

THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB AND THE WORD OF OUR TESTIMONY - II

"The Blood of Jesus"

Rev. 12:10-11

- I. THE ACCUSER OF THE BRETHREN IS CAST DOWN.
 - A. Satan is the accuser of the brethren.
 - B. Accuses us before our God day and night.
 - C. What does he accuses of us?
 - 1. No doubt seeks to point out to God our failures.
 - 2. Brings to God's attention our past sins.
 - D. When satan accuses us, he no doubt lets us know about it.
 - 1. That brings condemnation.
 - 2. There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.
 - E. How do we overcome him?

- II. BY THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB AND THE WORD OF OUR TESTIMONY.

- III. GOD'S REDEMPTIVE PLAN.
 - A. Satan's role in the garden.
 - B. Man's broken fellowship with God.
 - C. God's plan.
 - 1. To broke satan's dominion over man.
 - 2. To restore fellowship back to Himself.
 - D. God makes covenant with Abraham.

- IV. THE OLD COVENANT.
 - A. Law was given; law was broken.
 - B. Priesthood needed to be intercessor between God and man.
 - 1. With the priesthood were given the Atonement Offerings.
 - a. God appointed a special sacrifice in which the blood was to cover the broker Law, and to cover spiritually dead Israel so that God could dwell in their midst.
 - b. The word "atonement" in the Hebrew means to cover.
 - c. Israel was spiritually dead, and had to be covered with the "life that was in the blood."
 - d. Israel was unfit to stand uncovered in the presence of a holy God.
 - 2. The High Priest became the surety of the Covenant. He stood between the people and God.

3. Once a year he entered into the Holy of Holies to make the yearly atonement.

V. THIS IS THE BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT.

- A. *"I long to break this bread with you and drink this cup; and after He had blessed the bread and brake it, He said, 'This is My body that is broken for you.' Then He took a cup of wine and said, 'This is My Blood of the New Covenant that is poured out for many for the remission of sins.'"*
- B. The Old Covenant had the Levitical Priesthood. The New Covenant has Jesus as the High Priest and we as the royal and Holy Priesthood.
- C. Under the Old Covenant, the sacrifices could never make perfect the man, "else would they not have ceased to be offered? because the worshippers, having once been cleansed, would have a more consciousness of sins."
- D. There is a sacrifice that takes away the sin consciousness so that man stands uncondemned in God's presence.
1. There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus (Rom. 8:1).
 2. Being therefore justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Rom. 5:1).
 3. God becomes our Righteousness or our Justification, "That He might Himself be Righteous, and the Righteousness of him that hath faith in Jesus." (Rom. 3:26)
- E. Under the New Covenant our sins are not covered. They are put away. They are remitted. They are as though they had never been.
- F. Jesus settle the sin problem, made it possible for God to legally remit all that we have ever done, and give to us Eternal Life, making us New Creations.
- G. *"Wherefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things are passed away; behold, they are become new. But all things are of God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave unto us the ministry of reconciliation" (II Cor. 5:17-18)*

VI. JESUS OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST TOOK HIS OWN BLOOD INTO THE HOLY OF HOLIES IN HEAVEN.

- A. When God accepted the blood of Jesus, He signified that the claims of justice had been met, and that man could be legally taken from Satan's authority and restored back to fellowship with God.
- B. On the ground of His High Priestly offering of His own blood, He perfected our Redemption. He satisfied the claims of justice and made it possible for God to legally give man eternal life, making him righteous; giving him standing as a Son.

VII. WHO CAN LAY A CHARGE TO GOD'S ELECT?

- A. Demons hate and fear us because God has declared us righteous.
- B. There is no one to condemn us. Jesus is living to make intercession for us.
- C. Many Christians are living in broken fellowship; would be living victoriously if knew Jesus was their advocate.
1. An advocate is "one who pleads the cause of another in a court of law; one who defends,

vindicates, or espouses a cause by argument; an upholder; a defender; one summoned to aid."

- D. Jesus has put sin away by the sacrifice of Himself, and the only consciousness you will ever have of sin is when you do something that is not right; and then you will take advantage of the Blood of Christ and of the Advocacy of Jesus.

PRESENT MINISTRY OF JESUS.

A. High Priest.

1. He is still our merciful and faithful High Priest. He can be touched with the feelings of our infirmities.
2. He is High Priest forever; still minister of the sanctuary.

B. Mediator.

1. Mediator because of who He is. Bridged the gulf between man and God.
2. Mediator because of what He did. Man was alienated from God, and was under the judgment of Satan.
3. As mediator, Jesus introduces the unsaved man to God.
"Yet now hath He reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and without blemish and unprovable through Him" (Col. 1:22).
While man was unrighteous in his condition of spiritual death, he could not approach God, neither could any mediator have approached God for him.
Man now has an approach to God through Christ, his mediator.
We can now enter boldly into the throne room of grace.

A. Intercessor.

1. Mediator for sinner; intercessor for the Christian.
2. Still in our unrenewed minds, we can say and do things that are not pleasing to God.

B. Advocate.

1. *"My little children, these things I write unto you that ye may not sin, and if any man sins we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the Righteous."* (1 Jn. 2:1).
2. If we confess our sins, he is righteous and faithful to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
3. If we do not know Jesus as Advocate, may not take forgiveness when we confess our sins. The Father forgives the moment we confess.

Surety.

Under the Old Covenant, High Priest was surety. If he failed, it interrupted the relationship between God and Israel.

Jesus will never fail. Our position before the Father is absolutely secure.