

Meaning of the Communion Service

PART 2

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God tells Moses that they were to place the blood of a little lamb on their door posts---not their righteousness, faith, or goodness, but simply the BLOOD ON THE DOOR. The Blood, a type of Jesus Christ, was to do it all. It is called the Passover because the terrible disease had to pass over every house where the blood was on the door. If we understand that the Blood of Jesus Christ means protection from every oppression from the devil, we will have learned something valuable.

These people did not have to plead with God: all they had to do was place THE BLOOD on the door, and they were perfectly safe. God said they were perfectly safe, and they believed. They were as ignorant as we are, or ever were, but they trusted God and were protected. If they could be protected by trusting in the blood of a little lamb, we can be protected by trusting in THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST.

"But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast: that ye may know how that the Lord doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel!" (Exodus 11:7)

I tell you that Satan could not allow a dog to bark, and I believe that every other kind of animal had to be quiet, because of the perfect protection which came with the first Passover!

God is no respecter of persons. He is the same today because it is written that He has not changed. The Blood of Jesus Christ is as powerful as the blood of that little lamb. What comfort that should be to us! What absolute protection belongs to us and all which is ours!

God then reveals how this is to be done. *"Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, in the tenth day of this month they shall take them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers; a lamb for a house: And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep or from the goats: and ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening."* (Exodus 12:3-6)

Notice this truth. Only God can make it real to us. *"And they shall take of the blood and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the house, wherein they shall eat it."* (Verse 7)

God only protected them because their hope was in THE BLOOD OF THAT LITTLE LAMB. God did not say because He saw anything good in them or saw that they had much faith or that He saw how they prayed. God only said: *"And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are."* (Exodus 12:13)

We need to grasp just what God meant by the fact that the blood would be a token to them. "And 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 and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt."

"And when I see the blood." Not when I see how you pray: not when I see how much faith you have: These things are not worth two cents for our protection, or help, in God's sight.

The Blood is all we need for our deliverance and protection; the Blood is all God desires. It is nothing in us--but all of the Blood; and any human being can receive it, through that Blood.

"And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations: ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever." (Exodus 12:14)

They were to eat it believing that they were perfectly well of every disease, because of that broken body and shed blood of which that little lamb was a type. How are we to partake of our communion service? We are to eat it as perfectly well persons; we are to take the attitude that we are well in every part of our body.

"And ye shall eat it with your loins girded, your shoes on, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it quickly."

It means we are to "play" well -- not "play" sick. We are not to think about how long we have been in a serious condition; or the fact that we have tried our very best. Perhaps it has been our "trying," which has hindered us the most.

"Long my yearning heart was trying; When I gave all my trying over, Simply trusting I was blessed."

We are not to go to the table, like a feeble person, saying, "I don't want breakfast." "I don't think I can go to church." "I can't do this or do that, because it is too hard."

"With your loins girded,"-or ready for business. "Your shoes on" --Oh, I cannot put shoes on today because my feet hurt!" "And your staff in your hand: and ye shall eat it quickly: it is the Lord's Passover!"

We are to "play" WELL, PERFECTLY WELL PERSONS only because the blood is on the door; NOT because you have great faith, NOT because you are doing the best you can, NOT because you could do anything to be healed. You are already healed, and you have the privilege of trusting God for it, then praising Him for having received it, and then eating, walking, and working like a well person.

God told everyone of those blind, ignorant, deaf, idolatrous invalids to get out of bed, get their clothes and shoes on. As they obeyed, God told them every step of the way that they made in obedience to His commands, He backed up by His power: *---“He brought them forth also with silver and gold and there was NOT ONE FEEBLE PERSON AMONG THEIR TRIBES.”* (Psalm 105:37)

All this was brought about because THE BLOOD WAS ON THE DOOR. The communion service means just the same to us--that every disease, weakness, and infirmity are healed, we have a 100 % deliverance and protection.

Another blessing the first Passover brought to the Israelites was the presence of God. What could be more valuable than having God, Himself? He came right down to their side; all that He could DO, and all that He could BE TO THEM, was at their service.

The Israelites came to the place where they did not have any food to eat, out in a desert. God took over 2 million people into the wilderness where they had to cease trusting in human power and learn to trust in the living God alone.

God takes US out of our own trust, and dependence on all human things and brings us to the place where we have to trust God alone. That is a wonderful privilege--to be placed into a position where we will have to trust God. The School in the wilderness with God is where real knowledge of God is gained, and it is well worth graduating. Moses, Caleb, and Joshua graduated, and they were filled with life and health.

“Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.” (Deuteronomy 34:7) *And Caleb was as strong at age eighty-five as he was at forty-five.* (Joshua 14:10-12) Why? Because he had learned his lessons.

The children of Israel came to the place where they had no food, they had no faith, BUT THEY HAD A FAITHFUL GOD. Often, we think

that if we do not have all the faith we should have, the Lord will fail us. It never depends on the faith we have; it depends wholly on the faithfulness of God.

“And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness: And the children of Israel said unto them, would to God, we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” (Exodus 16:2-3)

Moses went to the Lord and told Him everything; and the Lord told him not to worry because He was going to rain bread down from Heaven. Some people are always afraid God is going to send something down from Heaven. If you talk about trusting God: they say, "Where are you going to get it from, do you suppose God will send it down from Heaven?"

Well, God did rain bread down from Heaven, and God can do it again. He can send you anything you may need. This world and all that is in it belongs to Him, so can He not send you enough to keep you alive if it was necessary? So, He rained bread from Heaven for forty years!

Later, they had walked three days without having a drink; and when they discovered a stream, they could not drink because the water was bitter. Again, they murmured saying, "Where are we going to get water to drink: please tell us? "Moses, we can't go further without water; we can't drink the water from this stream because it is bitter; what will we drink: my baby is crying, and my aged father cannot go another step, what shall we drink?"

Somehow Moses got alone with God to pray. If Satan can hinder us from getting to God, he will certainly raise up anything and everything to hinder us; but Moses managed to get away to

tell God this trouble---*“The people are going to stone me, and crying, What will we drink?”*

The Lord said, *“Cut a branch off that tree and throw it into the stream, and the water will be made sweet.”* Moses cut the branch and threw it into the water; and said, *“Now taste the water, it is not bitter.”*

They hesitated; but Moses took a drink and said, "You never tasted such water!" Then they drank and learned their first lesson, that God could turn the bitter into sweet. God then led them to where there were 12 wells of water and 70 palm trees. The place where they found the bitter water was called "Marah", meaning "bitterness." God can change any "Marah" into an "Elim," where there will be plenty of water and palm trees. One prayer with God changed everything. After their experience at Marah, God said that He was their "everlasting physician:"

“If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: I am the Lord that healeth thee.”

He presented Himself to them as their "everlasting physician." The Blood of Jesus has paid God for ever, to be our physician; and God HAS to heal us (I say it reverently). He will cure us when we call because the Blood is already on the door.



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