

David, Goliath, and the Covenant

Remember that when two parties made covenant, they mingled their blood together signifying that we have become one blood or one new blood line. Also remember that the life of the flesh is in the blood, so the blood represented their life. Therefore, when they gave their blood to one another to make covenant, they were saying I am giving you my life and my life is my money, my family, my abilities, gifts, knowledge but also my debts, my issues, and even my enemies.

We have entered into blood covenant with God. God gave his blood to man when He gave Jesus. Then Jesus, as a man on our behalf, gave His blood when He went to the cross. There a blood covenant was cut between God and man (Jesus). Now we have entered that blood covenant through faith in the shed blood of Jesus.

In this covenant, we gave God our life of sin and failure, but in return, He gave us His life of righteousness, peace, joy, authority, power and so on.

Let's review the nine covenant seals that took place in eastern culture when making a blood covenant. Remember that some who made blood covenant did a few of these things and some did all. God the Father did all of these things when He made blood covenant with us.

1. Cutting the wrist or hand and mingling the blood together
2. Ashes would be put in the cuts to make permanent scars as a testimony and reminder of the covenant made.
3. Cutting animals in half down the backbone and walking hand in hand between the two pieces in the blood of the animal in a figure eight signifying that we are one in the substitutionary blood and body of the animal.
4. Exchanging garments as garments represented position and status in life. So, when I gave you my garment, I was giving you my position and status whatever it was.
5. Exchanging belts because belts held the weapons and when I gave you my belt, I was saying that I will defend you. Your enemies are now my enemies.
6. Exchanging names. If I gave you my name, I was giving you access to all my accounts and assets.
7. Eating a covenant meal. This was communion. They would take bread and give it to one another to eat saying this is my body. We are now one in body. Then they would give each other a cup of wine to drink saying this is by blood and we are now one in blood.
8. Covenant terms were read. The blessing for keeping the covenant and the punishments for breaking the covenant were read.
9. Planting a tree. They planted a tree to symbolize the covenant made and to be a reminder that as the tree continues to grow stronger and stronger for generations to come so does the covenant.

Let's see some of these covenant seals represented in this battle that David had with Goliath.

1 Sam 17:22-26

- Notice in verse 26 that David refers to the giant as an “Uncircumcised Philistine”.
 - This is because David was covenant minded.
 - Remember that the way you were cut into the old covenant was through the cutting away of the foreskin or circumcision.
 - So, the fact that David called the giant “uncircumcised” meant that he was thinking about the covenant and the fact that the giant wasn’t in the covenant, but he was.
 - Therefore, David understood that Goliath was not just coming against Israel, he was coming against a nation that was in blood covenant with Jehovah which meant he was coming against all of heaven.
 - When you face challenges, do you face them with a covenant mindset believing that you have all the assets of heaven at your disposal?
- Notice one of the covenant seals.
 - One of those seals was rubbing ashes into the cut that they made to make blood covenant which left a permanent scar.
 - This scar was a reminder and a testimony to others that they were in blood covenant.
 - Remember the missionary to Africa made covenant with twelve tribes and he had all these scars up and down his arm. He did this so that when he went into certain places and his life was threatened, he could show them the scars to let them know that if they attacked him, they were attacking twelve different tribes.
 - Circumcision was the scar that reminded David he was in covenant with God.
- Remember we are cut into this new covenant not with the circumcision of the foreskin but the circumcision of the heart and the cutting away of the flesh and sinful nature (Romans 2:28-29).
 - Our scar is this new heart on the inside of us that is filled with the love of God (Romans 5:5)
 - 1 John 3:14-19 According to these verses, the way that we know that we are of the truth and therefore covenant children of God is because of the love that is in our hearts. Hearts that have been circumcised and had that evil nature cut out of them.
 - Our circumcised heart is the scar that reminds us and testifies of the fact that we are in Covenant with God.
 - This is why Jesus said love your enemies in Matthew 5:44 because when you do that, you are showing them your covenant scar (your circumcised heart) and letting them know who has your back.
 - Romans 12:19-20 when I show my enemy love, I’m really showing them my scar and saying to them that you are not just messing with me, you are messing with the one I’m in covenant with.

- Mathew 5:39 when Jesus said turn the other cheek, he wasn't saying that so you could get hit again. He never said they would hit the other cheek. He was saying show them your scar (heart circumcised and filled with love) and let them know your covenant Father is going to take care of this.
 - If you show them your scar, I guarantee they won't hit you again.
- In Mathew 21:16 Jesus was quoting Psalms 8:2. Therefore Jesus translated strength as praise. So, we could read Psalms 8:2 like this "Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained praise because of thine enemies, that thou mightiest still the enemy and the avenger."
 - According to these verses, praise stills or silences the enemy.
 - That's because when praise comes out of you instead of frustration, that reveals a circumcised heart and shows the enemy your covenant scar.
 - When the enemy sees your covenant scar, he knows that he's going to have to deal with your covenant Father and big brother Jesus, so he shuts up.
 - Before your heart was circumcised and you still had that sinful nature, when problems would arise, you got angry, frustrated, depressed. But when you have a circumcised heart, you will praise in the middle of your struggle because you know God has got you, and He will never leave your side.

1 Sam 17:32-39

- Here we see that David who was covenant minded rejects Saul's armor.
 - This is because David knew he and God had exchanged belts and he had God's armor and God's weapons.
 - When you are facing challenges, you must remember you are facing them with God's armor and God's weapons which is the anointing.
- Notice that David said he hadn't proved Saul's armor
 - This meant that David hadn't trained with it and wasn't sure about it.
 - But the one thing he was sure about was the armor of God. He trained with it in the shepherd's field when he was challenged by the lion and bear.
 - It's amazing how many times we choose to face challenges with things that we are not sure of instead of relying on the one thing that has always come through for us and that is the anointing.

1 Samuel 17:45-47

- Covenant minded David told Goliath that he came to him in the name of the Lord.
 - Through the covenant, David knew he had a right to use God's name and all the authority and power that it gave.

- This covenant has given you the name of Jesus and all the power and authority that name comes with.
- When you speak that name, the devil hears that you are in blood covenant with God, and because of that blood, God is going to deliver you and set you free.

David's faith was never in his slingshot. David's faith was in the covenant. He faced Goliath as a covenant child of God and won. How are you facing your challenges?

Philippians 4:13 AMP I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me [I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who ^[a]infuses inner strength into me; I am ^[b]self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency].

- This is covenant language here.
 - The word infuse gives us an awesome picture of what has happened to us through Christ.
 - Infuse means to fill or a perfect example would be when you soak a tea bag in water. When the tea bag goes into the water the tea gets infused into the water or in other words what's in the bag gets in the water.
 - When Jesus came into our hearts we got infused with His strength. What is in Jesus began to get in us.
 - Now once the tea gets in the water, there's no getting the tea out of the water.
 - This is covenant because what happens when you mingle blood together? What is in the blood or the life of one party gets infused into the blood or life of the other party.
 - When I entered into blood covenant with the father, His life got infused into my life.
 - Now because of blood covenant and the fusing together of our lives, I am ready for anything.
 - This means that when I am covenant minded and understand that I am infused with the strength of Christ nothing catches me off guard even if I didn't see it coming.
 - I am always ready because I always know what I have available to me through this covenant.
 - So, there should never be any panic or anxiety over any situation because I am ready with God's armor, God's angelic army, God's name, God's authority, power, and wisdom.
 - Also because of blood covenant and the fusing together of our lives, I am equal to anything.

- How many times do you face challenges that make you feel inadequate like you are too deficient to handle this thing? Like you are not enough for this situation?
- If you feel that way you are not facing it with a covenant mind because the covenant has made you an equal opponent to any challenge.
- David didn't see himself as inadequate against Goliath. If anything, he saw Goliath as inadequate.
- 1 Samuel 17:43 Goliath was insulted that David walked out there in his shepherd's attire like he was running off a wild dog from the flock of sheep.
- But understand that because of the covenant, David didn't see Goliath as an unstoppable giant or a challenge that was going to be impossible to defeat. That's why he went out there as a shepherd with his staff and slingshot.
- How do you see the things that are challenging you? Through the eyes of the covenant? Cause if you are then you are seeing yourself ready for and equal to the challenge. You are not seeing a giant that you can't kill. You are seeing a little annoying dog that needs to be ran off.