Chapter 1

The Power of the Blood of Jesus

The Blood that was shed on the cross at Calvary was not that of a mere mortal but of the unique personality and God-Man, Jesus the Christ. Since it was not inherited from Adam, Jesus' blood was therefore pure and holy. Jesus' blood was, and is, the only valid atonement for Adam's original sin through which the entire human race was polluted, as sin became a principle of life, not merely an action! The Blood was divine life poured out to buy back the freedom and life of humanity from Satan's legal lordship which began the day Adam and Eve fell (Genesis 3). In effect, while the whole world lies in the hand of their ultimate unseen god, the wicked One, the "prince" of this world was judged at Calvary and has no legal hold over those who have been redeemed through the blood of Jesus Christ. (1 John 5:4, 5, 19).

> **For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? (1 John 5: 4, 5)**
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> **And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. (1 John 5:19)**

The Blood fulfilled the just demands of God's Law for humanity. Once it was shed, the Blood became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for sin. No other sacrifice for sin has been approved or acceptable since that day.

But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people: the Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; which stood only in meats and drinks, and diverse washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation. But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: 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? And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.

Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood. 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, saying, 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: nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; for then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself, and as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: so Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation. (Hebrews 9:7-28)

The numerous, nearly impossible-to-fulfil ordinances which were against mankind were fulfilled in that single sinless sacrifice of the God-Man, Jesus Christ. What the Law could

not achieve due to the weakness of the flesh – such that even the High Priest under the Old Covenant needed to atone for his own sins – Jesus Christ took upon and fulfilled in Himself. The result is that those purchased by the Blood can validly walk in the liberty of holiness without struggling, if they would surrender their lives and weaknesses to the Bishop and Shepherd of their souls by allowing Him to run their lives.

> **In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; and having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. (Colossians 2:11-15)**

The redeemed walk by the grace derived from Jesus' fulfilling the Law on our behalf. The Sermon on the Mount reveals that our righteousness, which is based on the New Covenant, is of greater value than the legalistic observances of religious works (see Matthew 5-7).

This blood was shed for you personally. It was shed to cancel every legally valid reason why you should fail, be afflicted or die before your time. It was shed to open the life gate transitioning you from sinner to saint; from a condemned, accursed person to being favoured and blessed of God and

man. The Lord said of your limitations, torments and fears: "**It is finished**" (John 19:30).

Jesus' blood opened the heavens when it was shed, and in the present, in order that no true saint should have to labour under a closed heaven. The Blood was taken to the Court of Heaven and shown to I AM right on the true Mercy Seat, proving that the blood of the animals poured out on top of the Ark of the Covenant was merely a copy.

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The Blood had to be shown in the Courts of Heaven where the mother of all sins (Lucifer's pride and rebellion) was conceived and executed.

> **How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. (Isaiah 14:12-14)**

For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people, to whom he said, "this is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing:" yet they would not hear. But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken. Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men that rule this people which is in Jerusalem.

Because ye have said, "we have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves": therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, "behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

"Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place. And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it. From the time that it goeth forth it shall take you: for morning by morning shall it pass over, by day and by night: and it shall be a vexation only to understand the report." (Isaiah 28:11-19)

This also means that you cannot come to heaven on your own

merit, or approach God based on your self righteousness or good deeds. The only lawful access to the Mercy Seat is through the shed blood of Christ. Come with your petitions through that valid avenue and you will receive help in time of need.

> **Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; and having an high priest over the house of God; let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; [for he is faithful that promised]. (Hebrews 10:19-23)**
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> **Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God; let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace; that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:14-16)**
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> **For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying, "I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I**

sing praise unto thee." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "behold I and the children which God hath given me."

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted; he is able to succour them that are tempted. (Hebrews 2:10-18)

A Redeemed Earth

The Blood of Jesus also redeemed this earth from the curse it has borne since the day Adam and Eve's conduct attracted the terrible judgement of a backbreaking laboured existence.

And unto Adam he said, "because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, 'Thou shalt not eat of it': cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto

dust shalt thou return." (Genesis 3:17-19)

When Jesus' side was pierced, blood and water spilled out on the earth in addition to the drops of blood which had resulted from the whipping and the crown of thorns. Saints are no longer to live under the curse, because every drop of that holy blood that touched the earth was on a redemptive mission to take the curse away. If you know, believe, and apply this truth; your business, job and personal economics will be redeemed from the curse in Genesis 3. It is wrong to dwell in Genesis 3 when Galatians 3 has long overtaken it! Saints, the Blood bears witness on earth; and you must no longer operate in ignorance of this legacy that Christ bequeathed to you at great cost (1 John 5:8).

An Open Show to the Enemy of Man

The Blood of Jesus was also taken to the courts of hell and displayed to Satan and his evil cohorts. As the lifeless body of Christ hung on the tree, His spirit and soul went on a journey to show the blood to the Enemy of mankind who was no doubt celebrating what he thought was a triumph over the Prince of Life! In revealing the Blood, Jesus took the keys of death and hell away from the cowering Satan:

> **I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. (Revelation 1:18)**
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> **And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, "all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." (Matthew 28:18)**

That is why the resurrection was, and remains, an important doctrine of the Kingdom. By rising from the dead after exiting this earthly life and making that brief sortie into hell, Christ

was proved beyond every reasonable doubt to have fulfilled the divine plan of redemption, and taken captivity captive as He ascended to heaven:

> **Wherefore he saith, when he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. [Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things]. (Ephesians 4:8-10)**

The Blood is your Bill of Rights

Saints, the blood of Jesus is your certificate of redemption and the powerhouse where you are safe and sound. Has Satan arisen against you, your spouse, children, family, destiny, business, or job in any way? Don't keep quiet. Do not be lazy. By faith and prayer, go to war – spiritual warfare that is – using the Blood of the Lamb and your testimony as a blood-bought saint to overcome as promised by Revelation 12:11. Come out of your shell. Stop retreating. Stop giving more space to the enemy. Go forward with the blood of the Lamb and see his powers crumble and his hosts scatter as you plead and apply the blood! Are your nights troubled by bad dreams and nightmares?

Draw a blood line around your soul and property, and watch yourself sleep like a baby! Nothing can be more strategic than to teach even our young folks the incredible power of the blood of Jesus. Witches and wizards bow and cringe in fear at the mention of the blood of Jesus when used in faith!

Saints, please set aside the worldly wisdom of your so-called 'great' preachers and teachers and lay hold of the legacy

freely bequeathed to you by our Great King Jesus, with which we are to go through the journey of life. Failure is not an option! Your destiny has been procured, signed, sealed and delivered by the blood of the Lamb that was slain. Satan can neither open nor destroy the seal of your destiny. Only the Lamb who was slain is qualified to open the Seal and to direct the course of your life and destiny. Amen!