that moves upon the earth (Gen. 1:28). When Adam and Eve sinned, God entered into a covenant of grace with them. The promise of redemption through God's Son was given there where they had disobeyed God (Gen. 3:15). Adam and Eve had to pay the consequence of their disobedience for the rest of their lives and the world carried the weight of their sin through its curse.

After the great flood, God entered into covenant with Noah and the world by promising never to destroy it with water. He then gave the covenant sign of the rainbow. This was unconditional covenant.

When God called Abraham, He entered into covenant with him. God told Abraham to leave his family to a place where He would show him, so that He would fulfill in him His plans for his life. Abraham was faithful to God and in obedience to Him, he left his land and his family. God then blessed him with all He had promised him. He made him a great nation, He blessed him with riches, He made his name famous and distinguished. God told him, Those who bless you will be blessed, those who curse you will be cursed, in you all the families of the earth will be blessed (Gen. 12:1-3). In obedience to sacrifice his son, Abraham was blessed, for through his blood line Messiah was born and all the earth has been blessed through YAHSHUA'S redemptive death on the cross.

The Mosaic covenant was given under conditions of Israel's obedience or disobedience- blessings or curses (Deut. 11). There are four covenants made with the nation of Israel: Abrahamic, Mosaic, Palestinian or land (Deut. 30:1-10) and Davidic covenant (2 Samuel 7:8-16), which reads "your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before you; your throne shall be established forever". In YAHSHUA Messiah this covenant will have its fulfillment in the future.

Through Messiah YAHSHUA, God's new covenant was established as the covenant of blood. Eternal life is in the blood of YAHSHUA. Only through His covenant of blood there will be

salvation. This is the only blood that seals and ratifies the everlasting covenant. We enter into this covenant with Him when we accept His blood as means of our redemption and forgiveness. To us then the right to be called His children is given. His blood shed on the cross seals His covenant with us and gives us an access to His presence. In covenant with God we are also partners with Him to fulfill His will. "We are destined to live for the praise of His glory". We have been given authority, power and rights of sons and daughters. Through YAHSHUA we have been brought nearer to Him to take part in His new covenant.

In this covenant Jews and Gentiles become one in Christ. He is our peace, the bond of unity and harmony; through Him the hostile wall has been broken down; He has reconciled us both to the Father as He was nailed to the cross and freedom from the penalty of the law and sin has been given to us through the covenant of the blood of YAHSHUA. "There is power, wonderful, working power in the blood of YAHSHUA." The believer must have confidence in the power of the covenant of blood, to be able to use the authority and power provided him. Satan stole from Adam and Eve the rights of the covenant God had given them, but YAHSHUA came and bought back with His precious blood the rights of His covenant with us. Today we have His power and authority to farther His kingdom.

Here is the description of the new covenant of blood YAHSHUA had to suffer for us: Then Pilate ordered YAHSHUA to be brutally beaten with a whip of leather straps embedded with metal. And the soldiers also wove thorn-branches into a crown and set it on His head and placed a purple robe over His shoulders. Then, one by one, they came in front of Him to mock him by saying, "Hail, to the King of the Jews!" And one after the other, they repeatedly punched Him in the face (John 19:1-3). This is from the translation, **The Passion Translation** by Dr. Brian Simmons. On the commentary he writes, "This leather whip, embedded with sharpened pieces of bone and metal, was known as "the scorpion." Historians record that many people never survived this cruel flogging. These whips were known to break open the flesh and cut through muscle and sinew all the way to the bone. It was His love for us that enabled Him to endure such treatment".

Never forget that you and I as believers in YAHSHUA are in covenant of blood with Him. Whatever we do and say let it be for the praise and gratitude of His name and for what He has done for us. He commanded us the breaking of the bread symbolizing His body and the drinking of the wine symbolizing His blood in remembrance of Him. Let's do it!

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