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John 8:36 (KJV) "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

It is very important that we get a clear knowledge of the value, the meaning, and the benefits to our individual lives of the great work done for us on Calvary's Cross. God has done His very best to make it plain for us, in His Holy Word, through many prophets and teachers. His very object has been to enlighten us, through many examples, of what that blood means and what that great work has done for us. Everything pointed to the blood before Jesus came and now everything points back to the Blood that Jesus shed for us on the Cross. This is the very foundation for our health, healing, and all spiritual blessing.

Satan knows this too and will do everything he can to hide, belittle, and nullify the work on the Cross. He knows that when a soul understands what that great work can do for them, they are free. If he can hide the meaning of this from them, then he can oppress them and rob them of all its benefits and destroy them for time and eternity.

The very moment that we grasp the real meaning of the Blood, and what it stands for, the power of God is manifested at once in delivering us. That is what Paul meant when he said in 1st 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."

We find many examples given in God's Word which are of great benefit and enlightenment to us concerning what the Blood did for those who realized what it meant to be under the Blood.

One of the best examples in the Bible is that first Passover night with Israel down in the land of Egypt. This example will teach us just how God regards the Blood. The blood on the doorposts and lintels of the doors down in Egypt points us directly to the Blood of our Savior on Calvary's Cross.

What that blood meant to them, then, we have the same today, if not more. They had complete deliverance from sin, sickness, disease, trouble, poverty, and had full protection from any harm whatsoever. Imagine, a great army behind and the sea in front. By faith walking into that great sea with a wall of water on each side. Naturally, any moment, the water could come crashing down. By faith in the blood of a little lamb, they crossed on dry ground. How much greater is our protection when we are under the Blood of God's only Son? By faith in Jesus' Blood on Calvary's Cross, we have the same great benefits, if not more so.

Romans 5:1 (WEY), "Standing then acquitted (or not guilty) as the result of faith, let us enjoy peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,"

We have been acquitted by the work of Jesus Christ on Calvary's Cross. Set free from trouble of any kind. Free from bondage to Satan and all his oppressions, spiritually, physically, financially, and all disease and fears of this world. Every bond has been broken, and we have been pronounced "Not guilty" of ever having to be sick or sinful again, or ever having to be under the dominion of the powers of darkness again.

We have been fully delivered through the work on Calvary's Cross, and as we fully understand that we are free and fully exempt from all Satan's oppressions, by the Blood on the Cross, we will then have a faith that Satan cannot conquer.

Before Satan can get in, he has to convince us that it is alright to be attacked and oppressed, or to have some sin or sickness about us. He has to get us away from our Atonement rights and privileges. It is a natural principal of human life, born within every one of us, to not want to give up our rights, unless we have to, and Satan has to get us to voluntarily give them up before he can touch us at all.

Israel had been in bondage down in Egypt and had been for a long time. They had gotten away from following God's will and attended religious services in Egypt. They thought they had to attend church somewhere, but you will find they will have to go somewhere else, too, if they don't watch what church they attend, because there is more sin, sorrow, and disease in the world today, through false religions than we can imagine.

In Revelation 17:1-6, Jesus describes the church that is clothed with scarlet and fine linen and is set on seven hills. It sure looks nice, but that is the mother of harlots, spiritually speaking, and of all abominations of the earth. Everything that God hates is laid at the door of that false church that fell in the third century.

There are many false churches today with many people in all kinds of trouble and dying in their sins. The real Truth of God, found in His Holy Book, sets you free. John 8:36, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Free from all sin, sorrow, sickness, disease, and trouble of every kind.

The children of Israel had gotten into the false system of religion, and it bore nothing but trouble for them. Later, when they were about to enter the promised land, Joshua asked them to choose this day who they were going to serve. Were they going to serve the gods they left down in Egypt or are they going to serve the Lord?

It appears that they were trusting in man and going to other churches, and it only brought trouble and distress of every kind. Satan likes to get people into places like that, but God wants to get us into the place where our yoke is easy, and our burden is light, as He told us in Matthew 11:28-30, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and

learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

That is God's plan. The Blood of Jesus Christ says to us today just what the blood of a little lamb said to them—that the power of Satan is broken and that he or any of his agents cannot move their tongue against man or beast, or anything that belongs to us. Satan is a defeated, paralyzed foe.

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;" In the original, 'paralyze' is our word for 'destroy,' Satan is paralyzed and cannot do anything to disturb or hinder our peace.

We need not only to fully understand what the work of the Cross really means and will do for us, but we need to keep it always before us. Paul said in Galatians 6:14, But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

That was Paul's conception of Calvary's Cross, "the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." In other words, "it has broken the power of sin, self, and Satan in me, and I am absolutely free from the desires, the longings, and the evils of this world." Just as free as I ever will be when I pass from this earth. That is what the Blood of Jesus Christ is telling us today, we are free from the sins, sorrows, and diseases of this world as if we were dead.

If the blood of a little lamb, which was only a type of Jesus Christ, could bring such manifestations of God's power, that even a dog could not disturb their peace, then the Blood of Christ will bring that much greater deliverance and protection from every evil thing.

We cannot try, of ourselves, to muster up some big faith, within us, to get any victory or answer to

prayer. It is a full dependence on the Blood of Christ that brings results and nothing else.

Take the case of the cripple at the beautiful gate in Acts 3:1-11, Peter said to him, "Look on us. Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." What he meant was, "Through the merits of the Blood on Calvary's Cross, you are free."

The man leaped and walked and ran into the temple, praising God. The people ran forth wondering, thinking, these must be wonderful men. But Peter said to them in Acts 3:12, "Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?"

May God protect us from thinking that man has any power whatsoever of themselves. The people thought that Peter and John had some power in themselves to heal that man. That is absolutely wrong, there could not be any healing power without any faith on the part of the oppressed one. Even Jesus Christ Himself could not do any mighty works in His hometown because of the people's unbelief.

Peter and John said in Acts 3:13-16, "The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go. But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses. And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all."

It was only through faith in His Name—through believing what Calvary's Cross really means, this man was set free.

Jesus told the man in the ninth chapter of Mark, who had a son with a deaf and dumb spirit within,

"If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." Immediately the father cried out, with tears, "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief." And the boy was delivered.

Cornelius is another example we have in the tenth chapter of Acts. Cornelius feared God with all his house, gave much alms to the people, prayed to God always, and was fasting and praying on a certain day, when God sent an angel to him. Cornelius was told to send to Joppa for a man by the name of Peter, who was staying with Simon, a tanner, and he will speak words to you whereby you and your house will be saved.

Peter came and began to speak. He told them about Jesus Christ of Nazareth, anointed with the Holy Spirit and power, going about doing good and healing all who were oppressed of the devil, and said, "Whom the Jews slew and hanged upon a tree, and it is testified by the law and prophets that whoever believes in that work, that He hung there for them, in their stead, will receive remission of sins."

That is the same message we have in the 53rd chapter of Isaiah. Whoever believes God's Word that tells us what Jesus Christ did for us, will be set free, FREED, BY THE BLOOD, delivered from all sin, sickness, disease, and trouble of every kind.

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