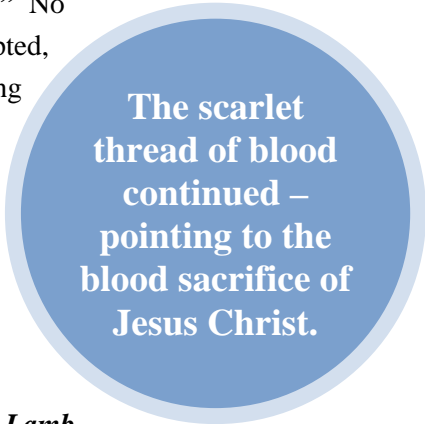


# WITHOUT THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD [Scarlet Thread of Redemption]

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*Heb 9: 22: “Everything was cleansed by sprinkling it with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.”*

***The scarlet thread running through the Bible is a picture of Jesus Christ!*** In Genesis 3:21, God Himself killed an animal and clothed Adam and Eve with its skin. Blood had to be spilled to cover up the nakedness of their sins. Adam and Eve tried to cover themselves a different way and it didn't work. Even today, man is still looking for a different way than Jesus and the cross. Later we see that Cain and Abel brought offerings to God. In Gen 4:4, Abel brought a blood offering. Cain did not bring a blood offering. ***“But unto Cain and unto his offering, he (God) had not respect.”*** No blood - no respect; Cain's offering was rejected. Abel's offering was accepted, but “not without blood” (Hebrews 9:7). After the Great Flood, the first thing Noah did was to offer a blood sacrifice (Genesis 8:20-21). Just as Abel brought a blood sacrifice, so did Noah and the scarlet line of blood, pointing to the Blood of Christ, continued.



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Read the story of Abraham in Genesis 22 and his willingness to obey God concerning his son Isaac. Just as with Jesus, God the Father provided a sacrifice. The scarlet thread of blood continued – pointing to the blood sacrifice of Christ. John the Baptist pointed to Jesus and said, ***“Behold the Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the world.”*** (John 1:29)

Now, follow the story of the Hebrew people into Egypt and eventual slavery and God keeping His promise to bring them out through Moses and the Passover (Exodus 12:7). God told them to put the blood of a lamb on the two sides and top of the doorposts. Then God said in Exodus 12:13: ***“And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.”*** The Passover is a type of Christ our redeemer. The scarlet line continued, pointing forward to the blood of Christ Jesus.

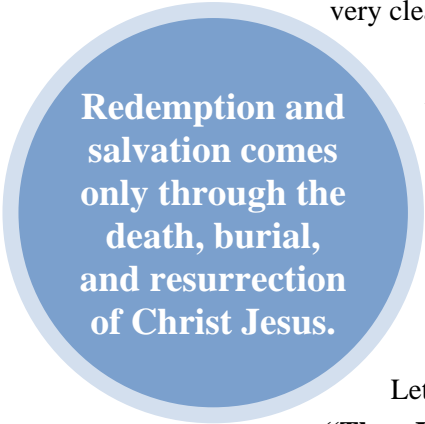
The Hebrew people left Egypt and went into the wilderness. They came to Mount Sinai. Moses went up the mountain and God gave him the Ten Commandments written with “the finger of God” on the two of stone tablets (Exodus 31:18). The covenant of the law was established with a blood sacrifice: ***“And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the Lord hath made with you concerning all these words”*** (Exodus 24:8).

Andrew Murray said, “It was in that blood the covenant had its foundation and power. It is by the blood alone, that man can be brought into covenant fellowship with God. That which had been a shadow and a type in the Garden, on Mount Ararat {by Noah}, on Moriah {by Abraham}, and in Egypt, was now confirmed at the foot of Sinai in a most solemn manner!”

Without blood there could be no access by sinful man to a Holy God. There are some changes taking place – on Moriah the life was redeemed by the shedding of blood. In Egypt it was sprinkled on the doorposts of the houses; but here at Sinai, **it was sprinkled on the persons themselves.** The contact was closer, the anointing more powerful. The scarlet thread continued through the Bible.

We must come once more to the scarlet thread of the blood of the Old Testament. This time I am thinking of the Day of Atonement, called Yon Kippur. The Hebrew word for “kaphar” is translated “atonement” in our English Bible. This word literally means, “to cover.” God covers our sins by the Blood of Christ. The Day of Atonement points us to that. Our sins are covered when we accept Jesus Christ – and God will never see them, God removed them as far as the East is from the West.

In Leviticus 17:11 God said: *For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul*”. This clearly points to the Blood of Christ in Hebrews 10:4 that says, “**For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.**” And in Hebrews 10:19-20 “**Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way.**” With the clear understanding that the blood in Leviticus 17:11 points forward to the Blood of Jesus, we have a very clear statement **for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul!**



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Are you beginning to see the importance of the blood? Do you see the shadow and the type of the blood in these words? As we continue to follow the scarlet thread through the Bible, we should turn to the New Testament and we will see clearly that redemption and salvation comes only through the death, burial and resurrection of Christ Jesus, but “**not without the blood**” {Hebrews 9:7}.

Let us look at some of the things that Jesus said about the Blood- John 6:53 “**Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.**” He is not saying to them to literally eat Him and to drink His Blood! What he is saying is that he is going to give His life – He will shed His Blood upon the cross and give His life. Salvation is accepting Him in a most intimate way. At the beginning of John (1:12) we read, “**But as many as received him, to them gave the power to become the sons of God.**” The words eat my flesh and drink my blood are “pictures of us receiving what He did for us. We have got to have this type of close personal relationship with Him! 1st John 1:7 “**and the**

**blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”** We had to have the death of Christ to pay the penalty for our sins (Romans 5:10). **But we must have the Blood of Christ to cleanse us from our sins.**

Now take a look at what Jesus said at the Lord’s Supper

Matthew 26: 26-29

Mark 14: 2-26

Luke 22:19- 23

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 11:23-25

The scarlet thread of redemption takes us to the Lord’s Supper where I believe that it is clearly shown, that we as churches should never try to lessen the price that is paid for our redemption. Jesus is the only way of salvation!

Are you washed in the blood? Are your garments spotless- are they white as snow? Oh be washed in the Blood of The Lamb!

**PLEASE ASK HIM INTO YOUR HEART TODAY!**