

ARE WE SEEING OURSELVES IN GOD'S PLAN?

(AS THE BLOOD & THE WORD HAS MADE US TO BE)

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(As previous messages emphasized) it is very important that we realize how valuable it is to learn about God's Plan for us (and family). Also, realize that Satan has always tried to hide and confuse God's Plan, to keep people from getting the benefits of the Blood of Christ and of the Word and Promises of God (or of even finding out what God is like and how much He cares for us).

God's delightful Plan began in the Garden of Eden, was easy to follow, and He created mankind to be happy and to have every-thing they needed, (along with His Protection, Healing Power, and Provisions) and a mind filled with God's Peace and Righteousness. God Plan provided the things for mankind to be perfectly happy. It was (and is) His will for us to always be victorious in prayer and protected from oppressions and temptations from Satan, which would hinder us from being happy and from having needs provided for us.

People were also given a 'power of choice' (choice to either trust on God or on the efforts of 'self'), so they would have remained in that happy state created by God, if they had used that 'choice' right. In reality, that power of choice' was the greatest gift a 'Creator' could have given to a created being.

Satan came along, however, to make a deceitful offer to Adam and Eve, and his whole scheme was to get them (and all people of this world) to refuse to listen to God, but to listen to him. The cause of all our trouble is listening to Satan's lies instead of listening to and following the Truth and Promises of God's Word.

In our natural self we are susceptible to seeing things as the devil says they are, for we were born under his control, grew up under it, and became as used to it as the air we breathe, (and without even knowing it). However, when we turn our back on that false teaching (which we had thought to be true), and we turn to the true teaching in God's Plan, we will find that His Plan is very

plain and easy to follow, and that it is a 'Plan' that we can use every day in dealing with people around us.

If we turn to Satan's plan, however, the results in the end will be terrible (as it was for Adam and Eve and millions of people born since them). Instead of having a divine nature as God's Plan provided, they had the 'devil's nature' (and that is very important for us to understand). By misuse of their 'power of choice', they (without realizing it), had changed (from the 'nature of God' to the 'nature of Satan', and of course the trouble began for them).

People under Satan's control have a basic characteristic, that is, to depend on man (and his plans and policies) to get things as needed or wanted, which is depending on themselves or other people to get things in this life, as each one seeks to find happiness that God already gave them in His perfect Plan, (which we can all have when we use our power of choice correctly), and not question God's faithfulness, nor the power of the Atonement Blood of Christ.

God's Plan when He created mankind was for them to be perfectly happy, and it is still the natural instinct of people, to always seek happiness in this life. But most people of the world leave 'trust on God' out of the picture, as they try to get things by their own efforts. The more people try via 'human efforts', the further away they get from their objective (and the problems multiply in their life and home). That seat of Satan's control is based on just one thing .. human efforts, (the original sin of Adam and Eve), instead of following 'God's Plan' to trust on Him for all things in life. ['Trusting on God's power' to provide and deliver a person, cannot be 'left out of the picture', for 'childlike trust' on God for things in this life is a central ingredient of God's Plan for each one of us. (Jesus told us, Matt.19:14) "It is to those who are childlike that the 'Kingdom of Heaven' belongs."]

God in great mercy and love, sent His Son Jesus Christ, to die on a Cross in our place. Since that was a perfect sacrifice made by the One and only 'Son of God' (who had no sin), His work on the Cross furnished even more than we needed (to be freed from power of sin and death and every other temptation from Satan).

Scripture says, "where sin has abounded, mercy did much more abound." That is saying that God's provision for us, was far more than we could use. He cleansed us and pardoned our

sins, and His pardon is far more than we could ever use. Scripture tells us, "They that receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness, shall reign in life by one man."

Therefore, the provision made for us by God, Himself, was far greater than the need. It means, that 'greater health' than ever needed is in the Atonement of Christ, also more peace, and more money than we could ever use (is in that Atonement work). It will deliver and free us from our sins, sorrows, diseases, and poverty. It is what someone else (Jesus Christ) has already done for us. In God's sight, His Son, Jesus Christ tasted death for every person, and that delivers us from the sin that we inherited from Adam and delivers us from all other things including sorrows and disease. That is what it means to "be in union with Jesus Christ. We were counted dead when He died and counted as 'having come back to life when He came out from the grave.'" That is intended to be for every human being born since Adam fell, and so we must see ourselves alive in Christ Jesus.

(Rom.6:8-9) "Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more." "He lives to God." (vs 11) "Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

That is the message God sent apostle Peter to speak to Cornelius' household about Jesus Christ. Peter began to speak about what Jesus Christ had already done for each one of us, who will believe and trust on the Son of God. He made it clear that it is not anything in us, nor any merit on our part, it is what Jesus Christ has already done. Peter told them about Jesus performing miracles, because that is what we all need to find out and learn more about. Peter said, "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power, and He went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed of the devil: for God was with Him."

(Also) "To Him all the prophets bear witness, that through His Name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins." (Meaning, whoever believes that His death was their death, and His resurrection was their resurrection, will be delivered from their evil nature together with its guilt and power). That means deliverance from the devil's influence, with the

fullness of God's righteousness and peace to come in its place. "While Peter yet spoke these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all of them which heard the Word".

That was both example and reality working the same, and bearing witness to all those verses (Rom.6:1-11), and all other teaching of the Scriptures about that death and resurrection of Jesus Christ (and, when we believe on that, we can receive and have that same Holy Ghost to fall upon us, Who will inspire us to claim, receive and enjoy all the Atonement rights provided by the death and 'resurrection to Life' of the Son of God Jesus Christ. [That is God's Plan' from the beginning, which we all must learn about and accept to enter the Kingdom of God through Christ Jesus. (John 14:6) "I am the Way," replied Jesus, "and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me."]

We need to understand, that God's Plan through His Son's Blood sacrifice, not only provided for our pardon and cleansing from our sin, our provisions and protection, but, that His precious Blood also includes our perfect health of body (just as the covering blood of a sacrificed lamb animal, provided perfect healing and health for the Israelites, when God delivered them from slavery on that Passover night in Egypt.

We can realize from that Bible revelation (about the Israelites in Egypt), that they had become unfaithful, and gotten away from trusting on God, instead, to trust on self-efforts of man (the sin of Adam), and so, they began to live like those worldly people around them (so of course they had the same troubles as those Egyptians, the result of wrong fellowship with worldly-minded people). However, when their burdens became unbearable, God then saw that they would be willing to listen to Him, and God sent Moses to tell Pharaoh to let the Israelites go. But Pharaoh flatly refused Moses' request.

Plague after plague and terrible calamities came upon Egypt, and Pharaoh would say that the Israelites could leave, but then change his mind. It seemed as if their case was hopeless and that they would never be delivered. The Egyptians were determined not to lose their slaves, but they did not consider that they had to reckon with God, and deal with His power.

(Exodus 11:1-7) "And the LORD said to Moses, 'I will bring yet one more plague on

Pharaoh and on Egypt. Afterward he will let you go from here. When he lets *you* go, he will surely drive you out of here altogether. Speak now in the hearing of the people and let every man ask from his neighbor and every woman from her neighbor, articles of silver and articles of gold.' And the LORD gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover, the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants and in the sight of the people. Then Moses said, 'Thus says the LORD: 'About midnight I will go out into the midst of Egypt; and 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 hand-mill, and all the firstborn of the animals. Then there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as was not like it *before*, nor shall be like it again. But against none of the children of Israel shall a dog move its tongue, against man or beast, that you may know that the LORD does make a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.'"

[That difference was made by the blood of a sacrificed animal splashed over the door of the Israelites dwellings in Egypt, (not because of anything in them, nor anything or good deeds that they had done, nor anything that they could do). God precisely instructed Moses to tell them, "You are to take a male lamb of the first year without blemish. You are to kill it on the fourteenth day of the month and sprinkle the blood of it on the doors (the sideposts) and the lintels of the houses where you are. And the blood, or the death of that lamb (which was just a type of the death and Blood of Jesus Christ) "will be a token for you in my sight." (Exodus 12)

The Israelites simply had to obey God and put their trust on His Word in obedient faith, by placing the blood of a sacrificed animal over their door, and of course believing as God told them what He would do "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."

That is some contrast, perfect protection from the least to the greatest trouble and calamity, protection from the bark of a dog to a terrible pestilence. Those things could not touch man or beast (among the Israelites), but it was altogether provided by a type of the precious 'Blood of

Christ' (the blood of a sacrificed animal). God told them that "the Egyptians will thrust you out", but it was not until they placed the blood on the door. And it turned out that way, as Pharaoh did push them out of Egypt.

God also told them, "You are in perfect health; through the blood of that sacrificed lamb everybody is well and healthy." That was a very good example and fulfillment of Isaiah 53:4-5, "Surely our sicknesses He hath borne, and our pains, He hath carried them, and by His stripes we are healed."

God told them to "eat your supper with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet (ready to leave from Egypt), and your staff in your hand; and eat it in haste." (In other words, God was saying to them) "you are well", so "begin to act well." (Act the same as if you never had an ache or pain.) And that is what they did, as they saw themselves as the blood sacrifice of the lamb had made them, and, the result was, every single person among those millions of people was healed. (Psalm 105:) refers to and comments on that history lesson of Israel leaving Egypt (vs.37) "they went forth with silver and gold, and there was not a feeble person in all their tribes."

How much more should the Blood of Christ, the real Passover Lamb (of God) mean to us today? when a sacrificed lamb, (a most helpless and weakest of animals), set thousands of people free from sickness? What we all need to understand and to realize about the Blood of Jesus Christ, the real Passover Lamb, is, 'would that not a million times more set us free from sickness', and give us the privilege of starting right out and acting like perfectly well persons, because of that work of Christ on the Cross? It is not what we see or feel, but simply because of what Jesus Christ has done (for us all).

The New Testament brings out that same teaching (as the Israelites learned in Egypt). (John 5) "Jesus met a man who had been an invalid for 38 years. He was lying helpless and waiting at the 'Pool of Bethesda'. Jesus came along and already knowing that the man had been in that ill-condition for a long time, He said to the man, 'Would you like to be whole?'" (or like to have a 'well body') or (do you wish to have health and strength?)

In answering, the man began to give some history of his condition and experience, and his

efforts in trying to get healed. However, all of that meant nothing (if one respects the 'power of the Blood that was shed for them). So, Jesus simply told the man "Arise, take up your mat and walk." The man did so, and he was healed instantly just like those Israelites were healed.

It is the same with everything else covered by the Blood of Christ. We are delivered out of all our troubles through that work on the Cross; we are delivered from the devil's blockades financially and delivered from every particle of home trouble (and everything else that disturbs our peace in any way whatever). THAT IS "SEEING OURSELVES AS THE BLOOD AND THE WORD HAS MADE US"!

God is the only One who can enable us to understand these vital things about His Word and power of Jesus Blood Sacrifice. That is why it is the greatest of privileges (and an absolutely necessary privilege), to take full advantage of having God as our real and personal Teacher. Nothing could be more valuable in the Christian 'life of faith' on God, for it is the only way for us to be prepared for Eternal Life.

We may notice at times, how some people have been influenced by Satan's efforts, to hinder their rapid growth and development into the divine life (of trust on God). Satan's efforts are always to try to convince a sincere Christian who is honestly seeking to serve and trust God in the true Bible way, to convince them that they really have no spirituality, and, that they are too dumb to ever understand anything about God and His Truth.

The devil knows that if he can get people to see themselves where he wants them to see themselves (or as he says they are), that will automatically 'shut out the power of God' to make and enable us to be what we ought to be in God's Plan by Jesus' Blood.

If we see ourselves where Satan says we are, and would like to make us think we are, that is, that we are not forgiven and cleansed from sin, and that we do not have the fullness of the Holy Spirit or the indwelling Christ, and so, hopeless and not in favor with God, if Satan can convince us of those things, then he will eventually bring us to that place, and to be that way.

Jesus said, however, "as is our faith so shall it be done to us", and that works in the Truth as well as in the world. What it really means is

that whoever's word we believe, and see ourselves, that will become reality. If we see ourselves as God's Word says we are, then that is the way we will become.

The real fact is, we are to see ourselves as the Blood of Christ has made us, and as God's written Word tells us. Because it is an actual fact that our sins have been forgiven and we are cleansed through Jesus' Blood by His work on a Cross, and we are delivered and protected from all sickness and disease!

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