

THE VOICE OF THE BLOOD OF JESUS

Genesis 4:10 *And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.*

Blood appears to have a voice. Blood appears to possess the ability to express itself. Cain clearly underestimated the power of blood to appeal for justice. “Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous” (1 John 3:12). The life of the flesh is in the blood, God reminded Israel. “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” (Leviticus 17:11). We also know that all life has its source in the Spirit of God. “The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life” (Job 33:4). Hence, the Spirit of God breathes life into the blood and gives life to the flesh. Consider how amazing blood is: it circulates three times every minute in the body; blood carries oxygen and nutrients to cells while removing waste products and carbon dioxide; it also helps fight infections, regulate body temperature, and distribute hormones and other substances throughout the body. Overall, it's essential for keeping the body functioning properly and maintaining good health. The Messiah is intimately associated with blood in the prophecy of Jacob.

Gen 49:10 *The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.*

Gen 49:11 *Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes:*

Gen 49:12 *His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.*

We see how this applied to the Lord in the vision of John: “And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God” (Revelation 19:13). We come next to the story of blood in the Exodus. Blood is never spilled in vain; it speaks a powerful language – the language of deliverance and salvation. “And 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” (Exodus 12:7). The door is the entrance to a house; without it there is no access to the house – at least not in a normal way. To apply the blood to the doorposts gives the message that the entire house is covered by the blood of the lamb, who is Jesus. All who live in the house take refuge in the saving name and blood of Jesus. Our blood cannot save us. Humans often talk in terms of coming from an illustrious bloodline. The biblical truth is that

the entire bloodline of humanity is tainted by sin. “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned” (Romans 5:12). Since all of humanity’s bloodline is contaminated by sin, we needed someone with a non-Adamic order or kind of blood. “Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh” (Hebrews 10: 19,20). Note carefully how the flesh and blood of Jesus is a new and living way. How is the flesh and blood of Jesus a new and living way? Firstly, because it is of the word of God, and not of humanity, and secondly, it is living because the Spirit of God himself gives life to that flesh and blood.

John 14:10 *Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.*

The blood of Jesus speaks powerfully. It says that Jesus is God. “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” (Acts 20:28). We know that there is only one God, and his name is Jesus. Just as the blood of Abel testified that he was innocent and righteous in his death, the blood of Jesus testifies loud and clear that he is God. The only individual who possessed the blood of God is Jesus. To be precise, we do not say that the blood isolated is God, but that when the word was made flesh and blood, its origin is in God, and not outside of him. The blood of Jesus is animated by the Spirit of God. We need to understand that the reason the flesh and blood of Jesus gives eternal life is because the Spirit of God gives life *through* the flesh and blood. “And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one” (I John 5:8). Everything begins with the Spirit of God. Yes, without the flesh and blood of Jesus we cannot have eternal life. But make no mistake, this is only because Jesus’ flesh and blood live through the Spirit of the Father. The flesh and blood of the Lord did not have a life and will of their own separate from the Father. “Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me” (John 8:42).

Hebrews 12:24 *And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.*

How does the blood of Jesus speak better things than that of Abel? Because it took away the sins of the whole world. Imagine the debt that we owed God! How infinitely

enormous the burden of such debt! God alone could ransom us from the power of sin and death. The greatest creditor and debt collector in the world is death. Some people have managed to escape human debt collectors, but none have escaped this great collector of debts. The proof of his success is the graves of the dead. Only God can pay the price for or release from this debt. “I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes” (Hosea 13:14). The Hebrew word for debt is *pāḏâ* and means to pay a price. “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; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot” (I Peter 1:18,19). So the blood of Jesus is speaking and saying that it alone can pay the price to release us from the death of sin, death and the grave. Finally, in heaven, we will speak, sing and praise the Lord for his blood that redeemed us.

Revelation 5:9 *And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;*

Heaven is filled with those who fully recognize and appreciate the power and the voice of the blood of Jesus. His blood spoke for us, it defended us and paid the price for us sins. We are washed by his blood. Not once or twice, but continually until he returns. The blood in the human body circulates three times every minute. The blood of Jesus is constantly available to sinners and to saints who are defiled by sin. Let us hear the blood speaking – it says come and wash your sins away in the blood of Jesus. “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin” (I John 1:7).