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Satan, the Blood of Jesus Is Against You!

The Blood Speaks a Better Word

TEXT **Hebrews 12:24; Revelation 12:11**

ASK **Whose word gets the final say over my life: the enemy's accusation or the blood of Jesus?**

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1 The Blood Speaks a Better Word

Hebrews 12:24 says the sprinkled blood of Jesus speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. When Cain killed his brother, God said Abel's blood was crying out from the ground. Abel's blood cried out for justice; Jesus' blood speaks mercy. Abel's blood testified that a life had been taken; Jesus' blood testifies that eternal life has been given. Abel's blood cried out from the ground; Jesus' blood speaks before the throne of God. Abel's blood exposed the guilt of a murderer; Jesus' blood provides forgiveness for the guilty.

Hebrews 12:24, ESV — And to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Genesis 4:10, ESV — And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground."

Revelation 12:11, ESV — And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

REMEMBER

Abel's blood cried out for justice. Jesus' blood speaks a better word: mercy, forgiveness and eternal life.

2 The Blood Speaks!

Every voice that comes against you has an answer in the blood. Sin says you are guilty; the blood of Jesus says you can be forgiven. The law exposes our sin; the cross reveals God's provision for our salvation. Death says this is the end; the resurrection declares that death does not have the final word. Satan stands to accuse; Jesus stands as our Advocate. Sin separates us from God; the blood brings us near. Shame says you are unclean; the blood cleanses your conscience. The world says you are a slave to your past; the Son makes you free. Fear says you cannot approach God; the blood gives you confidence to enter His presence. The enemy says you have been defeated; the cross declares that Christ has triumphed over the powers of darkness. The grave says you belong to death; the risen Jesus holds the keys of Death and Hades. (See also Romans 3:20–26; 1 Corinthians 15:54–57; John 8:36; Romans 6:6–7; Hebrews 10:19–22.)

Ephesians 1:7, ESV	In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.
1 John 2:1, ESV	My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.
Ephesians 2:13, ESV	But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
Hebrews 9:14, ESV	How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.
Colossians 2:14–15, ESV	By canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Revelation 1:18, ESV I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

REMEMBER

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3 More Contrasts: The Blood Still Speaks!

Sickness says you are broken; by His stripes we are healed. The thief comes to steal, kill and destroy; Jesus came that we might have life, and have it abundantly. The enemy brings confusion and disorder; God is not a God of confusion but of peace. The world offers a peace that depends on circumstances; Jesus gives a peace the world cannot give. Darkness says you cannot find your way; Jesus is the light of the world. Bondage says you will never be free; where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. The enemy wants to sift you like wheat; Jesus has prayed for you that your faith may not fail. The world says trouble will overcome you; Jesus has overcome the world. Condemnation says your sin defines you; there is now no condemnation in Christ. Death says your days are numbered; Jesus is the resurrection and the life. (See also 1 Peter 2:24; 1 Corinthians 14:33; John 14:27; John 8:12; Luke 22:31–32.)

Isaiah 53:5, ESV But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

John 10:10, ESV The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

2 Corinthians 3:17, ESV Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

John 16:33, ESV I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

Romans 8:1, ESV There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

John 11:25, ESV Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live."

REMEMBER

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

4 The Blood Speaks Louder: The Work Is Finished!

The enemy may have something to say, but he doesn't have the final word. Sin speaks guilt; the blood speaks forgiveness. Shame speaks condemnation; the blood speaks cleansing. Sickness speaks suffering; the wounds of Jesus speak healing. Bondage speaks captivity; Jesus speaks freedom. Fear speaks defeat; Jesus speaks victory. Death speaks finality; the resurrection speaks eternal life. The blood doesn't have to silence every voice around you to have the final word over you. Believers still face sickness, suffering and spiritual battles, but Christ's victory and promises are greater than anything we face. Satan may accuse you, remind you of your past, point to your failures and try to convince you nothing has changed, but he has nothing to say to God. When Jesus said, "It is finished," the debt was paid, the sacrifice was complete, the price of redemption was satisfied, and the victory was secured. The enemy can question what God has done in your life, but he cannot change what Jesus has done on the cross.

John 19:30, ESV When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Revelation 12:10, ESV And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God."

Romans 8:33, ESV Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

REMEMBER

The cross was not the beginning of a negotiation. It was the declaration of a finished work!

5 This Is Not Self-Help. This Is God Helping Man.

Forgiveness, redemption, healing, freedom, peace, victory and eternal life are not things man discovered by looking deeper within himself. They are things God provided through Jesus Christ. There's nothing wrong with growing, learning, developing discipline or making better decisions, but self-help cannot fix the deepest problem of the human heart. If self-help could save you, you would have already helped yourself. When man had no answer for sin, God provided one. When man could not reconcile himself to God, Christ became our mediator. When man could not conquer death, Jesus rose from the grave. God works in you, but the power originates with Him. Self-help says, dig deeper and find the strength within yourself. The gospel says, receive the grace and power that come from God. And once we receive His grace, we don't become passive; His power begins transforming how we live.

Ephesians 2:8–9, ESV — For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Philippians 2:13, ESV — For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

REMEMBER

We don't look within ourselves to find a Savior. We look to Jesus, and the Savior comes to live within us.

6 The Blood Has Already Spoken!

Before you ever opened your mouth in prayer, the blood had already spoken. Before you ever learned how to resist the devil, Jesus had already conquered sin and death. Before the accuser ever brought his accusation against you, God had already provided the answer in Jesus Christ. The blood has spoken, the blood is speaking, and the blood will still be speaking tomorrow, because the One who shed His blood for you holds eternity in His hands. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the Everlasting Father, the same yesterday, today and forever. His sacrifice does not expire and His victory does not grow old. And here is the greatest contrast of all: Abel's blood cried out because an innocent man had been killed. Jesus' blood speaks because the innocent Son of God willingly died for the guilty.

Revelation 22:13, ESV — I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

Colossians 1:17, ESV — And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Hebrews 13:8, ESV — Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Romans 5:8, ESV — But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

REMEMBER

We don't overcome Satan because we shout about the blood. We overcome because of what the blood has shouted for us! The victory didn't begin with our declaration. It began with His sacrifice.

7 Back to the Gospel, With Jesus at the Center

Church, it's time we get back to simple faith in God: back to the cross, back to the blood, back to the authority and power of Jesus Christ, filled afresh with the Holy Spirit, and walking out the Christian life instead of just talking about it. Somewhere along the way we made so much of Christianity about us: our happiness, our success, our potential, our breakthroughs, our best life. But the gospel isn't first about what man can become. It's about what Jesus Christ has done. He didn't come simply to make us better versions of ourselves; He came to save us, redeem us, transform us and bring us back to God. When Jesus becomes the center again, we stop asking God to fit into our lives and begin surrendering our lives to Him. We stop trying to use His power for our purposes and let His power accomplish His purposes through us.

1 Peter 3:18, ESV — For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

2 Corinthians 5:18–19, ESV — All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Romans 8:31, ESV What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

REMEMBER

The gospel was never meant to revolve around man. It was meant to reconcile man to God!

The Response

The enemy may have something to say to you, but he cannot overturn what God has declared through Jesus Christ. The blood still speaks. The cross still stands. The tomb is still empty. The Holy Spirit is still at work. And Jesus Christ is still Lord!

- ✓ Name the voice that keeps speaking over you this week (guilt, shame, fear, sickness, your past) and answer it with what the blood says. Find the verse in these notes that speaks to it and say it out loud.
- ✓ Stop looking within yourself for a savior. If you have never received the gift of God, receive it today by faith in Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8–9).
- ✓ Put Jesus back at the center: instead of asking God to fit into your life, surrender one area of your life to Him this week.
- ✓ Get back to simple faith: the cross, the blood, the authority of Jesus, and a fresh filling of the Holy Spirit. Ask God to fill you again.

Church, you can trust Him! You can trust His Word, His promises, His faithfulness, and what He accomplished on the cross. When Jesus said, "It is finished," He meant it!

Satan, the blood of Jesus is against you! Jesus has already given us the victory, and He will give you the victory!

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