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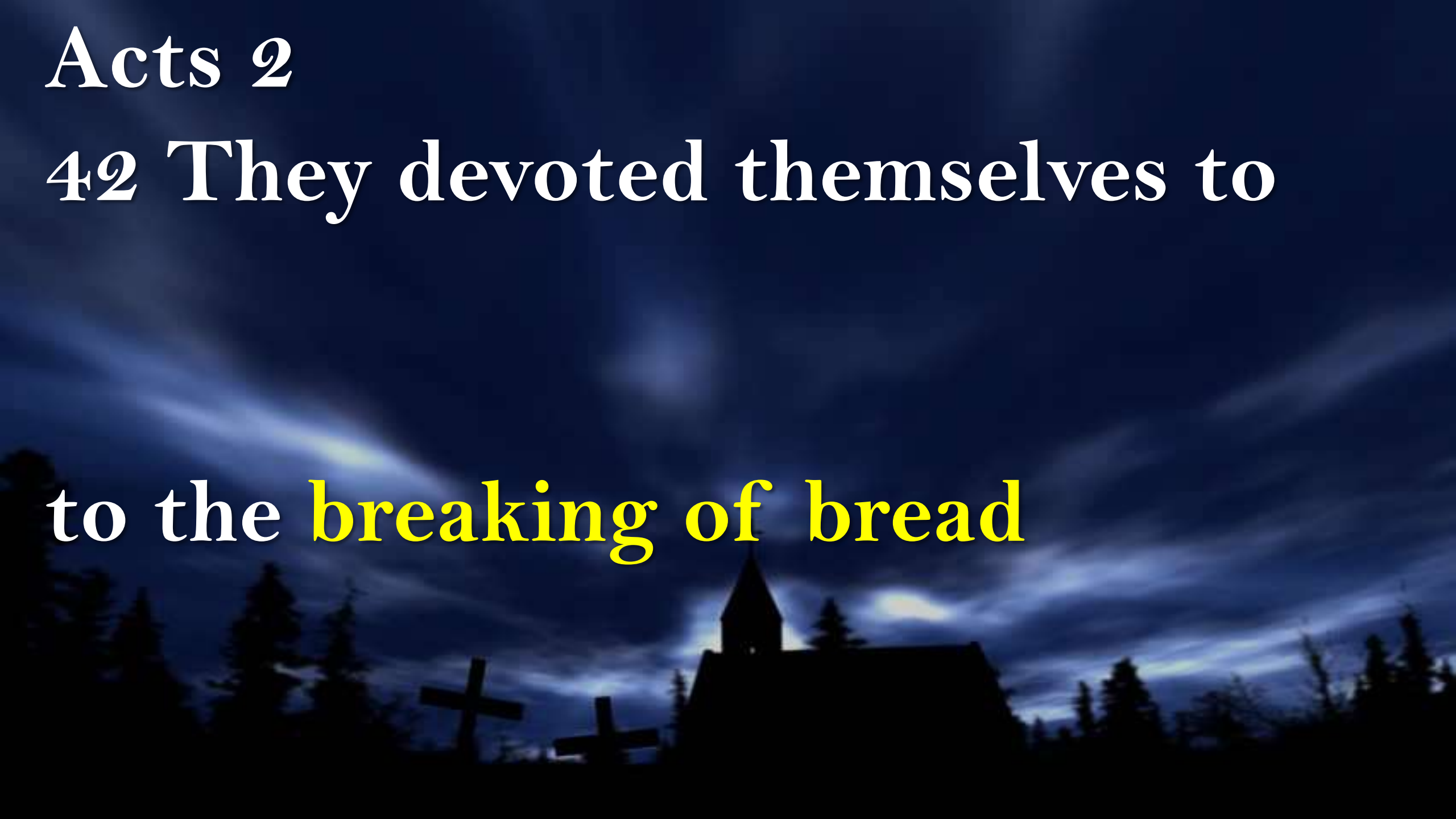
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# 1 Corinthians 11

23 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you:

The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”

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# The Breaking of Bread

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### The Abrahamic Covenant



# Genesis 15

1 After these events, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield, your very great reward.”

2 But Abram replied, “O Lord GOD, what can You give me, since I remain childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”

## Genesis 15

3 Abram continued, “Behold, You have given me no offspring, so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

4 Then the word of the LORD came to Abram, saying, “This one will not be your heir, but one who comes from your own body will be your heir.”

5 And the LORD took him outside and said, “Now look to the heavens and count the stars, if you are able.”

Then He told him, “So shall your offspring be.”

## Genesis 15

6 Abram believed the LORD, and it was credited to him as righteousness.

7 The LORD also told him, “I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.”

8 But Abram replied, “Lord GOD, how can I know that I will possess it?”

## Genesis 15

9 And the LORD said to him, “Bring Me a heifer, a goat, and a ram, each three years old, along with a turtledove and a young pigeon.”

10 So Abram brought all these to Him, split each of them down the middle, and laid the halves opposite each other.

The birds, however, he did not cut in half.

11 And the birds of prey descended on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.

## Genesis 15

12 As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and suddenly great terror and darkness overwhelmed him.

13 Then the LORD said to Abram, “Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years.

14 But I will judge the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will depart with many possessions.

## Genesis 15

15 You, however, will go to your fathers in peace and be buried at a ripe old age.

16 ...

17 When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, behold, a smoking firepot and a flaming torch appeared and passed between the halves of the carcasses.

18 On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram

# The Breaking of Bread

## Examining Three Covenants

### The Abrahamic Covenant

**Ratified** - By God passing through the halves

**Type** - Unconditional (God alone)

**Seal** - Circumcision – marked God's people

**Sign** - Circumcision – physical sign



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## Examining Three Covenants

### The Mosaic Covenant (the law)



## Exodus 19

3 Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain,

“This is what you are to tell the house of Jacob and explain to the sons of Israel:

4 ‘You have seen for yourselves what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself.

## Exodus 19

5 Now if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, you will be My treasured possession out of all the nations—for the whole earth is Mine.

6 And unto Me you shall be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’

These are the words that you are to speak to the Israelites.”

## Exodus 19

7 So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him.

8 And all the people answered together, “We will do everything that the LORD has spoken.”

## Exodus 24

3 When Moses came and told the people all the words and ordinances of the LORD, they all responded with one voice:

“All the words that the LORD has spoken, we will do.”

4 And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD.

## Exodus 24

4 Early the next morning he got up and built an altar at the base of the mountain, along with twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel.

5 Then he sent out some young men of Israel, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as peace offerings to the LORD.

## Exodus 24

6 Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he sprinkled on the altar.

7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people, who replied,

“All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.”

8 So Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, “This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

## Hebrews 9

18 That is why even the first covenant was not put into effect without blood.

19 For when Moses had proclaimed every commandment of the law to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, along with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled the scroll and all the people,

20 saying, “This is the blood of the covenant, which God has commanded you to keep.”



# The Breaking of Bread

## Examining Three Covenants

### The Mosaic Covenant (the law)

**Ratified** - By the sprinkling of blood

**Type** - Conditional (on both parties)

**Seal** - Keeping God's Sabbaths

**Sign** - Keeping God's Sabbaths

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## Examining Three Covenants

### The New Covenant



## Exodus 24

8 So Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, “**This is the blood of the covenant** that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

## Matthew 26

28 **This is My blood of the covenant,**  
which is poured out for many for the  
forgiveness of sins.

## Hebrews 9

11 But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come, He went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made by hands and is not a part of this creation.

12 He did not enter by the blood of goats and calves, but He entered the Most Holy Place once for all by His own blood, thus securing eternal redemption.

## Hebrews 9

13 For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that their bodies are clean,

14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself unblemished to God, purify our consciences from works of death, so that we may serve the living God!

## Hebrews 9

15 Therefore Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance,

now that He has died to redeem them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

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## Examining Three Covenants

### The New Covenant

Ratified - Blood of Christ on the cross





## Isaiah 52

14 Just as many were appalled at Him—  
His appearance was disfigured beyond that  
of any man,  
and His form was marred beyond human  
likeness—

15 so He will sprinkle many nations.

# The Breaking of Bread

## Examining Three Covenants

### The New Covenant

**Ratified** - Blood of Christ on the cross

**Type** - Unconditional (Christ alone)

**Seal** - Holy Spirit (spiritual circumcision)

**Sign** - Baptism/Lord's supper

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