

Intro to Covenant-week 1

Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Covenant is based upon God's **Unconditional limitless love for us** and expressed thru His mercy and grace towards us. Hesed-agape, loving kindness, tender mercies

Hebrew word for covenant "beriyth" means "to cut"

Practically every place where the word is used in scripture, it means "to cut the covenant"

Covenant is the strongest agreements on earth.

Three reasons for cutting the covenant:

1. If a stronger tribe lives by the side of a weaker tribe, and there is danger of the weaker tribe being destroyed, the weaker tribe will seek to "cut the covenant" with the stronger tribe that they may be preserved.
2. Two business men entering into a partnership might cut the covenant to insure that neither would take advantage of the other.
3. If two men loved each other as devotedly as David and Jonathan, they would cut the covenant for loves sake.

Sacredness of the blood covenant.

Covenant keeping was at all cost even if it meant there life.

Example of covenant in Africa: E.W. Kenyon The blood covenant, chapter three

*The covenant is the backbone or the spine of the gospel.

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The redemptive plan swings about the two covenants. The old covenant, New covenant.

Hebrews 8:6-13 tells us that Jesus is the mediator of a better covenant, established on better promises.

Ephesians 2:11-22 “We were formally the Gentiles in the flesh” who are called the uncircumcision....

Ephesians 3:6 “we are now fellow heirs and fellow members, and partakers of the promise in Christ by the gospel.”

Hebrews 6:13-20 God vowed to Abraham by himself because there was none greater, Saying” surely I will bless you, and surely I will multiply you.

Vs. 18 It is impossible for God to lie!

Hebrews 7:22 **Jesus is the guarantor or surety of a better covenant!!!**