

THE FIGHT OF FAITH – 4

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REVELATION 12:11

- Faith is a fight with words, but the words we speak must be words that are rooted in what God said. The word of our testimony is rooted in the blood covenant made between the Father and Jesus.

LEVITICUS 17:11

- How important is blood to the body? Without it, there is no life. The same is true with the spirit. Without it, there is no life. The Bible is a book of blood. Like the body, cut it and it bleeds. There's a crimson thread that flows from Genesis to Revelation that represents the Blood of Christ that had to be offered upon the altar to make atonement for our sins.

HEBREWS 10:1, 4

- The earthly tabernacle, holiest place, mercy seat and priestly work of atonement were all shadows of things to come. The blood of bulls and goats could never take away sin.

HEBREWS 9:12

- The Blood of Christ had to be applied to the heavenly mercy seat, just as animal blood had to be applied to the earthly one; just as the blood had to be applied to the doorposts of the house of each Israelite in Egypt.

HEBREWS 6:12-19

- Our faith finds its roots in the covenant of blood made between the Father and Jesus (**MATTHEW 26:28**). To illustrate, Paul uses the covenant God made with Abraham.
- To confirm means to remove all doubt by an authoritative act or indisputable fact.

GENESIS 15:7-18

- God promised to give Abraham heirs, land and blessings. Abraham needed a basis for faith. God said to get a heifer, goat, ram, dove and pigeon, and made a one-sided covenant with him. This action confirmed His promises to give him heirs, land and blessings. God swore by an oath and can't lie.

JEREMIAH 33:20-21, PSALMS 89:34-37

- Once God enters a covenant, He doesn't change. He can, but won't destroy the world with a flood because of His covenant with Noah.
- Now Abraham knows He can trust God. God's sovereignty is bound to the covenant.

EXODUS 32:7-14

THE CEREMONY

A meeting place is decided on. Friends gather, an exchange of gifts, wine mixed with blood is shared, hands shake, blood brother status is achieved, curses and blessings are pronounced, a memorial tree is planted, or monument is erected, a covenant meal is instituted. An indissoluble covenant is made.

HEBREWS 9:11-14

- The place is at the throne where the blood was applied, not the cross where the blood was shed. At the cross, the Father forsook Him, at the throne, eternal redemption was obtained.

GALATIANS 3:13-14, 24-29

- Abraham's blessings are ours. Christ became the curse for us and redeemed us from it. We are heirs of promise.

LUKE 13:16

- Healing is a benefit of the covenant. **PSALMS 103:1-5**