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It is of great spiritual value to consider the benefits of the Atonement sacrifice made for us on Calvary's Cross. God has made it plain and clear throughout His written Word the great blessing that we have of being able to seek wisdom from Him in our study of His Word that we may understand how to claim and receive the many blessings He has promised to us. It has been spoken by many prophets and written by many others. Everything pointed to a blood sacrifice before Jesus, and now everything refers back to it. It is the foundation for all deliverance, victory, healing, and God's many blessings.

Deliverance from the troubles, trials, and temptations of life are more important today than ever before. Therefore, we should know the basis and the reason for all answered prayer, and that is all in the shed Blood of Christ, that great Atonement sacrifice, the price paid for all forgiveness and deliverance.

The devil tries to hide the work of the Cross, because he knows that when we understand what that Atonement means, we will be free from our sins, and we will pray in confidence, knowing we will receive what we have prayed for. He wants to keep people in the dark spiritually, so he can oppress them physically—and later take them with him and destroy them forever.

Jesus wants us to believe in what He did for us on the cross and to know more about the meaning of His Atonement sacrifice. AV John 12:46 "I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in *darkness.*" Satan fears the Blood of Jesus and will do everything possible to keep us from knowing about, or to have us doubt, what that Atonement accomplished.

Any religion that does not base its teaching, its hopes, and all answers to prayer on the shed Blood of Christ is a counterfeit religion that will end in destruction and the Lake of Fire forever, if there is no repentance and steadfast trust on the atoning Blood of Christ. AV 1 Corinthians 1:18 *"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness* [on the way to perdition WEY]; *but unto us which are saved it is the power of God."*

Israel's first Passover in Egypt shows how God regards the Blood. It is a signpost pointing to Calvary's Cross. It shows what the Blood of Christ provides; how effective the sacrifice was; and what we can claim in the way of peace, protection, provisions, and deliverance—all because the Blood of Christ is on our door. What the Blood of a little lamb meant then; the Blood of Jesus Christ means the same to us today.

That Blood sacrifice declares us "not guilty" and "free" from whatever had bound, hindered, harmed, or disturbed us. AV Romans 5:1-2, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

Since we are acquitted as a result of our faith in the Blood of Christ, all other deliverances can follow. It is not a matter of 'if we are delivered'; but believing 'we are delivered'. The Word says we are set free from bondage to Satan; we are free spiritually—no more worry or fear; we are free physically—no more pain or oppression; and free financially—no more lack or poverty. We were in a virtual prison cell, but when hearing a "not guilty" verdict, we walk out in freedom.

When we truly understand this exemption that we have from sin—from all its power; from evil thoughts; and wrong desires and all unscriptural attitudes—from all those thoughts and dark pictures that Satan wants to put in our mind, then we will have faith in Christ that overcomes the temptation.

The devil needs to convince us that it's all right to be oppressed before he can oppress us. He has to get us away from the Cross and away from the Blood before he oppresses us. Satan wants us to postpone the deliverance, but the victory is ours now—it is a Blood-purchased promise.

Satan has no right to shut off one cent of money; one second of victory; nor one blessing of deliverance—because they were paid in full by the Blood of Christ. Mark 11:23 NKJV "Whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says."

When our eyes are on the Blood, the devil's barrier is broken. We can step out in faith and claim what is rightfully ours. God proved the deliverance of the Blood. We are to resist Satan in God's strength and claim our rights on Jesus' sacrifice. The human spirit does not want to give up rights, so Satan has to get our permission to give them up, before he can take them from us.

Israel had been in the prison of slavery for a long time. Life was intolerable, because they had gotten away from the blood of the sacrifice that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were under. Israel had attended religious services in Egypt, which would land them in the Lake of Fire through following false doctrines that do not trust on the Blood of Christ. There is more sin, self, sorrow, and sadness in the world through false teaching today, than could be counted.

Jesus describes the false church AV Revelation 17:4-5, "The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." Spiritually speaking, that false church, which fell in the third century, represents wickedness and everything God hates. This false church has many daughters. There are huge numbers following false doctrines—resulting in sickness, sorrows, and serious trouble here—and a worse fate later. Millions are deceived to accept the false belief that God does not do things for people today like He did in the Bible, and that there is no deliverance through the Blood. The truth is found in John 8:36 NKJV "*If the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed*"—free from whatever Satan wants to put upon us.

The false religion Israel accepted bore the fruit of many troubles. It was their choice, but it was a seriously wrong one. Later, when they were to enter the Promised Land, Joshua said in Joshua 24:15 NKJV "*If it seems evil* [or undesirable as the NIV says] to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River"... "But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

Satan wants to make things difficult, but God wants to make things easy. Matthew 11:28 NKJV "*Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*" God's plan is easy and would be opposite to Israel's situation, where life was hard, and the work was heavy. God was merciful, and He sent Moses to get permission for an exodus from Egypt—but Pharaoh was stubborn, and the situation worsened. The Egyptians suffered through plague after plague.

In Exodus 11:1, The LORD said to Moses, "I will bring one more plague on Pharaoh and on Egypt. Afterward he will let you go from here." God promised that He would deliver His people if they would follow His plan. God told Moses (verse 5) "All the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the female servant who is behind the handmill, and all the firstborn of the animals. But against none of the children of Israel shall a dog move its tongue."

The deliverance of the Blood was a promise from the Father. We must never lose sight of what the blood of a lamb did for Israel then, for we are under the Blood of Christ today. Satan's power is broken, so he cannot disturb our peace—without our permission. AV Hebrews 2:14 Jesus "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 simply must know much about what the Atonement work on the Cross means, and always keep that as a basis for answered prayer. AV Galatians 6:14 "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." Outward religion means nothing— "but only a renewed [inward] nature" that will trust God.

The apostle knew that all worldly desires, and all past sins, had been crucified in him—the Blood of Christ had broken Satan's power over him. The precious Blood of Jesus had delivered him from the cravings, the desires, the sins, and diseases of this world. The blood of a lamb on the doors in Egypt, only pointed to the Blood of Christ on the cross at Calvary. If an animal's blood gave that much protection, then; would not Jesus' Blood give that much more today! NKJV Exodus 12:13, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you."

Being enlightened by the Holy Spirit to what the shed Blood on Calvary's Cross really means is so important. It is not the amount of our faith, but on whom we have placed our faith. People often want many people praying for them, but the only thing that counts is an inward heart that truly believes on the Blood of Jesus Christ. Deliverance over the devil, is only through faith on the Blood of Christ.

The apostle said Acts 3:16 WEY "It is [Jesus'] name—faith in that name being the condition—which has strengthened this man whom you behold and know; and the faith which He has given has made this man sound and strong again [given this complete healing NIV], as you can all see."

When the Blood was on the door in Egypt, they could act and eat like they were already delivered. With over three million people, there would be many types of afflictions and illnesses, but the blood on the door meant they were healed in a moment. God said they were to eat in haste and be ready to leave—they had to act on His Word. God said it and they had to go out and believe they were already delivered. And God is telling us the same thing today, we are delivered, Jesus paid it all.

Instead of the Israelites having to work hard all day and have nothing to show for it, they left Egypt with more goods and gold than they needed or could use. Psalm 105:37 NLT, "He brought his people safely out of Egypt, loaded with silver and gold; there were no sick or feeble people among them." [they had their physical healing].

It was not the amount of faith they had; and it was not the faith of anyone else praying for them, that the deliverance was given, but only a believing heart within, on the merit value of the blood of a lamb. To refuse to accept the testimony about the Blood will nullify its power at once.

The Blood of Christ promises the same deliverance today—to anyone willing to believe, and then to act in faith—because Jesus is the same Savior today—AV Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." We have an Atonement right to be delivered through that great sacrifice that Jesus made for us.

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