

WILL SOMEBODY LOVE ME?

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Matt 27:50-51 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

Hebr 10:19-20 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

I. BLOOD COVENANTS

The cutting of flesh of the hand between two people, and the subsequent mingling of their blood by clasping their cut hands, joined two lives together in a covenant. It was a union. The two were so united in purpose and will that they actually mingled their living blood as one.

II. GOD INITIATES A BLOOD COVENANT

When Jesus died, God rent the veil of the nearby temple. Hebrews 10:20 says that veil represented Jesus' flesh. It was as though God cut His hand to join with our's.

The glory behind the Veil in the Holiest of Holies was the presence of God. This glory of God the Father was therefore inside the flesh of Jesus Christ, for that veil and all that was behind it indicates Christ's flesh and all that was within it.

The Life of Christ was the Father

The Father in Him was the life in Him.

When Jesus died, the NEW covenant was initiated The cut was made on God's side. And then it was up to man to fulfill his part and mingle his life with God's life.

As in blood covenants in which two lives were joined as one, God desired mankind's lives to be united with His Spirit/Life. God already initiated His covenant and all we have to do now is walk up to the cross, figuratively speaking, with an OPEN HEART and GRASP JESUS CHRIST and allow our lives to unite with His. He has opened Himself up for us and to all the world. His flesh is opened and rent. The world just needs to come to Him now and unite with Him in His covenant.

John 15:4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

John 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

John 14:20 At that day ye shall know that I [am] in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

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Jesus repeatedly spoke of His being in us and us being in Him.

This is what the mingling of blood/lives indicates.

As the blood of each party of the covenant would mingle, one's blood would enter the other's body and the other's would enter one's body, so did Jesus say He is in us and we in Him.

John 14:16-18 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; [Even] the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

John 14:26 But the Comforter, [which is] the Holy Ghost,

The Holy Ghost is the Spirit form of Jesus Christ.

This is seen in that Jesus said the Comforter is the Holy Ghost.

And He also said that He would not leave us comfortless, but He would come to us.

His Spirit within a person is HIS LIFE

His Spirit can only enter our lives when we UNITE with Him in covenant.

Our HEARTS must be opened to Him and we must LOVE HIM and give our lives to Him by dedicating ourselves to His Kingdom and living a true Christian life.

John 6:54-56 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

III. MAN AND WOMAN.

Man and Woman become united in one flesh by a covenant where vows are exchanged. Physically they unite and physical life passes from one to the other. This is a type and foreshadow of Christ the groom and the Bride of Christ uniting in Spirit.

1Cor 6:16-17 What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

IV. WHAT ADAM SHOULD HAVE DONE

Two hands join in matrimony as man and woman unite

Jesus is the right hand of God's power.

Each hand, that of man and that of God, had a barrier between them that had to be rent so the union of both lives could occur.

God initiated His part by having His embodiment of Christ crucified.

Christ's flesh rent open.

It was a picture of Adam eating fruit of life and receiving that life into his life.

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Had Adam obeyed God and not fallen, he would have eaten of the fruit of life. Adam sinned, however, and was barred from the Garden, where the tree of life stood, by cherubims.

Had Adam passed the cherubims again after sinning he surely would have eaten of the fruit of life. Something had to be done to remove the barrier so God and man might unite as was originally intended. That something occurred when Jesus died on the cross. The Veil on the temple which was rent when Jesus died had cherubims' likenesses embroidered on it. When the veil was rent the barrier blocking mankind from God was removed. Jesus is the fruit of Life. He gave His life and we must now give our lives to unite with Him. Blood/life mingles and we become one. Not literal blood, but giving our lives is represented by the giving of blood in Old Testament times. When we give our lives to Him it can be said we have united with him.

V. GOD'S LONGING DESIRE

Every year, and one day a year, the High Priest would offer blood of a lamb to atone for Israel's sins during Old Testament times. That man would take the blood and pass the veil of the temple and enter into the Holiest of Holies. God must have thrilled and looked forward to those times. When those days arrived, God's mind would race ahead in the future to the day which these foreshadowing rituals involving the veil and the High Priest would be fulfilled. The lamb's blood that was taken past the veil represented mankind's life. And that blood was sprinkled on the mercy seat of the ark of the covenant. It was over the ark of the covenant that God's very presence manifested physically. God's Spirit, you could say, was there. And when that blood was sprinkled on the mercy seat of the ark, you see a picture of man's LIFE and God's LIFE uniting and mingling.

Levi 16:14 And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle [it] with his finger upon the mercy seat eastward; and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times.

Exod 25:21-22 And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee. And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which [are] upon the ark of the testimony, of all [things] which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

This sprinkling of the blood illustrates TRUE REPENTANCE, which we must do in order to unite with God. Joel said REND YOUR HEARTS... as the veil in the temple was rent.

Joel 2:13 And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he [is] gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

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That is OUR part

We must rend and OPEN up our hearts to Him.

And God's part is mentioned in the very same chapter in Joel.

Joel 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, [that] I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

True repentance is opening our hearts and being broken within due to the sin that we committed in the past. It breaks the shell of the barrier that separates our lives from His Spirit. Our hearts and souls then bleed forth, so to speak, in sorrow for our sins. These sins separated us from God as flesh upon the hands of two parties separates the blood from uniting in the two.

Sin is in our flesh.

Romans 7:17-18 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but [how] to perform that which is good I find not.

We do not literally cut our flesh, but this occurs spiritually when we confess our sins and sorrow over the sins we have done. It is as though our hands are rent and we clasp Jesus, and mingle our lives with His. We are totally genuine with God and ourselves at this point. We give everything for Him and nothing is too precious to hold back, for nothing can be more important than giving Him our lives.

V. BLOOD ONLY

Hebrews 9:7 But into the second [went] the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and [for] the errors of the people:

The High Priest carries only BLOOD past the veil.

Nothing else can allow a man to enter the veil.

Without it, High Priest cannot enter.

Unless we give our all in salvation, we simply are not united to Him in covenant and are not saved.

Blood represents our very lives.

Only with blood could the High Priest enter.

So Christianity is not simply joining a church or congregation.

It is giving our total lives!!

Unless we give Him that, we are lost and without hope.

We must give him our wills, for it was Adam's independent will that threw all humankind into sin to begin with.

If we fail to yield all to Him, we are simply not saved.

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VII. ABRAHAM'S PROMISE

God told Abraham that his seed would be innumerable and that He would give him the land of promise.

Abraham asked God how he could know for sure this would occur.

God then proceeded to show him.

Genesis 15:8-10 And he said, Lord GOD, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it? And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon. And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not.

God was going to prove it by cutting a covenant. After laying out the sacrifice, indicating Abraham's part, representing HIS LIFE with the animal's lives we read...

Genesis 15:11 And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

Abraham seen the fowls come to devour the sacrifice, so he drove them away.

In Jesus' parable of the sower and the seed, fowls depicted the devil who comes to steal the word. So we can safely assume these fowls also indicate devils trying to rob Abraham of His dedication to God through temptation. But Abraham would allow nothing to remove his commitment. When you commit to God, the devil will plant thoughts in your mind saying, "You do not need to give THIS part to God. Keep it. He will not miss that little part of your life. And what about this part, too? You can get by without giving that." Satan will do this until all you have left is a SHOW of religion with NOTHING from your very life into it. And he doesn't mind empty, religious show.

Abraham then heard God tell him of the Egyptian bondage that would come in generations later.

400 years of affliction would occur. Then he seen a vision of a smoking furnace and a burning lamp coming down and running g through the sacrifices.

The furnace represented EGYPTIAN BONDAGE.

Deut 4:20 But the LORD hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, [even] out of Egypt, to be unto him a people of inheritance, as [ye are] this day.

The Lord was CUTTING A COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM.

It was as though the Lords' right hand (foreshadowing Jesus) reached down to Abraham's sacrifice (representing Abraham's life) and CUT and MINGLED LIVES.

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Genesis 15:17-18 And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces. In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

God showed Abraham how Abraham would KNOW God was telling the truth by cutting a covenant with Abraham. Nothing could be more assuring. the lamp in the furnace of darkness showed God's covenant to come with Israel in Egypt by delivering them out of bondage in the midst of bondage. God would give them the land as He promised Abraham. The EXODUS in the midst of bondage would fulfill God's promise. And God showed Abraham a vision of the future when He showed him the Exodus in symbol. The Exodus was the taking of Israel OUT of Egypt and INTO THE PROMISED LAND. The land was the PROMISE.

To this day, Israel prizes its land more than anything.
That is why there are wars over there constantly.

The PROMISE today is the baptism of the Holy Ghost. - GOD'S LIFE ITSELF.

Luke 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Acts 1:4-5 And, being assembled together with [them], commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, [saith he], ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

Acts 2:38-39 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, [even] as many as the Lord our God shall call.

God's PROMISE is His LIFE - HIS SPIRIT
Our part must be equally given - OUR LIVES
Beyond the veil is LIFE.

God was opened towards Adam by putting Him into the Garden where the tree of Life stood.

He waited for ADAM to open his life to God, as God did for him.

He wanted ADAM TO LOVE HIM with the greatest love in giving his LIFE to God.

But Adam opened his life towards something else.

God LOVES.

A life for God without the aspect of LOVE is really no life at all.

Religion can be found without love for God.

It is nothing.

From the Garden of Eden man had a problem with loving God.

God is crying out today.. "WILL SOMEONE LOVE ME?"

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Deut 6:4-5 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God [is] one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

God's door is open, but so often man's door is closed.

Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

OPEN UP TO HIM.... give your life to God today.

His door has been open since Calvary, but one day it will close.

Matt 25:10-12 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.