

The ALL ATONING BLOOD



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"And the dragon was cast out, that old serpent called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world; he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."
But the power of the blood avails even here. John continues by saying, "And I heard a voice in heaven saying, 'Now is come salvation and strength, and the kingdom of God, and the power of his Christ; for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accuseth them before our God day and night.' And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony."

We now see the blood of the Lamb is the everlasting fortress of the saints; and in every conflict, whether in the heavenlies or on earth, it stands foremost of all the means by which the accuser and his hosts are driven back. Here we see Michael and his angels with all the hosts of the Lord conquer the accuser and his hosts, by reason of the blood of the Lamb. Doctrines and theories of man may fail, but the blood will never fail.

A Jewish tradition tells of a little Jewish maiden who lay very sick of a fever on the night when the destroying angles passed over Egypt. She knew the homes of the children of Israel were to be protected by the sign of the blood upon the lintels of the door post. As evening came on, she called her father, and inquired anxiously whether at their home, the blood had been sprinkled, for she was the first-born in the little family. The father said he had looked after it earlier in the day, and told her not to worry about it. For a little time she seemed satisfied, then tossed about restlessly, and called again. Was he sure the blood was sprinkled? Again he assured her. All was well. The evening wore on. Midnight drew near. Suddenly the child sat up, cheeks flushed and eyes bright. "Father are you sure the blood is sprinkled on the doorposts?" To satisfy his cherished little daughter, the father picked her up in his strong arms and carried her to the door. No trace of the blood sign was there. A trusted servant had neglected the command.

Quickly the father returned the child to her couch. Quickly he prepared the sacrifice, and the blood was sprinkled. It was only just in time—no more. Then the destroying angel passed over, and passed them by.

The all-atonement blood is the theme of the Bible from beginning to end. The entire sweep of the Book, from the first entrance of sin, to the final ushering in of eternity, is the story of the triumph of the all-availing blood. Claim its merits day by day. Claim its protection for all your household. Claim it for your unsaved loved ones, and for your hiding place.

Thank God we can be over comers. *The blood has never lost its power.*

*Arise . My soul, arise, shake off thy guilty fears;
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.
He ever lives above, For me to intercede,
His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead;
His blood atoned for all our race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.
Five bleeding wounds He bears, Received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers,
They strongly plead for me:
"Forgive him, Oh forgive," they cry,
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die."*

So great a price was paid that Christ might purchase for Himself a church, a holy Bride. And now His invitation is, "Come!" We may accept or reject His offer. A young man who had just received an increase in salary telegraphed the young lady of his choice, "Will you marry me?" He prepaid the answer of a ten word reply. His suspense was brief. Back came the answer:

"Yes, gladly, willingly, joyfully, thankfully, gratefully, delightedly; yes; yes; yes;!" And to Christ's great offer and invitation we can respond as joyously and gladly, "yes, yes, yes."

His all in turn demands our best. A story is related of Queen Victoria, who, at times, loved to walk on the streets of London in plain dress, unrecognized. One day when she was out alone, it commenced to rain. Stepping up on a porch where she was passing, she asked the lady for the loan of an umbrella, promising to return it the following day.

"I have two umbrellas," replied the lady, "and as I know I will never see it again, I will let you have the old one."

Next day the queen sent a footman to return the umbrella, and sent along with it a small gift, "from your queen."

"My queen!" cried the dismayed woman, "if I had known it was my queen, I would have given her the best I had!" When we meet Christ face to face, it will seem too little if we have given Him ought but our best, since He gave His best for us.

When Queen Victoria as a young girl ascended the throne, she was told it was customary for a newly crowned sovereign to attend the singing of Handel's great oratorio, "The Messiah." She was instructed that when the Hallelujah Chorus was reached, the entire audience would rise, but she, as ruling sovereign, was to remain seated.

"He shall reign forever and ever," sang the chorus. Then began the great climax, King of kings and Lord of lords, Hallelujah!" The entire audience arose. The young queen stood it as long as she could, then quietly arose to her feet too, to do homage to Him who gave His life for us all. On the other shore, the hosts of the redeemed will do honour to Him, saying,

"Thou art worthy—for Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people and nation." Revelation 5:9

Meanwhile, while storms are raging here below, we can find a refuge in that holy retreat.

*"O hide you in the blood,
For the storms are raging high;
Oh are you in the blood,
'Till the dangers pass you by."*



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*“If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?”
Psalm 11:3*

*Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness,
My beauty are, my heavenly dress;
Mid flowing worlds, in these arrayed
With joy shall I lift up my head.*

No treasure can equal the value of the all-atoning blood, the precious blood of Christ.

The story of the fall is a familiar one, the result of the disobedience of man. God's fellowship with Adam was broken. God's favor became disfavor, for He could not look upon sin. Between God and His creatures an impassable gulf, sin, had come. As a result, a blight fell upon man, bringing in its trail what had not been hitherto known, disease and death. The very ground, which had yielded only blessings heretofore, shared in this blight, and now began to yield thorns and thistles.

To Adam, God said, “Cursed is the ground for thy sake.” To Cain, He said, “Thou art cursed from the earth.” It appeared that all God’s good and blessed purpose in creating the earth, and man, was to be thwarted and ruined.

A remedy was necessary.

How God provided that remedy is the great theme of the scriptures. Early in Genesis, the promise is made of the seed of the woman who should bring deliverance to the blighted race of man. And in the closing pages of the Bible, in the final chapters of the book of Revelation, the theme is still the same, a redeemed host swelling their praises to God for redemption through the blood of the Lamb.

Sin brought in its train disease and death, that only the out-poured life blood of the Son of God could cancel.

Through all ages some have perceived this and have given glory to God. Abel did so, and in acknowledgement offered a sacrificial lamb. Others, down through the ages, have not wished to see in God their salvation, and like Cain have boastingly offered the fruit of their own labour. Over-looking the fact that the vital element was lacking, they have presumed to build their own Tower of Babel, to reach to heaven. But it never does so. Only the cross of Christ can bridge the gulf from earth to glory. Only the out-poured life-blood of the Saviour can bring life eternal where death has reigned.

*In the Cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o’er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gather ‘round its head sublime.*

REMISSION OF SINS

“Without shedding of blood is no remission,” we read in Hebrews 9:22. The same verse refers to the old typical sacrifices upon Jewish altars, “Almost all things are by the law purged with blood.” There is a distinct reason for this.

*“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 ATONEMENT FOR THE
SOUL.”*

Leviticus 17:11

The Lord Jesus Himself reminds us of the merit of the all-atoning blood.

*“This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many,
for the remission of sins.” Matthew 26:28*

In this connection, repentance must be reached. The great sacrifice was God's part. Repentance is man's part. “God now commandeth all men everywhere to repent.” Many scriptures emphasize this.

“And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent.” Acts 17:30

*“Repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His
name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.” Luke 24:47*

*“Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus
Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the
Holy Ghost. Acts 2:38*

In the Old Testament atonement in type was made for sin and for sickness. We read in Exodus 32:30, and in many other scriptures of the atonement made for sin. Said Moses to the children of Israel, after their great sin in bringing their golden earrings, and having them melted in the idolatrous golden calf, “Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the Lord: peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin.” In the verses that follow, as we read Moses' intercessory prayer, full of suffering, asking God to forgive their great sin in making the molten calf; and if not, to blot his name out of God's book, we find a reflection, as far as could be humanly possible, of the sufferings of the Son of God for us. The cost of atonement for sin is very great.

HEALING IN THE ATONEMENT

Other scriptures show in type provision through atonement for sickness. “With his stripes we are healed,” declares the prophet Isaiah, in chapter 53, verse 5. On another occasion when the children of Israel had sinned a great sin, a plague came upon them. “Get you up from among this congregation, that I may consume them as in a moment,” was the Lord's warning to Moses. Then Moses told Aaron to “go quickly and make an atonement, for wrath is gone out from the Lord; the plague is begun.” And when Aaron made an atonement, the plague was stayed. The account of this incident is found in Numbers 16:46-50.

SAFETY IN THE ATONEMENT

God's people are only safe when by faith they trust the merits of the all-atoning blood. It was so on that memorable night in Egypt when God spared the first born. He saw the faith of those that put the blood of the typical lamb on the upper door post, and upon the two side posts of the houses. In the case of the Israelites it was the blood of the pascal lamb that delivered them. In our case, it is the blood of the true lamb of God. It is through His death we are justified by faith. It is through His death we have peace with God. Reading in Romans 5:1, 8, 11, we find we are “justified by faith,” as “Christ died for us,” and through Him “we have now received the atonement.”

A newspaper man once informed us that for many years the British Empire had a red thread running through all the rope used in its navy. Wherever, on any distant shore, even a fragment of rope was washed ashore, it could at once be identified by that red thread. Through all the Word of God, the red thread is run through. Any other gospel is spurious, and unsound.

Napoleon once stood in a tent on the battlefield. His generals were around him. Before him, on the tent wall, was a map of Europe. The British Isles were coloured red. Putting his finger there, it is said Napoleon turned to his generals and said, “If it were not for that red spot, I could have conquered the world.” If it were not for the crimson spot on a lonely hill called Calvary, a greater foe than Napoleon could have conquered the souls of all mankind.

WHAT THE ATONEMENT MEANS TO US

Every phase of the atonement is through this great price. We are justified, says Romans 5:8, by His blood. We have forgiveness of sins, states Ephesians 1:7, through His blood. Jesus suffered without the gate that He might sanctify the people with His own blood. John tells us, 1 John 1:7-9, that if we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. This too is through the blood. How necessary it is that we appropriate its benefit to our souls, that in this day and generation we may be cleansed from all sin. Even under the law this cleansing was required, for God commanded His people to be holy.

*“Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto
them, ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy.”*

Leviticus 19:2

THE CHURCH PURCHASED BY THE BLOOD

At the close of the Civil War, when all hostilities were commanded to cease, some outlaw bands of southerners refused to comply. They remained in the woods, coming out occasionally to ravage farms for food. Eventually the order was given to round up and shoot as traitors those who would not yield.

Just at sundown, at the edge of a woods, a captain had rounded up about twenty offenders. They stood in line before a freshly dug trench, and the captain's men merely awaited the word, “Fire”. Just then a young man appeared out of the edge of the woods, and addressed the captain. He told him briefly that he had belonged to that band, but not being caught, he considered his life his own. The captain admitted it to be so. Then the young man pointed to a white haired man standing at the end of the line, and informed the captain they both came from the same town. The older man however had a family, while the young man had no one dependent upon him. He asked permission to take the older man's place, that the older man might go home. The captain consented and the change was made.

“Fire,” came the command, and twenty lifeless bodies were soon buried in the long, shallow grave. When the soldiers had gone, the older man returned from the woods, dug up the body of the young man from the end of the trench, and had it taken to their home and properly buried. He had a monument erected, and on the anniversary day would take his children that they might see it, and read the words that were inscribed,

“HE TOOK MY PLACE IN THE LINE.” HE DIED FOR ME.

No the purchase price of the Church of God was Christ's own blood, we read in Acts 20:28. Paul in 1 Cor. 6:19 and 20, reminds us of this. “Ye are not your own but are bought with a price.” And the Apostle Peter tells us;

*“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible
things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradi-
tion from your father; “But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a
lamb without blemish and without spot: “Who verily was foreordained
before the foundation of the world.” 1 Peter 1:18-20.*

FAITH IN THE ATONING BLOOD MEETS EVERY NEED

When upon the conscience, it dispels every fear. When seen upon the Book, or within the Book, it shatters every doubt. Moses “sprinkled both the book, and all the people.” Hebrews 9:19. Yea, it is by faith in the blood that we enter into the holiest. Hebrews 10:19. And it is by faith in the blood that the pure in heart, Matthew 5:8, shall see God.

The world, and even many who in name are Christians may try to substitute good works and self righteousness for the blood, but God's true people realize its true value more and more as they see the day of Christ approaching.

It is very important that we note the great faith Moses had in the atoning blood. Paul brings this to us very forcibly in these words, Hebrews 11:24-28, “By faith Moses kept the Passover, and the sprinkling of blood.” He tells why “*Lest he that destroyed the first born should touch them.*” No doubt Moses remembered the special promise of God, “*When I see the blood, I will pass over you.*” Moses realized that to be under the protection of the blood, he and his people were safe.

JOHN'S GLIMPSE INTO THE FUTURE

We see the faith of John in the redeeming blood. John on Patmos' Isle saw the living creatures and the four and twenty elders before the Lamb singing a new song, saying, “thou are worthy to take the Book, and to open the seals thereof.” Then he tells why He was found worthy. “*For Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood out of every kindred and tongue and people and nations. And the number of them was ten thousand, and thousands of thousands.*” Oh! Hallelujah! What a wonderful proof we have here of the merits of the all-availing blood! Rev. 5:8-11

John saw another vision. He said, Rev. 7:9-14, “*After this I beheld a great number which no man could number of all nations and kindred and people and tongues, that stood before the throne, and before the Lamb.*” The question was asked, “Who are these that are arrayed in white robes, and whence come they?” And the answer came, “Sir, thou knowest. *These are they which came out of tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*”

We read in Revelation 12:10 of war in heaven. How strange. Yet Satan is called in Eph. 2:2 “the prince of the power of the air.” More literally, “The prince of the aerial host.” Satan is also called the god of this world, 2 Cor. 2:2, though he is never called the god of the universe.

Now in connection with this war, please note there is “the heaven,” and “the heaven of heavens,” which is above all. This latter term is found in 1 Kings 8:27, and in Deuteronomy 10:14. The apostle Paul was caught up into the third heaven, into the paradise of God. Now Dr. Seiss says the region of this battle is “the heaven” in the air, in the spaces above the earth. John said, “there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon.” Rev. 12:7