



WORDSPIRIT

The Blood AND THE Water

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When the Roman soldiers pierced Jesus' side, Scripture says blood and water flowed from His side (John 19:34). It was not as if the blood was separate from the water. We know that water is the major component of blood as science has shown us.

And so, the scripture had to talk about the water dimension of the blood, which is actually the Spirit of God, who was also referred to as the stream of living water (John 7:38-39). In other words, each time you apply the blood of Jesus, you also command the move of the Spirit.

Pastor Benny Hinn once told the story of how some of his pastors tried casting out a demon from a certain lady. After the pastors had spent a very long time trying to cast out the demon, all to no avail, they went and called Pastor Benny Hinn, who also came and was finding it difficult to cast out the demon. After talking with the Holy Spirit to find out what was really happening, the Holy Spirit told pastor Benny Hinn to look at one of the girl's fingers, that there was a ring on one of her fingers. He was instructed by the Spirit to pull out the ring, and all the demons in the girl would pop out of her.

By the time Pastor Benny Hinn looked at her finger, there was a snake-like ring on the girl's finger which he tried pulling out, all to no avail. He had several people join hands together with him to pull out the ring, but it won't come out. Pastor Benny Hinn enquired of the Spirit once more, and He said to him, "apply the blood of Jesus on the girl's finger and the ring will come out on its own". And immediately

that was done, the ring fell off the girl's finger and she was totally delivered.

That was a clear demonstration of commanding the move of the Spirit by applying the blood. That also does not mean that the demon in the girl was so strong. It was just God trying to teach His people how the blood of Jesus can command the move of the Spirit. It is when you lack the needed knowledge that the devil and his demons appear to be too strong. Just as water is part of blood, so is the Holy Spirit part of the blood of Jesus.

It is the water part of the blood of Jesus, which is the Holy Spirit Himself, that is the speaking part of the blood. It is the Holy Spirit that does the speaking for God on earth. That was why Jesus told the disciples not to worry about what to say because the Spirit of God shall be speaking through them (Matthew 10:20). The blood of Jesus speaks better things than the blood of Abel (Hebrew 12:24), because it is the Spirit of God Himself, being a part of the blood of Jesus, that does the speaking.

That is the mystery that explains why someone that cannot pray in the Spirit can still get tremendous results by just applying the blood of Jesus. When the blood is applied, the Spirit begins to speak because of the blood. The same thing the Holy Spirit would have said through you while you are praying in Spirit, He says through the blood when you apply the blood. That is how powerful the blood of Jesus is!

When the spirit of death moved through Egypt, God

told the Israelites to apply the blood on their doorposts and lintels (Exodus 12:27). After the Israelites did that, they did not have to stay awake throughout the night to speak against the angel of death as it moved through Egypt. It was the blood that did the speaking for them all through the night while they slept. Then, the Israelites didn't know what it meant to pray in the Spirit. And yet by applying the blood, they got the same results as one that prayed in the Spirit. The angel of death heard no voice of any Israelite that night. It was the voice of the blood that it heard and so could not hurt any of them.

This is why as a priest over a people, you must not just stop at speaking positive words over the people. You must also learn to cover them with the blood of Jesus. The blood of Jesus would keep speaking for them and over them even while you are asleep as their priest. Every successful priest understands the ministry of the blood of Jesus. The office of priesthood is tied to the blood; Jesus our high priest couldn't enter the Holy of holies unless by the blood (Hebrew 9:12).

I once had a neighbor whose son acted strangely at night and would hardly sleep. Each time he brought the child to me at night, all I did was cover him with the blood of Jesus, after which he proceeded to enjoy a sound sleep. At a point, I had to teach the boy's father how to also apply the same blood of Jesus on his son and have him enjoy a sound sleep. Everyone that is a believer, by the right of sonship, has access to the blood of Jesus Christ (John 1:12).

THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB

The Blood of Jesus is one of the highest gifts that God has given the church. The work of Jesus on the cross could never have been complete without the shedding of His blood. That is why the scripture says that without the shedding of blood there will be no remission of sin (Hebrews 9:22). In other words, the gravity of the sacrifice on the cross is the blood that was shed on it. That is what makes the cross weighty. The Blood of Jesus is not different from the word of God. It was Jesus, the word, that bled (John 1:1). The Blood of Jesus, therefore, is the liquid form of the word of God.

The person that applies the blood of Jesus also applies the word of God. That is why you find someone that cannot quote much scriptures and yet once he says "the blood of Jesus", he is immediately covered. When the angel of death moved through

Egypt with drawn sword, it was not all the Israelites that knew what scripture to quote to deter death from visiting their houses and yet as many of them that had the blood on their lintels were covered because the blood is the liquid form of the word. The one that is covered with the blood of Jesus is covered with Jesus!

When scripture says they overcame him by blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony (Rev. 12:11), it meant that they applied both the liquid and the spoken word and these are what make up the double-edged sword. You don't know what good you do to your family each time you cover them with the blood of Jesus. Covering them with the blood is the quickest and surest way to exempt them from the destruction that plaques the land. It has nothing to do with their righteousness because the one that is covered with the blood of Jesus is also covered with His righteousness.

One of the ways to get your family members to live long is to bring them under the covering of the Blood of Jesus Christ on a daily basis even when they are yet to be born again. The scripture says "when I see the blood I will pass over..." (Exodus 12:13), it never said "when I see their righteousness". There are those that must be preserved until the day they are able to make the decision to follow Christ. Covering them with the blood of Jesus preserves them until the day of their redemption.

When you go to the table of communion as a child of God you must do so with some level of understanding to be able to get every desired result. To eat of His flesh and drink of His blood at the table of communion is as powerful as having Jesus ingrafted into you. It is your whole system being mingled with His.

There was an outbreak of conjunctivitis popularly known in Nigeria as "Apolo". Everyone around me contracted it then but I never got infected by it because I approached the communion table, applied some of the blood on my eyes and then declared "conjunctivitis, see the blood of the Lamb on my eyes and pass over".

Every covenant child of God is covered and sustained by the blood of the Lamb.

THE SPIRIT, THE WATER AND THE BLOOD

We know from the scriptures that there are three that beareth witness; the Spirit, the Water and the Blood (1John 5:8). When the Roman soldiers tortured and

crucified Jesus on the cross of calvary, they thought they were been mean and wicked, not knowing they were actually fulfilling prophecy. Heaven was busy recording the three things that came out of Jesus as witnesses when the Roman soldiers were busy killing Him. Heaven was keenly watching out for when He will yield the Blood, the water and the Spirit.

Like I pointed out earlier on, the water stood for the Spirit of God. But when it was time to appear as spiritual evidences to bear witness in the spirit realm, it became a thing of the Trinity. And so, the water took the dimension of the Word of God, and that is why you see the scripture talk about the washing by the water of the word of God (Ephesians 5:26). It was just like the presence of God that travelled with the Israelite. It was the same presence that took the dimension of pillar of cloud by day that also took the dimension of pillar of fire by night (Exodus 13:21). The spirit of Jesus that departed from Him as He gave up His spirit on the cross of Calvary took the dimension of the Holy Spirit. And so, when you talk about the Spirit, the water and the blood as witnesses, you are talking about another dimension different from just the water and the blood.

They pierced His side and, blood and water flowed (John 19:34), afterward He gave up His Spirit (John 19:30). In other words, Jesus actually gave up three things on the cross. He gave up His blood, His water and His Spirit. Those were the three witnesses heaven was looking out for. They spilled His blood, heaven recorded the blood. They pierced His side and water flowed; heaven recorded the water. He gave up His spirit, and heaven recorded His spirit. These records are so important because they are what the church would need as witnesses to beat the devil as well as evil in any spiritual court room.

In the three that beareth witness, the blood signifies the blood of Jesus, the water signifies the Word of God, while the Spirit signifies the Holy Spirit Himself. Those are the three things that Jesus gave up on the cross of calvary that had made it impossible for God the Father to give up on you. That is why God will always remember you because of Jesus, it's never because of your self-righteousness.

Arguments are not silenced by more arguments, they are rather silenced by evidences. The Spirit, the Water and the Blood are witnesses that are also

evidences. Just like you have court rooms on earth, so it is in heaven. That was why God talking in the scripture said "present your strong reasons" (Isaiah 41:21). When He said that, He wasn't making reference to the earthly courts, it is beyond them. Even the legal practisioners on earth have an understanding of that. That is why you will hear some of them say that after the supreme court's verdict, you can only appeal to heaven.

There is a court room in heaven sir, and what you need to win every spiritual argument at that realm are the three that beareth witness: the Spirit, the water and the Blood. When the devil goes to accuse people in the spirit realm, it is the same court room of heaven that he goes to do that. That was where he got the title "Accuser of brethren" (Revelation 12:10).

The scripture talks about the man whose children are crushed in court without a defender (Job 5:4 NIV). That was exactly what happened in the case of Job, he was without defence in the court of heaven when the devil sought to afflict him and his family. That was why the devil could comfortably get the permission from the court of heaven to kill all of his children and livestock in one day. Why was Job without a defence in the court of heaven? Jesus had not yet come to the earth to die for the sin of mankind. And so, there were no Blood, Water and Spirit to bear witness for him.

Kenneth Hagin's mother took ill and was to die before the age of seventy. God told him that He wanted to take his mother. When Kenneth Hagin was telling the story, he said he petitioned God and gave Him strong reasons from His Word why his mother must live beyond seventy. God honoured His Word and added many more years to his mother. She later died in good old age. It was like Hezekiah's case, when he presented his strong reasons and God reversed the death sentence on his life and added fifteen more years to his years on earth (2 Kings 20:2-6).

Israel was at war with the Moabites and was initially winning the battle. They were slaying the Moabites in their thousands. But the king of Moab sacrificed his eldest son on the battle field and the scripture says the battle then turned against Israel (2 Kings 3:27). I was asking the Lord what actually transpired there and He said "All Israel had then was the blood of bulls as Jesus was yet to shed His blood on the cross of calvary. And so, when the king of

Moab offered the blood of his only son, he presented a higher blood in the spiritual court".

In other words, the Moabites' king presented a stronger witness/evidence, causing the tide to turn against Israel. When you go for spiritual warfare, don't despise spiritual principles! The Spirit, the Water and the Blood have made it impossible for the devil to beat the new Testament Christian in any warfare.

I stood in the gap for some one whose life God was going to take. God told me that he was going to take the man's life. After I got that message from God, I watched the man closely and discovered that everything about his life was deteriorating. I took up an intercession for him and asked the Lord why He wanted to take him. And the Lord said the man had been attacking Him by attacking His servant who is the priest over him. Recall that Saul was persecuting the church, but when Jesus blocked him on his way to Damascus, He said to Saul "Why persecutest thou me...?" (Acts 9:3). In the same vein, fighting the priest that God has placed over you is as dangerous as fighting God Himself. This is what has truncated the destinies of many. The scriptures talked about the Israelites that fell dead in the wilderness because they attacked Moses (Numbers 14:2, 35)

Nevertheless, I presented my strong reasons to God why the man must not die. I didn't go before the court room of heaven in my own righteousness or eloquence. I went by the Blood of the Lamb. And I told God that the man doesn't have to die, Jesus had died in his place. After presenting some scriptural strong reasons to God, He withdrew His anger. The same man recovered fully and is still very strong and healthy till date. When I approached the throne room of heaven by the blood of Jesus and presented God's Word to Him by the Spirit of God, I was applying the principle of the three that beareth witness; the blood, the Water and the Spirit. Don't let the devil destroy someone you should have stood in the gap for!

The three that beareth witness are the cord of three that cannot be broken (Ecclesiastes 4:12). The scripture says he that escapes the sword of Hazeel shall be slain by the sword of Jehu, and he that escapes the sword of Jehu shall be slain by the sword of Elisha (1 Kings 19:17). In the same vein, as regards the three that beareth witness, the evil that escapes the blood shall be slain by the word and the one that escapes the word shall be slain by the Spirit. There is therefore no escape route for the devil that dares to withstand you and God's purpose for your life.

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