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Water and Blood in the Plan of Salvation (2)

by Richard Mansel

Without the sacrifice of Christ on the cross, there remains no hope for man.

In Leviticus 4:1-7, priests were to sacrifice a "bull without blemish" for the sins of Israel. Some of the blood was to be put on the altar "before the Lord" while the rest was to be poured out on the "base of the altar" at "the door of the tabernacle of meeting" (NKJV).

Christ was a sinless sacrifice for the transgressions of men (1 John 3:5). He suffered excruciating pain even before he was placed on the cross and lifted to the sky. As he hung on the cross, impaled by nails, his blood dripped on the ground below the cross.

"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" (1 John 1:7; Matthew 26:28). When our sins are washed away, we enter into the church, the body of Christ (Acts 2:47; Ephesians 1:22-23). So, the blood that was shed stands between man and the Church of our Lord.

In the Tabernacle was the Holiest of Holies or the Holiest of All. In this area resided the Ark of the Covenant, Mercy Seat, Cherubim and the Altar of Incense. The High Priest was only allowed to enter the Most Holy Place once a year, where God would be above the Mercy Seat (Hebrews 9:7; Exodus 25:22). But, the High Priest could only enter after a blood sacrifice (Hebrews 9:7). Christ came and his blood was shed allowing us the chance to have our sins remitted so we could be in the presence of God. "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" (Hebrews 9:12).

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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 18

1. According to the wording of the KJV, what would be the OPPOSITE of "gay clothing"?
2. In the Old Testament, what was covered to prevent death, and with what was it covered?
3. There are at least four things that wisdom is described as "better than", and they are all in two adjacent books of the Bible. What four things are excelled by wisdom? (This is not a tricky question, so don't look for a trap!)
4. What does God's encounter with Moses at the burning bush have to do with the idea of resurrection?
5. What is built by women of wisdom but broken down by female fools?
6. Whose name (reputation) will suffer "decay"?
7. Find the three verses in the New Testament where the words "labour" and "work" are both found.

Answers for week of November 11

1. What prophet surrounded his face with a garment when he heard a quiet voice?

Answer: Elijah. He wrapped his face in his mantle when he heard the still small voice.

1 Kings 19:12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire **a still small voice.** 13 **And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle,** and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah? 14 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

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?

Answer: Acts 27:42 is the key.

A ship sailing during a dangerous season of the year on

the Mediterranean Sea was caught in a terrible wind and rough seas. The safety of all was in peril, so much that the sailors were ready to abandon the ship and let the passengers fend for themselves. Finally, after tossing cargo overboard and even discarding the equipment usually used for controlling the ship, the front of the ship became grounded on the Island of Melita (Malta). The rough seas broke the rear of the ship. As the ship broke up, the soldiers who were aboard to guard prisoners (including Paul) feared that the prisoners would swim to freedom, and proposed killing them. However, the centurion who was in charge actually ordered those that could swim to try to get to land, then others would follow on boards and broken parts of the ship. The entire group of 276 actually made it to land safely.

Acts 27:1-44,:28:1

(Acts 27:1) "And when it was determined that we should sail into Italy, they delivered Paul and certain other prisoners unto one named Julius, a centurion of Augustus' band. . . {44} And falling into a place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground; and the forepart stuck fast, and remained unmoveable, but the hinder part was broken with the violence of the waves. {42} And the **soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out, and escape.** {43} But the centurion, willing to save Paul, kept them from their purpose; and commanded that they which could swim should cast themselves first into the sea, and get to land: {44} And the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land. . (28:1) "And when they were escaped, then they knew that the island was called Melita."

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.

Answer: Jacob, who was deceived into believing his beloved son Joseph had been killed by a wild beast. In fact, those men who were trying to console their weeping father were the very ones who had sold Joseph to traveling merchants.

(Gen 37:26-36) . . . {31} And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood; {32} And they sent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it be thy son's coat or no. {33} And **he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is**

without doubt rent in pieces. {34} And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days. {35} And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him. {36} And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, and captain of the guard."

4. Find a statement in which a woman asserts that Jesus was nursed by Mary.

Answer: Luke 11:27 And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a **certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked.**

28 But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

This blessing gives honor to the mother of Jesus, but even more blessed than even Mary herself are those who hear and obey the Word of God.

5. What animal is explicitly described as a source of butter and cheese?

Answer: Kine (this is a KJV plural of cow) Deut. 32:14 and 2 Sam. 17:29

De 32:14 **Butter of kine**, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and thou didst drink the pure blood of the grape.

1Sa 17:18 And carry these ten cheeses . . .

2Sa 17:29 And honey, and butter, and sheep, and **cheese of kine**, for David, and for the people that were with him, to eat: for they said, The people is hungry, and weary, and thirsty, in the wilderness.

Job 10:10 Hast thou not poured me out as milk, and curdled me like cheese?

From Smith's Bible Dictionary in the Power Bible CD: "Cheese is mentioned only three times in the Bible, and on each occasion under a different name in the Hebrew. . . It is difficult to decide how far these terms correspond with our notion of cheese, for they simply express various degrees of coagulation. Cheese is not at the present day common among the Bedouin Arabs, butter being decidedly preferred; but there is a substance closely corresponding to those mentioned in 1Sam 17, 2Sam 17, consisting of coagulated buttermilk, which is dried until it becomes quite hard, and is then ground; the Arabs eat it mixed with butter."

6. What two kinds of animals are explicitly described as the source of milk?

Answer: Sheep and goats were the animals I had in mind. "Milch" (milk) camels are also mentioned. The cow is named in Isaiah

Pr 27:27 And thou shalt have **goats' milk** enough for thy food, for the food of thy household, and for the maintenance for thy maidens.

De 32:14 Butter of kine, and **milk of sheep** . . .

1 Corinthians 9:7 . . . or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the **milk of the flock?**

Exodus 23:19: . . . Thou shalt not see the a **kid in his mother's milk**. See also Ex. 34:26, Dt. 14:21

(Isa 7:21-22) "And it shall come to pass in that day, that a man shall nourish a young **cow**, and two **sheep**; {22} And it shall come to pass, for the **abundance of milk** that they shall give he shall eat butter: for butter and honey shall every one eat that is left in the land."

In the US the cow is the favored source of milk, cheese, and butter (dairy products). Goat milk is also in some stores. To most of us, I doubt there would be much thought of sheep or camels being milk sources. This is one of those questions which is not of great importance spiritually, but I thought it would be amusing that the cow is not the primary source of milk in the Bible text.

7. What is behind the tendency of some people to be "puffed up"? (What is their mind-set?)

Answer: a fleshly mind. This best fits the idea of a "mind-set". Being puffed up implies arrogance, and arrogance does not come from spirituality. . . it is from the carnal side of man. Those things which are "inflated" are relatively empty, and contain much less than their "size" would imply. (Col 2:18) "Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, **vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,**"

Arrogance also results from an unloving mind. Knowledge without love does not edify (build up), but merely creates an empty illusion of "bigness". (1 Cor 13:4) "Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; **charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,**" (1 Cor 8:1) "Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. **Knowledge puffeth up,** but charity edifieth."

We can also get puffed up due to favoritism toward men, but even those who teach the things of God cannot be esteemed above the written Word. (1 Cor 4:6) "And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and to Apollos for your sakes; that ye might learn in us not to think of men above that

which is written, that **no one of you be puffed up for one against another.**"

In one case, the Christians at Corinth were "puffed up" rather than mourning about the sin that was among them. Did they have an inflated idea about the virtue of toleration for sin???? 1 Corinthians 5:2. And **ye are puffed up**, and have not rather mourned, that he hath done this deed might be taken away from among you. See also: 1 Cor 4:18-19

Prayer Needs and Requests

- ◆ Pray for the sick and injured of our congregation. Sister Laura Singleton is at the Manchester Health Care Center. Junior Conner's sister-in-law, Nickie Conner is now taking treatments for her condition. Wanda Miller was able to be out Wednesday but still having pain. Rosemary Messick was able to be out Sunday. Charlene Turnbo was back last Sunday. Mason Fisher needs our prayers for resolution of his workmen's comp difficulties.
- ◆ Remember our shut-ins and the older members who have to deal with the infirmities that come with age.

Events

- ◆ Area - wide Friday Night Singing
- ◆ Check the bulletin board for updates.
- ◆ TABS tonight

In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

For the record:	10/21	10/28	11/04	11/11
Bible Study	24	20	24	24
AM Worship	31	24	34	37
PM Worship	22	23	22	18
Wed. Bible Study	21	16	12	15
Contribution	\$587	\$595	\$679	\$626

(Water and Blood. . .from front page)

In the first covenant the priests placed the sacrifice on the altar and it gave its life against its will. "But [now] God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). Christ willingly allowed himself to be placed on the cross (John 15:13). Yet, unlike the previous sacrifices, Christ rose again (John 20). His love for the souls of men led him to live a life of sacrifice and death for each one of us (Isaiah 53).

The blood of Christ made men "justified" before God resolving the broken relationship caused by our sin (Romans 5:9; Isaiah 59:1-2). By the blood of Christ man was given the opportunity to be saved through the grace of God (Ephesians 2:8-9). God's grace is the ultimate reason for man's salvation. Yet, Christ's blood cannot wash away the sins of men if they do not come in contact with the blood.

Without the sacrifice of Christ on the cross, there remains no hope for man. His blood is the only thing that can save our souls from an eternal hell. "For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, 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?" (Hebrews 9:13-14).

There is power in the blood of Christ. But, we must submit to Christ in everything and come to him for salvation, knowing no other answer exists. "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." (Hebrews 11:6)

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Assignments	November 18	November 25
Song leader (SS)	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Announcements	Joe Green	Junior Conner
Songleader-Worship	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	Mason Fisher	Daniel Green
Opening prayer	Lee Rose	James Mason
Table service (center)	Tim Waldron	Joe Green
(center)	Ken Thomas	Nick Graham
(outside)	Cole Gordon	T J Waldron
(outside)	Junior Conner	Andy Miller
Closing Prayer	James Mason	Lee Rose
<i>If you cannot serve, please contact</i>	Junior Conner	

True Thanksgiving

By Gerald Cowan

For so many blessings we owe a great debt.
The trouble with us is we quickly forget.
The trouble may be that we just do not know
The cost of our comfort, and how much we owe
To others for benefits freely received.
We spend time complaining and feel greatly grieved
When we do not get what we think we deserve.
We ought to be looking for ways we can serve,
Expecting no praise, but content just to "Do
Unto others what you want done to you."
The one who has much must be willing to share
With those who have little. We must learn to care!
The Lord proved His love by living and dying
For us. Our love for others means trying
To be like the Lord and to give as He gives,
To prove by our lives that the Savior still lives.
By living for Him we acknowledge the debt
We can never repay and must never forget.

- Gerald Cowan preaches for the Dongola IL church of Christ

George Washington's Thanksgiving Proclamation (issued on October 3, 1789)

"Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits and humbly to implore his protection and favor; and "Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness;"

"Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the twenty-sixth day of November next to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto him our service and humble thanks for his kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of his providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which he has been pleased to confer upon us."

"And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations, and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions, to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a government of wise, just and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among us; and, generally, to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best"