

"...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.

more shall
the blood of Christ,
who through
the eternal Spirit
offered Himself
without spot
to God,
cleanse your
conscience from
dead works to serve
the living God?"
Heb. 9:14

"...knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct ... but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you..."

1 Pet. 1:19-20

The contents of this newsletter was formed from the recent celebration of the Feast of Passover which we observed on March 28 of 2021. In this gathering, I introduced to our people the above subject pertaining to "the triune power of the Blood of Christ." I want to use this month's newsletter to share a more in-depth teaching on this vitally important subject. In the apostle Peter's exhortation above pertaining to the importance of the Blood of Christ, he states, "but was manifest in these last times for you." Indeed, the message of the Blood of Christ is needful for such last times in which we live. The just must live by faith! To do so we will need a heavy dose of faith that is based only in the power of the Blood.



As a teacher of God's Word I would not condone the casual habit of developing one's doctrinal positions by what has been penned by songwriters, many of whom were not very good scholars of God's written Word. At times words that would "rhyme" seemed to be more important than words of solid "reasoning." However, this old, old hymn,"There is Power in the Blood", is an exception and is spot-on being in harmony with the written Word of God.

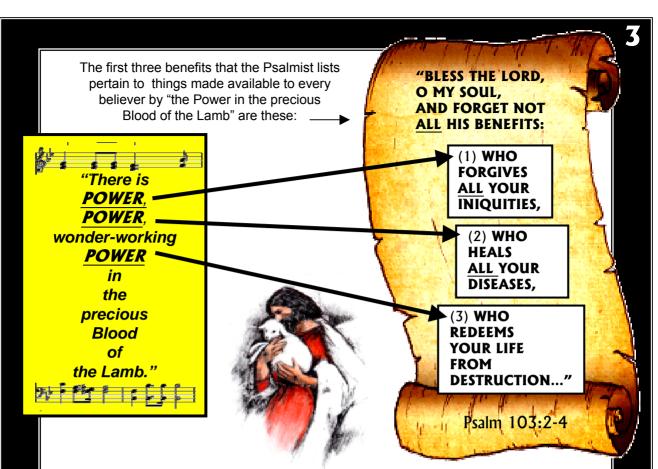
It was Lewis Edgar Jones that wrote "Power in the Blood" in 1899. He has quite a history of being a dedicated scholar who attended the prestigious Moody Bible Institute in Chicago along with evangelist Billy Sunday. He also worked for the YMCA (Young Men's Christian Association) in multiple states, indicating that he served various positions over the years. He wrote over 200 hymns, composing lyrics and music, but none were as popular as "Power in the Blood."

I was drawn to this old classic hymn as I prepared special music for our Passover celebration. In composing the graphics for displaying this hymn for projection I was very much quickened by what I saw in the repetitive words of the chorus:

"There is
POWER,
POWER,
wonder-working
POWER
in the precious Blood
of the Lamb."

It was the scholarly background of brother Jones that quickened me to ponder that these were not words chosen to rhyme but rather were words based on sound biblical reasoning. I wondered what was in the back of his mind in choosing to repeat the word **"POWER"** three times in this song about the Blood of Jesus.

As a teacher of God's Word I knew that the number "three" in bible numerics represented various acts of "Divine completeness." I began to search out the subject of the Blood of Christ to see if there was a threefold pattern of Divine completeness attached to the Blood of Christ. I did not have to search far to find what was recorded in the very opening three verses of Psalm 103!



The admonition of the Psalmist is quite clear: "Do not forget <u>ALL</u> His benefits."

May I ask you, dear Christian, are you in hot pursuit of the triune expression of

"POWER, POWER, wonder-working POWER"

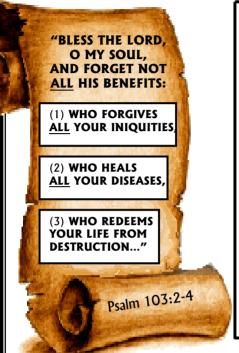
contained in the precious Blood of the Lamb or have you become like the Children of Israel who fell often to the error of "settling for less than God's best"?

By that cliché I am asking you, as a follower of Christ, do you only have one expression of **"POWER"** in your life namely, the initial act of "forgiveness of sins" by means of the power of the Blood of Christ? What about the parallel stated benefit of "the healing of all your diseases" also available through the very same shed Blood of Christ?

Think about this also: with the level of paralyzing fear we are facing today in the midst of a world-wide killer pandemic, what about the aspect also promised of "Divine protection from destruction" that also is plainly stated among God's specified benefits to the believer? Has your faith been reduced to social distancing, paper masks, hastily developed vaccinations or fearful acts of hermit hibernation as the means of "redeeming your life from destruction"? Are these hard words? Yes they are hard words for hard times!

Dear brethren, have we lost the stark reality of what Jesus conveyed about Satan (whose name means "Destroyer"), that he is still busy racking havoc in the world by his purposeful acts designed to "rob, kill and destroy" the peoples of the earth, both unbelievers and believers alike? Shall the "weapons of our warfare" be the same as unbelievers in Christ? Truly, can a spiritual enemy such as "the Destroyer" be defeated with natural defenses conjured up by the carnal-minded, Spirit-less "experts" this world can produce? Is this not the "wisdom of this world" Paul openly condemns with strong admonition?

Let us now make a comparison between the three relational benefits belonging to every believer in Christ as revealed in Psalm 103 and apply them symbolically to the Old Testament type and shadow of the work of Christ contained in the original Feast of Passover described in Exodus Chapter 12:



"Pick out and take lambs for yourselves according to your families, and kill the Passover lamb. And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike THE LINTEL and the TWO DOORPOSTS

WITH THE BLOOD
that is in the basin...
...and when
HE SEES THE BLOOD
ON THE LINTEL
and
ON THE TWO
DOORPOSTS,
the Lord will
PASS OVER
the door
and not allow
THE DESTROYER
to come into
your houses

TO STRIKE YOU.

Exodus 12:21-24

"INDEED.

In light of Exodus 12, it is no wonder that the apostle Paul uttered this profound proclamation about Christ: It takes very little imagination to see the cross of Jesus Christ superimposed over

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**OUR PASSOVER** 

the three points of blood that the Children of Israel were instructed to place over their doorposts and lintel. It is worth mentioning that the "fourth tip" of the cross (the base) was not so marked with the blood of the sacrificed lamb. Why so? Because of this truth given to us by Paul pertaining to the sanctity of the Blood of Christ:

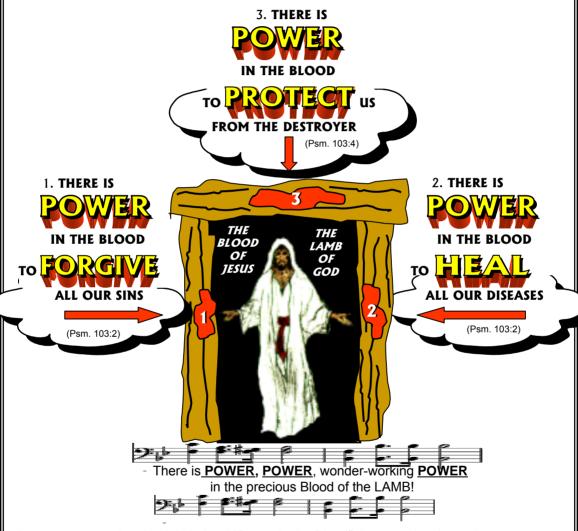
"HOW MUCH WORSE PUNISHMENT, DO YOU SUPPOSE,
WILL HE BE THOUGHT WORTHY WHO HAS TRAMPLED THE SON OF GOD UNDERFOOT,
COUNTED THE BLOOD OF THE COVENANT BY WHICH HE WAS SANCTIFIED
A COMMON THING, AND INSULTED THE SPIRIT OF GRACE?" Heb 10:29-30

I want to stress to you that it is **THE BLOOD** of Christ that is being hallowed above in the imagery from Exodus as well as in Paul's admonition found in Hebrews, and not **THE CROSS** of Christ! What significance the cross played is simply that it was the cruel instrument of death for Christ. It is solely the Blood of the Lamb that produces all the benefits of salvation as described in Psalm 103 and in Exodus 12 as well! In the imagery of Exodus 12 above the three points of the overlaid cross merely "point" to the Blood on the lintel and doorposts of the house where God's people were hidden from the Destroyer. God said, "When I see the Blood...I will cause the Destroyer to pass over you." Our faith is not meant to be placed in the cross of Christ itself, but rather in the power of the Blood He shed on the cross! When properly applied, it is the Blood that forgives us, that heals us, and that protects us from all the destructive work of Satan as the Destroyer.

We see that Psalm 103:1-4 has revealed three specific benefits of the Lord that we are strongly encouraged not to forget. They are co-equal truths. All three pertain to the shed Blood of the real Passover Lamb, Jesus Christ.

I have depicted those benefits below overlaid on the door frame of the houses of God's people as revealed in the type and shadow of Exodus 12. The three specific markings of the blood of the sacrificed lamb placed on the lintel and the doorposts symbolize what would be the prophetic threefold plan of Divine completeness that God would provide to His believing people through faith in the shed Blood of His Son,

Jesus Christ, the true Lamb of God:



Let us now examine that it is indeed "Power in the Blood" that sustains these three great promised benefits from Psalm 103 to those who believe! Truly, there is "Power in the Blood" to not only "forgive all our sins" but also to "heal all our diseases", and to "protect us from the destructive work of Satan, the Destroyer."

Before we plunge into validating that the Blood of Jesus has such power, let me give you a simple way to cultivate remembrance of God's threefold formula pertaining to the Blood's power to forgive, to heal and to protect.

The shed Blood of Christ provided three great benefits we must not neglect (Psalm 103:1-4).



These wonderful truths can be summed up by reducing them to three simple words easy to commit to memory.



3. Protection

(FROM THE DESTROYER)

2. Healing (H., ) (of our diseases)



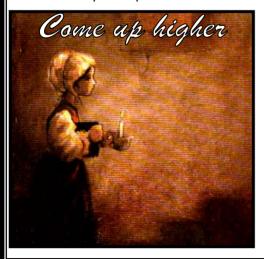
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As I was
making this visual
I was quickened by
the Lord with this acronym
for "FHP."

All three of these benefits are given <u>F</u>or <u>H</u>is <u>P</u>urposes in our lives.

They are <u>F</u>orgiveness, <u>H</u>ealing and <u>P</u>rotection.

My wife and I have always been quickened by this old painting of one of God's "little children" who has chosen to respond to the challenge to "Come up Higher." With a Bible in hand and a lamp to light her way, she begins to climb up to higher, but yet unknown spiritual plateaus.



So likewise, God invites us also to seek to "come up higher" than what has been our comfort zone of knowledge. I believe the basic level of comfort in which we are well-grounded is the initial provision of the Blood of the Lamb in providing forgiveness of all our sins.

However, up a little higher is the needful understanding that it is the same Blood that forgives which also provides healing for all our diseases. Even up higher than that plateau is the ability for the Blood of the Lamb to also protect us from all the evil intentions of Satan, the Destroyer.

Are you interested? Then let us by renewed faith and the illumination of God's Word, seek to "come up higher."

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POWER
IN THE BLOOD
TO HEAL ALL
OUR DISEASES...

POWER
IN THE BLOOD
TO PROTECT US
FROM THE WORK
OF THE DESTROYER...



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## ~THERE IS POWER IN THE BLOOD TO FORGIVE ALL OUR SINS ~

Another great old Hymn poses a question and then proceeds to immediately answer it: "What can take away my sins? Nothing but the Blood of Jesus" (Nothing but the Blood-Robert Lowry). Here indeed is the first important fact in properly understanding how it is that God forgives sin. It is not given by an act of His mercy although He is a very merciful God, "His mercies are new every morning" (Lam. 3:23). The only scriptural basis upon which God, as the Righteous Judge, can be merciful to our sins is by means of the substitutionary shed blood of an innocent sacrificial lamb. That which is innocent must die in place of the guilty:

"THIS IS THE BLOOD OF THE COVENANT WHICH GOD HAS COMMANDED YOU...
AND ACCORDING TO THE LAW ALMOST ALL THINGS ARE PURIFIED WITH BLOOD,
AND WITHOUT SHEDDING OF BLOOD THERE IS NO REMISSION."

Heb 9:20-22

The apostle John supports this principle of shedding innocent Blood to wash away sin:

"...JESUS CHRIST, THE FAITHFUL WITNESS, THE FIRSTBORN FROM THE DEAD...
TO HIM WHO LOVED US AND WASHED US FROM OUR SINS IN HIS OWN BLOOD." Rev. 1:5-6

Likewise, John the Baptist, upon seeing Jesus coming down a hill prophetically proclaims:

"THE NEXT DAY JOHN SAW JESUS COMING TOWARD HIM, AND SAID, "BEHOLD! THE LAMB OF GOD WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD!" John 1:29-30

Every law-abiding Jew understood the significance of these prophetic words of John the Baptist spoken over Jesus. Year after year and century after century, the Law of Moses required the sacrifice of an innocent lamb to cover the sins of the people. The establishment of this law goes all the way back to the first Passover recorded in Exodus Chapter 12:



"ON THE TENTH OF THIS MONTH EVERY MAN SHALL TAKE FOR HIMSELF A LAMB, ACCORDING TO THE HOUSE OF HIS FATHER, A LAMB FOR A HOUSEHOLD... YOUR LAMB SHALL BE WITHOUT BLEMISH, A MALE OF THE FIRST YEAR. ... NOW YOU SHALL KEEP IT UNTIL THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF THE SAME MONTH. THEN THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY OF THE CONGREGATION OF ISRAEL SHALL KILL IT AT TWILIGHT... IT IS THE LORD'S PASSOVER...

'SO THIS DAY SHALL BE TO YOU A MEMORIAL; AND YOU SHALL KEEP IT AS A FEAST TO THE LORD THROUGHOUT YOUR GENERATIONS. YOU SHALL KEEP IT AS A FEAST BY AN EVERLASTING ORDINANCE."

Ex. 12 excerpts

God, who bears the title of "the Righteous Judge" (2 Tim.4:8), must Himself satisfy the righteous demands of the written Law such as, "The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). In order to grant mercy to sinful man God's law requires the life of the innocent to be sacrificed in order to spare the life of the guilty. Only by shedding the blood of the innocent can atonement for the sins of the guilty be accomplished. "No blood shed-no remission of sin" declared the righteous demands of the Law!



"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 ...HOW MUCH MORE SHALL THE BLOOD OF CHRIST, WHO THROUGH THE ETERNAL SPIRIT OFFERED HIMSELF WITHOUT SPOT TO GOD, CLEANSE YOUR CONSCIENCE FROM DEAD WORKS TO SERVE THE LIVING GOD?

"...GIVING THANKS TO THE FATHER WHO HAS QUALIFIED US TO BE PARTAKERS OF THE INHERITANCE OF THE SAINTS IN THE LIGHT. HE HAS DELIVERED US FROM THE POWER OF DARKNESS AND CONVEYED US INTO THE KINGDOM OF THE SON OF HIS LOVE. IN WHOM WE HAVE REDEMPTION THROUGH HIS BLOOD, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS." Col 1:12-14

"... YOU WERE NOT REDEEMED WITH CORRUPTIBLE THINGS. LIKE SILVER OR GOLD. FROM YOUR AIMLESS CONDUCT... BUT WITH THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST, AS OF A LAMB WITHOUT BLEMISH AND WITHOUT SPOT. HE INDEED WAS FOREORDAINED BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD, BUT WAS MANIFEST IN THESE LAST TIMES FOR YOU WHO THROUGH HIM BELIEVE IN GOD, WHO RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD AND GAVE HIM GLORY, SO THAT YOUR FAITH AND HOPE ARE IN GOD."

"...IF WE WALK IN THE LIGHT AS HE IS IN THE LIGHT... THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST HIS SON CLEANSES US FROM ALL SIN. IF WE SAY THAT WE HAVE NO SIN, WE DECEIVE OURSELVES, AND THE TRUTH IS NOT IN US. IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST TO FORGIVE US OUR SINS AND TO CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS."

> "COME NOW, AND LET US REASON TOGETHER," SAYS THE LORD, "THOUGH YOUR SINS ARE LIKE SCARLET, THEY SHALL BE AS WHITE AS SNOW: THOUGH THEY ARE RED LIKE CRIMSON, THEY SHALL BE AS WOOL."

Isa. 1:18

Permeating throughout scripture are promises from God like the above few I have selected. I could give you several more pages to overstate my point. However, what is above stated is sufficient in conveying the point that God has, and always will, forgive our sins. He does not "pre-forgive" sin, but if we are faithful to confess He will be faithful to forgive the repentant sinner. Also the Word abounds with promises of what He will do with your/my sins. Here are a few samples to consider:

> "I, EVEN I, AM HE WHO BLOTS OUT YOUR TRANSGRESSIONS FOR MY OWN SAKE; AND I WILL NOT REMEMBER YOUR SINS." Isa. 43:25

"I HAVE BLOTTED OUT, LIKE A THICK CLOUD, YOUR TRANSGRESSIONS, AND LIKE A CLOUD, YOUR SINS." Isa. 44:22

"WHO IS A GOD LIKE YOU, PARDONING INIQUITY AND PASSING OVER TRANSGRESSION ...BECAUSE HE DELIGHTS IN MERCY. HE WILL AGAIN HAVE COMPASSION ON US, AND WILL SUBDUE OUR INIQUITIES. YOU WILL CAST ALL OUR SINS INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE SEA."

Micah 7:18-19

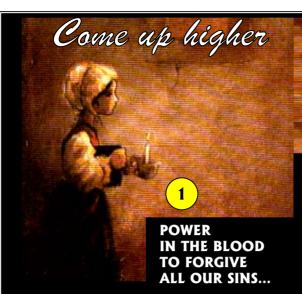
"YOU HAVE LOVINGLY DELIVERED MY SOUL FROM THE PIT OF CORRUPTION. FOR YOU HAVE CAST ALL MY SINS BEHIND YOUR BACK." Isa 38:17-18

I believe I have given you enough proof of this truth about God who forgives our sins. God "forgives and forgets" the sins of His people. He does so by satisfying the righteous demands of the Law through the principle of substitution: "a life for a life." Let this sink in:



"FOR HE MADE HIM WHO KNEW NO SIN TO BE SIN FOR US. THAT WE MIGHT BECOME THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN HIM.





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POWER
IN THE BLOOD
TO HEAL ALL
OUR DISEASES...

POWER
IN THE BLOOD
TO PROTECT US
FROM THE WORK
OF THE DESTROYER...



~THERE IS POWER IN THE BLOOD TO HEAL ALL OUR DISEASES ~

If you are fully persuaded that the shed Blood of Christ is more than able to "Forgive ALL our sins" (Psm. 103:3) are you ready to consider that the very same shed Blood of the Lamb is able to "Heal ALL our diseases"? (Psm. 103:3).



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### WISDOM OF GOD

(THE SAYINGS OF GOD)

What is plainly stated in God's
Word is an equally balanced
perspective between
"forgiveness" and Healing."
If you can obtain one you
can also acquire the other.



## WISDOM OF MEN

(THE SAYINGS OF MEN)

Sadly, even among Christian teachers what is plainly written is often distorted and dismissed with a wave of the hand as "not for today."

God did it way back then, but He doesn't do it today.

However, flying in the face of such dispensationally distorted theology of men stands these words of God Himself in which He reminds us not to forget His unchanging principle about how He functions:

"FOR I AM THE LORD, I DO NOT CHANGE..." Mal. 3:6

"JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER.

DO NOT BE CARRIED ABOUT WITH VARIOUS AND STRANGE DOCTRINES." Heb 13:8-9

What is presented in the original story of the deliverance of the Children of Israel in Egypt by means of the initial Passover lamb is meant to be a prophetic type and shadow of the reality of the same deliverance by the Blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ, of whom Paul now boldly proclaims, "Christ, our Passover sacrificed for us" (1 Cor. 5:7). That simply means that what He did for His first covenant people (the Children of Israel) He has also done for His present people (the Church). He has given both Israel and the Church "Forgiveness, Healing and Protection" by means of the Blood of the Lamb!



Who has not seen Cecil B. Demille's epic movie of all time, "The Ten Commandments"? Remember I warned you about getting your doctrines from the songwriters, now I want to warn you about the moviemakers as well. For the most part this movie was pretty accurate except in one dramatized scene, the exodus of God's people from Egypt. You may remember how the sick, the lame, the feeble, and young and old alike were carried out on carts, on stretchers, on the backs and shoulders of others? However, this is in stark opposition to what the scriptures record:

"HE ALSO BROUGHT THEM OUT WITH SILVER AND GOLD, AND THERE WAS NONE FEEBLE AMONG HIS TRIBES. EGYPT WAS GLAD WHEN THEY DEPARTED, FOR THE FEAR OF THEM HAD FALLEN UPON THEM." Psm. 105:39

"Fear" is the reason why the Egyptians gave all their silver and gold to the Hebrew slaves. They wanted them to leave their country. Why so? Because on the very night that all the first-born of pagan-worshiping Egyptians died (including Pharaoh), in great contrast, God healed all sickness and disease among His own people! Look at this commentary on this verse from Psalm 105:39:

<u>Psalm 105:39:</u> "And there was not one feeble person among their tribes" -- a great marvel indeed. The number of their army was very great and yet there was not one in hospital, not one carried in an ambulance, or limping in the rear. JEHOVAH ROPHI ("The Lord who heals YOU.") had healed them; they carried none of the diseases of Egypt with them...They came out all in good health, and brought not with them any of the diseases of Egypt. Surely never was the like; that among so many thousands there was not one sick!

And why is it so? Because God gave this promise to His own people that He was about to deliver from Pharaoh's hand:

"...I WILL PUT NONE OF THE DISEASES ON YOU WHICH I HAVE BROUGHT ON THE EGYPTIANS. FOR I AM THE LORD WHO HEALS YOU."

Exodus 15:26

The life-changing event for them was "the Lord's Passover"! If you could have seen them in captivity they perhaps would have looked like the people in the forced labor camps of Nazi Germany. Yes, they were a sick and diseased people that were suffering from physical exhaustion under the consistent harsh slavery of Pharaoh (a type and shadow of Satan as the god of this world). From sunup to sundown they were forced to make mud bricks for Pharaoh's cities with straw that they were required to gather themselves.

However, something happened on the night of Passover. They were delivered on that night from the bondage of Egypt as they stood and partook of the eating of the Passover lamb that was slain for their sins. God physically healed every one among them! "There was not one feeble person among their tribes" (Psm.105:39).

The twin truths we first saw stated in Psalm 103:1-3 are now repeated in this dramatic deliverance of God's people. As they ate of the Passover lamb sacrificed for them they received forgiveness of sins.



The result of God's forgiveness carried over into a mass manifestation of physical healing from all sickness and disease. These two truths permeate God's Word as stated in Psalm 103: "He forgives all our sins and He heals all our diseases!"

<u>"F</u>orgiveness and <u>H</u>ealing" are both provided by the initial act of the shedding of the Blood of the Lamb.



"Forgiveness and Healing" are often intermingled with one another as we find in this passage from Isaiah:

"BUT HE WAS WOUNDED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS,
HE WAS BRUISED FOR OUR GUILT AND INIQUITIES;
THE CHASTISEMENT NEEDFUL TO OBTAIN PEACE AND WELL-BEING FOR US WAS UPON HIM,
AND WITH THE STRIPES THAT WOUNDED HIM WE ARE HEALED AND MADE WHOLE."

Isa 53:5 Amplified

Jesus came not only to deal with the issue of sin but with sickness and disease as well. If you would carefully consider all such passages that state what Jesus' ministry consisted of, you would see both of the dual objectives of "Forgiveness of sin and Healing of diseases" set side by side. Consider what Jesus Himself said in describing His ministry:

"THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE HAS ANOINTED ME TO

PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR;

HE HAS SENT ME TO

HEAL THE BROKENHEARTED,

TO PROCLAIM

LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVES

AND
RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND,
TO SET AT LIBERTY THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED;
TO PROCLAIM THE ACCEPTABLE YEAR OF THE LORD."

Luke 4:18-19

Consider how the Holy Spirit summarized Jesus' ministry overall:

"HOW GOD ANOINTED JESUS OF NAZARETH WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND WITH POWER,
WHO WENT ABOUT DOING GOOD
AND HEALING ALL WHO WERE OPPRESSED BY THE DEVIL,
FOR GOD WAS WITH HIM."

Acts 10:38-39

Jesus would heal the sick, the lame, the blind, and then purposely attribute the healing of their diseases to forgiving their sins. These were inter-changeable concepts in the mind of Jesus. Consider this example:

"WHICH IS EASIER, TO SAY,

'YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN YOU,' OR TO SAY, 'RISE UP AND WALK'?

BUT THAT YOU MAY KNOW THAT THE SON OF MAN

HAS POWER ON EARTH TO FORGIVE SINS" -
HE SAID TO THE MAN WHO WAS PARALYZED,

"I SAY TO YOU, ARISE, TAKE UP YOUR BED, AND GO TO YOUR HOUSE."

Luke 5:23-24

The apostle John states the same principle as Jesus being at work in linking together spiritual well-being and physical health:



"BELOVED, I PRAY THAT YOU MAY
PROSPER IN ALL THINGS
AND BE IN HEALTH,
JUST AS YOUR SOUL PROSPERS.

FOR I REJOICED GREATLY WHEN BRETHREN CAME AND TESTIFIED OF THE TRUTH THAT IS IN YOU, JUST AS YOU WALK IN THE TRUTH. I HAVE NO GREATER JOY THAN TO HEAR THAT MY CHILDREN WALK IN TRUTH." 3 John 2

Brethren, we must fight to lay hold of the aspect of Divine healing with the same intensity and assurance that we already possess concerning the forgiveness of sin. We **KNOW** we are forgiven. We must also **KNOW** that by Jesus' stripes we are healed of disease and sickness. These are parallel truths both of which Jesus Himself strove to teach the people.



# THERE IS POWER IN THE BLOOD TO PROTECT US FROM THE DESTROYER

We have established that there is indeed "power in the Blood" to forgive all our sins. The Law of God states clearly, "...**ALL THINGS ARE PURIFIED WITH BLOOD, AND WITHOUT SHEDDING OF BLOOD THERE IS NO REMISSION."** (Heb. (9:22)

We have seen also that there is "power in the Blood" to heal all our diseases. The prophet Isaiah proclaims, "... AND WITH THE STRIPES THAT WOUNDED HIM WE ARE HEALED AND MADE WHOLE." (Isa. 53:55 Amplified).

Let us now consider what is indeed "the need of the hour." There is available to us, as followers of Christ, all-sufficient "power in the Blood" to protect us from all the destructive powers that are at work such as the present world-wide pandemic of Covid-19.

As Christians we must understand this destructive force at work is of demonic origin, the work of Satan in his role as "the thief who comes to rob, kill and destroy" (Jn.10:10). The needful proclamation, the battle-cry of every believer must be what is stated in God's Word:

The pattern for overcoming the destructive work of the one called "the Destroyer" is found in the original Passover of Exodus 12. It is the same source at work namely, "the Blood of the Lamb."

"BY
THE WORD OF YOUR LIPS,
I HAVE KEPT MYSELF
FROM
THE PATHS OF
THE DESTROYER.
UPHOLD
MY STEPS
IN YOUR PATHS,
THAT MY FOOTSTEPS
MAY NOT SLIP."
Psm. 17:4

"AND **THEY OVERCAME HIM** THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB AND BY THE WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY, AND THEY DID NOT LOVE THEIR LIVES TO THE DEATH." Rev. 12:11

In the story of Passover we saw that it was "the power in the Blood of the Lamb" that forgave the Children of Israel of their sins. It took place as they individually ate of the Passover lamb which was sacrificed for them.

Likewise it was "the power in the Blood of the Lamb" that instantly cured all disease and sickness from among God's people on the very day they departed from Egypt.

Let us now consider this third manifestation of "power in the blood of the lamb" that protected God's people from the hand of "the Destroyer." This too is a picture of deliverance that is still available to God's people today!

THE TYPE AND SHADOW
CONTAINED IN
PASSOVER

Exodus 12

"IT IS THE LORD'S PASSOVER... ...YOU SHALL TAKE A BUNCH OF HYSSOP. DIP IT IN THE BLOOD THAT IS IN THE BASIN. AND STRIKE THE LINTEL AND THE TWO **DOORPOSTS WITH THE BLOOD** THAT IS IN THE BASIN... ...NOW THE BLOOD SHALL BE A SIGN **FOR YOU** ON THE HOUSES WHERE YOU ARE...



...WHEN HE SEES THE BLOOD ON THE LINTEL AND ON THE TWO DOORPOSTS. THE LORD WILL **PASS OVER** THE DOOR AND NOT ALLOW THE DESTROYER TO **COME INTO YOUR HOUSES** TO STRIKE YOU... AND YOU SHALL **OBSERVE THIS THING** AS AN ORDINANCE **FOR YOU** AND YOUR SONS FOREVER." Ex.12 excerpts

Are we to believe that the above detailed record from Exodus 12 was meant to be a "one time story" of how God long ago miraculously protected His people from destruction in Egypt? Can it be that it indeed is meant to convey a "type and shadow" to believers today of how our unchanging God <u>STILL</u> delivers His people from the hand of "the Destroyer"?

Are we not to <u>STILL</u> cultivate these unchanging benefits that God supplies to all His people regardless of whether we are in the Old Covenant or in the New Covenant?

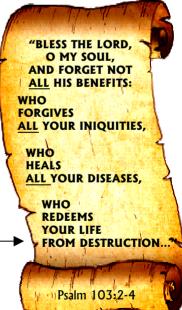
We saw that the Children of Israel found forgiveness from their God by the eating in faith of the sacrificed lamb assigned to each household.

We saw that the Children of Israel found healing — of their diseases as God recorded by proclaiming, "there was not a feeble one among them" (Psm.105:39) as they journeyed out of Egypt.

We saw that God kept them from the Destroyer \_\_\_ that slew all the first-born of Egypt but passed over the people of God due to the blood of the lamb on their door.

Do you believe that what God did for the Children of Israel
He is still willing to do for us? Then know that the Blood of the Lamb

remains **POWERLESS** unless it is actively applied as needed! It takes each of us to rise up from the couch of complacency and take "a bunch of hyssop" (symbolizing faith) ,dip it in the always available Blood of the Lamb which was shed for us! By such demonstration of faith we apply the Blood of the Lamb to cover the door of our dwelling place so that "the Destroyer" is compelled by God Himself to "Pass-over" us!



# ONE'S PROTECTED PHYSICAL HOUSE



EVERY BELIEVER
HAS TWO
DWELLING PLACES
THAT ARE
PROTECTED
BY THE BLOOD
OF THE LAMB!

ONE'S PROTECTED
SPIRITUAL
"HOUSE"



"...NOW THE BLOOD SHALL BE A SIGN FOR YOU ON THE HOUSES WHERE YOU ARE...
...WHEN HE SEES THE BLOOD
ON THE LINTEL AND ON THE TWO DOORPOSTS,
THE LORD WILL PASS OVER THE DOOR
AND NOT ALLOW THE DESTROYER TO

COME INTO YOUR HOUSES
TO STRIKE YOU..."
Exodus. 12

The promises from Exodus 12 are meant to protect your physical dwelling place, your home, just as much today as it did for the Children of Israel in Egypt. The scriptures throughout emphatically declare:

"NO EVIL SHALL BEFALL YOU,
NOR SHALL ANY PLAGUE COME NEAR
YOUR DWELLING,
FOR HE SHALL GIVE HIS ANGELS CHARGE OVER YOU,
TO KEEP YOU IN ALL YOUR WAYS." PS 91:10-11

"WHEN YOU LIE DOWN, YOU WILL NOT BE AFRAID;
YES, YOU WILL LIE DOWN
AND YOUR SLEEP WILL BE SWEET." Prov 3:24

"I WILL BOTH LIE DOWN IN PEACE, AND SLEEP; FOR YOU ALONE, O LORD, MAKE ME DWELL IN SAFETY." PS 4:8-5:1

"MY PEOPLE WILL DWELL IN A PEACEFUL HABITATION, IN SECURE DWELLINGS, AND IN QUIET RESTING PLACES..." Isa 32:18

The physical dwelling places of the righteous are promised to be fortresses of safety in the midst of an unsafe world. When you lie down tonight give thanks to God for encamping His angels around your dwelling place.

When you lie down tonight give thanks to God for the Blood of the Lamb that marks your physical house as "off limits" for any forces of darkness. When God "sees the Blood" He will cause the Destroyer to pass over you!

Do you have faith to believe this to be true?

"...NOW THE BLOOD SHALL BE A SIGN FOR YOU
ON THE HOUSES WHERE YOU ARE...
...WHEN HE SEES THE BLOOD
ON THE HUTEL AND ON THE TWO DOORBOTTS

ON THE LINTEL AND ON THE TWO DOORPOSTS,
THE LORD WILL PASS OVER THE DOOR
AND NOT ALLOW THE DESTROYER TO
COME INTO YOUR HOUSES
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Exodus 12

This is vitally important to digest: As great as it is that God protects us in our geographically located homes, He also protects us wherever we go outside of those physical locations. This is because of the solid fact that our physical bodies are viewed by God as our "spiritual house" in which we dwell:

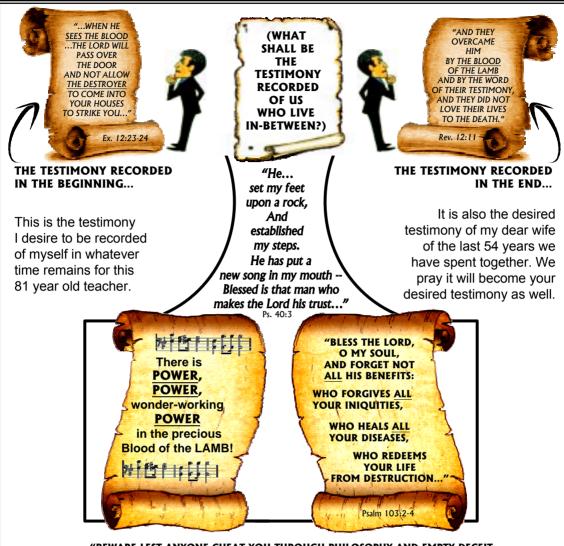
"... CHRIST AS A SON OVER HIS OWN HOUSE,
WHOSE HOUSE WE ARE..."

"OR DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT YOUR BODY IS
THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
WHO IS IN YOU, WHOM YOU HAVE FROM GOD,
AND YOU ARE NOT YOUR OWN?"
1 Cor 6:19-20

"IF ANYONE LOVES ME...MY FATHER WILL LOVE HIM, AND WE WILL COME TO HIM AND MAKE OUR HOME WITH HIM." John 14:23-24

Just think on that for a moment and I believe that fear will flee from you! The Triune Godhead which consists of God our Father, His Son the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit now becoming a manifestation of our spiritual "house", "the temple of God", and "our home." This is our "dwelling place" which is under the protection of "the Blood of the Lamb"!

Think of it: You don't need to stay in your physical house to be safe from the likes of Covid-19. Wherever you go, you do so as "Christ's house", "His temple", the dwelling place of the Triune Godhead! Is "Covid-19" stronger than this mobile fortress of God?



"BEWARE LEST ANYONE CHEAT YOU THROUGH PHILOSOPHY AND EMPTY DECEIT, ACCORDING TO THE TRADITION OF MEN, ACCORDING TO THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF THE WORLD, AND NOT ACCORDING TO CHRIST. FOR IN HIM DWELLS ALL THE FULLNESS OF THE GODHEAD BODILY; AND YOU ARE COMPLETE IN HIM, WHO IS THE HEAD OF ALL PRINCIPALITY AND POWER."

Col.2:8

"...CHRIST THE POWER OF GOD AND THE WISDOM OF GOD...
HAS NOT GOD MADE FOOLISH THE WISDOM OF THIS WORLD?
...YOUR FAITH SHOULD NOT BE IN THE WISDOM OF MEN, BUT IN THE POWER OF GOD."

The verses above are timeless counsel from the apostle Paul. I believe we must keep them ever before us as the day in which we now live gets darker and darker. I suspect that Covid-19 is not the worse that we may encounter in our walk of faith.

We are being inundated with the "wisdom of men" on how to "deal successfully" with Covid-19. Know that their solution very much lacks the wisdom of God, but rather contains purposeful subtle substitutes for what constitutes real faith. The mind behind the system that governs this world wants your trust to be in the power of things like "social distancing, paper masks" and now, in world-wide vaccination as the deliverer of mankind. I believe they all will fail to deliver because "deliverance of the people" is not the real objective, but rather it is "control of the people."



#### "FOR THOUGH WE WALK IN THE FLESH

( the physical realm),

WE DO NOT WAR ACCORDING TO THE FLESH

(the physical realm).

FOR THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE ARE NOT CARNAL

(the physical realm),

BUT (our weapons are) MIGHTY IN GOD FOR PULLING DOWN (Satanic) STRONGHOLDS, CASTING DOWN ARGUMENTS AND EVERY HIGH THING

(human reasoning and logic)

THAT EXALTS ITSELF AGAINST THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD,
BRINGING EVERY THOUGHT INTO CAPTIVITY
TO THE OBEDIENCE OF CHRIST..."

2 Cor 10:4-5



When the Bible warns that "the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one" (1 Jn.5:19), it is conveying that un-regenerated man gets their inspiration from "the mind behind the system", Satan himself. The "wisdom of men" is demonically inspired and filled with delusion. The scriptures record that "Satan deceives the whole world." (Rev.12:9).

Men like Bill Gates and Dr. Fauci may sincerely believe the answer for the world is mass vaccination, but we must ask whether "the wisdom of men" is greater than "the wisdom of God"? Paul says no: "...CHRIST THE POWER OF GOD AND THE WISDOM OF GOD....

HAS NOT GOD MADE FOOLISH THE WISDOM OF THIS WORLD?

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Does it stand to reason that "the wisdom of men" can be greater than "the wisdom of God"? This hastily developed and unproven vaccine is engineered to alter and "improve" the immune system that God gave to mankind. The Christian believes that what God made was made with wisdom and perfection. Listen to the Psalmist:

"YOU FORMED MY INWARD PARTS; YOU COVERED ME IN MY MOTHER'S WOMB.

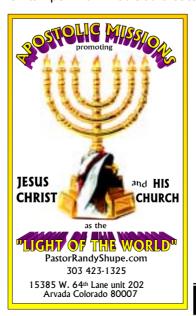
I WILL PRAISE YOU, FOR I AM FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE;

MARVELOUS ARE YOUR WORKS,

AND THAT MY SOUL KNOWS VERY WELL. MY FRAME WAS NOT HIDDEN FROM YOU, WHEN I WAS MADE IN SECRET, AND SKILLFULLY WROUGHT IN THE LOWEST PARTS OF THE EARTH. YOUR EYES SAW MY SUBSTANCE, BEING YET UNFORMED. AND IN YOUR BOOK THEY ALL WERE WRITTEN, THE DAYS FASHIONED FOR ME, WHEN AS YET THERE WERE NONE OF THEM."

Ps 139:13-16

Christian, do you believe what is written above? if true, then don't allow anyone, including the well-meaning among men tamper with what God created! SELAH!



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