

# Blessings of the Atonement

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God's power brings righteousness, peace, health, and protection. The very moment we understand what that Atonement Blood really means and stands for, Satan cannot bring anything, from a minor cough to a major disease upon us. It is essential that we know exactly what our privileges and blessings are that are provided through that Blood.

In Isaiah 53:1, we have a very significant statement. It first asks a question and then suggests an answer.

*"Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?"*

Who hath believed what God has said about the great Sacrifice, or the shedding of Blood and breaking of the body of His Son? Have we ever grasped the full meaning of it? The very moment we really believe and accept that plain statement that God tells us about His Son dying on the Cross for us, and just what that Blood means to us, then that moment God's arm will move on our behalf to give us the benefits of that great work.

We have that same statement only worded a little differently in 1 Corinthians 1:18, *"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God."*

The very moment we accept that statement about the Word of the Cross, its true meaning, and what it means and stands for—that moment the power of God sets us free and begins to work at once for us.

We have the same thought in Hebrews 10:14, *"For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified."*

God has made this provision and it is all ready for us, Jesus came and finished this work and affirmed it just before His life parted from Him, as He was dying on that Cross, He said, **"IT IS FINISHED!"**

The Book of Hebrews is called the Atonement Book and brings out in detail Isaiah's prophecies and brings out greater truths to set people free in everything and in every way.

In Hebrews 10:10 it is written, *"By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."* We have perfect righteousness, perfect peace, and free access to all that God has for us.

That Blood shed on that Cross also sets us free from sin. The moment we grasp that fact and its relation to our sins, they drop off.

In Genesis 4:4, Abel offered the blood of a little lamb as a type of Jesus Christ on the Cross.

(Verse 4) *And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering.*

That was all that God required of Abel and accepted that offering of the blood of a little lamb. In the book of Hebrews, we read what God had to say about that offering.

Hebrews 11:4, *"By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh."*

Abel accepted that statement and received perfect righteousness and full deliverance from the guilt and power of sin. He offered blood as a type of Jesus' Blood on the Cross and that is what brought his righteousness.

God did not say that we have to cry, beg, or plead for forgiveness. He said, "All you are expected to do is accept the offering that I have provided, which is the Blood of Christ on the Cross. That is all that is required for your full pardoning and cleansing from sin and for the fullness of My power within you."

Our acceptance of that Word is the only plan upon which God can come in and give us full pardoning and cleansing of sin. Our hearts are cleansed only because of that Blood. We receive forgiveness, pardon and cleansing, and the gift of righteousness, because of the Blood of that great Passover Lamb alone—not for any other reason—not for anything we have done, or the

prayers we have offered, but all because we have based our hopes on the Blood of Christ on the Cross.

This is brought out clearly in Hebrews 9:13-14, *"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?"*

If Abel's lamb would bring pardon and cleansing, without merit or price on his part, how much more will the Blood of Jesus Christ do for us today?

This is also brought out by the teaching of Philip to the eunuch in the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter of Acts. The eunuch was reading from a roll in the 53<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Isaiah, where the prophet was speaking about the coming of the Messiah.

Acts 8:32-33, *"He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth."*

Philip joined the eunuch in the chariot and asked him if he understood what he was reading. The eunuch replied, "How can I, except some man should guide me?"

This man was a well-educated man and held a very high position from Ethiopia, with great wisdom of the world but very ignorant of divine wisdom. Philip began to teach him from the scriptures, stating that the Prophet Isaiah was teaching concerning Jesus Christ, God's Son, the Messiah, Who came to this earth and spent three and a half years teaching, and then was nailed to a Cross, hanging and suffering for six hours with His Blood flowing freely for us, in order to pardon our sins, cleanse our hearts, and to fill us with God's righteousness. Therefore, whoever believed that He hung and died there for them, would receive deliverance from their sins, if they believed and were baptized, and would be brought into union with Jesus Christ.

As they went on their way, they came to a stream of water and the eunuch asked if he could be baptized. Philip answered in Acts 8:37, *"If thou be-*

lievest with all thine heart, thou mayest.” And he answered and said, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”

What Philip meant to say was, “If you really believe, with all your heart upon the Lord Jesus Christ, that He died for your sins and you accept Him and His Blood as your only hope, you may.”

The eunuch was baptized at that place and went home a delivered man. He did not have to get down and coax and plead with God to forgive him because he was a bad person. No, he had a right to ask forgiveness, but that is not the whole attitude we are to take. We are also to believe that through that Blood there is remission of sins.

Peter stood up before those hard-hearted Jews and preached in Acts 2:38, “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.”

And in Acts 10:43 he said, “To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.”

Whoever believes what the Blood stands for and what it was shed for, will be justified. All we have to do is believe God’s testimony concerning the Blood.

Cornelius, in the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of Acts, was willing to do anything, but he was not called on to do anything. He just sat there listening to Peter’s message. Peter presented to him the story of the Cross, and of his sins, which caused Jesus Christ to hang there. He told him that if he believed the statement concerning the shedding of that Blood, he would be free from every sin and receive full deliverance.

Cornelius didn’t say a word, neither was he doing anything, only listening to Peter’s message. Cornelius accepted the statements concerning the Blood. He didn’t beg or plead for God’s mercy, it wasn’t the way that he prayed or what was said about the Blood. However, the very moment Cornelius believed that the Blood was shed to set him free and deliver him from the power of Satan, it was all that God required. It says in Acts 10:44 that, “While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.”

So many think that there must be something to do of themselves in order to receive their full deliverance from sin. In thinking that, they place themselves in the place of Cain. It is all what God has done for us. The Blood of Jesus Christ has set us free and grants us pardon and cleansing without any works of our own.

Ephesians 2:10, “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”

God begins to work as soon as we believe the testimony concerning the Blood. That is also very important in reference to our health and protection. The very moment we accept the Atonement of Jesus Christ for the healing of our body, we are granted perfect health, but in no other way, no works of man of any kind can be added. If we do, that puts us in the class with Cain.

The Testimony of the Blood of Jesus Christ is just as emphatic as it is written. Isaiah 53:4-5, “Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.”

We are promised 100% peace, 100% health and protection, perfect strength in our bodies, perfect protection from the power of Satan. No matter how Satan likes to belittle the work and value of Jesus Christ, he cannot diminish His power to work in our behalf.

The very moment we accept the statements concerning the Blood, at their face value, it is plainly stated how this works out in Matthew 8:16-17, “When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.”

Satan had to flee; everyone was healed; all diseases fled at His Word. This means that we too are exempted, from the moment we accept God’s statement concerning the Blood, we have perfect health and protection, and nothing short of it.

For two thousand years this great Passover Lamb has been slain and there has been perfect deliverance from Satan and his power; he has been rendered powerless.

Hebrews 2:14, “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.”

We are dead indeed unto sickness and the oppressions of Satan, dead indeed to his attacks, every one of his fiery darts are quenched on the shield of faith. Satan cannot get passed the Blood of Jesus Christ any more than he could the blood of that little lamb down in Egypt. We have perfect victory in everything; Satan is absolutely paralyzed and conquered.

Romans 8:37, “Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.”

When Satan tries to violate our rights by putting on us any oppression, spiritually, physically, in the home or workplace, we should refuse to have it. The work of Jesus Christ on the Cross sets us free from every work of Satan.

John 8:36, “If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”

When we count ourselves free through the Word, and firmly resist the attacks of Satan, in full dependence upon God’s power, we will have immediate results.

James 4:7, “Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

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