

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

Power In The Blood May 26, 2020 Suzi Armstrong

Leviticus 17.11 NIV

¹¹ **For the life of a creature is in the blood**, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; **it is the blood that makes atonement** for one's life.

- We live by the shed blood of Jesus Christ.
- Life is in the blood.
- His blood is our atonement.
- New creation life is fully available.

Hebrews 4.12 NIV

¹² For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it **penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.**

Hebrews 9.14 NIV

¹⁴ How much more, then, will **the blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, **cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death**, so that we may serve the living God!

The book of Hebrews tells us that there is a connection between the word, the blood and the conscience. The word of God is the governing power behind all things. Because the word is sharper than any two-edged sword it pierces, dividing our soul from our spirit and joints and marrow. Through the piercing action of the word it is deposited in our bone marrow. In our bone marrow is where our red blood cells are manufactured. The word of God goes into our blood and is carried throughout our body – into every cell; into our lungs, into our kidneys, into our stomach, into our brain, into every part of our body. This dividing of soul and spirit allows the Spirit of God to get unlocked in our blood and there is a divine transfer that happens.

This is why it is critical to take every thought captive into the obedience of Christ. Thoughts and our beliefs are picked up as our blood circulates through our heart. Our blood is the transportation system in our body. Thoughts are continually being circulated in the blood stream impacting the body and everything in the body.

The enemy's ultimate goal is to keep me from aligning to the truth of God's word. In the world I am constantly bombarded with thoughts that are not from God, and even oppose the word of God. If I choose to receive those thoughts into my heart they are then deposited throughout my body via my blood. Some of those thoughts carry emotions like fear, stress, anger, confusion, suspicion, prejudice, etc. This is why above all else I must guard my heart because it is the well spring of life. My mind and heart can become closed and hardened causing a veil (2 Cor 3.14). I can be blinded by the god of this age (2 Cor 4.4). I can become corrupted, even resisting the truth (2 Tim 3.8). My mind can even become depraved (Rom 1.28). Philippians 4.8 tells me to think on what is true, what is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, admirable, excellent or praiseworthy. Jesus said that man does not live by bread alone but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.

Hebrews 3 and 4 says that today when you hear God's voice do not harden your heart. Our heart gets hardened when we resist or do not receive and respond to what God is speaking. When the word of God is resisted our conscience becomes seared making it difficult to discern the will and purposes of God. My conscience is my eye to see God. If my conscience is clouded I cannot fully see. Then darkness can work in me, and I will conform to the systems of the world and not to God.

Blood is the joining element between God and me. I am joined to Christ by His blood. It is a blood covenant.

Hebrews 13.18-21 NIV

¹⁸ Pray for us. We are sure that we **have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably** in every way. ¹⁹ I particularly urge you to pray so that I may be restored to you soon.

²⁰ Now may the God of peace, who **through the blood of the eternal covenant** brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, ²¹ **equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ,** to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 2.13 NIV

¹³ But now **in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.**

1 Corinthians 11.24-26 NIV

²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "**This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.**" ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

There is power in the blood. Life is in the blood. In Genesis the blood of Abel spoke from the field after he was murdered by his brother. The blood of Jesus speaks, releasing a greater sound and a better word. The blood of Jesus cleanses me from the inside out. What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. Every cycle of death that comes against us is broken by the blood of Jesus. Start a new cycle of life – life is in the blood. Let the blood of Jesus cleanse your blood of all defilement. Draw a bloodline by using the name of Jesus and relying on the power of His blood. Jesus drew a bloodline when He went to the cross and poured out His blood. The blood of Jesus is my blood. The DNA carried in His blood is my DNA.

Deuteronomy 32.43b NIV

...he will take vengeance on his enemies and make atonement for his land and people.

- Atonement is through the blood.

Declaration over Detroit, Michigan and our nation:

Psalm 35.1-10 Reworded as a declaration

¹ O Lord, fight for Detroit, for Michigan and for this nation the United States! Harass the hecklers, accuse the accusers.

Fight those who fight against Your purposes.

²⁻³ Put on your armor, Lord; take up your shield and protect Your city and nation.

Rise up, mighty God! Grab your weapons of war

and block the way of the wicked who come to Detroit and Michigan.

Stand for Your City and State when the hordes of hell stand against Michigan and Detroit!

The Lord speaks over this nation and to the people: "I am your strong Savior!"

⁴ Humiliate those who seek to harm what belongs to You, O God. Defeat them all!

Frustrate their plans to defeat this nation and drive them back.

Disgrace them all as they have devised their plans to disgrace Detroit and Michigan.

⁵ Blow them away like dust in the wind,
with the Angel of Almighty God driving them back!

⁶ Make the road in front of them nothing but slippery darkness,
with the Angel of the Lord behind them, chasing them away!

⁷ For the enemy set a trap for this city and this nation.

⁸ Surprise them with your ambush, Lord,
and catch them in the very trap they set for Detroit, for Michigan and for this nation.
Let the press of darkness be the ones to fail and fall into destruction!

⁹ Then Detroit's fears will dissolve into limitless joy;
and will overflow with gladness
because of your mighty deliverance.

¹⁰ Everything inside of Michigan and the United States will shout it out:

"There's no one like you, Lord!"

For look at how you protect the weak and helpless
from the strong and heartless who oppress them.