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The Blood Covenant

5. The New Covenant in My Blood

The author opens by admitting he long found the Lord's Table confusing and asked what principle lay behind it. He credits Dr. H. Clay Trumbull's work for the key: a blood covenant practiced by primitive peoples worldwide, resembling the Lord's Table and pointing back to an original revelation from God.

Key takeaways

- The disciples' silence when Jesus instituted the Supper suggests they already understood the blood covenant idea; the author did not.
- A blood covenant was practiced by primitive peoples everywhere (Africa, India, China, the Islands), degenerated but bearing marks of an original divine revelation.
- The Hebrew word for covenant means 'to cut'—an incision where blood flows—so Scripture speaks of 'cutting' the covenant, as Abraham did.

Scripture referenced

- **Matthew 26:28** -- Jesus' blood of the New Covenant for remission of sins

- **John 6:53** -- eating His flesh and drinking His blood to have life