



Blood Covenant

David and Jonathan
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Review of the Blood Covenant:

- Oaths taken "unto death"
- Mutual defense and protection
- Shared identity - "two become one"
- Shared family relationships
- Shared possessions

The Covenant between David and Jonathan

- 1 Samuel 18:1-4; 20:12-17,42
- A blood covenant; "cut covenant"; "unto death"
- Exchange of garments - shared identity
- Exchange of weapons - pledging mutual defense
- Oaths to include posterity - shared families

The Story of Mephibosheth

- 2 Samuel 4:4; 9:1-13
- Injured at death of father and grandfather, Jonathan and Saul
- Crippled for life, living in hiding - Lo-debar ("barrenness")
- Next in line for Saul's crown - direct threat to the reign of house of David
- Comes in fear of life when summoned by King David
- Accepted on basis of the covenant between David and Jonathan
- Exalted to royal status, adopted by the King
- All family lands and property restored
- Ate at the King's table as a son of David

Application:

- We all identify with Mephibosheth: helpless and hopeless
- In Christ, I have been summoned into the presence of the King
- Because of the Covenant between the Father and the Son, I am adopted, accepted, and welcomed home!