

LESSON 6



EXCEPT SHEDDING OF BLOOD IS NO REMISSION

Scripture Texts: Leviticus 17:11; Exodus 24:8; Matthew 26:27-28; Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 9:22, 10:12-19; Revelation 12:11

In Leviticus 17:11 we are told that blood is precious because in it is life. God ordained the system of animal sacrifices as a symbol of the coming sacrifice of Christ. Even before Christ came here, sin could be atoned for only by the shedding of blood.

Animal sacrifices atoned temporarily until time for the final sacrifice. This final sacrifice was Christ's. His blood was necessary for salvation. Except we trust in the blood of Christ, shed for us and in our place, there is no forgiveness of sin.

MEMORY VERSE: *And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.* *Hebrews 9:22*

Covenants Sealed With Blood

In Exodus 24:8 we find that when God made His covenant of the Law with Israel, Moses took blood of sacrifices and sprinkled it on the altar (representing God's side) and on the people. It bound God to His promises to bless Israel and be their God. It bound Israel to their promises to keep His Law.

Matthew 26:27-28 tells us that when Jesus was about to sacrifice Himself, He gave the symbol of His shed blood (grape juice) to His disciples, calling it My blood of the New Testament, or new covenant. A better one was taking the place of the old. His blood bound Him and His people together; He to save from sin, they to receive, trust, and obey Him.

The Blood of the Lamb

Why is Jesus called our Passover? Why is He called the Lamb of God? As God prepared Israel to escape from Egypt, He instructed them to kill the Passover lamb. The Israelites applied the blood as they were instructed and were saved from death. They ate the flesh of the lamb and received strength for their journey. Does Jesus fulfill this type?

Power of the Blood

Ephesians 1:7 tells us that through Christ's blood we have forgiveness of sins—our guilt is blotted out. Also, through it we have redemption. That is, Christ's sacrifice "buys back" from Satan all who repent and trust Him. It frees those who repent from sin's bondage. God does not forgive and leave us in sin. He gives us the power to keep from sinning. He also frees us from sin's final result, which is hell.

In Hebrews 9:11-28 the writer looked back into the religious history of Israel and saw the blood shed by the many sacrifices. This blood of animals was effective for purifying material articles that were patterns of things that would follow in a new dispensation. The cleansing power of animal blood was limited. It was only a type of a greater cleanser to come.

Nothing but blood could purify material patterns. Animal blood could do that only if applied in divine order,

but to cleanse a soul from sin takes divine blood. Only the blood of Jesus Christ suffices. This is the teaching of the Bible, and the Bible is the Word of God. One offering is enough if its quality is perfect for the need. The sacrifice of Christ is. None other will ever be made to sanctify us and set us apart to God, as we read in Hebrews 10:12-14.

In Revelation 12:11 we find three means by which the martyrs of the early church overcame Satan:

- (1) The blood of the Lamb—faith in the shed blood of Christ put within them life in Christ, power, purity, and light—casting out the corruption, ignorance, and falseness of paganism.
- (2) Their testimony.
- (3) The consecration of their lives even unto the death. These weapons are available to all God's people when they take complete faith in the blood of Jesus Christ that was shed on Calvary's Cross.

Jesus died to pay our debt for sin. He died to give us life—His life. Jesus did a work on the Cross that no other could do, the greatest ever done in the world. Have you entered into this holiest place that the blood of Jesus opens to us? If not, as far as you are concerned, Christ died in vain. Do not let your portion be wasted.



JUST A THOUGHT

The loneliest place in the world is the human heart

when love is absent.

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