

His Blood Works

At this very moment, our God wants to correct our physical, mental, spiritual, emotional, sexual, environmental and social chaos; caused by the introduction of sin into this world. What proof do I have that this statement is true? Come with me, dear reader, and I will show you my proof.

Scripture Reading

“And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, this shall be the law of the leper in the day of his cleansing: shall he be brought to the priest: ... then shall the priest command to take for him that is to be cleansed two birds alive and clean, and cedar wood and scarlet, and hyssop: and the priest shall command that one of the birds be killed in an earthen vessel over running water: as for the living bird, he shall take it, and the cedar wood, and the scarlet, and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird that was killed over the running water: and he shall sprinkle upon him that is to be cleansed from the leprosy seven times, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the living bird loose into the open field.” Leviticus 14: 1-7.

This scripture is my proof that God has done all He can to save us from perdition; and He is still working for our good.

Allow me to explain in more graphic detail. A leper is a person afflicted with leprosy, which is a disease characterised by inflamed nodules under the skin and wasting of body parts; caused by the aerobic (oxygen or air dependent) rod-shaped spore-producing bacterium called bacillus Mycobacterium leprae, which is found primarily in soil.

Although there are not many recorded cases of a leper being cured in the Old Testament, except for Miriam and Naaman; it goes to show that God does care for all lepers. Anyone who had leprosy back then was not only cut off from society; they were left to the mercy of God. “The leper in whom the plague is, his clothes shall be rent, and his head bare, and he shall put a covering upon his upper lip, and shall cry, Unclean, unclean. . . He shall dwell alone; without the camp, shall his habitation be.” Leviticus.13.45-46

Leprosy was seen as an emblem of sin, and its suffering and shame, but in the same way that leprosy was seen as an outward token representing sin, in like manner, the offerings offered for the cleansing of the leper was also a symbolic gesture from God to emphasize his love for the leper and express to humanity the true nature of sin, the cost of Salvation, and how we might attain it.

The water and the blood

A man or woman that has leprosy blood is infected with the bacillus *Mycobacterium leprae*; and as it is written “**the life of the flesh is in the blood,**” so that means they are living with death looming over their head. Typologically this is what happens to every man, boy, woman, and girl that comes into this world (for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God) and the only remedy for us, is to accept Jesus as our Lord and Saviour.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, allow me to use this analogy: like leprosy our body is infected with sin, thus death becomes us all. However, Christ's blood is like Type **O-negative**, we can all benefit from the sinless life He lived. It is written, “wherefore in all things it behoved Christ to be made like unto His brethren: subject to the weakness of humanity, that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of His people. For in as much that He has suffered and endured being tempted, risking failure and eternal loss, He can now succor us that are tempted,” for he is our Kinsman redeemer. Hebrews 2: 14-18, margin.

In anthropology the term kinsman refers to someone who is one's own flesh and blood or blood relative. So to be our Kinsman it means that like every child of Adam, Jesus was not exempt from the usual legal rules of inheritability whereby genetic factors are transmitted from one generation to the next. Hence it is written, “Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.” Hebrews 2:14, 15.

Some would have to doubt that Christ was indeed 100% human; but Jesus' blood contains plasma, which is the colourless watery fluid from the blood in which the three major blood cells in all of us (Leukocytes, Thrombocytes, and Erythrocytes) are suspended.

- Leukocytes are white blood cells that engulf and digest bacteria and fungi; it is a crucial part of the body's defence system to fight against disease.
- Thrombocytes, these are tiny particles of protoplasm found in vertebrate blood; it is essential for blood clotting.
- Erythrocytes are red blood cells that contain haemoglobin to carry oxygen to the bodily tissues.

Moreover, in the offering offered for the leper; it pointed to the fact that Christ alone met all the criteria and fulfilled all the obligations of a Kinsman redeemer to Adams children. Typologically the offering of the leper shows that Christ would become our Kinsman, a male

relative, which carries the same meaning as a redeemer (Galatians 4: 4 and Hebrews 2: 14); it shows that Christ would take our sins, but He would himself be free of sin (2 Corinthians 5: 21 and John 14: 30); it showed that Christ was willing to pay the price of a Kinsman-Redeemer (Hebrews 12: 2 and Luke 22: 24); and finally it showed that Christ was able to Redeem us (Hebrews 7: 24, 25).

To show us how much the offering that the leper offered was indeed symbolic of the death of Christ, God let two streams flow from his side when the Roman soldier pierced Him; water (**91% of plasma, which is 50-60% blood volume**) and blood to signify that without the living water and the blood, sinful man can never be free from the penalty of sin, nor can he in all his existence constitute a powerful kinship between him and His Creator, one that is marked by a community of interests or similarity in nature or character. In addition, because Jesus is our Kinsman redeemer, one with us in the flesh, tempted as we are, yet without sin, the unrepentant man shall never breathe the oxygen of heaven in this life, nor in the life to come, except his life is suspended in the living water, Christ Jesus. All glory “unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood.” (Revelation 1:5, NLT)

The Meaning of the two Birds

Both birds were symbolic of Christ, but of the two bird that was offered, the one that was killed in an earthen vessel over running water pointed to the ignominious death of the Son of God in our stead on the Cross in His earthen vessel of honour, the body that veiled His divinity in this sin cursed earth. As the offering of the birds brought reconciliation for the leper in like manner, the Lamb of God that takes away our sin reconcile us unto God.

The scene of the bird being slain in an earthen vessel over running water also depicts how sin has contaminated the earth and its streams of water, but at the same time it teaches that Christ blood will never cease to flow to minister to the heart of the contrite sinner. **Read Genesis 3: 17.** Even the atmospheric heaven was contaminated. So, the open air where the living bird that was dipped into the blood of the dead bird, flew, flapping its bloody wings, was symbolically purged from the offensive smell of the decaying flesh of the leper, as the blood from its wings propelled about in flying drops through the air. Thus, the living bird that was dipped into the blood of the dead bird, then set loose into the open field, is a fitting symbolic gesture, which points to the efficaciousness of the pouring forth of the blood of Christ and the fact that His sinless life and glorious resurrection made it possible for the air, land, waters, rocks and trees, all animate and inanimate objects to be free from the putrefying state the world has fallen into because of one man's disobedience against the law of God. **Read Romans 8: 18-22**

Topologically, the living bird that was dipped in the blood of the bird that was killed also represents those who have by faith dip themselves into the crimson flood that flows from Emanuel's vein: and lose all their guilty stain. Therefore, as the living bird was set free, Christ sets us free from sin and its penalty. O what a fitting symbol to illustrate the Atonement of God.

The other offerings represent nature or our environment that has been cursed because of man's long record of crimes in the earth, like the unlawful premeditated killing of Abel. (Genesis 4: 8-12). Prior to sin you could not find one autumn leaf on the ground; neither would you see a tree infested with termites. God's creation was perfect; there was no rain to blight the herbs in the Garden of Eden with Mold or to mar the joy and prosperity of man.

Allow me to show you what the Lord has revealed to me. Thus saith the Lord by the mouth of one of His man servants standing in the pulpit: "the cedar wood and hyssop represent the two extremes of plant life that has been affected by sin." It was upon a tree they nailed our Lord and it was upon hyssop they gave our Lord vinegar to ease the pangs of death.

The Cedar

To make clear His man servant's message, the Spirit of the Lord told me: the cedar wood, and especially that of Lebanon, was symbolic of the king of all the trees of the forest hence it was used by King Solomon in the building of the temple (1 Kings 5: 6). So, son of mine, says my Lord, the body is the true temple of God, so I gave to Israel the cedar wood as a symbol of my strength and power to reconstruct the spiritual and physical constitution of the human race that they might regain their glory and august lineage. It is written, "The trees of the Lord are well watered, the cedars of Lebanon that He plant." "The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, and they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon." Psalm 104: 16; 92: 12. And in Isaiah 61: 3 the saints are plainly referred to as trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord.

The Hyssop

Now this says the angel of the Lord, the hyssop plant with its medicinal properties, aromatic and pungent leaves, was used in perfumery and as a seasoning in cookery, but more importantly, it stood as an emblem of the healing wonders of nature's herbs; for it was cultivated as a remedy for bruises. Typologically, hyssop is necessary for the healing of the nations because Christ had been bruised by the serpent (Genesis 3:15), hence it was used to apply the blood of the slain Passover lamb to the lintel and the two side posts of the Israelites' door (Exodus 12: 22), as well as to sprinkle seven times upon the leper who was to be cleansed from the disease of leprosy. So it is the most fitting symbol to show that Jesus is man's Great Physician, "the saving health of all nations." Psalm 67: 2. Moreover, hyssop is a symbol of penitent humility, which one displays by

acknowledging their sin and need of forgiveness; King David understood this when he wrote Psalm 51: 7.

Scarlet Colour

The revealer of hidden things, went on to explain the purpose of the scarlet coloured material, He said, scarlet represents the animal kingdom; for it is a red dye obtained from the crushed dried bodies of a female scale insect, used for colouring fabrics and manuscripts. Furthermore, any material dyed scarlet was not easily washed out, hence, the scarlet colour with its flame like slightly orangish red colour, was used to give a visual representation of how the pure, white and spotless character of man took on a different colour when the works of the flesh: covetousness, sensual pleasure, hatred, murder, malice, drunkenness, and such like things (Galatians 5: 19-21), suffused the hue or brightness of his Creator's image in him. Nevertheless, although like scarlet, sin is difficult to get rid of; Christ is able to remove the scarlet like stains from our character leaving no trace at all. Because it is written, "though our sins are as scarlet, Jesus shall make them as white as snow." Isaiah 1: 18, margin.

As I continued searching the scriptures, the Spirit showed me that scarlet also represent God's covenant of salt that He made with Noah (Genesis 9: 12-16). For it is also a colour at the end of the colour spectrum of the rainbow next to the colour orange; and it resembles the colour of blood. In this symbolic art, the Spirit of the Lord made me to understand that across the vast spectrum of nationalities, humanity may find hope through the blood of His only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

God ordained the high priest and appointed the types of offering necessary for the cleansing of the leper, but only to serve as an example and shadow of a better covenant, which is established upon better promises, for it is not possible for the blood of two birds to take away our sins, heal our diseases, and restore us unto God.

The Number 7 and the High Priest

Seven is the number that God uses to represent holiness, completeness and perfection. So, it is worthy of notice that the leper was not pronounced clean and reunited to his love ones until he had brought the specified offerings, and the priest who had pronounced him unclean sprinkle the blood of the slain bird upon him seven times and declared him clean. Notice that the leper could not declare himself to be clean; this teaches four valuable lessons.

1. We should never try to diminish in anyway the degree of our offense against God and man by trying to justify our sin.
2. We must hold to be true the word of God judgment for our transgression; and never forget

that “if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1: 9.

3. We do not have the authority to judge ourselves, so we must not judge each other. It is written, “who art thou that judgest another man's servant? To his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.” Romans 14: 4.

4. There is only one mediator between God and man and it is the man Christ Jesus. He alone has the right to declare “He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he who is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.” Revelation 22: 11.

Only those who completely turn away from sin and endure to the end sins Jesus the true high priest will blot out and present faultless, holy, without spot or wrinkle to His Father. Therefore, since we have a great **high priest** who has ascended into heaven, **Jesus** the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess as “elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus.” 1 Peter 1: 2.

“Christ **did** not enter by **means** of the **blood** of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own **blood**, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?” Hebrews 9.

Dear Brothers and Sisters search the scriptures and you will discover that all the ceremonial types in the Old Testament found their counterpart in the ministry and life's work of Jesus the antitype. It is extremely important that you understand this fact. Jesus is the better sacrificial offering and high priest. (Read chapter 8-10 of Hebrews.)

Therefore, Jesus the all-powerful creator can give you power over your inherited and cultivated tendencies that are very opposing in nature to the will of God for your own well-being. Pray this prayer with me, “Consider me O Lord, and teach me to love your precepts: restore your image in me, O Lord, according to your loving-kindness.” Psalms 119: 159, margin.

On the eighth day

In closing, notwithstanding the fact that when the one to be cleansed from leprosy was sprinkled with the blood, he was pronounced clean, yet there was something more for him to do. On the eighth day after he was pronounced clean, he was to appear before the priest with two lambs, a meat-offering, and a log of oil. The priest presented the man to be cleansed at the door of the tabernacle, and waved one of the lambs and the log of oil before the Lord. He then slew the lamb, and took some of the blood and put it upon "the tip of the right ear" of him that was to be cleansed, "and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot," thus consecrating his ears to hear only those things that would tend to keep him clean, his hands to the service of God, and his feet to travel only in the way of the Lord's commandments, Then the priest took the log of oil, and after sprinkling a portion of it before the Lord, he put some of it "upon the tip of the right ear" of him that was to be cleansed, also "upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot," and then anointed his head with the remainder of the oil.

This service was not an empty form, but a type of a blessed antitype, which is fulfilled in every Christian who presents himself for service before the Lord, after the Lord forgives his sins and pronounces him clean. Of Mary, Jesus said, "Her sins, which *are many*, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little." 41819 The leper cleansed from that loathsome, living death, felt so thankful to God for freedom and cleansing that he consecrated his life to the Lord for service. Not only is the oil, an emblem of the Holy Spirit which prepares the Christian for service, touched to his ear, hand, and foot, but it is poured upon his head, thus betokening a full surrender of the entire being to the service of His Master who has redeemed him. The books of heaven record the names of many who have fulfilled this beautiful antitype by surrendering their entire being to the service of their Redeemer.

As it is written "if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 2 Corinthians 5: 17.