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The atonement for sin to the penitent

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INTRODUCTION

It is in the interest of God my Father who is in heaven to have me to come up with this book which holds quite an important subject touching on the life of all mankind and which need not be ignored by anyone.

Many people did not comprehend it and ended trivializing it as were ignorant going by what they suggested to the ruler (governor) Pontius Pilate (Matthew 27:1-27). Now even today many have not know the impact the blood of Jesus can have in their lives and therefore don't think much about it to their disadvantage as they don't go ahead and do something about it by believing in God and repenting of their sins to Him asking for the forgiveness of their sins and the cleansing of their hearts so as to be put right once again with God their Creator (Romans 3:21-26, Acts 2:36-47; 4:10-12, John 3:16-17).

Now if you read this book I request you not to be among the ignorant who ignore the precious blood of Jesus Christ and end up

remaining in their sinful state in life, but be among the knowledgeable who appreciate the blood in their lives repenting of their sins and accepting Jesus Christ to come into their lives and save them believing with their whole heart. This latter group (the enlightened) are wise and Christ Jesus do reconcile them back to God and they become His children (2 Corinthians 5:17-6:2, John 1:6-13).

Now as you go through the pages of this book you will begin to love the blood of the perfect Lamb of God and be a partaker of it to qualify you an entry in the kingdom of God if you continue steadfast in the faith in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 2:8-13, Colossians 1:23-29) and will be in a position to say as Apostle Paul had to say that he has kept the faith (2 Timothy 4:6-8).

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Chapter 1

In the beginning

In opening up this book touching on the blood of Jesus Christ I am being led to begin from the time of creation so as to come up with a clear picture of the subject matter.

IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

And God said, Let there by light: and there was light.

And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of

the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to everything that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

THUS the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made,

And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

These are the generations of heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,

And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground.

But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

And the LORD commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat.

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Genesis 1:1-5, 26-2:17

It was a bit of a journey, let us pose, here first. We have found that all that God created was very good when he attested to them and that included mankind. Then again we saw that God employed man to work in the garden in Eden where he had put him and gave him

simple and clear instruction. Let us now continue with our journey.

Now the serpent was more subtile than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat,

and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

And the LORD God said unto the woman,
What is this that thou hast done? And the
woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I
did eat.

Genesis 3:1-13

Let us pose again and see the aftermath.
Earlier we saw that God had given man
simple and clear instruction in the garden in
Eden but alas, hell had broken loose! Man had
disobeyed God's commandment, that is, he
had sinned against him!

The unfortunate thing is that they were not
remorseful (penitent) but rather were busy in
blame game shifting blame to each other and
so on and so forth. No wonder when we go to
the New Testament part of the Bible Jesus
told his Disciples to be wise, sober and
vigilant in life (Matthew 10:16, 1 Peter 5:8).
For further reading on that old serpent, the
Devil and Satan you can read my other books
entitled 'EXPOSED! The servants of satan'
and 'The Strategy of Satan'.

Now going back to the earlier scripture (Genesis 3) in verse 21 God slaughtered an animal and took the skins and made coats out of them and clothed both Adam and Eve. Before we go further, we need to understand that we cannot hide from God as Adam and Eve did as we are ever before him (Psalm 139:1-12, Hebrews 4:13). We need to know that God had good reason to send Adam and Eve out of the garden of Eden as he knew in their sinful state they were likely to go ahead and eat from the tree of life and live eternally as sinners and God began to bring some temporary solution before the permanent one which he would bring later to all mankind. From Genesis 3:21 we are at the beginning of a series of a phenomenon which we are going to see developing.

AND it came to pass in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of nations;

That these made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Ziboiim, and king of Bela, which is Zoar.

All these were joined together in the vale of Siddim, which is the salt sea.

Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

And in the fourteenth year came Chedorlaomer, and the kings that were with him, and smote the Rephaims in Ashteroth Karnaim, and Zuzims in Ham, and the Emims in Shaveh Kiriathaim,

And the Horites in their mount Seir, unto El-paran, which is by the wilderness.

And they returned, and came to En-mishpat, which is Kadesh and smote all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites, that dwelt in Hazezon-tamar.

And there went out the king of Sodom, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Adamah, and the king of Zeboiim, and the

king of Bela (the same is Zoar) and they joined battle with them in the vale of Siddim; With Chedorlaomer the king of Elam, and with Tidal king of nations, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar; four kings with five.

And the vale of Siddim was full of slimepits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and fell there; and they that remained fled to the mountain.

And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their victuals, and went their way.

And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.

And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew; for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre, the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner: and these were confederate with Abram.

And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants,

born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan.

And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Ho'-bah which is on the left hand of Damascus.

And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people.

And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the kings that were with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which is the king's dale.

And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most High God.

And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:

And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand.

And he gave him tithes of all.

Genesis 14:13-20

Now in Genesis 3 and verse 21 the phenomenon we saw was the shedding of blood of an animal to cover the sin of man (a kind of sin atonement) as man had fallen into sin. Now coming to Abraham, we see Jesus Christ incarnate coming to him (the king of Salem and the priest of the most High God) with bread and wine. God who is Omniscient knew that when he creates man, at some point man will fall into sin and so he had a solution well in advance at creation (1 Peter 1:18-20, Revelation 13:8) - he had a redemptive plan at the back of his mind for all mankind. God was just waiting for the right time for that to manifest in the physical in the New Testament period. You will agree with me that the two items - bread and wine was pointing to the time Jesus Christ would be crucified on the cross to shed blood for the redemption of mankind and those were symbols of his body and his blood. All these we will come and see

as is recorded in the Scripture in the New Testament dispensation in the last chapter (6). Because of the fall in the garden in Eden by the first man Adam, God in his wisdom had to bring in the second Adam (his own Son) Jesus Christ to redeem the first Adam by translating him from the kingdom of darkness (of Satan) to his own kingdom (of light) (1 Corinthians 15:42-58, Colossians 1:12-13).

The blood and the cross of Jesus is very important as it brought victory to Him (Colossians 2:13-15). So by that too, all believers in Him are expected to get victory over Satan and sin just as by faith Abram got victory over his enemies (Revelation 12:10 - 11).

AND it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.

And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Mo-ri'-ah; and offer him

there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

And Abraham said unto his young men; Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.

And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father; and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but **where is the lamb for a burnt offering?**

And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I.

And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and

offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

Genesis 22:1-13

Quite interesting indeed! I can see light at the end of that tunnel. Things are beginning to be clearer now. The concept of the shedding of blood for sin atonement is here with us and we will see much of it in our subsequent chapters.

In the above scripture Abraham unknowingly acted what God was going to do in the future (and which he had already done in the spirit about 2,000 years ago – 1 Peter 1:18-21). Abraham was to give his only son whom he loved as a burnt offering. God did it for you and me later after that event (John 3:16, Matthew 3:13-17, Romans 3:21-26; 5:6-8). Now Isaac asked his father a question which was answered by a man full of faith in God (verses 7 and 8). No wonder God made Abraham the father of faith (Romans 4:1-16). Read also the book of Genesis chapter 12 on Abraham's faith in God also the epistle to the

Hebrews (Hebrews 11:8-10). I find also that faith without deeds is dead (James 2:20-22). Now the truth is that one has to do something to God for him to know one truly fears Him. It has to do with obedience. Obedience to God can be equated to faith as well as the true fear of God. Jesus told his Disciples that not all who call him Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of God (Matthew 7:21-23). James the half brother and a servant said that Christians (believers in the Lord Jesus Christ need be doers of the word, that is, obedient (James 1:22-25).

Back to Genesis 22 and verse 13 - the ram (a male sheep) depicted the Son of God who was to be slain in order to redeem mankind. The ram was caught in a thicket when Abraham saw it. I can recall that prior to the crucifixion of my Lord, thorns were laid on his head (Matthew 27:24-30) Oh my Lord, a most useless crown yet in heaven you have golden crowns on your head (Revelation 4:4; 19:11-12).

Chapter 2

The eating of blood

In this chapter we are going to see one of the thing that is forbidden touching on the blood for obvious reasons going by what has already transpired at the beginning.

Moreover ye shall eat no manner of blood, whether it be of fowl or of beast, in any of your dwellings.

Whatsoever soul it be that eateth any manner of blood, even that soul shall be cut off from his people

Leviticus 7:26-27

It shall be a perpetual statute for your generations throughout all your dwellings, that ye eat neither fat nor blood

Leviticus 3:17

Notwithstanding thou mayest kill and eat flesh in all thy gates, whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, according to the blessing of the

LORD thy God which he hath given thee: the unclean and the clean may eat thereof, as of the roebuck, and as of the hart.

Only ye shall not eat blood; ye shall pour it upon the earth as water.

Deuteronomy 12:16

And whatsoever man there be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, that eateth any manner of blood; I will even set my face against that soul that eateth blood, and will cut him off from among his people.

For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you eat blood.

And whatsoever man there be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn

among you, which hunteth and catcheth any beast or fowl that may be eaten; he shall even pour out the blood thereof, and cover it with dust.

For it is the life of all flesh; the blood of it is for the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat of the blood of no manner of flesh: for the life of all flesh is the blood thereof; whosoever eateth it shall be cut off.

Leviticus 17:10-14

It is self explanatory that life of any flesh is in the blood. I see science is in agreement with that statement- as blood samples of man or animals are taken to be examined at Hospitals to determine the disease in the body caused by bacteria or virus and so on.

God commands us not to eat blood which is not only the life of any flesh but blood was meant for the atonement of sin in the soul.

It is not surprising that the enemies of God- Devil worshippers eat blood as they are against God and anything godly.

AND God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.

Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.

But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.

Genesis 9:1-4

Then said Jonathan, My father hath troubled the land: see, I pray you, how mine eyes have been enlightened, because I tasted a little of this honey.

How much more, if haply the people had eaten freely today of the spoil of their enemies which they found? For had there not been

now a much greater slaughter among the Philistines?

And they smote the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aijalon: and the people were very faint.

And the people flew upon the spoil, and took sheep, and oxen, and calves, and slew them on the ground: and the people did eat them with the blood.

Then they told Saul, saying, Behold, the people sin against the LORD, in that they eat with the blood. And he said,

Ye have transgressed: roll a great stone unto me this day.

1 Samuel 14:29-33

And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying Men and brethren, hearken unto me:

Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.

And to this agree the words of the prophets;
as it is written,

After this I will return, and will build again
the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down;
and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I
will set it up:

That the residue of men might seek after the
Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my
name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all
these things.

Known unto God are all his works from the
beginning of the world.

Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not
them, which from among the Gentiles are
turned to God:

But that we write unto them, that they abstain
from pollutions of idols, and from fornication,
and from things strangled, and from blood.

For Moses of old time hath in every city them
that preach him, being read in the synagogues
every Sabbath day.

Acts 15:13-21

From all the above scriptures it is quite clear that the eating of blood of any flesh is forbidden and there are reasons for it.

Chapter 3

The shedding of blood

In this chapter we are going to see yet another thing that touches on blood as God has instructed accordingly in the Scriptures.

AND Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD

And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground on offering unto the LORD.

And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?

And he said, What hast thou done? The voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;

When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a

fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

Genesis 4:1-12

In giving an offering to the Lord Something else that I find in the scripture is that if one kills another, the blood of the dead (slain) cries to God from the ground, quite scary!

And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man.

Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

Genesis 9:5-6

AND Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David. But Jonathan Saul's son delighted much in David: and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I

pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning, and abide in a secret place, and hide thyself.

And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou art, and I will commune with my father of thee; and what I see, that I will tell thee.

And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works have been to thee-ward very good: For he did put his life in his hand, and slew the Philistine, and the LORD wrought a great salvation for Israel: thou sawest it, and didst rejoice: **wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause?**

And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul sware, As the LORD liveth, he shall not be slain.

1 Samuel 19:1-6

From the above scripture we see the need for the rulers to have advisors and good ones of course. Here Saul's son was wiser than his father and advised him accordingly. King Saul would have been even more foolish if he had refused to take the free advice from his son Jonathan.

They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood.

But the LORD is my defence; and my God is the rock of my refuge.

And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; yea, the LORD our God shall cut them off.

Psalm 94:21-23

The blood thirsty (the wicked) God will surely guide them (cut them off).

And David said to the young man that told him, Whence art thou?

And he answered, I am the son of a stranger, an Amalekite.

And David said unto him, How was thou not afraid to stretch forth thine hand to destroy the LORD'S anointed?

And David called one of the young men, and said, Go near, and fall upon him. And he smote him that he died.

And David said unto him, Thy blood be upon thy head; for thy mouth hath testified against thee, saying, I have slain the LORD'S anointed.

2 Samuel 1:13-16

King David had ordered the young man to be killed because he had testified by his mouth to have slain the Lord's anointed.

Remember the Lord's words which says 'Touch not mine anointed,' (Psalm 105:7-15).

Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said unto him,

Why hast thou done this? For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

Then said they unto him, What shall we do unto thee, that the sea may be calm unto us? for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous.

And he said unto them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest is upon you.

Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring it to the land; but they could not: for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous against them.

Wherefore they cried unto the LORD, and said, We beseech thee, O LORD, we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou, O LORD, hast done as it pleased thee.

So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging.

Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto the LORD, and made vows.

Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Jonah 1:10-17

The occupants in the ship cried pleading to the Lord because of Jonah's life that they were about to cast into the sea that the Lord should not put them to account for Jonah's blood.

And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of Shittim.

Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence against the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land.

But Judah shall dwell forever and Jerusalem
from generation to generation.

For I will cleanse their blood that I have not
cleansed: for the LORD dwelleth in Zion.

Joel 3: 18-21

God was going to judge Egypt and Edom for
killing the children of Judah thereby shedding
innocent blood. Judah and Jerusalem were to
be blessed once more for Jerusalem is where
the Lord dwells and he has to clean it up again
as the blood that was shed on it had defiled it.

BEHOLD, the LORD'S hand is not
shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear
heavy, that it cannot hear:

But your iniquities have separated between
you and your God, and your sins have hid his
face from you, that he will not hear.

For your hands are defiled with blood, and
your fingers with iniquity; your lips have
spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered
perverseness.

None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.

They hatch cockatrice eggs, and weave the spider's web: he that eateth of their eggs dieth, and that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper.

Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands.

Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths.

Isaiah 59:1-7

By shedding innocent blood one has his or her hand defiled thereby.

WHEN the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death.

And when they had bound him they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

Then Judas, which had betrayed him when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, what is that to us? see thou to that.

And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.

Matthew 27:1-5

Judas Iscariot repented a bit too late, for damage had already been done. The lesson here is that we need not procrastinate on the issue of repentance as the window or door of repentance can be closed at any time in an instance. When Noah was building the Ark and pleading to the people to repent they thought he was not serious about it and they realized too late the seriousness of his

message when they were now drowning in the floods of water (Genesis 7).

Chapter 4

Sin atonement in the Old Testament

In this chapter we are going to see God instituting the Passover feast as a means for delivering his people the children of Israel from their bondage in Egypt, so that they can go and possess the land he promised their forefathers that is, the land of Canaan. The feast was a foreshadow of the atonement of Christ on the cross in the New Testament dispensation.

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 shall be the first month of the year to you.

Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for a house:

And if the house be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.

Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:

And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.

And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.

And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.

Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof.

And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until morning ye shall burn with fire.

And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD'S Passover.

For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgement: I am the LORD.

And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out

of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel.

And in the first day there shall be a holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be a holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may be done of you.

And ye shall observe the feast of unleavened bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever.

In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even.

Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land.

Ye shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread.

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.

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 at the door of his house until the morning.

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.

And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons forever.

And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you,

What mean ye by this service?

That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the LORD'S Passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshiped.

And the children of Israel went away, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

And it came to pass, that at midnight the LORD smote all the first-born in the land of Egypt, from the first-born of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the first-born of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the first born of cattle.

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.

Also take your flocks and your herds, as ye have said, and be gone; and bless me also.

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.

And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneading troughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders.

And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians Jewels of silver, and Jewels of gold, and raiment:

And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required. And they spoiled the Egyptians.

And the children of Israel journeyed from Ram'-e-ses to Suc'-coth, about six hundred thousand on foot that were men, beside children.

And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks and herds, even very much cattle.

And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought forth out of Egypt, for it was not leavened; because they were thrust out of Egypt, and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any victual.

Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years.

And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.

It is a night to be much observed unto the LORD for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: this is that night of the LORD to be observed of all the children of Israel in their generations.

And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron,
This is the ordinance of the Passover: There
shall no stranger eat thereof:

But every man's servant that is bought for
money, when thou hast circumcised him, then
shall he eat thereof.

A foreigner and hired servant shall not eat
thereof.

In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not
carry forth aught of the flesh abroad out of the
house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof.

All the congregation of Israel shall keep it.

And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee,
and will keep the Passover to the LORD, let
all his males be circumcised, and then let him
come near and keep it; and he shall be as one
that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised
person shall eat thereof.

One law shall be to him that is home born,
and unto the stranger that sojourneth among
you.

Thus did all the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

And it came to pass the selfsame day, that the LORD did bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies.

Exodus 12

The lamb to be killed for the feast was to be without blemish and to be a male verse 5) - the lamb symbolized Jesus Christ who as the Lamb of God is without blemish (1 Peter 1:18-19). The blood of the lamb that was killed was to be taken and struck on the two side posts of the door and also on the upper door post of the houses where it was to be eaten (verse 7) - when they do that it actually symbolized the cross of Jesus where he was to hanged on at his crucifixion. The flesh was to be roasted so that no bone is broken in the process (verse 8) - No bone of Jesus Christ would be broken at his crucifixion (John 19:32-33). The children of Israel were to eat the flesh with unleavened bread and bitter

herbs (verse 8) - unleavened bread symbolized the sinless life of Jesus Christ who was to be crucified (Luke 23:13-16, John 8:38-47, 2 Corinthians 5:20-21, Isaiah 53:3-6). The bitter herbs was for reminding them of the bitterness of bondage while they were in Egypt.

Nothing of the feast was to be left to remain until the morning and if at all anything remained it was to be burned with fire (verse 10) - as when Jesus Christ would be crucified on the cross his body would not be left on the cross on the Sabbath day (John 19:31). The feast was to be eaten in haste in preparation for the long journey that was ahead (verse 11). The blood that was to be applied on the door side post's and the upper part was to be a token upon the houses of the children of Israel so that the destroyer does not get in to destroy them when he sees it at midnight on his mission to smite all the firstborn of the Egyptians both of man and beast (verse 12-13) - Just as the blood was a token to save the

children of Israel from being killed so that they are safe, the same it is was going to be for those who believe in the Son of God, Jesus Christ because of the blood he was to shed on the cross for the redemption of mankind, they will be safe and will not be in condemnation (Romans 3:21-26; 8:1-4).

Now the Lord's Passover feast as instituted by God for the children of Israel was a memorial one and was to be observed every year by them throughout their generations- it was an everlasting ordinance. Much has been said on leaven and leavened bread repeatedly to the children of Israel that they should not eat leavened bread during the Passover feast for some days and also they should put out leaven from their houses. The reason is that leaven is the ingredient that starts the process of fermentation in the making of bread or cakes or in brewing and is symbolic of moral corruption and in the spiritual God has zero tolerance on corruption which is sin as He is absolutely and ever holy in nature.

Let us have a look at the following scripture.

IT is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife.

And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you.

For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I was present, concerning him that hath so done this deed.

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,

To deliver such a one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?

Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

1 Corinthians 5:1-8

Apostle Paul wrote that epistle to the church at Corinth where there was sin commuted- the sin of fornication and which could easily and quickly corrupt/defile the church. He proposed the excommunication of the one who had sinned and rebuked the Christians for being complacent and not acting on such a big issue in the church and he reminded them of leaven and how effective it is on a lump of a dough - that the sin can adversely affect the church and repentance was due mourning on

the sin committed- as the Church of Christ should declare a zero tolerance on sin and to act on any appearance of it decisively. He later reminded them what the Lord did on the cross for the Church. The Church of Christ need to live in sincerity and in truth devoid of sin.

The Lord's Passover feast in the New Testament period it has been replaced with the Lord's supper and also well known as the Holy Communion. For further reading on the Holy Communion you can read my book 'A Christian and the Holy Communion'.

Now we will visit the book of Leviticus which too has a lot to do with sin atonement. As we are going to see in the Old Testament dispensation the atonement of sin was ministered by God's priests on those who had sinned against God and who were expected to bring an animal that would be slaughtered and the blood used for the purpose and the flesh being burned as a offering to God to accept what had been done. It was more of a

temporary nature before Christ was to come to replace the practice by offering himself once on the cross as a perfect sacrifice to God for the remission and atonement of sin. So the practice in the Old Testament was having its own shortcomings. Remember that animals were offered to die on behalf of man and those who ministered too were mortal men who too were not sinless. Sins too were covered by the blood but not taken away as the case was to be when Christ came. The body of an offender was sanctified by the blood but his soul's state remained the same- It was more of an outside exercise unlike when Christ came and by his sacrifice on the cross brought transformation as his blood worked inwardly- the soul being washed clean freed of sins that were in it.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a soul shall sin through ignorance against any of the commandments of the LORD

concerning things which ought not to be done,
and shall do against any of them:

If the priest that is anointed do according to
the sin of the people; then let him bring for his
sin, which he hath sinned a young bullock
without blemish unto the LORD for a sin
offering.

And he shall bring the bullock unto the door
of the tabernacle of the congregation before
the LORD; and shall lay his hand upon the
bullock's head, and kill the bullock before the
LORD.

And the priest that is anointed shall take of
the bullock's blood, and bring it to the
tabernacle of the congregation:

And the priest shall dip his finger in the
blood, and sprinkle of the blood seven times
before the LORD, before the veil of the
sanctuary.

And the priest shall put some of the blood
upon the horns of the altar of sweet incense
before the LORD, which is in the tabernacle
of the congregation; and shall pour all the

blood of the bullock at the bottom of the altar of the burnt offering, which is at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

And he shall take off from it all the fat of the bullock for the sin offering; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards,

And the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall be taken away,

As it was taken off from the bullock of the sacrifice of peace offerings: and the priest shall burn them upon the altar of the burnt offering.

And the skin of the bullock, and all his flesh, with his head, and with his legs, and his inwards, and his dung,

Even the whole bullock shall he carry forth without the camp unto a clean place, where the ashes are poured out shall he be burnt.

And if the whole congregation of Israel sin through ignorance, and the thing be hid from

the eyes of the assembly, and they have done somewhat against any of the commandments of the LORD concerning things which should not be done, and are guilty;

When the sin, which they have sinned against it, is known, then the congregation shall offer a young bullock for the sin, and bring him before the tabernacle of the congregation.

And the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands upon the head of the bullock before the LORD: and the bullock shall be killed before the LORD.

And the priest that is anointed shall bring of the bullock's blood to the tabernacle of the congregation.

And the priest shall dip his finger in some of the blood, and sprinkle it seven times before the LORD, even before the evil.

And he shall put some of the blood upon the horns of the altar which is before the LORD, that is in the tabernacle of the congregation and shall pour out all the blood at the bottom

of the altar of the burnt offering, which is at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And he shall take all his fat from him, and burn it upon the altar.

And he shall do with the bullock as he did with the bullock for a sin offering, so shall he do with this: and the priest shall make an atonement for them, and it shall be forgiven them.

And he shall carry forth the bullock without the camp, and burn him as he burned the first bullock: it is a sin offering for the congregation.

When a ruler hath sinned, and done somewhat through ignorance against any of the commandments of the LORD his God concerning things which should not be done, and is guilty;

Or if his sin, wherein he hath sinned, come to his knowledge: he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a male without blemish, And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the goat, and kill it in the place where they kill the

burnt offering before the LORD: it is a sin offering.

And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and shall pour out his blood at the bottom of the altar of burnt offering.

And he shall burn all his fat upon the altar, as the fat of the sacrifice of peace offerings: and the priest shall make an atonement for him as concerning his sin, and it shall be forgiven him.

And if any one of the common people sin through ignorance, while he doeth somewhat against any of the commandments of the LORD concerning things which ought not to be done, and be guilty;

Or if his sin, which he hath sinned, come to his knowledge: then he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a female without blemish, for his sin which he hath sinned.

And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin offering and slay the sin offering in the place of the burnt offering.

And the priest shall take of the blood thereof with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and shall pour out all the blood thereof at the bottom of the altar.

And he shall take away all the fat thereof, as the fat is taken away from off the sacrifice of peace offerings; and the priest shall burn it upon the altar for a sweet savour unto the LORD; and the priest shall make an atonement for him, and it shall be forgiven him.

And if he bring a lamb for a sin offering, he shall bring it a female without blemish.

And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin offering, and slay it for a sin offering in the place where they kill the burnt offering.

And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and

shall pour out all the blood thereof at the bottom of the altar:

And he shall take away all the fat thereof, as the fat of the lamb is taken away from the sacrifice of the peace offerings; and the priest shall burn them upon the altar, according to the offerings made by fire unto the LORD: and the priest shall make an atonement for his sin that he hath committed, and it shall be forgiven him.

Leviticus 4

It was quite a task then and I believe so many priests were required to minister to the people. It seems at the tabernacle it was a beehive of activities. No wonder God had to bring a better way (a permanent one) for the atoning for sins committed. You are free to read more on these sacrifices in the proceeding chapters to your satisfaction.

Chapter 5

The prophecies on Christ

The holy Bible has records of the prophecies on the coming Messiah who would redeem the world (mankind). Those prophecies touch on different spheres of his life on where he will be born, how he will live, what he will go through and even how his reign will be. In this chapter we are going to revisit some of them.

And the LORD said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life.

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Genesis 3:14-15

In that scripture God showed exactly what he was going to do. He was going to bring the seed of the women (who is Jesus Christ) who will defeat Satan (Galatians 4:4-5, Revelation 1:10-18) and that he will put a continual and unending enmity between them. So the struggle still continues to date between good and evil, God and Satan although now Satan has already been defeated by Jesus Christ when he was crucified on the cross, died and was resurrected from the grave.

I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth. And Edom shall be a possession, Seir also shall be a possession for his enemies; and Israel shall do valiantly.

Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have dominion, and shall destroy him that remaineth of the city.

Numbers 24:17-19

That was a prophesy of the coming of Jesus Christ and his reign-he comes as a terror to God's enemies.

The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD My God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.

And the LORD said unto me,

They have well spoken that which they have spoken.

I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my

words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.

Deuteronomy 18:15-19

Moses the servant of God was speaking to the children of Israel and he prophesied of a Prophet who God was going to raise. That prophet is Jesus Christ the chief prophet who all must obey or else face eternal condemnation.

But thou, Beth-lehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from old, from everlasting.

Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.

Micah 5:2-4

Micah too gave a prophesy on where the Messiah will be born (Matthew 2:1-6).

Moreover the LORD spake again unto Ahaz, saying,

Ask thee sign of the LORD thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above.

But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD.

And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also?

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14

Isaiah also prophesied the type of woman to bring up the Son of God and the name that he will be given (Matthew 1:18-23)

NEVERTHELESS the dimness shall not be such as was in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did more grievously afflict her by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian

For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in a

blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgement and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Isaiah 9:6-7

AND there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and Branch shall grow out of his roots:

And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD;

AND shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

Isaiah 11:1-5

Both the two prophecies of the prophet Isaiah touch on the coming Messiah and his reign as well as the names he will hold and the spirit he will have. As the light of the world he shone on the lands of Zebulun and Naphtali (Matthew 4:1-17). The reign of Jesus Christ is characterized with righteousness throughout, how wonderful and marvellous! Unlike the reigns of the rulers of the world.

WHO hath believed our report? and to whom
is the arm of the LORD revealed?

For he shall grow up before him as a tender
plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he
hath no form nor comeliness; and when we
shall see him, there is no beauty that we
should desire him.

He is despised and rejected of men; a man of
sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we
hid as it were our faces from him; he was
despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried
our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken,
smitten of God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions,
he was bruised for our iniquities: the
chastisement of our peace was upon him; and
with his stripes we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have
turned everyone to his own way; and the
LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

He was taken from prison and from judgement: and who shall declare his generation? For he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people he was stricken.

And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth

Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him, he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

He shall see the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my

righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Isaiah 53

Now the above prophecy do climax it all as through it the Lord Jesus Christ, the Messiah accomplished his mission on the earth and said 'It is finished', that is, the work of redemption for all mankind has been completed and is free for all to take- John 19:28-30). To be specific and precise the prophecy detailed the suffering the Messiah was to undergo in order to complete his mission for God on the earth.

Jesus Christ is the arm of the Lord and many at his time did not believe him and even today hence the question in the first verse. He is

known as a man of sorrows going by what he went through in life (Matthew 27:27-44) and even before his trial, judgement and crucifixion he had already passed through many bad experiences in the hands of the Pharisees and the Sadducees and the scribes. All men had gone astray (Romans 3:23) and God did the unimaginable by man's standards. God loved us so much and all our sins God laid on Jesus Christ his only begotten Son (Romans 5:6-8, 2 Corinthians 5:21). The Lord was even numbered with sinners yet he was and still is sinless (Matthew 27:32-38). He was so humble as a lamb and indeed he was the Lamb of God for God's good purpose on mankind.

Many who come to the knowledge of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour acknowledging him by faith are justified and their sins are washed away by the blood that he shed on the cross. Jesus Christ did not end there as he even interceded for his transgressors (Luke 23:26-34).

Chapter 6

Sin atonement in the New Testament

In this closing chapter we are going to see the culmination of the mission of Christ Jesus on the earth and the impact thereof. It was a long journey but finally we are there - have reached the conclusion on the blood of Jesus Christ and what it means in our lives if we do acknowledge and embrace it.

We saw earlier in the fourth chapter that the sins committed by the Israelites had to be atoned by the blood of animals and those who ministered on them were the Levites who are mere mortals. The atonement was imperfect as the payment (atonement) was by the lives of animals instead of men and also the sins were not removed / washed but were covered by the blood. That was a temporary solution - the Israelites being a shadow of the true Church of God. It was a Church in the wilderness just as today in the Church of Christ there are two distinct group of believers (a church in the wilderness (the true

and wise and a modern church- the false and foolish).

On the sin atonement in the Old Testament dispensation it was a regular thing and all the time one sinned one had to go to the priest with an animal for the service of sin atonement to be done.

But in the New Testament period it is quite different as it was done only once at the cross at Calvary by a perfect man the person of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God (the Holy One of Israel) and sins are not covered as it was previously but are blotted out being washed away by the blood of the perfect Lamb of God (John 1:29). Now the atonement of sin has become a permanent solution for that matter as Jesus Christ died only once for all the generations to come. The only task he has now is to intercede on behalf of his Church.

Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto

him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the Passover?

And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him,

The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at thy house with my disciples.

And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the Passover.

Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve.

And as they did eat, he said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I?

And he answered and said, He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me.

The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born.

Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, Thou hast said,

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples and said, Take eat; this is my body.

And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it, For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth, of the fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

Matthew 26:17-29

The Passover feast which God had earlier instituted it in the Old Testament period and commanded it to be an everlasting ordinance is the same that Jesus Christ and his disciples were partaking and this particular one we have just read was the last that they took with

Jesus prior to his arrest, judgement and crucifixion. In the new dispensation (the Church age) it is what is referred to as the Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper.

Jesus Christ gave that statement 'My time is at hand knowingly as very soon he would be betrayed, sentenced to death and be crucified. Do you still remember the encounter of Abram and the King of Salem who brought him bread and wine (a form of fellowship) now where we are, as Christians.

The bread symbolizes the sinless of Jesus Christ on the cross for the remission of sins and the wine symbolizes the blood of Jesus Christ that came from his body on the cross for the atoning of sins with the capability of washing clean the soul of a believer in Christ Jesus for redemption. It is true that Jesus Christ is to partake of the feast next time round only in the kingdom of his Father where his Church will have been ruptured into to be with him for eternity (Revelation 19:6-9). The feast is called the marriage supper of

the Lamb and the participants is Jesus Christ (The Bridegroom) and His Church (The Bride). Let us now navigate the scriptures that touch on the blood of Jesus Christ that has a permanent atoning power and the impacts thereof.

Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that that they may have it more abundantly.

I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

John 10:7-11

In the above scripture we do see Jesus telling the Pharisees that he is the door and that he gives his life as a shepherd to his sheep and through him they can be saved. Remember the other scripture where he told his followers to know that he is the way, the truth and the life and only through him can one go to his Father (John 14:1-6), so for sure he is the door to his Father and by his blood which he shed on the cross, one is able to reach his Father.

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith,

Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

John 1:29

Jesus takes away the sins of those who believe in him by washing the sins in their souls by his blood so that they are clean once again before God and thus are reconciled back to him (Romans 3:21-25).

And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church.

And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons,

Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:

And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have showed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house,

Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:

Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bounds and afflictions abide me.

But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.

Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men.

For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Acts 20:17-28

Jesus Christ has purchased the Church (the body of believers in Him) by his own blood.

Now that is powerful!

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

Romans 3:23-26

It is by faith in Christ Jesus that his blood brings redemption and the forgiveness of sins committed. So the blood of Jesus Christ is key.

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

1 Peter 1:18-19

Apostle Peter in writing to the Church he reminds them of preciousness of the blood of Jesus Christ which is incorruptible and more valuable than silver and gold. He did so, so that they don't underrate it or take it for granted or misuse it, I believe so.

Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

Ephesians 2:11-13

The blood of Christ is so powerful as it gives hope to those who don't have it in life as well

as bringing people to God. One becomes not a stranger but one in the family of God.

PAUL, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Co-los'-sae: Grace be unto you and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,
Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints,
For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of truth of the gospel;

Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:

As ye also learned of Ep'-a-phras our dear fellow servant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ;

Who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit.

For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

That ye might walk worth of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness;

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

Colossians 1:1-14

Apostle Paul also wrote to the church at Colossae and talked of the glorious power of God that not only delivers a believer from the power of darkness (the kingdom of Satan) but the power also translates the believer into the kingdom of light (which is of his dear Son Jesus Christ). We find that it is only in the blood of Jesus Christ that sin is forgiven and redemption received.

But Christ being come a high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

For if the blood of bulls and of goats and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:

How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered himself

without a spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of his death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.

For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.

Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood.

For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people,

Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you.

Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

It was therefore necessary that the pattern of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others;

For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement:

So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

FOR the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.

For then would they not have ceased to be offered? Because that the worshipped once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.

But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year.

For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:

In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure.

Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.

Above when he said, sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin that wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law,

Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, o God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.

By the which we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering often-times the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:

But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God;

From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.

For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before,

This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws in to their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.

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;

And having an high priest over the house of God;

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works.

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Hebrews 9:11-10:25

The above epistle to the Hebrews has quite a lot to say on the importance of the blood of Jesus Christ. God made the first covenant in the Old Testament and the second one in the New Testament. The first covenant was based on the laws of God but the second one now is based on the grace of God.

We do find that the blood of animals (bulls, goats name it) could not take away sins from God's people (Hebrews 10:3-4). But the blood of Jesus Christ does take away sins from believers.

So the first covenant had its shortcomings unlike the second one which is perfect.

We do find that God was not pleased with those offerings and sacrifices and he had to do away with them replacing with a better and perfect one of his own Son.

A word of caution

Let us see what the scripture has to say on the blood of Jesus Christ.

For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

But certain fearful looking for of judgement and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:

Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant,

wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Hebrews 10:26-31

The blood of Jesus Christ is the ultimate sacrifice for mankind and is perfect and acceptable before God and therefore for one to brush it aside by sinning wilfully there is no remedy left but only God's fierce judgement. Why? Because it is the only permanent solution for the sins of all mankind which God provided to us and at a very high cost by his only Son who had to pass through much suffering as well as giving out his life on the cross.

THE Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants

things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein for the time is at hand.

JOHN to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come: and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood.

And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen

Revelation 1:1-6

The sins of all mankind can only be washed away clean by the blood of Jesus Christ.

Now only those who have been washed by that blood are in a position to enter heaven to be with him forever and ever. So my dear reader you cannot afford not to be washed by this holy and precious blood of Jesus Christ the Son of God and also the Lamb of God. To fail to do so is eternal damnation in hell fire.

You can read further in the same book of Revelation the following: Revelation 5:1-9; 7:9-16; 12:10-11 & 22:10-14.

The cross and the blood is linked together and are very important in Christianity and without there would be Christianity because it is on a tree that Jesus Christ was crucified his left hand and right hand stretched out and nailed as well as his feet and his body on the tree gave a symbol of a cross and on that tree Christ shed his blood for the atonement of sins of mankind bringing redemption thereby. So the cross and the blood of Jesus Christ are

inter related and are very powerful. Moreover on the cross Jesus Christ triumphed over the Devil (Satan) (Colossians 2:13-15).

Notes to the reader

I take this opportunity to congratulate you for reading this wonderful book. If you have any comments inform us using the given below.

If you are not yet a partaker in God's kingdom, here is a good opportunity to be one by accepting it wholeheartedly believing in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation. Repeat this prayer: 'Jesus Christ, I come to you today as a sinner and do repent of all my sins. Please forgive me and save my life and be my Lord. cleanse me with your precious blood. I ask you in Jesus' name. Amen.

If you have truly said that prayer wholeheartedly be sure you are saved. Be in a church if you have not been frequently there. Give your testimony that you are saved. Ask to be water baptized by immersion in the name of the Lord and ask your pastor to pray for you to be Spirit filled.

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