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## **JEWISH FAITH and THE NEW COVENANT**

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### **The Blood - Way of Approach to GOD**

**God ordained that the blood should be the only way of approach to Him.** He revealed it in the very beginning to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden after they transgressed His law. God Himself slew an animal (a lamb for each) shedding its blood, made coats of the skin ... They were covered through the shedding of blood, through the sacrifice of another.

**The first parents taught their children, Cain and Abel, of this way of approach to God** by the blood sacrifice. Cain disobeyed and brought the work of his hands, arranging a beautiful altar to present to the Most High God. Abel obeyed the voice of the Lord through his parents, slew the “firstling” of his flock, shed its blood, and placed it upon his altar before the Lord. Looking at these two altars, the modernist would choose Cain’s for it is beautiful to the eyes of the natural man. Abel’s sacrifice is a “bloody” sight, not very pleasant to behold. But of the two, God chooses Abel’s for there is the shedding of blood which pointed to a better Sacrifice to come. When the Lord commanded the people of Israel concerning their deliverance from Egypt, He did not tell them to take a beautiful lamb, the most beautiful of all their flock, to tie a red ribbon around its neck and place it in front of their door, so that when the Destroying Angel would pass through the land and see the beautiful lamb He would spare the firstborn in that household. Neither did God tell the Israelites to gather their valuable possessions, take all their certificates, and medals. Or list all their accomplishments and place them before the door and when the Angel saw all their possessions, talents and achievements He would “pass over” them. God did not instruct His people to list their doctrinal beliefs, their tithes and offerings, their knowledge of the Scriptures as though all this would redeem their first born from death. No! He commanded the people of Israel to take the firstling of the flock, an innocent lamb without spot or blemish, to shed its blood by killing it, place that blood upon the doorpost and then said: “When I see the blood I will pass over you”! That first Passover, they had to stay where the blood was, had to stay inside their houses (under the blood) until morning; they had blood - protection!

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**“Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him [Messiah]”**

**“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 [Messiah], who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?” (Hebrews 9:12-14).

**God has emphasized the need of the shedding of blood ever since the evil day in Eden.** Ever since that day Eve and her daughters have been reminded of the necessity of the shedding of blood to life, both spiritual and physical. When a new life, a child or even an animal is born, it is accompanied by great suffering and bloodshed. All this reminds us of God’s great plan of salvation in Messiah Jesus. How can we ignore or treat casually such a consistent plan?

**Only the blood of God’s Son can give life eternal. Not blood flowing in the veins** of the man, even the perfect God-Man, but the blood shed of Him, who was with God in the creation of all things. Only such blood, the blood of God’s own life (as a Man) (“the blood is the life thereof; I have given it”) has power to purify an unclean soul and give a perfect body in the time of the resurrection so that we may appear unashamed at last in His very presence.

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**Before the foundation of the earth, in the mind of God there was set a Day of** Atonement for both Jew and Gentile which was fulfilled 2,000 years ago on the Altar of Calvary! We who have accepted God’s salvation can praise the Lord, saying: “Messiah Jesus is my change, He is my redemption for he was slain in order that I might be admitted to life everlasting.”

**Our wonderful Savior, by the Sacrifice of Himself, has inscribed our names in the Book** of Life and we shall never be separated from Him. No longer is it necessary that a goat or a bullock or even a fowl shed its blood for the remission of sins once every year, for God’s Lamb shed His blood once and for all. Jew or Gentile who believes in Him can rejoice that there is a Yom Kippur (Day of Covering) for time and eternity, made possible through the perfect Kapporah (sacrifice) which is Yeshua (Jesus), the Son of the Living God!

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