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BLOOD COVENANT

Are you familiar with the word Covenant? Sure, you would say. It is an agreement between two people. Did you know that the covenant God makes is much stronger than an agreement? It is ratified, or sealed, by blood. The word covenant can also mean testament. Most of us know there is an Old Testament and a New Testament. A better rendering is Old Covenant and New Covenant. Any covenant made with blood is unbreakable.

You might have heard of kids making a "blood brothers" covenant. They would each cut a finger and then mingle the blood together. This would bind them as "blood brothers," but most kids don't really understand what they did.

Marriage is also a covenant. God wants purity in marriage, and the coming together as virgins is sealed with the blood being shed through sexual intimacy.

We should never take covenants lightly, for they are a serious matter with God. When it comes to sin, God made a covenant in the Old Testament that *covered* the sin by the shedding of blood of an innocent pure animal. It only covered it. It did not wash the sin away

In the New Testament (Covenant) blood was shed also, but it was sinless blood shed by a sinless Savior. The beauty of this covenant is that Jesus was all man and all God. He shed his blood to bring the covenant to us, that washes our sin away. It is a one-time covenant, sealed by the Holy Spirit that comes to reside within us. Men of old would have a scar noting the covenant. They would rub the wound and cause a scar to come. It would be a sign of the covenant. Jesus' wounds are the signs of his covenant with us. He took the wounds and gave us life.

To covenant is a sacred thing. We should never take it lightly. Perhaps you have never entered into a Covenant with God. Today is the day to do that. His blood for your sin! Be blessed.