

The Most Precious Blood

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INTRODUCTION

Satan attacks churches that obey the Great Commission and the Great Commandment—churches that teach categorical doctrine according to the Finished Work.

The devil has no need to attack lukewarm Christians; but he fights, head on, Christians who are on the front line, who are deeply inspired to impart truth. Very often, he will attack in subtle ways, and some Christians don't even know it is happening.

In recent years, doctrine concerning the blood of Christ has come under tremendous attack. Without the precious Blood, there is no remission of sin. This booklet will show that it is only through His blood that was shed for us that we can have victory in our Christian life.

Chapter One

GIRDED BY TRUTH

"Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim.

"And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand" (Exodus 17:8-9).

The people of Amalek, descendants of Esau (Genesis 36), are a type of the carnal man. In Exodus 17:8-16, they went up against the people of Israel (also see Deuteronomy 25:17-19). Moses told Joshua to choose men from among the people to go out and fight. With the rod of God's authority in his hand, as long as Moses' hand was raised, Israel prevailed. Yet, when Moses became weary, his hand went down, and Amalek prevailed. So Aaron and Hur placed a large stone under Moses, then they held up his hands until the sun went down, and Israel won the battle.

Moses was resting on a stone that represented the Chief Cornerstone, Jesus Christ (1 Peter 2:6). Moses' hands were held up by Aaron and Hur, a type of the Body of Christ. Joshua defeated Amalek with the edge of the sword, which is the Word of God.

According to Deuteronomy 25:18, Amalek came behind Israel, attacking her back parts when she was feeble. "Feeble" indicates the weakness of the flesh. Israel had a small soul at that point. The people were weary and they fainted, so Amalek easily attacked them from behind. There is no defense in the natural realm for someone attacking from behind, but God has a defense.

God's Defense Strategy: Master the Word

The Word of God says in Ephesians 6:13, "Wherefore, take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

The Bible is such a masterpiece, the way it correlates Scripture—line upon line, precept upon precept. For example, Isaiah 30:21 correlates with Ephesians 6:14a in its supernatural revelation of complete truth.

"Stand therefore, having your loins girt

about with truth [doctrine]," the Bible says in Ephesians 6:14. The largest part of the armor was for the loins. It wrapped around the back and came together like a belt in front. God said, "The first thing I want you to put on is the armor of doctrine."

Isaiah 30:21 tells us how to receive doctrine: "And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left." Therefore, having our "loins girt about with truth" speaks of doctrine, having the truth of the Word of God directing us, which takes care of the enemy that tries to attack us from the back.

Put on the Armor and Take up the Sword

Ephesians 6:14 goes on to say that we are to put on "the breastplate of righteousness."

"And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

"Above all, taking the shield of [a living] faith, [(which comes from hearing the Word of God)] wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked" (Ephesians 6:15-16).

And after all this, Ephesians 6:17 says to put on "the helmet of salvation...." This means we

are to have our minds protected by the helmet of deliverance with the Finished Work of grace and love. Then, we are to take up "...the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God." We are to use God's Word skillfully (see 2 Timothy 2:15).

Finally, after putting on all this spiritual armor, we are instructed to be "praying always for all saints" (Ephesians 6:18).

The whole armor takes care of every part of our lives. It includes doctrine to take care of what we cannot discern by sight. As a result, we will hear a word behind us saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it...." That is divine guidance: divine direction from behind.

Satan's Strategy

In Deuteronomy 25:18, Satan attacks those who are feeble: those who are tired due to overwhelming schedules, weary through mental stress, and fainthearted through threatening projections.

This is why Ahithophel proposed to Absalom, "I will get David, but not until he is weary" (see 2 Samuel 17:1,2). Similarly, the enemy came up from behind to attack Israel when they were weak because of their circumstances in the desert.

A Christian grows weary when he doesn't have on the whole armor, including the precise light of the Word of God, which is the sword of the Spirit, to help him serve God with his loins girded with doctrine. He will want to stay home. He will confess tiredness and weariness. What he doesn't realize is that he is being caused to faint because he doesn't have on the armor, with the girdle of truth taking care of his back parts. The enemy defeats him by attacking him from behind.

Chapter Two
STAYING IN TUNE WITH GOD

When a Christian doesn't attend church services, he doesn't take in doctrine. He is like a guitar with its strings slowly growing loose and out of tune. The guitar loses pitch because the strings are not being tended to properly. First, it gets off key just slightly, so that it is hardly noticeable, and then a little more. Finally, like a believer who gets weary and faints, that guitar can no longer carry a tune.

"Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

"He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

"Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall.

"But they that wait upon the LORD shall

renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint" (Isaiah 40:28-31).

"Renew" speaks of a believer going forward with the whole armor, filled with the Spirit all the time. Believers who do this mount wings as eagles. They wait upon the Lord first. Then they mount wings as eagles. Then they run and are not weary; they walk and do not faint.

A person who is not renewed can only grow weary. With all the demon armies on attack, there is no other way to prevent weariness. What happened to Moses' hands? They became weary.

In a Word of God ministry, godly leaders will be viciously attacked by demons in the physical realm. Moses wasn't living in sensual sins, but physically he was weak, and he became weary. He needed to have Aaron and Hur hold up his hands, and the Chief Cornerstone had to be underneath him.

God has given each of us the ability to live by faith and to use the whole armor of God. We need to recognize that we are members in particular in the Body of Christ. As we take our place, fitly framed, holding up one another

(Ephesians 2:20-22), we will not grow weary or faint.

Precise Thoughts for the Precise Battle

It is crucial that we understand how Satan battles in the details of life. We must think thoughts through until God controls our soul. Then, we will begin to receive precise life for the precise battle, with precise faith for a precise decision in a precise response to a precise attack.

A godly church is part of a work of God (Ecclesiastes 7:13 and John 6:29). This is why a godly church needs people who are covering first base, second base, shortstop, third base, catcher, pitcher, left field, center field, right field, bull pen—we need everybody there. If we don't have the players, then the game is canceled. It's a forfeit.

We are fighting principalities and powers, rulers of the darkness of this world, and spiritual wickedness in high places—it is not about flesh and blood. If our enemies were made of flesh and blood, it would be different. But we are fighting invisible, inaudible, indescribable, supernatural powers. They will come against us by attacking our body, our soul, our schedule, our purpose, and our decisions. We are fighting

a supernatural enemy, and everyone needs to have all six strings in tune with God: the mind, body, volition, emotions, conscience, and self-consciousness.

The demons are more informed than they were a year ago. That is why we need to assemble much more to hear the Word of God (Hebrews 10:25), to learn more about their strategies.

“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction” (Matthew 7:13). But verse 14 says, “strait is the gate, and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.” Few ever really find the strait gate and the narrow way. That way is the Finished Work message of grace.

Chapter Three

SET FREE BY THE BLOOD

“And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

“This shall be the law of the leper in the day of his cleansing: He shall be brought unto the priest:

“And the priest shall go forth out of the camp; and the priest shall look, and, behold, if the plague of leprosy be healed in the leper;

“Then shall the priest command to take for him that is to be cleansed two birds alive and clean, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop:

“And the priest shall command that one of the birds be killed in an earthen vessel over running water:

“As for the living bird, he shall take it, and the cedar wood, and the scarlet, and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird that was killed over the running water:

“And he shall sprinkle upon him that is to

be cleansed from the leprosy seven times, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the living bird loose into the open field" (Leviticus 14:1-7).

This passage in Leviticus pertains to the law for the cleansing of leprosy. The cleansing ceremony required two birds. The Levitical priests had to have cedar wood, which speaks of humanity, and they had to have scarlet thread, which refers to the blood. Then they had to have hyssop.

One bird was killed, and they had to dip the live bird in the blood of the dead one. Then they let the live bird fly out in the open field. The blood was then sprinkled on the leper seven times, pointing to the Finished Work of Christ, and he was healed.

What healed the leper? The blood that was sprinkled on his body.

In the celebration of communion, the bread represents the body of Christ that entered into death. The blood speaks of the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ. What brings healing? The Blood, which stands for resurrection and ascension, brings the healing.

Entering the Presence of God

According to Leviticus 16, before he could enter into God's presence in the holy place within the veil, the high priest had to follow detailed instructions, which included wearing special clothing and preparing sacrifices. Then he would take coals of fire from off the altar and finely ground sweet incense in his hands—and finally enter in to the holy place. Once the cloud of incense covered the mercy seat, the priest had to sprinkle the blood of the bullock on and before the mercy seat seven times—pointing to the Finished Work.

The incense from the altar of incense would cover the Holy of Holies so that the priest could not see God's presence. This speaks of the fact that we no longer know Christ after the flesh (2 Corinthians 5:16); He is a sweet-smelling, resurrected, heavenly Savior.

In Exodus 20:18-22, the people were afraid of God's presence, but Moses "drew near unto the thick darkness where God was," and God spoke directly to him. Moses was learning the doctrine of the entire life of Christ. But in the Holy of Holies, the high priest couldn't see. He made an offering for himself, then he made an offering

for the people. But without the cloud of incense covering the mercy seat and the ark of the testimony, he would have died in the Holy of Holies.

The Blood on the Threshold

In Exodus 12, Israel was still in the land of Goshen when the Angel of Death came to take the firstborn in Egypt. In the homes of every family that had the blood of a lamb on the doorpost, the firstborn male would be saved. The death angel would “pass over” those homes. But in the homes that did not have blood, the firstborn males died—all because the blood wasn’t on their doorposts.

The lamb for the Passover offering was killed at the step of the door. The blood had to be put up over the door and on the doorposts with hyssop. This was a picture of Christ being crucified—the crown of thorns causing His head to bleed. His two hands were pierced and bleeding, so the blood was put on both sides of the door. But His feet were pierced as well, and blood and water came out of His side (John 19:34); so, there had to be blood on the threshold, at the bottom of the door.

Exodus 12:22 says that the hyssop had to be dipped in the blood at “the bason.” The Hebrew

word *caph*, translated as “bason” here, is the same word used for “threshold” (Judges 19:27). With hyssop, the blood was taken and put above and on the sides of the doorpost, but the blood was already at the threshold of the door, because that is where the lamb was slain.

The hyssop, in Numbers 19, was a little but very important weed. It represents the sinner, a human being, used to apply the blood. Romans 3:25 speaks of the propitiation for our sins through faith in His blood; whereas His righteousness was for the remission of sins, because God approved of His Son’s perfect sacrifice. The hyssop, therefore, speaks of the application of a living faith by a sinner who simply believes that the blood of Christ is enough to wash away sins.

The Blood Is in Heaven

“...This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you.

“Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry.

“And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

“It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with

these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

“For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us” (Hebrews 9:20-24).

The tabernacle and every vessel used for service had to be sprinkled with blood. Our bodies, tabernacles of the Holy Spirit, must have the application of the Blood of Christ. Every vessel must be covered by the Blood, for without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin.

“...Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.” (1 Peter 1:18-19).

If His blood had just fallen on the ground, as some teach, it would not have been precious. The blood that redeemed us is the precious blood of God.

According to Acts 20:28, pastors are to “feed the church of God which he hath purchased with his own blood.” Hebrews 9:12 says, “Neither [did he enter into heaven] by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he en-

tered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.”

Where did Jesus go? Into the holy place. What did He have with Him? *His own blood.*

In John 20:17, Jesus said, “Don’t touch Me, Mary: for I have not ascended to my Father.” But in John 20:25, He said, “Thomas, you can touch Me,” because Jesus had already been up to heaven and had come back. He had taken His blood to heaven.

I know that the Blood is in heaven because, in Revelation 11:19, the heavens were opened, and there was an altar of the ark of His testament. On top of the ark is the mercy seat. And on the mercy seat is the Blood. Where is it? It is in heaven. Jesus Christ has already taken it there.

In Exodus 12:13, God didn’t say, “When I see this, or when I see that, I will pass over.” No, He said very clearly, “When I see the blood, I will pass over you.”

A Perfect Life, a Perfect Sacrifice

Before the Passover offering, the animal had to be brought in, and it was kept three days and three nights before it could be killed. It was examined to make sure it was without blemish. In

the same manner, Jesus Christ's human life was tested, and it was found without blemish. He had no sin.

Understand this about the shed blood of Jesus Christ: Not only does it cleanse us from all sin (1 John 1:9), but the precious blood of Christ, which Jesus offered through the eternal Spirit without spot or blemish, also purges our consciences from dead works to serve the living God. "Dead works" means anything that does not have the Blood applied.

If we become weary in the battle, it is probably because the Blood is not involved in our efforts. Not that we can't get physically tired. All of us do. But if we faint in battle, the Blood is not involved, and we get weary. When we do things through the eternal Blood, we are quickened according to the Word of God (Psalm 119:154), His righteousness (Psalm 119:40), and His lovingkindness (Psalm 119:88). With the heavy schedules so many of us have, we must be quickened by the Holy Spirit.

Three witnesses in heaven are referred to in 1 John 5:7: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit. The next verse refers to the three witnesses on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood.

Obviously, the Bible wouldn't mention the Blood if Jesus was supposed to endure spiritual death only. I believe in spiritual death. But I believe that His precious blood was perfect blood that didn't have an old sin nature. It cleanses us, and it keeps us eternally secure. It keeps us so that we can rebound, and it keeps us so that sin is never imputed to our account.

"When I see the blood, I'll pass over you"—not, "When I see works," not, "When I see something else." God said, "When I see the *blood*."

Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin (Hebrews 9:22).

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death" (Revelation 12:11).

Who did they overcome? They overcame the accuser of the brethren, who accuses from morning to night and who deceives the whole world (Revelation 12:9-10).

Think of it! It is the Blood that overcomes accusations. It is the Blood that overcomes the devil. It is the Blood that cleanses our norms and standards of conscience. It is the Blood that gives us a brand-new life. Every day, it is the Blood. The Blood is alive in heaven, right now

(Hebrews 12:24).

When we receive mercies and compassions that fail not (Lamentations 3:22), God withholds the punishment we deserve and He pours out unconditional love that we do not deserve. The Mercy Seat principle of the Blood declares that the Blood takes care of the effects of sin. It is the Blood that takes care of the pain and struggles of weariness. It is the Blood that keeps renewing us every morning. Thanks be to Jesus Christ, it is the Blood that atones us and gives us our joy (Romans 5:11)—the precious blood of Christ.

CONCLUSION

I thank God with all of my heart today that the Lamb of God shed His own blood, then He took His own blood to heaven to take away our sins. If He bottles our tears (Psalm 56:8), can't He bottle His own blood? If He knows our thoughts afar off, can't He take care of His blood? Of course, He can.

Anytime we are involved in sin, all we have to do is appropriate the blood of God. Satan despises, hates, resents, and rejects the Blood, because he has been judged and condemned forever. Yet all of us sinners are justified by Christ's blood.

Isaiah 43:25 and Isaiah 44:22 tell us that the Lord has blotted out our sins. How? In 1 John 1:7 and 9, the Blood cleanses all. The Blood! Not death. Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sins.

If the priests only needed to kill the animal for a sacrifice, it wouldn't have been necessary

to bring the blood into the Holy of Holies. There was no presence of God when the animal was killed on the altar of sacrifice. The presence of God was in the incense, in the Holy of Holies, where the blood was sprinkled.

That precious Blood was human like ours, but with no old sin nature—the human blood of God. Try to picture it: He sweat drops of blood. Then His brow, His hands, His feet, and His side were bleeding when He was on the Cross. The Cross was represented on those doorposts in the land of Goshen. And in the Bible, who is the door that we may enter in, according to John 10? The door is Jesus.

We overcome the enemy by the blood of the Lamb, by the Word of our testimony, and by not defending our flesh. The Blood speaks of the fact that the believer is perfect in Christ and that Satan has no grounds for an attack (Revelation 12:11). The Blood reveals Satan's complete defeat.

The door to heaven is open because Jesus shed His blood for us. All we need to do for Salvation is believe on Him. If you have never prayed and asked Jesus into your heart to be your Savior, simply bow your head and say, *"Dear Jesus, I know I am a sinner. I receive You as*

my personal Savior. Thank You for loving me so much that You shed Your precious blood and died for me, so I can have eternal life with You. Amen."

For those of us who are saved, we must never let a day go by without thanking God for the precious blood of His Son.