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Genesis 3 Lesson 9 The Means of Man's Salvation

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Leviticus 17:11 *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.*

When that blood ceases to carry life to every cell in our body and begins to carry death the problems begin. It is our own blood that kills us. When a person has had an accident, your first question is "are they bleeding?" When you go to the doctor the first thing they check is your blood pressure. If your blood goes bad you die. The truth of the matter is our blood is going bad every moment of every day.

You can eat herbs and take vitamins but in one hundred and twenty years our bodies will be in a grave. Here is Bible truth, centuries and millenniums before scientists ever figured it out. The life of the flesh... what keeps your physical body alive is the blood.

This is why God gave the blood sacrifice in the Old Testament as a picture a symbol of the final salvation that would come; God offered His blood on the cross at Calvary to pay for sin. Man is a bloody creature. If the substance of your life was a vegetable, money or something you could dig out of the ground, God would have provided those things for your salvation. Our life is dependent on blood. Verse 11 *For it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.* Look at the middle part of that verse. *I have given it... upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls:*

I. The Shedding of Blood

a. The first blood shed on this earth was shed by God to cover fallen man Genesis 3:21. We have learned about the man and woman eating the fruit that God forbade, then trying to cover their nakedness with fig leaves. We will learn in later lessons about the curses that God pronounced because of the sin. The Bible says here in verse 21, *Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them... coats of skins, and clothed them.* Where did God get (coats of skins)? In order to skin an animal you must put that animal to death. The first blood ever shed on planet earth was shed by a shepherd, the Good Shepherd, the Lord Jesus Christ. The first blood spilled in the garden was not Adam's blood, the sinner. But an innocent victim died in his place... an innocent victim shed its blood so God could make a covering for sinful fallen man.

b. The first human blood shed was that of a shepherd Genesis 4:4-8.

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Abel learned from his mom and dad what God had done in the garden to make a covering for their sin. He shed blood. When Abel got ready to worship God, he brought a blood sacrifice and God accepted Abel on the basis of his offering. Not on the basis of his works. On the basis of his offering God rejected Cain. Cain had a choice in the matter. Cain tried to come to God with an offering other than the God-ordained blood sacrifice. He did what many good religious people do this day. Verse 8 *And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.* He killed him.

What will an extremist Muslim do? (...if he gets the chance?) He will kill a Christian. You will never hear of a true born again Christian killing somebody of a different faith because that would be the worst thing we could possibly do. Kill a man that is lost and on his way to hell. Religious people whose ambition is control will do anything to gain control of the earth. A Christian will try and spare your life. Jesus said I came not to destroy men's lives but to save them. Luke 9:56

II. Blood Washed or Bloody?

- a. Judas Iscariot went to the field of blood Acts 1:19.

Judas was a very religious man. As a matter of fact, one day Judas realized he was a sinner. Judas confessed that he had sinned. He even took the money back and tried to right the wrong that he had done. He actually confessed his sins to the Jewish high priest. Then he went out and hanged himself and went to hell. There is one thing Judas never did. He never went to the God whom he had sinned against for forgiveness of his sins.

- b. Pilate could not get the blood off of his hands Matthew 27:24.

Pilate was the second example of men who misunderstood this matter of blood guiltiness. *When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.* Unfortunately, Pilate is not the last man who has tried to get rid of his blood-guiltiness by means of water. Water can never wash away sin. Water can never cleanse away blood-guiltiness.

c. Mystery Babylon is guilty of the martyr's blood Revelation 17:4-6. Thirdly the matter of Mystery Babylon. *And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: 5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. 6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.* This third

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class of religious people is characterized by the fact that they will persecute those who differ and disagree with them. Let me start by saying, this is not the Roman Catholic Church, this religion runs much deeper than just one religious group. It may be the Hindus killing one another in India or Pakistan. It maybe extremist Arabs killing the Lebanese or the IRA killing the Scots. Religious people always have and always will persecute those who differ with them.

III. The Two Covenants

a. In the Old Testament every single day, a man would bring a goat, ram, lamb or a turtle dove. That priest would stand... he would kill that animal. He then would catch that blood then offer that blood to God as a sacrifice. After that man brought the offering deep down in the depths of his heart he knew he still was not ready to meet God. Yet He had done all he could do, the best he could do. He had come the way God told him to come; but it was not sufficient. God could forgive; but God could not clear that guilty man because no sufficient payment had been made for his sins.

Exodus 29:28-29; Numbers 28:3; Numbers 28:24

b. Both Testaments were instituted with blood Hebrews 9:11-22. Did you see the Trinity in verse 14? Christ, the eternal Spirit, God – all active in salvation. Hebrews 10:10 *By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all*. Do you see that? Jesus cried on the cross it is finished. The New Testament in His blood 1 Corinthians 11:25. *11 And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: 12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; 13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. 14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.* When you come to Jesus Christ and receive his finished sacrifice for sins from that day forward you lay your head down on your pillow at night with peace in your heart knowing your sins are gone. They're washed away in the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

The means God provided for salvation was the precious blood of the Lamb of God to make full and complete payment for sin.

c. Both Testaments forbid the ingestion of blood Genesis 9:4; Leviticus 3:17; Acts 15:20.

IV. What the Believer Has Through This Blood

a. Peace with God Colossians 1:19-22

The Bible says because of our wicked works our sin and our transgression had declared war upon God... man had set himself in rebellion against God. We battled denying God the privilege of ruling and reigning in our lives... our entire life was one of constant warfare and rebellion against Almighty God but

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through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, not only has our sin been cleansed and our sin put away, we have been given a new birth a new nature we are reconciled to God.

b. Justification before God Romans 5:8-9

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. Justification is more than forgiveness, to justify is to declare righteous. It is a judicial term. God doesn't just say I forgive you. God through the blood of Jesus Christ actually imparts to us the very righteousness of Jesus Christ. In the eyes of God, I am right, clean, pure, holy.

c. Cleansing by God 1 John 1:7

Jesus' blood will clean you up. The Bible says if any man be in Christ he **is** a new creature 2 Corinthians 5:17 The Bible says ***For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.*** Proverbs 24:16 A just man does not stay down there in the sin. As a new creature God will change your appetite, often I have been asked "why didn't the animals on Noah's Ark eat each other?" Because God changed their appetite, a man that was a drunkard before Christ can hate alcohol after Christ. I was a smoker for 20 years till the day that I saw it was offensive to God, now I preach that you should not defile the temple of God (our bodies).

d. Redemption through God Ephesians 1:7

In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; God by His grace provided the redemption price, I was lost held in the devil's pawn shop having been sold into the bondage of sin and on my way to hell with no way of escape. One day the Lord Jesus Christ rent the veil Matthew 27:51, walked into the holy of holies and said "Father, here is the redeeming blood, here is the purchase price... and went and got in my soul out of hock and set my soul free. The redemption price is the blood of Jesus Christ. Ephesians 1:14

e. Purging of inward corruption Hebrews 9:14

Not only will He cleanse you from outward defilement. Hebrews 9:13-14 Look closely at verse 14 ***purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*** God will even clean you up on the inside. Has your mind ever dredged up something you did in the past that you wish that you had never done, what a blessing to bow our heads and thank God that it is under the blood, God does not even remember even though we do.

1 Peter 1:18-19 ***Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:***

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f. Union with God's own Ephesians 2:12-13

That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: 13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

How do you explain when you meet another Christian in another State or Country you feel like you know each other; next thing you know you begin to fellowship, why is that? You are part of the same family.

If you look ahead in that same passage you will see something more than just a union verse 14-18 we have a nearness to God.

g. Forgiveness by God Matthew 26:27-28

27... And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; If that was His literal blood, He would not have any left to shed on the cross. Obviously when Jesus says this is my blood, He is speaking in a representative fashion and not a literal fashion. 28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins... We have forgiveness through the blood of Jesus Christ.

h. Purchase of God Acts 20:28

28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood Christ loves the church, the church is His bride, He gave Himself for it. The dowry that He paid to obtain that bride was His own precious blood.

i. Victory from God Revelation 12:10-11

10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

How do you overcome the devil, temptation, being accused by the brethren? By the blood of the Lamb! This does not mean that you claim the blood while you are living like the devil. This means standing in the peace, justification, cleansing, redemption, purging, union, forgiveness, purchase, nearness to God and much more that we have through the blood we stand in victory. We conquer in the name of Jesus through His precious blood.

Everybody in heaven gives the same testimony, saved through the precious blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Nobody in Heaven will be bragging about what they did or how good they were.

Notes

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Name _____

All answers must have scripture back-up to receive full credit

1. What is the life of your body?
2. Who shed the first blood on planet earth?
3. Who was the first human whose blood was shed?
4. What is significant about the coats of skins?
5. Who is the Mother of Harlots?
6. Why will a true born again believer never kill someone of a different religion?
7. Explain Judas Iscariots religion?
8. Explain the two covenants:
 - a. Old Testament
 - b. New Testament
9. What does God say about eating blood?
10. What are the nine blessings the believer receives through the blood of Jesus Christ?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.

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- d.
- e.
- f.
- g.
- h.
- i.
11. Why didn't the animals eat each other on Noah's ark?
12. Explain 2 Corinthians 5:17.
13. Review John 19:30 and Numbers 20:11 and explain the statement "*once for all*" in Hebrews 10:10

True/false

- Justification means to declare one is righteous.
- Jesus' blood can purge out our inward corruption.
- We are Christ's purchased possession.



Memory verses, write these out on the back of this page. (must be in KJV)
2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Hebrews 10:10

Any questions?