

Blood Covenant Part 7 Resting in the Blood

Hebrews 4:9-10

- The people of God should be resting.
 - o According to verse 10, resting means you have ceased from your own works.
 - o To biblically rest means to stop trying through your own works to earn your righteousness or make God move.
 - o Many times, we think that if I pray more or go to church more or give more or witness more, I will be more righteous in God's eyes and He will accept me.
 - o This is us trying through our own works to earn God's love. But we are supposed to rest from these works and trust in the finished works of Jesus.
- To rest doesn't mean that I quit doing spiritual things.
 - o To rest means that what I do is not motivated out of a desire to get God to love me but out of an understanding that God already loves me. Then that love for me inspires my love for Him and out of that inspired love for Him I pray, read, give, go to church and so on.
 - o I rest in my efforts to get God to love me because I know He already does.
 - o So, then the reason I pray, worship, give or come to church is because of His love for me.
- The unrest of a Christian comes from the fact that you don't believe you already have what you are trying to earn.
- The main way to rest or cease from your own works is to rest in the blood.
 - o If you truly understand blood covenant you will be able to rest and just receive from God.
- The main thing we discovered about blood covenant:
 - o The people making the blood covenant would mingle their blood together by cutting their hand or wrist and touching them together.
 - o This meant that we are one blood and that we have just created a new blood line.
- Leviticus 17:11 the life is in the blood.
 - o The blood represents man's life.
 - o Because if you lose your blood, you lose your life.
 - o So, when they mingled their blood together, they were saying we are mingling our lives together and creating one new life.
- What is your life?
 - o It's your family, money, job, abilities, your assets, and your debts.
 - o Because if you lose your blood, you lose all of these things.
 - o So, in blood covenant when they mingled their blood together, they were actually saying I am giving you my blood or my life and since my life is all these things, we mentioned then I'm giving you my family, money, job, abilities, name, assets and even debts. But in return you are giving me yours as well.

- You couldn't get out of a blood covenant.
 - o A blood covenant was unbreakable because you can't unmix the blood.
 - o So therefore, the only way out of a blood covenant was to die by the shedding of blood usually by the party you made the covenant with.
 - o So, when you entered a blood covenant what you were saying was, I'd rather die than to break the covenant and deny you anything that I have.
- A blood covenant was kept solely because of the blood.
 - o A blood covenant was not kept based on feelings, actions, color, mistakes and so on.
 - o A blood covenant was kept and honored because of the blood of that covenant.
- We have entered into a blood covenant with God through Jesus.
 - o Remember Jesus was a live flesh man, so he had blood in Him since the life of the flesh is in the blood. So where did His blood come from? It came from God.
 - o So, when God gave us Jesus, he gave us His blood.
 - o Then when Jesus went to the cross, He gave God his blood and a new covenant was cut that day between God and man.
- We are cut into this covenant.
 - o Under the old covenant, Jews were cut into the Abrahamic covenant through circumcision or the cutting away of the foreskin.
 - o We are cut into this new covenant through the cutting of our heart when we get born again and the Holy Spirit comes in and cuts away the flesh from our heart and makes us a new creation.
 - o Romans 2:28-29
- Verses that confirm we are in blood covenant:
 - o Acts 17:24-26 one blood.
 - o John 6:53 this is covenant talk.
 - Jesus wasn't speaking of cannibalism. He was making reference to the covenant custom of communion.
 - When two parties entered covenant, they would give each other bread and wine. The giving of the bread signified I'm giving you my body and when they ate the bread, it signified we are becoming one in body.
 - The wine symbolized the blood and when they drank it, they were saying we are becoming one in blood.
 - So, Jesus was saying here that if you don't drink the blood, you have no life in you so therefore if you have new life in you, then you have drunk His blood and have entered into covenant with Him.
- The deal of the covenant.
 - o In this blood covenant with God, God got our life, which was a life full of nothing but debts we owed to the devil.
 - o But in return, He gave us His life which paid all of our debts.

- In this covenant we got His name, His position, His power, His protection, His wisdom, His righteousness, an army of servants called angels, and so on.
- He got nothing and we got everything.
- But remember that covenant is not based on feelings or actions and what you can do or can't do. It's just based on the blood.
 - So, God is going to honor this covenant based on the blood of the covenant which is the blood of Jesus. (Mephibosheth)

John 15:13

- If life is in the blood, then we can say that there is no greater love than a man laying down His blood for His friends.
- What this is saying is that there is no greater love than that a man would sacrifice His blood for His friend to make a covenant.
- At the root of covenant is love. How can you make a blood covenant with all that it entails and not love that person that you are making covenant with?
 - There's no greater love than covenant love.
- So, the love being talked about in this verse is really covenant love and the Greek word that is translated love is agape which means unconditional love.
 - Remember that in covenant, you honor the blood no matter what.
 - Whenever agape love is mentioned in the bible, that is referring to covenant love.
- Understand that God loved you so much He entered into covenant with you, when He would get much of nothing, but you would get everything.

1 John 4:18

- There is no fear in love because this love that is being referred to here is agape love which is covenant love.
 - Covenant love is not based on emotions, feelings, moods, deeds, what somebody said or did.
 - It's based on the blood.
 - So therefore, this kind of love eliminates fear because I know God is not going to love me and heal me and deliver me based on my actions or whether or not I please Him. It's going to be based on the blood of this covenant and His covenant promises to me.
 - I don't have to fear sickness because I don't have to fear Him not healing me. I don't have to fear circumstances because I don't have to fear Him not answering my prayers. I don't have to fear lack because I don't have to fear Him not meeting my needs. Because Him healing me, answering me, providing for me is all based on the blood and not my deeds or actions.
- Fear hath torment.

- The Greek word for torment actually means penalty, judgement, punishment.
 - This is saying that fear that is a result of not understanding the covenant love of God brings with it the thought of judgement and punishment.
 - So, what this is saying is when covenant love casts out fear, it casts out the thought of judgment and penalty.
 - All fear has torment or the thought of penalty, judgement, and punishment. If you are afraid, you have these thoughts.
 - It's like if I hand you a bottle of water and you take the bottle, you also have to take the water because the bottle has water in it.
 - For instance, if I fear sickness, it's because I fear God not healing me. But if I fear God not healing me, it's because I think He might be punishing me this way for something I did wrong.
 - Therefore, fear hath torment or the thought of penalty, judgment, and punishment.
- Made perfect in love.
 - This means that if you are having thoughts of judgement and penalty and you are fearing, then you have not matured in your understanding of covenant love.
 - If you understand covenant love, then you understand that God has taken on your debts and paid them and now He sees you through the blood of Jesus. As far as God is concerned, you have the blood of Jesus through entering this covenant flowing through you veins and that's what He responds to.
- James 1:5 amp If any of you is deficient in wisdom, let him ask of the giving God who gives to everyone liberally and ungrudgingly, without reproaching or faultfinding, and it will be given him.
 - So, in other words, God doesn't give to you according to your deeds.
 - He doesn't say, "Well let's see if I can find a fault with you. Oh, there's some! I knew it. You don't deserve this wisdom."
 - He gives based on His covenant of blood, and if you will put your faith in that covenant that He is going to honor, you can receive as well.
 - So, you got to quit thinking that He is trying to find fault with you which in turn makes you try to work to earn His favor and blessing. You need to rest from your works because of faith in the blood of the covenant and now that He is going to bless you because of the blood.
- James 1:6-7 says that if we want to receive, then we must ask in faith and not doubt.
 - Someone that wavers in their faith is like the wave of the sea.
 - A wave will rise up, crest, and then come crashing down over and over.

- Someone that wavers in faith will be like this in the sense that they will rise up one day and be high in faith just to come crashing down in doubt and unbelief the next.
 - 1 John 3:21 says that our confidence or faith is directly related to whether or not our heart condemns us.
 - Your heart condemns you, not God. God gives liberally without finding fault.
 - What happens then is when our works are right, and our heart doesn't condemn us, our faith is high. But then when we fail, because we will, our heart condemns us, and our faith comes crashing down.
 - But if I understand blood covenant, then my heart is not going to condemn me because I will know that God's love for me and what He's going to do for me is not based on my works or actions.
 - If I'm not condemned, I will be confident and full of faith and able to receive.
 - This kind of faith that receives is a faith that is based on covenant.
 - It doesn't matter what I've done or what the circumstances are, God must keep His covenant.
 - If I base my faith on covenant, I will never waver like the sea because the covenant will eliminate condemnation.
- So, I rest because of the covenant and receive His promises because of the covenant. I don't rest or receive because I see it or feel it or because I've lived really holy. I rest and receive because I'm in covenant with God.