

THE BLOOD COVENANT, PART 3
OPEN YOUR MOUTH WIDE
Psalm 81:1-10

God is the ultimate covenant partner on whom we can always depend.

Brief Review of Covenant

A covenant was a bond in blood—the establishment of a binding, legal relationship with no exit clause.

Blood covenants obligated two parties to show *hesed* (lovingkindness) to one another; they become functionally one.

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| ✓ Exchange outer garments | ✓ Exchange vows and blood |
| ✓ Exchange weapons | ✓ Exchange places within sacrifice |
| ✓ Exchange token possessions | ✓ Exchange firstborn sons |
| ✓ Exchange names | ✓ Exchange bread and wine |

The blood covenant affected generations yet to be born.

The shock of the Bible is that God himself has entered into covenant with the human race! He has given himself away to us totally and completely, holding nothing back!

In walking between the covenant sacrifice, God placed a death sentence on his own head. That sentence was carried out when Jesus died on the cross as our covenant representative head.

God's Covenant Kids Enslaved in Egypt

Because Israel was in covenant with God, it was as if God himself was enslaved in Egypt.

“I am the Lord *your* God....” (Psalm 81:10)

Learn the lesson of the baby bird—the lesson of absolute dependence.

God: “Because I am your covenant partner, I share in the responsibility of taking care of your needs.”

God to Pharaoh: “Let *my* people go!”

A multitude Israelites is about to walk out of Egypt into the scorching desert. Now what?

Moses: “God, there are hundreds of thousands of baby birds here, and our beaks are open.”

- “What about *money*, Lord?”
- “What about *direction*, Lord?”
- “What about *food*, Lord?”
- “What about *water*, Lord?”
- “What about *safety*, Lord?”

Opening Our Mouths Today

A baby bird with its mouth open is the picture of expectancy.

“Hope is the ability to hear God’s music of the future, and faith is the courage to dance to it now.”

A believer who doesn’t believe is an oxymoron!

“When people get desperate, God changes lives.” (Mike Huber)

I challenge you—in Jesus’ name—to get a big mouth!

Let God fill your mouth with the food of *his* choice.