

# THE POWER OF THE BLOOD, Part 1 (OT)- “WASHED....IN HIS BLOOD; REDEEMED...BY YOUR BLOOD” (REV. 1:5, 5:9)

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### **BLOOD IN THE BIBLE— BLOODLINE!** **Adam-Abel-Abraham-Moses(Sinai, tabernacle)-Romans-Hebrews-Revelation**

#### **The Teaching of the Old Testament** **(“not without blood”!)**

**Gen 3:21** Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

**Gen 4:4** Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering,

**Heb 11:4** By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.

1. **The Teaching of the Old Testament**
2. **The Teaching of Jesus**
3. **The Teaching of the Apostles**
4. **The Teaching in The Revelation**

#### **Gen. 3:21**

This verse teaches us that after man had sinned, God supplied an animal and shed its blood and used the skin as a covering for Adam and Eve’s nakedness. In this brief verse we have a key to the meaning of sacrifice in the Bible. Notice three things:

**First, salvation must be of the Lord!**

**Second, It must be by the death of an innocent substitute!**

**Third, It must be by blood!**

#### **Gen. 4:4**

Abel brought in “the firstborn of his flock and their fat” to the Lord as a sacrifice. **There in the first act of worship recorded in the Bible, blood was shed.** Heb.

11:4 tells us that it was “by faith” Abel offered an acceptable sacrifice, and his name stands first in the record of those whom the Bible calls “believers”. It appears his faith and God’s good pleasure in him are closely connected with the sacrificial blood.

**Rev 5:9-10** And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, **And have redeemed us to God by Your blood** Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.”

**Gal 3:13** **Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law...** that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit, the promised Spirit, through faith.

**1Pe 1:18-19** knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, **but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.**

**The same is true for us.**

**There is no way we can cover our sin by our efforts – fig leaves or whatever!**

**There must be the death of an innocent substitute!**

**Salvation is and must be through or by the blood!**

**What is your sacrifice to the Lord like?**

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***Gen 8:20*** Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and **offered burnt offerings on the altar.**

***Gen 22:2*** Then He said, "(Abraham) Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and **offer him there as a burnt offering** on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

***Gen 46:1*** So Israel (Jacob) took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beersheba, and **offered sacrifices** to the God of his father Isaac.

***Exo 12:7*** And **they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel** of the houses where they eat it.

***Exo 12:13*** Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And **when I see the blood, I will pass over you;** and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

**INTERPRETATION**

***Gen. 8:20*** - The first recorded act of Noah after he had left the ark was the offering of a burnt sacrifice to God. As with Abel, so with Noah at the new beginning—it was **“not without blood”!** cf. *Gen. 9:1-7; Ex. 24:6; Heb. 9:7, 18;*

***Gen. 22:2*** - Sin once again prevailed. God laid an entirely new foundation for the establishment of His kingdom on earth. God undertook the formation of a people to serve Him. But this purpose was not accomplished apart **“from the shedding of the blood.”** This is apparent here in the most solemn moment of Abraham’s life. Here we see a revelation of a divine truth: **that only through death can a life be truly consecrated to God.**

But it was impossible for Isaac to die and rise again from the dead—for because of sin, death would hold him fast. So his life was spared and a ram was offered in his place. **Through the blood that then flowed on Mount Moriah, his life was spared.** He and the people which sprang from him live before God *“not without blood”*. By that blood, however, he was spiritually raised again from the dead. **The great lesson of substitution is here clearly taught!** Cf. *Gen. 22:1-18*

***Ex. 12:7*** - 400 years later, Isaac has become in Egypt the people of Israel. Through her deliverance from Egyptian bondage, Israel was to be recognized as God’s firstborn among the nations. Here, also it is **“not without blood”!** Neither the electing grace of God nor His covenant with Abraham nor the exercise of His omnipotence, which could so easily have destroyed their oppressors, could dispense with the necessity of the blood. What the blood accomplished on Mount Moriah for one person, who was the father of the nation must now be experienced by that entire nation. By the sprinkling of the door frames of the Israelites with the blood of the Paschal lamb—by the institution of the Passover as an enduring ordinance with the words **“When I see the blood, I will pass over you”** Cf. *Ex. 12:1-28*

**APPLICATION**

**Are you an “altar builder”?**

**How willing are you to submit to the Lord in the tests that He allows you to go through?**

**The Passover – We have been taught that life can be obtained only by the death of an innocent substitute. Life was possible for the Israelites as for us, only through the shed blood of a life given in their place and appropriated by the “sprinkling of that blood”.**

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**Exo 24:6** And **Moses** took half the blood and put it in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar.

**Exo 24:8** And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, "**This is the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you according to all these words.**"

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**Ex. 24:6** - Fifty days later this lesson was enforced in a striking manner. Israel had reached Mt. Sinai. God has given His law as the foundation of His covenant. That covenant must now be established, but, as it is expressly stated in *Heb. 9:7*, **“not without blood.”** The sacrificial **blood must be sprinkled first on the altar and then on the Book of the Covenant**, representing God’s side of that covenant; **then on the people, with the declaration, “This is the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you...”** We see in that **blood the covenant had its foundation and power. It is by the blood alone that God and man can be brought into covenant fellowship.** That which had been foreshadowed at the gate of Eden, on Mount Ararat, on Moriah and in Egypt, was not confirmed at the foot of Sinai in a most solemn manner. **Without blood there could be no access by sinful man to a holy God.** There is a however a significant difference between the **manner of applying the blood** in the former cases as compared with the latter. On Moriah the life was **redeemed by the shedding of blood on the altar.** In Egypt, **it was sprinkled on the lintel and door posts** of the houses. But at Sinai, **it was sprinkled on the persons themselves.** The contact was closer, the application more powerful. Immediately after the establishment of the covenant the command was given, *“Let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them” (Ex. 25:8)* They were to enjoy the full blessedness of having the God of the covenant abiding among them. Through His grace they might find Him and then serve Him in His house. He Himself gave, with the minutest care, directions for the arrangement and service of that house. But notice the **the blood** is the **center and reason for all of this.** Draw near to the vestibule of the earthly temple of the heavenly King and the first thing visible is the altar of burnt offering, where the shedding of blood continues (continued on column to the right)

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without ceasing from morning till evening. Enter the Holy Place and the most conspicuous thing is the golden altar of incense, standing in front of the veil, both of which have been sprinkled with blood. Ask what lies beyond the Holy Place and you will be told that it is the Most Holy Place where God dwells. If you ask how He dwells there and how He is approached, you will be told **“Not without blood.”** The golden ark where his glory shines is itself sprinkled with blood once every year when the high priest alone enters to bring in the blood and to worship God. The highest act in that worship is the **“sprinkling of the blood.”** If you inquire further you will be told that always find for everything **the blood** is the **one thing necessary.** At the **consecration of the tabernacle** or of **its priest**; at the **birth of a child**; in the **deepest penitence on account of sin**; in the **highest festival**; always and in everything the way to fellowship with God is through **the blood alone.** This continued for 1500 years. At Sinai, in the desert, at Shiloh, in the temple on Mount Moriah it continued—**till our Lord came to make an end of all shadows by bringing in the substance and by establishing fellowship with the Holy One in spirit and truth.**

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**Lev 17:10** 'And whatever man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who eats any blood, I will set My face against that person who eats blood, and will cut him off from among his people.

**Lev 17:11** For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.'

**Lev 17:12** Therefore I said to the children of Israel, 'No one among you shall eat blood, nor shall any stranger who dwells among you eat blood.'

**Num 10:10** (**Moses**) Also in the day of your gladness, in your appointed feasts, and at the beginning of your months, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; and they shall be a memorial for you before your God: I am the LORD your God."

**Jos 22:27** (**Joshua**) -but that it may be a witness between you and us and our generations after us, that we may perform the service of the LORD before Him with our burnt offerings, with our sacrifices, and with our peace offerings; that your descendants may not say to our descendants in time to come, "You have no part in the LORD." ' **1Sa 10:8** (**Samuel**) - You shall go down before me to Gilgal; and surely I will come down to you to offer burnt offerings and make sacrifices of peace offerings. Seven days you shall wait, till I come to you and show you what you should do."

**1Sa 11:15** So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. There they made sacrifices of peace offerings before the LORD, and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

**2Ch 29:31** When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. **(22,000 bulls; 120,000 sheep)**

**2Ch 29:31** Then Hezekiah answered and said, "Now that you have consecrated yourselves to the LORD, come near, and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the house of the LORD." So the assembly brought in sacrifices and thank offerings, and as many as were of a willing heart brought burnt offerings.

## INTERPRETATION

### The Bible is a Book of blood and a bloody Book.

From Genesis to Revelation we see the stream of blood which imparts to this Book the very life of God. Without the blood the Bible would be like any other book and of no more value, for the Bible plainly teaches that the life is in the blood.

**Lev. 17:10-14** - Notice the fundamental principle found in these verses –“For the life of the flesh is in the blood” The same inspired principle is repeated in the fourteenth verse where we read again: for it is the life of all flesh. Its blood sustains its life. Therefore I said to the children of Israel, 'You shall not eat the blood of any flesh, for the life of all flesh is its blood. Whoever eats it shall be cut off.'

Life, that mysterious something which scientists have never yet been able to define or fathom, is said by God to be in the blood of the flesh, so that there can be no life without the blood. Although this is true of all flesh, we are primarily interested in the human blood and particularly in the blood of the Man Christ Jesus because in His blood was not only life as we think of it physical, but Eternal life as well.

## APPLICATION

### The sanctity of life is so important! How important is it to you?

*“The life of the flesh is in the blood”!*

The body is composed of many kinds of tissues – muscle, nerve, fat, gland, bone, connective tissues.

**1. In how many of these are the cells fixed, microscopic is size and have a specific and limited function?**

**2. About how many quarts of blood are in the average human body?**

**3. How long does it take for blood to flow through (make its complete circuit) through the body?**

**4. What one thing do all cells have to receive to live?**

**5. Are all men related by the blood of Adam, sinful and polluted blood, dead in trespasses and in sins? What verse tells us that? (Acts 17:26)**

**6. Can it accurately that the blood cell both carry nutrients to the cells and waste from the cells?**

**7. What is the technical name of red cells? (erythrocytes). About how many are concentrated per cubic millimeter? (5M)**

**8. What is the technical name of white cells? (leucocytes). About how many are concentrated per cubic millimeter? (4-7k)**

**9. What is pus?**

**10. Was blood shed in the first act of worship recorded in the Bible? What man offered it?**

**11. What was the first recorded act of Noah after he had left the ark?**

**12. Where was it first taught that only through death can a life be truly consecrated to God. Where was the great lesson of substitution first taught?**

**13. Can you see in the progression of the mentioning of blood in the Bible, it coming closer and closer to us. Where was it first applied directly to the people?**

**14. As the “Most Holy Place” was approached, what had to be applied?**

**15. What is one of the most unique things about the blood of the Man, Christ Jesus?**