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Blood Covenants

Homosexuality and AIDS

Some people are living by their conscience — they are taking a stand against homosexuality. But it is shocking what is on television today. What is going on in the world will become worse than it is now. Romans 9:29. Andrew Olsen had a dream that only those who didn't have AIDS were given the mark of the beast. They were the only ones who could buy and sell. Since we didn't take the mark, everyone thought we had AIDS.

AIDS is mushrooming. These are the latest statistics and projections about the progress of AIDS in America:

	Diagnosed Cases	Deaths
June 1981 — February 1991	164,000	
As of March 1991	172,000	108,733
As of May 1991	179,000	113,417

The current conservative estimate of carriers: 1 million Americans. That is one out of every 250 people. Or, to put it another way, [statistically] 8 or 9 residents of Island Pond are HIV positive. It has now been scientifically established that AIDS can be passed on through saliva. Dentists are giving their patients AIDS.

By the end of 1993 there will be an estimated 390,000 to 480,000 diagnosed cases. Of that number there will be an estimated 285,000 to 340,000 deaths. By the end of 1991 AIDS will be the leading cause of death for men ages 25 to 44. Already homosexuals have an average lifespan of 44 years. (The average American lifespan is approximately 35 years longer than that.)

This will cause the power of our gospel to increase. It must have a greater comprehensiveness to keep people with the AIDS virus from coming in over the wall. Then they would drink the cup with us, kiss our babies and spread their disease in the community. If our gospel is not effective, if we withhold the word in any way, these people will come in over the wall. Our judgment must increase. So many times we try to have faith, we want to believe this person is serious.

It is not just the holy angels who lead people to us — the enemy does also. The people that our God doesn't send here won't care whether they communicate what they have or not. We have to preach the gospel and have discernment.

Kharash: One thing we have to be aware of is people who are not open with us. We have to pursue things that don't give us peace.

Yonah: Our Father doesn't want us to have some screening procedure that will substitute for being in the light, full of faith. When we are not in the light, we don't trust ourselves, we think all our feelings are subjective.

Yoneq: Preaching the good news is the key. Then people will make the covenant and confess Yahshua as their Sovereign. We must understand what making a covenant entails and incorporate that into our gospel.

To Cut a Covenant — B'rith

(Taken in part from the teaching, *Burnt Offering*, March 12, 1989.)

A *b'rith* is an agreement to cut a covenant by the shedding of blood. A blood covenant between two parties is the closest, most enduring, most solemn and sacred of all contracts. It is a contract that cannot be broken, for when you make it, you promise your life, love and protection unto death. If at our baptism we promise anything less than that, it is because of an evil spirit.

We bring people to baptism, calling them into the kingdom of light and out of materialism. Satan holds onto people through their material possessions. They give up all of their possessions. If their baptism means anything less, then they made a covenant with an evil spirit. YAHSHUA has promised to give us His life when we enter the covenant. It would only be an evil spirit that would cause you to say that you are putting your hand to the plow to never turn back if you didn't mean it.

[Early Bloomers

What would cause a person to make a covenant who really didn't mean it? We have to be careful of early bloomers. We have to be like our Father in our discernment when we see these early (powerful) bloomers. We have to go to them in wisdom and see if they really know Yahshua. We have to know whether they are speaking by the Spirit or by the flesh.]

Our Master will never turn His back on His covenant with us. He ratified it with His death and sealed it with His resurrection. We seal it, too, with our death at baptism, because a dead man can't change his will. As long as you are alive you can change your will. The good news must have had to cut your heart to make the covenant of baptism, otherwise you are cursed.

Covenant of Marriage

The covenant of marriage is a blood covenant. In former times marriage was honored. Malachi 2:14. God hates and detests divorce — that is, when a person made a covenant and then broke it. In a covenant we pledge our life, love, and protection until death. In the world this knowledge of what marriage is is instinctive. We should read the *Remedy* article. We've lost all understanding of covenants. We need to get back to what a covenant is.

The completion of marriage is coming together. The hymen breaks and there is blood — the marriage is consummated. In the old days, if there was no blood, there was no contract and the marriage was annulled. This protected the sacredness and purity of the contract because when you married, you gave your heart to that person which meant your whole being, your nature, your whole life. This is the covenant.

(Waiting Periods

We must speak to people who are on waiting periods. Be blunt. Better to talk them out of it than talk them into it.)

The Covenant With Our Master

The spirit and essence of our blood covenant with Messiah is that we would give our whole being and love to Him. At baptism, we must be cut to the heart so that our blood would be shed to make it a lasting covenant. To those who make such a covenant Yahshua promises to keep you, help you, encourage you and grant you life and peace. He gives us His Holy Spirit so we can keep our mind on the Spirit and not on the flesh.

(A spiritual man keeps his mind on the Spirit and is kind and gentle, etc. Living with difficult people is the test of our spirituality. Can we love and instruct them without getting mad? How we are with our children also reveals our spirituality.)

When we baptize from now on, after the person has confessed his repentance (you must repent first, not after you receive Messiah), we should say that, "we baptize you in the name of Yahshua the Messiah for the forgiveness of your sins, that you may receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). They are baptized into the reality of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, knowing His love, knowing He is their Sovereign.

All nations have practiced blood covenants because it is instinctive in man to seek this kind of relationship. But we have lost touch with this instinct for such a relationship. Restoration can't come without covenants. Malachi 3 — how can we go through the fire and testing without

entering the covenant? The covenant locks us in and it can't be broken. It is sealed with the Spirit until the day of redemption. Only making the covenant provides this seal.

This is what love is — the instinctive relationship of a covenant. We need friends. The flesh keeps casual relationships. When you get involved in someone's life you get the whole package. That's what holds us back, the fear of the hardships involved in being a true friend. Our desire for friendship must go deeper than casual acquaintances. In this wicked and perverse generation most people have lost touch with this instinct for such a relationship. They have become dull to it and their conscience is seared so that they cannot listen to their hearts. Thus the gospel means nothing to them when they hear it because they do not know what a covenant is. Christianity is a gospel without a covenant. Our gospel must be complete and whole to keep us from AIDS. We are to love everyone in the body — we must treat everyone like wheat. Acts 2:40,41. Whoever received this word was baptized. The many other words were what a covenant was — what they were entering into. Acts 2:37 — when Peter spoke, people were cut to the heart. Our gospel must do the same. We mustn't hold back or be ashamed for then we hold back the power of the gospel. We must be prepared to refute what is said to us by the power of the Holy Spirit. When they capitulated their sovereignty and repented, they were baptized. Through our covenant with Yahshua we become joined with the Holy Spirit so that one day we will be just like Him. We must speak loudly. Intimidation comes to all spiritual people. If you are in the flesh, it won't come to you. Love overcomes intimidation. Love is greater. If we don't love like Messiah loves, we will be overcome with intimidation. Are we serious about speaking loudly? (About losing weight?) We have to speak without shouting — don't yell. We must learn to project our voice, speaking as normally as possible. It is essential we train our children to speak loudly.