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Blood and Water in the Plan of Salvation (Part One)

by Richard Mansel

When Jesus was on the cross, the Sabbath Day was approaching and the Roman soldiers were unable to leave prisoners on the cross. Therefore, they came to break the legs of the criminals so their deaths would be expedited. When they came to Jesus, he was already dead. "But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out" (John 19:34, NKJV).

Blood and water have an interesting relationship in Scripture. This study can yield a deeper appreciation of the inspiration of Scripture and of salvation. They can also enrich our understanding of how the blood of Christ and the new birth occur (John 3:3-5). God's Word is an endless well of knowledge sufficient for a lifetime of study.

Moses said, "For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul" (Leviticus 17:11).

Atonement means making amends for a wrong committed. Blood was part of God's plan for dealing with the sins of men. And God's plan is consistent in both covenants. In Exodus 24, sacrifices were offered before the Lord. Moses read the Book of the Covenant to the people and they committed to be faithful to God. And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, "This is the blood of the covenant which the Lord has made with you according to all these words" (Exodus 24:8). (Continued back page)

Sunday Schedule

Bible Classes	10 AM
Worship	11 AM
Worship	6 PM
Wednesday: Bible Classes	7 PM

Mission Works and Evangelism:

House to House/ Heart to Heart
 Restoration Radio
 Jim Waldron
 Manuelito Children's Home



Bible Search

(Wording is based on KJV)

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of November 11

1. What prophet surrounded his face with a garment when he heard a quiet voice?
2. Prisoners have been known to escape from their imprisonment in many ways, but what was the situation when guards anticipated that captives might escape by swimming?
3. Who cried and would not be consoled despite the efforts of his offspring? HINT: A majority of his children were involved in the event that triggered the sorrow, but he did not realize that at the time.
4. Find a statement in which a woman asserts that Jesus was nursed by Mary.
5. What animal is explicitly described as a source of butter and cheese? (Two references are necessary for this.)
6. What two kinds of animals are explicitly described as the source of milk?
7. What is behind the tendency of some people to be "puffed up"? (What is their mind-set?) For the best understanding you may want to combine several ideas from the verses that use this expression, but there is one particular verse that is very well aligned with the wording of this question.

Answers for week of November 4

1. (Refer to the last questions for last week.) To what plant is the mother compared?
Answer: THY WIFE (the mother) is "A fruitful vine."
(Psa 128:1-3) "A Song of degrees. Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his ways. {2} For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee. {3} **Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine** by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive

plants round about thy table."

2. What kind of instrument is described as having teeth?

Answer: A threshing instrument

Isaiah 41:15 - Behold, I will make thee a **new sharp threshing instrument having teeth**: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff.

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3. In the Old Testament the Lord told a prophet to write a vision whose message would be delayed until an appointed time. What was the prophet to do until that time?

Answer: He was to wait.

Habakkuk 2:3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: **though it tarry, wait for it**; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. Sometimes we humans feel that we need to do something, even when God has said to wait. Here are other scriptures related to "waiting".

(Psa 37:7) "Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass."

(Rom 8:25) "But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it."

Habakkuk 2:1 I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved. 2 And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. 3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. 4 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

4. What small creature shows wisdom even though it has no kingly rule?

Answer: Locusts. They "have no king", and are "little on the earth" and are "exceeding wise." These are specifically without a "king."

(Prov 30:24-28) "There be four **things which are little upon the earth**, but **they are exceeding wise**: {25} The ants are a people not strong, yet

they prepare their meat in the summer; {26} The conies are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks; {27} The **locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands;** {28} The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces."

5. In what Old Testament passage is the Creator's divine activity compared to pre-natal bone growth? (The passage speaks of people's lack of knowledge about both.)

Answer: Ecclesiastes 11:5 says we humans do not know the works of God any more than we know how bones of a child grow in the womb of the expectant mother.

Ecclesiastes 11:5 **As thou knowest not** what is the way of the spirit, nor **how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all.**

6. In what chapter of the Bible do we read both of "a **perfect** heart" and "a **perfect** way"?

Answer - (Psa 101:2) "I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart."

7. What man lived before the flood came and is said to be "**perfect**", also walking with God?

Answer: Noah.

(Gen 6:9) "These are the generations of Noah: **Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God."**

Enoch also walked with God.(Gen 5:21-24)

8. What man living after the flood was told to walk before God and be **perfect**?

Answer: Abram.

(Gen 17:1) "And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect."

9. What king encouraged his people to HAVE a **perfect** heart, but he personally is later described as NOT HAVING a **perfect** heart? (You will need to find two passages, one for each part of the question/clue.)

Answer: Solomon.

Solomon encouraged the Israelites to have a

perfect heart while dedicating the temple:

(1 Ki 8:61-63) "**Let your heart therefore be perfect with the LORD our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.** {62} And the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before the LORD. {63} And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered unto the LORD, two and twenty thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD."

Solomon did not have a perfect heart:

(1 Ki 11:4) "For it came to pass, **when Solomon was old**, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and **his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God**, as was the heart of David his father."

We probably need to study what is meant in the Bible by the expression, "perfect heart." It obviously does not mean sinless or completely without flaw since all have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Rom 3:23).

"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:" (Rom 3:10)

It appears to me [KLT] that a person with a perfect heart will not be satisfied with half-hearted service to God, but will be diligent to learn the will of God and to have an obedient spirit.

Other related passages:

Jehoshaphat charged people to have a perfect heart (2 Chr 19:8-9). David encouraged Solomon to have a perfect heart: (1 Chr 28:9). Amaziah did not have a perfect heart: (2 Chr 25:1-2) "Amaziah . . . {2} . . . did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, but not with a perfect heart." Abijam did not have a perfect heart: (1 Ki 15:1-3) "Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat reigned Abijam over Judah. . . . {3} And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father."

“Blood and Water . . .” (Continued from front page)
 Through the blood, God made a covenant with the people of physical Israel to be their God and remain faithful to them, if they would do the same.

In the first covenant, the Law of Moses, the blood of bulls and goats was offered for sins but now in the second covenant, God has a better way (Hebrews 8:6). Jesus' blood was offered for the sins of men (Hebrews 9:12-14). Jesus, who was without sin (2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 9:14; 2 Corinthians 5:21), was offered before God as the sacrifice to make men justified.

Christ's blood, though, only had to be offered once. "But this Man, after He has offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God" (Hebrews 10:12). The greatness of God's plan would cover all the men who ever lived and were willing to be the disciples of his Son (Ephesians 2:11-18).

The first covenant was made before the Lord that they would be faithful to God for the remainder of their days. Likewise, the second covenant expects the same level of faithfulness (Revelation 2:10).

When the physical nation of Israel abandoned God by committing spiritual adultery (Ezekiel 16:23-30), their unfaithfulness led them to captivity and death. When the spiritual nation of Israel commits spiritual adultery by being unfaithful to God, they will also find death and enslavement to Satan (Hebrews 6:4-6; Hebrews 10:26-29). Either way, the shed blood was counted as useless by the people of God .

For the record:	10/14	10/21	10/28	11/04
Bible Study	20+	24	20	24
AM Worship	29	31	24	34
PM Worship	21	22	23	22
Wed. Bible Study	*	21	16	12
Contribution	\$736	\$587	\$595	\$679

Imagine Jesus shedding his blood and dying for us. We are there looking at his face marred by terrible violence. In his bloody pain, he struggles against the tearing flesh for the smallest breath. As he slowly suffocates, we look in his eyes, deep into his soul, and say, "Sorry, it wasn't good enough." Would we count his sacrifice as a complete waste of time? Can we imagine? Christ can (Matthew 7:13).

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Prayer Needs and Requests

- ◆ Pray for the sick and injured of our congregation. Sister Laura Singleton is now at the Manchester Health Care Center. Junior Conner's sister-in-law, Nickie Conner has been in VA Hospital, Nashville. Sister Wanda Miller had a bad fall on Wednesday and was in a lot of pain. Both feet were injured as well as her arm, but there were no broken bones. Charlene Turnbo, a frequent visitor, has been unable to attend due to health problems.
- ◆ Remember our shut-ins and the older members who have to deal with the infirmities that come with age.

Events

- ◆ Bible Bowl last Sunday - Our team missed only two questions and placed third. Congratulations to these teens.
- ◆ Area - wide Friday Night Singings: November 16 - Pleasant Knoll near Morrison.

Assignments	November 11	November 18
Song leader (SS)	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Announcements	Junior Conner	Joe Green
Songleader-Worship	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Scripture reading	T J Waldron	Mason Fisher
Opening prayer	Wayne Gannon	Lee Rose
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Tim Waldron
(center)	Andy Miller	Ken Thomas
(outside)	Daniel Green	Cole Gordon
(outside)	Wayne Gannon	Junior Conner
Closing Prayer	Junior Conner	James Mason
<i>If you cannot serve, please contact</i>	Junior Conner	