

## **An Ancient Semitic Rite**

### **The Rite of Blood-Covenanting**

Blood-covenanting is “a form of mutual covenanting, by which two persons enter into the closest and the most enduring, and the most sacred of pacts, as friends and brothers, or as more than brothers, through the inter-commingling of their blood.”

In covenant relationship the two persons enter into “brother-friend” bond, in the covenant of blood. The parties involved announce their purpose and reasons for it. The declarations are written down, in duplicate, one copy given to each friend, then signed by both persons with witnesses present, each party opens up a wound on each others arm, sucking the blood through a quill; then wiping the “bloody” blade on each duplicate covenant-record.

In the declaration during covenant, God or a Deity is always invoked. “Each” “blood marked” covenant record was put into amulet and carried by one of the covenant brothers always, worn on arm or around the neck; to be “shown” as a “token of the indissoluble relationship.” This rite is called the “Covenant of Blood.” The two persons joined inseparably are “Brother of the Covenant.”

### **The Insight I Gained**

Covenant is the very inter-commingling of the two lives into one; form an inseparable tie (oneness). There is no “escape clause” in covenant. The only way out is by “death!” Love and mutual trust is what motivates two people to enter into covenant with each other.

Covenant ties are stronger, surer, more enduring than family ties. Brothers in blood covenant are closer than brothers at the common breast (milk brothers) “Blood is thicker than milk, as well as water.”

# **THE BLOOD COVENANT: THE FOUNDATION FOR STRONG FAITH**

Foundational Scriptures: Hebrews 8:10-13/ Genesis 2:24; Genesis 1:26; Ephesians 2:8

1. Review of the Covenant Marks
2. BLOOD COVENANT RELATIONSHIP ESTABLISHES “ONENESS.”
3. Adam and Eve walked in “Oneness” with God until the fall (Genesis 3)
4. Coveted-Mindedness (Me, Myself and I) vs. Covenant-Mindedness (Us) (Mindset/Mentality)
  - a. God-Consciousness produces covenant-mindedness
  - b. Sin-consciousness produces coveted-mindedness
  - c. The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:12)
  - d. The Ten Commandments Helped the believers to “keep” his/her covenant (covenant-mindedness)
5. Covet vs Covenant – The “desires” of those walking in:
  - a. Definition: (Covet) – to wish for enviously; to desire (what belong to another) inordinately or culpably.
  - b. The Motivation: Sin (through pride). Agape (through faith).
  - c. Covetousness creates a mindset that primarily focuses on desiring to possess (another’s) things. (Ps. 10); (I John 2:16) Pride, not of the Father
  - d. Covenant-mindedness mindset is to “Please” (Help, fulfill)
6. The Majority of “One” (John 17:22) – Established by God. There is oneness in the Godhead (Genesis 1: 26, 27)
  - a. There’s “Unity” in desires, mind, will needs purpose and destine. (Service) (Matthew 6:24); (Acts 1:14, 2:1; Phil. 2:2)
  - b. Jesus ministered (served) and spoke in covenant-mindedness: Which is indicative in his speech and actions. (Matthew 19:5) (Matthew 8:17) (Hebrew 4:14,15)
  - c. In the born-again experience, God gave us a “new” recreated spirit.
  - d. God gave us the responsibility to “set” “renew” our minds (on the things of God.) (Romans 12:2). We must make a decision to “be” of one Mind (I Peter 3:8)
  - e. In B.C. we are “brother-friends.” (John 15:13)

**THE BLOOD COVENANT: THE FOUNDATION TO  
UNWAVERING, UNSHAKABLE, UNMOVABLE,  
STRONG FAITH!**

**GOD'S REASONS FOR ESTABLISHING BLOOD COVENANT:**

1. God's covenant(s) was always a revelation of his purposes; detailing for man, what his intent was for man, in the beginning, (e.g., marriage)
  
2. Covenant was meant to be a guarantee and a security for man to be able to "trust" God. (Blood-letting (shedding))
  
3. Covenant became the "anchor" of the soul: pledging divine faithfulness, truthfulness, and unchangeable. (Hebrews 6:19)
  
4. Covenant was meant to give man a "hold" onto God. (Joshua 1:5, Hebrew 13:5)
  
5. Blood covenant is the "why" of John 3:16. It is the "why" of God's agape (love) to use.

**CONCLUSION: THESE ARE STATE TO "REFLECT"/ "MEDITATION" UPON?**

## **THE EIGHT MAJOR COVENANTS** **GOD MADE (CUT) WITH MAN**

1. THE EDENIC COVENANT (GENESIS 2:16)
2. THE ADAMIC COVENANT (GENESIS 3:15)
3. THE NOAHIC COVENANT (GENESIS 9:16)
4. THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT (GENESIS 12:2)
5. THE MOSAIC COVENANT (EXODUS 19:5)
6. THE PALESTINIAN COVENANT (DEUTERONOMY 30:3)
7. THE DAVIDIC COVENANT (II SAMUEL 7:16)
8. THE NEW COVENANT (HEBREWS 8:8)