

# Communion— Protection from Plagues!



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Protection from plagues, pestilences, epidemics, and pandemics is more of an issue today than it has ever been. God has promised protection when we place ourselves and loved ones under the blood. The Atonement sacrifice of Christ for our protection and sanctification is a very important issue to understand; to claim; and to enjoy what it promises to every believer. We are to believe what God has said about the sacrifice of His Son.

When we believe the *Word of God* about the value of the *Blood of Christ*, a door of divine power is opened to deliver us from whatever Satan has tried to use to bother or upset us. The apostle said <sup>1</sup> *Corinthians* 2:1 “*And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.*” The only thing of concern was <sup>2</sup> “*Jesus Christ, and him crucified.*”

The sin nature does not want to receive anything by *faith* in a word, but only by what is *seen* with our eyes or *felt* with our hands. Sight, suggestions, and insinuations of Satan can hinder our receiving the blessings of God—blessings that come by faith in the Blood of Christ. If the devil convinces us to accept his suggestions, then he succeeds in getting our focus away from the sacrifice.

God’s grace is ready to be given to every repentant sinner. We just make the choice to *reject* the *lies* of Satan, and to *accept* the *Word* of God—a Word that promises every blessing through a believing faith on the *Blood of Christ*. We must *stop* going by what we *see*; *stop* being influenced by what we *feel*; and *start* believing what God has said in His Word.

If we are oppressed in body, Satan suggests many reasons *why* God will not deliver us—but if we will *look to* and *depend on* the Blood that was shed for us, Satan’s lie to our mind does not line up with God’s promise in the Word. *John* 15:7 “*If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.*” Abiding in the Word bears fruit in our life.

There is not a sickness, a sorrow, or a trouble that God cannot deliver us from, because *all things are possible with Him* *Genesis* 18:14; *Matthew* 19:26. When we *accept* what the Word *says* about the *Blood of Christ*—and we reject all doubt or lies of the devil—God is able to heal, deliver, and supply whatever is requested in the mighty Name of Jesus.

Bible examples show how to *apply* principles of trust. These examples would not have *been* examples, however, had they listened to the *devil* when he suggested things to their *mind*. The Word of God was all that they had—but when believing the *Word*, they received the *promise*.

We really cannot receive *anything* from *anyone*—unless we believe the *word* of the one who is giving something. If we believe the words of a *food label*, we should certainly believe the Words on a *Bible page*. When we accept God’s Word as being true, His divine power is ready to work—in *delivering*, *healing*, *convicting*, or *supplying* the need of the moment.

*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, [still speaks].*” If we are willing to believe God’s testimony about the blood sacrifice of His Son, we will receive the same *righteousness* through the same *faith* in that Atonement.

*Genesis* 4:3-5 “*At harvest time Cain brought to the LORD a gift of his farm produce, while Abel brought several choice lambs from the best of his flock. The LORD accepted Abel and his offering, but he did not accept Cain and his offering.*”

The blood was *absent*, so the offering was *refused*. The *shed blood* of a lamb made Abel’s offering acceptable. The blood of that *lamb* symbolized the Blood of our *Lord*—and it was very *effective* in making Abel *righteous*—in the sight of God.

If Abel had *rejected* the Word of God, or *doubted* the power of the Blood, he would *not* have been righteous and would *not* have been the first martyr for God’s Truth. Abel would also not be in heaven today if he had not believed the testimony of God about the ability of the Blood to cleanse a sinful heart. He would be in the lake of fire where *unbelievers* are *Revelation* 21:8. *Hebrews* 11:4 “*By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain.*”

Abel was not a more excellent *man*, but just offered a more excellent *sacrifice*. One was a *blood sacrifice*, and the other *bloodless produce*. Many Christians today are following the way of Cain by outward deeds and religious clothing—but having *no* faith and *no* trust on the Blood of Christ. Anyone who does not have God’s *righteousness*, by a trusting faith in His Son’s *sacrifice*, is in Cain’s camp—trying to be *accepted* without the *shedding* of blood.

Since Cain was not *right* with God, he had *hatred* in his heart and lashed out in violence against his brother. God said *Genesis* 4:7 “*If thou doest well [what is right], shalt thou not be*

accepted?” “But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have [destroy] you, but you must master it” by faith in God.

*Hatred* is likened to *murder* in the sight of God <sup>1John 3:15</sup>. There are more people following *Cain* to the *flames* than anyone could count. If we are not righteous by *faith* on the *Blood of Christ*, we are following *Cain* to the lake of *fire*. <sup>1 John 3:11</sup> “For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. <sup>12</sup>Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.”

It is wrong to just *look* righteous, but not be righteous—by *not trusting* God in this life. Being righteous is only by *faith* on the *Blood of Christ*—for all issues in life. God is saying to Abel; *When you sacrificed the lamb, all that separated you and Me is out of the way. Your sins are forgiven; your heart is free of rebellion; you have My righteousness and are restored to where your father Adam was before he sinned.*

Abel would not *feel* any different; nor would he *see* anything different, but he had to accept the *Word of God*, concerning the *power of the Blood*, to be righteous. When we accept the *Word of God* by *faith*—that says we are cleansed by the *Blood of Christ*—we are with Abel. That *Word* means the same to us *now* as the *Word* meant to Abel *then*.

When we have *confessed* and *forsaken* our sins, we are to believe that through the *Blood of Christ* and on the *authority* of the *Word*, we are forgiven. *Then* we can present our life <sup>Romans 12:1</sup> “As a living and holy sacrifice acceptable to Him.”

The sacrifice of blood was sufficient for *Israel* then, so the sacrifice of *Blood of Jesus* is surely sufficient for *us* today. God said <sup>Exodus 12:7</sup>

“And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.” The blood of that *lamb* symbolized the *Blood of our Lord*—which pays for protection.

They were instructed to make the journey in faith and trusting God to deliver them from sickness. The orders were given, and they were to move out as if healed. They believed that word; got out of bed; put on shoes; and prepared to leave.

The *Word of God* was a *word of victory* for all who believed. Jesus said <sup>Luke 4:18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.”

What He accomplished on *Calvary's Cross* cut the cords of oppression, sickness, trouble, and every evil thing. Anyone can be *free* from those things, if they will *believe* the *Word of God*—a *Word* that says the *Blood of Christ* paid it all—<sup>John 8:36</sup> “If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”

**Freedom is a promise**—*Israel* was oppressed by the *Egyptians*, so someone is sent to free them. God said to *Moses* <sup>Exodus 3:9</sup> “Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of *Israel* is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the *Egyptians* oppress them. <sup>10</sup>Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto *Pharaoh*, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of *Israel* out of *Egypt*.”

*Israel* needed protection from plagues—and after many of them on *Egypt*, God told *Moses* that one final pestilence would give freedom to His people—<sup>Exodus 11:6</sup> “And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of *Egypt*, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more.” *Israel* would have God's *protection* if they

followed His *instructions*. <sup>Exodus 12:13</sup> “The blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you.”

God did *not* say, When I see how much *faith* you have; or When I see how *righteous* you look; or When I hear how *good* your prayers are—but just “When I see the blood”—as that symbolized the *Blood of our Lord*—which God considered as merit; the *Blood of the Lamb* that God accepts today.

They would be allowed to leave that night; and not only be *protected*, but delivered from sickness, weakness, infections, and slavery. Everyone that night was *healed*—received through the *blood* of a sacrifice. <sup>Exodus 12:11</sup> “And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD'S passover.”

Drastic orders were given to everyone—even to those who were *oppressed*, *depressed*, *afflicted*, or unable to eat or walk—being bound by *Satan*. They were to eat the *Passover* in haste; even though some might think they were too weak to get out of bed or too ill to do anything.

They had no time to think about *how* they would be delivered, because they just had to *get going* like delivered people. <sup>Psalms 105:37</sup> “He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes.” <sup>God 42</sup> “Remembered his holy promise.” All were protected from the plague!

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