

### THE BLOOD OF ATONEMENT.

Text:-Lev. 17:11. IT IS THE BLOOD THAT MAKETH AN ATONEMENT FOR THE SOUL.

Sin has <sup>found the world with two chains & shackles at once, the chains of doubt, and the shackles of sin.</sup> led the world into two ruinous paths. It has torn down the walls of safety and polluted the court of the palace. It has brought the race under condemnation and debased its nature. It found the <sup>world</sup> race in white robes and bridal veils and orange blossoms, and left it shrouded in the blackest of draps and with scented sepulchres. It took the anthems of praise and turned them into dirges of sorrow. It has taken hearts bounding with joy and left hearts breaking with an aching void. It entered a garden of flowers and turned it into a patch of thistles. It went along the path of life, scattering scorpions by the way. It not only blasted the fruit of the orchard but it killed the very taproot of every tree. It found purity and left corruption; freedom, and left slavery; citizens, and left them criminals; sin found life and left death. Salvation, therefore, must be a twofold deliverance; deliverance from the power of sin and <sup>deliverance</sup> ~~deliverance~~ from the guilt of sin. This twofold deliverance is called an Atonement. And it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

There has always been a tendency on the part of the race to ~~equiva~~ equivocate under the doctrine of the blood. Like all other living doctrines of life, many never get down to the very bed-rock truth of the matter. All principles are covered deep in mystery, and when the ordinary mind begins to encounter difficulties it gives up the research for truth. Where you find a one merchant who has mastered his business you will find fifty who have not. Where you find one lawyer who has mastered Blackstone, you will find scores who have only dabbled over his great arguments. Where you find one physician skilled, you will find many not so; and where you find one wise pastor you will find many unwise. So it is with this our Atonement. There is one who catches the main truth to a hundred who think the Atonement some-  
*thing else than what it really is. Many Christians confuse the Atonement*



with repentance, love and new obedience. These can and are daily and hourly enacted in every Christian life, but the Atonement was made once for all so that now there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin, for Christ gave Himself for our sins and it is His blood that maketh an Atonement for the soul.

We speak of Christ as the Saviour of the world and as our Saviour but what do we mean by that? Why is He called Savior? How did He come to have such a title as Savior? There are two main views, the Socinian and the sacrificial. All mankind falls under one of these two views according as to whether he believes that that God saves him by one great act in the death of Christ on the Cross or whether he is saved by some example or influence of Christ.

"Atonement", some one has said, "is At-one-ment with God". Here is a world in rebellion against God. There is no common ground between God's righteous wrath and man's lost estate. Christ steps in between and in the attempt to reconcile man to God meets His death. Some say that this is an act in which Christ is our Saviour because He influences us by His sympathy, teaching, example etc. to lead a better life. They assume that God will pardon man on condition of reformation and repentance.

Humanitarians say that Christ was a mere man with unusually strong powers, who taught and lived before men a pure morality. He was a man who saw right and wrong, and followed that which was right. He saw a world of evil and did His best to overthrow it. The world to Him was one great sea of impurity and filled with the scum and refuse of ages. In His attempt to drain off the filth the construction under Him gave way and Christ went down with it. He died a martyr to the cause of right. If this was true why would Paul have written "this mystery is great" for there would have been no mystery about it.

Others say that Christ, though a man, was far more than a man. He was the Son of God and came as a messenger to reveal the truth and to teach a pure faith, of which He himself was the great example of spotless char-



acter. He was a teacher of self-sacrifice, and died a hero. Emphasis is laid on the denial of self. If you meet a footman get off your horse and let him ride. If you have only one drink of water give it to the man with you and give it gladly; which is alright in itself, but they claim that in so doing you are saved. While "It is the Blood that maketh an Atonement for the soul".

Still there are others who say that Christ's saving power consists in His supplying us with new motives in life. Before I had a selfish view of life, all that I did was for the satisfaction of self. Now, I live for others and my life is on a higher plain of service. Christ enters into a partnership with me. He shares my sorrows, feels my pain, and carries my losses. In this case you make Christ's death <sup>but of one whose heart was so filled with the burdens of others that it is</sup> a dramatic exhibition of His sympathy, and the Atonement <sup>is</sup> a fellowship; <sup>yet</sup> again the text ~~says~~ <sup>affirms</sup>: "It is the Blood that maketh an Atonement for the soul."

All ~~who~~ <sup>that</sup> do not hold to the Sacrificial atonement fall under one great objection, that while they hold to a more or less divine Christ, yet ~~to~~ they make atonement identical with reformation. If a man quits his meanness and does rightly, if he lives an honest life and prays to God he is thereby a saved man, which is not true. Should you weep for your sins from now till your last breath, should you cry to God day and night for pardon you could not be forgiven, You would at the last be driven from the God you had so long implored and forced away from His presence were it not for the blood of Christ shed for you, for, "It is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul."

How are we to be saved then? Let the prisoner resolve to steal no more, let the murderer forget his act and the perjurer his falsity, and let them resolve to do that way never again. Henceforth let them become pure upright men; but what about the chains that are now on their hands and feet? How are they to be gotten off? That is the perplexing question. This guilt and power of sin is enough to condemn us and to hold us in bondage the rest of our days to the eternity of eternities. It is a shackle upon our hands and a ball and chain upon our feet that will stay there till the



key is turned and the lock is unloosed. The only key to unlock sin's fast grip is the blood of Christ, ~~it~~, it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

Grant that, if man is holy, God will forgive him. But how is a man to be holy! He is depraved. In himself he is dead. There is nothing in him that draws God to him. He has no love or desire for holiness till Christ first comes to him. There is not a spark of holiness in him by fanning of which he can bring his whole being aflame with glory. Be it far from me to depreciate the immense value of Christ's teaching, sympathy or example; by these we are directed thru life and grow into His likeness; but in the great work of redemption it is the blood and the blood only that has a right to enter into our throats. From ~~the~~ <sup>the beginning</sup> ~~end of~~ the Bible to the ~~other~~ <sup>end</sup> it is the ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> blood, ~~the~~ the cross, the death, that stands out on the pages of the sacred Book. Where ever sin is mentioned the blood is also mentioned.

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There is an old story told of an Israelitish family on the night of the Passover in Egypt. The Israelites were commanded to kill a lamb and sprinkle its blood on the two door posts of their houses. There was one

~~hour during the night and slay the first born in every family, from the house~~ The Death Angel was to come at some ~~hour~~

of Pharaoh to the house of the poorest slave in Egypt, upon which there was

not found sprinkled the blood of a lamb. In one home the oldest child was sick abed. As the sun set the child asked her father if the blood was on the

door posts, and was told that it was. She fell asleep to awake startled with the

thought of the Death Angel. She called to her father, and was assured that the blood was on the door posts. She again fell asleep and awoke more

startled than ever. "Father," she asked, "do you know that the blood is on the door?"

"Yes, my daughter, I know it is there for I commanded the servant to do it and you know he is faithful." "Well, Father, but wont you go and

see if it is there?" To assure the feverish child the father went to the ~~door~~ door to look, and there was no blood found there. He hastened to the flock and

and killed a lamb and sprinkled the blood on the door posts just as the Death



Death Angel came over. Oh, my friends, is the blood of Jesus Christ the Lamb of God applied to your soul! For without the blood there is no cleansing from sin and if there is no cleansing from sin there is no admission to Heaven. Is the blood applied to your soul? Do you know it is? Our life on earth is compared to a night in which the Death Angel comes early or late. If he finds not the blood, nothing but death can follow. Do you know the blood is applied to you? Are you certain of it? Want you go search in the Bible and see? For, "It is the BLOOD that maketh an atonement for the soul."

In olden times the priest stood at the altar and the sinner came with bowed head confessing his sins before the altar. The priest took of the blood of the sacrifice and sprinkled it upon the sinner and so cleansed him of his sin. Today the great High Priest of all nations, Jesus the Christ, stands by the altar in heaven, takes of His own blood shed on Calvary and applies it to sinner who will come to Him in faith. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Christ alone can cleanse. All we are to do is to confess our sins. Christ is ready and willing to cleanse you. Are you ready and willing to confess your sins to Him, NOW?

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sion to heaven. Is the blood applied to your soul? Do you know it is?

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applied to yours? "It is the blood that makes an atonement for the soul."

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down head descending his arm before the altar. The great rock of the blood

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sin. Today the great high priest of all nations, Jesus the Christ, stands by

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Christ alone can cleanse. Will you go to him to confess our sins. Christ is

ready and willing to cleanse you. Are you ready and willing to confess your

sins to him?

Chapel Hymnals. Sup. Ser.  
191. Ps. 32.  
239 Rock of Ages  
202 There is a Mountain  
203 Not all the blood of

Unchangeableness of Christ  
- 176612 E  
Sel. 37<sup>th</sup> Ps. 100 & 105  
26. Come Thou Almighty King  
42. O God, the Rock of Ages  
36. Our God, our Help.