

Sunday February 28, 2021 Covenant Healer

A BRIEF ABOUT BLOOD COVENANT

Our God is a God of covenant.

A covenant is a solemn promise.

The purpose of God's covenant with us is relationship. He wants us to come into a place of intimate relationship with Him through His covenant with us.

A blood covenant is the highest form of covenant. It is made with blood. Blood represents life. A blood covenant means life for life. Both sides in a blood covenant have covenanted all of themselves (life) to each other.

ABRAHAM

God called Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3

God made a blood-covenant with Abraham in Genesis 15:9-18

He simply said "I will bless you and make you a blessing".

A part of His blood covenant with Abraham God promised to bless Abraham and to bless all Abraham's descendants in their generation (Genesis 17:7).

PEOPLE OF ISRAEL

God called the people of Israel out of Egypt.

Their Exodus out of Egypt began with the Passover (Exodus 12), where they applied the blood of the Passover lamb to the door posts of their houses and were divinely protect from destruction.

GOD'S COVENANT NAME

As they journey past the Red Sea and came into Wilderness, after journeying about 3 days they came to a place called Marah (Exodus 15:22-27). There, they could not drink the waters, because they were bitter. God instructed Moses to throw a tree into the waters and the waters became sweet.

Exodus 15:26

and said, "If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the LORD who heals you."

Jehovah Rapha



Jehovah is God's Covenant name. It simply refers to the eternal, self-existent, unchangeable One who keep covenant.

Jehovah Rapha is God your Covenant Healer.

At this point God revealed Himself as the Covenant Healer of His people.

As part of this covenant, He promised 'no disease' will come on you, because I am your Covenant Healer.

NOTE: "I will put".... "I have brought"....this is what took place as God brought judgment on Egypt. We know God is not the Author of sickness and disease.

The promise of God being the Healer of His people is repeated again:

Exodus 23:25-26

25 "So you shall serve the LORD your God, and He will bless your bread and your water. And I will take sickness away from the midst of you.

26 No one shall suffer miscarriage or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days.

God established a blood covenant with the people of Israel (Exodus 24:7-8).

COVENANT HEALER

The people of Israel understood God as their Covenant-Healer, their Jehovah Rapha. As they journeyed, God took complete care of them. This is what the Scriptures record:

Nehemiah 9:21

Forty years You sustained them in the wilderness; They lacked nothing; Their clothes did not wear out And their feet did not swell.

Psalm 105:37

He also brought them out with silver and gold, And there was none feeble (weak or sick) among His tribes.

God was the Healer for His people.

Psalm 103:3

Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,

Psalm 107:20

He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions.

JESUS MINISTERING TO PEOPLE UNDER THE OLD COVENANT



During His earthly ministry the Lord Jesus ministered to people who were still under the Old Covenant. We see that healing and deliverance was part of their covenant blessing and provision.

A daughter of Abraham

Luke 13:10-17

She was a descendant of Abraham and so had healing and deliverance provided for her through the covenant. It was her blessing waiting to be received. The Lord Jesus exercised authority to enforce what was already her's through the covenant.

The Children's Bread

Matthew 15:21-28

Healing and deliverance is the children's bread. It is God's provision for His covenant children. This was under the Old Covenant.

A BETTER COVENANT

Hebrews 8:6

But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.

If healing and deliverance was the children's bread under the Old Covenant, how much more will it be for the people under a better covenant – the New Covenant.

If under the Old Covenant, Jesus could enforce covenant provision and blessing through His ministry, how much more can we do so, under the New Covenant.

GOD IS OUR COVENANT-HEALER

Healing is part of God's Covenant provision and blessing. He is faithful to fulfill His Covenant. We receive by faith.

PRAYER FOR HEALING, DELIVERANCE AND MIRACLES

SALVATION CALL

The GOSPEL (Good News) in brief.

Here is how we RECEIVE the Good News for our personal lives.

We make it a simple A,B,C,D. We must:

ACKNOWLEDGE: our sin, the consequences of our sin, and our need for a Savior BELIEVE: in Jesus Christ, in who He is and what He has done on the Cross, personally

CONFESS: Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior of our lives



DECIDE: to follow Jesus Christ as His disciple for the rest of our lives

MINISTRY TIME

Call team up:

First and Third (and fifth) Sundays: Nancy Ramya, Jacob Mathew, Jean George Second and Fourth Sundays: Jeyakumar Isaiah, Selina Macwana, Roshan Jonas



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The is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at apcwo.org/sermons. Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture passages: Luke 13:10-17, Matthew 15:21-28

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.



- 1) Examine these two miracles of Jesus (Luke 13:10-17, Matthew 15:21-28) and assess if healing and deliverance was part of the Old Covenant provision and blessing, as expressed by Jesus.
- 2) Can we as New Covenant believers expect healing and deliverance as covenant provision and blessing? Why?
- 3) Just as Jesus did in these two miracles, can we as New Covenant believers, enforce covenant provision and blessing into the lives of God's covenant people by ministering to them, say in prayer, exercise of spiritual authority, with the anointing of the Holy Spirit?

If time permits, each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

- 1, families to be protected and strengthened
- 2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.
- 3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.

Close by thanking God together.





Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30).

Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore

WEBSITE: https://apcwo.org/live

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: https://apcwo.org

FREE SERMONS: https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons

FREE BOOKS: https://apcwo.org/books/english

DAILY DEVOTIONALS: https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional

JESUS CHRIST: https://examiningjesus.com
BIBLE COLLEGE: https://apcbiblecollege.org/elearn
E-LEARNING: https://apcbiblecollege.org/elearn

WEEKEND SCHOOLS: https://apcwo.org/ministries/weekend-schools

COUNSELING: https://chrysalislife.org

MUSIC: https://apcmusic.org

MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP: https://pamfi.org CHURCH APP: https://apcwo.org/app

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