OVERCOMING BY THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB AND THE WORD OF OUR TESTIMONY - III

"The Blood Covenant"

- I. OVERCOMING THE ACCUSER BY THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB AND THE WORD OF OUR TESTIMONY.
 - A. The blood of the Lamb represents the seal of the New Covenant, which is a Blood Covenant.
 - B. The blood covenant is the basis of most primitive religions.
 - 1. Covenant means to cut--mingling of blood.
 - 2. All debts and assets shared.
 - 3. Never known to be broken.
 - 4. Stanley and Livingston.
- II. CUTTING OF THE COVENANT.
 - A. Exchange of gifts signifying that all of one is the other's.
 - B. Exchange of blood.
 - C. Curses if covenant is broken--even to the death of covenant keeper.
- III. THREE REASONS FOR COVENANT.
 - A. Protection.
 - A weaker tribe would seek a covenant with stronger tribe.
 - None of sicknesses and diseases of Egypt to come upon us.
 - 3. No evil shall come nigh us.
 - David came against uncircumcised Philistine--which meant he had no covenant with God.
 - 5. Israel owned God as their own personal God because of the covenant.
 - B. Fair business deals.
 - C. Love--David and Jonathan.
- IV. HOW A COVENANT IS ENACTED.
 - A. Exchange of coats or garments.
 - 1. Garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.
 - 2. Robes of righteousness.
 - 3. Princely robes of the kingdom.
 - B. Exchange of weapons.

- All my strength and war ability is available to you.
- 2. I will fight on your behalf.
- C. Exchange of names.
 - 1. Power of attorney over all belongings.
 - 2. Whatsoever you ask the Father in my name, He will give you.
 - These signs shall follow them that believe.
 a. In my name...cast out devils.
 - b. In my name...lay hands on the sick.
- D. Pronouncing of blessings and curses Deut. 28.
 - 1. Blessings Prosperity, Life, Health.
 - 2. Curses Sicknesses, Diseases, Poverty.
- V. COVENANTS OF SCRIPTURE WERE:
 - A. Sacred and binding.
 - 1. Josh. 9:18 "And the children of Israel smote them not because the princes of the congregation had sworn unto them by the Lord God of Israel."
 - 2. Gal. 3:15-17 "Though it be but a man's covenant yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto."
 - B. Upheld with penalty for breaking.
 - C. Ratified by:
 - 1. Oaths.
 - a. God, who could swear by no greater, swore by Himself.
 - b. If God broke His covenant, He would have to destroy Himself.

Blood.

Circumcision. Blood of animals. Blood of Christ.

- I. MEMORIAL SET UP AS A REMINDER.
 - A. Planting of trees where trees grow.
 - B. Setting up of rock memorial where desert.
- II. GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM.
 - A. God sought for a covenant man who would keep the covenant.
 - B. When Abraham was about to sacrifice his son, God knew He had found a covenant man in the earth.
 - C. There is now no reason why God would ask us to literally sacrifice our son.

NEW COVENANT SEALED BY BLOOD--SEALED BY JESUS' OWN BLOOD.

GOD'S COVENANT WITH US. God has offered His all to us. He expects the same in return.