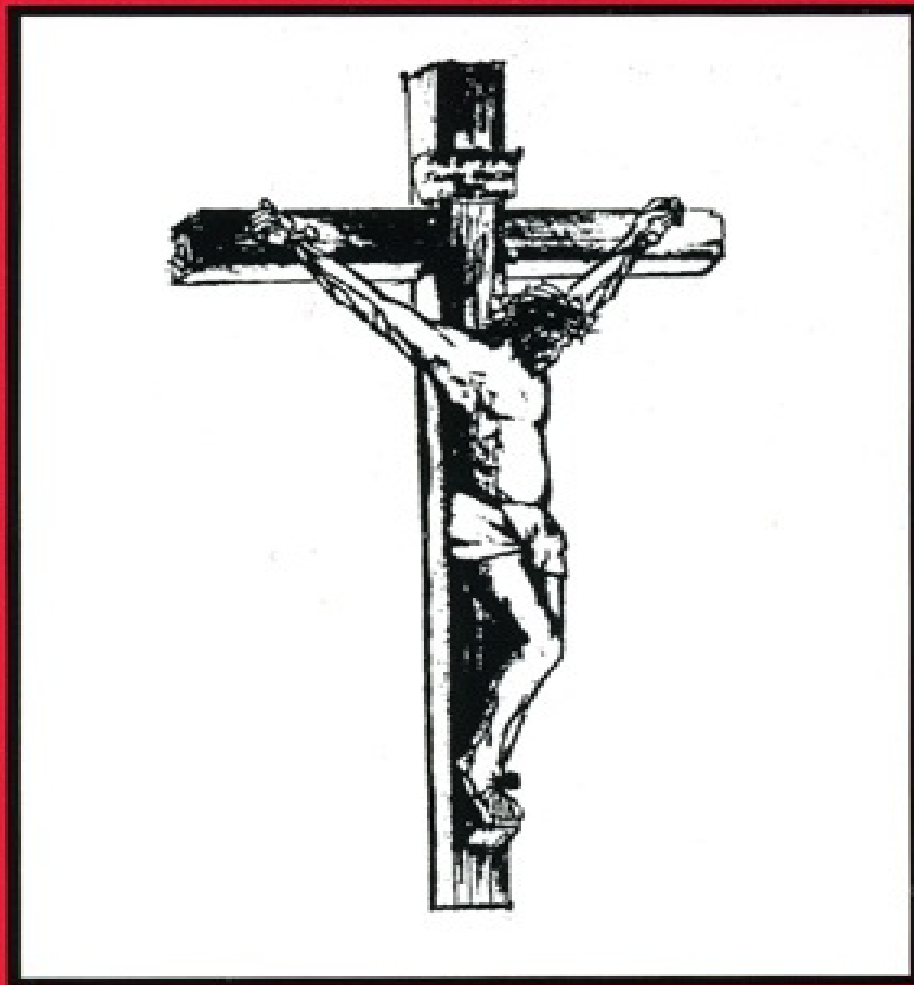


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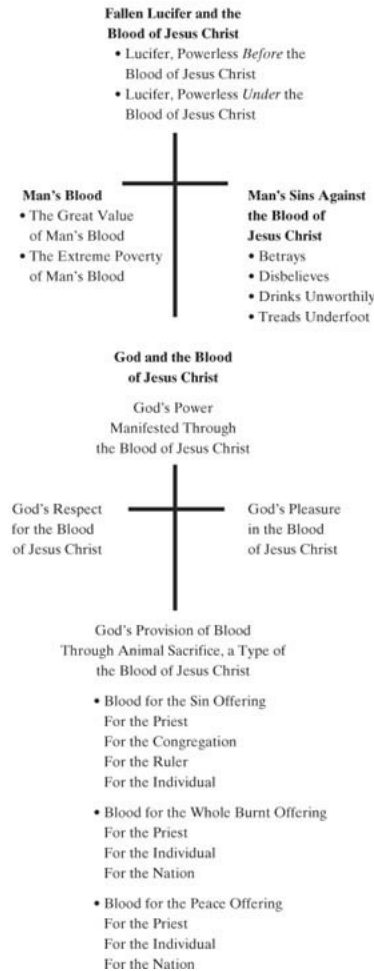
Introduction

In the first three volumes of the study of God's Provision of Blood for a Sin Offering, we learned that God provided blood for a sin offering for the Priest, for the whole congregation of Israel, and for the ruler. In this volume, we will learn that God also provided blood for a sin offering for each individual in Israel, which is a type and shadow of what God has provided for believers in the shed Blood of His Son Jesus Christ.

In order for the reader to have a clear vision of exactly where the material fits in the full Stature of Truth about God and the Blood of Jesus Christ, we shall repeat the basic outline of the complete study, just as we have done in the previous books in this series.

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Full Stature of Truth About the Blood of Jesus Christ



In the Old Testament, the LORD God made special provision for blood for a sin offering for the greatest and highest ruler to the poorest and lowest individual in Israel.

Every individual is important to God because He created each one with a portion of the individual Beauty of His Name, which is manifested in many ways — through many musical tones, manners, and peculiar delights, for instance.

Although each individual has sinned and the individual vessel of his soul has been marred, still each individual bears the marks of Beauty of the Divine Builder and Creator.

Individuality should always be revered and respected everywhere because it has its origin in God, the Wise Master Builder.

Because man is a solitary individual, he must be tried alone in the furnace of affliction; he must walk through the desert alone; he must be tempted and sifted alone. Yet, on the other hand, the individual is never alone; the LORD always is there with him. The LORD, in His great Love for the individual, has provided the Blood of Jesus as a Sin Offering for all the needs of the sinful individual. Sometimes it appears that everything, outwardly and inwardly, is trying to persuade us that we are nothing. However, it is important to remember that we are a unique individual, a product of a unique Creator.

We are separate individuals, even to our own sinful thoughts, actions, and feelings. Therefore, we need our own special provision of Blood for a Sin Offering that God has given through Christ Jesus for each of us. We can be joined to the LORD God and to each other only after we have been cleansed individually by the special Sin Offering Blood of Jesus Christ.

Likewise, God provided special blood for a sin offering for the individual in Israel, under the type and shadow.

The mutual harmony and unity in Israel depended upon the constant cleansing of the individual by the special sin offering blood that God provided for each individual.

— The Author

Chapter One

God's Provision Of Female Kid Goat Blood Or Female Lamb Blood And Ram's Blood For A Sin Offering For An Individual To Cleanse Him From His Sins Of Ignorance

When God, in His Mercy, provided blood to cleanse His people from their sins, He did not overlook a single person in Israel. He provided blood for a sin offering (1) for the Priest, (2) for the congregation, (3) for the ruler, and (4) for the individual.

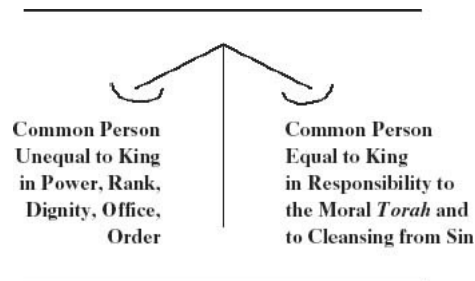
The first class of sin offering blood that an ordinary Israelite had to bring was female kid goat blood or female lamb blood, which was God's Provision for cleansing him from his personal sins of ignorance.

To be ignorant means a want of learning or knowledge in general or with respect to any particular subject or matter; a state of not being cognizant or aware of anything; unacquaintance; an act or deed committed through inadvertence. Therefore, we should always pray for God to forgive our sins, negligences, and our ignorances. The LORD is so gracious to provide Sin Offering Blood in Christ Jesus for our sins of ignorance.

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 4:27-35).

God's Provision for a common person's sin of ignorance was a *female kid* of the goats or a *female lamb* of the sheep. The ordinary individual and the king or ruler had to bring a kid for a sin offering for ignorance. Their offerings differed only in that the ordinary person had to bring a *female* kid, whereas the king had to bring a *male* kid. God made these stipulations to show us that the king and his humble subjects stood on equal ground before Him in regard to their moral responsibility to carry out the Moral Commands of the *Torah*.

The soul of the common, individual person had to be cleansed by either a *female* kid goat or a *female* lamb from the sheep. The femininity of the blood revealed the kind of sin that needed to be cleansed by this special type of blood. The female kid and the female lamb are pictures of surrender and subordination. God purposed that each ordinary individual be surrendered and subordinated to his ruler, king, or leaders whom God had given. The common, individual person was equal to *all* other individuals, on one side of the Scales. Yet, on the other side of the Scales, he had to recognize his inferior order of power, rank, dignity, and office in comparison to the power, rank, dignity, and office of the king, the ruler, and the leader.



The common person had to surrender to be in subjection to the governmental rule, control, and power of the king or the ruler. The sin of ignorance in a common individual person obviously consisted of *subconsciously* being unwilling to submit to authority or not yielding to the power of the ruler. God expected the common individual person to surrender to the leader by humbly confessing and acknowledging his inferior place and position.

The great sin of the common individual person is ignorantly criticizing, accusing, judging, complaining and stoutly resisting the authority of God-given leaders. God still requires His people to be subject to their leaders in both the spiritual realm and the natural realm.

Remember **them which have the rule over you**, who have spoken unto you the word of God: **whose faith follow**, considering the end of *their* conversation (Hebrews 13:7).

Spiritual rulers and leaders have been placed over the people by the Will of God, not by their own wills. Spiritual leaders are to rule over God's children by God's Will and God's Word. The common individual person ignorantly rebels against God's leader when he forgets the Will of God, when he forgets the Word of God that his leader has given him, and when he forgets his leader's prayers, private counsel, sacrificial sharing and serving, loving care and concern in times of pain and adversity, and when the individual forgets the leader's faithful example in showing him where the Footsteps of Jesus are because, as a leader, he walks in them himself.

Ingratitude on the part of the common individual person begets ignorant, irrational reasoning which, in turn, begets resistance and insubordination to a spiritual leader.

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to *execute* wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore *ye* must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute *is due*; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour (Romans 13:1-7).

God calls even natural rulers and leaders "higher powers" and commands every soul to be subject to them.

When ignorant irreverence abides in the heart of the common individual person, he neither will honour his leaders inwardly, in his heart, nor will he honour them outwardly by speaking respectfully and courteously to them or of them. If God requires such subjection to civil rulers, how much greater is the subjection He requires of the common individual to spiritual leaders who give forth the Word of God.

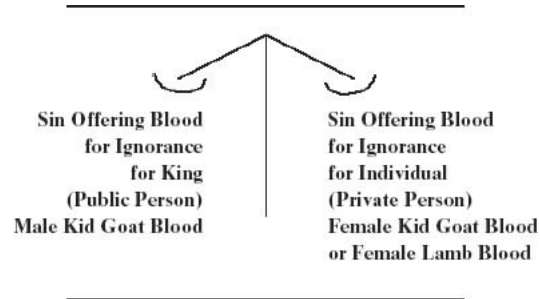
The *female* aspect of the sacrifice of the kid goat and the lamb speaks of the surrender and subjection of a daughter to the authority of her father and of a wife to the controlling headship of the husband. The *immaturity* aspect of the lamb and the kid also speak of subjection to the parent. God purposed for each individual person in Israel to be in subjection to Him as a Heavenly Father and a Spiritual Bridegroom. God provided special female kid and female lamb blood for each common individual person so that, after his sin of ignorance had been brought to light, he could confess, repent, and believe in the High Priest's power to apply the blood in his behalf.

The sin of ignorance committed by a common individual or an obscure individual person did not go unnoticed by God; therefore, God required a sacrifice of female blood to be offered by every individual. Israel's highest individual citizens and lowest individual persons were under the same moral responsibility to keep the *Torah* in the nation.

The individual's sin of insubordination concerning either God's Authority or the authority of a leader had to be confessed, repented of, and the female blood applied when the sin was brought to the awareness of the individual.

The most common sin of an individual in any society is rebellion against authority, both God's Authority and man's authority.

The law of the sin offering of female blood for the sins of ignorance of the individual was different from the sin offering of blood for the king in that the offering for the king was to be male blood.



Sin must be atoned for, whether we are aware of our sin or not. We should pray, as David did, to know our secret faults so that we can confess, repent, and be cleansed of our insubordination and unconscious rebellion against God's Moral Law.

Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer (Psalm 19:13,14).

These presumptuous sins or errors are not due to carelessness nor to criminal thoughtlessness but are the result of imperfect understanding and reasoning. None of us are immune to these kinds of sins. We are often unconscious of having committed such a sin. These kinds of errors are not recognized as faults when we commit them; therefore, it is impossible to correct them, apart from the LORD. We must depend upon the LORD to protect us from the noxious poison of these secret faults by revealing them unto us and by helping us to lay hold of the female Sin Offering Blood that He has provided for us in Christ Jesus to cleanse us from them.

It does not matter how eager we are to remain loyal, true, and obedient to God's *Torah*; we are ignorant of our secret, unknown errors and faults. Therefore, we are liable to make mistakes inadvertently because we are unknowledgeable. So we should pray for God to make our secret faults and hidden errors known to us. Then, we can claim Jesus Christ's female Kid or Lamb's Blood of subjection for purification from hidden errors and faults. People sin either ignorantly or deliberately. For this reason, David prayed to God to restrain him from deliberately doing what he knew to be wrong and to deliver him from his hidden, unknown faults.

How gracious the LORD God has been to provide Blood for both ignorant sins and deliberate sins!

The greatest leaders are not above God's censure for ignorant sins. Likewise, the smallest individuals are not below God's condemnation for the sins of ignorance. If any in Israel offended through ignorance, they were not overlooked by the LORD God, neither the king nor the common individual person. God required that sin be dealt with in *all* persons; therefore, He provided blood for everyone according to his special needs. Rich and poor, prince and peasant, met together in God's blood sacrifices for sin. They were and are all provided for through the Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ.

The fifth chapter of Leviticus records five kinds of sins which an individual person might commit through ignorance.

AND **if a soul sin, and hear the voice of swearing**, and *is* a witness, whether he hath seen or known *of it*; if he do not utter *it*, then he shall bear his iniquity. Or **if a soul touch any unclean thing**, whether *it be* a carcase of an unclean beast, or a carcase of unclean cattle, or the carcase of unclean creeping things, and if *it be* hidden from him; he also shall be unclean, and guilty.... Or **if a soul swear**, pronouncing with *his lips* to do evil, or to do good, whatsoever *it be* that a man shall pronounce with an oath, and it be hid from him; when he knoweth *of it*, then he shall be guilty in one of these (Leviticus 5:1,2,4).

- **Sin by the Voice of Swearing**

The first sin one might become guilty of, either ignorantly or deliberately, is swearing. The act of swearing is to affirm or make a solemn declaration with an appeal to God for the Truth of that which is affirmed; to take an oath solemnly; to declare solemnly to the Truth of something. A witness could sin by deliberately concealing the Truth after he had sworn before God to reveal the Truth.

A person who fails to honour his voice of swearing to tell the Truth commits perjury. Judges in Israel had the power to *adjure* not only the witness but also the suspected person to speak the Truth, even as the High Priest adjured Jesus Christ to answer when He stood in silence before His interrogator.

But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, **I adjure thee** by the living God, **that thou tell us** whether thou be

the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven (Matthew 26:63,64).

The High Priest commanded or adjured Jesus to speak. He was treating Jesus as a person under oath, demanding that He speak the Truth. Jesus held His peace, not because He was confused, guilty, or condemned, but because He knew that the High Priest was not looking for the Truth but was searching for an excuse to accuse Him. Jesus knew that if He confessed the Truth that He was, indeed, the Son of God, the High Priest would call Him a blasphemer and a liar. On the other hand, Jesus knew that if He denied the Truth He would be lying.

Sometimes, we, too, are adjured to tell the Truth. Yet, because of finite humanity, we may not possess all the facts in a given situation; thus, our ignorance prevents us from not knowing all the truthful facts nor clearly remembering what we have seen and heard. Therefore, we are liable to give, unknowingly, an incorrect picture or witness concerning something and become guilty before God.

Anyone who is placed in a similar situation needs a double portion of surrender that comes through Jesus Christ's female Kid Goat Blood and female Lamb Blood. Faced with offending a friend or an enemy, a man can, through fear, sin ignorantly against the Truth by distorting the Truth or unconsciously forgetting the Truth. The Word says that if a person does not bring forth the Truth *he shall bear his iniquity*. The responsibility of making the Truth known is, indeed, a heavy burden. We must take some recourse to remove our ignorant failure and guilt when we have not made the Truth known, or it will drag our soul to a state of death.

Let us remember this portion of the Word of the LORD when we are called upon to stand as a witness for the truth about anything or anyone. Let us seek the LORD and let Him help us search out where the truth is, lest we, through ignorance, be found guilty of withholding the truth and be found guilty of lying. For example, we may hear and receive false reports about people that we believe to be truth; then, we ignorantly repeat the rumor as being true; therefore, we become a false witness and sin ignorantly against the truth. If it were brought to light that a person was guilty of perjury, then the offender had to bring a female kid or a female lamb for a sacrifice.

The female Blood of Christ Jesus cleanses and gives us power to be in subjection to Him as our Master and Owner, our Heavenly Bridegroom. The female Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ cleanses us and gives us respect and reverence for His Word and fear of offending His Friendship, which is more important than having either the good will of our friends or the ill will of our enemies. The Blood of the female Kid or Lamb cleanses and brings us under subjection to our Divine, Heavenly Father as our spiritual Parent, causing us to have more fear and more respect for His Word and for His Chastening and to have less fear of gaining the ill will of our enemies or of losing the good will of our friends.

- **Sin by Touching Any Unclean Thing**

If a man who had polluted himself by touching an unclean thing entered into the Sanctuary, negligently, or if he failed to wash himself according to the Law, then he was under guilt. Through touching the unclean thing, he contracted ceremonial defilement. However, through either willful neglect or forgetful neglect to wash himself, according to the Word of the LORD, he showed his contempt or his carelessness. Thus, he contracted moral guilt. If at first his sin was hidden from him, he still was unclean and guilty. Ignorance of sin does not prevent one from experiencing the defilement and guilt of sin. However, later, when he became aware of his offense and guilt, he was required to bring a sin offering of female blood of either a kid goat or a lamb to expiate his sin and guilt.

As soon as the Holy Ghost convicts and convinces our conscience of any willful touch of sin or any ignorant, forgetful neglect of our duty, we must immediately cooperate with the Spirit of God by confessing, repenting, and laying hold of the female Kid or Lamb Blood of the Surrender of the LORD Jesus Christ. In this way, we can prosecute the offender called "Sin" and bring our spirit, soul, and body under subjection to the Heavenly Bridegroom and the Heavenly Father.

- **Sin by Rash Swearing**

If a man, through ignorance, bound himself by an oath to do or not to do a certain thing and, then, later realized that the performance of his oath would either be unlawful or impractical, he could bring the sin offering blood of the female kid or lamb for his rash, ignorant vow and be absolved from the obligation of his rash swearing. David, in his ignorance, for example, rashly swore that he would kill Nabal. But, Nabal's wife Abigail came and ministered the light to David. At once David saw the ignorance and folly of his reckless and thoughtless oath.

What a dilemma a person creates by his rash, ignorant swearing. Sometimes ignorant pride makes a person vow to

do things that are impossible for him to do. Or sometimes, if he is able to perform the vow, it works painful hardships upon his family. This is the state a person will find himself in when he takes an oath with no forethought of its consequences. We are guilty if we do the thing, and we are guilty if we do not do the thing. By rashness and folly, an impetuous person drives his conscience to be wounded; sin stares him in the face; and he finds that he is sadly ensnared by the words of his mouth. We need the Blood for a double portion of surrender to the Master-Husband and the Owner-Father so that we can bring the reins of our heart under subjection to Him and wait for His Light of Truth to guide us into the Wisdom of His Will. Christ Jesus' Blood of Subjection will cleanse us and give us His Watchfulness and the Wisdom of His Will beforehand, which will prevent us from falling into such straits.

The person who offended God by his rash swearing had to bring a sin offering and pinpoint his sin when he confessed it. Such was David's confession: "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight:..." (Psalm 51:4). Also, Achan's confession was specific: "And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done:" (Joshua 7:20).

A general confession of sin carries no particular reproach, for all must own sin. However, when we have to stand alone and say "This thing have I done," then comes humiliation, reproach, and suffering. Surrendering to the humiliation of pinpointing our sins when confessing them is painful, but it assures us of pardon, forgiveness, and forgetfulness of our sins. However, when we have made a confession, pinpointing our sins, the Blood of Jesus Christ will find its way to those particular offenses that have been wrong before God. Such an experience of humbling oneself and confessing the truth also arms us against committing these sins in the future.

Confession and repentance had to accompany the sin offering blood before the Priest could make an atonement for the sin.

Many times we try to plead the Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ, but it does not work for us, not because of any weakness or any inability of the Holy Blood of Jesus Christ, but because we are too proud to humble ourselves and confess the *particular* sins of which we are guilty.

Sometimes we cannot confess our sins because we are too blind and ignorant to see our faults and errors as *sins* before God. The LORD God sees and knows small sins that we often do not notice. We need to ask Him to show us our sinful acts as He sees them. If they are sin to God, then we must confess them as sin. But, we cannot confess sinful thoughts and deeds until we know them to be sin; and unless we confess, we cannot repent, and unless we repent, our High Priest Jesus Christ cannot apply the Blood to make Atonement for us before God. Therefore, we need to do our part, and we can be assured positively that God will do His part.

An Israelite who was too poor to bring a lamb or a kid was allowed to bring a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, which are a picture of humility and love. The expense of the sin offering was brought lower than that of any other offering. No man could use the excuse of poverty as reason for not obtaining pardon for his sin.

God has made Provision for the poorest individual to find Atonement for his sin. No sinner has sunk too low in the poverty of sin that the Blood of Jesus (like the turtledove or pigeon, which are full of love and humility) cannot reach down to the lowest pit and lift him out of the miry clay of sin.

Our sins of ignorance can be neither too deep nor too high for Christ's Blood of Humility and Love not to reach either down or up to cleanse the ignorance from our mind and will. God's Provision of the Blood can bring us into a position of surrender to the Bridegroom, the LORD Jesus Christ, and of surrender to the Heavenly Father.

• Sin by Trespassing Against the Holy Things of God

The fourth class of ignorance leads a person to trespass against the sacred, hallowed things of God.

If a soul commit a trespass, and sin through ignorance, in the holy things of the LORD; then he shall bring for his trespass unto the LORD a ram without blemish out of the flocks, with thy estimation by shekels of silver, after the shekel of the sanctuary, for a trespass offering: And he shall make amends for the harm that he hath done in the holy thing, and shall add the fifth part thereto, and give it unto the priest: and the priest shall make an atonement for him with the ram of the trespass offering, and it shall be forgiven him (Leviticus 5:15,16).

This class of ignorance was all-comprehensive; every one in Israel was guilty because they all, in one way or another or at one time or another, were faithless and disloyal to the Commands of God. Man's ignorance could not excuse his guilt if he broke faith in general matters concerning his neighbour or if he broke faith in specific matters, concerning the Holy, Sacred Things of God.

God considers man's thoughts and deeds as trespasses when man behaves differently than God has commanded him and when he does not do the things that God expects of him.

Things that have been dedicated exclusively for God's Holy Purposes are to be used as such; otherwise, a trespass

will be committed. Things that have been given exclusively to God must be kept exclusively for the purpose for which they were dedicated and not be used for anything else; otherwise, a trespass will be incurred.

Trespassing against the Holy Things of God is a serious wrong as far as our behaviour toward God is concerned. Such trespasses threaten our present peace and enjoyment of the nearness of God's Presence, and they threaten our future life with desolation from God's Presence, unless repentance is made.

Sin offerings were also called "trespass offerings" when they were offered to atone for injuries done to another.

A trespass is going beyond the limit or boundary that God has established in His Law. A trespass is entering unlawfully upon that which is the property or right of another. A trespass means to commit an offense, to offend, to do wrong, to intrude, to go too far, to encroach upon. Although man might be ignorant of his trespass, he remained guilty before God until he repented.

It is reasonable that he who ignorantly, by his free will, trespasses God's Moral Law should consciously, by his free will, confess and repent when his ignorance is brought to light. If a man committed a trespass against the Priests, the LORD's servants who had the oversight of his soul and God's possessions in His Sanctuary, he had to confess, repent, and bring a ram for a sin offering. If an individual soul sinned ignorantly in the Holy things of the LORD to take away, inadvertently, from the LORD God that which belonged to Him of tithes, offerings, or firstfruits, the ram offering of blood was to be accompanied by compensation for the injury done, and a gift of a fifth part of the value given to the Priest.

A natural ram, like the goat, was used to be the leader and the guide of the flock. Thus, the ram symbolized the leading, guiding example of the Blood of Jesus Christ. Christ's Ram's Blood is the Leader and Guide that puts away sin and that repairs all offenses and injuries done, both to God and to man.

- **Sin by Ignorant Transgression of Any Definite Prohibition of the Law**

When a person became aware that he had sinned against some definite prohibition of the Law, he had to bring a ram for his sin offering.

And if a soul sin, and commit any of these things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of the LORD; though he wist it not, yet is he guilty, and shall bear his iniquity. And he shall bring a ram without blemish out of the flock, with thy estimation, for a trespass offering, unto the priest: and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his ignorance wherein he erred and wist it not, and it shall be forgiven him (Leviticus 5:17,18).

The ram was slaughtered on the north side of the Altar. The blood was sprinkled upon the Altar, and the fat was burned upon the Altar. The flesh of the sin offering was eaten by the Priests in the Holy Place, and the skin was given to the officiating Priest. The ram pictured the Atoning, Illuminating, Life-giving, Reigning Power of the Son of God, Jesus Christ.

Through the Blood of Jesus Christ, God has made Provision for Atonement for every kind of sin a person can commit through ignorance. The blood of the female kid of the goats or the female lamb was offered to atone for man's sins which he committed by the voice of swearing, by touching any unclean thing, and by rash swearing. The blood of a ram was offered to atone for man's sins which he committed by trespassing against the Holy Things of God and by transgressing against any definite prohibition of the Law.

Chapter Two

God's Provision Of Bird Blood And Lamb Blood For A Sin Offering For An Individual To Cleanse Him From Leprosy

God provided a second sin offering for the individual to cleanse him from the defilement of the disease of leprosy. Leprosy was and is a loathsome disease. When the bones and the marrow are pervaded with this disease, the joints of the hands and feet lose their power to function and ultimately fall off the body. As a result, the whole body assumes a most deformed and loathsome appearance. When leprosy fastens itself on the body of a person, death reigns, and the person becomes a walking tomb, a gruesome stature of death.

The dread and disgust projected toward those with a disease so foul and loathsome are indicative of the way a sinner appears before God. The leper's strict exclusion from the Tabernacle of God and his strict seclusion from human fellowship are a picture of the sinner's separation from God's Temple and from the fellowship of God's people.

The healing, cleansing, and restoration of the leper was accomplished outside the camp, inside the camp, and in the Tabernacle of God.

Natural leprosy begins with a little pain and continues on its slow but sure course until it deforms, destroys, and mutilates the body, making its victim a hopeless, hideous wreck. Biblical leprosy was a special visitation of direct Judgment from God.

Spiritual leprosy symbolizes sin, and the laws of separation of the leper represented the separation which sin makes between the sinner and God and the sinner and God's people. Since leprosy was God's direct and immediate Judgment for sin, God alone can heal both the leper and the sinner. The High Priest of God pronounced the leper healed and performed the commanded rites for cleansing and admitted him to a renewed communion with the saints.

The LORD Jesus Christ proved His Divine Ministry as our High Priest by healing lepers and commanding them to go to the Priest to offer their sin offering for cleansing (Matthew 11:5; Mark 1:44).

Biblical leprosy was an uncleanness or plague that was sent directly from God because of a sinful spiritual condition, rather than being a disease that stemmed from natural causes. The Law instructed the leper to seek help from the High Priest rather than a physician. Jesus was said to have *cleansed* the lepers, not to have *cured* them. Leprosy, by rendering the afflicted person unfit for conversation and fellowship with anyone but other lepers, was like a living death, or like being buried alive.

Sometimes leprosy was inflicted immediately upon a person by the Hand of God, as in the cases of Miriam, Uzziah, and Gehazi. Because leprosy did not originate from natural causes, as did other diseases, it was treated according to Divine Law.

Leprosy was an outward manifestation of the moral pollution of men's minds that was caused by sin. Sin is leprosy of the soul, which defiles the conscience; and Christ alone can cleanse us from its curse. The Power of Christ's Grace and Eternal Priesthood infinitely transcends that of the temporal Priesthood of the Old Testament. The Old Testament Priesthood could look upon the leper and pronounce him cleansed only after God had cleansed him. But, Jesus Christ can cleanse the leper by taking away the sin of his soul and by cleansing his body of its leprous plague.

I. The Four Colours of Leprosy

In the Old Testament, the LORD God gave special instruction to the Priest so that he could discern the plague of leprosy, identifying it through the four different colours in which it manifested itself: white, red, yellow, and green.

A. White Leprosy

White is the first colour of leprosy mentioned in the Bible. It pictures the self-righteousness of the Pride of Revelation.

And the priest shall look on the plague in the skin of the flesh: and **when the hair in the plague is turned white**, and the plague in sight *be* deeper than the skin of his flesh, **it is a plague of leprosy**: and the priest shall look on him, and pronounce him unclean.... And the priest shall see *him*: and, behold, *if* the rising *be* white in the skin, and it have turned the hair white, and *there be* quick raw flesh in the rising:... Then the priest shall consider: and, behold, *if* the leprosy have covered all his flesh, he shall pronounce *him* clean *that hath* the plague: it is all turned white: he *is* clean.... If a man also or a woman have in the skin of their flesh bright spots, even *white* bright spots; (Leviticus 13:3,10,13,38).

Miriam, Moses' sister, is an example of a person who had white leprosy. Miriam's Pride of Revelation and self-righteousness constrained her to speak unadvisedly against her brother Moses concerning his marriage and his monarchal rule over the people. God had honoured Aaron and Miriam, on one side of the Scales, by making them joint-leaders with Moses. God set Moses up as a king to the people; Aaron was made a High Priest, and Miriam was made a prophetess to lead Israel to Canaan's Land (Micah 6:4). However, on the other side of the Scales, Moses alone was the supreme leader over the children of Israel.

Because God sometimes had spoken through Aaron and Miriam, their self-righteous revelation told them that they were *equal* with Moses. Striving to be the greatest in position in the LORD's Kingdom (a common offense among Christ's disciples) is an exceedingly great sin. God heard their speaking against His servant Moses, and He immediately sent the plague of white leprosy on Miriam's body, outwardly, to match the white leprosy of self-righteous revelations that plagued her heart inwardly.

God judged her veil of self-glory and turned it into a veil of shame by smiting her with leprosy. "And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and, behold, *Miriam became leprous, white as snow*: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous" (Numbers 12:10).

When God manifested His Displeasure against their sin by departing from the Tabernacle, Miriam became leprous, white as snow. Not only was Miriam white as snow, but her flesh also became as soft as snow. Her solid, healthy flesh became soft and putrid. Through her carnal tongue, Miriam sowed foul flesh; consequently, she reaped foul, leprous flesh.

Moses spent time alone with the Holy Creator in order to receive His Word; as a result, Moses' face radiated with so much of God's Splendrous Glory that it had to be hidden by a veil before the people could look on him. Miriam spent time with another complaining creature; as a result, she needed a veil to hide her leprous shame. After Miriam had been humbled by being shut out of the camp for seven days, she repented and was healed and readmitted into the camp of Israel.

B. Red Leprosy

Red leprosy, the second colour of leprosy mentioned in the Scriptures, pictures the anger of the Pride of Redemption.

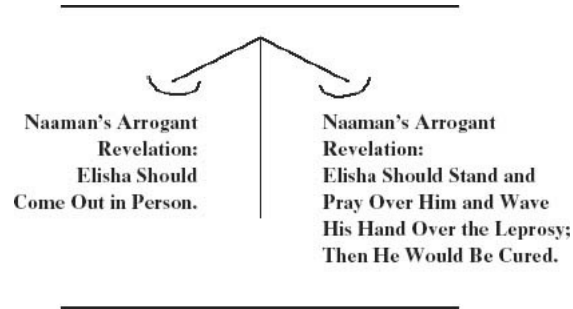
And in the place of the boil there be a white rising, or a **bright spot, white, and somewhat reddish**, and it be shewed to the priest;... Or if there be *any* flesh, in the skin whereof *there is* a hot burning, and the quick *flesh* that burneth have a **white bright spot, somewhat reddish, or white**;... And if there be in the bald head, or bald forehead, a **white reddish sore**; **it is a leprosy** sprung up in his bald head, or his bald forehead.... And if the plague be greenish or reddish in the garment, or in the skin, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin; it is a plague of leprosy, and shall be shewed unto the priest: (Leviticus 13:19,24,42,49).

And he shall look on the plague, and, behold, *if* the plague *be* in the walls of the house with hollow strakes, greenish or **reddish**, which in sight *are* lower than the wall; (Leviticus 14:37).

Second Kings, chapter five, verses one through fourteen, records the story of Naaman, who was stricken with leprosy. Naaman was advised to go to Elisha for his cleansing and cure. Elisha sent a messenger to tell Naaman that after dipping seven times in the River Jordan his flesh would come back whole.

A leper's flesh is eaten away by the plague of leprosy, so it takes a miracle to restore new, whole flesh. However, Elisha prophesied that Naaman's flesh would be restored to its normal, healthy condition if he would humble himself and dip seven times in the River Jordan.

Jordan's water was full of the Power and Glory of the Holy Name of the LORD God because the Holy Anointing remained in the river from having had the Ark of the Covenant standing in it during the days of Joshua. However, Naaman became wrathful and angry because he had been told to dip in the muddy River of Jordan. He had expected Elisha to come out to him and perform some noble and honourable act to recover him from his leprosy. Nevertheless, the Law of God's *Torah* forbade the leper to be admitted to Israel's society, so Elisha obeyed God's *Torah* rather than honouring Naaman's pride. Naaman's red, angry, leprous pride, inside his heart, matched his red leprosy on the outside of his body. Naaman's arrogant pride already had decided how God should heal him.

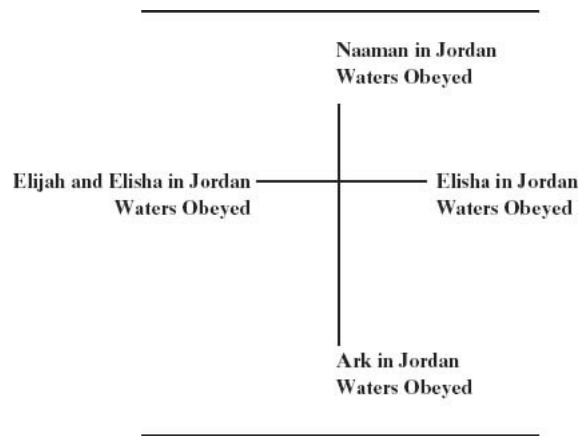


Naaman's arrogant pride was repulsed and revolted because Elisha sent his servant out to minister to him instead of coming himself. After all, Naaman was a great nobleman of Syria. Therefore, he arrogantly reasoned that he deserved to have a nobleman such as Elisha come and minister to him in person. Naaman fell into a red, angry passion when Elisha did not come out and pray and wave his hand over his leprosy. Instead of coming out, Elisha commanded that Naaman go dip in the meek, muddy waters of Jordan, rather than in the clean and clear waters of Abana and Pharpar in Syria, which, in Naaman's eyes, were seemingly much better.

Naaman's unhumbled, leprous heart was neither submissive to God's humbling plague nor to God's Provision for his cure.

Jordan's waters were humble, submissive waters that already had proven their obedience to God's Divine Command. God desired to use Naaman's situation to complete a Stature of Truth about the Divine Obedience of the River Jordan.

(See Stature on following page.)



Jordan's first act of obedience to God's Commands was manifested when Israel passed through Jordan on her way to Canaan's Land. When the Ark was carried into the waters of Jordan in Joshua's day, the waters humbly obeyed God's Command and fled to the right and to the left, creating a way for Israel to pass over into Canaan's Land.

Jordan's second act of obedience to God's Command was manifested when Elijah desired to cross Jordan. When Elijah, God's Holy Prophet, smote the waters of Jordan with his Divinely Anointed Mantle, the waters humbly obeyed, departing hither and thither so that Elijah and his servant Elisha could pass over Jordan.

After Elijah had been separated from Elisha by Horses and Chariots of Fire and had been caught up to God in a whirlwind, Elisha picked up Elijah's Anointed Mantle and smote the waters of Jordan. Then, for the third time, the waters of Jordan humbly obeyed God's Command, separating themselves to the right and to the left, making a way for Elisha, the Holy Prophet of God, to pass over. Jordan was smitten twice, signifying that God had imparted a double portion of a Contrite Spirit to the waters of Jordan.

The same Hebrew word for *smite* is also translated *contrite* in Isaiah, chapter sixty-six, verse two. Thus, the waters of Jordan received the Anointing of the *Torah*, the Name of the LORD God, and the Glory of the LORD when the Ark rested in Jordan, and the waters of Jordan received a double portion of Contriteness of Spirit from Elijah's Divinely Anointed Mantle. Therefore, when God commanded the waters of Jordan to take Naaman's leprosy into itself, Jordan again humbly obeyed the Divine Command of its Creator, issued through the Prophet Elisha.

However, since Naaman was ignorant of the mighty Anointing that rested in Jordan's waters, Elisha's command for him to bathe there caused Naaman to go away in a rage. But, Naaman's faithful servant came to reason with him, saying that, had God's Prophet asked him to do something great, then, he would have done it. So, why should he not obey a small, simple command to "wash and be clean"? When Naaman obeyed and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, the waters of Jordan humbly obeyed God's Command and took Naaman's leprosy into itself, leaving Naaman's flesh as fresh and whole as a little child's.

C. Yellow Leprosy

Yellow, the third colour of leprosy which is described in the Scriptures, pictures the lying deceitfulness of the Pride of Satisfaction.

Then the priest shall see the plague: and, behold, if it *be* in sight deeper than the skin; and *there be* in it a **yellow** thin hair; then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* a dry scall, *even* a leprosy upon the head or beard.... And in the seventh day the priest shall look on the plague: and, behold, *if* the scall spread not, and there *be* in it no **yellow** hair, and the scall *be* not in sight deeper than the skin;... Then the priest shall look on him: and, behold, if the scall *be* spread in the skin, the priest shall not seek for **yellow** hair; he *is* unclean (Leviticus 13:30,32,36).

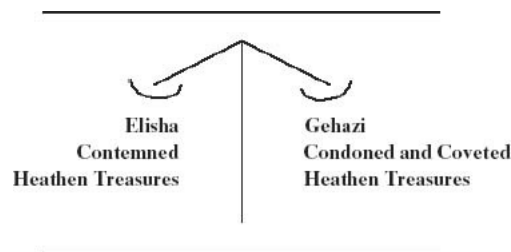
There was a particular kind of white leprosy that was recognized, not by the white colour of the skin, but by the yellow hair growing in the midst of the leprous spot. If the hair was black in the midst of the spot, it was a sign of soundness of the flesh. But, if the hair was yellow in the midst of the spot, it was an indication of a particular kind of leprosy.

Gehazi, the servant of Elisha, is an example of a person who, because of his lying and deceitful spirit, was smitten with yellow leprosy in the midst of the white spots on his flesh.

When Naaman discovered that the God of Israel had taken away or recovered his leprosy, he returned to the man of God, Elisha, to acknowledge his healing and to offer God's servant a reward. Since God had healed Naaman, Elisha could now converse with Naaman in person. However, Elisha refused to take a reward for Naaman's cure, since the recovery was effected by God Himself and not by Elisha. As God's Servant and Instrument, Elisha was not to claim the reward nor the credit. Thus, Elisha proved himself to be a true Prophet and Servant of God.

However, because Elisha's servant Gehazi had conceived a lying, deceitful thought, he imagined, in his deceitful ignorance, that since he had delivered the message to Naaman to dip in Jordan's water seven times he deserved a reward for his services. Gehazi thought that it would be delightfully satisfying to fall heir to all the riches that Elisha had refused; so he ran after Naaman and lied to him, saying that his master had sent him to take a reward after all. After Gehazi had hidden his newly obtained reward, he went in to stand before his master, Elisha, who inquired where he had been. Again, Gehazi lied, saying that he had not been anywhere. Elisha, the true Prophet of God, told Gehazi where he had been, what he had done, and what his punishment would be. "The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall cleave unto thee, and unto thy seed for ever. And he went out from his presence a leper as white as snow" (II Kings 5:27).

Naaman had many servants; among them was the faithful servant who tactfully and sensitively encouraged his master to obey God's health-giving command. Elisha, on the other hand, had only one servant, and he proved to be a deceitful liar. Elisha was a saint, but Gehazi was a deliberate sinner. God's Holy Servants are not always privileged to work with Holy servants. Many times deceitful servants look to be rewarded *above* their masters.



Gehazi, in his Pride of Satisfaction, esteemed himself wiser than his master. His deceitful, diseased perception of reality led him to believe that his master was a fool to scorn and despise such a beautiful opportunity to get rich quick. So, he felt justified in running after Naaman and lying to him, saying that his master had sent him, in order to give Naaman the impression that his master had changed his mind and wanted a reward. Gehazi misrepresented the Holy Servant of God as one who was fickle and as one who soon repented of his gracious generosity.

So, Gehazi took all the gifts he could obtain from Naaman. Gehazi returned and, like Achan, hid his lying, deceitful goods (he thought) from the Servant of God. Gehazi even esteemed himself a wise administrator to have salvaged Naaman's gifts, but the lying, deceitful yellow leprosy in his heart proved that his idolatrous god was *evil gain*. Because sin had blinded his eyes to the corrupt river of yellow leprosy in his heart, he imagined that the Prophet was blind, too.

When Elisha confronted Gehazi with his sin, it became only another occasion for him to practice his lying deceit. As a result of Gehazi's lying and deceit, God visited upon him the white leprosy with the yellow hair in it that had been on Naaman. The yellow, leprous deceit in Naaman's heart had made him worship false gods instead of the only one and true LORD God of Heaven and Earth.

God had punished Naaman for his leprous idolatry by sending him yellow leprosy. Therefore, when Gehazi, with his yellow, leprous, deceitful heart, worshipped the false god of "evil gain," God allowed Naaman's leprous punishment to come upon him. Gehazi's outward leprosy was a witness of his inward leprosy. Gehazi paid a greater price for his ill-gotten gain than it was worth. As a leper, he was a continual mass of pain and a continual social outcast until his death.

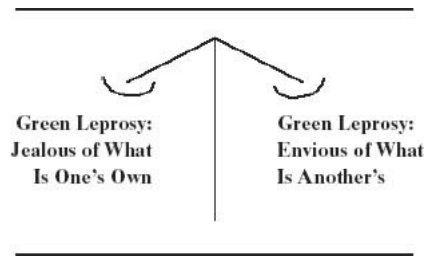
D. Green Leprosy

The fourth colour of leprosy with which God's Word deals is green leprosy. Green leprosy pictures jealousy and envy.

There was a particular green leprosy that God sent as a plague in both the clothing and in the houses of people when their envious hearts displeased the LORD God.

Jealousy is one of the most vicious sins. The nature of jealousy is to make one fearfully uneasy in mind when he feels or thinks that the love or affection which belongs to him or that he hopes to gain for himself is lost or transferred to another. Jealousy is apprehension and pain suffered because of rivalry. Jealousy is extremely solicitous for its own honour and exaltation and always is suspiciously vigilant and suspiciously fearful and manifestly doubtful of others' integrity. There is a dual aspect to green leprosy — jealousy and envy.

(See Scales on following page.)



Our carnal heart always is jealous of what is our own, and it always is envious of what is another's. Jealousy fears to lose what it has; envy is pained at seeing what another has. Princes are jealous of their authority; subjects are jealous of their rights. Servants are envious of those in favour.

Jealousy is an ignoble, sinful passion in corrupt man. Jealousy always is sharpened by fear of losing its possessions, and envy always is stimulated by greedy fear of not obtaining enough possessions. Envy always is grieved, pained, or vexed because it cannot possess the happiness, success, or fortunes of others; it hates others who demonstrate excellence or superiority in any way and repines at the good conferred upon other persons.

Envy always begrudges and is unwilling to part with possessions in order to make another person greater. Envy maliciously withholds good from others to prevent them from knowing more; it always rails, cries down, and deprecates the person it envies. Envy is willing to climb on its knees with the kiss of death in order to injure or harm the person who is its target. The sight of another's felicity, whether real or supposed, always conceives grief in the person who is consumed with envy.

Green leprosy in the garments and in a house symbolized the corruption of jealousy and envy tainting all mankind, which is an effect of man's sinful fall from Holiness and Righteousness. Green leprosy represents the jealousy and envy that taints the *nephesh* soul and its house, the body. Because of the leprosy of sin in our earthly bodies, they must be dissolved by death or changed by translation at the Rapture and replaced with resurrected, heavenly bodies untainted by leprosy.

And others save with fear, pulling *them* out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh (Jude 1:23).

The polluting leprosy of sin is humanly incurable. The Blood, Fire, and Water of Jesus Christ are the only substances powerful enough to wash, purge, and purify the leprosy of sin.

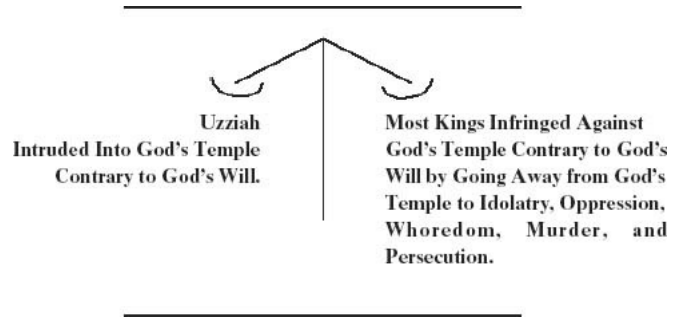
The garment also that the plague of leprosy is in, *whether it be* a woollen garment, or a linen garment;... And if the plague be **greenish** or reddish in the garment, or in the skin, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin; it *is* a plague of leprosy, and shall be shewed unto the priest:... He shall therefore burn that garment, whether warp or woof, in woollen or in linen, or any thing of skin, wherein the plague is: for it *is* a fretting leprosy; it shall be burnt in the fire (Leviticus 13:47,49,52).

And he shall look on the plague, and, behold, *if* the plague *be* in the walls of the house with hollow strakes, **greenish** or reddish, which in sight *are* lower than the wall; (Leviticus 14:37).

The life of Uzziah presents an example of the sin of green leprosy in the heart. He was jealous because he esteemed his position, privileges, and power as less than he deserved, and he envied the Ministry, the position, the privileges, and the power which the Priest had that he did not have. Therefore, he tried to usurp the Priestly Ministry of burning Incense in the Holy Place.

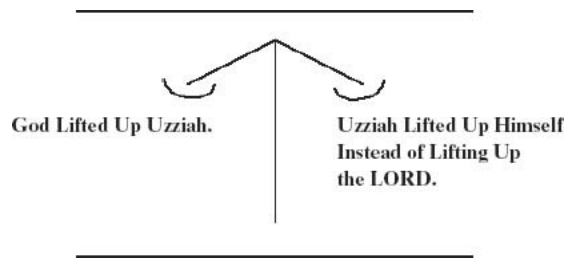
King Uzziah was a great king and marvelously helped by God until his heart was lifted up in arrogant, jealous, and envious pride. Then, in defiance of the Law, he presumed to intrude into the Priesthood and offer Incense upon God's Holy Golden Altar, which was a transgression against God's *Torah*. Uzziah's arrogance and his act of sacrilege, caused by his envy, were punished by God, Who clothed him with green leprosy. Uzziah clothed his exalted heart with green garments of leprous envy against the Priesthood; therefore, God gave him green garments of leprosy to clothe his flesh. "And the LORD smote the king, so that *he was a leper unto the day of his death*, and dwelt in a several house..." (II Kings 15:5; II Chronicles 26:21-23).

Most kings sinned by infringing on God's Will through *forsaking* the Temple of the LORD and *going away* from the Temple into idolatry. But, Uzziah sinned against the LORD by *intruding into* the Temple and *going unto* the LORD against His Will.



The kings who *went away* from God's Temple burned incense upon idolatrous altars. But, Uzziah went *into* God's Temple, to His Holy Altar, to burn his idolatrous incense, contrary to God's Holy Will. God marvelously had helped Uzziah and had lifted him up with power, authority, and riches. But, instead of Uzziah using his God-given blessings to lift up the Name of the LORD in gratitude, he used his God-given blessings to lift up his own heart.

(See diagram on following page.)



Uzziah's blatant, blasphemous acts were committed out of his jealous and envious pride, and they were a direct, insulting accusation which said that God had not blessed Uzziah enough. Uzziah's evil, disobedient act revealed that he thought it was not fair of God to withhold the possession of the Priesthood from him. Uzziah, who felt himself worthy to intrude into the Holy Place to offer incense, was followed by eighty Priests who tried to reason with him to leave the Golden Altar because it was neither for God's Glory nor for the king's well-being to try to offer incense on God's Altar. When Uzziah became violently angry, refusing to leave the Holy Place and the Golden Altar, God smote him with leprosy.

If wicked, arrogant hearts refuse to hear the *Torah* from God's Mouth or from the mouth of God's Servants, they will be punished by God. If man refuses to stay within the fence that God's Will has placed around him, lifting up the Name of the LORD within God's Fence, he cannot expect to retain even his own ministry, much less acquire the God-given ministry of others.

Uzziah, by his act of folly, did not acquire the Ministry of the Priesthood that God had given others, and he did not retain his own ministry as a king. His leprous punishment separated him from God's Temple, from the throne of Israel, and from all fellowship with society. He died a leper, outside the camp.

How much better off Uzziah would have been if he had received the rebukes of the Priests, had repented of his sin as an ignorant individual, and had laid hold of the special blood offering for his ignorance. In his ignorance, however, Uzziah believed that he could usurp the Ministry of the Priesthood without receiving punishment from God.

The Blood, Fire, and Water of Jesus Christ is able to wash, purge, and purify us from our green leprosy of jealousy and envy so that we do not have to partake of Uzziah's judgment and punishment.

II. The Cleansing of the Leper

When the High Priest pronounced a person to be a leper and unclean, the leper also had to pronounce himself unclean. He had to rend his clothes, make bare his head, cover his lip, and cry "Unclean, unclean" (Leviticus 13:45).

The disease of leprosy was not the origin of a sin, but it was a plague of punishment given as a sad token of God's Displeasure for sin. Leprosy was a sore affliction to the one who was under its judgment and punishment. The leper had to cry, continually, "Unclean, unclean," announcing to the whole world that he was dirty, filthy, foul, and morally impure. Leprosy was a reproach to a man's name; it caused his business activities in the world to cease; it cut him off from his friends and his relatives and condemned him to banishment outside the camp until he was cleansed again. It severed a person from the Sanctuary of God and terminated all his worldly comforts.

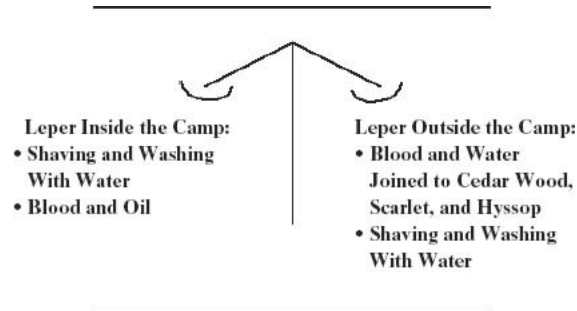
Leprosy was God's lash upon man to drive him to humble himself under the Mighty Hand of God. Leprosy forced the condemned person to acknowledge his moral uncleanness when the High Priest pronounced him unclean and to justify God's Righteousness by accepting the punishment of his iniquity. A person in a leprous condition was forced to fill himself with self-loathing and self-abasement, which is the language of humbling oneself and judging oneself according to God's Judgment.

With his body filled with such outer corruption and uncleanness, the leper was forced to meditate on the visible demonstration of his inner sinful corruptions which had produced the leprous plague of his judgment. The leper had time and opportunity, in his confined condition, to meditate on the awful consequences of his sin. Being shut out of the camp and separated from fellowship with God in His Sanctuary and being excluded from social concourse with man, he had time to weigh the worth of the pleasure of sin and to decide whether sin was worth the price that he had to pay for it.

The judgment and the cleansing of the leper lay in the power of the High Priest. But, the cure of leprosy lay in the Power of the LORD God. This is a picture of the LORD Jesus Christ Who holds the Judgment, the Cure, for our

sins, and the cleansing from our sins in the Power of His Holy Hands. When the leper was shut out of the camp, he could not come into the camp to seek the High Priest; the High Priest had to seek him outside the camp.

Through clear understanding of a few Principles concerning the plague of leprosy, we may better appreciate God's fourfold Provision for its cleansing as recorded in the fourteenth chapter of Leviticus. The leper had to be cleansed both without the camp and within the camp.



In order for the leper to return from his isolation, back to the society of man and fellowship with God, he had to follow certain procedures commanded by God. First, his leprosy had to be pronounced “healed” by the High Priest. Then, the High Priest had to assist the leper in his cleansing before he could be brought back into the camp. Two live wild birds of similar appearance, size, and value had to be taken. The two wild birds had to be living freely in the wild, away from and outside of houses made by man’s corrupt hands. They could not ever have submitted to any control of mortal man; rather, they had to be found living in total freedom in the midst of God’s Creative Works, according to the Divine Will of God.

This wild, free bird blood represented the wild, free Blood of Christ that lives outside the bondage of corrupt man. Christ’s wild, free Blood is able to purge and purify us from our wild and unrestrained carnal will. The leper was to be cleansed with this wild, free blood so that there could be a new and energetic subjection to God of his wild, untrammelled will, which would prevent him from being punished again by a leprous plague.

The wild, unrestrained carnal will desires things that are not in God’s Holy Will for it to possess. How great to know and to have Jesus Christ cleanse us from our wild, free will by applying His precious wild, free, Holy Blood!

A. Cleansed Outside the Camp by Blood and Water

The first part of the cleansing outside the camp was with blood and water joined to cedar wood, scarlet, and hyssop.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, This shall be the law of the leper in the day of his cleansing: He shall be brought unto the priest: And the priest shall go forth out of the camp; and the priest shall look, and, behold, *if* the plague of leprosy be healed in the leper; **Then shall the priest command to take for him that is to be cleansed two birds alive and clean, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop:** And the priest shall command that one of the birds be killed in an earthen vessel over running water: As for the living bird, he shall take it, and the cedar wood, and the scarlet, and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird that was killed over the running water: And he shall sprinkle upon him that is to be cleansed from the leprosy seven times, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the living bird loose into the open field (Leviticus 14:1-7).

As long as it was among the clean birds listed in the Levitical Law, any wild bird could be used to fulfill the High Priest’s commandment. The birds actually caught were to be of similar appearance, size, and colour because they were to picture both the Crucified Blood and the Resurrected Blood of Jesus Christ. The blood of these birds was to be used for the purpose of cleansing the individual leper.

Although the poor, individual leper was banished outside the camp, he was not beyond the sacrificial blood if he humbled himself and repented of his leprous sin. Through the wild birds, God provided sin offering blood for the leper who was without the camp. This teaches us that confession and repentance always lead us to the Blood, regardless of the place in which we find ourselves, whether inside or outside the camp.

God commanded that cedar wood be bound to the living bird. Cedar wood pictures the firm and unchanging nature of the depths and heights of the Righteousness of Christ. Scarlet wool pictures the wormlike Humility of Jesus Christ.

No one is so steeped in sin and degradation that the scarlet of Jesus’ Humility cannot reach down and help lift him

out of the pit of sin. Hyssop, which pictures the Sufferings of Christ, was also to accompany the living bird blood. It was through the Suffering of Jesus Christ that the crimson fountain of His Powerful Blood was opened. The Sufferings of Calvary's Cross loosed the scarlet streams of His purifying Life's Blood for our cleansing from sin.

The Priest killed one of the birds in an earthen vessel over living, fresh, running spring water so that the blood of the crucified bird would be joined to the water. This is a type of Jesus Christ being made Flesh, an earthen Vessel full of the Water of God's Spirit, being offered to God on the Cross as a Sacrifice for sin through the Eternal Spirit (the running Water, the fresh or Living Water). Thus, when Christ's Blood was spilled, His Blood became joined to the fresh Holy Water of God's Spirit. "But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water" (John 19:34).

The Death of the LORD Jesus Christ is a mystery. Blood and Water miraculously came out, distinct and separate and, yet, joined out of the same wound. Christ's wound in His Holy Side was an opened window through which poured the Living Blood and the Living Water of His burning Love for mankind. If we accept the Blood and the Water to cleanse our eyes, we can look through the window into His Heart and see how to love with His "Selfless" Love. This was demonstrated in Truth on the day of Jesus' Death on Calvary's Cross. The Love which sprang from His Blood was mingled with the Love inherent in the Eternal Spirit of God. Therefore, Christ's Blood is Living and Omnipresent, today, because it is joined to the Spirit of God, a *Living, Omnipresent Spirit!*

How much more shall **the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit** offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? (Hebrews 9:14).

Through the Eternal Spirit of God, Jesus Christ was able to offer the Blood of both His Divine Nature and His Human Nature as a Sacrifice to God in the sinner's place, but He did it through the Eternal Spirit of God. Jesus had the Spirit without measure, and the Spirit helped Him in all His deeds, especially in His greatest deed of obedience in offering Himself on the Cross. "For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him" (John 3:34). All of God's Prophets had the Spirit by measure, but Jesus had the Spirit without measure. In Christ Jesus dwelled all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. God did not measure out His Infinite, Divine, Eternal Spirit to Christ but gave Him the fullness of the Infinite Ocean of the Spirit of Life.

After one bird had been killed, the living bird was fastened together with the cedar wood (righteous strength), the scarlet (humility), and the hyssop (sufferings) and was dipped into the blood and the water of the slain bird. The blood and water which contained the substance of all these ingredients was then sprinkled upon the individual leper seven times to cleanse him from his leprosy. The living bird was dipped in the blood of the slain bird to symbolize that the Blood of Christ, Crucified, and the Blood of Christ, Resurrected, is one and the same Blood.

There is a difference between *healing* and *cleansing*. The leper was first *healed* by God, then *cleansed* by the High Priest.

The leper was sprinkled seven times to signify a complete ministry of the blood at this point in his purification and cleansing from sin, but there were still other phases of cleansing that the leper had to pass through before he was pronounced completely whole and was restored to complete Oneness of Relationship with God and society. The leper was first pronounced *clean* outside the camp, after the High Priest had applied the blood and the water of the slain bird.

After the leper had been sprinkled with the blood and the water, the living bird with its attached cedar wood, hyssop, and scarlet was dipped in the blood and water; then, it was let loose in an open field. The bird was not sent to the city nor to the wilds of the wilderness nor to seas and oceans nor to bare untilled land but to cultivated fields.

The Hebrew word for *field* is *saw-deh*, meaning a cultivated field or pasture. This teaches us that God healed and cleansed the individual leper from his leprosy so that he could forsake his unrestrained living, which he previously had pursued, according to the dictates of his own proud and selfish will. After his healing and cleansing, he was to go, instead, to God's cultivated fields that were full of the Seeds of Truth from His Holy Word; thus, he would become fruitful in the Will of God.

The cleansing of the leper is a picture of a person's giving up all selfish living in the heart so that he can become a cultivated field full of the Seeds of Truth. Thus, his heart and life can become a fruitful field, a living pasture on which God's flocks can feast and feed.

The leper's healing and cleansing liberated him from the past selfishness and greed of his leprous will so that he would no longer be held captive by the wild and unrestrained nature of that leprous will and could be freed, therefore, from the restraining, confining punishment and judgment of leprosy in his body. The liberated leper, cleansed and freed through the power of the blood and the water, was to become a fenced and cultivated, fruitful field for the LORD God and His *Torah*. As the living bird (with the blood and the water from the crucified bird

joined to the cedar wood, scarlet, and hyssop) winged its way into the heavens toward the cultivated field, its new abode, it demonstrated the new heights of cleansing that the blood and the water had given the individual leper, the new heights of Righteousness of the Cedar Wood of Christ, the new heights of Revelation of the Scarlet Humility of Christ, and the new heights of Revelation of the Hyssop-Suffering of Christ that had been given him so that he could seek to become a fenced and cultivated, fruitful field in his heart — unto the LORD God — full of the Living Seeds of Truth from His *Torah*.

As we forsake our leprous sins of selfishness and the greedy pursuit of earthly, temporal things and set our affections on things above, we will find Christ's Sacrificial Love Blood, the Righteousness of His Cedar Wood, the Humility of His Scarlet, and the Hyssop of His Sufferings hovering over our uncultivated fields of selfishness, ready to turn them into fields of selflessness for His Holy Name's Sake and for the Gospel's Sake. The individual leper received only a small portion of the blood and the water, personally, that day, for his cleansing. The other part of the blood and the water was sent without the camp on the wings of the living bird for the cleansed leper's future fruitfulness in his cultivated fields.

Cultivated fields in the natural realm become more fruitful than ever after they have received the anointed drops of blood and water from the wings of the liberated wild bird, a shadow and type of the fruitfulness that now comes from the touch of the Anointed Blood and Water of Jesus Christ. God heals and cleanses us for the purpose of making us fruitful, not for the purpose of our returning to the same selfish sin of our wild and unrestrained carnal will.

Beloved, as we mount up on the Wings of Christ's Bird Blood of Selflessness and Love, we will find new Resurrected Seeds of Truth to fill the fields of our heart. By His precious Blood and by the Waters of His precious Spirit, we will find new heights of cleansing from our selfishness.

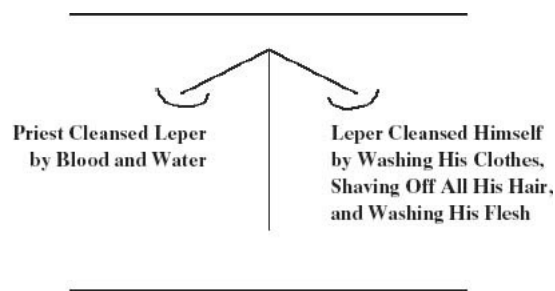
B. Cleansed Outside the Camp by Shaving and Washing With Water

The second phase of cleansing outside the camp was the shaving off of all the hair of the individual leper and the washing of all his flesh with clean water.

And he that is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, and shave off all his hair, and wash himself in water, that he may be clean: and after that he shall come into the camp, and shall tarry abroad out of his tent seven days (Leviticus 14:8).

After the leper had been healed and cleansed by the union of the blood and the water, and the new conditions for a new, fruitful life had been established in his heart and mind, he had to continue breaking off the effects of his past corruptions by shaving off all his hair and by washing his flesh in clean water.

This second stage of the cleansing of the leper also took place *outside* the camp, with the leper himself performing the required rites. Although God furnished the instruments for cleansing, the leper had to wash his clothes and shave and wash himself.



God had His part in the cleansing of the leper, but the leper also had a part in his own cleansing.

The first thing that God commanded the healed and partly cleansed leper to do was to wash his clothes, shave off all his hair, and wash his body in clean water. All these things (the clothes, the hair, and the flesh) had been contaminated by the corruption of the leprosy; therefore, they also had to be cleansed. The Priest already had pronounced him clean from the punishing "cause" or plague, but the healed and cleansed leper also had to make himself clean and free from the corrupting effects of the punishing plague with all its defilements. Accomplishing the necessary cleansing from the defiling effects of the leprosy required time and effort on the part of the healed and cleansed leper.

Although we have the comfort and ease of the remission of our sins (the cause of our corruption) through Christ's sprinkling us with His Blood and through His Eternal Spirit upon our conscience, we must, however, exercise the utmost care and caution in cleansing ourselves from all the filthy effects of the carnal flesh and spirit by departing from or shaving off all defiling effects of the past. We must thoroughly purge ourselves from all defiling effects of our old sins. Everyone who has truly been healed and cleansed by the Blood and the Water of Jesus Christ will exercise care and concern about completely purifying himself.

First, the leprous individual was commanded to wash his clothes, which speak of evil habits. The clothes carried the evil corruption of the leprosy. Evil habits are like the foul, filthy clothes of the leper. Any evil act that is repeated frequently soon forms an evil habit, and any evil habit that is allowed to exist steadily will gain strength. Evil habits grow in unseen degrees, gradually becoming the worst of tyrannical masters. Evil habits are infectious examples. Once the individual leper had been healed by God and cleansed by the High Priest, he had to exercise great care to wash his clothes and to separate himself from the infectious habits that had led to his judgment and punishment.

If we are not willing to wash away our proud habits that led us to self-exaltation in the first place, we cannot hope to remain cleansed and continue in further cleansing.

The Hebrew word for *washing the clothes* means to wash by stamping the feet in the "fulling" process. In other words, God commanded a thorough washing of the clothes, not just an ordinary washing, as for slightly soiled clothes. The individual leper had to stamp his clothes with his feet in order to tread out all the defiling effects left by the leprous plague.

Next, the leper was commanded to shave off *all* his hair. Again, this was a work that he was obligated to perform himself; it was not a work that had to be performed by the Priest. The leper had to remove all the hair from his body that had been defiled by the uncleanness of his leprosy.

Hair on the body is a protection for the skin. The hair helps the skin to breathe, which is an aid in purifying the body. The hair is a symbol of the humility-surrender covering for our spirit and soul. When we are covered with the Humility Surrender Covering of Christ Jesus, we enjoy His Protective Covering and His Humility Breath that purifies our carnal breath of pride. God will not receive any form of humility surrender or protective covering that has been contaminated by the leprosy of sin.

To shave was a symbol of laying waste all the hair and declaring that which had been cut off to be unprofitable. In Isaiah, chapter seven, verse twenty, God compared the power of the Assyrian to a razor that shaved off all protective elements of the national body of Israel, depriving Israel of any form of protection. Assyria was a sharp razor in the Hands of God. If we do not use the Razor of God's Word and Spirit to shave off our proud coverings of corruption and defilement, God will take up His Razor of Separation and cause us to be shaved in a greater way. If we desire to be brought into a Oneness of Spiritual Relationship with the LORD God, we must be willing to lay waste everything in our life that has been polluted by leprous sin and, thus, been made displeasing to God.

After the leper had washed his clothes and had shaved off all his hair (a picture of separation from outward defilement), he was ready to wash himself with clean water.

The water for the ceremonial washings was a picture of the Name, Death, and Life of the LORD Jesus Christ. The Supernatural Water in the wilderness came from the Rock, which was Christ (I Corinthians 10:4). When Jesus Christ arose from the dead and was eternally joined to the Godhead, He provided fresh Living Waters of His Name, Death, and Life so that we might wash ourselves from all outward defilement of sin through the Eternal Spirit and Word of God.

After completing the second stage of cleansing *outside the camp*, the leper again was pronounced clean as a result of his work of washing his clothes, shaving off all his hair, and washing his flesh in clean water, and, yet, his cleansing was not finished entirely because he still had to be *cleansed inside the camp*. However, he was clean as far as he had gone in the cleansing process outside the camp.

The leper was brought into the camp, after his cleansing outside the camp, but he was commanded to remain outside his tent for seven days. He had to remain outside his tent for seven days so that his thoughts could be awakened and illuminated concerning how he had abused and mistreated God's Tent or House. He had to remember, for seven days, that the reason he had been expelled was his unlawful behaviour toward God, His House, and His *Torah*. Therefore, the *Torah* barred him from his own house and the enjoyment of it until he was fully cured of his sin toward God, His House, and His *Torah*.

C. Cleansed Inside the Camp by Shaving and Washing With Water

The third step in the whole process of the leper's cleansing consisted of his shaving off his hair, washing his

clothes, and washing his body. This was his first cleansing *inside the camp*.

After the High Priest had applied the blood and water to the leper *outside* the camp, the leper had to follow this order: (1) wash his clothes, (2) shave off all his hair, and (3) bathe himself. Then, the leper was allowed to come *inside* the camp. However, he could not go to his tent, his former place of dwelling, or to the House of the LORD. The sequence of steps for cleansing inside the camp was not the same as for the cleansing outside the camp. Inside the camp, he had to follow this order: (1) shave off all his hair, (2) wash his clothes, and (3) bathe himself. *Inside* the camp, the leper had to shave off all his hair first; then, a second washing of his clothes and his body was necessary.

The shaving and washing took place inside the camp after the cleansed leper had been there for *seven days*. The week-long waiting period was necessary in order to allow the hair to grow out that had been *hidden in the flesh* but which also had been defiled with the leprosy. This hidden, corrupt hair had to be shaved, first, since it was the source of corruption and defilement for the newly washed clothes and body that had been cleansed while he was outside the camp.

When the spiritual hair of our hidden humility surrender and protection has been defiled, God commands that it also be shaved off as soon as it manifests itself. The defiled, hidden hair had to be shaved off and laid waste in the same manner as the outward hair when the leprous plague was in full evidence. The shaving of this new growth of hair was a symbol of inward cleansing from defiled humility surrender and protection. Hidden, leprous pride that has mixed itself with our spiritual humility and surrender defiles and corrupts our humility and surrender before the LORD, rendering it worthless and useless. It also corrupts our other new cleansing and washing of our clothes (habits) and our body.

Because all Scripture is profitable, this lesson gives us a marvelous picture of Truth on how God requires us to deal with outward and inward sin, even to the most miniscule detail. Sin must be thoroughly put away both *outwardly* and *inwardly* if we are to enter into a new, fresh Oneness of Relationship with God in His Sanctuary and with His people.

But it shall be on the seventh day, that he shall shave all his hair off his head and his beard and his eyebrows, even all his hair he shall shave off: and he shall wash his clothes, also he shall wash his flesh in water, and he shall be clean (Leviticus 14:9).

Notice, God gave a more detailed account of the shaving that was to take place *inside* the camp, picturing to us the Truth that the closer we draw nigh to God's Presence, the more we must become aware of sinful details that incur God's Displeasure and Disfavour. God gave detailed instructions for the shaving of the hair that had grown out in the seven days that had passed after the leper had returned to the *inside* of the camp. This contaminated hair that was hidden in the pores of the flesh and skin did not manifest itself while the leper was *outside* the camp. God gave it time to grow out from beneath the skin after the leper had returned *inside* the camp. God listed these particular areas which were to be shaved: hair of the head, hair of the beard, hair of the eyebrows, and all hair of the body.

The hair of the head speaks of the humility surrender and protective adornment of the head or the mind. When our mind has been defiled by sin's leprous plague, our mind becomes adorned with Lucifer's sinful thoughts of corrupt wisdom and knowledge. God wanted the leper's mind cleansed from all sinful thoughts of his past proud resistance against God, His House, and His *Torah*.

The beard speaks of the adornment and maturity of the mouth. When we are defiled by sin's leprous plague, our mouth pours forth its corrupt words, defiling and wounding many. Therefore, we must be cleansed from the adornment of proud words, arrogant boastings, and haughty threatenings if we are to be restored into full Oneness of fellowship with God and with His Holy people. Aaron's beard, with the Anointing Oil, pictures the humble, surrendered, protective, anointed mouth that labours to produce unity and harmony among God's people. The dwelling together in unity and harmony is the happiness and vitality of any home, church, or nation.

The hair of the eyebrows speaks of the adornment of the eyes. When sin enters into the eyes, the eyebrows are corrupted and used as vile adornments for the high, haughty, and scornful messages sent forth by the eyes. For example, when we pridefully scorn someone, we arrogantly lift our corrupt eyebrows to confirm the scornful message of our eyes. When the eyes are full of sinful lust, the eyebrows are twisted into an alluring adornment to help emphasize the message of lust that comes from the eyes. When the vision and discernment of the eyes and the eyebrows are defiled inwardly and outwardly, one cannot see clearly — either inwardly or outwardly. No wonder God required the leprous eyebrows to be *shaved off* inside the camp! Our adorning eyebrows and our eyes must be purified from all corruption and defilement if we are to be restored into complete unity and harmony with a Holy God and with his Holy people.

Likewise, *all* the other hidden hair of the body that manifested itself during the seven days of waiting was to be shaved off. Nothing could be left that had any form of inward or outward defilement, lest the plague of leprosy

break out again afresh and anew. After the shaving had been done to remove all the hidden defilement, the leper was to wash his body again with pure water *inside* the camp, as he had done *outside* the camp.

If we have to work to make restitution and to clean up the *effects* of our leprous sin, we will be more careful and cautious about getting involved with the leprous *cause* again, and we certainly will feel and express more gratitude and appreciation to the LORD Jesus Christ for the great price He paid to cure and cleanse the leprous *cause*.

We *must not stop* continuing in God's Pattern and Provision for cleansing, lest the leprous plague break out again after we have been cleansed in certain realms. May Jesus Christ give us an awareness and a vision of the suffering, sacrifice, effort, and diligence that is necessary, both on His part and on our part, to remove the defilement of past sins in ourself and our life.

Having thus fulfilled God's Commands up to this point, the individual leper was pronounced clean for the third time — twice was outside the camp; and, now, once was inside the camp — by the Priest. At this stage, the leper was now ready to proceed to his *fourth* and *final* cleansing, which was by blood and oil inside the camp at God's Sanctuary.

D. Blood and Oil for Atonement and Cleansing Inside the Camp

For any healed-and-cleansed leper's complete atonement and final cleansing from the defilement of his leprous plague, he came on the eighth day, after shaving off all the hair of his head, eyebrows, beard, and body, and washing his clothing and his body, to offer more blood — this time with meal and oil.

And on the eighth day he shall take two he lambs without blemish, and **one ewe lamb** of the first year without blemish, and **three tenth deals of fine flour** for a meat offering, mingled with **oil, and one log of oil**. And the priest that maketh *him* clean shall present the man that is to be made clean, and those things, before the LORD, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: And the priest shall take one he lamb, and offer him for a trespass offering, and the log of oil, and wave them *for* a wave offering before the LORD: And he shall slay the lamb in the place where he shall kill the sin offering and the burnt offering, in the holy place: for as the sin offering *is* the priest's, *so is* the trespass offering: *it is* most holy: And the priest shall take *some* of the blood of the trespass offering, and the priest shall put *it* upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot: And the priest shall take *some* of the log of oil, and pour *it* into the palm of his own left hand: And the priest shall dip his right finger in the oil that *is* in his left hand, and shall sprinkle of the oil with his finger seven times before the LORD: And of the rest of the oil that *is* in his hand shall the priest put upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot, upon the blood of the trespass offering: And the remnant of the oil that *is* in the priest's hand he shall pour upon the head of him that is to be cleansed: and the priest shall make an atonement for him before the LORD. And the priest shall offer the sin offering, and make an atonement for him that is to be cleansed from his uncleanness; and afterward he shall kill the burnt offering: (Leviticus 14:10-19).

On the eighth day, the healed and cleansed leper was commanded to bring *two he lambs, one ewe lamb, three tenth deals of fine flour mingled with oil, and one log of oil* to complete his cleansing.

The Priest resumed his work after the leper had been faithful to do his work by washing his clothes, shaving off all his hair, and washing his body *outside* the camp, and by shaving off all his hair, washing his clothes, and washing himself *inside* the camp.

The Four Phases of the Individual Leper's Cleansing			
Outside the Camp		Inside the Camp	
HIGH PRIEST	LEPER	LEPER	HIGH PRIEST
CLEANSES:	CLEANSES:	CLEANSES:	CLEANSES:
With Blood	Washes Clothes	Shaves Off	With Blood
With Water	Shaves Off All Hair	All Hair	With Oil
With Cedar Wood	Washes Body	Washes Clothes	With Meal
With Scarlet	in Pure Water	Washes Body	
With Hyssop			

The High Priest laid the foundation for cleansing without the camp. Then, the leper worked outside the camp and inside the camp to continue his cleansing. Afterwards, the High Priest finished and crowned the leper's cleansing process inside the camp and, then, presented him to God and to the people, as a Holy, clean vessel ready for clean, Holy fellowship.

Remember, before the leper washed his body in either place, he first shaved off all his hair. This not only signified a putting off of the defilement of the leprosy but also was a further public humiliation to the leper because it

reminded all the people of his sin. Through the process of this lengthy cleansing period of the leper, he also became a living witness, warning all the people inside the camp of the living reality of God's Judgment and severe Punishment upon sin, and the living reality of God's Grace and Mercy upon the sinner. Finally, because of the leper's double obedience (outside the camp and inside the camp), the Priest could apply both the *male* and the *female* lamb blood with the oil and offer the meal offering.

The Priest presented the leprous individual and the things for his cleansing before the LORD at the door of the Tabernacle of the Congregation. Before the leper's purification could be completed, he had to present himself in the House of the LORD.

Both we and our offerings must be presented before the LORD God, by our High Priest, Jesus Christ, Who has made us clean and Who will continue to complete our cleansing. Otherwise, neither we nor our offering can be accepted by the Heavenly Father. God healed and cleansed the leper for the sole purpose of bringing him back to His Sanctuary, to His House, so that He could continue to cultivate the field of his heart and fill it with Seeds of Truth from His Holy *Torah*.

In the course of our life as a Christian, there may be many times when we legitimately are hindered from going to God's House. Perhaps sickness, distance, or some other reason causes us to be absent for a time. Thus, our absence from church may not be caused by sin. However, by returning to church as quickly as our circumstances will permit us, our actions testify of our respect for God and our love for His Sanctuary. After Jesus had healed the impotent man (John 5:14), He soon found him in the Temple.

This teaches us that God's Motive and Purpose in healing us is to bring us to His House so that we can worship His Holy Name, publicly, in praise and gratitude for the blessings received in the form of our recovery and to show us that we will meet Christ again in the LORD's House so that we can improve our relationship with Him.

For an offering, the leper had to bring three lambs (two were to be males and one was to be a female), a meat or meal offering mixed with oil, and a log of oil. God commanded the leper to use one of the male lambs for a trespass offering. A trespass offering signified that the leper had transgressed and committed an offense against the Law, the *Torah*, and had gone beyond the boundary line of the moral limits of the *Torah*. Man's greatest trespass is imagining he can forge his own happy fate independently of God's moral "happy fence" (the reasonable restraints that God created for us collectively and individually). The Truth, in reality, is that one's joyful fate and happy destiny are formed by God's Guidance and through God's Shepherding us, inside the "happy fence" of His Will, on the green pastures of His *Torah-Truth*.

The trespass offering was the first of the three offerings to be offered. The leper had been cut off completely from fellowship with the Holy LORD God and His Holy people, so his first act was to bring the Priest a trespass offering so that, as an Israelite, he could renew his covenant with God.

The leper, through his trespass offering, acknowledged that he had committed an offense and had done wrong. The leper, by his free will, had trespassed God's Law. Therefore, by his free will, he had to confess his trespass and bring a trespass offering for his offense. The leper voluntarily had to confess that he willingly had transgressed the Divine Commands of the *Torah* and had violated the known rule of duty to God and his neighbour. The trespasses for which the trespass offering made an atonement were sins of dishonesty, falsehood, carrying hurtful consequences to others, and for wrongs inflicted on others.

The Priest had to offer one of the remaining lambs for a sin offering and the other one for a burnt offering. But, for the final cleansing of the leper, the blood that was especially emphasized was the blood from the male lamb, which was to be offered for the trespass offering.

The word *trespass* means guilt, a fault or guiltiness. God's requirement for a trespass offering, to cleanse the leper completely, proved that his leprosy was a result of some trespass that he had committed against God's Holy *Torah* in some particular way. By bringing a trespass offering, the leper acknowledged his guilt before God.

The blood of the male lamb signified, as we already have learned, the paradoxical union of both the authoritative Power of the Blood of Christ and the subjective Power of His Blood. The *authoritative* blood of the lamb had to cleanse and conquer the weakness of the carnal flesh of the leper that caused him to commit a trespass against God's *Torah* by drawing back, through his weakness, from obeying the *Torah*. The *subjective* blood of the lamb had to cleanse and conquer the strength of the carnal flesh of the leper that caused him to commit a trespass against the *Torah* by rushing ahead, through his own strength, to intrude into places and things when he had not been sent by God.

The blood of the trespass offering was first placed on the right ear of the leper for the cleansing of his hearing. The applying of the blood on the leper's ear revealed that his hearing needed to be cleansed and brought under the Authoritative Power and the Subjective Power of the Lamb. The leper's ear had to be cleansed from his own proud,

authoritative thoughts that caused him to trespass against God's Holy *Torah*. The leper's ear also had to be cleansed from his own proud, subjective thoughts that caused him to trespass against God's Holy *Torah*. The authoritative blood of the lamb and the subjective blood of the lamb caused the leper's ears to be newly attentive to the Holy Commands of God's Holy *Torah*.

How many trespasses are committed and how many plagues are suffered as a result of our human ears not having the powerful Blood of Authority and Subjection of Jesus Christ applied upon them, which would subdue and cleanse our heart and mind from all unclean thoughts! The Power of the Authoritative Blood and the Power of the Subjection Blood of Christ, the Lamb of God, will cause the ears of the heart to hear and to obey God's Holy Word.

Our ears must be cleansed from the authority and power of all other voices that are contrary to the *Torah*, if we expect to listen and hear God's Word, which will prevent us from trespassing against the Voice of the LORD. We need the Humility, Submissive Blood of Christ to cleanse our ears from the disobedient, depressed voices of pride so that we might become filled with Christ's Subjection, Humility, and Obedience to the Voice of the LORD. Otherwise, we will continue trespassing against the LORD, and He will have to smite us with new judgment and fresh punishment, bringing some leprous plague upon us.

The same male blood of the lamb was to be placed on the leper's right thumb, which signified the cleansing of his hands so that he could do the Will of God in serving the LORD and worshipping Him with uplifted, clean hands. The leper's hands had to be cleansed from his old proud, independent authority that had caused him to transgress against the Commandments of the LORD, his God. The authoritative blood of the male lamb also would fill the hands of the leper with the Authority and Humility Nature of the Lamb, the Christ, so that the leper could serve God and worship Him in a way that would please and satisfy Him.

Had Miriam, Gehazi, and Uzziah had this precious blood upon their ears and hands, they never would have suffered God's Judgment and punishing plague.

Miriam never would have entered God's House with her pride of authority to judge God's servant, Moses, if she would have had the blood of the male lamb on her ear and her hand.

Gehazi never would have abused and misused God's servant, Elisha, if the male lamb's blood would have been abiding on his ear and his hand.

If Uzziah's ear and hand would have been cleansed with the blood of the male lamb, he never would have encroached upon the privileges reserved for the Priesthood. By so doing, he prevented true worship of God because he tried to offer forbidden incense on God's Golden Altar, thus interfering with the service and Ministry at the Golden Altar.

These three people would have been using their authority to defend God's *Torah*, God's Will, and God's servants instead of destroying and disobeying, if they would have been cleansed with the male blood of the lamb.

Next, the Priest applied the male blood of the lamb upon the great toe of the leper's right foot, which signified the cleansing of the unholy walk that had led him into trespasses and sins against the LORD. The blood of the male lamb, the blood of authority and subjection, had power to cleanse the leper's walk from the trespasses which were the cause of his guilt and which were the reasons God's Wrathful Judgment and Punishing Plague of leprosy were brought upon him. The blood of the male lamb cleansed the sin and guilt of the leper, sanctifying his feet so that he could have a new, Holy walk in fellowship with a Holy God and His Holy people.

The Priest, then, took the oil in his left hand, and using his right finger, he dipped into the oil and sprinkled it seven times before the LORD as a demonstration that the leper was admitted back into fellowship with the full, glorious, anointed Presence and Power of God in his life.

The Graciousness and Goodness of God's Holy Nature, regardless of the trespass, always finds a way to heal, to cleanse, and to restore an *individual* to complete fellowship with His glorious, anointed Presence and Power when the individual is willing to confess and repent of his trespasses. The sevenfold sprinkling of the oil was a sign that the leper was again qualified to enter the courts of the LORD's House with joyful praise and happy thanksgiving.

Even though the label of "leper" might stick with him as long as he lived (Simon the Leper, Matthew 26:6, is an example), any recovered leper was admitted and restored to anointed, Holy communion with God, as freely as ever, and was liberated into blessed fellowship with God's Holy people.

The Priest, then, took some of the oil from his left hand and placed the oil on the right ear, the right thumb, and the right toe of the leper. Thus, the oil was joined with the blood that the Priest already had placed upon the blood on the right ear, right thumb, and right toe of the leper. God not only cleansed the parts of the leper that had been responsible for his fall into trespass and sin, but He also anointed these parts for new learning of the *Torah*, for new ministry to the LORD God, and for a new Holy walk before the LORD and man.

In the example of leprosy, we see God's Judgment and Chastisement for trespass and sin; then, we see His Provision of healing and cleansing; and, finally, we see His Provision of a new anointing to rest upon the cleansed leper.

This is God's great Grace and manifold Mercy to man; it is His Love that ministers Judgment, Cleansing, and Anointing. The remainder of the oil that was in the Priest's left hand was *poured upon the head of the leper*. Only the Priests had their heads specially anointed with oil (Leviticus 8:12; I Samuel 10:1). Thus, the LORD bestowed the priestly and kingly anointing upon the newly cleansed leper. Because the leper had humbled himself, confessed his trespass and sin, repented of his trespass and sin, and was faithful throughout the four great steps of cleansing to join his good works of cleansing to the foundational works of the blood and water of the High Priest, the Priest then crowned him with complete atonement and a new priestly and kingly anointing. With a new priestly anointing, the leper could pray and praise God as never before. With a new kingly anointing, he could *rule* over the world, the flesh, and the Devil that had previously taken him down into trespasses and sins that defeated him.

Outside the camp, the leper accepted the Priest's application of the blood and the water joined to the cedar wood, scarlet, and hyssop. Outside the camp, the leper was faithful to wash his clothes, shave off all his hair, and to wash himself. Inside the camp, the leper was faithful to tarry outside his tent for seven days and to shave off all the hair on his head, his eyebrows, his beard, and all his body, and to wash his clothes and his body again. Then, the leper was faithful to bring, by faith, all the necessary things for his final, complete atonement, cleansing, and anointing by the Priest. He brought the blood sacrifice for trespass offerings and burnt offerings, meal for a meat offering, and oil for the anointing. Then, the leper waited patiently *outside* in the Courtyard of God's House, facing the Holy of Holies, until the Priest sacrificed the trespass offering and burnt offering and made the application of the blood and oil upon the leper. When the leper was thoroughly cleansed and anointed, he was restored to Holy, anointed fellowship with a Holy God and His Holy people.

Because the leper had learned and experienced the Redemptive Will of God through the blood and water and through the blood and the oil, he was anointed for new priestly praise and worship as never before, and he was anointed with new kingly power to rule and reign over the trespasses and sins that had brought on God's punishing plague of leprosy.

After the ministry of cleansing and anointing had been completed, the Priest was to make an atonement for the leper before the LORD; or in other words, he was to bring the leper into *Oneness* of Relationship with God and with His Bride again. What a glorious day when the individual leper had been saved from his threatened loneliness and exclusion from the LORD God, the Heavenly Bridegroom, and Israel, His Bride. What joyful gratitude the leper experienced when he returned from his "ego trip" of sin and trespasses.

Along with the trespass offering, the Priest also offered the female lamb for a general sin offering for the purpose of making an atonement (Leviticus 14:19). The female sin offering blood washed away the selfish feelings of the leper so that he could reenter the Bride of the LORD God as a submissive, obedient wife.

The Priest offered the other male lamb as a whole burnt offering so that the leper could be consecrated afresh and anew in a new bond of unity to carry out God's Divine Will in moral obedience to the High Calling of the *Torah*. The leper's new consecration was necessary because of his selfish misuse of his God-given powers. All health and happiness has its origin in man's unselfish, obedient, and wise use of his God-given powers to do the Will of God.

In case the leper was too poor to bring *three lambs* to open the gate of fellowship to the Bridegroom and the Bride, he could substitute two turtledoves or two young pigeons in place of the sin offering and the whole burnt offering, but the trespass offering had to be the male lamb's blood.

The complete atonement of the leper was accomplished through the blood of the trespass offering, the blood of the sin offering, and the blood of the whole burnt offering. In this study we are dealing only with God's Provision for Sin; therefore, we are merely mentioning that the whole burnt offering was a part of the complete atonement for the leper. In a later volume, we will deal with the blood of the whole burnt offering in detail.

The atonement by the Priest accomplished the following things for the leper:

- His moral guilt was removed.
- His sin was pardoned for which the plague of leprosy had been sent.
- All sins that he might have been guilty of in his afflicted state (such as complaining and rebellion) were cleansed.
- The pollution which had kept him from the Holy Things of God were removed.
- His rights and privileges as a child of God were fully restored to him.

When the atonement was finished, the leper was clean to the satisfaction of God, himself, and the community of Israel. Then, the leper was allowed to retrieve his comfort and his credit among his neighbours, to which all *true penitents* are entitled. If a truly repentant person has obtained comfort and credit with God, it is an *atrocious crime* for God's spiritual community to deny comfort and credit to such a person.

Thus, we have seen the wonderful Provision of blood that God has made for the sins and trespasses which culminated in the disease of leprosy. If the blood, under the shadow and type, was so powerful to heal, cleanse, and restore the leper, how much more powerful is the precious Blood of our LORD Jesus Christ to heal us, cleanse us, and restore us to a complete union with the LORD God, the Bridegroom, and the Bride or His *Torah*.

God also made Provision for a leprous house to be cleansed with the blood of two wild birds. God gave the Law of Cleansing for a leprous house after Israel had possessed the land and dwelled in houses.

Leprosy manifested itself in houses by depressions of greenish or reddish colour on the walls. When this was seen, the owner of the house reported it to the High Priest who ordered all the contents to be removed from the house so that they would not become unclean and so that he could go in and view the condition of the house. When the High Priest beheld the prevailing symptoms of greenish or reddish hollow streaks, he ordered the house to be shut up for seven days. On the seventh day, the High Priest inspected the house again, and if the plague of leprosy had continued to spread, he commanded that the affected stones be removed, taken outside the city, and replaced with new stones, and the walls were to be plastered with fresh, clean mortar. If the plague of leprosy broke out again in the house and continued to manifest itself, the High Priest pronounced it a fretting leprosy and the house was considered *unclean*. Therefore, the house was pulled down and destroyed. If the leprosy had not spread, the High Priest pronounced the house *clean* and sprinkled it with water seven times, purified it, and made atonement for it in the same way that he atoned for human leprosy.

There was a leprosy that appeared in fabrics, woolen and linen, and in leather. When a plague of leprosy manifested itself in greenish and reddish spots in fabrics, the owner reported the condition to the High Priest, who shut up the fabric in question for seven days. If the plague of leprosy had spread, the fabric was burned. If the plague had not spread, the fabric was washed and shut up seven more days. If the plague of leprosy broke out again and had spread, the fabric was burned on the eighth day. If the leprous spots had yielded to the washing and had left only a stain, the stained spot was cut out and the remainder of the fabric was pronounced clean. The fabric was then washed the second time and declared completely clean by the High Priest.

In this chapter, we have seen God's Provision of Sin Offering Blood for the individual who had come under God's Judgment and Punishment of the dreaded plague of leprosy. In the Old Testament Dispensation, leprosy was recognized by its colour. White leprosy was a picture of the moral defilement of the self-righteousness of the Pride of Revelation. Red leprosy was a picture of the anger of the Pride of Redemption. Yellow leprosy was a picture of the lying, deceitful spirit of the Pride of Satisfaction of the flesh. Green leprosy was a picture of the moral defilement of jealousy and envy.

Regardless of the colour of the leprosy, all lepers had to be cleansed according to God's Provision of sin offering blood. The leper began his initial cleansing with blood and water which was applied by the High Priest outside the camp. The leper also had to cleanse himself outside the camp by washing his clothes, shaving off all his hair, and washing himself in water.

At this point in his cleansing, the leper was allowed to return *inside* the camp, but he was forbidden to enter into his house or into the Sanctuary of the LORD; he had to abide abroad out of his tent for seven days.

The leper's third cleansing took place on the seventh day after he had returned *inside* the camp; he was required to again shave off all the hair of his head, his eyebrows, his beard, and all the hair of his body, wash his clothes, and wash his body with water in order to be cleansed of inner defilement that had manifested itself after the first and second phases of his cleansing.

The fourth and last phase of the leper's cleansing, through blood and oil, brought about his complete cleansing and atonement. On the eighth day, the leper brought his offerings of three lambs: two male lambs, and one female lamb. One of the male lamb's blood was used for a trespass offering and was joined to the oil which the Priest offered and applied for his atonement. Thus, the leper was restored to new, glorious, anointed fellowship with the LORD God, the Heavenly Bridegroom, and with Israel, God's Holy Bride.

Chapter Three

God's Provision Of Bird Blood For A Sin Offering For A New Mother To Cleanse Her From The Defilement Of Childbirth And To Prepare Her For Motherhood

God's third Provision of blood for a sin offering for the individual was bird blood, which He commanded each mother in Israel to offer after she had given birth to a child. God's Provision of Blood for a Sin Offering cleansed the new mother from the defilement of childbirth and prepared her for motherhood.

And when the days of her purifying are fulfilled, for a son, or for a daughter, **she shall bring a lamb of the first year for a burnt offering, and a young pigeon, or a turtledove, for a sin offering**, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, unto the priest: Who shall offer it before the LORD, and make an atonement for her; and she shall be cleansed from the issue of her blood. This *is* the law for her that hath born a male or a female. And if she be not able to bring a lamb, then she shall bring two turtles [turtledoves], or two young pigeons; the one for the burnt offering, and the other for a sin offering: and the priest shall make an atonement for her, and she shall be clean (Leviticus 12:6-8).

In order to understand the reason that God demanded the blood of a sin offering for the mother who had given birth to a child, it is necessary to elaborate on the origin of the spirit and soul of a child. Human parents do not beget the spirit and soul of their child. They have power to beget only the body, while God gives the spirit and soul to dwell in the body. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost created the spirits and souls of men, in seed form, in the beginning. Wisdom, the Son of God, expressed His Joy and Delight over the creation of the sons of men, which is related in the eighth chapter of Proverbs.

Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and **my delights were with the sons of men** (Proverbs 8:31).

Many Scriptures reveal the preexistence of the spirit and soul before they enter their home in the human body.

Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, *and* I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations (Jeremiah 1:5).

God revealed to Jeremiah the Prophet that He knew him (spirit and soul) before his body was begotten in the womb of his mother. This verse proves that Jeremiah existed as a person in spirit and soul form before his body was conceived through the union of the seeds of his father and mother.

Now consider how great this man *was*, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils. And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham: But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises. And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better. And here men that die receive tithes; but there he *receiveth them*, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth. And as I may so say, **Levi also, who receiveth tithes, paid tithes in Abraham** (Hebrews 7:4-9).

Again, the LORD revealed, in the Book of Hebrews, the preexistence of man's spirit and soul. That Levi existed in spirit and soul form in the loins of Abraham and that he consented to Abraham's paying tithes before his body was conceived through the union of the seeds of his father and mother is brought out in these verses. The fact that Levi paid tithes in the loins of Abraham proves that Levi was a knowledgeable person as a spirit and soul.

When God created Adam, He breathed into him the breath of life or *lives*, actually, since the Hebrew word for *life* is plural. God breathed into Adam his *personal* spirit and soul of life, plus *all* the living spirits and souls of this *present* world.

When Adam disobeyed God and sinned by eating the forbidden fruit, he caused iniquity to pass upon all the living spirits and souls, existing in his loins in seed form, who were to be brought forth into this present world.

Wherefore, as **by one man** sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so **death passed upon all men**, for that all have sinned: (Romans 5:12).

Adam, by his sinful offense, caused all the spirits and souls of human beings who were in his loins to become crooked, perverted, and separated from the Personal Presence of God in the Garden of Eden. Thus, the spirits and souls of men suffered the experience of rejection in the Garden of Eden, while they were still in their seed stage in the loins of Adam the First.

David, the Psalmist, also confirmed that the spirit and soul were shapen in iniquity before the body was conceived in sin by the parents.

Behold, **I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me** (Psalm 51:5).

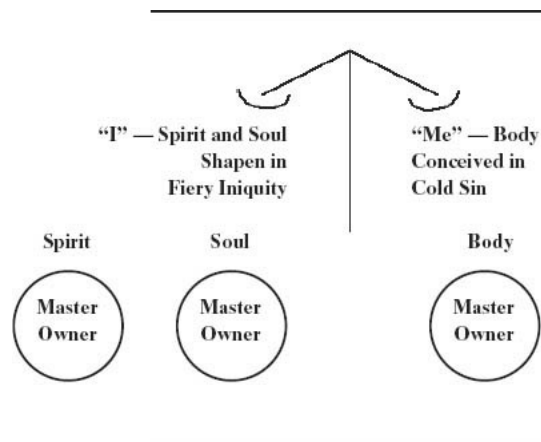
The Hebrew word for *iniquity* is *aw-vone*, meaning perversity, moral evil, fault, guilt, mischief, punishment, wrong, crime of the judges, crimes of the swords, and misery.

Adam the First, through his fiery, passionate desire to eat of the forbidden fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, caused iniquity to pass upon all the spirits and souls in his loins. They were turned aside from the right, distorted, turned to evil, and perverted. Men's spirits and souls were crooked into a suitable form and dwelling place for fallen Lucifer's will. They became stubborn and intractable in their wrong.

The haughty and perverse nature of these iniquitous spirits and souls can be satisfied with nothing but having absolute dominion through the exertion of their own mastership and ownership. Therefore, the iniquitous nature of the spirit and soul always is petulant, peevish, cross, and vexed when its dominating mastership and ownership is contraried.

When man's spirit and soul were shapen in iniquity, he was turned away from the Truth of his true Owner and Master, the LORD, and His Sovereign Dominion over all His creation. Man's spirit and soul were diverted from God's proper Purpose and Intent when iniquity invaded them. God intended that, together, man's spirit and soul be a submissive house for His Ownership and Mastership and an obedient servant to His Divine Will.

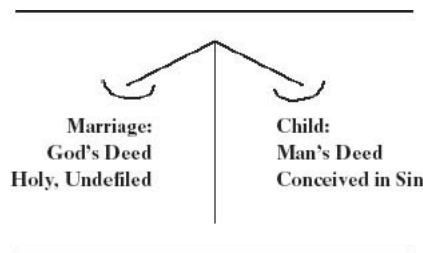
(See Scales on following page.)



The “I” is the ego or the intelligence (the personal individuality) of the spirit and the *super ego* of the soul. The *super ego* of the soul has the burning sense of conscience. Then, because of iniquity and sin, it is aware of rejection by its Heavenly Parent, God the Father. The “I” or *super ego* of the conscience of the celestial *neshamah* soul makes man feel the heat of his guilt and of God’s Punishment for his iniquity and his sin.

The “Me” side of the Scales has to do with the body. The intelligence of the *nephesh* soul in the body coldly maintains the body with its instinctual needs and drives, without the fiery emotional feelings of the spirit and the *neshamah* soul. The body of man is begotten in cold sin, while the spirit and soul were shapen in fiery iniquity. However, this does not mean that marriage is unholy and defiled.

Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge (Hebrews 13:4).



Marriage is honourable in all because it is God’s Holy Ordinance and God’s Holy Deed. The LORD God performed the first wedding ceremony, uniting Adam-male and female, the first parents of present mankind. Marriage prevents impurity and defilement of the bed. Marriage preserves the bed in a Holy and clean state.

The state of iniquity and sin in the child is the result of man’s choice to disobey his Creator. God, in His great Grace and Mercy, does not revoke His Holy Choice and Deed concerning marriage because of man’s choice to disobey. God has established His Holy Choice, and He has provided the Holy Blood of His Son, Jesus Christ, to cleanse and correct man’s unholy choice and deed.

And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him. For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: **else were your children unclean; but now are they holy** (I Corinthians 7:13,14).

The Blood of Jesus Christ is so powerful that it can sanctify the unbelieving partner in marriage and sanctify the child conceived and born in marriage and keep the child Holy until he reaches the age of accountability, when he must choose Jesus Christ, personally, as his own Saviour. Man *can hinder* God’s Plans, but he *cannot thwart* God’s Plans. The Blood of Jesus Christ is able to sanctify both the marriage and the children conceived in the marriage. Thus, it is plain to see why God commanded the mother in the Old Testament, under the shadow and type, to bring a sin offering of blood for cleansing *after* her child had been born.

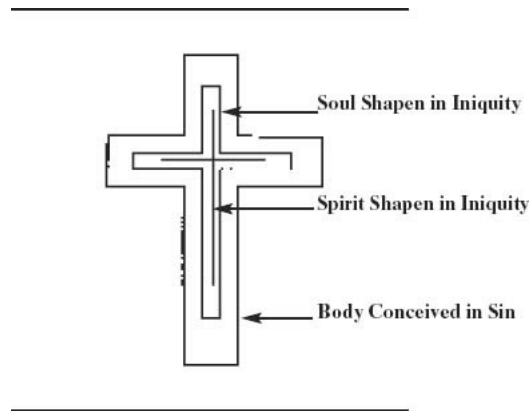
Fallen Adam caused the spirits and souls of men to be *shapen* in iniquity, which means to mold, to cut, or to make

into a particular form contrary to the Will of God. The new, iniquitous shapes of the spirits and souls of men were adapted, regulated, adjusted, and directed to fallen Lucifer's plans, plots, and purposes instead of God's.

The new shapes of iniquity that Adam put on the spirits and souls of men were lacking in equity, fairness, or justice. There was an absence of just, fair, and true dealings in the spirits and souls of men. The new shape of iniquity brought about a deviation from righteousness and goodness, causing unrighteousness and wickedness in man. When Adam-male and female fell from perfection, they fell into the filth and foulness of iniquity. Thus, they caused all spirits and souls to be reshaped into crooked, perverse forms, contrary to the Will of God. The new shapes of iniquity became dwelling places for the iniquitous, crooked Serpent, fallen Lucifer.

When Adam sinned, Death entered into his body and changed it into a sinful mortal body. Thus, when the sinful mortal seeds of the father and mother unite and make the mother pregnant, a new sinful mortal body is begotten. The mother receives the sinful mortal seed of the father and joins it with her sinful mortal seed, and the two mortal seeds become one mortal body. Thus, parents can produce only a mortal body as a house for the iniquitous spirit and soul, and the three become *one* being.

(See diagram on following page.)



This is why all people are sinners by birth, and they become sinners by deed at birth.

The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies (Psalm 58:3).

A newborn child is estranged from God at birth because of the iniquitous and sinful nature that it has inherited from Adam the First and from its parents. The mutual enmity between the sinner and God is exhibited between God and the sinner from birth. The iniquitous and sinful state of the child alienates it from God's Holy, Divine Nature.

Wickedness is conceived in our very bones. Therefore, our evil nature, which we have brought with us into this present world, is filled with a strong inclination to do wrong. No one has to educate us to lie because we are transgressors of God's Holy Law from the womb. We use our tongue to lie and to excuse our faults and failures or to exalt ourself in some manner or fashion.

All of man's problems originated in the Garden of Eden, when Adam the First sinned and shaped the seeds of the spirits and souls in his loins into iniquitous forms. Before Adam the First sinned, the seeds of men's spirits and souls experienced the Delight of God the Son and the Love, Affection, and Friendliness of God the Father. After the spirit and soul seeds had been shapen in iniquity through Adam's sin, they were estranged and alienated from God. The bond of love, loyalty, and acceptance between God and the seeds of men's spirits and souls was broken. The seeds of men's spirits and souls then knew feelings of rejection and refusal. They felt discarded, thrown away, and excluded. This is the origin of man's feelings of rejection. When man does not understand this, he comes into the world feeling rejected, for which he first blames his parents and, later, other loved ones and friends.

However, God did not leave mankind in this awful plight of rejection. He provided the Sin Offering Blood of Jesus Christ, His only Begotten Son, to recover, cleanse, and reconcile man's entire being (his spirit, soul, and body) to the LORD God. Now, men can be restored and know acceptance instead of rejection. Through the Blood of His Son, the LORD God receives the believer with great satisfaction.

To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein **he hath made us accepted** in the beloved (Ephesians 1:6).

We who were rejected from the Presence of God cannot be acceptable to God until we accept the Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ as His Provision for our sins. When God the Father sees us dwelling in the Blood-Life of Christ Jesus, He accepts us in His Beloved. Jesus has redeemed iniquitous and sinful mankind by His own Blood, and He gives remission of iniquity and sin to all who come, by faith, to His precious fountain of Blood. The guilt and stain of iniquity and sin can be removed only by the flowing stream of the Blood of Jesus Christ. All spiritual blessings flow down to man through that Crimson Stream. God is satisfied with our Substitute, Jesus Christ. Therefore, we are acceptable to God through His beloved Son.

All mankind is in need of the Blood of Jesus Christ for cleansing from iniquity that has produced rejection and from sinful offense that has produced guilt and punishment.

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** (Isaiah 53:6).

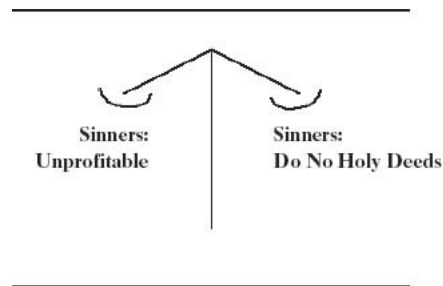
The whole race of mankind lies under the iniquitous stain of the original corruption from the Garden of Eden, and every person stands under judgment and condemnation for his own transgressions and sinful deeds. We all have

wandered away from the LORD God, our rightful Owner and Master, and we have gone astray from His intended Purpose for us. We are unable to find our way back to the LORD God because of the iniquitous blindness and confusion that abides in our will and heart. We have turned to our own iniquitous will and to our own wicked way instead of following the Holy Will and the Straight Way of the LORD God. We have set up our malignant will as the sole owner and master, producing competition with the Benevolent, Holy Will of the LORD God, our true Owner and Master. We have turned, willfully and stubbornly, after our evil way instead of walking obediently in the Will of God, but God in His Mercy has laid upon Jesus Christ all our iniquity and rejection so that we can be clean of iniquity and free from the feelings of rejection.

As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: (Romans 3:10).

There is not one righteous person who has retained the original Image of God. There is not one Holy person who has a righteous nature, inside, or who does righteous deeds outside. If there had been one righteous, Holy person, God could have begun a whole new righteous race from him, and He would not have had to send His only Begotten Son into the world.

They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; **there is none that doeth good, no, not one** (Romans 3:12).



Sinners are the most unprofitable creatures because they do their own evil deeds instead of the Holy Deeds of God's Will. Even when a sinner's actions have some goodness in them, they are controlled, underneath, by an evil motive, so it renders their goodness as evil, too.

Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and **all the world may become guilty before God** (Romans 3:19).

Sinful man, in his depraved state, never can overcome his rejection by God and gain acceptance by God through his own corrupt works. Man's redemption and the remission of his iniquity, sin, and guilt can be obtained only through faith in the free Grace of the Blood of Jesus Christ. It is impossible for sinful man to be justified by his corrupt works. Justification must be sought by faith in Christ Jesus.

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; (Romans 3:23).

God placed man at the head of all His visible creation to lead the way in glorifying the Creator, the LORD God. Tragically, though, man dishonoured God and has come short of his ministry of glorifying God and leading the creation in glorifying God. Sinful man spends his short, earthly days magnifying and glorifying himself instead of the LORD God. Sinful man has come short of being glorified by God because he exercises no righteous obedience to God's Law.

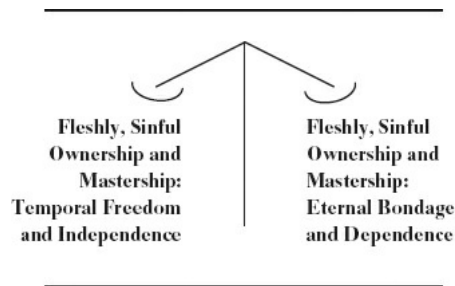
God's Word does not leave man ignorant concerning his spirit and soul being shapen in iniquity and his body being conceived in sin.

The iniquitous "I" of the spirit and soul and the sinful "Me" of the body have given birth to the false idea that man is the sole owner and master of himself and his possessions. The iniquitous "I" and the sinful "Me" have given birth to the "My" and "Mine" syndrome. This false ownership and mastership of fallen man is contrary to the Truth of God's Word that teaches us that the LORD Jesus Christ is the true Owner and Master of all creation.

For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: **all things were created by him, and for him:** (Colossians 1:16).

All things belong to the LORD Jesus Christ because they were created *by* Him and *for* Him. However, when Adam-female fellowshipped the iniquitous Serpent and received his lie that she would not die and that she had a right to eat of God's forbidden fruit, she intruded into God's Ownership and Mastership by stealing God's Fruit from His Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Thus, she filled her spirit and soul with iniquity and her body with sin, which gave birth to the "My" and "Mine" syndrome of false ownership and mastership.

This false sense of "My" and "Mine" is spread over all mankind. Adam-female received her great power of illusion and deception from the Serpent. This deceitful ownership and mastership called "My-ness" and "Mine-ness" produce a pair of paradoxical, unbalanced scales of bondage and liberation of flesh, which is a reversal pattern of mobility and immobility.



On one side of the Scales, man feels great freedom and independence at the thought that he is the owner of things and the master of situations. But, on the other side, he feels the bondage of insecurity because, in reality, he is neither an owner nor a master. Man feels elated in his illusion and deception that he has power to change things, that he has power to alter many situations, or that he has power to move people according to his corrupt will. God works faithfully and continually in sinful man's life to prove to him that he is neither the owner nor the master of himself nor of anything nor of anyone.

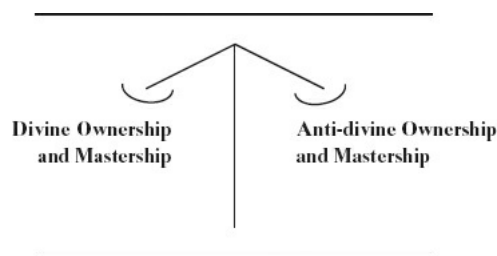
All human misery has its origin in the "I" and "Me" from which the illusion of "My" and "Mine" has proceeded.

We are filled with self-pity when we find that we are unable to cause our fellow creatures to respond to our love for them. When our attachments to our fellow creatures are severed, we are brokenhearted because we discover that we are not the owner and the master of them. This proves that we have misplaced our God-given energies, by directing them on ourself and on the creature instead of on the LORD God, the true Owner and Master.

It is the false form that covers our ego, super-ego, and our body that gives us the corrupt awareness of "I" and "Me," making us cling to earthly attachments as though we were the owner and the master.

When our love and attachment is turned toward the Divine LORD God, the true Master and Owner, and when we do not expect any return, whatsoever, from others, all misery comes to an end.

A spiritual birth into the Truth of the LORD's Mastership and Ownership fills the heart with the true rest, peace, and contentment that we always unconsciously seek.



By attaching ourself to God's Divine Mastership and Ownership, we obtain the liberated release for which we long, and the soul is able to dance the dance of freedom, which we crave. This is not easy, but it is possible.

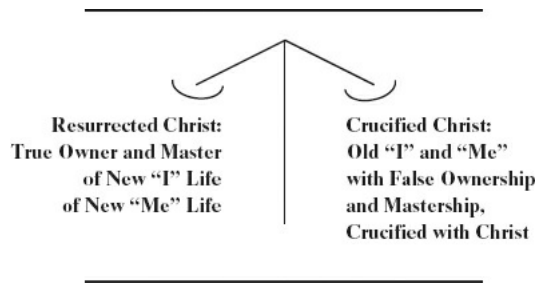
The whole of man's life is a raging battlefield of warfare between the Divine Ownership and Mastership of Almighty God versus man's anti-divine force of mastership and ownership. God is faithful to impart His Divine Ownership and Mastership to us and to intervene at crucial moments in our life to help us find our way back to His true Rulership. The LORD's Eternal Vigilance and His Saving Grace shape the destiny of mankind on Earth because

He is the true Master and Owner.

Our iniquitous and sinful will actually makes us miserable rather than happy, and God allows this misery in order to drive us to the abandonment of the “I” and “Me” with their illusion of our being the owner and master. True enjoyment is founded upon two things: (1) our *renunciation* of the iniquity and sin that the “I” and “Me” produce with their false ownership and mastership; and (2) our complete *abandonment* of the false form of our being a possessor and ruler. A total, consecrated surrender to Jesus of our “I” and “Me” with all their “My” and “Mine” parts brings complete satisfaction and security.

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless *I* live; yet not *I*, but **Christ liveth in me:** and the life which **I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God,** who loved me, and gave himself for me (Galatians 2:20).

Paul testified that his “I” life was crucified with Christ; and yet, through Resurrection Life, his “I” life lived under the new Ownership and Mastership of the LORD Jesus Christ.



This is the experience of every true believer who presses on to know Christ in the Power of His Resurrection and the fellowship of His Sufferings (Philippians 3:10; Romans 6:6).

The greatest day of a believer’s life is when his “I” life, with its false form of ownership and mastership, is nailed to the Cross, and the “I” life is joined completely to the new Ownership and Mastership of the “Christ Life.”

The human mind is always confronted with the false forms of iniquity and sin that say they are the owner and master instead of God.

There is always a battle, a struggle, between the Son of Light, the Son of Infinity, Who is the true Owner and Master, and the false forms of darkness and finiteness that say man is his own owner and master.

This battle has and is ever being waged on all fronts of terrestrial existence from the Garden of Eden until now. There is always a struggle going on in all parts of our being between Good and evil, Light and darkness, Knowledge and ignorance, Truth and falsehood, Delight and illusion, Immortality and Death, and the Divine Ownership and Mastership of the LORD God versus man’s anti-divine ownership and mastership.

The sole purpose of the opposing false forces of anti-divine mastership and ownership is to block man from attaining the perfection of God’s Perfect Balance.

The powerful forces of the Godhead always encourage the spirit, soul, and body of every believer at every step, lifting him up when he stumbles, soothing his feverous brow in the heat of trials and tribulations, and renewing the Truth in his soul that God is the Owner and Master, when there seems to be no way out. The firm realization and knowledge that God is the Owner and Master of all things helps the sincere saint to keep looking to Jesus Christ Who helps him attain the Goal of the Measure of the Stature of the Fullness of Christ Jesus and to obtain the Prize of being in His Bride. The anti-divine force of the false forms of false rulership and possession has tremendous strength and constraining power to turn one away from pursuing the Mark of the Prize of the High Calling of God in Christ Jesus, unless the heart is fixed firmly on the LORD Jesus Christ.

The anti-divine force of fallen Lucifer is opposed to God’s Divine Law and Truth. He usurps the Divine functions of God’s Ownership and Mastership and beguiles man into thinking that man is a “Divine” one and that he has the right to be the sole owner and the only master. This was the anti-divine force that the Serpent had in mind when he promised Adam-female in the Garden that she would be like God. But, this false form is discerned by the LORD God and rejected by Him Who owns all things and Who rules over all thoughts and actions.

All perversion, distortion, and disorder in the world is the work of the anti-divine force of the false form. The hold of this iniquitous false form of ownership and mastership over man’s earthly existence is indeed very powerful. But, God has promised to break (in the Millennial Reign of the LORD Jesus Christ, Who is the true Master and Owner) the iniquitous veil of illusion and deceit that has hung over all mankind since man’s fall in the Garden of Eden.

And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations (Isaiah 25:7).

The LORD Jesus Christ will destroy, during His Millennial Reign, this covering veil of deceit that has been cast upon all people and all nations. The Hebrew word for *veil* in the foregoing Scripture is *mas-say-kaw*, meaning to pour over, a fusion of, a cast image, or a molten image.

The LORD Jesus Christ came to Earth, the first time, to carry our molten image of false ownership and mastership to the Cross for Judgment and Death. The LORD Jesus Christ will return to Earth the second time to establish His true Ownership and Mastership, eternally, over all people and all nations.

In man's obstinate stupidity, he rejoices over his molten image of false ownership and mastership. Man, puffed up with his own insolence and egoism, is a barrier to the Truth of the radiant Light of Christ's all-penetrating Knowledge that He, Christ Jesus, is the true Owner and Master of all mankind.

It is this stupendous, ugly, false form of iniquity and sin that drives a person to want to possess all that is seemingly fine and beautiful in the opposite sex. Man's false form of iniquity has no respect for God's Laws of chastity and fidelity. Man, in his false form of iniquity, desires ever to use God as his slave for his own selfish purpose. Man, in his false form of iniquity, tries to wrest the Scriptures into a form which can be interpreted as endorsing his own evil way.

At times, this false, anti-divine force of iniquity and sin ("I" and "Me" molten form) appears to resemble the Divine Force, but its purposes and motives are diametrically different. The struggle between the Ownership and Mastership of the Holy Creator and the unholy creature has been and remains a long, drawn out and bitter warfare.

The LORD Jesus Christ fought this false force during the days of His Flesh on Earth, and He won the battle! Jesus never allowed the false form of the creature to cause Him to forget that His Heavenly Father is His true Master and Owner. Jesus Christ is able to help us win this struggle over false ownership and mastership of the creature that we have inherited from Adam the First. The false force fights against God by joining the strength of its molten image of ownership and mastership with the molten images of other creatures.

We try to solidify our ownership and mastership over others by fastening our affections upon them and by trying to receive affection from them. But, God fights against our false ownership and mastership on our own ground by stirring up a spirit of rebellion in others against us that separates and severs us from them.

God strips us of our ownership and mastership, leaving us naked, bare, and all alone, so that our soul can rise up and seek Christ's true Mastership and Ownership and become clothed with His Image and His Stature.

The avowed purpose of the false, iniquitous, sinful form is to thwart our soul from finding Christ's Divine Ownership and Mastership in our life.

If the seeking soul of a believer will receive, daily, the Spirit and the Word of the LORD Jesus Christ into himself, these Divine Forces will nourish him and increase the Rulership of Christ in his life and enlarge the Stature of the LORD Jesus Christ within him.

There is no cause or reason to despair because of our false and iniquitous molten image, for Jesus Christ, the Divine Truth, already has been victorious over it. He alone has triumphed over it. Therefore, all we have to do is to surrender to Christ and allow Him to implement His Victory and Triumph in our iniquitous will.

The Victory of the LORD Jesus Christ and His Divine Force is a thing decreed, inevitable, and irresistible. Jesus Christ ministers His Faithful and Divine Vigilance over our affairs on Earth, continually teaching us His Ownership and Mastership and the Ownership and Mastership of His Heavenly Father. For instance, when there is a crisis in our life and our whole life and being seems to be under the complete control of either the false molten form of our own mastership and ownership or the false molten forms of others' ownership and when all our spiritual life seems to be on the verge of extinction and when all seems to be apparently lost, then Jesus Christ descends with His Divine Grace and intervenes, using the Supreme Power of His Ownership and Mastership to govern and guide us into new realms of His Life in the Word and in the Spirit.

Jesus Christ, through His Headship and Rulership, is faithful to destroy the particular portion of our false form of ownership and mastership that is preventing our immediate spiritual progress and our growth in moral development. The LORD, through His wise Ownership and Mastership, always puts our spiritual world back on its feet and gives us the compelling command to march forward under His true Rulership.

This Divine Intervention of the Truth and Grace of Christ's Headship are spiritual "facts" that we experience as we grow unto the Measure of the Stature of the Fullness of Jesus Christ.

The Truth and Grace of Jesus Christ are Powers and Forces superior to any and all rule of mortal, finite man. Christ's powerful Rulership annuls all workings of man's false form of rulership and changes the fate and destiny of

the believing individual.

The Divine Protection of Truth and Grace is with us when we follow Jesus Christ as our true Owner and Master. Therefore, who can touch us for harm, and of whom should we be afraid?

Surrounded by Grace and Truth, and with their Presence with us, we will be carried through all difficulties, obstacles, and dangers. When we are walking under the Light of Christ's Ownership and Mastership, we can go securely on our way, free from all anxiety about any menace, and unaffected by any powerful hostility, visible or invisible.

The touch of Grace and Truth turns difficulties into opportunities, failures into successes, and weaknesses into strengths.

Man's ignorance of God's Ownership and Mastership is a nesting place for his own iniquitous and sinful ownership and mastership. The powers of darkness will lodge in our ignorance and continually oppose our seeking the Truth and Grace of Christ Jesus. Our own mastership and ownership impedes our spiritual progress at each step unless we seek and find God's Ownership and Mastership.

Our iniquitous, sinful "I" and "Me" ownership and mastership manifests itself in six ways.

1. Coverer

Man's evil ownership and mastership first ministers as the "Coverer" who covers the Truth and obstructs the flow of Light so that the soul cannot see the Light of God's Ownership and Mastership. The evil force of man's stolen ownership and mastership covers itself with darkness so that it can feel justified in not returning God's rightful Ownership and Mastership to Him. It covers and conceals its commission of gross iniquitous irregularities against God as Ruler and Possessor of all things. Man's evil ownership and mastership covers its shameful and lewd actions of rebellion against God's Rulership so that it can feel justified in making its own authority just, right, and acceptable.

Man covers his stolen ownership and mastership with clouds of darkness, just as Adam covered himself with fig leaves, and hopes that he will not have to face the Light of the Truth that he is not really an owner and master after all.

2. Hoarder

Man's evil ownership and mastership next ministers as the "Hoarder" who stores up, like a miser, the spiritual wealth of the Truth of God's Ownership and Mastership for his own selfish gain. Thus, the "Hoarder's" motive in storing up the Truth that God is Owner and Master over all is not because he desires to humble himself and be submissive to the Supreme Sovereign; rather, he clothes his own evil desire to be owner and master with the Truth of God's Ownership and Mastership in order to bind his subjects with fear of disobeying him on the basis that they really will be disobeying God's Ownership and Mastership.

The "Hoarder" trades and traffics in the Truth of God's Rulership over others for his own vainglory because he wants to bring people under subjection to himself instead of to the LORD God. The "Hoarder" does not use the Truth of God's Ownership, Mastership, and Rulership to *subdue* his evil authority but rather exploits it to *increase* his evil authority.

3. Builder

Man's evil ownership and mastership then ministers as the "Builder" who erects barriers to enclose his evil workings so that he will not be discovered for the thief and robber that he is.

The "Builder" also puts a barricade around the Truth of God's Rulership in order to hide it from the perception of a person's conscious mind by appealing to the person's carnal reasoning, saying that God expects man to govern and guide part of his life by his own reasoning and common sense. Therefore, if a person can guide and govern himself by his corrupt ownership and mastership, he does not need to seek the powerful Authority of God's Ownership and Mastership in his life. A person may be able to make so-called "good" common sense decisions in his life, but God is the only One Who knows what His Will is for each of us. Since God is man's rightful Owner and Master, how can man please the LORD and do His Will if man makes his own decisions without consulting the LORD?

4. Confiner

Man's evil ownership and mastership also ministers as the "Confiner" who does not shut out the rays of Light of God's Ownership and Mastership altogether. However, as the "Confiner," man's evil ownership and mastership limits and restricts the Truth of God's Right to be the Owner and Master *all* the time. The "Confiner" sets up his own iniquitous image which does not allow the mind to include the Truth of God's All-Power and Authority over man. The "Confiner" sets boundaries around God's Ownership and Mastership, allowing God to be the Ruler over *some* things but not *all* things.

In the beginning of a believer's walk with the LORD Jesus Christ, the "Confiner" does not leave Christ the "right" to be Owner and Master of very much in the believer's life, such as his time, his clothes, his amusements, his finances, or his treasures. But, as the believer grows in Grace and Knowledge of Christ, he discovers that the "Confiner" is a usurper of Christ's true Ownership and Mastership. What a great day it is for the will of man to have a birth into the All-Power of Christ as the true Owner and Master!

5. Restrainer

Man's evil ownership and mastership also ministers as the "Restrainer" who does not repress the Light of Truth, but who *restrains* the Light of Truth from *moving freely* with *unlimited enjoyment* through the soul. If the "Restrainer" can *suppress* the *joy* of the LORD's Ownership and Mastership in the soul, it sets up a rejection in the soul against God's Authority, claiming Him to be unjust, unfair, and of not having a nature that desires to bring happiness and satisfaction to man. Increasingly, this kind of reasoning and logic will fill the soul with fear concerning God's Right to be the sole Owner and the sole Master of one's existence.

6. Censorer

Last, man's evil ownership and mastership ministers as the "Censorer" who does not *obscure* the Light of Truth totally — which is that God is the Owner and Master — but who *censors* what the soul receives. The "Censorer" allows only bits and pieces of Truth to filter through to the soul. Because the "Censorer" forbids consecutive building blocks of Truth to find their way through to the soul, the soul is hindered in building on complete Truth — which is that God is the Creator, the Owner, and the Master of all things, all the time. Thus, the "Censorer" protects man's evil ownership and mastership, keeping it from losing its ruling and reigning power.

These layers of man's evil ownership and mastership form a dam to hold back God's Truth, and they form clouds of darkness to obscure the Light of Truth so that man's evil form can hold on to its ruling power and authority. Thus, the spiritual progress of the soul is greatly hindered.

The evil ownership and mastership of the iniquitous "I" and the sinful "Me" must be atoned for through the Blood of Jesus Christ if a believer is to continue on his spiritual journey until he attains the Spiritual Measure of the Stature of the Fullness of Christ Jesus.

As a result of this long Scriptural discourse on the subject of rebellious man's iniquity and sin, we can see why God demanded the blood of the sin offering at the birth of a child.

Under the Law, the ceremonial uncleanness of a mother, incurred through childbirth, was indicative of the pollution of the iniquity in which we all were shapen and the sin in which we all were conceived.

Remember, the Psalmist said: "Behold, I was *shapen in iniquity*; and *in sin* did my mother *conceive* me" (Psalm 51:5). The seed from the mother and the seed from the father, which join together in the mother to conceive the body of the child, are seeds full of sin and death. Therefore, a child's body is begotten in sin and death. The spirits and souls of all human children were shapen or formed in iniquity or crooked perverseness while in the loins of Adam the First.

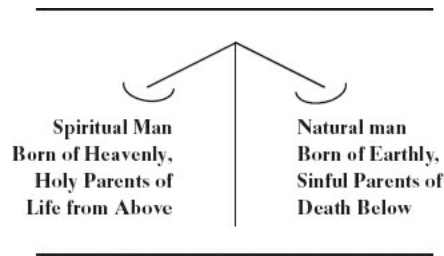
If iniquity, sin, and Death had not entered into the blood stream of man, then the *nephesh* soul of the body would have been conceived in Righteousness, Holiness, and Life. The *nephesh* soul would have been pure and honourable and would have been filled with uncontaminated and undefiled desire to obey God's Holy Commands. Then, mankind would have been fruitful; and he would have multiplied and produced a world of Righteous, Holy, and Obedient people to serve and praise the LORD God. Instead, iniquity, sin, and Death did enter, and now man is born with a nature that is totally depraved and degenerated. Man is not born, in the natural realm, with a Holy Desire to obey, serve, and praise the LORD. This is why Jesus Christ came to provide man with a Holy New Birth in the spiritual realm.

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit,** he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit (John 3:5,6).

And that ye **put on the new man**, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness (Ephesians 4:24).

If sinful man is going to return to the Kingdom of God, where Christ is the Sovereign King, he must be born again spiritually, from above, of Holy Parents (the Cool Water of God's Word and the Fire of the God's Spirit).

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Christ's Holy Word and Spirit give birth to a New, Holy, Righteous Nature — a New Heart — to all who ask for it.

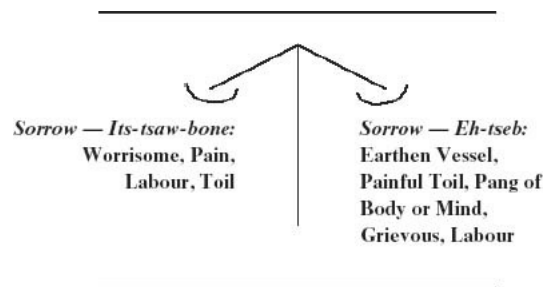
The new birth by Christ Jesus is not wrought by the wisdom and carnal power of the flesh but by the pure Wisdom of God's Word and the Holy Power of His Spirit.

The iniquitous, sinful nature of Adam the First is inherent in every person who is born into this world. We all come into this world polluted with iniquity, sin, and Death. Through our natural birth, we are born into the kingdom of darkness of fallen Lucifer in this natural world. Therefore, we need a new spiritual birth into the Kingdom of God through the Word and Spirit of God.

Because the woman was the first one who gave birth to transgression against God's Command in the Garden, she received, as punishment from God, a double portion of sorrow.

Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee (Genesis 3:16).

There are two different Hebrew words used in this verse to describe Adam-female's punishment. On one side of the Scales, the Hebrew words for *sorrow* are similar because they come from the same root word. However, on the other side of the Scales, they are diametrically different.



There is the *its-tsaw-bone* sorrow that most wives encounter *before* childbirth. They grievously fret and suffer distressful and fearful anxiety about becoming pregnant against their wills. When the wife becomes pregnant, she suffers more mental and bodily pain while she is carrying the fetus than after the baby is born. The pregnant mother suffers disturbing and harassing thoughts that tear and bite at her mind, filling her heart with fear that her child might be born with mental or physical defects. The mother-to-be suffers many physical distresses from the added weight and pressures of carrying a child. She also suffers mental agitation and concern for the impending and anticipated pain she must go through during the birth of her child.

Then, there is the *eh-tseb* sorrow that the pregnant mother goes through during the throes of childbirth. There is a localized physical suffering that the body endures as it cooperates with God's Law of Nature to bring the child to birth. Thus, woman's toil, fatigue, anxiety, and grief were multiplied as punishment for her having eaten stolen property and also for her having influenced her husband to eat stolen property.

Therefore, because of woman's great responsibility in having brought iniquity and sin into the world, God required the mother to bring the blood of a sin offering for cleansing of herself and her offspring who was shapen in iniquity and conceived in sin. The blood of the sin offering made provision for the child until he could reach the age of accountability, at which time he was to bring, by faith, his own sin offering blood for his iniquity and sin.

God, in His great Mercy, has provided the Blood of Jesus Christ for our cleansing from the iniquity and the sin

that we have inherited from Adam the First and from our parents. Otherwise, we would be excluded forever from the Holy Presence of God and the blessed privilege of enjoying His Merciful Favour. But, thanks be unto the Holy Name of Jesus Christ, He has given us His Holy Blood that will cleanse and destroy the molten image of iniquity in our spirit and soul and the conception of sin in our body.

God gave special Laws of cleansing for each sex — following the birth of a son and the birth of a daughter.

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When a woman bore a son, she was pronounced ceremonially unclean for a total of forty days. For the first seven days after the male child was born, the mother was unclean in her menstruation. After the seven-day period, the ritual bath of purification was taken. The male child was circumcised on the eighth day. During the remainder of the forty days, the woman was unclean only as far as the Holy things and God’s Sanctuary were concerned. After the forty days had been fulfilled, the woman had to bring the blood of a bird (either a young pigeon or a turtledove) for a sin offering to make atonement for herself.

When a woman bore a daughter, she was pronounced ceremonially unclean for a total of eighty days, twice the time of her uncleanness for the birth of a man child. This points out the double responsibility of the woman for the guilt of sin. It was the woman, Adam-female, who gave her husband the forbidden fruit, and it is the woman who nourishes and feeds the body conceived in sin and who gives birth to this little earthen vessel filled with iniquity and sin. Thus, the world continually is filled with iniquity and sin.

The responsibility was greater for the birth of a maid child, requiring a greater length of time for purification from the ceremonial uncleanness because it involved the birth of a being who would continue to bring other bodies into the world who would be conceived in sin.

When the days of the mother’s purifying were accomplished, she had to bring a young pigeon or a turtledove for a sin offering, the blood of which the Priest used to make an *atonement* for her. After the atonement had been made with the blood, the mother was pronounced *clean* and restored to all her rights and privileges in the House of the LORD.

Today, a believing mother has the glorious opportunity to plead Jesus’ Blood of Innocence and Purity over her offspring while they are still too young to be knowledgeable or personally accountable before God for their formation in iniquity and their birth into sin. God has provided the Blood of His Son to remove the curse of iniquity and sin that we have inherited from Adam the First and from our parents.

The bird blood that was used as a sin offering for the new mother and child in the Old Testament was a type of the Blood of Jesus Christ.

God’s Provision of the bird blood represented the Humility Poverty Blood of our LORD Jesus Christ. When the poor in Israel could not afford a more costly sacrifice, they brought turtledoves or pigeons, which made the bird blood a merciful blessing to the poor and needy. These birds were not domesticated but were bred everywhere in prodigious numbers.

The LORD God, in His Graciousness and Goodness, made provision of blood for a sin offering, under the shadow and type, for even the poorest ones in Israel; the blood of the sin offering was made available to all. Likewise, in Christ Jesus, God provided the Blood for the Sin Offering for all, even the lowest and poorest of sinners, because Jesus was made poor for us.

For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet **for your sakes he became poor**, that ye through his poverty

might be rich (II Corinthians 8:9).

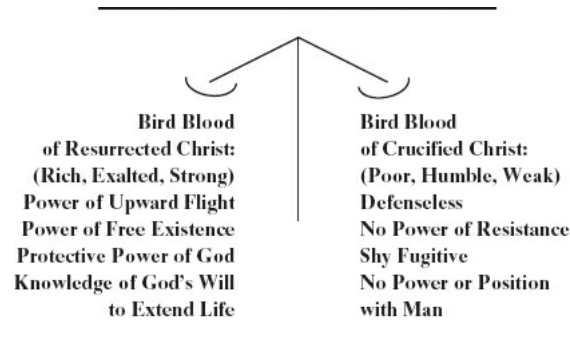
The LORD Jesus Christ was rich in the Equality, Power and Glory of His Father. Yet, for our sake, He became poor so that He could offer His “Bird Blood,” so to speak, so that believers might be rich in His Redemption, Remission, and Reconciliation with God. The LORD Jesus Christ was born in poverty, lived in poor circumstances, and died in poverty so that we might be rich through His Bird Blood, which delivers and destroys our “molten image” of ownership and mastership. Thus, we can experience the riches of His Love, Grace, Mercy, Peace, Hope, and Eternal Life found in the Kingdom of the LORD God, our true Master and Owner.

We are too poor and too weak to break our iniquitous and sinful molten image of ownership and mastership; we must depend upon the Humility, Poverty Bird Blood of Jesus Christ to destroy this false image and to deliver us back to God’s Ownership and Mastership.

Turtledoves mate for life. Their love and loyalty to each other make them a beautiful picture of the Love and Loyalty found in the Humble Bird Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ. The Turtledove Blood of Christ not only cleanses us from our false ownership and mastership, but it also clothes us with His Divine Love and Loyalty to God’s Ownership and Mastership. Christ’s Turtledove Blood continually cleaves to us in Love and Loyalty, and it continually *cleanses* and *frees* us from the deceitful veil of ownership and mastership that we have inherited from our forefathers.

The Turtledove Blood of Jesus Christ completely liberates us from the “rejection syndrome” that we suffer all the days of our life, by bringing us back into complete Oneness of Relationship with God’s Ownership and Mastership. When we surrender to God’s Supreme Sovereignty, making Him our rightful Owner and Master through the Turtledove Blood of Christ Jesus, we feel His wonderful Acceptance and His glorious Security. Then, it does not matter who *rejects* us on the *outside*. Rejection on the outside cannot destroy our wonderful *acceptance* on the *inside*!

There are two sides to the Turtledove Bird Blood of Jesus Christ: the poor, humble, weak side, and the rich, exalted, strong side.



The Poor, Humble, Weak Side of the Crucified Christ

The Crucified Christ was God’s poor, innocent Turtledove, Who was crucified because He had no power of resistance. God’s Turtledove did not resist the nails, neither passively nor actively. God’s Turtledove did not actively exert force to stop, repel, defeat, or counteract the progress and motion of the nails as they entered His Holy Flesh. God’s Turtledove did not passively lift one blow of His Divine Breath to stop the cruel nails from moving or passing into His Holy Body. God’s Turtledove was a shy, sensitive, and timid fugitive. God’s Turtledove did not come in the riches of His Father’s Unbegotten Glory, but He remained basically *unknown*, reserved, retiring, and modest.

Although Christ was the Divine Creator, Owner and Master of all things, He became God’s *poor* Turtledove, stripped of all power and position with man. Christ chose to be stripped of the riches of His Father’s Glory-Covering and to be clothed instead with Flesh like unto a poor turtledove.

There are four outstanding features of a turtledove: it is defenseless; it has no power of resistance; it is a shy fugitive, and it has no power or position with man.

1. Defenseless

The most outstanding characteristic of the turtledove is its defenselessness.

The Crucified Christ stood undefended and unprotected as a poor, helpless bird in the midst of the merciless multitude. Jesus was silent as a poor, defenseless bird. He never tried to vindicate Himself, apologize, or justify Himself.

And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what *is it which* these witness against thee? But **Jesus held his peace**. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God (Matthew 26:62,63).

Jesus, as a defenseless Humility Dove, was silent before the vultures of His day — the High Priest, Pilate, and Herod. He never defended His true Ownership and Mastership but suffered in our place to redeem us from our false ownership, mastership, and rejection.

Jesus was silent under all the accusations of the false witnesses of the Chief Priests, Elders, and Council. The High Priest endeavoured to force Jesus to defend Himself, but Jesus held His peace, not as a sullen, poor, and slothful person, nor as an astonished, amazed, and astounded one, but as a poor Humility Turtledove because His hour had come to offer His Turtledove Blood to free us from our false ownership, mastership, and rejection.

Jesus could have used His power of the vulture's beak and crushed the bones of His attackers, but had He done that, He could not have given us His Turtledove Blood to set us free from iniquity and sin. Jesus could have used His Power of the vulture's claws to take His enemies captive, but had He done that, he could not have poured out His Dove Blood of Love and Loyalty to cleanse us and free us from our iniquity and sin.

Jesus silently accepted the false charges made by the authority of their false ownership and mastership. Jesus silently and willingly submitted Himself to their false sentence. Jesus could have put His enemies to silence and shame, as He already had done many times before. But, Jesus, as a Turtledove, was silent before the bar of man's false ownership and mastership so that He might speak in our behalf before the Bar of God's true Ownership and Mastership.

And the chief priests accused him of many things; but **he answered nothing**. And Pilate asked him again, saying, Answerest thou nothing? behold how many things they witness against thee. But **Jesus yet answered nothing**; so that Pilate marvelled (Mark 15:3-5).

The chief Priests delivered their articles of impeachment against Jesus to Pontius Pilate, the Roman Procurator of Judea. When Pilate tried to coerce Jesus to answer for Himself, Jesus remained mute.

Man marvelled at the *Powerful Works and Words* of Jesus. But, Pilate marveled at the *Powerful Silence* of Jesus, as He stood before him, under all the false accusations of His enemies. Jesus remained a poor, humble, defenseless, and silent Turtledove before the Governor of Judea.

Then he questioned with him in many words; but **he answered him nothing** (Luke 23:9).

Herod was curious to see Jesus. He hoped to see Jesus display His *powerful Works* before him, as He had done in many places in Galilee. But, Jesus remained *powerfully silent* in Works and Words, as He stood before the proud prince. The poorest and most humble beggar in Galilee had power to move Christ's Arm and Mouth in miraculous ministry; but, this proud prince could move neither the Arm nor the Mouth of God's Humble Turtledove because Jesus was lovingly loyal to His Heavenly Father, His Owner and Master.

Jesus' accusers stood boldly and impudently before Herod to accuse Him, falsely and vehemently, but Jesus remained *powerfully silent*. The tyrannical Herod and his confederates mocked Jesus and set Him as nothing, as though He had lost His Power and had become an intimidated weakling. But, Jesus remained God's Holy, Defenseless Dove in the midst of Herod's ignominious abuse.

Jesus was God's Defenseless Bird.

Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? (Matthew 26:53).

When Judas, the betrayer, came to the Garden of Gethsemane with the militant multitude, Peter, acting as the owner and master, used his sword to cut off the ear of the High Priest's servant. Peter chose to use blustering, bloody violence to defend Jesus against the evil crowd. But, two acts of violence do not equal one righteous act. It was foolish of Peter to try to defend God's Defenseless Dove who could have used either His own Omnipotent Power or the powerful hosts of Heaven to defend Himself.

Christ chose to be a weak Dove and to submit voluntarily to the false ownership, mastership, and rejection of wicked men in order to provide believers with the strength of His Resurrected Dove Blood so that the molten veil of

iniquity and sin that covers man could be broken.

2. Has No Power of Resistance

The second great characteristic of the natural turtledove is that it is weak and has no power to resist the corrupt strength of man.

The Crucified Christ was God's unresisting Dove that offered no opposition to the wicked process or motion of man's proud ownership, mastership, and rejection. The Crucified Christ did not resist man's evil attack when His Cheeks were smitten, His Beard plucked out, His Back furrowed with the whip, His Brow crowned with thorns, His Face spit upon, His Body stripped of its clothing, and His Hands and His Feet nailed to the Cross. He submitted to the iniquitous and sinful ownership, mastership, and rejection of mortal man in order to free believers from their iniquity and sin.

3. Is a Shy Fugitive

The third great characteristic of the natural turtledove is its shy, fugitive manner of acting. The dove is shy, timid, sensitive, cautious, reserved, modest, and easily frightened away.

The Crucified Christ was a shy Fugitive Who always had to flee from the dangerous snares of the fowlers until the appointed time of His Death on the Cross.

And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?... And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong. But **he passing through the midst of them went his way**, (Luke 4:22,29,30).

All the people wondered at the gracious Words or Song that proceeded out of the Mouth of God's Dove, Jesus. However, when the gracious Son began to reveal their iniquitous, sinful pride and guilt over their evil ownership and mastership, their welcome wonder changed into wrathful vengeance. They thrust God's gracious Songbird out of the city and would have cast Him headlong down the hill, except that the shy Fugitive fled through the midst of them.

4. Has No Power nor Position with Man

The fourth great characteristic of the natural turtledove is its lack of power and position with man.

When God created Adam, all creation was in friendly fellowship with him. Before Adam covered himself with the Serpent's false ownership and mastership and was rejected by God, all creation trusted Adam and looked to him as a leader. However, when Adam rejected God as his rightful Owner and Master and took on the iniquity and sin of his own evil ownership and mastership, the whole creation rejected and distrusted Adam and had to flee as a shy fugitive from him. Adam *sowed rejection* of God's rightful Ownership and Mastership and went out to establish his evil ownership and mastership over God's creation. Consequently, Adam *reaped rejection* from God's creation. Like a shy fugitive, the creation fled from him.

When the Crucified Christ came to Earth, he stripped Himself of all Power and Position in Heaven and came to Earth and took no power or position with corrupt man.

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: **But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant**, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross (Philippians 2:5-8).

God's Humble Dove, the Crucified Christ, stripped Himself of all Reputation, Heavenly Power, and the Unbegotten Glory of the Father in order to provide His Dove Blood for man's cleansing from iniquity, sin, and rejection by God.

How diametrically different we are to the humble Crucified Christ! When we feel the past rejection of Adam the First arising *within*, or when we feel the present rejection by man coming from *without*, we find the beak and claws of the vulture nature of our false ownership and mastership coming forth to break bones and tear flesh as a punishment upon others for rejecting us.

We blame our mother, father, children, pastor, or friends for our feelings of rejection. Adam blamed God and his wife for feeling rejected. Eve blamed the Serpent because she felt rejected. It is important *not to blame others* for our feelings of rejection because they are neither the root of our feelings of rejection, nor are they the fruit of our feelings of rejection. It is important for us to recognize that our iniquitous problem has been inherited from Adam

the First. Therefore, we need to go to the Second Adam, Jesus Christ, and take our feelings of rejection to Calvary's Cross. At Christ's Cross, we can apply, by faith, His loving and loyal Turtledove Blood that will cleanse us and set us free from the iniquitous rejection that we have inherited from Adam the First.

The Rich, Exalted, Strong Side of the Resurrected Christ

The turtledove bird is weak and poor on one side, but on the other side, it is strong and rich. These two sides of the turtledove make it a fit picture of the Crucified and Resurrected sides of Jesus Christ. The poor and weak side of the dove is a picture of the only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, Who came to Earth with only His Begotten Glory, and even that was made known to only a select few as He sojourned in Earth (John 1:14; Matthew 17:2).

The strong and rich side of the turtledove bird pictures the Resurrected Body of the LORD Jesus Christ, Whose empty Veins were filled with the Unbegotten Glory of the Father (Romans 6:4) and of the Resurrected Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ which also was joined to the Unbegotten Glory of the Father (John 10:17,18). The Blood of Christ has Power of upward flight; Power of free existence; the protective Power of God, and the Knowledge of God's Will to extend life.

1. Power of Upward Flight

One of the dove's strong and rich characteristics is its power of upward flight. The rich, God-given strength of the bird's wings enables it to defy the earthly law of gravity and ascend into the heavens by the power of its upward flight. The precious turtledove can escape the power and violence of man's corrupt ownership and mastership by the power of its upward flight. The soaring flight of the turtledove empowers it to escape all the dangerous and threatening snares of man.

This is a beautiful picture of our Resurrected LORD Jesus Christ, God's Holy Dove, Who ascended into Heaven by the Unbegotten Resurrection Power and Glory of the Father that enabled Him to take His upward flight to the Right Hand of God. God's Holy Dove flew out of the tomb on Resurrection Morning, escaping the bondage of Death, Hell, and the grave, with fresh, free Resurrection Life. All of man's foolish, vain efforts to hold Christ in the tomb could not prevent God's soaring Dove from taking His flight upward to the Right Hand of the Father, with all Power in Heaven (Unbegotten Power) and all Power on Earth (Begotten Power). Therefore, the LORD Jesus Christ is able to save us to the *uttermost* from our molten image of evil ownership and mastership because He ever lives to make Intercession for us, out of His Begotten and Unbegotten Power! (Hebrews 7:25).

Jesus saith unto her, **Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father:** but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and *to* my God, and your God (John 20:17).

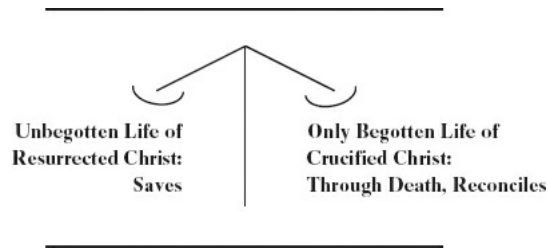
The Resurrected Christ, God's Holy Dove, did not allow Mary to touch Him with her defiling human touch because He was ready to take His *upward flight* to His Heavenly Father in order to put His Resurrected Blood upon the Mercy Seat.

And when he had spoken these things, **while they beheld, he was taken up;** and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven (Acts 1:9-11).

The Disciples were privileged to see God's Dove take His upward flight into Heaven, after He had blessed them and commissioned them. He was not "fetched away," as Elijah was, in a whirlwind, with the help of a chariot of fire and horses of fire. Christ ascended and soared into the Heavens by the Unbegotten Resurrection Power and Glory of His Father. God's Holy Dove soared upward to the Right Hand of the LORD God.

We were *reconciled* to God by the only Begotten, Crucified Dove, but we are *saved* by the Unbegotten Power, Life, and Glory of the Resurrected Dove.

For if, when we were enemies, **we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son,** much more, being reconciled, **we shall be saved by his life** (Romans 5:10).



Through the Death of Christ's Begotten Life, He nailed iniquity and sin against God to His Cross. Thus, He reconciles us to God by making us "friends" with God again. The Death of the Begotten Life of the Crucified Christ has laid the foundation (or our Salvation) for our spiritual house. But, it is the Unbegotten Life of the Father, through the Resurrected Christ, that perfects His foundational Work by helping us to build upon our foundation and by saving us from our evil, stolen ownership and mastership through His Intercession for us.

According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. **But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ** (1 Corinthians 3:10,11).

Paul was a wise masterbuilder, by the Grace of God, because he had laid the right spiritual foundation of the Sacrificial, Begotten Life of Christ Jesus in his spiritual children. Then, he warned his children to exercise proper caution in building the proper structure on top of their foundation. The only acceptable structure on top of the Begotten, Sacrificial Life of Jesus Christ is the Unbegotten, Resurrection Life of the Father's rightful Ownership and Mastership.

2. Free Existence

The second strong and rich characteristic of the turtledove is its *free existence*.

The free existence of the dove does not depend upon mortal man, but upon the Heavenly Father Who has provided life for the wild bird in all seasons of the year. "Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?" (Matthew 6:26).

Jesus exhorted His followers to look upon the wild birds of the heavens and learn their kind of trust in the Heavenly Father's Loving Care that provided them with life and food. There are all kinds of wild birds; some are even ravenous, but the loving Father feeds them all in every season of the year so that they perish not. They are not dependent on mortal man for their food. The Heavenly Father feeds them with convenient, satisfying food in their *free existence*.

The upward flight of the wild bird gives it the freedom to exist in the heavens *above* corrupt mortal man.

This is also a beautiful picture of God's *Wild Dove*, our Resurrected LORD Jesus Christ, Who was raised up from the dead by the Unbegotten Glory of the Father to a new Freedom of Existence in the Heavens at the Right Hand of God, far above all the shame, dishonour, and disgrace that was heaped upon God's *Tame Lamb*.

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, **even so we also should walk in newness of life** (Romans 6:4).

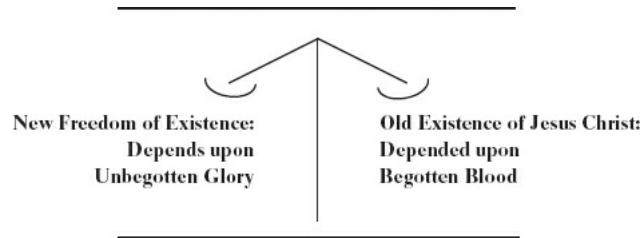
Jesus Christ desires that we, too, take on the Father's Unbegotten Glory and become a "wild dove," taking our upward flight in God's Spirit, so that we can fellowship His Freedom of Existence at the Right Hand of God the Father.

If ye then be risen with Christ, **seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.** For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, *who is* our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory (Colossians 3:1-4).

If we have risen, by the Unbegotten Glory of the Father, we have the privilege to take our heart and soar upward with it and experience Christ's Heavenly Bliss in His new Freedom of Existence. When our heart and affection have soared upward, we do not have to depend on the world to feed and satisfy the affection of our heart because we find a new Freedom of Existence in Christ Jesus who abundantly satisfies every longing of our heart.

When Christ came to Earth, He took on a Body of Flesh, whose earthly Existence depended upon the Begotten

Blood that flowed through His Body of Flesh. Jesus Christ went to the Cross and emptied His Flesh of its Life's Begotten Blood, as a Sacrifice for iniquity and sin. Then, Christ's Body, with its empty Veins and Arteries of Flesh, was laid in the tomb. On Resurrection Morning, God the Father came and filled the empty Veins and Arteries of Christ's Body of Flesh with His Unbegotten, Resurrected, *Kabode* Glory. So now the Body of Christ Jesus has a new Freedom of Existence, which depends completely upon the Unbegotten Glory of the Father, instead of the Begotten Blood that previously flowed in His Veins and Arteries.



The Begotten Blood of Jesus had a beginning in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and it had an end on the Cross. This was another form of suffering in the “old” Existence of Jesus, which limited Him and kept His Existence earthbound. The Father liberated Jesus with His Unbegotten Glory, which has neither beginning nor end, bringing Him into a new Freedom of Existence.

As long as our heart and our affections are looking to begotten life for satisfaction, we are earthbound with all kinds of fear, discontent, and dissatisfaction. However, when we take these bondages out to die with Christ on the Cross, the Father gives us a new portion of His Unbegotten Glory which empowers us to soar upward, taking our heavenly flight into a new freedom of existence which, like that of the turtledove, depends completely upon Jesus Christ for the satisfying food of trust, pleasure, and satisfaction.

The Heavenly Father brought His Son into a fresh, new Freedom of Existence, a different state of Existence induced by the change that His Unbegotten Glory wrought in His fleshly Body. What the Father's Unbegotten Glory did for the fleshly Body of Christ, He can do for believers' hearts and affections.

I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death (Revelation 1:18).

Jesus Christ, God's Holy Dove, is alive forevermore, through the Presence of the Father's Unbegotten Glory in His fleshly Body which has enabled Him to soar upward into a *new Freedom of Existence above* Death, Hell, and the grave.

Christ Jesus desires that we lay hold of His Dove Blood at the Cross so that we can be cleansed of our iniquitous ownership, mastership, and rejection; then we, too, can be filled with the Unbegotten Glory of the Father. By God's Spirit and Glory, we can ascend into a new freedom of existence above all deathly actions and feelings and thoughts, and all hellish, tormenting thoughts, actions, and feelings, which otherwise will destroy the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ, continually, in our heart and affections.

Remember, the Apostle Paul exhorted us to use the Dove Wings of Christ Jesus to soar upward with our heart and affections to things *above*, where Christ and our *new freedom of existence* are at the Right Hand of God. We must leave Death, Hell, and the grave below, and soar above, to the newness of Life, Joy, and Peace of Christ above.

3. Protection by God

The third strong and rich characteristic of the turtledove is the protection it is given by God's Divine Wisdom and Power. The LORD not only provides food for the wild birds in the natural realm, but He also protects them from all kinds of destructive enemies in all seasons.

Likewise, in the spiritual realm, God provides protection for His Holy Dove, His Resurrected Son, in the deathly winter of this depraved and vicious world, while He sits at the Right Hand of the Father. God the Heavenly Father resurrected His Son and set Him at His own Right Hand so that He could defend Him and protect Him.

The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? (Matthew 22:44).

The LORD God has given Christ Jesus a seat at His Right Hand in the Heavens as a mark of Honour, Power, and Distinction following His sorrow on Earth.

Christ's own people exhibited gross dishonour, hostility, and disrepute toward Him when they gave Him up for crucifixion. However, God shared His Divine Glory, Authority, and Power by exalting Christ Jesus to the Right Hand of His Throne. God ardently declared that He will protect His Son at His Right Hand until His enemies suffer decisive defeat and become His footstool. If Christ's enemies could get to Him, they would try to crucify Him all over again. The Father's special Measure of Protection will not fail His Son as long as one enemy is left. By the Father's Regal Power and His Supreme Authority, every enemy of Christ ultimately will have to surrender and bow their heads, their minds, as a footstool for the Feet of Christ Jesus. What the Father has done and is doing for Christ Jesus, He also is able to do for all the enemies in our flesh that are against the Ownership and Mastership of the LORD.

The Dove Blood of Jesus Christ can cleanse us and lift us up to the Right Hand of God in Christ and give us power over our enemies. The LORD will nurture and feed us until our enemies are converted into a quiet, silent, and peaceful footstool.

4. Knowledge of God's Will to Extend Life

The fourth strong and rich characteristic of the turtledove is its God-given knowledge that enlightens it to perceive God's Will for it, which is preserving its life through its posterity.

The turtledove extends its life by sharing its life in the form of eggs that hatch out into new birds. The new birds are merely an extension of the life and self of the mother bird. God has placed the knowledge of His Will in the turtledove so that she knows and understands how to protect the eggs she lays until they hatch. She knows how to feed and nourish the new, infant birds until they reach maturity and, in turn, can help continue to protect the extension of the life cycle.

Likewise, Jesus Christ extends His Life by sharing His Crucified Life and Resurrected Life with us so that we can grow up into the Measure of the Fullness of His Stature.

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 (Isaiah 53:11).

Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him (Romans 5:9).

Jesus Christ, through the Knowledge of His Father's Will, died upon the Cross to justify, to vindicate, and to defend us against the Wrath of God by washing away our iniquity and sin. The Blood of Jesus Christ, through His Death and His Resurrection Life, absolves and acquits us of guilt and exonerates us from blame before God.

The Justification of Christ Jesus acquits the sinner and declares the sinner righteous through His precious shed Blood. God's Holy Dove, the Son of God, justifies us and infuses us with His Resurrection Life. Christ Jesus, through His Knowledge, extends His Life into us after He has justified and acquitted us of our guilt and blame. The Blood of Jesus Christ, God's Dove, lifts us above our guilt and blame and the guilt and blame heaped on us by others. Therefore, we are liberated from the blaming and accusing spirit toward ourself and toward others when we lay hold of the Dove Blood which Jesus Christ offered for our iniquity and sin.

Now it is easier to understand why God chose the turtledove to be a picture of Christ's Crucified Blood, with its Defenselessness, its Lack of Resistance, its Shy Fugitive Nature, and its Lack of Power and Position with Man. It is beautiful to see also how the dove is a picture of Christ's Resurrected Blood, with Its Power and Strength of Upward Flight; Its Power of Free Existence, Its Protective Power of God; and Its Knowledge of God's Will to Extend Its Life.

The new mother in Israel had to bring the dove offering for iniquity and sin after the fortieth day of the birth of a male child and after the eightieth day of the birth of a female child.

The dove blood of the sin offering cleansed the new mother of her moral weakness and her spiritual ignorance which would have prevented her from being a fit mother for the newborn child. The dove blood freed her from careless indifference toward God's Holy *Torah*, which would enlighten her and teach her how to be a good mother according to the Will of God.

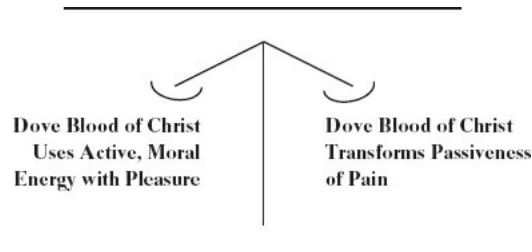
The Holy, cleansed mother in Israel was called to dedicate her life to teaching her children how to obey God's *Torah*, righteously, thereby extending the Life of the *Torah* in the earth.

The *Torah* was a dead letter as long as it remained in stone. However, when a soul studied the *Torah* and allowed God to write it in the living, fleshly tables of his heart, the *Torah* became living, with its Life extended in the earth. When believers righteously obey the *Torah* through Holy Deeds, they extend the Life of the *Torah* further in the earth to their natural and spiritual children. Believers extend the Life of God's *Torah* in the earth each time they

teach a soul God's Word and how to obey it righteously.

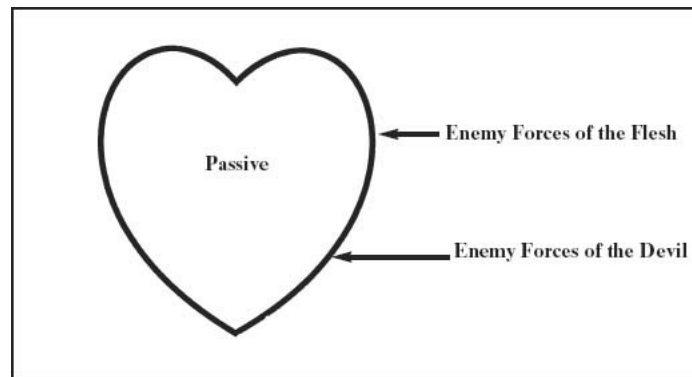
Let us not forget that the Life of the *Torah* is extended in the earth when believers righteously obey it. The Holy mother in Israel had to be willing to endure suffering in order to fulfill her duty to God's High Calling for her life. She had to be willing to suffer as a mother in order to train her children in the Will of God and His *Torah*.

The dove blood was a picture of the Blood of Jesus Christ which transforms the passiveness of pain into active, moral energy of pleasure.



A true mother suffers much passiveness in pain, both in the natural realm and in the spiritual realm. The quality or state of being passive means the capability and susceptibility of receiving impressions from external agents or causes being impulsively acted upon. By the passiveness and sufferings of our LORD and Saviour, we are rescued from the flesh and the Devil. A true mother who teaches her natural and spiritual children the Holy Word of God will be acted upon, impulsively, by the external agents called "flesh" and "devils." These "agents" will condemn what is being taught, mock and scorn how it is being taught, and blaspheme the teaching as being useless and foolish.

We are defiled by our passiveness in the midst of pain when we allow ourselves to be acted upon and influenced by these outside enemy forces. When we are defiled in our heart by these outside forces, we become discouraged and are willing to settle for a lesser degree of righteous obedience rather than to suffer to keep teaching the moral heights of the *Torah* and the accompanying obedience to it. When we become defiled in our heart by the adversaries' mocking and scorning of our ability, we become demoralized and doubt that God can use us to be a good spiritual mother and teacher of His Word. When we are defiled by the attacks of inimical forces from without, we momentarily join their blasphemous suggestions that it is useless and foolish to teach the Word of God to either our natural children or to our spiritual children.



But, it is a great, victorious day when we learn to plead the Dove Blood of Christ because, as a result of our pleading, we will find our passiveness being transformed into *active moral energy* that gives us power to resist the Devil by speaking the Truth in our heart.

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but **it shall accomplish that which I please,** and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it (Isaiah 55:11).

The Holy, Active, Moral Energy of the Dove Blood lays hold of the Truth of the efficacy of God's Word. It always will accomplish God's Divine Master Plan, and it will not return unto Him *void!* God's Word always will

effect what it is sent to do. It will accomplish what pleases the LORD, not necessarily what pleases us. God's Word always will prosper in the thing for which He has sent it. This Truth joined to the Active, Moral Energy of the Dove Blood will keep every teacher of God's Word full of faith and victory.

The Dove Blood of the LORD not only overcomes the enemy but also lifts us above the enemy.

The Dove Blood of Humility Innocence and Purity is the only cure for guilt.

Also, the dove or pigeon was a symbol of rest. It was the dove that brought the good tidings of *peace and rest* to Noah concerning the newly cleansed Earth.

Christ's Dove Blood can deliver each individual mother from the torment of sinful thoughts that she is an incapable teacher or that her children are hopeless students. Remember, His Word will not return unto Him void. Also, remember, that the LORD has promised that we should "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

What a blessed comfort for a new mother to know that God has provided the Dove Blood of Jesus Christ for her cleansing and for the cleansing of her offspring. The past defilement of the iniquity of Adam the First and the present defilement of the sinful seeds of the parents are all cleansed by the Dove Blood of Christ Jesus.

If a new mother had to face the fact that she had brought a living soul into the world with the curse of iniquity, sin, and death upon it, without any provision for its cleansing, she would face terrible torment. But, the Provision of Dove Blood has been made through the LORD Jesus Christ. Therefore, a new mother can rest in peace when she lays hold, by faith, of the Dove Blood of Jesus Christ for a sin offering.

The Dove Blood of Christ Jesus gives a new mother the active moral energy of love so that she can fulfill the high calling of motherhood. A new mother needs Christ's Dove Blood of Humility and Love to cleanse her from her natural impatience, weakness, and ignorance that would prevent her from pleasing God and ministering in patience, strength, and loving knowledge to her children.

God's Faithfulness is great to all individuals, and His Provision of Blood is complete for all individuals.

The pigeon or dove blood was required for a sin offering to make atonement for the new mother, whether she was rich or whether she was poor. The requirements for cleansing for a new mother were the same both for the rich and the poor. The sufferings, the impatience, discontentment, iniquity, and sin in child bearing is the same regardless of a mother's financial circumstances, and the old order provided a freely available means for the cleansing needed by all mothers.

Since the Cross, every new mother has had the privilege of being freely and amply cleansed by the Blood of Jesus Christ, Who gave Himself as a Sin Offering for us all.

It is only through the Blood of Christ Jesus, the great Dove of Peace, our spiritual Sin Offering, that the corruption of our inherited nature of iniquity and sin is cancelled. How thankful believing mothers should be for the Provision of the Dove Blood of Jesus Christ. The Bird Blood of Christ Jesus is a special portion of Christ's Blood that God has reserved for believing mothers to use to cleanse themselves and to cleanse their children. Thus, a new mother and a new child may be presented before the LORD for a new union with Him and to be of new service in His Kingdom.

Our LORD Jesus Christ was made of a woman — made under the Law.

But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, **made under the law**, (Galatians 4:4).

Jesus Christ, the Word in Flesh, was made under the Law of human nature and under the Ceremonial Law that was a shadow and type of His own Glorious Work. Therefore, He had to be circumcised on the eighth day in order to fulfill the Ceremonial Law.

And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb. And **when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord;** (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;) **And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons** (Luke 2:21-24).

Jesus Christ submitted to the Ceremonial Law of Circumcision on the eighth day of His Life in this world. The act of circumcision admitted sinful man into a Covenant Relationship with God. However, Jesus Christ always had been the Holy Son of God, in perfect Union and Relationship with His Heavenly Father. Nevertheless, this Holy Child, Jesus, came under the painful knife of circumcision and was obedient to the Ceremonial Law in our place, as though He were a sinner and needed His filthiness cut away. He was obedient to offer His Holy Blood in our place.

When He was forty days old, He also was presented in the Temple, with His mother, for purification, as though He had been formed in iniquity and conceived in sin. The LORD Jesus Christ submitted to the dove blood for

purification under the Law, although He had no impurity of iniquity and no defilement of sin from which He needed to be cleansed.

The LORD Jesus Christ submitted to circumcision and purification as a sinner, in spite of the fact that He was God's *Holy* Son. He was presented to God in the Temple as a "stranger" to God, and yet He came from the Bosom of the Father with a perfect and most intimate Relationship with the Heart of the Father.

The offering of dove blood for a sin offering was obeyed by the blessed Virgin Mary, proving how important this Law was to God in Israel.

Chapter Four

God's Provision Of Bird Blood For A Sin Offering For An Individual To Cleanse Him From Personal Uncleanness

Not all sins which were committed by individuals related directly to human ignorance. Not all individuals were leprous, and not all individuals had just given birth to a child. Therefore, in His Graciousness and Mercifulness, the LORD God provided a special sin offering of bird blood to cleanse the individual of whatever personal uncleanness defiled him and separated him from worshipping in the Sanctuary of the LORD God.

The Word of God records two specific examples of personal uncleanness which required the individual to bring a sin offering of bird blood.

1. Dove Blood for a Sin Offering to Cleanse a Woman Who Had a Protracted Issue of Blood

A woman who had an issue of blood that extended beyond the normal time of the menses was considered defiled, so she needed to bring dove blood for her uncleanness.

And if a woman have an issue of her blood many days out of the time of her separation, or if it run beyond the time of her separation; all the days of the issue of her uncleanness shall be as the days of her separation: she shall be unclean. Every bed whereon she lieth all the days of her issue shall be unto her as the bed of her separation: and whatsoever she sitteth upon shall be unclean, as the uncleanness of her separation. And whosoever toucheth those things shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even. But if she be cleansed of her issue, then she shall number to herself seven days, and after that she shall be clean. **And on the eighth day she shall take unto her two turtles, or two young pigeons, and bring them unto the priest,** to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And the priest shall offer the **one for a sin offering,** and the other **for a burnt offering;** and the priest shall make an atonement for her before the LORD for the issue of her uncleanness (Leviticus 15:25-30).

The fourth class of blood for a sin offering for the individual was the dove blood that God provided for a woman whose issues defiled and made her ceremonially unclean. Some female issues are normal and healthy, yet they are defiling; other issues are from diseases in the body, and they also are defiling.

After the woman's issue had been healed for seven days, she was to offer a turtledove or a pigeon for a sin offering to make atonement. The dove blood cleansed a woman and helped her to soar upward, again, with fresh new life to the high calling of her womanhood in God.

2. Dove Blood for a Sin Offering to Cleanse a Nazarite Who Had Been Defiled by Contact with a Dead Body

The fifth class of blood for a sin offering for an individual was the turtledove or pigeon blood for the defiled individual who was a Nazarite.

And on the eighth day he shall bring two turtles, or two young pigeons, to the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: (Numbers 6:10).

When the Nazarite became defiled in his separation to God because someone had died, next to him, in unforeseen suddenness, taking away the purity of his "Nazarite" head, he was unclean for seven days. On the eighth day, he brought a turtledove or pigeon for a sin offering in order to be cleansed from his defilement so that he could mount up or soar upward into a fresh period of Nazaritism.

We already have learned that the dove blood is a positive symbolic type of the Blood of Jesus Christ that helps one to soar upward to moral freedom of existence and to moral perfection.

There are many hidden streams and many different colourful hues of the Purple and Scarlet Blood of Jesus Christ. There are many hidden levels of Power in the great fountain of Blood of Jesus Christ! We can know the depths and heights and lengths and breadths of the Blood of Jesus Christ only as we study the precious word pictures, shadows,

and types of it that God has painted in the Scriptures of the Old Testament.

Already, since we have studied the tremendous Truths of the Blood of Jesus Christ revealed through the pictures, the shadows, and the types, we surely have comprehended and received a greater understanding of God's Provision of Blood for us through the Death of Jesus Christ.

Our study of the subject of the Blood of Jesus Christ, thus far, has been concerned with the first point of Truth on the main Stature of Truth, called "God and the Blood of Jesus Christ." These first four volumes have researched, particularly, God's Provision of Blood Through the Sin Offerings. In the first three volumes, we learned that God provided blood for a sin offering for the Priest, for the whole congregation of Israel, and for the ruler. In this, the fourth volume, we have learned that God provided sin offering blood for the individual.

The first chapter of this volume revealed that God provided female kid goat blood, female lamb blood, and ram's blood to cleanse an individual from his sins of ignorance. In the second chapter, we learned that God provided bird blood and lamb blood for a sin offering for the individual who was defiled by leprosy. The third chapter dealt specifically with the dove blood, which God graciously provided for a new mother to cleanse her from the defilement of childbirth and to prepare her for motherhood. This last chapter of our study has revealed that God did not overlook any single individual's need for personal cleansing. He provided dove blood for the woman who had a protracted issue of blood, and He provided dove blood for the Nazarite who had been defiled by contact with the dead.

It is exciting and comforting to understand the careful attention that God has given to the various needs of the different classes of sinners. It is consoling and encouraging to see God's exactness, to the most miniscule detail, in making the necessary and proper Provision for the various needs of the different classes of sinners.

Our next studies on God and the Blood of Jesus Christ will be continued in volumes that focus on God's Provision of Blood through the Whole Burnt Offering and through the Peace Offering.

