

Strengthen Thy Brethern Lesson 8 – Be Strong Through His Blood

Key Verses

1 Peter 1:13-16 ¹³ Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; ¹⁴ As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: ¹⁵ But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; ¹⁶ Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

1 Peter 1:17-22 ¹⁷ And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear: ¹⁸ 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; ¹⁹ But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: ²⁰ Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, ²¹ Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God. ²² Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, *see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently*:

There is no Salvation apart from the Blood of Jesus Christ

The worship of God through the unblemished blood sacrifice

Genesis 4:1-8 ¹ And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD. ² And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. ³ And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. ⁴ 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: ⁵ But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. ⁶ And the LORD said unto Cain, *Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?* ⁷ *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 (SIN) desire, and thou shalt rule over him.* ⁸ 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.

Hebrews 11:4 ⁴ **By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain**, by which he obtained **witness that he was righteous**, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

Now, to the major subject of these two verses and of this particular scene ([Genesis 3:3-4](#)): the personal worship of Cain and Abel.

1. First, there was Cain's false worship: he approached God and offered produce—the works of his own hands—to God. Cain was a farmer, so he took what he had, produce, and he brought his produce as an offering to God. We can imagine that the produce was the very first of Cain's harvest and the very best produce he had.

2. Second, there was Abel's true worship: he approached God and offered a sacrifice—a substitute life—to God. Abel approached God by taking the first—the very best—of his flock and sacrificing the animal and offering it to God.

The Passover Lamb – When I see the blood, I will pass over you!

Exodus 12:1-13 ¹ *And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,* ² *This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.* ³ *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 an house:* ⁴ *And if the household 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.* ⁵ ***Your lamb shall be without blemish**, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:* ⁶ *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.* ⁷ *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.* ⁸ *And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.* ⁹ *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.* ¹⁰ *And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire.* ¹¹ *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**.* ¹² *For **I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn** in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.* ¹³ *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.*

(This was performed after God gave the law to the children of Israel by Moses)

Exodus 24:6-8 ⁶ And Moses **took half of the blood**, and put it in basins; and **half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar**. ⁷ And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, **All that the LORD hath said will we do**, and be obedient. ⁸ And **Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people**, and said, **Behold the blood of the covenant**, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.

Hebrews 9:15-26 ¹⁵ And for this cause **he (Jesus) is the mediator of the new testament (covenant)**, that by means of death, for the **redemption of the transgressions** *that were* under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. ¹⁶ For where a testament *is*, there **must also of necessity be the death of the testator**. ¹⁷ For a testament *is* of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth. ¹⁸ Whereupon neither the first *testament* was dedicated without blood. ¹⁹ **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**, ²⁰ Saying, This *is* **the blood of the testament** which God hath enjoined unto you. ²¹ Moreover **he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle**, and all the vessels of the ministry. ²² And **almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission**.

²³ *It was* therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but **the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these**. ²⁴ **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: ²⁵ Nor yet that he should offer himself **often**, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; ²⁶ 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**.

The Lord teaching that the New Covenant (Testament) will be through the shedding of His blood
Matthew 26:26-28 ²⁶ 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**. ²⁷ And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, **Drink ye all of it; 28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins**.

Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb

Redeem - to set free or deliver by paying some ransom.

Revelation 5:8-9 ⁸ And when he (Jesus) had taken the book, the four beasts and four *and* twenty elders fell down **before the Lamb**, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. ⁹ And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: **for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood** out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

John 1:29 ²⁹ The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, **Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world**.

Genesis 22:6-8 ⁶ 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. ⁷ 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?** ⁸ And **Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering**: so they went both of them together.

Redemption - Note three significant points.

1. **We need to be redeemed**, to be set free **from the empty life** that we have been taught to live by our forefathers. This is exactly what Scripture says:

"Ye were...redeemed...from your vain conversation [life] received by tradition from your fathers."

2. **We are freely redeemed: redemption does not cost us a penny.** We are **not redeemed by silver and gold**. If we are going to be delivered from this corruptible world and given eternal life, then **the ransom paid for our release has to be an eternal ransom**—a ransom that will last as long as we are going to be living. This is the reason silver and gold are totally inadequate in redeeming us.

3. We are **redeemed by the precious blood of Christ**.

a. First, Jesus Christ was just like the Passover lamb, "without blemish and without spot

"In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins" (Col. 1:14).

b. Second, **God foreordained that Christ redeem us by His blood**, foreordained it even before the foundation of the world. The word "foreordained" (*proegnōsmenou* [PWS: 1582](#)) means **foreknown**. The word is used three different ways in Scripture:

⇒ to know something beforehand, ahead of time.

⇒ to know something immediately by loving and accepting and approving it.

⇒ to elect, foreordain, and predetermine something.

Note that all three meanings are at work in this passage. **Before the world was ever created, God knew, approved, and predestined Christ to redeem man by coming to earth and dying for man.**

c. Third, **Christ has now come**. God has now revealed and sent Him to redeem us.

*"But **when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father" (Galatians 4:4-6).***

*"For this is **good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time" (1 Tim. 2:3-6).***

The Price of Redemption

1 Peter 1:18-19 ¹⁸ 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; ¹⁹ But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

Corruptible things can only purchase other corruptible things. In order to be made incorruptible, we needed to be redeemed by an incorruptible sacrifice.

Notice the term “Precious Blood” of Christ. – There is no other blood like it as it is pure, spotless, without sin.

The prophecy of the coming Messiah, who will offer Himself a sin debt.

Isaiah 53:1-12 ¹ Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? ² 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.

³ 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. ⁴ Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. ⁵ 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. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. ⁸ He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. ¹² 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.

Jesus went to Calvary and sacrificed His blood so that we might be saved. Without His offering.....no heaven, no hope, no Christianity, and no church. We would instead be lost in our sins, dying and going to a devil's hell.

The Plan of Redemption

We must remember that Calvary was not a rescue from something that God was unaware would happen. It was something that he foreknew and deliberately planned.

²⁰ Who verily was **foreordained before the foundation of the world**, but was **manifest in these last times for you**,

The foreordained work of Jesus was preached as part of the first Gospel message. Jesus fulfilled the work of the Father.

Acts 2:14, 22-24 ¹⁴ But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

²² Ye men of Israel, hear these words; **Jesus of Nazareth**, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: ²³ **Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God**, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: ²⁴ Whom **God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.**

The Lord Jesus was not forced to die, He did so willingly. He came to the Earth, became a man without ceasing to be God, and died on the cross for our sins.

Luke 22:14-22 ¹⁴ And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him.

¹⁵ And he said unto them, **With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer:** ¹⁶ For I say unto you, **I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.** ¹⁷ And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, **Take this, and divide it among yourselves:** ¹⁸ For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. ¹⁹ And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, **This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.**

²⁰ Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.** ²¹ But, behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me is with me on the table.

²² And **truly the Son of man goeth, as it was determined:** but woe unto that man by whom he is betrayed!

John 17:1-5 ¹ These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, **Father, the hour is come;** glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: ² As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. ³ And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. ⁴ I have glorified thee on the earth: **I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.** ⁵ And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

John 19:30 ³⁰ When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, **It is finished:** and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

The Proof of Redemption

How do we know that the Father accepted this payment?

²¹ Who by him (Jesus) do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

By the resurrection from the dead. God was satisfied as we read in Isaiah 53:11. God proved that the death of Jesus was sufficient, as He raised him from the grave and is alive forevermore.

Acts 20:17,28 ¹⁷ And from Miletus he (Paul) sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church.²⁸ 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 (Jesus) hath purchased with his own blood.

Ephesians 1:19-22 ¹⁹ And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, ²⁰ Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,²¹ Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:²² And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

1 Corinthians 15:12-22 ¹² Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: ¹⁴ And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. ¹⁵ Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. ¹⁶ For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: ¹⁷ And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. ¹⁸ Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. ¹⁹ If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. ²⁰ But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. ²¹ For since by man *came* death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Know we are His disciples by showing love one for another

²² Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, *see that* ye love one another with a pure heart fervently

John 13:34-35 ³⁴ A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. ³⁵ By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.