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We would do the *most* for the person we loved the *most* in this world! We are always favorable toward them, and we try to do good things for them. We are always ready to do anything—from the least thing to a major job for them. We would absolutely do anything within our ability to make this loved one happy. And this is human love—which is, at best, selfish.

Now we consider what God would do for *us*, with the perfect and divine love He *has* for us. There was never such love manifested, as when He sent Jesus Christ to die on the cross for us. And this life was given when we were sinners and enemies of God. A love that would die for someone like that—a life of no worth or merit of itself, is real, genuine, and divine love.

Imagine what that love would do for us when we ask for and welcome His love! The apostle said Ephesians 3:20 "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, 21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

God manifests this divine love, not because of anything within us; not because of anything we do outwardly; not because of anything we could do, but because of the Blood that was shed for us. It was an amazing expression of His divine love—not *sparing* His own Son, but *giving* His Son for everyone.

It is the reason for Hebrews 10:19 "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh." We must take advantage of that new and living access to God, and to ask Him for anything we need, because He has promised to give it to those He loves.

Hebrews 4:15 "For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." He knows exactly what we are going through or all about the problem we face, so He can empathize with us. Hebrews 4:16 "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

This mercy and grace toward us, have been bought and paid for with the Blood of Christ they are Free! We often experience one battle with the devil after another; and he tries to tell us we are up against an impassible barrier with no way out. In this type of situation, God is the only One who can *show* the cause, and how to *obtain* the mercy and grace we need.

When approaching God's throne of grace, we should not be hesitant, because the Blood has *provided* that privilege—that perfect sacrifice has *paid* for the access. There is not one thing we could need, and which God has provided—regardless of how weak we are; how unknowing; how poor or how sick—God has provided the solution; the supply; the healing; or the peace and deliverance that we have asked of Him—because Jesus shed His Blood, so the way to victory is open.

It is the fulfillment of 1 Peter 1:3 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you."

Those verses totally agree with Hebrews 10:19 "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 By a new and living way." This new way is never closed; no matter how often we have failed to get in; no matter how many mistakes we may have made; no matter how the devil tries to discourage us, the way to God's throne of mercy is always open, because it is living, and can never be closed.

When Jesus gave His life on the cross, every barrier between God and man was removed—the wall or barricade between us and God is gone forever! Hebrews 10:20 "Which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh."

Hebrews 10:21 "And having a high priest over the house of God; 22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water." This true heart does not mean we must have a pure heart before we can pray, but it is the place where we get a pure heart. "In full assurance of faith" is being sure that we will be favorably received, and confident that we will be given a positive and a favorable reply.

If going to the store with *ten* dollars, we are confident that we can purchase the item that is priced at *five* dollars. There should be no question in our minds about not receiving the things we need when we go to God in prayer, because they have been purchased for us by His Son through the value of the Blood.

We approach God with a true and sincere heart; and with the intention of being successful, because Hebrews 10:23 "*He is faithful that promised*." We should "*hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering*." It is the same confident attitude of having *ten* dollars and wanting to buy something for *five* dollars. God is compelled to answer and supply and heal. The Blood has reconciled us to God—and He is obligated to do that because He is just, loving, and faithful.

We must depend totally on God, because Satan tries to have us depend on someone other than God. The devil offers a multitude of plans to get us away from trusting God. Naaman, the Syrian, was suffering with leprosy—a very serious skin disease. The Hebrew maid said to her mistress 2 Kings 5:3 "Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy."

This message was given to Naaman, but instead of going to the *prophet*, he was sent to the *king* in Samaria. He was to go to the prophet, but the devil changed the message by one word—he inserted *king* for *prophet*. That is Satan's plan with us—changing one thing; having us depend on another person, rather than God. Satan knows that he can succeed in blocking our deliverance, if he can change one *thing;* one *word*; or one *source* of power.

Elisha sent the king a message of twenty words 2 Kings 5:10 "Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean." It was not according to Naaman's plan, so he became angry. He thought the prophet would visit him personally, and perform the healing—Naaman did not want just a message.

Naaman left very angry—2 Kings 5:11 "Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper. 12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage."

Satan again tried to change Elisha's message by substituting the words, *Abana and Pharpar*, for the word *Jordan*. If Naaman would just accept the *Word* of God, he would have been healed; made righteous; and been fully delivered from the disease.

God was patient with him—to get him back to where he would accept His plan; and to where he could trust Him alone. God inspired Naaman's servants to say—2 Kings 5:13 "My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?"

Naaman was not asked to do anything that would harm him, he was only asked to obey the Word *of* God, so he could receive healing *from* God. Naaman has everything to gain and nothing to lose. The Holy Spirit enabled the words of the servants to bring spiritual conviction to Naaman's heart—so he acted on the Word of God.

<sup>2</sup> Kings 5:14 "Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean." When Naaman rejected every human plan, and accepted God's divine plan, he did not have to ask for healing—he just received it.

The plan was to obey the Word; which was to dip seven times in the Jordan River. He had not asked for spirituality, nor for the healing of his body; he just obeyed the Word, and became a new person spiritually and physically. The healing was free, because Jesus was the Lamb who was "*slain from the—foundation of the world*" Rev. 13:8.

<sup>2</sup> Kings 5:15 "And [Naaman] returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel." A God who loves us and definitely wants to help us!

When we get to the place where our *eyes*; our *faith*; and our trust are on God alone, we will not even have time to pray, before the deliverance will flow in. The Blood of Jesus Christ has totally reconciled us to God—so He is completely favorable toward us—always has been and always will be.

Whenever we ask for anything, His hand is always extended out to deliver us. He is at our side, in the Person of His Holy Spirit, to use that power in our behalf. The Blood has placed *Yes* to every promise God has made to us.

When we are familiar with God's Truth, and we know that God is obligated to do anything we have asked of Him, we will then receive what God has promised—2 Corinthians 1:20 "for as many as are promises of God, in him are the Yes, and in him the Amen, for glory to God through us." We will prove what the apostle said Romans 8:37 "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."

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