

Day 14

- “Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.” John 15:13. “No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father, I have made known to you.” John 15:15.
 - Remember, when I told you that God speaks through numbers? And that when He wants to emphasize the meaning of those numbers, He shows them in multiples? Well, 15 means rest and overcoming death. It means perfect completion. (Numbers that Preach, Troy A. Brewer).
 - God is not only telling us we are no longer servants but friends, who He willingly laid His life down for because He loves us, He is stamping it with two 15’s, to say — I am bringing you into My rest, and because of My blood, you have now overcome death, and this now fulfills the perfect completion of My Father’s plan from the beginning, to bring you back into perfect communion with Us, the Godhead.

- When Jesus says, “Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.” John 15:13 — He is saying My love for you is in My blood. I can’t give you any greater love than My blood that redeems your very life from the evil incarceration of the bondage of sin and death.
 - This is another reason that Satan doesn’t want us to know IT IS ALL ABOUT THE BLOOD — he hates us, HATES us! And He absolutely does not want us to know how GREAT the LOVE of GOD is for us. “For God is love.” 1 John 4:8
 - “And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.” 1 John 4:16
 - There is that word “abide” again — to accept without objection; to remain stable or fixed; to continue in place — When I see abide in my mind’s eye, I see a home, a place of perfect rest, and safety.
 - So, looking at the definition of abide — to abide in love means we accept it without objection; we remain in love, continually — Also, if God is love and when we abide in love, we abide in God — then we accept God as love without objection; we live and rest in Him, in perfect safety. Wow!! That is powerful!!
 - “There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment.” 1 John 4:18
 - Well, look at that — another scripture that PROVES God is Absolutely Good!!
 - And we know God is love; and Jesus’ love was shown to us in no greater way than when He gave His life for us on the cross — His Blood making atonement for us on the Mercy Seat, the altar of God for all time, past, present, and future. How do we know this? (Exodus 25:34; Exodus 25:20; Leviticus 16:14; Hebrews 4:16).
 - “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” Hebrews 13:8.
 - “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” John 1:29.

- God’s Love for us is synonymous with the Blood. We cannot separate them.
 - Just to show you a little deeper how God hides incredible treasures for us to mine out in scripture. Let’s look at 1 John 4:16 again, “And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.”
 - Now, let’s go to Hebrews 4:16 — “Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

- As I stated above, God's Love is synonymous with Jesus Blood — the blood goes on the MERCY SEAT — 1 John 4:16 tells us God is love and to abide in Him. Hebrews 4:16 tells us to come boldly to the throne of grace to obtain mercy...isn't that awesome?!! Maybe we should go through the Bible and look at all the 4:16's and see what we can find.
 - Remember, "It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, and the glory of kings to search a matter out." Proverbs 25:2
- Another reason Satan hates the Blood is because it shows him everyday that he failed at his coup d'etat — his plan to overthrow the government of God with his small group of angels who were previously in positions of authority.
 - Think about the lie he filled the hearts of the Pharisees with — having them go to Pontius Pilate stating Jesus was a subversive who threatened Rome's governmental rule. Why did he drop that lie in their hearts? Because he had already done that very thing himself. He was trying to project his own vile acts onto Jesus in hopes of getting Jesus killed.
 - "Then the whole multitude of them arose and led Him to Pilate. And they began to accuse Him, saying, "We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, saying that He Himself is Christ, a King." Luke 23:1-2
 - By the way, there is a reason they used the phrase and the lie, "forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar." Because "For the LOVE of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." 1 Timothy 6:10. Satan hungers for power; he knows, on earth, people equate money with power. He also knows that scripture 1 Timothy 6:10, that the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil.
 - Satan can only use against us what he knows; he cannot create, and he cannot work from a place of complete clarity — why? Because he is FULL of pride — pride blinds the mind, the eyes, and the ears, and kills the life of the body. He can never see clear enough to "trick" or "deceive" God. For God has no pride in Himself!
 - Satan can only work within the seasons and cycles of time; he can only work with what He has seen God do on earth so far. He sees the seasons and cycles of time; he knows, "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1.
 - Satan's goal is to manipulate those times and seasons and to try and change them. He "shall intend to change times and law." Daniel 7:25.
 - Satan is bound to all the laws God set in motion from the beginning of time; He can see the signs of the times, and he tries to manipulate them.
 - When Jesus came to die for us, and Satan realized what was happening, he read the signs of the time in that moment — he had witnessed thousands and thousands of blood sacrifices by the priests to atone for the sins of the people, by placing the blood on the Mercy Seat.
 - When Satan heard John the Baptist say, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29), he knew he had to try and destroy Jesus. It had already been set in the times and seasons that a DELIVERER was coming. Moses was the first deliverer, leading the Israelites out of Egypt and to the Promise Land.
 - But Satan couldn't know what was going to happen after he coerced the people to crucify Jesus on the cross — Why? Because it had never happened before.
 - Satan can only read the signs of the times and listen closely to what God's prophets are saying. If it has never happened, he cannot know what is coming, unless he is able to decipher it from the prophets. That is why many if not all

prophets speak in some kind of code. We are to decipher that code through God revelation, but satan is to remain in the dark.

- That is why John said in John 1:4-5 that “In Him [Jesus] was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.”

- That is enough for today. Be blessed and encouraged, For, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29). He gave His life Blood for all of us, to show us just how much He LOVES us!