

The Mystery of the Blood

Season 2 Episode 3

INTRODUCTION:

Nothing in Scripture stirs the passion of man like the Crucifixion of Jesus.

- Jesus came to redeem the world.
 - He was a problem to those who did not have eyes to see and ears to hear.
 - The less perceptive took offense to many things He said,
 - Jesus declared that we must drink His blood and eat His flesh.
 - This statement alone resulted in the loss of 400 followers in one day.
 - What is so important about the blood?
 - Why did Jesus proclaim that the wine of the last supper was His blood and the unleavened bread was His flesh?

TALKING POINTS: Teaching Session 1

The first blood that was shed for sin was in the Garden of Eden after the sin of Adam and Eve.

- God provided the first sacrifice by killing an animal and covering Adam and Eve with its' skin.

The Apostle Paul writes that without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin.

- Paul being an astute, highly educated student of Gamaliel—one of the top rabbi's in Israel—would have expertly known the Scriptures and what they said.
- Paul knew that the priests were commanded to sprinkle two substances on every piece of furniture in the Tabernacle.
 - They were first to sprinkle blood and afterward sprinkle oil.

- The Bible reveals in Leviticus 17:11 that Blood was for the atonement of the soul, which is our mind, will, and emotions.
- Anointing with oil is for healing.
- Every piece of furniture in the Tabernacle was for redemption, healing, or restoring.
- Paul recognized the connection between the blood of the lamb in the Garden and the blood on the furniture of the Tabernacle.

Why blood?

- Before we can answer that we need to recognize that every sin takes place through yielding to the unbiblical desires of our soul.
 - The blood of the sacrifice was to cover the sins of the soul.
- Is that still true today?
 - Does man now sin with his spirit or is sin still the result of yielding to the demands of our soul?
 - The body may carry out our desires, but the command to do so starts within the soul. Thus, the blood of the sacrifice was to cover the sin of the soul.
 - Before Jesus was taken to be crucified He was in the Garden and said, "My soul is exceedingly troubled."

The blood has always been about the redemption of our soul.

- Jesus overcame the temptation of His soul so we would have the grace or strength to overcome the same attack against ours.

TALKING POINTS: Teaching Session 2

The Bible tells us we should not drink blood because the life of the flesh is in the blood.

- This simply means that the influence of the soul is in the life force of the blood and is carried out by the flesh.
- In other words, what the soul wants the body will do.
- Scripture also tells us that the blood of bulls and goats, though a shadow of things to come, was still an imperfect atonement because it only covered the sin—it did not take the sin away.
- In the book of Hebrews, Paul writes that it is not possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.
- What is the difference between the covering of sin and the taking away of sin?

- If sin is only covered the sin still remains. If you lift up the cover to look under it you will find the sin is still there.
- Covered sin allows us to still feel its effects long after we have repented of it.
- Up until Jesus came, every person who died went to Sheol, a holding tank in the after life that was ruled by Satan.
- Everyone would stay in Sheol until the Great White Throne Judgment when all would give an account of their life.
- Three exceptions:
 - Enoch, who was translated to be with God.
 - Elijah, who was taken in a whirlwind to be with God.
 - Moses, who had God bury His body so Satan could not find it.

This began to change with the crucifixion of Jesus.

- Jesus was the perfect, everlasting sacrifice.
- What was accomplished by the shedding of the blood of Jesus could not be accomplished by the blood of goats and bulls.
- For His blood to be perfect it had to have two components.
 - First, the blood had to come from a human because it was a man who sinned—not a goat or a bull.
 - Second, just as the blood of goats and bulls had to come from a flawless animal the blood of Jesus had to come from a sinless man. Furthermore, Satan had to have the freedom to tempt that man during his life and the man had to refuse to submit to Satan. Jesus could have no privilege of deity. In other words, He had to be fully man to atone for man.

TALKING POINTS: Teaching Session 3

Jesus, as fully man, was the perfect sacrifice, which made His blood the perfect blood.

- In His perfection His blood took away our sin.
- All we have to do to apply His blood to our life is to repent of our sin, turn away from it, and ask Him to forgive us.
- Any memory of sin does not come from Heaven but from the powers of darkness who love to lie to us and tell us that our sin has not been taken away.

What about Sheol?

- We no longer have to go to Sheol until the day of judgement.
- All the followers of God Almighty were waiting in Sheol. Their sins were only covered by the sacrifices of bulls and goats. Their sins were still present and the stench of their old dead man was overwhelming.

The blood of Jesus did not cover our sins, it took our sins away!

- John the Baptist said, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."
- After His crucifixion, Jesus descended to Sheol and confronted Satan.
- Because Jesus had no sin and Satan was full of sin—by the law of sinlessness—Jesus obtained the keys to death, Hell, and the grave.

TALKING POINTS: Teaching Session 4

The connection of wine and blood was deeply important to Jesus.

- When Jesus held up the cup at the Last Supper, He emphatically equated wine to being His blood and bread to being His body.
- He was equating Himself the Passover Lamb.
- The first miracle Jesus did was to turn six large urns of water into wine. There was always a deeper, hidden meaning in everything Jesus did.
 - The first key is recognizing that six is the number of man and the six urns represented what Jesus was about to do for mankind.
 - Second, the water represented the water baptism from John the Baptist for the remission of sins. The Hebrew children would wash themselves before they went into the temple or synagogue representing the washing off of sin in their life. This was called a mikvah or water purification. John took it to a whole new level.
 - Third, Jesus turned the water into wine to show that there was a more perfect cleansing coming. Water may cleanse you on the outside, but His blood would cleanse you on the inside. This cleansing on the inside is one of the most important elements concerning the blood of Jesus.

Wine connects to the spirit.

- The Bible says not to be drunk with wine, but be filled with the Spirit.
- Jesus also gave us the mysterious connection when He spoke about new and old wine and new and old wineskins.

CONCLUSION:

We humans are intelligent, passionate, and strong-willed beings. All of this is good when applied to loving God, studying the Bible, and not giving up on our faith. It can also be troublesome when used to achieve our own desires because they typically, at some point, end up causing someone pain.

The priest first applied blood and then applied oil to every piece of furniture in the Tabernacle. It is important to understand this order of application, because Jesus our High Priest has done the same for us.

Here we have come full circle. The wineskin is you, and the new wine is the new and perfect atonement—the blood of Jesus. The old wine and wineskin was imperfect and brittle. The new wineskin is not.

Your sins have been taken away and Paradise awaits you. But, there is one more important matter, a matter so important that it could not happen if Jesus remained on the earth—that is the coming of the Holy Spirit.

What did Jesus do after atoning for you with His blood? He applied the oil to mankind by sending the Holy Spirit, not just to visit you, but to indwell you. The perfect blood of Jesus has so cleansed you of all unrighteousness, that the perfect, Holy Spirit of God can now indwell you and make His home in you. This was not possible prior to the blood of Jesus being shed for you. No one in the Old Testament had this privilege.

What did Jesus say to His disciples right before He ascended? “You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you...” The word power is translated from the Greek word *Dunamis*. *Dunamis* is the root word for dynamite. What action was Jesus saying would take place when the new atonement enters the new wineskin? It is the action of the Holy Spirit and all He brings into our life.

Jesus told the woman at the well that God longs for us to worship Him in Spirit and truth. This could not happen without the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. My question to you is this, “have you asked the blood of Jesus to cover you and take your sins away.” If not there is no better time than now.

