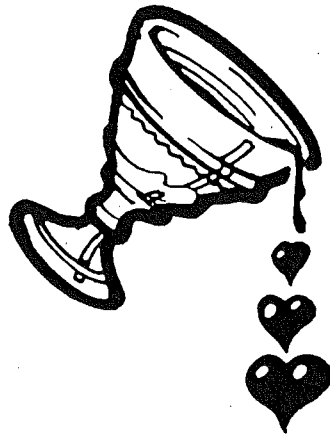


POWER IN THE BLOOD

(How The Blood Of The Cross Liberates Today)
Hebrews 9:12-14



OH THE BLOOD OF JESUS

- ◆ It Redeems
- ◆ It Reminds
- ◆ It Reconciles

“But now in Christ Jesus, ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ” (Ephesians 2:13)

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“For the Law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God” (Hebrews 7:19)

“But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises” (Hebrews 8:6)

“How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God” (Hebrews 9:14)

“But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God” (Hebrews 10:12)

Introduction

1. The book of Hebrews was written to the Jewish converts in Palestine.
2. These Jewish converts were being persecuted (as well as being tempted to abandon the new covenant).
3. They were facing the temptation to return to the Old Testament system of Law, ceremony, priesthood, ordinances and animal sacrifices.
4. The temple worship in Jerusalem was appealing because it was visible and touchable.
5. Thus, Hebrews sheds light on the entire purpose behind the Levitical priesthood (and the ushering in of a “better sacrifice” through Jesus Christ).

Hebrews Describes...

#1...The **Dignity** of Christ’s **Person!**

#2...The **Glor**y of Christ’s **Office!**

#3...The **Excellence** of Christ’s **Ministry!**

#2...The **Superiority** of Christ’s **Sacrifice!**

(Hebrews Chapters 7, 8, 9 & 10 Reveal Christ’s Superiority)

Chapter 7 reveals Christ’s Superior **Order**.

Chapter 9 reveals Christ’s Superior **Sanctuary**.

Chapter 8 reveals Christ’s Superior **Covenant**.

Chapter 10 reveals Christ’s Superior **Sacrifice**.

(The Two Key Words Are:)

#1. The word “**Perfect**” is used 14 times to reveal to us that perfection could never be achieved under the Law by animal sacrifices. (Only through a once and for all Perfect Sacrifice).

#2. The word “**Better**” is used 13 times to reveal to us the superiority of Christ over the Hebrew system of religion.

(Jesus Is “Better” Than All)

In chapter 1 – Jesus is Better than the **Prophets**

In chapter 7 – Jesus is Better than **Melchisedec**

In chapter 2 – Jesus is Better than the **Angels**

In chapter 8 – Jesus is a Better **Covenant**

In chapter 3 – Jesus is Better than **Moses**

In chapter 9 – Jesus is a Better **Sanctuary**

In chapter 4 – Jesus is a Better **Rest**

In chapter 10 – Jesus is a Better **Sacrifice**

In chapter 5 – Jesus is Better than **Aaron**

In chapter 11 – Jesus is a Better **Faith**

In chapter 6 – Jesus is a Better **Anchor**

In chapter 12 – Jesus is a Better **Example** (and)

In chapter 13 – Jesus is the same **Yesterday, Today and Forever!**

The Dilemma Is Clear:

The Levitical Priesthood Was Inferior (Hebrews 7)

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- #1. The priesthood and the Law were both imperfect.
- #2. The priesthood and the Law was both temporary.
- #3. The priesthood was interrupted by death.
- #4. The Priests themselves were marred by sin.
- #5. The Law revealed sin (but gave no power over sin).
- #6. The Law was external (but gave no internal change).
- #7. The Levitical priesthood and the Mosaic Law could never clear the conscience and purge our sin. (Hebrews 10:1-4)

But The Deliverer Is Come:

“By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament” (Hebrews 7:22)

Fact: The word “**Surety**” means: “One who guarantees that the terms of an agreement will be carried out”.

Fact: And this Jesus did through His sacrifice and the giving of His own life’s **Blood**:
 “How much more shall the **Blood** of Christ purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God” (Hebrews 9:14)

“But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the **Blood** of Christ...having abolished in His flesh the enmity, even the Law of commandments contained in ordinances” (Ephesians 2:14 & 15)

“And having made peace through the **Blood** of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself” (Colossians 1:20)

“But with the precious **Blood** of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot” (I Peter 1:19)

(Questions With Answers)

- #1. How do we know **There Is Power In The Blood?**
- #2. What does it mean, **There is Power In The Blood?**
- #3. Why is there power in the communion service?
- #4. Why is it still true, “**The Blood Will Never Lose its Power**”?

(Why Is There Power In The Blood?)

- #1. The Blood of Christ is “**Redeeming Blood**” (It has power to **Purchase**).

“And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where you are: And when I see the blood, I will pass over you and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt” (Exodus 12:13)

Fact: Blood was sprinkled on the door posts of the Israelites the night of the tenth plague.

Fact: It was the blood that kept Israel safe.

Fact: It was the blood that redeemed Israel from death.

(Application)

- A. The blood of Christ does the same for you and me.
- B. Our lives were forfeited unto death (we were hopelessly and helplessly lost in sin).
- C. But Jesus redeemed and bought us back.
 - ◆ We’ve been redeemed from the penalty of sin.
 - ◆ We’ve been redeemed from the second death.
 - ◆ We’ve been redeemed from eternal damnation.
 - ◆ We’ve been redeemed with a price. (I Corinthians 6:20)

#2. The Blood of Christ is “Atoning Blood” (It has power to **Cover**)

“For the life of the flesh is in the blood: And I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: For it is the blood that maketh and atonement for the soul” (Lev 17:11)

Fact: The word “Atonement” means: “To Cover”

Fact: It includes the covering of both the sins. (Psalm 78:38 / 79:9) and the sinner. (Lev. 4:20)

Fact: To atone for sin is to cover sin from God’s sight so that it loses its power to provoke His wrath against us.

(Jesus Has Atoned For Your Sins and Mine)

- ◆ His blood has covered our sin, and shame and shortcomings.
- ◆ We now live free from a guilty conscience, condemning voices and satan’s accusations.

#3. The Blood of Christ is “Cleansing Blood” (It has power to **Remove**)

“And the priest shall take some of the blood of the trespass offering, and the priest shall put it upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot”. (Leviticus 14:14)

Fact: The leper was the object of uncleanness.

Fact: Leprosy was a type of sin all through Scripture.

Fact: The priest took blood from the little bird and put the blood on the leper’s ear, (the leper that was cleansed from leprosy).

Question: Why the blood on the leper’s ear?

Answer: Because it was a sign (or token) that the leper had been cleansed!!!

(For Us It Means...)

- ◆ That Jesus’ Blood cleanses us from every sin. (Fully cleanses)
- ◆ That Jesus’ Blood removes every sin in the sight of God the very moment we are saved.

#4. The Blood of Christ is “Pleading Blood” (It has power to **Appeal**).

“Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering that is for the people, and bring his blood within the veil, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat” (Leviticus 16:15)

Fact: God said, “Kill the goat of the sin offering and take the blood within the veil”.

Fact: God said “Sprinkle the blood upon the mercy seat” (the golden lid on the Ark of the Covenant).

Question: Why did God instruct Aaron to do this?

Answer: Because the blood will plead between the people and God.

- ◆ The blood will plead for our pardon, acquittal and mercy.
- ◆ The blood will plead for us and satisfy God’s justice.

(Which will remove our sentence and allow a Holy God to pronounce us “Innocent and Free” from every sin).

#5. The Blood of Christ is “Covenant Blood” (It has power to **Guarantee**).

“For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the Law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water and scarlet wool, and hyssop and sprinkled both the book and all the people” (Hebrews 9:19 / Exodus 24:6-8)

Fact: Moses took the blood and sprinkled it on both the people and the book (the Law)

Fact: The very Word of God was sprinkled with sacrificial blood. (Why?)

- ◆ Because it was covenant blood. (Which means:)

1. It seals the covenant and pledges its promises.
2. It guarantees and assures us of something. (That not one promise will fail)

#6. The Blood of Christ is “Reconciling Blood” (It has power to **Give Entrance**).

“But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ...for through Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father” (Ephesians 2:13,18)

“And having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto himself” (Colossians 1:20)

Fact: We once were enemies of God, alienated from God, estranged from God.

Fact: We once had no power to draw nigh, come close and approach the Lord.

(But Now Because Of Christ’s Blood)

- ◆ We’ve been reconciled and given access and entrance to God.
- ◆ We’ve had the middle wall of partition broken down by Jesus.

#7. The Blood of Christ is “Sanctifying Blood” (It has power to **Change**)

“He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil” (I John 3:8)

“For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under the Law, but under grace” (Romans 6:14)

“For this is the will of God, even your sanctification” (I Thessalonians 4:3)

“I will write my law in your mind and in your heart” (Hebrews 8:10 / 10:16)

Fact: Not only does the blood of Christ (through the atonement) free us from the guilt of past sins, it also frees us from the power of sin now.

(There Is Power In The Blood)

1. Faith in the crucified Lord results in crucifixion of the old sinful nature.
2. Faith in the blood and the cross means death and doom to sin in our lives now.
3. Faith in the ability of God’s power enables us to subdue the sinful impulses of the carnal man.
4. Faith in the power of Christ’s blood and cross will result in the sanctification of all who mean business with God.

#8. The Blood of Christ is “Spoiling Blood” (It has power to **Destroy**)

“And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it” (Colossians 2:15)

#1. Jesus blotted out the Law that sentenced us. (v. 14)

#2. Jesus nailed our guilt and curse to His cross. (v. 14)

#3. Jesus spoiled principalities and powers. (v. 15)

◆ The word “**Spoiled**” means: Subdued, Stripped, Conquered, Disarmed

◆ The words “**Principalities**” & “**Powers**” mean:

A. Evil spirits that once ruled us (and) B. Evil powers that once dominated us.

(So Spoiling Principalities and Powers Means:)

- #1. Jesus has **disarmed** satan's power to rule your life.
- #2. Jesus has **stripped** satan's authority to dominate you.
- #3. Jesus has **conquered** satan's power contrary to you.
- #4. Jesus has **triumphed** over every weapon that satan could use against you.
- #5. Jesus has **made provision** for us all to live **transformed, crucified to sin, dead to sin's** power and be constantly changing from glory to glory (or degree to degree). (II Cor. 3:18)

#9. The Blood of Christ is "Quickening Blood" (It has power to **Give Life**).

"Whoever eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:54)

Fact: Christ's blood quickens (gives life) to our souls.

Fact: Christ's blood imparts life to the weary soul.

Fact: Christ's blood gives hope and faith and joy and peace.

Fact: Christ's blood gives entrance to salvation and continues to exercise its authority and influence over us.

#10. The Blood of Christ is "Victorious Blood" (It has power to **Overcome**)

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

"Who is worthy to open the book?" (Revelation 5:2)

"No man in heaven nor in earth was able to open the book" (v.3)

"And lo, in the midst of the throne stood a Lamb as it had been slain" (v. 6)

"Thou art worthy to take the book and to open the seals, for thou wast slain and has redeemed us to **God by the Blood...**and hast made us unto our God kings and priests" (v. 9)

Fact: The blood of Jesus has purchased us (and the title deed to earth) from the enemy.

Fact: The blood of Jesus has made us kings and priests unto God.

Fact: The blood of Jesus is enough motivation to enable us to overcome every obstacle on the way to glory.

Conclusion

"Then shalt thou kill the ram, and take of his blood, and put it upon the tip of the right ear of Aaron, and upon the tip of the right ear of his sons, and upon the thumb of their right hand, and upon the great toe of their right foot" (Exodus 29:20)

Question: Why was the priest to be touched with blood (his thumb, ear and toe)?

Answer: Because the blood "**Set Apart**" (or consecrated) the priest as one totally possessed by God.

Fact: It means that we are not our own. (We belong to God)

Fact: It means that we are the total possession of another!!! (The Lord)

Let Christ's Blood Consecrate You Totally to Him!!!

Altar Call

1. Do you know that you have been redeemed?
2. Do you know that your sins are forgiven?
3. Do you know that your conscience is clear?
4. Is there any besetting sin that needs its power broken in you?

AMEN!
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