

The Blood of Jesus: The Oil of Freedom and Blessings

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Commit these truths to heart
Psalms 22:17—Hebrews 9:11, 12—Hebrews 12:24—Ephesians 1:7; Revelation 12:11

As I go through my own time of healing, restoration, and growth, I realize how fervently the devil tries to deter us from knowing Christ and from growing in Christ. Satan's plan is to take our eyes off Jesus and minimize the impact and transforming power of His shed blood to steer us away from the course of the path God has for us, not to hurt us as much as His plan is to hurt God. The enemy is determined to tempt us, lure us, entice us, and persuade us to sin because it hurts the Father when we do. The devil determined that we suffer, that we are sick and in pain, because God suffers when His children suffer. No one feels pain more than a parent whose child is sick, lost, or depressed, whose teen is rebellious or distant, a runaway or wardward son or daughter. A parent feels the pain and would that he or she could take that pain upon him or herself if it would remove it from the child. Our heavenly Father did just that. His only Son, Jesus Christ of Nazareth, obediently and willingly shed His blood, which was powerful enough to save, heal, and deliver every person on the planet, whoever believes, all at once and in an instant—billions and billions of people—the overcoming power of His resurrected life establishing forever eternally the irrefutable power of His precious blood.

The richness of His grace and the blood shed was more than enough to transform your life. "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Eph. 1:7). Moreover, "in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been made near by the blood of Christ" (Eph 2:13). If you do not know Jesus, or are far off, I want you to know right now that the battle is on in the supernatural realm to prevent you coming to Christ. Salvation is a serious battle because once you align with Jesus and apply the saving, healing, forgiving, redemptive, pure miraculous substance to your life, the devil, his demons, and his plans are bound, restrained, and defeated, and your life and everything within your life can transform for the glory of God. Satan hates and fears the blood of Jesus. He cannot fight its power and he cannot counterfeited it. When we apply the blood of Jesus to our lives, just as we did in salvation, the enemy knows without a doubt, he is defeated. Just one drop of His blood applied in faith, can heal your family or a nation!

First Things First

If you are reading this and you do not know Jesus—you just can't understand why you need a Savior; you cannot see salvation as a way to God; the Bible just doesn't make sense to you, or you do not think you are worth saving—trust that the devil has blinded you because God loves you, desires a personal relationship with you, and has an eternal plan for your life. The devil wants to break God's heart by keeping you away from Him. I encourage you, before you even read further into this message, to visit our website www.freshfireusa.com and click on the tab, "How to Know Jesus," without further ado, and I pray now for that veil to be lifted, in Jesus' name. Then hurry back, because the rest of this message is about how the very blood that He shed for you and His overcoming resurrection power can empower your life, from here on in!

Tap! Tap!

We do not tap into the power of the blood of Jesus near often enough for healing or deliverance, for our physical and heart ailments, for empowerment and peace of mind in this life. Some people wrongly assume that the blood of grace is transfused from these things, or others think that the blood dried up eons ago! Not! We have an immeasurable supply to apply in resurrection power in the name of Jesus to our circumstances! Listen. Satan's plan is to destroy and kill us, and daily we are in the midst of battle. But I am training and equipping my hands for victory, thank You Jesus! The devil is a loser. He lost his greatest battle to Jesus at Calvary. Christ's victory forced satan to give up the keys of Hades and death. Not only has satan already lost ground—the Kingdom of Heaven continues to gain ground on him! Daily, there are battles but the biggest battle Christ won, thus I can pray out of victory, out of a victorious mind-set.

Power to Live as "Overcamers"

Would you like to see the devil and his demons run? Talk about the blood! Read Bible Scriptures about the blood aloud and the devil and his demons will flee. "They [the brethren] overcame him [satan] by the blood of the lamb [Jesus] and by the word of their testimony..." (Rev. 12:11). If I need to deal with demons that manifest in my meetings, I speak and read God's Word about the blood. I tell you, sometimes I don't even have time to take authority over satan's minions because they run, well—like the devil—at the mere mention of the power of Christ's blood, and then people receive healing and deliverance. It is remarkable that they [the brethren] overcame the devil by the blood of the Lamb. They also overcame his workings and assignments. How did they do that? Note, the verse does not say, "We have overcome," but rather, "They overcame him." It is something they had to do—an action—an application of the blood in their lives. That is what we need to learn too; how to overcome the enemy through and by the blood of the Lamb, the blood shed at Calvary 2000 years ago. Why do we not always overcome the enemy in the trials and battles of today? I venture because although many of us are aware of the blood and are thankful for it, we do not use it! We often cannot get past the fact that Jesus shed His blood so long ago—but what about the power of His blood today? What about reacting toward Heaven for it and applying it in your life? How do you apply it? Speak and use the blood in your circumstances, right there in the front lines of your battle with the enemy.

Understanding the Preciousness of the Blood—Key!

A few weeks before I taught this lesson, the Lord gave me a number of visions, frame by frame—almost like viewing a movie; (and no, I hadn't seen Mel Gibson's, The Passion of the Christ). This is not for the faint of heart! I saw the suffering, bleeding, marred, and pulped body of the Master. In fact, so beaten was our Precious Savior that His disfigurement was more than any movie, story, artwork, or wild picture in my imagination could ever depict. The first thing that I saw was His swollen, bruised, and bloodied face, which was grotesquely covered with blood from the crown of thorns. Many art pictures show the blood trickling so that we can still see His beautiful face, but in my vision that was not so. Jesus' face resembled a balloon, swollen beyond recognition—like kneaded, risen dough—and His eyes were almost swollen shut. His skin was black and blue and tributaries of blood from His crown flowed down and joined the blood from the blows to His face. His cheeks bled too because Pilate's soldiers viciously ripped His beard off. The Bible says, "His visage was marred more than any man" (Is. 52:14). Never was any man's face more marred or his form more altered and disfigured than Christ's face was. They rearranged it—His nose and eyes were not where they should be. He became unrecognizable.

His entire body bled from the brutal scourging. They shouted, "Prophecy to us, Christ!" and the interrogators beat Him. Every one of the 39 lashes he endured at the hands of the Roman soldiers ripped out chunks of skin so large, people stared at His exposed bones (see Ps. 22:17). Blood completely covered Jesus from the very top of His head, to His toes. Every inch of Him bled. His back looked like ground hamburger meat with spinal vertebrae showing though and the blood poured out and down His legs. On that precious savagely whipped back, and with bones exposed, He carried His own cross to Golgotha. That 60 to 80 pound rough-hewn log painfully rubbed against and chafed His bare and raw back as He carried it to die for the sins of the world. Blood gushed from the wounds on His head and face, His body, and His back, and then out of the nail piercings in His hands and His feet on the cross. He must have lost most of His blood by the time He actually died at Calvary. Blood shed for the remission of sin so that we could be forgiven. Blood shed so that we could again walk in the Garden with Him. Blood shed to restore intimacy. Blood shed so that we could experience the manifest presence of God. Blood shed so we could experience His touch, His healing, His goodness, His love, and His forgiveness. Blood shed so we could reconcile with Him. Blood shed for redemption. Blood shed to disarm powers and principalities.

Jesus bled so we could have victory over disease, sickness, death, sin, and every devil, power and principality. His blood was shed for us. When we fully understand Christ's great sacrifice, we will be compelled to say, "Thank you Jesus for 'your shed blood'!" Then, as we think of Calvary's cross, we remember the redemptive blood of Jesus given to us. We remember the price He paid. We remember the sacrifice. We remember the blessings of the Covenant and the blessings of redemption. We remember and even talk about the blessings bought for us with His blood.

So, we need to ask ourselves this: If the blood of Jesus is as precious as we say it is, and if it was by His blood that they overcame, why aren't we modern-day Christians doing anything in prayer to apply the power and the blessings of the blood of Jesus in our lives?

The Blood is Alive Today!

The blood of Jesus is alive! Even though it fell to the ground 2000 years ago, it has not dried up. Although long since evaporated, those pools of living blood on the ground at Golgotha still team with life and vitality—the same life and vitality that coursed through the Master's veins so long ago. Where did the blood go?

But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption (Hebrews 9:11, 12).

His blood went to Heaven, into the Most Holy Place. When He ascended and entered the Most Holy Place, Jesus presented His bloody, marred, beaten, battered body before the throne of His Father. He took that deformed and bruised body right into Heaven and showed it to the Father: It was not the shed blood of animals under the Old Covenant, but His own blood that poured out of His body and to the feet of the Father. His own blood covered the Throne Room of Heaven. Essentially the scene was like this:

"Is it enough, Father?"
"Enough. I am satisfied. The wages of sin is death. Paid in full."
And the gavel hit the stand and God's wrath was satisfied. Christ's blood made the way for us to enter into the Most Holy Place because of the power it had to forgive us of our sins and cleanse us. I am confident that when we arrive in Heaven we will see His blood. One day we will be absent from the body and present with the Lord. Together with Him, we will look on scenes of Calvary and see the blood in Heaven with our own eyes. The blood was the price of sin and is too precious to the Father for Him to allow it to dry up. That 2000-year-old blood in Heaven is as alive now as it was then.

The Blood Speaks

Do you remember the blood of Abel? The Bible says that the blood of Abel cried out to God; (Gen. 4:10) it cried against sin and injustice. It demanded a price and it demanded justice. The blood of Abel cried of murder, sin, and the wickedness of man. It cried for atonement, justice, and righteousness.

The blood of Jesus also speaks. It speaks of better things than that of Abel! To Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel" (Heb. 12:24). Oh how wonderful and profound is the message of the blood of Christ! Do you know what the blood of Jesus says to us? "Justified, forgiven, paid-in-full, freed from sickness and disease. Demonic principalities and powers are disarmed. You can be near to Father God and experience His manifest glory. The way into the Most Holy Place is open. Come boldly before the throne of grace and worship My Father."

Not the blood of Jesus speaks with the same vitality, the same life, and the same power as it did when it first poured out of His body 2000 years ago! Man, that blood is just as alive and scary to the devil today as it was the day Jesus died and took the keys of Hades and death right out of the devil's hand. The devil saw the blood and knew what it meant: "Paid-in-full and justified!" Jesus was taking away his power, stripping him of his kingdom, and giving it back to man. Satan knew that we could now have dominion over him, over sickness and disease, that we could now advance the kingdom of God, and that we could experience again what Adam and Eve experienced in the Garden with the Father.

Apply the Blood

The blood of Jesus speaks, oh yes, but there is even more to the blood. We can apply it to our circumstances and to every area of our lives. Examine the account of the Passover in Exodus chapter 12. The Passover lamb foreshadowed Jesus. The events of the Passover night are the Old Testament foreshadowing of the salvation bought for us with Christ's blood. The Israelites took a lamb, killed it, and then sacrificed it. Afterward, they applied its blood to the doorposts of their homes so that when the angel of death came, it would "pass over" them. God would not allow harm to strike those of His people who were covered by the blood.

Just as the Israelites applied the blood of the sacrificed lamb to the doorposts of their homes, we can take the blood of the Lamb of God who was slain for the sin of the world and apply His blood to our lives. Because of the shed blood of Jesus the Lamb, we have eternal life—the keys of life and death, and, because of His broken body, the keys of healing and deliverance.

In the Old Testament, Moses, Aaron, and Aaron's sons used the sacrificial blood to anoint the tabernacle and everything in it, including the utensils, water basins, and garments. Aaron and his sons were anointed with it, and they poured out and sprinkled the blood of the lamb seven times around the altar as atonement for the sins of the people.

As New Testament believers, because the living, powerful, and vital blood of Jesus was shed for each of us in intercession, we can reach right into Heaven for it and apply it to circumstances. Through prayer and by faith you can also reach for the blood and anoint or apply it to everything in your life, including your spouse, children, job, your home, and everything in it.

The blood is available today to give us power to overcome. Thank God for the shed blood of Jesus in my life. In prayer, plead the blood of Jesus, that same blood that was brought before His throne, that same blood that was shed for the remission of your sin, and apply it to your life. Reach into Heaven for the blood and use it for victory, saying, "I thank You Lord for it and I ask You to release it over my circumstances today." Say, "Satan! The blood of Jesus is against you!" Then declare, "Father, I take of the shed blood and I apply its power against the devil in Jesus' name."

There is so much power in the blood! While conducting revival meetings on a native reserve in Anaaheim Lake in northern Canada, there was a particular woman who so manifested a demonic stronghold that her face and body took on other features and contorted in unimaginable ways. As I ministered over her, I suddenly spilt of the blood and only focused on that. Within seconds, this devil inside of her purged, "Stop! Stop!" and then it yelled, (not in the woman's own voice.) "I hate the blood. I hate the blood!" We battled with this thing and it kept screaming, "Oh the blood of Jesus—it's hot! It is hot! It's hot! I hate it! I hate it! I hate it!" Her head contorted and I said, "Oh, so you do not like the blood of Jesus..."

Then I opened my Bible and read every Scripture that the Holy Ghost led me to that mentioned the blood. As Scripture followed Scripture, that demon's power weakened. We did not even have to cast it out, for it ran away! The devil has a greater revelation than we do of the power of the blood of Jesus. It's "up there" for us and available for use right now—today.

Anointing of the Blood

Do you know how to use the blood of Jesus? Remember, the blood of Jesus speaks. Speak the reality of what the blood of Jesus has done for you in your circumstances. Use the blood as a weapon by speaking against sicknesses. Speak of it against those devils. Make it known to demonic powers and principalities in the heavens that you are armed and powerful with the shed blood of Jesus. The devil needs to know that you know what you have because of the redemptive covenant that God made with you on the cross of Calvary.

Here is something interesting. In the consecration of the priests and the altar in the tabernacle, God's instructions to Moses were that they take some of the ram's blood and place it on the lobe of Aaron's right ear and onto the lobes of his sons' right ears. Then He said to place more of the blood on the thumbs of their right hands and on the toes of their right feet. Finally, He instructed them to sprinkle the remaining blood on the altar (See Exodus 29:19-21). Odd behavior? No. To be consecrated to God is to have His blood on you!

Blood on your ear: Whom do you listen to?
Blood on your thumb: Whom do you labor for?
Blood on your big toe: Whom do you walk for, whose path are you on?

The blood was applied to hearing, to actions, to the walk and path of feet. Consecration in those days lasted about seven days (see David Guzik's Bible Commentary Exodus 29). Imagine spending an entire week awash with death and blood and yet in God's home (His tabernacle) in fellowship with Him (review Hebrews 9:14).

God also told Moses to take some of the blood that was on the altar and some of the anointing oil and to sprinkle it on Aaron and his garments, on Aaron's sons, and on their garments. When we learn to speak, apply, and employ the weapon of the power of the blood of Jesus in all we do and say and hear and walk, guess what happens? The anointing! The oil symbolizes the anointing, and oil always comes after the blood. Do you want an increase of the anointing? Preach the blood. Read it, speak it, and thank God for it! Remember what it has done for you. The blood is powerful! Lay hold of its power and then watch as the Holy Spirit arrives with the oil!

The Holy Ghost always honors Calvary. He confirms and honors the Gospel. For it is Calvary and repentance. The Gospel is forgiveness of sin, salvation, healing, and deliverance. Do you know why the Holy Ghost so loves the blood? Because the Bible says that Jesus offered Himself up once and for all through the eternal Spirit. It was through the power of the Holy Spirit that He offered His life as a sacrifice on the cross of Calvary. It was through the Holy Spirit that He offered Himself without spot to God. Rest assured that whenever you talk about that night, the Holy Ghost will show up with a powerful anointing.

Most Importantly, Thank Him for the Blood

Why not thank God right now for the blood. Come on Thank Him for His shed blood at Calvary. Honor His blood. Speak and apply it into your circumstances and thank Him that He is the Lamb of God who has taken away the sin of the world. Declare, in Jesus' name, that because of the shed blood, every devil departs from your home, and every sickness and infirmity breaks under the revelation of the power of the blood of Jesus. Declare that the power of Jesus' blood breaks the power and grip of death.

Ask for a sprinkling of the blood, the blood that defeats devils and principalities, the blood that destroys darkness and sin, the blood that overcomes death. Ask Him to wash away your sin and to cover you with His precious blood. Thank Him for triumph right now in every circumstance of your life. Thank Him for triumph over every demonic assignment, bondage, sin, and disease. You are blood-bought, blood-washed, and blood-freed! Thank Him for what His blood has bought for you. Now get ready for the Holy Spirit to come with fresh oil, a new and exciting anointing. Ask God for the anointing that breaks the yoke of bondage and of slavery and receive the power of the blood of Jesus as He pours out the oil of freedom and blessings on you! Thank be to God who always causes us to triumph in the name of Jesus. You can live as an overcomer and overcome the enemy. It was in God's plan all along.

A Note from the Ministry Team: Portions of today's teaching Todd excerpted from his book, Christ's Healing Touch, Volume 2: How to Walk in an Overflow of Miracles, which we hope will be available in coming days. Volume Two examines the power of the blood of Jesus in confronting healing hindrances and gives you powerful keys for spiritual warfare and deliverance. We do have Christ's Healing Touch Volume One in house, which focuses on the powerful biblical theology of healing and gives practical insights to walk out Christ's healing ministry. The two volumes of Christ's Healing Touch will serve as a biblical aid, a "war manual" to help inspire and launch you into your personal healing ministry—the call of every believer.

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