

## Message Eight

### The Blood of the Covenant

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Scripture Reading: Exo. 24:4-8; 25:17, 22; 34:27-35; Lev. 16:11-16;

Matt. 26:28; Luke 22:20; Heb. 10:19-20

- Exo 24:4 And Moses wrote down all the words of Jehovah. And he rose up early in the morning and built an altar at the base of the mountain and twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel.
- Exo 24:5 And he sent young men of the children of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of bulls to Jehovah.
- Exo 24:6 And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar.
- Exo 24:7 And he took the book of the covenant and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, All that Jehovah has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.
- Exo 24:8 So Moses took the blood and sprinkled it on the people and said, Here is the blood of the covenant, which Jehovah has made with you in accordance with all these words.
- Exo 25:17 And you shall make an expiation cover of pure gold: two and a half cubits shall be its length, and one and a half cubits, its width.
- Exo 25:22 And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the expiation cover, from between the two cherubim which are upon the Ark of the Testimony, of everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.
- Exo 34:27 And Jehovah said to Moses, Write these words, for according to the speaking of these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel.
- Exo 34:28 And he was there with Jehovah forty days and forty nights; he did not eat bread, and he did not drink water. And He wrote upon the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.
- Exo 34:29 And when Moses came down from Mount Sinai-and the two tablets of the Testimony were in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain-Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone by reason of His speaking with him.
- Exo 34:30 And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, at that time the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him.
- Exo 34:31 But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the rulers in the assembly returned to him, and Moses spoke to them.
- Exo 34:32 And afterward all the children of Israel came near, and he gave them in commandment all that Jehovah had spoken with him on Mount Sinai.
- Exo 34:33 And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.
- Exo 34:34 But whenever Moses went in before Jehovah to speak with Him, he would remove the veil until he came out; and when he came out and spoke to the children of Israel what he had been commanded,
- Exo 34:35 The children of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone. Then Moses would put the veil back on his face until he went in to speak with Him.
- Lev 16:11 And Aaron shall present the bull of the sin offering, which is for himself, and shall make expiation for himself and for his household, and shall slaughter the bull of the sin offering, which is for himself.
- Lev 16:12 And he shall take a censer full of coals of fire from the altar before Jehovah, with his hands full of finely ground fragrant incense, and bring it inside the veil.
- Lev 16:13 And he shall put the incense upon the fire before Jehovah, that the cloud of the incense may cover the expiation cover that is over the Testimony, so that he does not die.
- Lev 16:14 And he shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger upon the expiation cover toward the east, and before the expiation cover he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.
- Lev 16:15 Then he shall slaughter the goat of the sin offering, which is for the people, and bring its blood inside the veil, and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it upon the expiation cover and before the expiation cover.
- Lev 16:16 And he shall make expiation for the Holy of Holies because of the uncleannesses of the children of Israel and because of their transgressions, for all their sins. And so he shall do for the Tent of Meeting, which dwells with them in the midst of their uncleannesses.
- Matt 26:28 For this is My blood of the covenant, which is being poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.
- Luke 22:20 And similarly the cup after they had dined, saying, This cup is the new covenant established in My blood, which is being poured out for you.

Heb 10:19 Having therefore, brothers, boldness for entering the Holy of Holies in the blood of Jesus,  
Heb 10:20 Which entrance He initiated for us as a new and living way through the veil, that is, His flesh,

**I. The precious blood of Christ satisfies God, it is the believers' access to God, and it overcomes all the accusations of the enemy (Exo. 12:13; Eph. 2:13; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; Heb. 10:19-20, 22; 9:14; 1 John 1:7, 9; Rev. 12:10-11); we need to go further to see that the Lord's precious blood is the blood of the covenant.**

Exo 12:13 And the blood shall be a sign for you upon the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and there will be no plague upon you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.  
Eph 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who were once far off have become near in the blood of Christ.  
1 Pet 1:18 Knowing that it was not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, that you were redeemed from your vain manner of life handed down from your fathers,  
1 Pet 1:19 But with precious blood, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot, the blood of Christ;  
Heb 10:19 Having therefore, brothers, boldness for entering the Holy of Holies in the blood of Jesus,  
Heb 10:20 Which entrance He initiated for us as a new and living way through the veil, that is, His flesh,  
Heb 10:22 Let us come forward to the Holy of Holies with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.  
Heb 9:14 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?  
1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from every sin.  
1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, Now has come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ, for the accuser of our brothers has been cast down, who accuses them before our God day and night.  
Rev 12:11 And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they loved not their soul-life even unto death.

**II. "Moses took the blood and sprinkled it on the people and said, Here is the blood of the covenant, which Jehovah has made with you in accordance with all these words"— Exo. 24:8:**

A. The expression *blood of the covenant* is also used in Matthew 26:28; this matter comes from the heart of God, but it has no place in the heart of the natural man.

Matt 26:28 For this is My blood of the covenant, which is being poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

B. Luke 22:20 says, "This cup is the new covenant established in My blood":

Luke 22:20 And similarly the cup after they had dined, saying, This cup is the new covenant established in My blood, which is being poured out for you.

1. The Lord's blood, having satisfied God's righteousness, enacted the new covenant and ushers us into the reality of the new covenant—Heb. 10:19-20; *Hymns*, #551, stanzas 3 and 4.

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Heb 10:20 Which entrance He initiated for us as a new and living way through the veil, that is, His flesh,  
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3 I've believed the true report, Hallelujah to the Lamb!  
I have passed the outer court, O glory be to God!  
I am all on Jesus' side, On the altar sanctified,  
To the world and sin I've died, Hallelujah to the Lamb!

(CHORUS)

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
I have passed the riven veil, Here the glories never fail,

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
I am living in the presence of the King.

4	I'm within the holiest pale, I have passed the inner veil, I am sanctified to God Now the Lord is my abode	Hallelujah to the Lamb! O glory be to God! By the power of the blood, Hallelujah to the Lamb!
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2. Through the Lord's death His blood enacted the new covenant; by the Lord's resurrection He became the new covenant with all its bequests (Isa. 42:6; 49:8); and in the Lord's ascension He is the Mediator, the Executor, of the new covenant (Heb. 8:6; 9:15; 12:24) and the surety of the new covenant, the pledge that everything in the new covenant will be fulfilled (7:22):

Isa 42:6 I am Jehovah; I have called You in righteousness; / I have held You by the hand; / I have kept You and I have given You / As a covenant for the people, as a light for the nations;

Isa 49:8 Thus says Jehovah, / In an acceptable time I have answered You, / And in a day of salvation I have helped You; / And I will preserve You and give You for a covenant of the people, / To restore the land, to apportion the desolate inheritances,

Heb 8:6 But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry inasmuch as He is also the Mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted upon better promises.

Heb 9:15 And because of this He is the Mediator of a new covenant, so that, death having taken place for redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, those who have been called might receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

Heb 12:24 And to Jesus, the Mediator of a new covenant; and to the blood of sprinkling, which speaks something better than that of Abel.

Heb 7:22 By so much Jesus has also become the surety of a better covenant.

- a. Christ, as the embodiment of the riches of the Godhead (Col. 2:9) and as the crucified and resurrected One, has become the covenant of God given to His people; He is the reality of all that God is and of all that God has given to us.

Col 2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,

- b. God's salvation, God's righteousness, God's justification, God's forgiveness, God's redemption, God's riches, and all that God has and will do have been covenanted to us.

- c. As the reality of all the bequests in the new testament, Christ, who is the all-inclusive, life-giving, indwelling, consummated Spirit (1 Cor. 15:45b; 2 Cor. 3:17; Rom. 8:9-11), is in our spirit and has become one spirit with us (2 Tim. 4:22; 1 Cor. 6:17).

1 Cor 15:45b ... the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

2 Cor 3:17 And the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

Rom 8:9 But you are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Yet if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not of Him.

Rom 8:10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness.

Rom 8:11 And if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.

2 Tim 4:22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

1 Cor 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

### III. "Moses wrote down all the words of Jehovah. And he rose up early in the morning and built an altar at the base of the mountain and twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel"—Exo. 24:4:

- A. The altar points to the need for redemption, termination, and replacement; because we are fallen, sinful, and corrupt, we need redemption and termination, and we also need to be replaced by Christ.
- B. The pillars signify that after God's people have been redeemed, terminated, and replaced at the altar, they can become the testimony of God, reflecting what He is.
- C. The blood comes from the sacrifices offered on the altar; it was the blood, not the altar or the pillars, that made effective the enactment of the law—vv. 4-8.

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Exo 24:5 And he sent young men of the children of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of bulls to Jehovah.

Exo 24:6 And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar.

Exo 24:7 And he took the book of the covenant and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, All that Jehovah has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.

Exo 24:8 So Moses took the blood and sprinkled it on the people and said, Here is the blood of the covenant, which Jehovah has made with you in accordance with all these words.

#### **IV. We need to see God's intention in decreeing the law:**

- A. In decreeing the law, God's intention was to reveal to His chosen and redeemed people what kind of God He is; as the testimony of God, the law is a portrait or photograph of God (16:34; 25:21); therefore, the first function of the law is to reveal that God is a God of holiness, righteousness, love, and light.

Exo 16:34 As Jehovah commanded Moses, so Aaron placed it before the Testimony to be kept.

Exo 25:21 And you shall put the expiation cover upon the Ark above it, and into the Ark you shall put the Testimony that I shall give you.

- B. The second function of the law is to cause His people to realize that they are fallen and far away from God:

- 1. It was not God's intention to have His people observe the law that He decreed; it is impossible for fallen, sinful, and corrupted people to keep the law—cf. Rom. 3:20.

Rom 3:20 Because out of the works of the law no flesh shall be justified before Him; for through the law is the clear knowledge of sin.

- 2. The intention of God in decreeing the law was different from the intention of those who received it; the intention of those who received the law was to keep it—Exo. 24:3, 7.

Exo 24:3 And Moses came and told the people all the words of Jehovah and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice and said, All the words which Jehovah has spoken we will do.

Exo 24:7 And he took the book of the covenant and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, All that Jehovah has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.

- 3. It is only through the redeeming blood (1 Pet. 1:18-19), the blood of the covenant, that God's people are ushered into the Holy of Holies to contact God and have God infused into them (Heb. 10:19-20).

1 Pet 1:18 Knowing that it was not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, that you were redeemed from your vain manner of life handed down from your fathers,

1 Pet 1:19 But with precious blood, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot, the blood of Christ;

Heb 10:19 Having therefore, brothers, boldness for entering the Holy of Holies in the blood of Jesus,

Heb 10:20 Which entrance He initiated for us as a new and living way through the veil, that is, His flesh,

## V. We need to see the relationship between the redeeming blood and the presence of God:

A. Moses was fallen, sinful, and corrupt, just as all the other children of Israel were; he could stay in the presence of God and be infused with God on the mountaintop for forty days to become God's reflection because God had the redeeming blood in view; this was the reason that the skin of Moses' face glowed when he descended from the mountain—Exo. 34:27-35.

Exo 34:27 And Jehovah said to Moses, Write these words, for according to the speaking of these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel.

Exo 34:28 And he was there with Jehovah forty days and forty nights; he did not eat bread, and he did not drink water. And He wrote upon the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.

Exo 34:29 And when Moses came down from Mount Sinai-and the two tablets of the Testimony were in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain-Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone by reason of His speaking with him.

Exo 34:30 And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, at that time the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him.

Exo 34:31 But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the rulers in the assembly returned to him, and Moses spoke to them.

Exo 34:32 And afterward all the children of Israel came near, and he gave them in commandment all that Jehovah had spoken with him on Mount Sinai.

Exo 34:33 And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

Exo 34:34 But whenever Moses went in before Jehovah to speak with Him, he would remove the veil until he came out; and when he came out and spoke to the children of Israel what he had been commanded,

Exo 34:35 The children of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone. Then Moses would put the veil back on his face until he went in to speak with Him.

B. The only one qualified to enter the Holy of Holies and come to the Ark with the expiation cover was the one who brought with him the redeeming blood from the outer court; this blood, which was the blood of the covenant, brought people into the Holy of Holies to enter into God's presence—Lev. 16:11-16:

Lev 16:11 And Aaron shall present the bull of the sin offering, which is for himself, and shall make expiation for himself and for his household, and shall slaughter the bull of the sin offering, which is for himself.

Lev 16:12 And he shall take a censer full of coals of fire from the altar before Jehovah, with his hands full of finely ground fragrant incense, and bring it inside the veil.

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Lev 16:15 Then he shall slaughter the goat of the sin offering, which is for the people, and bring its blood inside the veil, and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it upon the expiation cover and before the expiation cover.

Lev 16:16 And he shall make expiation for the Holy of Holies because of the uncleannesses of the children of Israel and because of their transgressions, for all their sins. And so he shall do for the Tent of Meeting, which dwells with them in the midst of their uncleannesses.

1. That expiation cover, corresponding to the propitiation place in Romans 3:25 and Hebrews 9:5, was the lid of the Ark; it signifies Christ as the cover of God's righteous law and also as the place where God meets with His redeemed people and speaks to them in grace—Exo. 25:17, 22.

Rom 3:25 Whom God set forth as a propitiation place through faith in His blood, for the demonstrating

- of His righteousness, in that in His forbearance God passed over the sins that had previously occurred,
- Heb 9:5 And above it cherubim of glory overshadowing the expiation cover, concerning which it is not now the time to speak in detail.
- Exo 25:17 And you shall make an expiation cover of pure gold: two and a half cubits shall be its length, and one and a half cubits, its width.
- Exo 25:22 And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the expiation cover, from between the two cherubim which are upon the Ark of the Testimony, of everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.
2. Hence, the expiation cover on the Ark in the Holy of Holies equals the throne of grace, the very Christ who dwells in our spirit; the pure gold of which the cover was made signifies Christ's pure divine nature—Heb. 4:16.
- Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come forward with boldness to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace for timely help.
3. That God met with His people and spoke to them from above the expiation cover and between the cherubim signifies that God meets with us and speaks to us in the propitiating Christ as His testimony—Exo. 25:22; cf. 2 Cor. 3:8-11, 18.
- Exo 25:22 And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the expiation cover, from between the two cherubim which are upon the Ark of the Testimony, of everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.
- 2 Cor 3:8 How shall the ministry of the Spirit not be more in glory?
- 2 Cor 3:9 For if there is glory with the ministry of condemnation, much more the ministry of righteousness abounds with glory.
- 2 Cor 3:10 For also that which has been glorified in this respect has not been glorified on account of the surpassing glory.
- 2 Cor 3:11 For if that which was being done away with was through glory, much more that which remains is in glory.
- 2 Cor 3:18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.
4. Thus, the expiation cover with the blood of the sacrifices sprinkled on it on the Day of Expiation (Lev. 16:14-15, 29-30) portrays the redeeming Christ in His humanity and the shining Christ in His divinity as the place where fallen sinners can meet with the righteous, holy, and glorious God and hear His word, thereby being infused with God as grace and receiving vision, revelation, and instruction from Him— Exo. 25:20-22.
- Lev 16:14 And he shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger upon the expiation cover toward the east, and before the expiation cover he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.
- Lev 16:15 Then he shall slaughter the goat of the sin offering, which is for the people, and bring its blood inside the veil, and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it upon the expiation cover and before the expiation cover.
- Lev 16:29 And this shall become a perpetual statute for you; in the seventh month on the tenth day of the month you shall afflict your souls and not do any work, neither the native nor the sojourner who sojourns among you.
- Lev 16:30 For on this day expiation shall be made for you, in order to cleanse you; from all your sins you shall be clean before Jehovah.
- Exo 25:20 And the cherubim shall spread out their wings above the cover, covering the expiation cover with their wings, with their faces toward one another; the faces of the cherubim shall be toward the expiation cover.
- Exo 25:21 And you shall put the expiation cover upon the Ark above it, and into the Ark you shall put the Testimony that I shall give you.
- Exo 25:22 And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the expiation cover, from between the two cherubim which are upon the Ark of the Testimony, of everything

which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.

## **VI. Moses was a man who knew God's heart and His intention; therefore, he enacted the law not according to the intention of the children of Israel but according to the intention of God:**

- A. God's way was to reveal what He is and then to show the people that, in His sight, they were fallen, sinful, and corrupted (altogether hopeless and helpless) and that they desperately needed His redemption and forgiveness.
- B. After they received redemption and forgiveness, the redeeming blood would bring them into God's presence where they could contact Him, receive Him into them, and be constituted into pillars as a living testimony of God, a reflection of what He is.
- C. The Lord has accomplished redemption for us, and His blood is available to cleanse us and bring us into His presence; now He is waiting for us to repent, turn to Him, and receive His redemption and forgiveness.
- D. According to the revelation in the New Testament, we are not only brought into God's presence—we are brought into God Himself; the redeeming and cleansing blood brings us into God!
- E. This gives us the ground and standing to receive God, to enjoy God, and to eat and drink of God; eventually, by partaking of God in this way, we will become pillars, His living testimony.
- F. The way to become pillars is the way of enjoying God; it is the way of eating of Him as our life supply (John 6:57; Rev. 22:14) and drinking of Him as our living water (John 7:37-39; 4:10, 14; 1 Cor. 12:13); by eating and drinking Him, we enjoy Him and are constituted with Him.
  - John 6:57 As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.
  - Rev 22:14 Blessed are those who wash their robes that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter by the gates into the city.
  - John 7:37 Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.
  - John 7:38 He who believes into Me, as the Scripture said, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.
  - John 7:39 But this He said concerning the Spirit, whom those who believed into Him were about to receive; for the Spirit was not yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.
  - John 4:10 Jesus answered and said to her, If you knew the gift of God and who it is who says to you, Give Me a drink, you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.
  - John 4:14 But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall by no means thirst forever; but the water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water springing up into eternal life.
  - 1 Cor 12:13 For also in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and were all given to drink one Spirit.
- G. This is a basic principle of the divine economy that operates in the universe unto this day:
  - 1. The basic concept of God's economy is not that God's people should keep the law; the law was decreed by God not that His people might observe it but that through it they might come to know God in a positive way and know themselves in a negative way.
  - 2. Having a proper knowledge of God and of themselves, they would then repent and receive God's redemption through the redeeming blood, and they would be brought into the presence of God to receive the infusion of God to become pillars as a living testimony and reflection of what God is— cf. Rom. 8:4.
    - Rom 8:4 That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit.

## **VII. The blood of the covenant is primarily for God to be our portion for our**

**enjoyment—cf. Psa. 27:4; 1 Cor. 2:9; Heb. 10:19-20:**

- Psa 27:4 One thing I have asked from Jehovah; / That do I seek: / To dwell in the house of Jehovah / All the days of my life, / To behold the beauty of Jehovah, / And to inquire in His temple.
- 1 Cor 2:9 But as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard and which have not come up in man's heart; things which God has prepared for those who love Him."
- Heb 10:19 Having therefore, brothers, boldness for entering the Holy of Holies in the blood of Jesus,  
Heb 10:20 Which entrance He initiated for us as a new and living way through the veil, that is, His flesh,
- A. In the new covenant God gives us forgiveness, life, salvation, and all spiritual, heavenly, and divine blessings.
- B. When this new covenant is given to us, it is a cup, a portion for us: "This cup is the new covenant established in My blood, which is being poured out for you"—Luke 22:20:  
Luke 22:20 And similarly the cup after they had dined, saying, This cup is the new covenant established in My blood, which is being poured out for you.
1. The Lord shed His blood, God established the covenant, and we enjoy the cup, in which God and all that is of Him are our portion—1 Cor. 10:16a.  
1 Cor 10:16a The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the fellowship of the blood of Christ? ...
  2. The blood is the price that Christ paid for us, the covenant is the title deed that God made for us, and the cup is the portion that we receive from God.
  3. "In this portion we have God, / Whom we lost thru Adam's fall; / By the shedding of Thy blood, / God becomes our all in all. / In this portion all we have— / Life and peace, redemption sure; / All that God has planned and willed, / In this portion we secure"—*Hymns*, #223, stanza 3.

**VIII. Eventually, the blood of Christ as the blood of the new covenant (Matt. 26:28; Luke 22:20) ushers God's people into the better things of the new covenant, in which God gives His people a new heart, a new spirit, His Spirit, the inner law of life (denoting God Himself with His nature, life, attributes, and virtues), and the ability of life to know God (Jer. 31:33-34; Ezek. 36:26-27; Heb. 8:10-12).**

- Matt 26:28 For this is My blood of the covenant, which is being poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Luke 22:20 And similarly the cup after they had dined, saying, This cup is the new covenant established in My blood, which is being poured out for you.
- Jer 31:33 But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares Jehovah: I will put My law in their inward parts and write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they will be My people.
- Jer 31:34 And they will no longer teach, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, Know Jehovah; for all of them will know Me, from the little one among them even to the great one among them, declares Jehovah, for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.
- Ezek 36:26 I will also give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take away the heart of stone out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.
- Ezek 36:27 And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and My ordinances you shall keep and do.
- Heb 8:10 For this is the covenant which I will covenant with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will impart My laws into their mind, and on their hearts I will inscribe them; and I will be God to them, and they will be a people to Me.
- Heb 8:11 And they shall by no means each teach his fellow citizen and each his brother, saying, Know the Lord; for all will know Me from the little one to the great one among them.
- Heb 8:12 For I will be propitious to their unrighteousnesses, and their sins I shall by no means remember anymore."

**IX. Ultimately, the blood of the new covenant, the eternal covenant (13:20), enables**

**God's people to serve Him (9:14) and leads God's people into the full enjoyment of God as their portion (as the tree of life and the water of life) both now and for eternity (Rev. 7:14, 17; 22:1-2, 14, 17).**

- Heb 13:20 Now the God of peace, He who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, in the blood of an eternal covenant,
- Heb 9:14 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?
- Rev 7:14 And I said to him, My lord, you know. And he said to me, These are those who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
- Rev 7:17 For the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and guide them to springs of waters of life; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.
- Rev 22:1 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.
- Rev 22:2 And on this side and on that side of the river was the tree of life, producing twelve fruits, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.
- Rev 22:14 Blessed are those who wash their robes that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter by the gates into the city.
- Rev 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come! And let him who hears say, Come! And let him who is thirsty come; let him who wills take the water of life freely.