

THE FIGHT OF FAITH – 5

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REVIEW

REVELATION 12:11 – Faith is a fight with words. “It is written” are fighting words. Our words are based on the Blood Covenant.

REASONS FOR CUTTING A BLOOD COVENANT

1. Love: **1 SAMUEL 18:1-4 (TLB)** – Jonathan knew his father wanted David dead, but he loved David. So he cut a blood covenant with him to let him know he could trust him with his life.
2. Ensure trust: **HEBREWS 6:17-20 (TLB)** – Covenants were made to remove any doubt of another’s intentions. To break covenant meant a life had to be forfeited. God can’t lie or die.
3. Provision: **GENESIS 15:1-7** - To meet the needs of both parties. God needed legal access in the earth to redeem man. Man needed a way to escape eternal damnation. By entering a blood covenant, both needs are guaranteed. God offers Himself to man, and man offers himself to God.
A. **HEBREWS 7:22 (NLT)** – Only one man is qualified to cut a blood covenant with the Father. Jesus stands behind every word, promise and fact of the covenant. **HEBREWS 8:6** – A far better covenant.
4. Protection: **1 SAMUEL 18:4 (TLB)** - Jonathan giving David his robe stands for kingdom authority. Giving him his armor means protection from every enemy. All David could give was a slingshot. Jonathan had all the military of Israel to offer.

JONATHAN, DAVID, MEPHIBOSHETH

1 SAMUEL 20:41-42

Mephibosheth was Jonathan’s son and heir to the throne. He was a cripple due to a fall. **2 SAMUEL 4:4** – Saul and Jonathan were killed at war and Mephibosheth was living in poverty in a hut at Lo-debar. He hated David because he was told he stole the throne from him and was out to kill any heir of Saul’s.

2 SAMUEL 9:1-8

Mephibosheth feared David would learn of him and have him killed. He thought that day had come. Instead, David restores to him his land and has him live in the palace and eat at his table. Why? Because of the covenant he made with his father!

SEEING WITH COVENANT EYES 2 SAMUEL 21:7 (NLT)

David saw Mephibosheth through the eyes of the covenant and was kind to him for Jonathan's sake. Shocked, he calls himself a dog and asks why. David shows him the scar and says it's not because of anything you did, it's because of the covenant.

OUR COVENANT OF BLOOD

Like Mephibosheth, we all are the results of a fall – Adam's. Like Jonathan and David, Jesus and the Father cut covenant for the human race. By accepting Christ, we become covenant beneficiaries like Mephibosheth. Not because of what we've done, but because of what Jesus did. This covenant will not be altered or broken because our covenant heads can't change. It's as sure as Noah's covenant (**GENESIS 9:13-17**). In **REVELATION 4:3** and **10:1** the rainbow represents the covenant of grace sealed with the Blood of Jesus, and reminds God of His promises made to the world through Jesus.

WHAT THE COVENANT GIVES US

1. Union with God. **2 PETER 1:2-4**
2. Righteousness. **2 CORINTHIANS 5:21**
3. The right to use Jesus' name. **COLOSSIANS 3:17**
4. Deliverance. **COLOSSIANS 1:12-13**
5. Sonship, heirship, dominion over sin, healing, protection, provision, future glory, etc....

CONCLUSION:

Example of Stanley when he cut a blood covenant with a tribal chief in Africa.