

## The Power of the Blood of Jesus

**Revelation 12:11 – “And they overcame him [the devil] by the blood of the lamb...”**

A young professor from Cornell University, said to Billy Graham, “Son, you are a good speaker. You speak with authority and clarity, and you can go places in the ministry,” but he said, “I want to suggest to you that you leave out that blood stuff. It’s uncultured, uncouth, and you’ll go far if you will leave out the message of the blood.” Billy Graham said, “I purposed in my heart then to preach on the blood of Jesus more than ever.” If there’s anything that Satan hates, it is the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

“Some today try to devise a theology that leaves out the blood of Christ. But Christianity without the atoning blood is a Christianity without mercy for the sinner, without settled peace for the conscience, without genuine forgiveness, without justification, without cleansing, without boldness in approaching God, without power. It is not Christianity, but the Devil’s own counterfeit.”

– R.A. Torrey, *Power-Filled Living*, pg. 33.

### 1. The Voice of His Blood (Genesis 4:10; Hebrews 12:24)

**Gen. 4:10** - And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground.

**Heb. 12:24** - to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.

- The Blood Speaks of the Life of Christ (Lev. 17:11).
- The Blood Speak of God’s Love (John 3:16).
- The Blood Speaks of His Sacrifice (1 John 2:2).
- The Blood Speaks of His Covenant (Hebrews 9:14).

### 2. The Value of His Blood (1 Peter 1:18-19)

- His Blood is Precious.
- His Blood is Pure.
- His Blood is Predestined.

The lamb is a central theme throughout God's Word and in God's redemption plan:

- A. The Necessity of the Lamb (**Gen 4** - Abel and his lamb)
- B. The Provision of the Lamb (**Gen 22** - Abraham and his lamb, Isaac's substitute).
- C. The Slaying of the Lamb (**Ex 12** - Passover lamb).
- D. The Character of the Lamb (**Lev** - Sin-offering lamb, sacrificed on the altar outside the tabernacle).
- E. The Prophecy of the Lamb (**Isaiah 53** - Suffering lamb)
- F. The Proclamation of the Lamb (**John 1:29-36** - announced by John the Baptist)

### **3. The Vitality of His Blood**

- I am **Continually Cleansed** (**1 John 1:7**)
- I am **Redeemed** (**Acts 20:28**)
- I am **Forgiven** (**Ephesians 1:7**)
- I am **Reconciled** (**Ephesians 2:13**)
- I have **Boldness** to Enter God's Presence (**Heb 10:19**)

### **4. The Victory of His Blood** (**Revelation 12:11**)

**Revelation 12:11** - And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

In the New Testament, only 1 out of the 34 uses of 'blood' with reference to the death of Jesus actually speaks of victory over the devil (**Rev.12:11**). The remainder all are connected with our salvation in Christ.

- I **Honor His Blood** in My Life Through **Praise**  
**Revelation 5:9** - **And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood** Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,
- I **Plead His Blood** Over My Life Through **Prayer**  
To "plead the blood" is not a magic "good-luck" charm. It means:
  - 1) I remind satan that my sins are under the blood of Jesus.
  - 2) I claim the full provision of His blood – my salvation, my victory, my protection, my deliverance, my constant cleansing.
  - 3) I cast myself at the foot of the Cross, knowing His blood is my hope.
  - 4) The blood really "pleads" itself, not to satan, but to the Father.
  - 5) It cancels the devil's right to attack.

**"To plead the blood of Jesus** over your life and the lives of your family members is to come before the Lord and declare, You, Lord Jesus, died for our sins so that we might be in relationship with God the Father. Your shed blood cleanses us from all sin. I ask You to cleanse me and my family from all unrighteousness. I ask You to protect us from evil, to redeem us, and to use us totally for Your purposes. I claim for myself and my family members the full provision of Your shed blood on our behalf-the full provision of Your saving, healing, delivering, cleansing, and renewing power!"

- Charles Stanley, *When the Enemy Strikes*, pg. 198

**"Periodically, you need to pray something like the following: Lord, I stand against the power of Satan in my life today. I declare him powerless over me because I am a child of the King. I am born again by Your Spirit. I am forgiven because I am covered with Jesus' blood.** So Satan, I stand against you in Jesus' name. ' . You have no authority over me, my family, or my church. You are a defeated foe. You have no authority in my life. In Jesus' name. I stand my ground. Amen."

- Ronnie Floyd, *How to Pray*, pg. 136