



ACCURATE BUILDING CONCEPTS

Blood or Word?

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“I apply the Blood on my house ...”

“I apply the Blood on my car ...”

“I plead the Blood of Jesus...”

It is not uncommon to hear these statements in prayer meetings. These statements are used to threaten Satan or claim immunity from him.

I have heard believers say that they applied the Blood of Jesus on their house, but the house was burgled. Others have said that they applied the Blood on the car and it was still stolen. “Where’s the power of the Blood?” they ask.

Blood application, as above, was not practiced by the apostles. BLOOD APPLICATION IS NOT MENTIONED IN THE ARMOUR OF GOD (Eph.6). The practice of blood application was copied from Moses (Exod. 12:21, 22).

1. WHERE IS LIFE?

Lev 17:11

'For the life of the flesh is in the blood, ... (NKJ)

In the Old Covenant, life was in the blood.

In the New Covenant LIFE IS IN THE WORD.

John 6:63

"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. (NKJ)

John 6:48

I am the bread of life. (NKJ)

EVERLASTING LIFE IS FOR THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN HIM – HE IS THE WORD. BELIEVE THE WORD.

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (NKJ)

THE PROCEEDING WORD IS LIFE-GIVING.

Matt 4:4

But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. (NKJ)

2. THE BLOOD AND SIN

The Blood of Jesus is the only solution for sin. THIS IS THE POWER OF THE BLOOD.

Rev 1:5

and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, (NKJ)

I Jn 1:7

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. (NKJ)

SUPERSTITIOUS APPLICATION OF THE BLOOD WILL NOT PROTECT YOU FROM SATAN. YOU CANNOT SAY “I HIDE UNDER THE BLOOD” AND

CONTINUE IN SIN, EXPECTING IMMUNITY FROM SATAN. SIN OPENS THE DOOR FOR SATANIC OPPRESSION.

1 Jn 5:18

We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.(NKJ)

PERSONAL SANCTIFICATION (“keeps himself”- GUARDS HIMSELF) IS NECESSARY FOR OUR PROTECTION. THIS IS LIFE IN THE WORD. IT INVOLVES PUTTING ON THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD. WE MUST BE ABLE TO SAY “IT IS WRITTEN”. THIS IS A WORD-BASED LIFE.

The application of Blood on inanimate objects is a superstitious practice that exalts itself against the knowledge of God’s Word.

IF SUPERSTITIOUS BLOOD APPLICATION WAS OUR PROTECTION, WHY IS IT NOT MENTIONED IN THE ARMOUR OF GOD IN EPHESIANS 6?

3. A COMMONLY MISUNDERSTOOD SCRIPTURE

Rev 12:10-11

10Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

11"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. (NKJ)

This scripture is often used to justify blood application.

Let’s examine this scripture.

HOW DID THE SAINTS OVERCOME?

- *by the blood of the Lamb*
by – dia(G1223 Strongs)

Means because of, by occasion of, by reason of

The sense conveyed is that the saints won the victory on the grounds of the shed blood, not by just declaring or applying the blood.

His blood shed at His death gave us the victory.

Heb 2:14

Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,(NKJ)

Because of the shed blood of the Lamb our sins are completely washed away – Satan can no longer accuse us. This portion of scripture demonstrates the FINISHED WORK OF CHRIST that gives us positional authority over Satan.

- *by the word of their testimony*

This refers to the SAINT’S WITNESS OF THE FINISHED WORK OF CHRIST – THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST.

Acts 19:26-27

26"Moreover you see and hear that not only at Ephesus, but throughout almost all Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away many people, saying that they are not gods which are made with hands.

27"So not only is this trade of ours in danger of falling into disrepute, but also the temple of the great goddess Diana may be despised and her magnificence destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worship."(NKJ)

The apostle's witness dismantled religious strongholds. Diana crumbled under Paul's witness. Satan's strongholds were broken by the apostles' witness of the gospel.

- *they did not love their lives to the death*

The saints demonstrated that they loved the Lord more than their own lives – the principle of self-denial was practically demonstrated.

4. WE OVERCOME THE WICKED ONE THE SAME WAY TODAY:

- **RECOGNITION OF OUR POSITIONAL AUTHORITY THROUGH THE FINISHED WORK OF CHRIST – THE BLOOD HAS CLEANSED US – WE CAN NO LONGER BE ACCUSED BY SATAN.**
- **WITNESS OF THE GOSPEL, THE FINISHED WORK OF CHRIST.**
- **SELF-DENIAL**

The mere declaration of the blood to fight Satan without this understanding is superstitious (practice based on fear and ignorance.)

5. THE BLOOD AND THE MIND

Folk often apply the blood on their minds. This is not going to renew anyone's mind. Here again the role of the word of God is emphasized.

Rom 12:2

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

THIS DEMANDS WORD APPLICATION.

6. JESUS' PART AND OUR PART

JESUS SHED HIS BLOOD ONCE.

Heb 10:12-14

12But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God,

13from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool.

14For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.(NKJ)

JESUS APPLIED HIS BLOOD ONCE.

Heb 9:21

Then likewise he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry.(NKJ)

THE BLOOD MAKES ATONEMENT CONTINUALLY

Heb 13:20

Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,(NKJ)

Heb 12:24

to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.(NKJ)

JESUS DID HIS PART – SHED HIS BLOOD, SPRINKLED HIS BLOOD.

WE MUST DO OUR PART.

OUR PART:

OUR PART IS NOT APPLYING THE BLOOD AGAIN, BUT TO WALK IN THE LIGHT – TO WALK IN THE WORD.

1 Jn 1:7

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.(NKJ)

Ps 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.(NKJ)

7. A FREQUENT COMMENT, “WHEN I USED THE BLOOD IN THE PAST, DEMONS SCREAMED AND FLED. THIS PROVES THAT THIS IS A VALID PRACTICE.”

We should not formulate doctrines from the activity of demons or personal experience alone. Demons are liars – they will do anything to reinforce unbiblical practices. Those demons that fled came back seven times stronger into the lives of men and women not guarded by the Word. The end result was turmoil in the House of God-the enemy in our habitation, the enemy roaring in the congregation, leaders with no word-depth that shipwrecked the congregation, church splits etc. BECAUSE SOMETHING WORKS, DOES NOT MAKE IT RIGHT. LET US DEMAND ALIGNMENT TO THE WORD OF GOD.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE AFOREMENTIONED DOES NOT IMPLY DISRESPECT FOR THE BLOOD OF CHRIST, NEITHER DOES IT UNDERMINE THE BLOOD. BECAUSE WE RECOGNISE GOD’S BLOOD(Acts20:28) AS THE ONLY GROUND FOR OUR SALVATION WE SHOULD NOT FRIVOLOUSLY APPLY THE BLOOD ON INANIMATE OBJECTS, OR THROW IT AT SATAN.