THE PASSOVER "Beginning of months"

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Exodus 12:1 And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, (2) This month shall be unto you the beginning of months.

In Exodus 12:1-2 God instituted that man could have a knowledge of the power of the blood which represented the blood of Jesus Christ. The blood of Jesus has the power to make plagues pass over you. God wants to show that to you.

And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, 'This month shall be unto you the beginning of months.' It will be the start of something new in your life. It's going to be the beginning of the year. It's going to be the beginning of all things that I have promised unto you. It's going to be the fulfillment of a promise. It will be the BEGINNING.

These people were in bondage for 400 years. They hadn't been able to move out of the land of bondage. God sent the plagues of the flies, of the lice, of the frogs, and the dust (Ex. chapters 8,9,10.) God sent plague, after plague, but He hardened the heart of Pharaoh (Ex. 10:27), and God was going to show Moses and all the nation of Israel that there was a power that would cause them to be set free.

It would be the beginning of the greatest exodus ever known. It would be the beginning of the type and shadow of another exodus one day that would take place; of Jesus raising from the dead, and taking those with Him that had believed in Him. An exodus even from Paradise, but it took the power of the blood to set Him and that group free from the stronghold of death.

Notice this in verse 2: "This month shall be into you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you." God is beginning to keep time. He said, "I'm making a covenant, I'm going to establish it, and anything on the other side of this covenant really isn't much. But everything from here on is going to have meaning, because it shall be a covenant of the blood. It shall be a covenant that will be established WITH BLOOD." There was no movement out of Egypt until the blood came. Pharaoh fought everything else, but the one thing he couldn't fight was the blood. My friend, on one side of that blood is death. On the other side of that blood is life.

Look at Exodus 12:21-22:

Ex. 12:21 Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover. (22) And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the basin; and none of you shall go out the door of his house until the morning.

The new day! Jesus rose from the grave early in the morning. He rose triumphant over death, hell, and the grave. He rose early in the morning, and He brought up with Him all who trusted in Him. Not only them, but us also who have trusted in Him since that resurrection. And so here He says, "...none of you shall go out of his house until the morning."

Now look at verse 23:

Ex. 12:23 For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.

Now notice this: "...the Lord..." Somebody said to me one time in preaching that "the death angel." No! The blood covenant is too important to trust angels. The blood covenant God handled Himself. Jesus didn't come as an angel. God didn't send Gabriel. God did not send Michael. God didn't send an angel to die. He sent His **ONLY BEGOTTEN SON**, born of flesh, of the Spirit of God, to die on the cross. HE DID NOT SEND AN ANGEL. HE SENT HIS SON. He wasn't going to separate Egypt from Israel by an angel.

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When the Lord redeemed me, He did it Himself. When the Lord shed blood, it was His blood, and He didn't send an angel to me. He came Himself to redeem me.

So here was the beginning. The blood covenant was established; Israel was going to begin to know freedom. Every house in Egypt had a death visitation, because there was no blood on the door. Exodus 12:30 says that not one house in Egypt was without death. Death had come. God had ordered it, and sent the destroyer over into Egypt, and He killed the firstborn son.

But to the house of Israel, He Himself came, and He looked for the blood. And when He saw the blood, He would not suffer the destroyer to enter into the houses of Israel and take their children from them (Ex. 12:23).

The blood of Jesus was in typology here, by the lamb, and it was put across the doorpost and across the lintel. There was an absolute covering of the blood, but for a man to be safe, he had to remain in that blood. He had to remain behind that covering because outside of that door, when God passed through, there would be a destroyer with Him, and everyone who was not found in those houses, sealed with the blood of the Lamb, WOULD be destroyed.

The exodus began with the blood. The exodus from the grave began with the blood. I want to tell you, when you exit this body, it had better be through the blood of Jesus. When He looks, He is not going to look at how great and big and wonderful you are. He is going to look for the blood, and if the blood hasn't been applied there, if your names are not written in the Lamb's book, if you are not sealed in the blood, my friend, you are not going to make it (Heb 9:22). You are going to be destroyed, but it will be your option.

The Lord had sent a message to man, and He said, "I have hardened the heart of Pharaoh. I have not allowed him to let you go, even though I have sent these plagues but I am going to show you what the blood will do. I am going to show you what the blood is like."

I have had the blood applied to my heart. Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If any man will hear my voice and open the door unto me, I will come in unto him, (not to kill him, not to destroy him, not to plague him, not to curse him, but I will come in unto him) and I will sup with him, and he shall sup with Me." (Rev. 3:20). Those that are under that blood covenant, when they open the door of their heart, it is not plagues that come, it is not cursing that comes, it is not the wrath of God that comes; it is the blessing of the Lord that comes into our life because the BLOOD is there.

Jesus is not knocking on the door of unbelievers today. That scripture in Rev. 3:20 is for the believer. Most Christians are not enjoying the sup with Jesus. They aren't enjoying the fellowship with Jesus. They've got salvation, that is enough, and they wonder why they don't enjoy their Christianity. They wonder why they have to wear it. They wonder why they've got to be bound by tradition and doctrine to make heaven.

I have news for you: when that blood comes, it sets a line over which death cannot come. It sets a line over which plagues cannot come. Why? Because the blood has been sealed into our hearts, we have been sealed into the blood, the Lord looks at us, and He passes over us. Somebody said to me one time, "I'm scared to death." Not me. I've been sealed in the blood

I understand the blood line. I understand that THAT BLOOD keeps death on one side and life on the other, and when a Christian departs this body, it is not death. It's graduation time! Right through that channel of blood he comes into the presence of the Father, and the Father never saw him with fault; the Father never saw him with sin; the Father never saw him with a bunch of black marks on him.

He saw him through the blood as perfect and holy and righteous in the blood of His Son. He did not say, "Israel, listen now, because you are sinning here, I'm not going to take you out and kill you with the Egyptians." No! He didn't say that. They were already in sin. They were stiff-necked; they were uncircumcised; they were hard of hearing. They were fighting everything in the world anyway.

God made a covenant one day, and He told a man back on the other side of the imprisonment, "They are going to be in bondage for 400 years; after 400 years, I WILL VISIT THEM" (Gen. 15:13-14). The first indication that He really visited them was through the blood. He said, "I am going to walk among you, and I am going to look for the blood, and if I don't find it, the destroyer will go into that house and kill the first-born. But I tell you this: when I look and see that blood, I WILL PASS OVER YOU."

David got a hold of it in Psalm 91:9-11.

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Ps. 91:9 Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; (10) There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. (11) For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

It's a type of the blood covenant. Because you trusted in the Lord, because you've made His habitation your habitation, because you moved into His presence by the power of the blood of Christ, He said "No plague shall come near thy dwelling place, and I will give the angels charge over thee, and they shall bear thee up lest thou dash thy foot against a stone."

This is the blood covenant. Everything can come to the blood, but it can't come through the blood. Either it is all true, or none of it is true. Either the blood of Christ had the power to purge heaven, had the power to purge all sin, or it had no power at all.

When Jesus Christ shed His blood on Calvary, it was a type of this; the blood was being applied to the lintels and the doorpost of our heart. His desire is not for plague, His desire is not for infirmity, His desire is not for poverty, His desire is not for weakness to be among us. His desire is that we would be WHOLE in Christ: spirit, soul, and body (1 Thess. 5:23).

He said, "When I see the BLOOD. That's the mark that I'm going to look for." He's not going to send an angel. He didn't say He was going to look for a two-storied house with a picket fence around it. He said, "I am going to look for one thing when I pass through, and it had better be there. It's GOT to be the BLOOD."

You see, we can trust in preachers, we can trust in religion, we can trust in a lot of things; but Jesus will not pass over you unless you are in the blood when judgment comes. The only people that are going to be safe and secure are those that are IN the BLOOD, and the agreement has been sanctified and ratified between the believer and the Lord Jesus Christ. I'm glad I'm on this side of the blood. I'm glad that I'm IN the blood.

You see, I don't have to worry about what's going on in the world. I don't have to worry about what people are trying to do to people. My friend, I'm IN the blood, and those plagues and all that is happening out there, are coming because people will not accept the blood.

All the countries that I have been in that are having poverty and horrible things happening to them, do you know why it is? It's because they have chosen another god. It isn't because their land will not produce. India alone could feed over half the world. It has some of the most fertile valleys that I've seen in the world. It could grow crops in the abundance that America grows, but they have gods who cannot help them.

They have gods of stone and of wood. They have gods made out of the imagination of their minds, which cannot help them. Why? Because they have rejected the true and the living God, and the BLOOD is not there, and so the plagues are there. The famine is there. The pestilence is there, because they have rejected the only thing that will ever keep it from their door - the BLOOD OF JESUS.

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If we ever take the blood of Jesus out of our teaching and preaching, the plague will come. The destroyer will come. Everything ungodly will begin to happen to you, because the blood is no longer there. God looks at us through the blood of Jesus. He looks at us, and He says, "You can't touch them, destroyer. Remember the covenant I made with Moses."

They are trying to write the blood out of the Bible. They are trying to take the blood out of the songs. But I've got news for you. They can't take the blood out of the believer's heart. I will guarantee you on the authority of God's word, that every nation you go into, where they accept any other god rather than the Lord Jesus Christ and His blood for the remission of sin, is a nation of poverty and idolatry, and plague, and famine, and it will be multiplied in these last days. I'm going to DWELL IN THE BLOOD. It reaches the highest mountain and it flows to the lowest valley. The blood has never lost its power.

"Because you have made the Lord thy God, your habitation, I will not cause any plague to come upon your dwelling, but I will give the angels charge over thee, to bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone." (Psalm 91)

The BLOOD of Jesus. It availed, friend. If the blood of a lamb, in the day of Moses, was powerful enough to turn the wrath of God, how much more the blood of His dear Son hath made us nigh unto Him (Eph. 2:13). There's a blood covenant that's been established with you and me. It's the beginning of our life. When we accept that blood for the atonement of sin (1 John 1:7), it's the beginning of our healing, our deliverance, and our prosperity.

Our blessing is in the beginning of the day when we accept Christ. It's the first day of our life, because before we do that, we are dead in our sins and dead in our trespasses (Eph. 2:1). We are in the powers of darkness, and it takes the blood of Jesus to translate us out of the power of darkness into the kingdom of God's dear Son (Col. 1:12-14).

Moses said, "Now make them stay inside. The Lord is going to pass by." He didn't want to see any flesh. All He wants to see is the BLOOD, and it has to be applied where the entrance of your life is. It has to be applied to your heart. You can't apply it by thinking about it. You can't apply it by analyzing it.

They had to do what they did by faith. BY FAITH! It had never been done before. IT WAS SOMETHING DIFFERENT! IT WAS SOMETHING THAT A NATION WOULD DO BY FAITH ENTIRELY. But on that one act of faith hinged their total deliverance. Upon that one act of faith, hinged their TOTAL BEING set free from captivity.

You accept Christ by faith. You receive Him by faith. You take that precious blood, it has been applied to your heart, and you begin to thank Him. And all of a sudden you find that you're raising up from the dead. You find that the destroyer is gone from you. The power of darkness is gone, and now all of a sudden you're beginning to see the light of deliverance. You're beginning to see the Promised Land. You're beginning to desire to get out of captivity and bondage and to move on to something greater.

When that blood begins to work in your heart, you are not satisfied with Egypt anymore. You're not satisfied to sit around and do nothing. You're not satisfied just to be a person redeemed. There's a desire in your heart to GO ON into the powerful things of God, and to MOVE OUT in the perfect liberty wherewith God has made you free. We've got to have the blood.

Ex. 12:31-33 tells us some things. You know, before that time Moses went to Pharaoh, and told him what was going to happen. It happened, and then Pharaoh called old Moses down there, and said, "OK, take the plague off of us."

Ex. 12:31 And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead. And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, and get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as ye have said. (32) Also take your flocks and your herds, as ye have said, and be gone; and bless me also. (33) And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste; for they said, We be all dead men.

That's what he said: "I want you and that whole gang of yours to get out of this land." Now Moses wasn't in a hurry. Once the blood has come into your life, you're not in a hurry anymore. Boldness gets there. I can see old Moses before when he went in there. He was kind of afraid of old Pharaoh but this time the blood had come. The power of life and death had been manifested. Pharaoh's knees were quaking.

He was begging him to get out of there, and God said, "Not so quick, Moses. Since the blood has come, I am going to do a work of restitution. Israel has been made bankrupt by coming down here to work, but I'm going to give them some back wages. I want every neighbor and every person to go and borrow from their neighbor, all the gold and silver and raiment they can get."

Ex. 3:20 And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go. (21) And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty (22) But every woman shall borrow of her neighbour, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put them upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and ye shall spoil the Egyptians.

Something begins to happen when the blood really works in your life; restitution begins to take place. Life for death. Health for sickness. Riches for poverty. As soon as the blood is

applied, the devil doesn't want any more to do with you. I didn't have to give up my friends; they gave me up. Do you know why? Because I started preaching a funny doctrine to them, something about "I'm saved. I want to tell you about Jesus." My friend, a man who doesn't want the blood, doesn't want you around.

Egypt was made bankrupt that day when they borrowed all that stuff from them, and today Egypt is still one of the poorest countries in the world. One of the greatest borrowers in the World Bank today is Egypt. They're having a tough time paying it back. India is another one. Why? Because they have another god.

Jesus Christ set me free from other gods. He set me free from the god of self and flesh, and He said, "Now, I'm going to teach you what abundance is like. I'm going to teach you what peace and joy are like. I'm going to teach you what hope is all about. I'm going to teach what faith is all about. I'm going to show you something."

God said to Moses, "Don't get in a hurry now, son. They've been here 400 years already. Everything is working on schedule. Just get everything you can get before you leave town." They had it coming. They worked down there for 400 years, making bricks, building up Egypt. They had a wage coming.

We worry about whether our union negotiators can get us the right price. I've got a negotiator that guaranteed me an income. His name is Jesus. He's negotiated on His terms, and there isn't anybody to negotiate with. He just speaks it, and that's it.

Well, they were GLAD to give them that stuff. They thought, "This is great. They're going to be back in a few days." They're going to go out and worship somewhere, then they're going to come back." Only they weren't coming back. One thing about the blood: when it sets you free, there's no way back. Sometimes you wish you could go, but there's no way back. The BLOOD separates you. The BLOOD puts you away from the world. The BLOOD separates you and brings you NIGH unto God. It's the beginning of a whole new world. It's the beginning of a whole new life.

When the blood is really applied in your heart, my friend, you don't want the world. When the blood is REALLY applied, you're new in Christ. Your desires change. You can go to church, and bawl and squall, and feel guilty because you got caught, and then go home and nothing really changes in your life. It means simply that you have never opened your heart to the Lord, to His goodness and mercy. You soothed your conscience. You never had it purged. There is a difference between purging your conscience, and soothing it (Heb. 9:14).

You see, there wasn't any past for these men and women. It was all over. They had to get out of town. They had to take what they had and go. God didn't leave them out there. He took them out of bondage, and put them into their own land.

I have news for you: He translated me out of Egypt, out of the power of darkness, He put me into the Kingdom of God, and He did it by His own Son. And by the precious BLOOD of

Jesus, He PURGED me from all sin. God did not design the Christian to be full of plague, or famine, or barren, or destitute. He made the Christian to have the abundant life (John 10:10).

It's amazing to me that we keep trying to get the world better. Well, the world is deader, not getting better. The CHURCH is getting better, and the better we get, the deader the world gets. The greater that separation comes from you and the world, until you can finally say with Paul, "I am crucified to the world, and the world is crucified to me" (Gal. 6:14). He said, "But I'm alive, and I live, yet not I but Christ lives in me" (Gal. 2:20). I'M IN THAT HOUSE NOW.

There came a morning, there came a day-star, there came a time when a new day started dawning and the blood was applied, and I no longer had to live in Egypt. I've been SET FREE now to live in the abundance of Christ's presence, His love, His goodness, and His mercy. The beginning for you was when the blood was applied. It wasn't just coming to church. That wasn't the beginning of anything. No, No! You can grow up in church and do all kinds of things. But if there's no change toward Christ in your life, the blood has never been applied. Religious experiences will not get it.

The people in India are much more religious than we are. The people in China are much more religious than we are. They have a god for every day and every occasion. I saw in a country where they were starving to death, how they would take rice, cover it with color, and glue it all over their body to satisfy their god. While their children were hungry, they were wearing it to appease their god. If we know our God, and we have seen the benefit of His precious blood covenant, we don't have to WEAR it. We can eat it, and give God thanks for it.

MY GOD was appeased when the blood was shed. He would accept no other sacrifice. He will take no other offering for the forgiveness of sin, for the appeasing of God was through the blood of His dear Son. He looked upon that, and He said, "I AM SATISFIED! I AM SATISFIED! THE BLOOD HAS DONE Its WORK."

I'm free, yet I'M a bondservant, but I am a bondservant now freely. Before, I was bound by sin and death, but that same God that spoke to Moses one day spoke to me and He said, "If you will accept the blood of My Son for the remission of your sins, I will take you out of bondage. I will set you free. I will deliver you, and I will set you on high with Me." THE BLOOD OF JESUS. How important is it that we know, and teach, and preach the BLOOD OF JESUS.

Every one of the words of God that He ever proclaimed testified of Jesus Christ (John 5:39). All through the word of God, typology of the blood is given to us. The covenant that He made with Abraham in Genesis was made with blood, but it was man's blood. It was Abraham's blood. And every man-child born from then on was circumcised, so the blood would come forth to remember the covenant that He made with Abraham.

One day He made a covenant with Moses through a lamb, and that blood had enough power in it then, for God to look upon it, and look at Israel as free from death. But all others on the

other side of the blood were worthy of death visiting their house. But then there came a man from heaven named Jesus, who shed His own blood. That blood is more powerful than lamb's blood. It is the blood that purged men from sin forever.

God does not pass through us any longer, or over us anymore. He tabernacles in us and with us. *The Blood of Jesus hath brought us nigh unto God (Eph. 2:13)*. He now tabernacles, dwells, and lives in the people of God. I'm so free, if I wanted to dance, I'd dance. I wouldn't have to have any music, see. FREE! If I want to raise my hands, I'll just raise them. I'm free.

I've been in countries where they tried to appease their god by the sacrifice of their own children. That blood wasn't acceptable. God was not pleased with the sacrifice. They did it because they had some stone god set up. They don't even know where the ritual came from. It was a tradition passed down from the elders of their congregation, for years and years and thousands of years.

All of their religions demand some type of a sacrifice, and usually they demand blood to appease an angry god. It came from the corruptness of man, who did not want to accept the perfect sacrifice of the blood of Jesus Christ, but rather went by their own works. They still remember that it was going to take blood to make them acceptable in the world beyond, but they lost the gospel, and they sacrificed their families. They sacrificed their children. They have blood sacrifices of animals.

Not many years ago in Idaho there was a cult that would go out into a pasture, find a cow, take the blood from that cow, and never leave a mark on it. They wouldn't take any other part, just the blood, because they knew there was something about blood. *The life of the flesh is IN THE BLOOD* (Lev. 17:11). You can do a lot of things to a human being and he can still live, but you take his blood out of him, and he is through.

But Jesus GAVE up his blood. HIS BLOOD DIDN'T DIE. His blood cried out for forgiveness, for better things than that of Abel's (Hebrews 12:24). The blood had your name in it. He said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). We don't need to kill lambs and bullocks and destroy any longer.

God commanded the destroyer not even to touch my house. God DEMANDED it. The destroyer can't come to my house unless I let him in. The blood of Christ has availed for me, friend.

Ex. 12:37 states that they were able to begin an exodus, which would be a type of the exodus from the grave by the believers when Jesus rose from the dead. The beginning of every believer's life starts when he accepts the blood of Jesus Christ for the atonement of his sins. That is the beginning of every Christian's life from the power of darkness, from all the works of Satan, from all the works of flesh. When he accepts the blood sacrifice, puts it across his heart, and applies it to himself, his life begins.

The children of Israel were free to go out, and they came on out! Their exodus took them to the Red Sea; they came on across that after much indecision, and immediately began to murmur and complain. We're prone to do that ourselves, aren't we. "Why has it gotten so hard since I became a Christian?" Well, you're alive now. Dead people don't have much trouble. You can go out to the graveyard, and ask any tombstone, and they won't say they have much trouble.

But when you accept Christ, the enemy knows he's lost you, knows he doesn't have any power over you, so the best thing he can do is to get you murmuring and dissatisfied. When you get dissatisfied and you murmur long enough, unbelief is going to come, and you are never going to enter into the fullness that God has for you.

The blood has been applied to every Christian's life; he ought to be so excited every day he gets up. He ought to be excited every moment of his life. He has been passed from death unto life (John 5:24), and he is on his way to the greatest adventures he has ever had. Day after day after day, filled with excitement and joy. Filled with the GOOD things of God, for He became the high priest of GOOD things to come (Heb. 9:11).

I'm washed in the blood and I'm not going to wait until I get to heaven to enjoy it. The blood covenant guaranteed me something, just like it did those children. The destroyer can't get in my house because it is sealed with the blood covenant that God made with me one day.

No wonder Jesus would leave us a communion to remember Him by and He said, "This is my body that was broken for you; take ye, eat all of it" (Luke 22:27-20). All of it! And we're just taking a little of it. We say, "Well, I'm saved. I guess I'll just have to hang on, and hope I can make it through," instead of getting up and serving notice on the enemy every day, saying, "You'd better start running. I'm getting up. I want to remind you, there's a blood covenant that I've signed with my Lord. We've got a covenant together. You'd better start running; I'm getting up."

Don't you think that when Jesus started getting up, old Satan said, "We'd better start running? He's had enough of us. He's got us strung all over the universe now. He's getting up; watch out." It meant the Father accepted the blood sacrifice. It was all over. "Watch out. He's getting up." Don't you know that's what the enemy says when you start getting out of bed in the morning. "Watch out! He's getting up. Watch out, she's getting up. If she ever finds out who she is, if he ever finds out who he is, we're in trouble again."

God is going to have EXACTLY that kind of people in these last days. They're going to get out of bed, and they'll know who they are. Satan already knows who they are, and the devil with the little 'd' knows who you are. As soon as you start using it, and say, "Listen! You'd better start running, because I'm getting up," you won't find him in ten miles of you.

Satan wasn't at the tomb when Jesus came out of it. He no longer had the power to do anything he wanted to do. No! Jesus overcame him, overcame death, overcame hell,

overcame the grave, overcame the world. He said, "When you get up in the morning, just say, look out, I'm getting up."

The Christian ought to be the only one in the world having fun. I don't mean you have to go to Disneyland to have fun. Going to church ought to be fun. Getting up ought to be fun. Eating breakfast ought to be fun. Shaving your face ought to be fun. Curling your hair ought to be fun. Every thing ought to be fun.

Why? Because Satan knows you are getting up. He wants to keep you down, but he knows you are getting up. And every time a saint gets up, it's just like Jesus getting up all over again. We are being changed into His likeness. It is the image of Him being formed in you. Every time a Christian gets up, he ought to shout the victory. "I'm getting up. Watch out! The blood has availed. It's across my heart. Sealed forever. Marked by the blood of the Lamb" (Rev. 12:11).

If your life is miserable, if your life is a total mess, there is a remedy for it: apply the blood of Jesus! The children of Israel did not understand the blood but they were obedient. They knew that God would look on that blood when He passed through, and it would satisfy Him. The only thing that's going to satisfy God in the Day of Judgment is when He looks on you and sees the blood of His Son. Your church membership will not satisfy Him. Your moral standard will not satisfy Him. But He will look at the blood of Jesus, and if it's not there, you won't be there.

Why be miserable? Enjoy life! It's all paid for. The blood has been applied. Satan knows he doesn't have any hold on you. "Look out! I'm getting up." Why don't you try that in the morning? You say, "Well, that's kind of stupid to say." To the natural man, it's kind of stupid to paint your door with blood (1 Cor. 2:14). But when they woke up in the morning, they were glad the blood had been applied.

When you get up in the morning, you ought to be thankful the blood has been applied, and say, "Look out! I'm getting up for another day!" Let the enemy know that you know. Let the enemy know that you appreciate the work that Jesus has done, and that He has appeased the Father and satisfied Him. You are no longer in the dominion of darkness, but in the Kingdom of His dear Son (Col. 1:12-14). Do you want your life to really begin today? It will take the same work that it did then. It will take the blood of Jesus.

If you would like to give your life to Christ; like to have that blood applied to your life; know that your sins are really forgiven; know that, tomorrow morning you're walking out in a new day; like to have Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, I'd like to pray with you. I'll introduce you to Jesus Christ. It's that simple. It's an act of faith as it was then; it's an act of faith today. They had to apply that blood then by faith; we must accept it now by faith. Then you can also walk out in the new day of your life.

Father, in the wonderful name of Jesus, we thank you for the blood that has been shed. We thank you for the ransomed price that has been paid. We do not any longer have to be in the

bondage of fear, doubt, and frustration. We do not have to worry about the famines and the plagues of this world. For God, the blood has been applied, and we have made You our habitation. And, Lord, because of that, you will allow no plague to come near our dwelling place. You will give angels charge over us, to bear us up, lest we dash our foot against a stone.

Now, Lord, our prayer is simply this: that not one person will miss the joy of knowing that their sins are forgiven them; knowing the goodness and the mercy of the Lord that endureth forever. Lord, a man or woman does not have to walk under fear or bondage; neither do they have to walk bound in sin. But any man, woman, or child can step out by faith and publicly receive Christ right now. That blood will be applied and the destroyer will not be able to touch them from this moment on. Praise the Lord! Lord, I love You! Isn't He good to us?

Do you feel like God has challenged you? Father, I feel that challenge in my heart. I feel that this challenge has gone out, God, to those reading this study, to join with one voice, to unite together in the power of that blood, and begin to serve notice on every ungodly spirit, every unclean thing. Serving notice that we're getting up, we're going to begin to march. We're going to begin to stand against the wiles of the devil. We're going to begin to move in the POWER OF THAT BLOOD, through the SPIRIT OF GOD.

Lord, I come against fear right now. It sometimes bothers people, about their families, their homes, their business, their jobs. Right now, in the name of Jesus, I command the spirit of fear to leave. I command you no longer to touch the lives of these people. They have a covenant with the blood of Jesus. The spirit of fear doesn't belong there any longer.

Infirmities, I COMMAND you to leave these bodies, in Jesus name. I COMMAND you, in the authority of that blood covenant, that these plagues cannot remain in these bodies. I pray they will have the total realization that those infirmities do not have the power to remain in their physical bodies, and they can begin to serve notice that they are getting up spirit, soul, and body. Give glory to God, Saints. Praise you the LORD!

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