

OUR ATONEMENT BLESSINGS

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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 all provided through that Blood.

The "report" that God gave to them through Moses was that the blood of that little lamb provided a deliverance from every trouble, which, of course, included their physical healing; and anyone who would believe that report would naturally have to act as if it were true.

In other words, it stated that the little lamb's blood gave them perfect health, full deliverance from the bondage they were in, and they went forth with silver and with gold. There were over two million people among them, and no doubt there were those who suffered with disease, headaches, weaknesses, and other physical problems, like in any city of today. These afflicted ones had to obey the command to eat the Passover with their loins girded, their shoes on their feet, and their staff in their hand.

"The arm of the Lord was revealed" to all who obeyed the command. The result was that they passed from sickness to health and from weakness to strength, as it tells us in Psalm 105:37, *"He brought them forth also with silver and gold and there was not one feeble person among their tribes."*

Our great Passover Lamb has been slain 2000 years ago, and we have been given perfect deliverance from Satan and his power; he is rendered powerless.

Hebrews 2:14; *"that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil."*

Luke 10:17-19, *"And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you."*

We are living under the real Passover Blood sacrifice. We have the perfect offering and have wonderful privileges and can thus enjoy perfect righteousness, peace, health, and protection. The Blood of Jesus Christ means all of this to us. God has declared it, and Satan is done with us when we grasp the full meaning of this statement.

We also have this Truth brought out in the 21st chapter of Numbers, verses 6-9. Those people were bitten in the wilderness by fiery serpents. They acknowledged their sin to Moses, but that did not bring pardon of their sins, nor cleansing to their hearts, nor healing to their bodies.

Then Moses prayed that the Lord would deliver them from the fiery serpents--and Moses knew how to pray--but still they were not delivered. There was confession of sin, but no deliverance; there was a man praying--who prayed once when a million and a half people were perishing for the want of water, and in answer to that prayer they found water--but still no deliverance. However, God gave Moses a remedy for this great trouble. He told him to make a serpent of brass and put it upon a pole; *"And it shall come to pass that if a serpent had bitten any man, as he beheld that serpent of brass he would live."* All they had to do was look. It was not Moses who delivered them; it was not Moses' faith; it was that brazen serpent, which was a type of Jesus Christ hanging on the Cross.

As they looked, they received perfect deliverance; that look brought pardon and cleansing of their sins and also brought instant healing of that dreadful disease; they were restored to God's favor and made perfectly free in every respect.

John 3:14-15, *"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life."*

In the 14th chapter of Acts we find Paul preaching in the streets of Lystra, and there was a man present who had been a cripple from birth; had never walked one step. Paul was preaching on his favorite subject, Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

Paul had grasped the meaning of the work on the Cross as we discover from his writings. 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."*

All its evil, its sin, disease, distress, all its trouble has become dead and powerless--absolutely so--to me. Paul had grasped what the Cross meant; what that Blood meant; that not even a dog could move his tongue against him. The world was crucified unto him; he was delivered from every evil desire, every power of Satan; self was dead and buried as one lying in a grave.

As Paul was speaking on his favorite subject, this man of Lystra grasped what that Blood was shed for; he saw that the body of Jesus Christ was broken that his might be whole; that he might have perfect health and protection. Paul told him how the Israelites were delivered from the land of Egypt, because of the blood of that little lamb; then he added, the Blood of Jesus Christ can do greater things in this day.

Then, turning to the crippled man, he said: *"Get up, you are well."* The man jumped up and discovered that he was well. He just entered into that finished work on Calvary's Cross; just believed that the Blood meant what it said, that he was FREE. All he did was to believe and enter into the benefits of the Blood.

Now in the 6th chapter of Romans, verses 1 to 11, would be profitable to study these verses and follow their advice, and believe just what they say in order to receive the blessings promised.

To believe and follow this advice means victory everywhere: exemption from every blockade, power, and influence of the devil in our spirit, soul, and body. These verses present the Cross as having made us FREE, as having crucified the world unto us and us unto the world. The moment we take the position assigned us, here in this chapter, sin shall not have dominion over us; then we can yield ourselves to God, as those who have died and rose again, just as Jesus when He came out of the grave.

"What shall we say then: Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?"

Have we ever honestly answered that question? Have we left anything out of our consecration, to our surrender, the privilege of sin? Have we left a plank on the bridge and go back to sin once in a while, if it is more convenient? Have we thought we could really never live above sin, but sometime, somewhere we expect to get to that place, but not at this present time?

That is Satan's plan. How emphatic Paul makes this truth; we should not even permit ourselves one thought to sin again; it is to be cut right off; it gives us no permission to sin again after we have accepted God's plan of salvation; we are to fully believe that we are FREE. If we do permit ourselves to sin, we have lost sight of the Cross, to that extent. We cannot believe the story of that Cross and of that Blood and continue in sin.

The language which Paul uses here could not be more emphatic and positive. "God forbid," All that God is, can be, or shall be, is dead against it. God's whole provision is "dead against it." "How shall we, that are dead to sin live any longer therein?"

We are dead to sin; we are free, absolutely free, never to sin again; we have no right nor privilege to sin. One must search around and see what has allowed them to permit that privilege to sin at times. If one permits that privilege to remain, they will be sure to sin, and it reveals the fact that they have never fully grasped what the Cross of Jesus Christ means. It means exemption from sin and its power; it means to cease from all sin at once, the moment you hear the story.

"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore, we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, "--the glorious power of God it means--"even so we also should walk in

newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection."

What a wonderful work that resurrection was. We are to have the same love and power to live and walk as Jesus did. The same power, which raised Him from the dead and caused Him to sit at God's right hand with all power and authority in Heaven and earth, is at our side and disposal.

"Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin." We are not to sin again. "For he that is dead is freed from sin."

We shall never crave for worldly things; never resent anything that is said or done to us; never allow ourselves to say or do things to defend ourselves; or try to help ourselves when things go wrong, but meet every circumstance according to God's will, giving ourselves no privilege to meet things contrary to the will of God, in the home with the children, where it counts so much, that is where we are our true selves.

When things begin to go wrong in the home and the grind of it begins to tell on us; when people say and do things they should not, things which cut us to the heart--naturally--that is the place where we can prove whether we are free from sin, or not.

"Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God."

Now Paul tells us what to do, and it includes spiritual victory, sickness--attacks of Satan in our body--protection, in fact anything we need; we are to claim and stand for it, without a question; because the Blood means exemption from every trouble and sorrow.

Romans 6:11-13, *"Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin; but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God."*

We are absolutely free, without a question, absolutely free from bondage; the work on the Cross has cut the cords; we are dead and buried since our baptism and are living unto God in union with Christ Jesus. 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 pass 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 comes to try to violate our rights by putting on us any oppression, whether spiritually, in our bodies, in our homes, or financial affairs, we should refuse to have it, as this 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 all the attacks of Satan in dependence upon God's power, we will have immediate deliverance.

James 4:7, *"Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."*



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