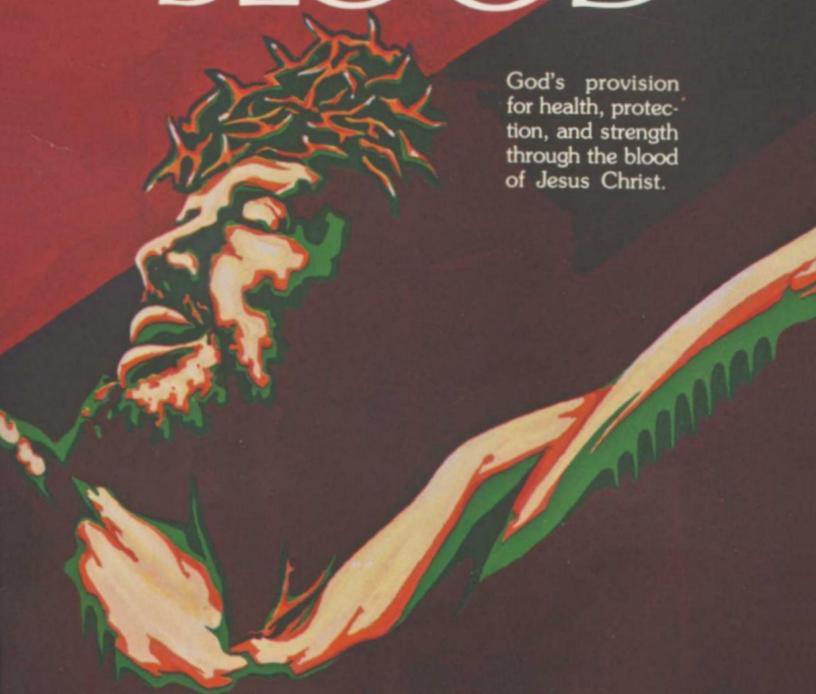


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## PREFACE

It has been a great joy to read this book, and a delight to accede to the request of the author that I write a foreword.

Every fresh outpouring of the Spirit of God begins with a praying group, or with praying groups. There were two such groups in the British Isles in 1907—doubtless more, but the writer knows of these two. One group of five women met every Saturday in a small home in London to pray for an outpouring of the Spirit; the other group of five men met each Saturday night in the Episcopal rectory in Sunderland, England. The cry of both groups was for a Pentecostal outpouring in the British Isles.

The Lord came to the London group first. Catherine Price, a humble housewife, was preparing her dinner when she was constrained by the Spirit to leave everything and go to wait upon the Lord. As she waited, Jesus came to her in person. As she magnified and glorified Him, her English was taken away and she began to praise Him in a new language.

A few days later she was led to go to a meeting in London, organized by the Keswick group, a

people who stood for the highest spiritual life in those days. The service began with a song, but there seemed to be no heart in the worship. The Spirit of the Lord fell upon Catherine Price, a very timid woman, and she cried out, "Oh, how can you sing so listlessly, so apathetically, so carelessly about the Blood of Jesus Christ!" Immediately she began to speak in another tongue as the Spirit gave utterance.

The effect upon the audience was tremendous. Some fell upon their faces before God; others rushed out of the building in fear. A number were deeply impressed that this was truly a manifestation of the Spirit of God, and they inquired for the address of this woman. From that day there came to her home many who desired to know more about this, and they were baptized in the Spirit. Her home was opened for meetings in which the one theme was, "Behold the Lamb of God," for by the outpoured Blood of the Lamb the gift of the Holy Spirit was purchased. And so the outpouring of the Spirit began in London.

Soon the Spirit was outpoured in Sunderland; and there, as in London, the Blood of Jesus Christ was extolled. As they reverently pleaded the Blood of Jesus many were filled with the Holy Spirit. Incidentally, there was another group praying in Valparaiso, Chile, South America, in a Methodist church; the Lord poured out His Spirit there upon Dr. Hoover and his Methodist brethren—a group of five who met every day for prayer. The theme of that



revival was also the Blood of Jesus Christ.

They greatly honored the Blood in those days, and constantly sang, "Under the Blood, the precious Blood; under the cleansing, healing Blood; keep me, Saviour, from day to day, under the precious Blood." It seemed that there was no end to the revelations of the power and the preciousness of the Blood of Jesus Christ.

Now, once again, the Lord is bringing the power of the Blood to the attention of the Church. Let us honor and plead the Blood of the Lamb very reverently; for through the Blood we have power over all the might of the enemy. To those who, not mechanically, but in true holy reverence, plead the Blood of the Lamb, there will be a restoration of all that the locust, the cankerworm, the caterpillar, and the palmerworm have eaten.

Stanley H. Frodsham



## **CHAPTER ONE**

### **LIFE IS IN THE BLOOD**

"Pastor Whyte, will you pray for my eyes?" Betty asked me one day. She was a young girl of sixteen who worked in a Fish N' Chips store in Toronto.

"Why, certainly, Betty," I replied. "Let's just believe God together and plead the Blood of Jesus." I looked at her for a moment and felt the great compassion of Jesus stirring within me. She was totally blind in her right eye, and her left eye was wandering so that it was very difficult for her to focus at all. She was wearing very, very thick glasses—the thickest she could get.

I began to pray for her, pleading the Blood strongly and emphatically. Instantly, the Lord restored the sight of her right eye.

"Oh, praise the Lord!" She squealed. "I can see!" We rejoiced together at the mercy of the Lord.

Over a period of weeks, the wandering eye began to focus and in a matter of months, she had 20-20 vision. That was twenty years ago, and she is still healed.

This is but one example of hundreds upon

hundreds of stories which I could relate, demonstrating the power of the Blood of Jesus. Each story is thrilling and convincing. But first, let me share with you some of the basic teaching of the Bible about the Blood.

Blood is a strange and mysterious substance. A small, unimaginative boy gazing into a slaughterhouse can watch the blood of animals running down a drain without turning a hair; but the same boy when grown older, with a bit more imagination, may pass out in a dead faint at the sight of blood.

On the other hand, excited men and women may clap and cheer when their favorite boxer causes blood to flow in a boxing bout. It seems that the baser side of man likes to see blood; it excites him. But the finer side of man is repulsed by blood, and sympathy is expressed at the suffering of those whose blood has been shed in accidents and war. Yes, blood is a mysterious substance.

In the Bible we begin to get some understanding of this amazing substance. While the Bible does not tell us of the chemical composition of the red and white corpuscles, yet it does tell us something which is absolutely basic to the mystery: *the life of the living creature is in its blood*. Thus, in Leviticus 17:11 we read, "For the LIFE of the flesh is IN the blood."

But *life* is almost as mysterious as blood, and very little is understood about it. We do know, though, that man cannot create life—although he is trying to do so in laboratories. The well known story of Frankenstein and his monster purports to portray how life came from an electric storm into a corpse made of human tissue; but this is pure imagination. It is best that we accept the Biblical explanation that both electricity and life come from the Author of all life, Almighty God.

In Genesis 2:7 we read how God created man. It is important that we understand that man can never create man. Man is God's greatest creative achievement on earth, and was made in His likeness. The Bible teaches that man is fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14), far more wonderfully made than the angels (which belong to a previous creation of God.) Angels have no blood in them, for they have no flesh. Angels are spirit and have only spiritual life. This is the way God made them.

But when God made man, He formed a body from the dust of the ground—from the substances and chemicals of this planet. Then He breathed into this body the breath of life. In other words, He breathed into this chemical composition some of His own spiritual life, and that life was held in the chemical substance we call blood.

So, you see, blood is not life, but it *carries* life. This becomes quite clear by observing what happens at death. Immediately after expiration, the person is still warm, and will remain so for a brief time. Yet that person is dead because the mysterious *life* has departed from the blood. The life of man is carried in his blood stream. Life itself is spiritual, but it must have a physical carrier, and this carrier is the blood.

But, to me, the most amazing thing about blood is its capacity to carry the life of God. The contact between the Divine and the human rests in the blood stream. No wonder we say that blood is a mysterious substance! It contains something which no scientist can explain. It contains the life of God! In recent years it has been possible to bottle human blood and create blood banks, and keep the life that alone comes from God in refrigerators much below the normal temperature of human blood in a body. Blood can even be frozen, but the life which is in it is uneffected by this freezing process.

Apart from the variation of blood types, it matters not if the blood of a Negro is put into the veins of a white man, or vice versa, because the blood does not control the color of the skin or the culture of the person; it simply carries the life which comes from God. There would be no chemical difference between dead blood and live blood of the same type, apart from the life that God put in it, and

took away from it.

It is possible for a person who has been seriously wounded to literally bleed to death, as the strong heart pumps the life-giving blood out of the wound. As soon as the blood has gone, the life has gone, for the life is in the blood! One can fill the veins with chemicals, and dress up the corpse and lay it in a casket for all to see—but the corpse is still a corpse, for there is no blood in the veins.

This discussion quite naturally leads to some consideration of the unique nature of Jesus' Blood. I am deeply grateful to Dr. William Standish Reed of the Christian Medical Foundation of Tampa, Florida, for his thoughts on the matter of the supernatural conception of Jesus in the womb of Mary. The female ovum itself has no blood, neither has the male spermatozoon; but it is when these come together in the fallopian tube that conception takes place, and a new life begins. The blood cells in this new creation are from both father and mother and the blood type is determined at the moment of conception and is thereafter protected by the placenta from any flow of the mother's blood into the fetus.

The Bible is explicit that the Holy Spirit was the Divine Agent who caused Jesus' conception in the womb of Mary. This, therefore, was not a normal conception, but a supernatural act of God in planting

the life of His already existent Son right in the womb of Mary, with no normal conception of a male spermatazoon with the female ovum of Mary. As the Blood type of the Son of God was a separate and precious type, it is inconceivable that Mary could have supplied any of her Adamic blood for the spotless Lamb of God. All the Child's Blood came from His Father in heaven by a supernatural creative act of God. Jesus' Blood was without the Adamic stain of sin.

The idea held by many that Mary supplied the ovum and that the Holy Spirit supplied the spiritual spermatazoon would mean that Jesus would have been conceived with mixed blood, part of Adam and part of God, which is repugnant to God's plan of salvation for a fallen human race. Such an idea also lends encouragement to the view held by some in the metaphysical bloodless cults that Jesus had no existence prior to His conception in the womb of Mary.

The fact of the matter is that God says in the Bible that He prepared a body for His Son. It was *that body* that was created in Mary's womb. "Wherefore when He cometh into the world, He saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, BUT A BODY HAST THOU PREPARED ME" (Hebrews 10:5). Jesus knew before His birth at Bethlehem that His Father would build and prepare a body for Him, which He later described as the



Temple of God. He simply came down from heaven and entered into the new body created in the womb of Mary—His earthly mother. This body had the Blood type created by His Father. There was no Adamic intermixing.

Jesus was the only begotten of the Father (John 1:14) and His body was formed and fashioned wonderfully in the womb of Mary His mother; but the LIFE that was in Jesus Christ came alone from the Father by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, this life which flowed in the veins of the Lord Jesus Christ came from God. No wonder He said "I am the LIFE." God imparted His own life into the Bloodstream of Jesus. Adamic blood is corrupt and was carried by Mary, who declared that Jesus her Son was "God my Saviour" (Luke 1:47). Mary was the chosen carrier of the body of her Son, but all the Blood came from God.

I do not know how many categories of human blood have been catalogued by medical science, but I do know that the "Blood type" of the Lord Jesus Christ was entirely different. The Blood that flowed in His veins was perfect, for it was not contaminated by Adam's sin which brought sin and sickness into human blood.

If Adam had not sinned, he would not have died. But by his sin, he introduced death into the human family. The human body, therefore, became subject

to corruption and decay, and death ultimately comes to each one of us. It is at that time that the life that is in the blood takes its departure with the spirit and soul of man.

Jesus Christ had no sin in His body, but He allowed Himself to die for the sins of a sinful humanity. He gave the perfect life that was in His perfect Blood to redeem poor mankind who carried death in their bodies—pure Blood for imperfect, contaminated blood—life for life, for the life is in the blood. This is why Jesus is described as the last Adam. God sent Him to earth in the *likeness* of sinful Adam, but with pure uncontaminated Blood in his veins. God sent Him so that He might shed that pure Blood of His for the life of humanity.

It is highly important for us to understand that the category of Jesus' Blood was different. Peter rightly describes it as "precious blood" (I Peter 1:19). It is not possible to evaluate the Blood of Jesus by human values. It is priceless. It is God's price for the redemption of the whole human race.

Stretch your imagination for a moment. Wouldn't it be wonderful if Jesus Blood could be kept in the blood banks of our hospitals? Do you not see that everyone who could obtain a transfusion of Christ's Blood would actually be receiving God's eternal life in pure Blood? Of course, God never meant to administer salvation by blood transfusions!

But a miracle just as great takes place when a man trusts in Jesus and accepts Him as his personal Savior. Immediately, a great cleansing takes place, and the sin that is in the blood stream is purged. "For I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed: for the Lord dwells in Zion" (Joel 3:21).

When we receive Jesus, the Bible declares that the *heart* is cleansed by the Blood of Jesus. This may be more literal than some would dare to believe. If the sin which is in our blood stream is purged and all spiritual filth is washed out, then certainly the very heart which pumps the blood may be spoken of as being cleansed. By the miracle of salvation, we receive both eternal life and the divine health of the Son of God. The greatest disinfectant in the world is the Blood of Jesus Christ. It carries the eternal life of God in it.

In this connection it is interesting to note that Satan's nickname *Beelzebub* means "Lord of the flies," or "Prince of the flies." Dead blood will quickly attract to itself flies, which will breed corruption in the coagulating blood; but the Blood of Jesus has exactly the opposite effect: it repulses Beelzebub and all his demons. When you put the Blood of Jesus on something by faith, Satan will flee because the Blood of Jesus is alive. The life is in the Blood.

The devil hates the mention of the Blood of

Jesus. This is very evident when we deal with demons that talk. Some demons have actually said, "Don't say that, don't say that," when we mentioned the Blood.

Another demon said accusingly, "You *said* that!" as though we had said some terrible thing. One time we were praying for a woman who was insane. "Jesus," I said, "we plead your precious Blood!" Immediately, a strange voice came out of the woman's throat. "Don't say that," the voice said. "I don't like that!"

But we persisted. "We plead the Blood!" we cried. Finally the demon gave up. "All right; you can say it—I don't mind; *anyway*," he said, "it's all dried up; it's all dried up!"

And with that the demon went out and the woman was restored to sanity. Again we rejoiced at the power of the Blood.

So do not underestimate the power of the Blood of Jesus. In Leviticus 17, we read, "For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the BLOOD THAT MAKETH AN ATONEMENT FOR THE SOUL." The Apostle, therefore, made no mistake when he wrote, "Without shedding of blood is no remission" (Hebrews 9:22).

## CHAPTER TWO

### ATONEMENT BY BLOOD

Imagine, if you can, the scene at Calvary. No artist has ever pictured the Calvary scene as it really was. It would be too repulsive to paint on any canvas. It is doubtful that the Romans left Jesus even the courtesy of a loincloth. He became as the first Adam in the garden, that He might cover His own nakedness with His own precious Blood—not even a linen cloth to spoil the type. In turn, we may cover our nakedness with His precious Blood—a perfect atonement or covering indeed! We cannot even offer a convenient loincloth or fig leaf to hide our sins; we must divest ourselves of everything and appear destitute of all covering in His presence. Then He will give us His own blessed robe of righteousness after we have accepted the cleansing of His precious Blood. A glorious truth indeed!

The crown of thorns was then put upon His head, not gently but roughly; many thorns (maybe a dozen or more), one-and-a-half inches long, jabbed into His scalp, producing such serious wounds that trickles of Blood spurted out and ran into His hair and beard, matting both in dark red. The spikes were driven into the palms of His hands, and His Blood

coursed down His arms and sides. (Later the spear was thrust into His side and His Blood spilled out and ran down the sides of the cross onto the ground beneath.) Spikes were also driven through His feet and more Blood ran down the sides of the cross on behalf of the sins of the whole world.

His bones were out of joint (see Psalm 22). His face was dreadful to look upon. There was no beauty in Him that we should desire Him (Isaiah (53:2). God gave His best, His Son, His perfect sacrifice—and even in death, there was no blemish in Him, for He was already dead when the soldiers arrived to break His legs; therefore, not a bone of Him was broken. Those who looked on Him saw only Blood. It was a spectacle of Blood. His hair and beard were soaked in His own Blood. His back was lacerated from the thirty-nine stripes and was covered with His own Blood. Even the cross was covered with Blood, and the very earth was soaked. Every type of the atonement was fulfilled in Christ. It was Blood, Blood, Blood.

In this chapter, it is important for us to grasp the fact that complete atonement is provided for us through the Blood of Christ. The word *atonement* is a beautiful word which is sometimes misunderstood, however. One group has offered the suggestion that the word "atonement" means "at-one-ment." The best we can say for this is that it is an apt play on words, but not the literal meaning. The word

"atonement" simply means a *covering*. Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound, for with grace came the Blood of Jesus, which covers all our sins.

The effectiveness of the covering by the Blood of Jesus was made very real to Mrs. Whyte and I during World War II, when we were living in England. We went through many dangerous air raids when buzz bombs were flying everywhere. But we were able to lie down with our children and sleep through much of it. The protection of the Blood of Jesus was so real that it seemed like we were sleeping in a strong shelter. In fact, we used to speak of the Blood as the "best air raid shelter in the world."

But we never took this shelter for granted. Instead, every night before we Went to sleep, we would cover ourselves, our home and our children with the Blood.

One night thirteen bombs landed within three quarters of a mile from our home. And they were big block busters. But aside from some minor damage to the house, we were all kept safe.

If we can clearly understand the meaning of the word "atonement," we have discovered tremendous truth. God has provided a substance by which we can cover things we no longer want; God guarantees not even to *see* our sins after we reckon by faith that

the Blood of Jesus has covered them. Why is this? Because *when God sees Blood, He does not see sin.*

We are told in Leviticus 17:12 that not only is the life in the blood, but the blood is the only substance that can make an atonement, or covering for our souls. The sinner, therefore, on accepting a substitute, (in Old Testament times it was a clean animal) beholds the substitute dying in his place. In this way, a blood-covering is provided for the sinner.

Right at the beginning of creation, God commanded that living creatures, greatly beloved of Adam, must be slaughtered by him and their blood must be shed to supply a covering for Adam and Eve's obvious nakedness. Fig leaves were insufficient So animals were slaughtered, and after the blood was shed, Adam and Eve were covered with the skins. The principle of a life for a life runs throughout the Bible. No other garments would sufficiently cover Adam and Eve except those which involved the shedding of blood. If man is left to himself he usually invents religions that do not require the shedding of blood. These are fig leaf religions.

This is why it is exceedingly important, in observing the Lord's supper, that we partake of *both* the bread and wine. To take of the bread only, as some groups do, would be equivalent to a bloodless offering, for there is no life in the flesh without



blood.

In I John 5:8 we read, "And there are three that bear witness in earth, the SPIRIT, and the WATER, and the BLOOD: and these three *agree* in one." In the Bible, water is often a symbol of the Word of God; it is that which washes us continually, as we read in Ephesians 5:26. But the Word without the Blood is ineffectual, for the life of Jesus, the Word of God, is in the Blood. Therefore, in the Lord's supper, it is not proper to receive the bread alone. We are to receive both bread and wine, which speaks of Jesus, the crucified Word of God, and the Blood which He willingly shed. We partake of the bread first, and afterward we "sprinkle" the wine on the bread.

The Holy Spirit is also in complete agreement with the water and the Blood. For this reason, when we honor the Blood, the Holy Spirit immediately manifests His life on our behalf. The Holy Spirit agrees with the Word of God, and with the Blood of Jesus, and all agree with the other. They are triune one.

You will notice also that on the Day of Atonement in the Old Testament, the blood was sprinkled on the Book. Why? Because the Book is a lifeless Book to the reader unless the Blood is first applied. Both the Book (the Word of God) and the people were sprinkled with the blood. This too, was

fulfilled on Calvary. Jesus, who is the living Word of God, was sprinkled with His own Blood.

There are some who tell us that it is enough that we have the name of Jesus. But not so. We need the Name *and* the Blood, for the life is in the Blood. There is power in the name of Jesus only because He shed His own Blood and offered it to His Father, who thereupon gave His power and His authority to His Son (Matthew 28:18). That same power and authority is given to all believers (Luke 10:19), but it only becomes operative as we honor His Blood.

The death of Christ is often spoken of as being "vicarious." This means that it is substitutionary. He died *for us*. Reference to the Old Testament will give abundant evidence that sins could only be forgiven by God on the grounds of shed blood—a life for a life—and we are informed of this fact in the New Testament as well: "Without the shedding of the blood there is no remission" (Hebrews 9:22).

When Jesus died upon the cross, His own Blood was shed and sprinkled by Himself as God's High Priest on behalf of the people. He was crucified at the time of the feast of the Passover, the feast the Jews kept to remember the time when God said, "When I see the blood I will pass over you" (Exodus 12:23). At the very time when the Jews were celebrating the first exodus, Jesus was making atonement for the second exodus. To all who will

believe in this sacrifice and the efficacy of His precious Blood, there is an exodus from sin and the penalty of sin, which includes sickness.

Jesus sprinkled His own Blood and fulfilled the following types: on the altar (the cross) (Exodus 24:6-8); round about the cross (Exodus 29:12-16); on the High Priest's garments (Exodus 29:20-21); sprinkled seven times (or perfection) (Leviticus 4:6-7); on the bottom of the cross (Leviticus 4:6-7); on the side of the cross (Leviticus 5:9); round about the cross, i.e. on the earth beneath (Leviticus 7:2); sprinkled before the tabernacle seven times (Numbers 19:4). This last was fulfilled in that the cross and the hill of Calvary were within sight of the temple in Jerusalem, for Calvary was outside the city wall.

All these Old Testament types were fulfilled in the crucifixion of Jesus, who made Himself our Passover, our vicar, our Savior, and our Blood sacrifice. His Blood alone *covers* our sins.

When we consider the great load of sin and guilt which Jesus carried on Calvary, is it any wonder that He cried in agony of soul (not so much of body), "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Psalms 22:1; Matthew 27:46). But why had the Father forsaken the Son? Because it is written that God cannot look upon sin (Habakkuk 1:13). When Jesus was bearing the sins of the world in His body

on the cross, the Father could not look at His Son. Jesus had become sin for us.

Since Jesus was bearing the guilt of our sins in His own body, it was not possible for the Father to look upon Him until Jesus had covered His own body with His Blood. Only then could the Father turn and gaze again upon His only begotten Son. He had been obedient unto death, even the death of the cross, and now our sins were atoned for, or covered, under His own precious Blood. His life for our life—that is what the Father demanded. After it was accomplished, the Father then looked, not on our sin, but on His Son's Blood. That was enough; His Son had offered His LIFE in His BLOOD for all mankind. The Father had respect unto the offering, and our redemption was made complete.

If we honor the Blood of Jesus Christ, the Father will smile upon us with forgiveness and cleansing. But this must not be a dull theological honoring, but an active and vital embracing of His Blood. We do not offer our own works; we offer only His Blood. When God sees the Blood of His Son which we offer as our covering, pardon and plea, God *does not see* our sin at all; He can see only the covering—the Blood. Therefore we understand that "It is the BLOOD that maketh an atonement for the soul" (Leviticus 17:12).

## **CHAPTER THREE**

### **THE BLOOD SPEAKS**

When Lester Sumrall ministered deliverance to a demon possessed girl in the Philippine Islands a few years ago, the demon in the girl spoke in the purest English, although the girl herself spoke only a local dialect. This demon spirit first cursed the Father, then the Son, then the Holy Ghost and then the Blood of Jesus, in this order. I heard brother Sumrall say at the 1957 Full Gospel Business Men's Convention in Chicago that it almost seemed that the demon believed the Blood of Jesus was alive, the way he cursed it.

Remembering that the life of God is in the Blood of Jesus, we are not surprised at the reaction of this strong demon spirit. As soon as any Christian takes the precious Blood of Jesus on his tongue and sings it, talks it, or pleads it, the devil gets terribly disturbed. The devil understands the power of the Blood of Jesus, and he has done everything possible to blind Christians to this truth. Many people who are Christians in name only will have nothing to do with what they call "a slaughterhouse religion." Theirs is a religion without the life of God in it, and the devil has no objection to you participating in this

kind of religion. But as soon as we honor the Blood of Jesus IN AN ACTIVE SENSE, we stir up demons to a fever pitch. It is like fire in a hornet's nest.

It is surprising that so little has been taught about the Blood and so little known about the activity of demon spirits, even within the Christian church. No wise Christian would dare try to cast out demons without faith in the Blood of Jesus. The writer has been used of God many times to deliver people from demon powers, both in soul and body, but never without a conscious pleading of the Blood of Jesus, and a knowledge that he has been literally covered by that Blood. In such cases, Jesus' promise that "nothing shall by any means hurt you" (Luke 10:19), and the promise in Isaiah 54:17 that "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper" find their complete realization.

The protection afforded us by the Blood rests in the fact that Jesus' Blood says something to God. The Blood cries out to God, "Sin is covered! The penalty is paid!"

In fact, there is abundant evidence in the Bible that *all* shed blood speaks to God. After the murder of Abel by his brother Cain, we read in Genesis 4:10, "The Lord said, What hast thou done? THE VOICE of thy brother's blood *crieth* unto me from the ground." It is clear from this scripture that the life that was in Abel's blood did not cease after his

murder, but cried out for vengeance. This may be difficult for us to grasp, but there is no doubt that God is telling us that innocent shed blood cries out to Him for vengeance.

In Hebrews 12:24 the writer refers to the Blood of Jesus by contrasting it with Abel's blood and calling it "the blood of sprinkling, that SPEAKETH better things than that of Abel." Whereas Abel's blood cried vengeance, Jesus' Blood cries mercy. This is what was symbolized in Old Testament days when the mercy seat within the Holy of Holies was sprinkled with the blood of bulls and goats when the High Priest went within the veil once a year (Hebrews 9:27).

The result of such sprinkling was that God manifested His shekinah glory and spoke to the High Priest from between the two cherubims which overshadowed the mercy seat. It is interesting to note that the glory was *seen* and the voice *heard* only when the BLOOD WAS USED. It was not sufficient that the High Priest had faith in the blood for the atoning of the sins of Israel for the past year; HE HAD TO USE IT. Exactly so today. None of us can enter into this holy place (heaven itself) except "by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He has consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say His flesh. And having an high priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts

sprinkled. . ." (Hebrews 10:20-22).

When the High Priest in the Old Testament went into the Holiest of all, he would have been stricken dead had he not offered blood. So he carefully offered nothing else but blood. Today in Christian circles, we find many offering other things; works, emotion, strange fire and various kinds of worship. But we must be aware that if we are to enter into "heavenly places in Christ Jesus," we can only do so as we consciously offer the Blood of Jesus as our only plea.

To plead the Blood of Jesus is to confess to God that we are depending wholly on His mercy. "Nothing in our hands we bring, simply to thy cross we cling." When we plead the Blood of Jesus, it immediately pleads for us, because it is SPEAKING BLOOD. It speaks mercy from the mercy seat in Heaven where Jesus is seated with His Father. This is why we plead the Blood of Jesus.

We are convinced that the whole Church has yet to learn the value of *using* the Blood of Jesus. To those who have discovered this secret, the whole realm of God's power is opened, and all the angels in heaven come to help and rescue the child of God who honors, uses and pleads the Blood of Jesus. Truly, as the song writer wrote, "The Spirit answers to the Blood."



## **CHAPTER FOUR**

### **THE PASSOVER**

The book of Genesis teaches us that the ancient patriarchs offered animals as sacrifices. Abram offered a ram (Genesis 22:13) and Noah built an altar after the flood and offered some of every clean beast and fowl which had been safely delivered through the flood (Genesis 8:20). These animals were costly; nothing cheap was good enough.

Many would have suggested that it was plain waste for Noah to kill and offer valuable animals that God had delivered from drowning. Why not just kneel down and offer a prayer of thanksgiving? And, in like manner, many suggest today that we would be better off to have less emphasis on the Blood, and more on worship and prayer. And in this, Satan has deceived us. If we offered the Blood of Jesus more today, and cut some of our long prayers down in size, we might get better answers and have less fear in our hearts! God can only receive us and our thanksgiving on the ground of the Blood of His Son. There is no other way into God's presence.

The children of Israel knew this in Egypt. Although they had no codified law, yet the word had been passed down from generation to generation that

God required blood. The Israelites knew about blood because their forefather Abraham had taught them that they owed their very existence as a nation to God's mercy in supplying a ram for sacrifice instead of the life of Isaac. Had Isaac not been spared, there would have been no nation of Israel, for Isaac was Abraham's only son. So Isaac was a miraculously delivered child, saved by blood. Every Israelite had been taught this story, and understood the importance of the blood.

God taught them this even more dramatically when he delivered them from Egyptian bondage. God had visited nine terrible plagues upon Egypt, but still Pharaoh would not let the children of Israel go. It took blood to turn the battle in favor of God's people.

God said to Moses and Aaron, "Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb . . . a lamb for an house" (Exodus 12:3). It was to be a lamb without blemish, the most expensive one in the flock, nothing cheap or second rate. It was to be THE BEST. Each house was to have a lamb, and that lamb would count for the whole house—one lamb for about fifteen persons. There is tremendous truth here for Christian families. God wants to save *whole families*, and every Christian ought to claim the salvation of his house!

In verse seven further instructions are given: "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. . . . For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast. . . 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 . . ." (Exodus 12:7, 12, 13).

Then further details are unfolded. "And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts WITH THE BLOOD that is in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning. For the Lord will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the Lord will PASS OVER the door, and will not suffer the DESTROYER TO COME IN UNTO YOUR HOUSES TO SMITE YOU" (Exodus 12:22-23).

Several things are to be noted here. First, if any Israelite had made mockery of these unusual orders given through man by God, or claimed that Moses and Aaron were mad and not capable of leading them any more, then they would have perished with no second chance. Secondly, had they decided to "go to another church" where such "rubbish" was not

taught, they would have perished. Thirdly, if they had decided to venture out even to have a look in the middle of the night, even for one second, they would have perished, for they would not at that time have been "under the blood." Fourthly, if they had decided to offer their own righteousness and not sprinkle the blood, they would have perished. Fifthly, had they sprinkled water, or red paint, or some other substance, it would not have been good enough; they would have been smitten dead.

If such an order were given by God's servants today, very few would even consider obeying! Blood is not a pleasant substance to handle; it is unhygienic in hot weather, attracting flies and germs. No modern sanitary department would agree to such action today. A more practical, sensible, desirable way would need to be found, but NOT BLOOD.

Notice also that when God surveyed the scene, He would not permit the "destroyer" to enter into their homes to visit death. Who is this "destroyer" made impotent by blood? In Revelation 9:11 we read that the name of the King of the bottomless pit is *Abaddon* in Hebrew, and *Apollyon* in Greek, which means "a destroyer." So the great destroyer is none other than Satan, the king of the demons of the bottomless pit.

It is important to understand that Satan is the

destroyer. Nothing good or constructive ever comes from him. He is the author of death and misery. But the Bible assures us that God is supreme and that Satan cannot bring destruction and trouble to anyone unless it is permitted by God. And even if God should grant such permission to the destroyer, still He will work out even that for your blessing if you are a Christian. Righteous Job was given boils by Satan. It was Satan who took the lives of his children, destroyed his cattle, and burnt up his home—but only with God's permission. And God worked it out for Job's good in the end.

Satan is both the ruler of this world and the prince of the upper atmosphere that surrounds this earth (John 12:31 and Ephesians 2:2). It is only the mercy of God that keeps us from the incredible power of the wicked destroying angel, Satan. It is only faith in the Blood of Jesus that comes between us, the devil and his demon spirits.

If it had not been for the blood sprinkled on the lintels and door posts of the homes of the Israelites, the first born in every family would have perished. Even the cattle were saved by blood! What a wonderful truth for faithful tithing farmers today! If you reckon by faith that the Blood of Jesus avails for your home and your cattle, it will do so, and the angel of death will just as surely be kept away from you and yours!

We have been told that it is not scriptural to pray for cattle, but we have seen cows and even dogs healed with the laying on of hands! It was somewhere around 1910 that the late John G. Lake was challenged to pray for a horse bleeding to death in the streets of Johannesburg, South Africa. He accepted the challenge and began to rebuke the flow of blood. Immediately the blood stopped and the horse got up to its feet and lived. How was this miracle brought about? By pleading the Blood of Jesus.

It all gets back to the word "atonement," which means "a covering." When the Israelites used the blood, taking hyssop and splashing the blood upon their lintels and door posts, God would not permit Satan or his demon spirits to enter their homes. The Israelites were completely covered. Satan, the teeth-gnashing creature, was bound in fury by God because the Israelites USED blood. We believe the reason that so many Christians are feeble, sick and fearful today is because they have not been taught to *use the Blood* of Jesus as a covering.

In the early days of the Pentecostal revival, between 1908 and 1912, much was heard about the pleading of the Blood. Mrs. Woodworth-Etter, in her great deliverance campaigns in Los Angeles and Chicago, used to stand with hands raised and by living faith sprinkle the Blood of Jesus upon the crowds. The results described in her book are

fantastic. People would come rushing to the front of the auditorium and fall prostrate; many were healed before they reached the front; many fell speaking in other tongues. Such songs as, "We are under the Blood," were sung frequently in those days.

In the early days of the outpouring of the Spirit in Great Britain, such marvelous baptisms of the Spirit were experienced through pleading the Blood, that people came from all over the world to receive their baptism.

It is recorded in Pastor Kent White's book, "The Word of God Coming Again," (now out of print) that the truth of USING the Blood by speaking it or pleading it came by revelation of the Spirit to hungry seekers. Previous to that time, not much was known about the importance of pleading the Blood. Even a young girl of tender years was heard pleading the Blood earnestly under a table! No one had taught her about this; it came to her as a revelation from the Holy Spirit. As soon as this truth was discovered by more people, the number of those receiving true baptisms in the Spirit increased greatly.

One of the best known places where such experiences were received was in the Parish Hall of St. Mary's Church near Sunderland, England, where the Church of England vicar, A.A. Boddy, was conducting Holy Ghost meetings. Smith Wigglesworth received his baptism of the Spirit

there. However, after some time, the practice of pleading the Blood for the baptism died out, to be replaced by praising and other methods; but it is recorded that the number receiving the baptism dropped off considerably, until a brother from a Scottish assembly in Kilsyth came down and urged them to honor the Blood in their seeking once again. Immediately the power of God fell afresh and people were prostrated under the power of God, speaking in tongues. Even Vicar Boddy was stricken under the power of God.

Is it any wonder that mighty miracles were commonplace in those days? Is it any wonder that divine healing came in as a tremendous revelation? When folks started to plead the Blood, the devil just had to leave. Satan cannot stand before the Blood of Jesus when it is honored.

I am convinced that where people cannot receive a good clear baptism in the Spirit, it is because they are bound by Satan. In such cases, the best and most scriptural way of obtaining release is to go into the presence of God worshipping and pleading the Blood of Jesus out loud, opening one's whole soul to the incoming of the Spirit.

Some may argue that this is not a scriptural practice for New Testament Christians. But let me refer you to Hebrews 12:24 where we read that "we are come to the blood of sprinkling."



This does not refer back to the past, but is a present tense experience. "We *are* come," or in more modern English, "we *have* come. . ." It is our privilege *now* as New Testament priests of the church of the first born to sprinkle the Blood of Jesus—not merely to believe that Jesus did it for us in the past (which He certainly did), but to do it *now*. We must *now* battle the principalities and powers and wicked spirits of the devil; therefore we sprinkle that precious Blood once shed for us, and Satan and his demon powers must give ground. They may be stubborn, but Christians should also be stubborn. We possess the winning weapons!

Because the enemy is stubborn, the victory does not always come easily. Sometimes we need to battle with the Blood in prayer for weeks and months. But victory is certain. In Revelation 12:9 we read of saints who overcame Satan by the Blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony. No hint is given of the possibility of failure. "They overcame." And they accomplished this by the Blood and by their testimony.

Peter also gives some good teaching on this subject. We are "elect . . . unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ" (I Peter 1:2). It is not a passive faith in the Blood that brings victory, but an active sprinkling of it in faith by each elect believer. In chapter 2, Peter continues the theme by telling us that we are holy priests to offer

up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ (I Peter 2:5). As the priests offered up daily blood sacrifices on behalf of the people in Old Testament times, so also today in New Testament times we offer the Blood of Jesus Christ to God as our plea on behalf of ourselves, our children, our loved ones, and even our cattle!

Mrs. Nuzum, a Pentecostal writer of the earlier part of this century, wrote much on the subject of covering our loved ones with the Blood of Jesus. I can tell you that even in my own family this practice has been most efficacious and effectual during the past twenty years. And there are many others who likewise testify of its effectiveness. Great peace of mind and wonderful answers to prayer have come to those who practice the USING of the Blood as a covering.

The destroyer cannot get in under the Bloodline where it has been placed. But, unfortunately, too many have been loosely taught that "Satan cannot get through the Blood-line." They have not been informed that *Satan can and does get through if the Blood-line is let down*. And how do we let it down? *By disobedience*.

We can hardly claim to be under the Blood of Jesus if we are walking in deliberate disobedience. Peter says that we are elect unto *obedience and the sprinkling of the Blood*. Sprinkling of the Blood of

Jesus without obedience to the Word of God will avail us nothing. If an Israelite had come out of his home for a second during the night of the Passover, he would have died within sight of the blood simply because it was not covering him at that instant! He would have believed in the blood all right, but he would not have been honoring it *in obedience*. In like manner, the New Testament makes it clear that we must sprinkle the Blood of Jesus with faith and obedience.



## CHAPTER FIVE

### THE SCARLET THREAD

The story of the harlot Rahab and the two Israelite spies in the city of Jericho (Joshua 2) is a remarkable account of deliverance through blood. The scarlet thread was a token of blood.

Israel was commanded to go in and take the wicked city because it was wholly given over to sin. It is perhaps difficult for us in Western cities to appreciate how low and debauched some cities became in early Bible times. For instance, the city of Sodom, which was destroyed, was so base that even angels were accosted by the men of the city for purposes of moral perversion. We have no reason to believe that Jericho was much better. The two spies found shelter in a harlot's house, and it seems probable that this woman kept her father, mother, brothers and sisters by prostitution. It is also highly probable that her brothers were "pimps" and that her sisters engaged in the same traffic. So these two children of God found refuge in the best place they could find—a brothel! Is it any wonder that God desired to wipe the memory of such a wicked city from off the face of the earth? And He chose His people Israel as the instruments for that purpose.

As soon as the two children of God arrived, Rahab began to feel the need of repentance. Her conscience began bothering her a great deal. She had heard of the fame of the God of Israel, and upon being faced with her guilt, she began to confess her faith in Him: "For the Lord your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath" (Joshua 2:11). She asked them to help her stay alive, for she knew by revelation of the Spirit that Israel would surely win the battle and destroy Jericho. She wanted to be left alive with her whole house. But how could it be done? "Give me a TRUE TOKEN," she said.

It didn't take her long to find out that God is always willing to reveal Himself to those who really want to know. She was willing to comply with the instructions of the two children of God. She was willing to start living a new life of faith in God. So the two spies promised, by the God of Israel, that they would indeed save her life, and her father, mother, brothers and sisters—in fact, all who were in that house on the walls of Jericho.

Because of Rahab's faith, the Lamb of God slain from the foundation of the world became efficacious for this poor harlot and her sinning family. Perhaps it seems strange to you that such a woman should be saved, but God's dealings with sinners are always quite unbelievable! Jesus has no appeal to the worldly-wise and the self-righteous. He came to those who had need of a physician. Here was a poor

woman who knew that she had need of God, and He was ready to forgive her immediately!

The two spies remembered that the blood that had been sprinkled on the lintels and doorposts of their homes in Egypt had been given to them as a TOKEN (Exodus 12:13). It spoke of the Blood of Jesus, already shed in the mind of the Father (Revelation 13:8). Had they been able, I am sure those two spies would have slain a lamb and sprinkled its blood on Rahab's home. But there was no time for that. They were being sought by the king of Jericho, who knew of their presence in the city. They had no time to slay a lamb and do what Moses had done, so they said to Rahab, "We will give you a token; take this scarlet thread and bind it in the windows" (Joshua 2:18). They told her that if she would do this, honoring the Blood in type, that her whole house would be preserved and her loved ones would walk out alive, even if everyone else in Jericho perished. But there was one condition. "Stay in your house," they said. "If any go out, their own blood will be on their own heads." But absolute protection was promised to those who would stay in the house, and under the blood.

This showed amazing faith on the part of the two spies, who were able to prophetically promise such a remarkable thing. They had faith in the blood! And the Bible tells us that she did what she was told in complete faith and simplicity:

"According unto thy words, so be it. . . and she bound the scarlet line in the window" (Joshua 2:21). Yes, there is a Blood line, and the Great Destroyer cannot get through it; but have you put it there?

We know the story so well. The Israelites, led by their singers, walked around the walls of Jericho for seven days. On the seventh day, they walked around seven times. Then God did His part. Never expect God to do His part until you have done what you know to do! God sent the earthquake. It broke down the walls of the city. The Israelites then entered in and set fire to it, killing right and left; but the section of the wall on which Rahab's house was built remained intact. Her house was untouched. She walked out alive with her family and joined with God's people. Gentiles were permitted into the house of Israel by faith in Israel's God, and the Blood of Jesus availed for them even then.

Note particularly that if Rahab had not been obedient to the details given by the spies, she and her family would have perished. It was the token of the Bloodline that saved them; for when God saw this scarlet thread, He *passed over* the house and did not suffer the destroyer to enter in. A miracle indeed! Rahab *used* the blood, not in passive faith, but in active faith which gets results.

Even many years before this, when the high priest was ordained to the priesthood, part of his



ordination included putting blood upon (1) the tip of his right ear, (2) the thumb of his right hand, and (3) the great toe of his right foot (Leviticus 8:24). Thus, in type, Israel was taught that the blood will cleanse and sanctify all that enters into a man's ear, and everything he puts his hand to do, and wherever he goes in the course of his duties. Even if he walks into a den of vice (not to partake of it!), the blood will keep Satan away from his thought life, his work life and wherever he goes.

Remembering the teaching given by the Apostle Paul that our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit (II Corinthians 6:16) and that we are not to deliberately touch any unclean thing, it is interesting to realize that as sons of the High Priest Jesus, we can also apply His precious Blood to our ears, thumbs and toes and know that our whole lives—spirit, soul and body—will be preserved blameless (i.e., without blemish) unto the coming of the Lord (I Thessalonians 5:23).

I repeat, I am convinced that the reason so many Christians are living such miserable lives, with sickness and recurring sin, is because they have not realized that we must turn our passive theological faith in the Blood into a vital active faith that uses it, that sprinkles it, that pleads it, that recognizes that it is just as efficacious today when applied in faith as it was in Moses' day or Joshua's day.

When the Blood covers us and we know it, and we have placed it by faith upon our hearts, lives, homes and loved ones, then we have created a condition where Satan cannot get through. So keep under the Blood! This is one substance which all the devils in hell cannot penetrate. But it is not there automatically. Salvation is not automatic. Healing for the body is not automatic. No promise of God is obtained automatically, but all the promises are obtained through faith, and maintained by continuing in that faith. We are not to let down our faith in the Blood. There is more power in the Blood than anyone has ever imagined.

In 1945, our third son was born. As a baby, he was fed on hot gruel which my wife prepared for him. This was heated to a temperature above that of boiling water (212°F). As she was taking this upstairs, carrying the cup in one hand, and a large jug of boiling water in the other, in her haste she tripped on a step. Thinking first to save her legs from the boiling water, she managed to place the jug on a step safely; but in so doing, she spilled the hot gruel (a kind of porridge) and it spread up her arm, settling in the crook of her elbow. It is obvious that boiling porridge would cause a bad burn on such a sensitive spot, and cause the skin to peel off and inflammation to set in. When the gruel was wiped off, the arm was red and painful. However, the baby had to be bathed and fed, and there was no one to

help. So Mrs. Whyte began to plead the Blood of Jesus out loud several times, believing that it was applied to her injured arm. After a few minutes, the pain left, and she was able to bathe and feed the baby. That same evening, all that could be seen was a small red mark about the size of a dime where the center of the burn had been. By the next morning no trace of red could be seen at all. The flesh and skin were perfectly whole.

We must realize that Satan is the author of all damage to the body. Demons try to attack any injured part of our body and permit germs, which are always around us, to impinge on the injured flesh and do their work of destruction and poisoning. But when the Blood of Jesus is applied in faith, it acts as a covering which prevents Satan from attacking us with germs. Therefore, the natural healing processes in our body quickly do their work, for they are not hindered by Satan. The blood of Jesus is the finest covering and disinfectant in the world. It is perfect.

The power of Jesus' Blood was vividly demonstrated one day when we were traveling in Canada. We had as passengers a young married couple whom we were bringing back to Toronto with us. We had told them about the wonderful truths concerning the pleading of the Blood of Jesus. Little did we know, as we drove along in the rain, that God had a plan whereby we were going to demonstrate this truth to save our lives. Coming over

a rise on the road, we hit some bad potholes; the back wheels, which were under coiled springs, went into a bounce. The car literally jiggled and skidded to the wrong side of the road, completely out of control. Before us we could see three cars approaching at about 60 m.p.h. and we were powerless to avoid a terrible crash. Immediately we started to plead the Blood of Jesus out loud.

Our friends in the back, who were asleep, suddenly awoke, realizing that something was wrong. It seemed that an angel of the Lord then took over. The back wheels suddenly gripped and stopped bouncing, and the car returned to the right side of the road and went off the pavement with the front wheels down in a grassy ditch. We thought we could possibly pull out of the ditch and back onto the road, but the grass was too soft due to the rain, and we found that we were stuck.

What now! We were safe, we were alive, but we were stuck. So God still had more to do on behalf of His servants. "Call upon me in the day of trouble and I will deliver thee," He had said. So we did this, and almost immediately two men drove up in an old car. We said nothing, but one of them said, "We will pull you out." They put action to their words and pulled a chain out of the trunk, attached it to our car, and pulled us safely out of the ditch. We were safely delivered from death, without a scratch on our bodies or our car. Why? The Blood of Jesus covered

us, because we put it there by faith!



## **CHAPTER SIX**

### **THE VALUE OF THE BLOOD**

Any attempt to evaluate the Blood of Christ would be impossible. It is priceless! We learn from I Corinthians 6:20 and 7:23 that we are bought with a price, and that price is the Blood of Jesus, which Peter calls "precious." Do you not remember how he said, "Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold . . . but with the PRECIOUS BLOOD of Christ" (I Peter 1:18-19)?

When the Temple was dedicated on Mount Moriah, the actual count of animals slaughtered was amazing. Before the Ark of the Covenant was brought in, it is recorded that the sacrificing of sheep and oxen "could not be told nor numbered for multitude" (I Kings 8:5 and II Chronicles 5:6). In I Kings 8, we are told that a peace offering was later made on behalf of the whole nation of Israel, and it is recorded that 22,000 oxen and 120,000 sheep were sacrificed. "So the King and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the Lord." Furthermore, we must remember that only the best animals were accepted for sacrifice by the Levites. No "seconds" were good enough. Does not this seem to be a stupid, senseless waste? Would not one sheep or a

small inexpensive lamb have been enough? Surely, if God wanted to keep the types right, one little lamb would have been enough to typify the Lamb of God who took away the sins of the world!

But no, 22,000 oxen, worth several hundred dollars apiece, and 120,000 sheep, had to die. By this, I believe God is trying to impress upon us that the value of the Blood cannot be measured in dollars, cents or gallons. NO AMOUNT of blood of animals in the Old Testament could have atoned for your sins and mine. On the Day of Atonement the Brook Kidron was fed with the blood of animals that flowed continually for days, reminding the inhabitants of Jerusalem that when God caused His son to die, He opened a fountain that would flow forever and ever (Zechariah 13:1). This is described as a river, a continually flowing river into which we may plunge daily to wash away our sins and sicknesses and sorrows. This stream ever flows before Satan and all his host; and as we honor it, sing about it, talk about it, plead it out loud, the Blood of Jesus pleads mercy, forgiveness, pardon, healing, protection, deliverance and multiplied joy and peace.

It is not enough to believe in an historic Blood of Calvary. It is necessary that we believe in the fountain NOW, and by faith avail ourselves of its power and life. Love is only a word until it is demonstrated; and in like manner, Blood is only a



word until it is used. Ammunition in an arsenal is useless. It must be taken and *used* to bring terror to the enemy. The army of the Lord is powerless until it uses its weapons; these weapons are mighty to the bringing down of strongholds (II Corinthians 10:4). They are the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, and the Blood, for we read in Revelation 12:11, "They overcame satan by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony." We need the WORD and the BLOOD.

We must remember that the sacrifices of blood made by King Solomon did not end the sacrifices. There were daily sacrifices, to remind the people of the present power and efficacy of the blood. No "yesterday's leftovers" could be accepted.

We get the same thought with the manna, which speaks of the Word of God. Only that which was picked up **THAT DAY** was sweet and suitable for use. In like manner, the Blood of Jesus is fresh and sweet today—not dead and coagulated. The daily shedding of blood should bring home to us the tremendous value that God puts on blood. "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission" (Hebrews 9:22).

The blood offerings were tremendous, and should prove to us the tremendous meaning and value of the Blood of the Lamb of God. The great Day of Atonement, held annually, with the

scapegoat taken off into the wilderness, had great meaning as a type of Christ, who took the condemnation and curse of sin upon Himself, and carried it off into an uninhabited desert place, to be seen no more (Leviticus 22).

The sin offering represented the broken covenant between God and man, caused by man's original fall into sin. And again we are taught that God and man can only be reconciled by blood. There were daily and evening sacrifices, with a double burnt offering on the sabbath, as well as the burnt offerings on the great festivals, or special sabbaths. All these typified Jesus Christ, who made a full surrender of His life by pouring out His Blood—a perfect sacrifice in our stead, consumed in the fiery heat of His great sufferings for us.

The value of the Blood is also taught by the great number of lambs slaughtered in the annual observance of the Passover. In this annual event, the head of each family would bring a lamb for sacrifice unto the Lord. According to Josephus (Wars VI. 9, 3) ten persons was the least number, and twenty the greatest permissible number of persons who could partake of a single Passover lamb. If one lamb was slain for fifteen persons on an average throughout the nation, then for two and one half million people at the time of the Exodus, over 160,000 lambs were slain on that historic night when the bonds of Egypt gave way before the blood.

In the time of Solomon the population had increased to five or six million persons, so the great slaughter of lambs, by all who were able to take part, may be estimated to be around 400,000. What would our hard-pressed farmers say today if such a large number were required for sacrifice annually? But thank God, we read in I Corinthians 5:7 that "Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us." No longer are we expected to take a lamb for 15 persons and offer its blood for our sins and sicknesses, for Christ took our place and became our Passover Lamb. We now accept His sacrifice and offer His Blood by faith.

If every Christian who names the name of Jesus would plead His precious Blood every day—out loud—we believe the result would be catastrophic in Satan's kingdom, and great deliverance would be felt in the Church and in the nation.

However, I need to emphasize the fact that any deliverance brought about through pleading of the Blood can only be maintained as the parties concerned meet the conditions for keeping that deliverance. An arresting example of this fact took place in Cadillac, Michigan, where I was conducting special services. One evening, a compassionate Christian woman brought a four-year-old girl along with her whose eyes were badly crossed.

"Brother Whyte," she said, "this little girl's parents are unbelievers. Will you pray for her eyes?"

Perhaps if God heals this child, her parents will be awakened."

So we removed the child's glasses and prayed for her. I removed the curse by pleading the Blood. Immediately her eyes straightened out, to the amazement of everyone present. Needless to say, there were many tear-filled eyes in that congregation as the little girl toddled around the church saying, "I see one! I see one!" (She had always seen double before.)

However, when the kind Christian woman took her back to her unbelieving parents and told them what had happened, they refused to believe it.

"You get those glasses back on!" Her father said to her. "We're not having any of that nonsense around here!" And they forced the child to wear the glasses. By their unbelief, they destroyed the faith of the little child, and through time, her eyes became crossed again. So it is clear that no deliverance can be maintained without keeping under the Blood. But as long as we stay under the Blood by faith and obedience, Satan cannot penetrate the Bloodline. No wonder we say that the Blood of Jesus is of such infinite value!

It is impossible to compute the amount of blood that was shed in the 1,500 years of Israel's history under the old covenant. Nothing could be obtained from God except on the ground of blood sacrifice.

Nor can anything be obtained today except on the ground of the Blood of Jesus, which flows as a healing stream for the spirit, soul and body of man.

Very shortly after the resurrection of Jesus He appeared to Mary before He had appeared to anyone else, and said to her, "Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to My Father" (John 20:17). In the law of Israel, a High Priest could not be touched by the people just before he entered into the Holy Place with the blood of animals; it was only after he had offered blood and been accepted before the mercy seat, that the common people could touch him. In like manner, Jesus the High Priest could not be touched with human hands until He had ascended to His Father and offered His Blood at the throne of God. We assume this was done sometime within the next few days after appearing to Mary, for when He appeared to the other disciples a few days later, He said, "Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself: *handle Me*, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as you see Me have" (Luke 24:39). So apparently, the sprinkling of His Blood had been accomplished by that time.

We know that the High Priest entered once a year into the Holy Place with blood (Hebrews 9:7-14). If he had entered into this Holy Place without blood he would have been stricken dead instantly. However, the offering and sprinkling of the blood on the mercy seat caused the miraculous

shekinah glory of God to light up the darkened room, and God then communed with the High Priest above the mercy seat (Exodus 25:22).

To fulfill this type we read of Jesus who "neither by the blood of goats and calves, but BY HIS OWN BLOOD . . . entered in once into the Holy Place, having obtained eternal redemption for us" (Hebrews 9:12). Just how Jesus transported His own precious Blood from Calvary to heaven is not understood by mortal man, but the scripture shows that He fulfilled the type, and therefore He must have sprinkled His own Blood upon the mercy seat (the throne of God) in heaven. This Blood was accepted. No other sacrifice would have been sufficient except for His own precious Blood.

Now you and I can enter right into the Holy Place of Heaven itself any time we want to. Any time we have a need, whether of deliverance, or of the baptism of the Spirit, we can enter into the Holy Place of Heaven itself. But how? Without Blood? A thousand times no! We can only come with the PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS. "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus . . . let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled..." (Hebrews 10:19-22).

## **CHAPTER SEVEN**

### **HOW TO PLEAD THE BLOOD**

At the beginning of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Great Britain around 1908 or 1909, many independent Pentecostal assemblies sprang up. In these meetings, there were many evidences of new spiritual life and power. Since there was no legislative organization tying these assemblies together, individual Christians learned to rely solely on the movings of the Spirit and His various gifts and operations. The Holy Spirit began to move in an unusual way, since there was no council to enforce any limitations on those Christians.

Many of the believers, so recently baptized in the Spirit, with the glory of the Shekinah resting upon them, used to plead the Blood of Jesus in strong repetition for all that burdened their hearts: unsaved relatives, troubles in the home, troubles in the nation. Realizing that they had access to the throne of God, they went in boldly with the Blood of Jesus. Seekers for the baptism in the Spirit were especially helped by doing this. And it was believed by many that the pleading of the Blood was a very powerful weapon against evil spirits that would oppose answers to prayer.

"Is this later point scriptural?" you ask. Well, we must not forget that as soon as Daniel began to pray for the liberation of his people, it took three weeks of knee battle, while the archangels Michael and Gabriel were battling it out in the heavenlies. And in like manner today, we must often battle with unseen demonic forces before we can get answers to our prayers. The pleading of the Blood will cause consternation and confusion to the opposing evil spiritual forces that oftentimes delay God's answers. We believe that pleading the Blood has a primary place in all intercessory prayer.

We may be quite sure that when one begins to plead the Blood of Jesus out loud, there will be those who will oppose. Pleading the Blood stirs up the backslider and offends the uncrucified flesh of the carnal believer. But in spite of opposition, the use of the Blood will clean up any church or prayer group and make way for the operation of the gifts of the Spirit. Oh, the power of the Blood of Jesus!

Five bleeding wounds He bears,  
Received on Calvary:  
They pour effectual prayers,  
They strongly plead for me:  
"Forgive him, oh, forgive," they cry,  
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die."  
The Father hears Him pray,  
His dear Anointed One;  
He cannot turn away



The presence of His Son;  
The Spirit answers to the Blood,  
And tells me I am born of God.

Since the life of Jesus is in His Blood, if we plead, honor, sprinkle and sing about it, we are actually introducing the life of the Godhead into our worship. Our prayers and requests become charged with the life and power of Jesus. No wonder Satan will do all he can to suppress practical teaching on the Blood. He hates it more than anything else.

Perhaps you have noticed that unbelievers, controlled by evil spirits, often speak the name of Jesus in blasphemy. But have you ever heard a person under the influence of demons blaspheme the Blood? Probably not. This is because demons cannot and will not speak of the Blood. I have found by practical experience that when a person is unable to plead the Blood of Jesus audibly, it is a sign that that person needs the strong prayers of deliverance, for they are hindered by a binding spirit that will not permit them to say "Blood."

I would like to lay some special emphasis here on the importance of pleading the Blood for the baptism in the Spirit. I feel constrained to do this, because there are so many different procedures prescribed by so many different groups; and many hungry seekers have tried all the methods and still haven't received. Strange, is it not, that we have all

but forgotten that we can receive *nothing* from God apart from His mercy and Jesus' shed Blood!

Pastor A. A. Boddy of Sunderland, England, on a return trip from the early Pentecostal outpouring in Norway under Pastor T. B. Barrett, said that nowhere in Europe where he had been had he seen people receive the baptism of the Spirit so easily and beautifully as by the pleading of the Blood of Jesus. This method was therefore introduced in his meetings in his Parish Hall, and people would even travel across the Atlantic to receive the Pentecostal experience by the pleading of the Blood—whereas they had failed to receive the Spirit by other means developed at that time.

I realize that there have been many unscriptural methods of receiving the baptism in the Spirit introduced by enthusiastic people. Some have suggested that the more noise we make, the more power we will get; others have emphasized great fleshly excitement and the thumping of pews, chairs, or even the floor, as a means of attracting God's attention. Some have thought that God would be pleased if they deliberately rolled on the floor. These are some of the excesses which have brought great reproach upon the work of the Holy Spirit. We admit, however, that the coming of the Spirit will frequently cause people to drop to the floor "under the power of God," but this is quite different from deliberately *throwing* oneself to the floor as a means

to the baptism! We have been told that the longer one waits, prays, agonizes and pleads for the baptism, the better it is for the supplicant, since it works out something in him that no other spiritual exercise can do. But, in so reasoning, aren't we forgetting that the baptism is a *free gift*?

Now let us examine the scriptural teaching about this matter. Who gives the baptism in the Spirit? None other than Jesus Himself (Matthew 3:11). And where is Jesus? Why, He is in heaven on the Father's right hand (I Peter 3:22). So, obviously, if we are to receive this free unmerited gift (Greek: "dorea," which means a free, unearned gift or present), we must go to the One Who earned it for us and Who will give it to all who ask in faith, **WITHOUT ANY WAITING**, at any time. If there is any waiting, it will be on our side, not on His. Our approach is completely wrong when we think that we must wait. The Bible teaches us that all believers are **NOW** kings and priests (Revelation 1:6) and that we can enter in whenever we desire. There is no waiting list, but we must enter in *with His Blood*.

Let me share with you a simple method for receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit which I share with seekers everywhere. First of all, it is important for you to relax every muscle in your body. Let all tenseness and uncertainty depart. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is Jesus' work, and there is no reason for you to be tense. Then close your eyes

and lift up your hands in adoration and worship; be comfortably seated, (they were all seated on the day of Pentecost) and take the precious Blood of Jesus on your lips and speak it with your tongue, making it your insistent plea. Be positive and believing in your approach.

Of course, you must do this in simple, reverent faith, having an awe of a Holy God Who will receive us in the presence of His Son only if we plead His Blood. The result of this method of approach is marvelous. Within seconds and minutes the Holy Spirit begins to answer to the pleadings of the Blood. Opposing and binding spirits begin to draw back, a way is made between Heaven and earth, and soon the person becomes bathed in the glory of God and the most natural thing for them to do is to turn their tongue loose and speak in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

When the revelation of the pleading of the Blood was first given and practiced, there was no teaching on it such as has been given in this book. There was no preaching or exhortation or remarks of any kind on the subject. The practice commenced spontaneously under the strong, impulsive power of the Holy Spirit. God desired to manifest His power, but it could only come forth as the Blood was honored, for His life is in the Blood.

So today, honoring and wielding the precious

Blood of Jesus clears the way for the power of God to be revealed where men and women are pressing in for the gifts of the Spirit, for miracles and healings. Receiving the baptism in the Spirit by the pleading of the Blood has been so marvellously easy that some have doubted the result, for there were NO FLESHLY MANIFESTATIONS. It is sometimes forgotten that when the Spirit descended on Jesus after He had been baptized in water, He descended in the shape of a dove, quietly, reverently, without outward show—and immediately the voice of God was heard. Jesus made no fleshly noises or jerkings. And that is the way it should be even yet today. He that goes into the Holy Place pleading the Blood, will find that God will manifest His Shekinah glory as He did in the Holy Place of Solomon's Temple, and he will commune with God with the voice of other tongues.

Where the Blood of Jesus is not honored in this way, and where false fire is offered instead of that fire which comes in answer to the Blood, we have the danger of fanaticism creeping in, with fleshly manifestations that detract from the true moving of the Spirit of God. The Spirit cannot operate on the ground of fleshly offerings, but where the Blood of Jesus is offered, then the true movings of the Spirit can be expected.

In Romans we read of Jesus being "set forth to be a propitiation THROUGH FAITH IN HIS

BLOOD . . ." (Romans 3:25). We are required to exercise faith in His Blood. To plead the Blood without faith, or with our hearts full of fear, is both repulsive and ineffectual. When we plead the Blood audibly, care should always be taken to do so in simple believing faith; then it will avail.

A pastor of our acquaintance, who was at one time a naturopath doctor, once contracted ptomaine poisoning. He placed his hands upon his own body and for twenty minutes pleaded the Blood of Jesus, saying, "I plead the Blood of Jesus," over and over again. The result of this attack upon Satan's effort to destroy him was that he was completely healed. Others find that the simple repetition of the one word "Blood" is sufficient. There are no rules; it is the simple offering of the Blood of Jesus in faith, as priests of the New Testament, which brings results. God will hear the Blood-cry and will respect that which it has purchased for us. We can obtain all the blessings of the redemption of Christ that we need.

This truth was taught to one of my friends, Rudy Peterson, of Detroit, Michigan, a preaching railroad man. Rudy went down to preach in a little mission station in the Bahama Islands. It had previously been impossible for any missionary to stay and preach, for the local natives, whipped up by the devil, used to make terrible noises with tin cans and cries, so as to make worship impossible. When Rudy and a friend of his arrived at the mission station, they walked

around the perimeter of the mission, pleading the Blood of Jesus out loud. This was done several times, and after that no further trouble was experienced. Rudy, by faith, had put a Blood-line right around the chapel. So you can always count on deliverance when you plead the Blood.

The Israelites sprinkled blood in Egypt and it brought deliverance!

Rahab used the blood-line token and it brought deliverance!

The High Priests of the Old Testament sprinkled blood and it brought forgiveness!

Jesus sprinkled His own Blood and purchased salvation for all mankind!

We, the New Testament sons of the High Priest Jesus, may now sprinkle Blood for forgiveness, salvation, redemption, healing, protection and victory!

Lest anyone should think that the sprinkling of the blood was for the Old Testament saints only, and that the practice ceased when Jesus sprinkled His own precious Blood on our behalf, I would remind you of God's command in Exodus 12:24: "And ye shall observe this thing (the sprinkling of the blood) for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons FOREVER." If Blood must be sprinkled today, then it must be the New Testament priests who do it—and *we* are those

priests if we believe in the Son of God.



## **CHAPTER EIGHT**

### **THE APPLICATION OF THE BLOOD**

One dark night many years ago, I went out to my garage to get the car. There was no light in the garage, and I forgot that someone had driven a nail into one of the walls. As I walked hastily to the car, my forehead was grazed by the nail. I pulled my head away quickly, realizing what had happened—but too late; there was a nasty wound on my head. Immediately I began to plead the Blood. In half an hour, there wasn't a mark on my head! So, you see, pleading the Blood is a very practical thing!

Most of the questions directed to me regarding this matter have to do with how to apply the Blood of Jesus in practical form to any situation which may be controlled by Satan. The crucial question is one of practical usage, rather than theological concept. Theology teaches that Jesus shed His Blood once for the sins of the world, and that is all there is to say about it! The danger lies in allowing this to become an historical fact rather than a present, potent reality.

So let's talk about how to apply the Blood. In the natural world, we would have no difficulty understanding how to apply disinfectant to an infection. We would take the disinfectant and

sprinkle or pour it upon the infection, and the result would be that all germs and living organisms present in that infection would die.

Now we should have no difficulty in doing the same thing spiritually. Wherever Satan is at work, we must apply the only corrective antidote there is—the Blood of Jesus. There is absolutely no alternative, no substitute. Prayer, praise, worship and devotion all have their part in our approach to God; but the Blood of Jesus is the only effective counteragent to corruption.

This is why Satan has always tried to take the Blood out of our churches. If there is no disinfectant, then his demons are free to continue their deadly work of destruction in spirit, soul and body.

Having concluded therefore that the Blood of Jesus is our only remedy, how are we to obtain it and use it? In the Old Testament, the priest took a bunch of hyssop and dipped it into the blood and then sprinkled or rough-painted it upon the lintels and doorposts of the houses of the Israelites. But in the spiritual realm, we take of the Blood *by faith*, and then we SPEAK IT, which is really a form of intercessory prayer. Each time we plead the Blood, we are offering the ONLY PLEA which can bring any results in intercession.

Think of it this way. The word "Blood" spoken in faith once could be likened to one drop of Blood

splashed upon the evil, corruptive situation with which we have to deal in prayer. Obviously, no one putting disinfectant upon corruption at the bottom of a garbage container would use only one drop, would they? So the more we plead the Blood, the more power we are bringing to bear against this evil situation.

But let me warn against mechanical repetition. Obviously, pleading the Blood mechanically in vain repetition is ineffective and foolish, especially to the unbeliever. But for the child of God who pleads the Blood IN FAITH, it quickly brings wonderful results. The whole approach is so simple and obvious to the spiritual mind that we are often amazed that so many people miss it.

In Old Testament times the priests offered physical sacrifices of animals. The flesh was burned with fire, but the blood was drained into basins and was USED by being sprinkled. Peter tells us that in New Testament times we are priests who offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus Christ (I Peter 2:5). Spiritual sacrifices are the New Testament counterparts of the Old Testament physical sacrifices. As New Testament believer-priests, we are to take the living Blood of Jesus and "sprinkle" it with our tongues before the Lord by repeating the word "Blood." Immediately, we begin to bring Satan's work into bondage and nullify his evil workings.

The blood of Abel spoke vengeance, but the Blood of Jesus speaks peace, pardon, and reconciliation for all who are bound by Satan. As we speak the word "Blood," we must remember that the Blood of Jesus carries all the power, Spirit and life that is in Jesus. As the blood of a human carries his life, so does the Blood of Jesus carry the life of the Son of God. Each time we say the word "Blood" in faith, we are bringing the creative life force of the universe to bear upon the destroying power of Satan.

I am not meaning to suggest for a moment that the Blood does not avail for you at all times, and that therefore you must be continually pleading the Blood to keep yourself covered. I remember a young man who approached my wife after one of my teaching sessions and said in grave earnestness, "Sister Whyte, how often do you think we should plead the Blood? Should we, for instance, plead it every half hour?"

Mrs. Whyte said later with some amusement that she could just see him standing there with a stopwatch saying, "Well, now, I must plead the Blood!" Of course, such an idea is ridiculous. No, the point we are trying to make is that in every situation where you sense that you are under the attack of Satan or needing special protection, *that* is the time to plead the Blood. By so doing, you are reminding God that you are trusting in His mercy; you are reminding Satan that he cannot touch you as

long as you are under the Blood; and you are reminding yourself of the ground of your confidence in Christ.

Pleading the Blood is also a good way to test the validity of many spiritual manifestations. We are frequently asked the question, "If Satan can speak through us in tongues, how can I know that my tongue is of God?" This is an important and valid question. We have already said that a person who is bound in some area by Satan will find it difficult or impossible to plead the Blood. If a person speaks in a demonic tongue, they will not be able to plead the Blood. So this is a good way to test the reality of your tongues-speaking experience.

To receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of tongues, we always teach seekers to plead the Blood out loud in faith. They might start haltingly, but as the Spirit of God descends upon them, and the inner-cleansing begins to take effect, they find that their tongues are beginning to enjoy this practice in faith, and the word "Blood" begins to tumble out of their mouths in great boldness.

Seekers usually receive such an anointing of the Spirit in answer to the cry of the Blood that words of an unknown tongue begin to be manifested and a torrent of glossolalia flows. In this case, there can be no doubt whatsoever that the tongues spoken are truly a manifestation of the Holy Spirit.

Some, however, are far more hesitant and find it difficult to abandon their wills to God; they are uncertain, fearful and cautious in their approach to Him. Or they may have been taught that they already had the fulness of the Spirit when they were converted; this teaching can be a stumbling block to many.

We must always bear in mind that speaking in tongues is an evidence of overflow, not of static fullness. We can become confused about these two distinct experiences. John the Baptist was full of the Holy Spirit before Pentecost, and he would have overflowed in the Upper Room had he been there. Similarly, the Virgin Mary did overflow and out of her mouth came a torrent of worship in unknown tongues.

Hesitant people who are full of fears and doubts are a little more difficult to help, but experience has shown that great progress can be made if we can just get them to begin pleading the Blood. They usually begin very quietly though, almost in a whisper, and we have to encourage them to go on with more determination and holy abandon.

As they do so, they gradually begin to disperse their fears and new words begin to be spoken, sometimes haltingly, mixed up with pleading the Blood. Sometimes they will revert to saying "I can't," which is an expression of the spirit of fear

stirred up by the pleading of the Blood. Nevertheless, they are urged to start pleading the Blood again. It usually becomes easier as doubts and fears are driven out, and soon they begin to speak in other tongues, often to their astonishment and joy. It will be readily seen that this method of receiving the baptism in the Spirit is very effective. In fact, in my many years of ministry, I have rarely seen it fail. Many chronic seekers who have not been able to receive the baptism in the Spirit by other means have quickly "come through" by the pleading of the Blood. When people have asked for the baptism in the Holy Spirit in prayer lines in many countries of the world, I have simply instructed them to start repeating the word "Blood," and within a matter of seconds they have begun to speak in tongues. Usually I then call over another worker and suggest that he or she praise God *with* them so that they do not stop speaking in tongues. They are now entering another spiritual dimension, and it is wonderfully strange! It is important that they do not begin to doubt at this point. I then go on to the next one in line and begin all over again.

Where there are many to receive the baptism in the Spirit, I find it most effective to teach them a little about the significance of the pleading of the Blood of Jesus. When we actually begin pleading the Blood, we often have twenty or more seekers pleading together. Very soon, one by one, the Spirit

enters fully into them and they overflow in tongues. The Blood of Jesus has great power when spoken in faith!

When the children were small, we often had to plead the Blood over their scratches and burns! One day in particular when little Stephen was in the kitchen with my wife, he got badly burned. It was a cold day and we had opened the oven to help circulate a little extra heat through the house. Stephen accidentally backed into the oven lid, which was quite hot, and got a bad burn across the back of his legs. Instantly, Olive and I began pleading the Blood.

"It will be all right," I said. "The Blood has never lost its power!"

That night when we were going to bed I said, "By the way, Stephen, how're your legs?"

Olive and I looked, and there wasn't the faintest trace of a burn.

The Word of God teaches, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you" (Exodus 12:13). Paul tells us that Jesus is our Passover (I Corinthians 5:7). He became our Passover by shedding His own precious Blood. There is nothing more precious to believers than this!



## CHAPTER NINE

### PROTECTION THROUGH THE BLOOD

As we have already explained in this book, the word "atonement" means "a covering." We are protected—with an impervious covering which keeps us safe from the enemy.

This is why John in his epistle teaches us that "the wicked one touches him not" (I John 5:18). The qualifications for this state of protection, however, is that the believer must KEEP himself. This means basically that he must keep himself consciously UNDER the Blood. Unconfessed sin is never under the Blood; only when it is confessed and forsaken are we covered and protected.

Letters have been received from many parts of the world telling of spectacular deliverances taking place when the Blood was pled audibly after reading this book. Of course, not only do we actually plead the Blood against the devil and his demons, but we also *command* Satan to loose his grip in the name of Jesus. The actual pleading of the Blood must generally be used *in conjunction with* the command given in the name of Jesus. Especially is this important when we are ministering to others. We need to plead the Blood to keep ourselves safe from

any Satanic kickback, while the sufferer is being released from his terrible bondage.

Testimony after testimony can be given by those who dare to oppose Satan in his dealings with humanity, and minister to others through the power of the Blood. Our experience shows that many Christians, even, are cruelly bound and oppressed by demons; in fact, it is Christians who are asking for deliverance today far more than unbelievers.

In the winter of 1971, I had taken a party of fourteen young people to skate on Lake Simcoe, Ontario. I was driving a station wagon which had rather bald front tires. On our return on an icy road, the front of the vehicle went out of control and ran into a snow bank. As it left the road I pleaded the Blood out loud, and the car came to rest in a snow bank, about eighteen inches from a telephone pole. One can imagine what might have happened had we hit the pole head-on! The Blood saved us! Soon we were dragged out by a tow truck and proceeded on our way rejoicing.

Unknown to us, my wife was ahead of us on Highway 400 which was also ice-covered. Suddenly her car also went completely out of control, spinning in a circle. My wife pleaded the Blood out loud and the car came to rest, facing the other way against a snow bank. On the other side of this bank was a twenty-foot drop! Once again, she was saved by the

Blood. Satan had made a determined attack upon us both, but we opposed him by wielding the Blood of Jesus.

Always be quick to plead the Blood when you realize that Satan is attacking you, either physically or emotionally. Blue Mondays turn into days of rejoicing for those who cover themselves with the Blood. But you must use it; you must sprinkle it by faith.

A more unusual testimony comes from Reverend W. G. of Phoenix, Arizona. He decided one day to sprinkle the Blood of Jesus over his paycheck; within a short time he received an increase in salary! One of the Christian ladies known to him then did the same thing and received an unexpected bonus in cash! I know that such testimonies are scorned by carnal-minded Christians. But carnal Christians will never enter into *any* fight against Satan's bindings, much less in the matter of salary and possessions!

I remember a brother in England years ago who, when faced with a motor that would not start in his car, just pleaded the Blood because he knew nothing about automobiles. It started! When you find that difficulties are piling up against you or your family, just start pleading the Blood and watch Satan's plans dissipate. It is sure fire!

At the end of January, 1908, in Westport Hall,

Kilsyth, Scotland, there was a visitation of the Holy Spirit that began spontaneously by the pleading of the Blood. A brother named John Reid, sitting in the midst of the prayer group, suddenly raised his hand and started to plead the Blood, saying, "Blood, Blood, Blood!" Immediately the Spirit descended upon the group and thirteen young persons went to their knees and began to speak in other tongues. It was the pleading of the Blood that brought the outpouring.

It was around this same time that Mrs. Woodworth-Etter was holding her great meetings in Los Angeles and Chicago. She used to hold her arms aloft and say to the people, "I sprinkle the Blood of Jesus upon you," and she made a motion with her hands as if she were actually doing it. People would come running to the front of the auditorium, and many fell prostrate, speaking in tongues and receiving healing.

The pleading of the Blood was an accepted revelation of the Spirit in the early days of the Pentecostal outpouring. But like many other divine revelations, it was lost as man's organization came in to replace the supernatural workings of the Spirit. Yet wherever this message is preached today, it is still received with gladness. And when the Blood is used, it brings astounding results. Truly we are more than conquerors through the Blood (Revelation 12:11).

One of the early pioneers in Scotland, Pastor Andrew Murdoch of Kilsyth, received the baptism in the Spirit in early 1908. His wife received a vision of the Blood running as a waterfall in her bedroom, and she was frightened. She cried out, "Blood! Blood! Blood!" and called for her husband. He assured her that this vision was of God. The same day she received the baptism in the Spirit, speaking in other tongues. The Niagara of Blood continued in her vision for a time though, reminding her of the mighty stream that flows from Calvary, washing away sin and all uncleanness. The Holy Spirit gave these supernatural experiences to awaken God's people to the reality of the Blood and its vital connection with the baptism in the Spirit.

In February, 1908, a certain William Macrea was praying in his house in Kilsyth, and it was made known to him by a revelation from God that two men were coming from Glasgow, intent on overseeing a church service. Neither of these brethren had received their Pentecostal experience. The Holy Spirit spoke and said that they were to be prevented from going to the platform. However, when the time for the meeting arrived, it was not easy to put this into effect, and the men were permitted to oversee the service.

Macrea kept the elders and deacons in a back room and asked them to plead the Blood. While they did so, the Lord revealed all that was taking place in

the meeting hall; one of the Glasgow brethren got up to sing, but the Spirit revealed to the praying men that he was just showing off his voice! But the elders and deacons continued to plead the Blood, believing the Lord to work in the meeting. Within a few days, both men received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. In addition, forty-three were baptized in the Spirit that same weekend by the pleading of the Blood. This is the way the outpouring of the Spirit began in Scotland in early 1908.

At this time several people journeyed from the United States to Kilsyth to receive the baptism. These people had been prayed for many times by the laying on of hands, but nothing had happened. But when they came to Scotland and began to plead the Blood, they all received quickly. No wonder John tells us that the Spirit and the Blood agree!

I well remember the very first time I began asking for the Holy Spirit Baptism in 1939. My mother and her family had been deeply involved in spiritism, which had affected the whole of the family. Many tragedies took place in our family because of this, although my mother was unaware of the cause. I suppose I was contaminated with this spiritism more than I realized, for spiritual filth spreads rapidly and only the Blood can cleanse it away. However, I was unaware of this contamination; I only knew that I needed the baptism in the Holy Spirit. I remember so clearly

how I knelt down by a chair and began to pray. On and on I prayed, but never once did I plead the Blood. I was in need of deliverance, but did not know it.

Others were pleading the Blood aloud however, and suddenly I had a most amazing experience. A creeping rigidity took possession of my body, and I stiffened up and fell prostrate on my face as stiff as a rod. After awhile the stiffness left me, and I stood up, feeling quite embarrassed. An evil spirit had left me which I did not even know I had! No doubt it had entered me when I had experimented with table turning as a boy of 12, in company with my aunts and uncles who thought it was a great parlor game. (Many think this of the Ouija board, but it is highly dangerous.)

A week later I was even more hungry for the baptism in the Spirit, and readily knelt down again. This time I started to plead the Blood with enthusiasm. It was not long before I began to speak in tongues, and have been doing so till this day.

I have never known the active, audible pleading of the Blood to fail. I travel much by car and much by air and have never failed to arrive at my destination on time to keep the Lord's engagement. I cover the car or the plane with the Blood. As one blesses one's food by prayer, so do we also protect our vehicles by the pleading of the Blood. In the

early days of the outpouring of the Spirit in this century, Mrs. Nuzum of California used to teach her listeners in her Pentecostal meetings to sprinkle the Blood upon their loved ones, their children and all that God had given them. Did not the children of Israel actually splash blood upon their buildings? Is there any limit to using the Blood in faith against Satanic powers and the darkness of the world? Would it not be good if congregations of Christians were to stand unitedly in pleading the Blood of Jesus against the demonic forces now trying to take over our cities and our young people?

I believe that the Church has yet to discover the deeper dimension of spiritual warfare through pleading the Blood. Great miracles can take place if we learn this secret. There is wonder-working power in the Blood!



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