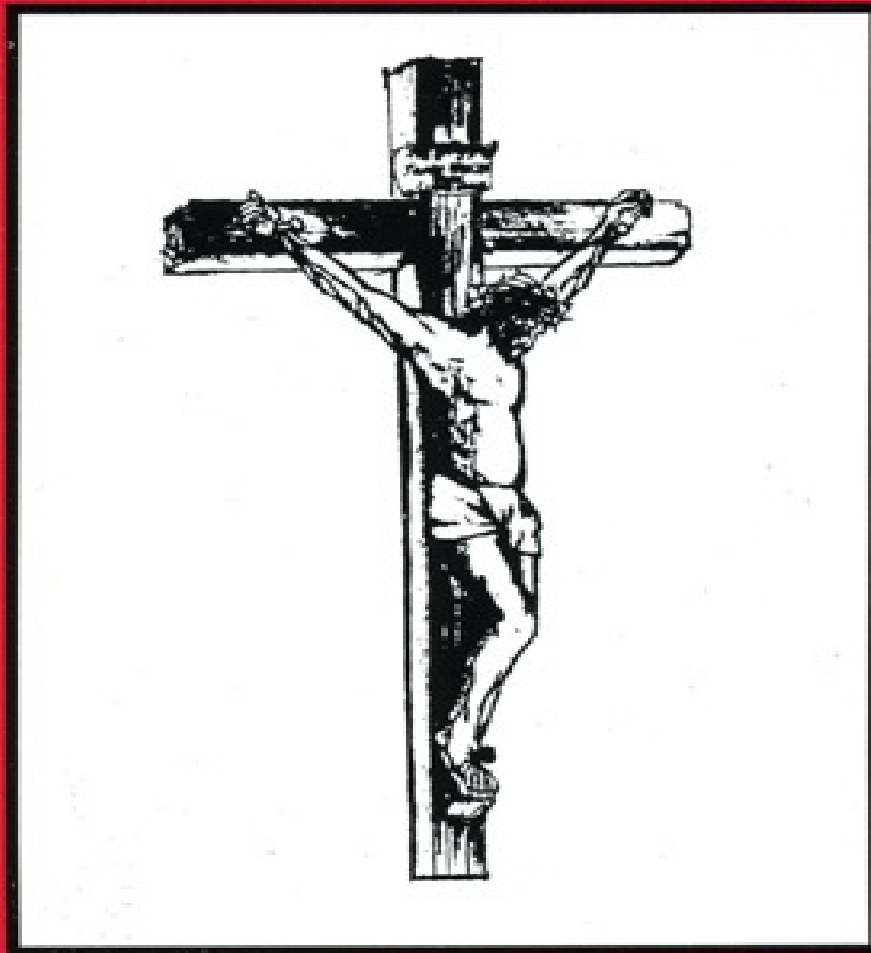


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Introduction

The introductory book in this series of studies about the Blood of Jesus Christ established that the sacrificial offering of animals always was God's provision of blood for sin, which portrayed, through type and shadow, God's provision of the Blood of Jesus Christ for all the sins of mankind.

Now that the entire series of lessons about Jesus' Blood has been introduced, this first volume in the series will deal specifically with the first point on "God's Provision of Blood for a Sin Offering," which is His provision of blood for the sins of the Priests. Volume two will deal with the sin offering for the congregation; volume three will cover the sin offering for the rulers; and volume four will cover the sin offering for the individual, which will complete the study of God's Provision of Blood for the Sin Offering.

However, to cover all the points on God's Provision of the Blood of Jesus Christ, the lessons on Blood for Consecration (the whole burnt offering) and the Blood for Peace offerings will be written in subsequent volumes.

First, in this introductory chapter, we shall view the sin offering in type and shadow form as pictured in the animal sacrifices offered in the Mosaic Tabernacle. Then, we shall see how Jesus Christ, God's only Begotten Son, fulfilled the types and shadows of the sin offering when He poured out His Holy Blood on the Cross of Calvary.

God divided the mighty River of the Blood of Jesus Christ, which is His complete provision for the total needs of mankind, into three distinct streams: Blood to minister to man's need for cleansing from sin, Blood for his need for complete consecration, and Blood for his need for peace and harmony.

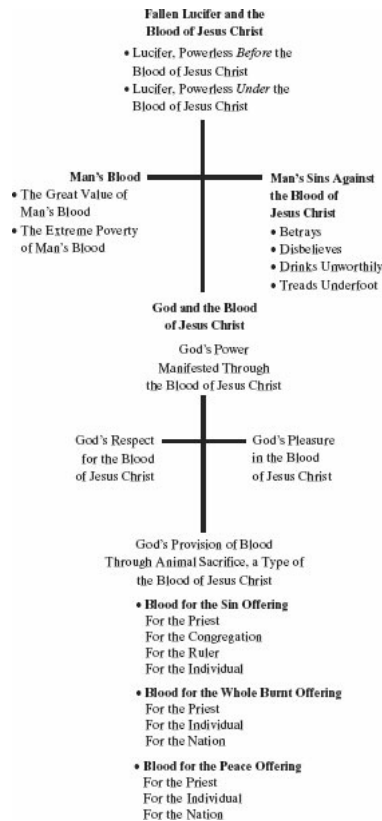
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**The Three Streams of the
Blood of Jesus Christ**



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Full Stature of Truth About the Blood of Jesus Christ



The Blood of the *sin offering* was for washing away man's offensive actions against God's *Torah*. The Blood of the *whole burnt offering* was for washing away man's passive resistance to fulfilling the demands of the *Torah*, expressed through his refusal to actively obey the Law. The Blood of the *peace offering* was for washing away all the unhappy rebellion and sadness man felt when he did not obey the demands of the *Torah*. God designed the heart and the will not only to obey His Will but also so that man would have exquisite joy and delight while doing the Will of the LORD God.

Before man sinned in the Garden of Eden, God took great measures to provide for sinful man's needs for cleansing. God, in His Divine, Omniscient Foresight saw man's downfall into sin and took precautionary measures to provide the Blood of His only Begotten Son to save man from Eternal ruin and damnation. The first class of Blood that God provided for sinful man was the sin offering Blood.

As we examine the Blood of the sin offering in detail in this and subsequent volumes, we shall see that it has tremendous Power to wash away man's sinful and offensive actions against God's *Torah*, the Christ. The sin offering Blood was not provided just for sinners who come for initial forgiveness for the innate sinful nature which they have received from Adam the First. It also was provided for the forgiveness of sinful acts of disobedience committed by believers who have not yet let Jesus Christ wholly crucify their carnal wills.

The Apostle James said that if a person offends in one point of the Law, he is guilty of all. "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all" (James 2:10). One offending point of disobedient contempt for the Lawgiver and His Law incurs total liability for the offender, whose resultant penalty of judgment and punishment is the same as if the whole *Torah* were disobeyed.

Believers must not allow their diseased perception of reality to deceive them into believing that their good deeds can override their one point of contemptible disobedience. The warning in this Scripture reveals how great man's need is for the sin offering Blood of Jesus Christ.

Sin is any voluntary transgression of God's Moral Law, His *Torah*. Sin is disobedience to the Divine Command; any violation of the Divine Command; moral depravity; wickedness; or iniquity. Sin includes not only actions but

also neglect of known duty, all evil thoughts, words, purposes, and all that is contrary to the Law, the *Torah* of God. It may consist of acts of “commission,” when a known Divine Law is violated, or deeds of “omission,” when a positive Divine Command or Rule of Duty is voluntarily or willingly neglected. A sin may be in a man’s thoughts or in the secret purpose of his heart, neither of which can be discerned by earthly judges or witnesses.

The Hebrew word for *sin* has the connotation of taking a “coal” out and away from the Fire of God so that the hot, glowing coal becomes a “cold clinker.” When man disobeys God, he takes his soul away from the warm, glowing Presence of God, and his soul becomes a “cold clinker” which does not have the hot, glowing Presence of God’s Spirit, His Name, and His Glory within it.

A sin offering is an offering made to atone for sin.

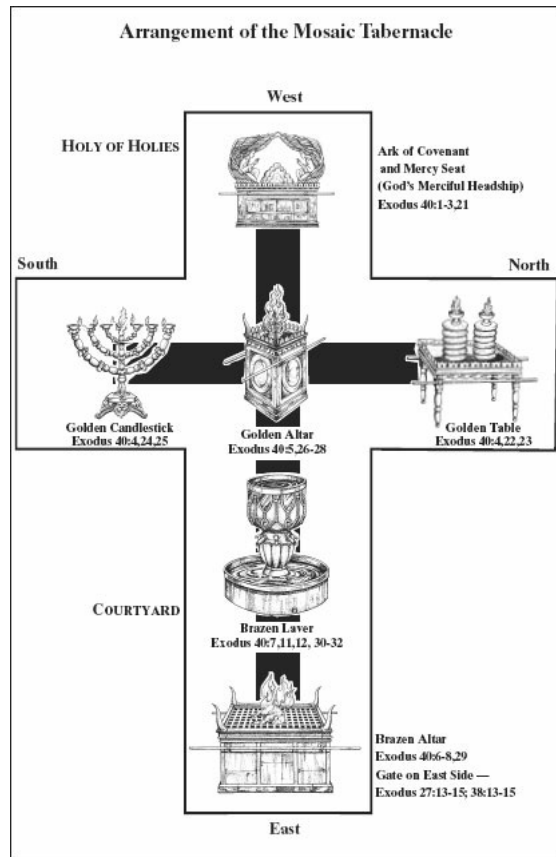
For **he hath made him to be sin for us**, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him (II Corinthians 5:21).

Jesus Christ gave Himself as a Sacrificial Sin Offering for the removal of man’s sin. Jesus Christ was a Holy Mediator because He knew no sin. Although Jesus Christ was *not* a sinner, He was made a sin offering, a Sacrifice for man’s sins. Jesus Christ had no sin, and sinful man had no righteousness. So Jesus Christ took away what man *did have* (sin) and gave to man what he *did not have* (a robe of righteousness).

From the beginning, God showed His provision of Blood to Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. However, it was not until the time of Moses and the erecting of the Old Testament Tabernacle that God began to unveil the three divisions of Blood which comprise His full provision of Blood. By the threefold sacrifices: the sin offering blood, the whole burnt offering blood, and the peace offering blood that were offered in the Old Testament Tabernacle, as shadows and types of His planned Redemption for mankind, God carefully painted beautiful pictures of His Eternal Provision of Blood through the LORD Jesus Christ.

In order for these pictures and types to be clearly understood, it is helpful at this point for us to present the blueprint of the Tabernacle and its furniture as God gave it to Moses in the fortieth chapter of Exodus. Then, as we progress in our study, we can follow the Priest, step by step, as he ministered the blood in the Tabernacle, and we clearly can see how the animal blood offered in the Mosaic Tabernacle pictured the Ministry of the Blood of Jesus Christ, Who was the second and more perfect Tabernacle (Hebrews 9:1-11).

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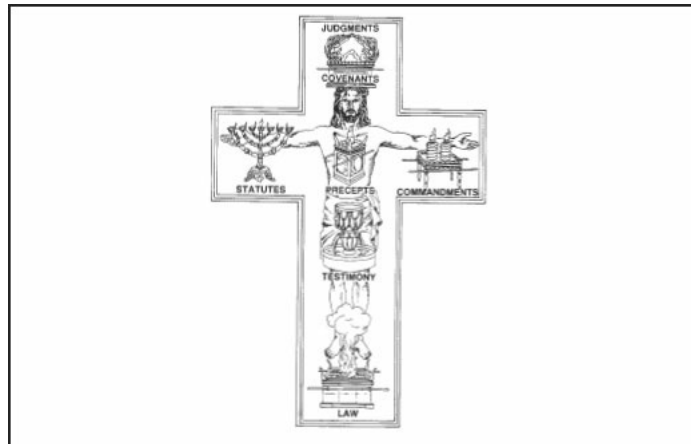


God instructed Moses to place the furniture in the Tabernacle in the form of the Cross. His reason for doing this was to paint a picture which would give men of all generations a clear concept of the spiritual experiences that would be revealed in the full Stature of His Son Jesus Christ.

In the Old Testament, Moses had the revelation of the full Stature of Jesus Christ through the shadows and types in the Tabernacle that God gave him. In the New Testament, the Holy Spirit of God revealed to the Apostle Paul the full Stature of the Resurrected Christ in reality. Then, in his letter to the Ephesian Church, Paul expounded the revelation that believers are to grow up unto the Measure of the Stature of the Fullness of Jesus Christ, from His Feet up to His Head.

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, **unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:** That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness whereby they lie in wait to deceive; **But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:** From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love (Ephesians 4:12-16).

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As we view the many administrations and ministries of the blood in the Old Testament, it will increase our faith and understanding of God's provision for us through the shed Blood of Jesus Christ.

God's first provision of blood was for a sin offering, and the first persons to partake of this sin offering in the Mosaic Tabernacle were the Priests: Aaron and his sons. God provided four basic sin offerings for the Priests. There was a general sin offering to prepare the Priest for ministry, a special sin offering to cleanse the Priest from ignorance, a sin offering to prepare the Priest for the Appearance of the LORD, and a sin offering to make atonement for the Priest. In each instance, the animal that was offered was a bullock or, in one instance, a young calf.

The Truth that surrounds the bullock blood, offered for the Priests on each of these occasions, is very significant and detailed. This is also true in relation to the blood of the animals offered for the whole congregation, for the ruler, and for the individual Israelites. Therefore, in order to focus an appropriate amount of attention upon each point of Truth about the sin offering blood, the material in the rest of the study of God's Provision of Blood will be written as separate volumes. In this volume, we will study only the sin offering blood for the Priests which is divided into four chapters: the bullock blood which prepared the Priests to minister in the LORD's Sanctuary; the bullock blood for the Priests' sins committed through ignorance; young calf blood to prepare the Priests for the Appearance of the LORD; and special bullock blood to make atonement for the Priests.

In these studies of the types and shadows executed through the different animal sacrifices in the Old Testament, we see beautiful pictures of the final reality of Jesus Christ's Sacrifice at Calvary and the Ministry of His Blood to cover every and all aspects of man's sin against God and His Holy *Torah*.

May the gratitude, the thrill, the excitement, and the love for God and His Son be instilled in your heart as you study these lessons so that you will be changed forever, made whole by God's Provision of Blood for you.

— The Author

Chapter One

God's Provision Of Bullock Blood For A General Sin Offering Which Prepared The Priests For Ministry In The LORD's Sanctuary

When, through Moses, God unfolded His Law of Blood Sacrifice for man's redemption from sin and his reconciliation to his Master and Owner, God began with His Ministers, the Priests.

God required that, as His servants, the Priests be free from sin before they ministered in His Tabernacle-House. Priests were required to bring a bullock without blemish to the door of the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and there they were to kill it for a sin offering before the LORD.

And thou shalt cause a **bullock** to be brought before the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the bullock. And thou shalt kill the bullock before the LORD, *by* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And thou shalt take of the blood of the bullock, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar with thy finger, and pour all the blood beside the bottom of the altar (Exodus 29:10-12).

And **he brought the bullock for the sin offering**: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the bullock for the sin offering. And he slew it; and Moses took the blood, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar round about with his finger, and purified the altar, and poured the blood at the bottom of the altar, and sanctified it, to make reconciliation upon it (Leviticus 8:14,15).

And the sons of Aaron brought the blood unto him: and he dipped his finger in the blood, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar, and poured out the blood at the bottom of the altar: (Leviticus 9:9).

When the Priests laid their hands upon the bullock's head, they leaned their weight upon the animal. Thus, they made a visible demonstration of transferring their sins to the animal. This act also showed their complete dependence upon the blood of the animal to atone for their sins. Then, they killed the animal before the LORD.

Jesus Christ had not yet come in a mortal Body to pour out His Holy Bullock Blood. Nevertheless, the LORD mercifully made provision for a sin offering in the Old Testament, under the shadow and type, whereby man's sins could be atoned.

Notice that God dealt with sin, first, in His leaders, His servants. Before Aaron and his sons could minister to others, they had to put away sin in their own lives. This sin offering was not for the remission of man's original sin which he inherited from Adam the First. It was a general sin offering for cleansing of the sins of the believer's carnal, fleshly heart. Aaron and his sons already had experienced the baptism in the Cloud and Fire; and they already had passed through the baptism of the Red Sea (I Corinthians 10:1-4). Nevertheless, God provided special sin offering blood for them in order to prepare them for ministry, service, and worship in His House.

God's ministers and leaders need to remember this Principle whenever they have trouble getting their people to move on for God or to cooperate in forsaking some sinful practice. First, they should allow Jesus Christ to search out their own hearts and show them where they are unlike Him and where they are actively rebellious against the Moral Standards of God's *Torah*. Then, by faith, they can lay hold of the Sin Offering Blood of Jesus Christ for atonement for their sin.

Not every believer is called into active ministry as an Apostle, a Prophet, an Evangelist, a Pastor, or a Teacher. However, all believers are called to be spiritual priests unto the LORD (I Peter 2:9). Therefore, the study of the bullock blood which the Priests offered in the Old Testament Dispensation is profitable for *all* believers, today, and not just for those who are serving publicly in the LORD's House.

It is important for believers to know what is in their lives that God looks upon as sin. Then, they can apply the Sin Offering Blood of Jesus Christ, by faith, to the sin in their hearts and lives and be washed white as snow.

When the vessel of a believer's heart is freshly clean and Holy, the Word of God flows through it in greater power; then people who hear them will be inspired to know the LORD and be motivated to become His dedicated servants. God's ministers should serve and worship Him in such a way that the people will want what they see in a minister's life. People who see a living, glowing example before them will hunger for new cleansing, new service, and new worship.

In the Old Testament Dispensation, God made provision through the bullock blood for His servants, the Priests, to receive new cleansing. The sin offering of the bullock, offered on the occasion, painted a graphic picture of the LORD Jesus Christ's Blood which provides cleansing for God's ministers and leaders today.

One bullock was to be brought to the door of God's House to be shared by Aaron and his sons. Both Aaron and his sons were to lay their hands on the one bullock and claim its blood for their cleansing from sin. This was not an ordinary, ceremonial "laying on of hands." They did not place their hands lightly upon the bullock. Instead, they had to lay their hands upon him and lean upon him with all their strength so that the bullock supported their weight. Thus, they demonstrated their complete dependence upon the blood of the bullock to cleanse them from sin.

Aaron and his sons all shared the same bullock, demonstrating that they were to be "one bullock," as it were, in the House of the LORD. The sons of Aaron had to learn that they were to be co-workers with the High Priest, with the LORD God, and with each other in God's Sanctuary. Before they could accomplish the complete Will of God in the LORD's House, they had to be cleansed from the sin of independence so that they could work together in unity. A single individual, regardless of how talented or anointed he may be, cannot accomplish the complete Will of God in the LORD's House.

The Psalmist David had a revelation of this Truth.

BEHOLD, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! *It is* like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, *even* Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, *and as the dew* that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, *even* life for evermore (Psalm 133:1-3).

How good and pleasant it is when Christian brothers' spiritual virtue joins together in spiritual unity around the LORD, with the same Spiritual Principles and with the same goal and objective of being in the Bride of Jesus Christ. It is so good and blessed to rally around Christ Jesus and His blessed *Torah* in unified love, faith, joy, and peace.

When God's ministers are unified with Jesus Christ and with each other, as they work in God's House, they plow as "one bullock" in the hearts and minds of God's people for the sole purpose of opening hearts and minds to receive the living Seeds of Truth from God's Word. The fragrant unity and fertile dew of harmony gives fruitful moisture to the soil of hearts and minds, causing the Seeds of Truth to root, bud, blossom, and bear fruit.

The Priests of God's House must learn the conditions of unity and accept the demands of harmony that the office of the Priesthood places upon them.

The natural bullock of God's House had to give up all living for himself in order to give his neck to the knife of God's Sanctuary. Likewise, God's Spiritual "Bullock," Jesus Christ, gave up His Life, publicly, on Calvary's Cross (in front of the door of the sanctuary), demonstrating the pleasure and honour that He felt for the privilege of serving in God's Sanctuary. He gave up all living for Himself and publicly gave His neck to the "knife" of the Cross, demonstrating His pleasure of doing His Father's Will.

When believers, by faith, lean upon Jesus Christ with all their strength, His Blood becomes their blood; therefore, they, too, become a bullock, as it were, by being joined to Him for the service of God's House.

God very explicitly commanded Aaron and his sons, the Priests, to bring a bullock. In Biblical days, bullocks were brought under the restraint of a yoke and made to pull carriages, carts, wagons, and plows. Thus, a bullock is a fitting symbol of self-control of the passions of the flesh.

God's servants need the bullock blood of the self-control of Christ Jesus to cleanse them from their sins of impatience, anger, disgust, lust of the flesh, and greed for glory. These sins all have their origin in proud independence which prevents God's servants from coming together in unity and harmony as "one bullock" in the service of the LORD.

Jesus Christ died to give His Bullock Blood to wash away man's lack of self-control. Through the bullock blood of the sin offering, man can have Christ-control within himself. Then, he can be One with Jesus Christ and God the Father and with the ones whom God has called to be co-workers in His ministry and service.

The bullock blood of the sin offering will cleanse believers and prevent the breaking of the *Tiphereth* Wheel of Unity and Harmony in God's House. The believer who knows about God's provision of the precious Bullock Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ can apply it, continually, by faith, to his proud, independent heart that does not want to be a co-worker with anyone who will not work to help him achieve glorious exaltation for himself.

When proud, independent self is assailed by the temptation to be impatient, angry, disgusted, or greedy for glory in the midst of the ministry and service for the LORD, it can be controlled only by the Bullock Blood of Christ. Unless the heart has been washed in the Sin Offering Blood and has a desire to be "one bullock," believers are unable to launch forth in a victorious ministry for the LORD in His House.

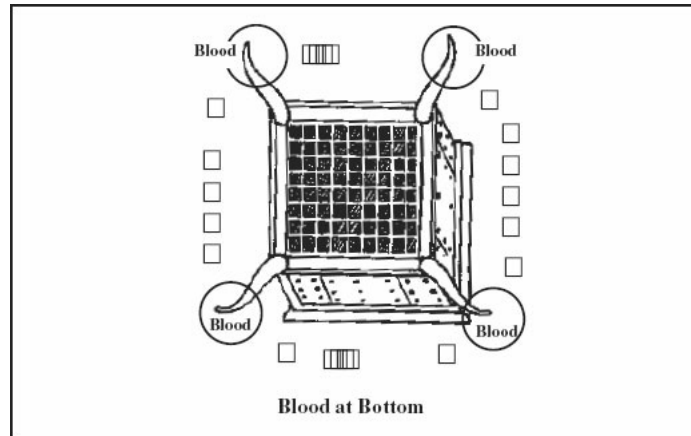
Praise the Name of the LORD Jesus Christ for His Bullock Blood of self-control which is able to wash away pride and also control the desire that is in man's heart to be independent from the LORD's Ownership and Mastership!

The sin offering was the beginning of the blood offerings. It was the very hub upon which the other blood offerings rested. The bullock blood of the sin offering was placed upon the four horns of the Altar so that it formed a

circular wheel on the most highly elevated part of the Altar.

The horns represented the aggressive and defensive Power of the LORD Jesus Christ. These four wheels of bullock blood were ever turning, as it were, with aggressive Power to come against all disunity, and they turned with all defensive Power to protect the unity of the “one bullock” in the Sanctuary of the LORD. Then, all the remaining bullock blood was poured beside the bottom of the Altar so that the foundation of the Altar rested on bullock blood.

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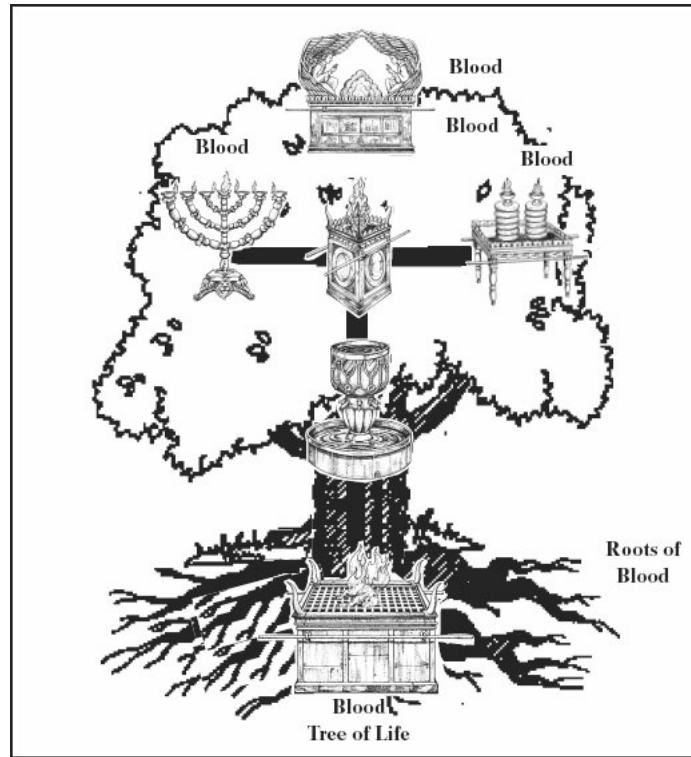


The sacrificed bullock gave up its life's blood to the knife of the Sanctuary. On this occasion, its life's blood was lifted up by the living finger of Moses and placed upon the four horns, the most elevated part of the Altar, because Aaron and his sons were not yet consecrated to the Priesthood. This reveals the power that the bullock blood has to take the earthly life of the offerer and bring it higher, into unity with the LORD God and with others in all places in the Earth — east, north, west, and south.

The Bullock Blood of Jesus Christ is always effective; there is no place in the earth nor any season in which His Bullock Blood is ineffective. By appropriating Christ's Bullock Blood of self-control, it is possible for believers to have unity and harmony in all places.

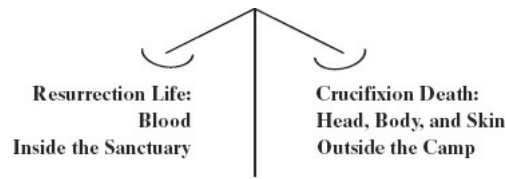
The remainder of the bullock blood was poured out at the bottom of the Altar, signifying that the *Torah* or Law of the Sanctuary had its roots in the blood of the "one bullock" of unity and harmony. The Mosaic Tabernacle with its many blood offerings was a Tree of Life to Israel.

(See diagram on following page.)



The bullock sin offering had two sides: a life-side and a death-side.

(See Scales on following page.)



The death-side of the bullock blood revealed the picture of Jesus Christ going forth “outside the camp,” to Calvary’s Cross, to bear sin away from God’s Sanctuary so that man can be separated from his sins. The life-side of the blood portrayed Jesus Christ’s Resurrected Blood which He carried to God’s Sanctuary in Heaven so that repentant man can be pardoned, cleansed, and forgiven of his sins, and given new, fresh life from the Tree of Life to continue climbing spiritually.

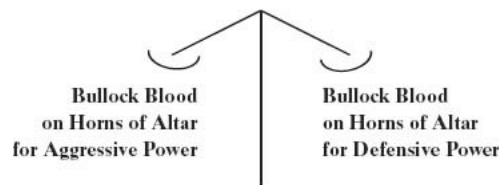
After the High Priest had applied the fresh, new blood of the bullock to the horns of the Altar, the head, body, and skin of the animal were carried outside the camp, away from the place of the Sanctuary. This graphically shows that God expects separation from sin after believers have been pardoned, cleansed, forgiven, and renewed. When Jesus Christ forgave the woman taken in adultery, He substantiated this Principle by pointing out that she was no longer under condemnation, but according as He commanded, she was to forsake her sin.

When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: **go and sin no more** (John 8:10,11).

The bullock blood had power to meet two particular needs in a person’s life: it set the repentant sinner free from his sins of the past and present, and it imparted to him a resolution to control self and, thus, keep himself free from the same sins in the future.

God’s *Torah* does not demand Head-realm restraint by saying “Thou shalt not” without giving His Foot-realm Roots of Bullock Blood of Self-control to anchor the believer and hold him securely fast during his hour of temptation. If a believer will allow the Bullock Blood of self-control in Christ Jesus to be placed at the very roots of his spiritual being, then God will allow him to appropriate, by faith, Christ’s full provision of Whole Burnt Offering Blood and His full provision of Peace Offering Blood.

Horns in the natural realm represent aggressive and defensive power. Thus, the bullock blood that was placed upon the horns of the Altar denoted the aggressive and defensive Power found in the Bullock Blood of Jesus Christ.



If a believer is willing to allow the sin offering of Christ’s Bullock Blood of self-control to wash and cleanse him, inwardly, of his proud independence, then no thing nor person can prevent him from being of service to the LORD God and from growing up in the Stature of Jesus Christ.

The *aggressive* side of the Bullock Blood of Jesus Christ *wars* for the Truth *by invading* the territory of the enemy *and forcing* him to give back to the believer the Seeds of Truth that he has stolen. The Devil can devour Truth from the believer’s mind, but the Bullock Blood will war to restore the Truth that the enemy steals. By restoring His Living Truth to the believer, Jesus Christ proves that He is the true Master and Owner and, therefore, that He has control over all life and all creation.

The *defensive* side of the Bullock Blood of Jesus Christ *wars* for the Truth *by restraining* fallen Lucifer from

taking precious Gems of Truth from the believer's heart and mind. Christ's defensive Bullock Blood also restrains the doubts, fears, and discouragements that arise from within the believer's own heart so that they cannot hinder the believer from running the race and obtaining the Prize.

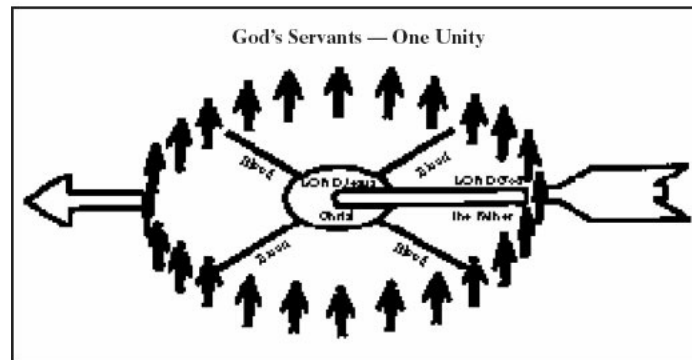
In the Old Testament Dispensation, God commanded that His Priests be cleansed by bullock blood before they were allowed to stand in His Presence to minister. This Moral Principle of Operation is still in effect today. God demands that His spiritual priests be cleansed by the Bullock Blood of Christ before they minister in His Presence. It is possible for a believer to stand in the presence of *man* and minister without the Bullock Blood of Christ, but it is not possible for him to stand in the *Presence of God* and minister unless he has it. All believers who minister in the Presence of the LORD must allow Christ's powerful Bullock Blood of Self-Control to wash them afresh and anew so that they can be "one bullock" in the LORD's House.

The bullock blood also sanctified the Altar in the Mosaic Tabernacle. Although the Altar was a picture of a portion of the Stature of Jesus Christ, it was touched by man; therefore, it was defiled and needed to be sanctified afresh. In the days of His Flesh, Jesus Christ, the Great Altar, was often touched by sinful man. This is why Jesus said, "And for their sakes [the sakes of all those who touched Him in the course of His daily life in this world] *I sanctify myself*, that they also might be sanctified through the truth" (John 17:19). Jesus Christ's Bullock Blood is sufficiently powerful to cleanse and to keep on cleansing all things.

Bullock blood of self-control also was used in the Mosaic Tabernacle to make reconciliation, which means to expiate, to cover, to condone, to placate, cancel, appease, make atonement, cleanse, disannul, forgive, be merciful, pacify, pardon, to pitch, purge away, put off. The bullock blood appeased God's Righteous Anger and Holy Hatred against sin, and it washed away the offense of the sinner.

The Bullock Blood of Jesus Christ is a Holy Mediator between God and man and between man and his fellowmen. It ministers unity and harmony by removing man's proud independence, which he manifests against God and against others and which keeps him from wanting to be a co-worker with God and with man.

In this chapter we have seen that the bullock blood was for general cleansing of God's Ministers so that they could work in unity and harmony with God and with each other as one *tiphereth wheel* or as one bullock in the House of God.



God's Word says that *all* Scripture is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, and for instruction in righteousness (II Timothy 3:16). Therefore, we know that the wonderful Truth of the bullock blood offered in the Old Testament is profitable to teach us the doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness that is found in the spiritual Bullock Blood of Jesus Christ. Through the Bullock Blood of Jesus Christ, God's spiritual priests in the New Testament Dispensation can become "one bullock" in the LORD's Sanctuary.

As we progress in the study of the blood of all the different kinds of sacrifices, we will receive an enlarged vision of the Greatness and the Power of the Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ. Through the Blood of His Son, God has made provision to meet the needs of every kind of person, every kind of situation, and every kind of sin.

Chapter Two

God's Provision Of Bullock Blood For A Special Sin Offering For The Priests For The Remission Of Sins Committed Through Ignorance

God's second provision of sin offering blood for His Priests was bullock blood, which was offered for the remission of sins that they had committed through ignorance.

Sins of ignorance are committed because of a person's lack of learning concerning God's Word and God's Will in general or with respect to any particular subject. Ignorance of God's Word and God's Will places us in a state of not being cognizant or aware of the Holy Things of God; and it places us in a state of being unacquainted with the things that please Him. We should pray continually that the LORD will forgive our sins of ignorance and that the Blood of Christ will wash away our negligences and our ignorances.

Although the Priests in the Old Testament served as spiritual leaders of God's people, they were mortal and finite; consequently, they fought the continual problem of ignorance. A general lack of learning or knowledge of basic Spiritual Truths affected their ability to make proper spiritual judgments, and their ignorance of Truth related to *specific* subjects was even greater. Because they were unaware or unknowledgeable of many realms and aspects of God's Spiritual Truth, Priests who served in the Old Testament Dispensation inadvertently committed many sins.

God's spiritual priests in the New Testament Dispensation also minister under a similar degree of ignorance. Without God's gracious provision of remission for sins through the Blood of Jesus Christ, spiritual leaders would be defeated before they start ministering. Without the Blood of Christ, they never could pray, "LORD Jesus, forgive us for all our sins of negligence and ignorance." But, because of the Blood of Christ, leaders have a blessed hope of forgiveness. God always deals, first, with the ignorance of His leaders and, then, with the ignorance of the people.

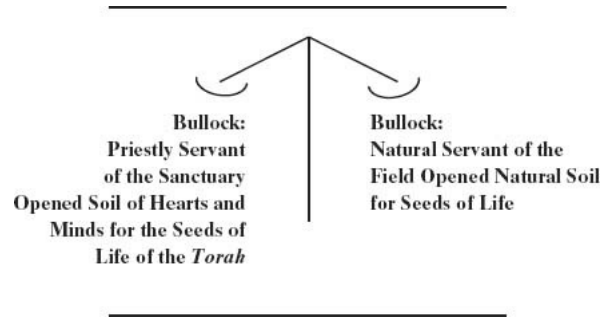
Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, **If a soul shall sin through ignorance** against any of the commandments of the LORD *concerning things* which ought not to be done, and shall do against any of them: **If the priest that is anointed do sin according to the sin of the people [the sin of ignorance]**; then let him bring for his sin, which he hath sinned, **a young bullock** without blemish unto the LORD for a sin offering. And he shall bring the bullock unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD; and shall lay his hand upon the bullocks head, and kill the bullock before the LORD. And the priest that is anointed shall take of the bullocks blood, and bring it to the tabernacle of the congregation: And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle of the blood seven times before the LORD, before the vail of the sanctuary. And the priest shall put *some* of the blood upon the horns of the altar of sweet incense before the LORD, which *is* in the tabernacle of the congregation; and shall pour all the blood of the bullock at the bottom of the altar of the burnt offering, which *is* at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And he shall take off from it all the fat of the bullock for the sin offering; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that *is* upon the inwards, And the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, which *is* by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away, As it was taken off from the bullock of the sacrifice of peace offerings: and the priest shall burn them upon the altar of the burnt offering. And the skin of the bullock, and all his flesh, with his head, and with his legs, and his inwards, and his dung, Even the whole bullock shall he carry forth without the camp unto a clean place, where the ashes are poured out, and burn him on the wood with fire: where the ashes are poured out shall he be burnt (Leviticus 4:1-12).

The LORD commanded the Priest to offer a bullock for the sins that he committed through ignorance. The Priest had to offer the sin offering blood for his own sins that had been begotten by his erroneous interpretation of the LORD's *Torah*. As the spiritual leader of the people, the Priest was to set the example of true understanding of God's *Torah*, true obedience to God's *Torah*, and true teaching of God's *Torah* to Israel.

God used a natural bullock to symbolize the restraint and self-control found in the Bullock Blood of Jesus Christ. A natural bullock is a wonderful servant that bears his yoke and works with surrender and meekness to open the soil to that it can receive new seeds. In the spiritual realm, Christ Jesus, God's Son, is the Bullock that opens the soil of man's heart for the sowing of His Eternal Word.

A natural bullock bears the yoke in order to plow in the fields, opening the soil so that new seeds may be cast into the ground to take root downward and bear fruit upward. As a serving animal, it works and denies itself of the grazing, carefree life of its relatives. It gives up its life in order to plow so that others may eat and find new life.

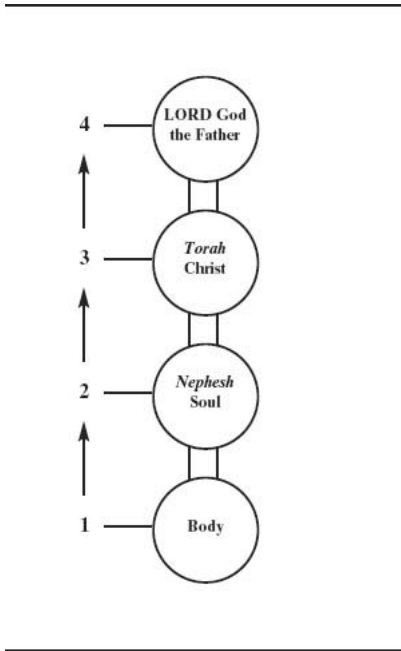
God's Priests were commanded to take on bullock blood so that they might serve as a bullock in God's Sanctuary. They were to bear the yoke of the ministry, plowing the fields of the minds of God's people and opening the soil of their hearts so that new Seeds of Truth could be cast into them. Then, the Seeds of Truth could take root downward and bear fruit upward in the hearts and lives of God's people, Israel.



God instructed Moses to tell Israel that, if any soul (*nephesh*) should sin through ignorance, there was special provision of blood to take care of the offense.

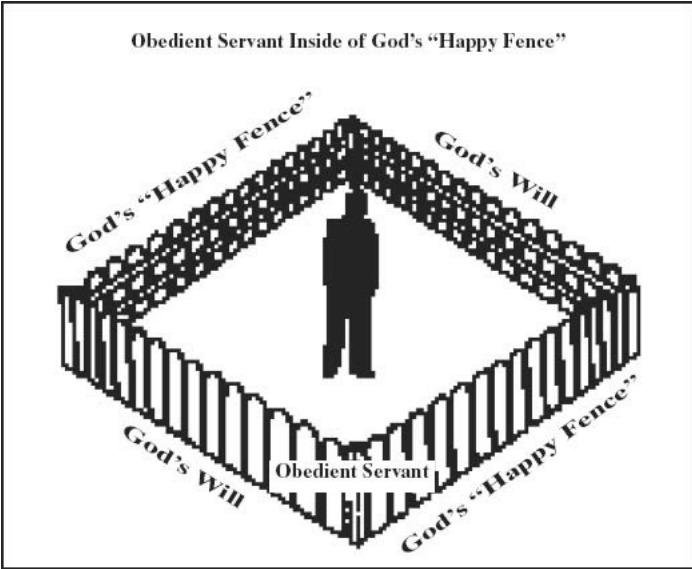
The creator entrusted the body with its organs and powers to the mastery and guidance of the *nephesh* soul. He intended for the *nephesh* soul to bring its mastery and guidance under the Ownership and Mastership of the *Torah*, the Christ, and then to lead the body into righteous obedience of the *Torah*. Thus, before the *nephesh* soul can be a righteous ruler over the body, it must submit itself to the purging power of the sin offering blood and to the purifying Fire of the *Torah*, the Christ, and be ruled by the Son of Righteousness. The LORD God purposed and ordained that the body be subservient to the *nephesh* soul; that the *nephesh* soul be subservient to the *Torah*, the Christ; and that Christ be subservient to the LORD God, the Father.

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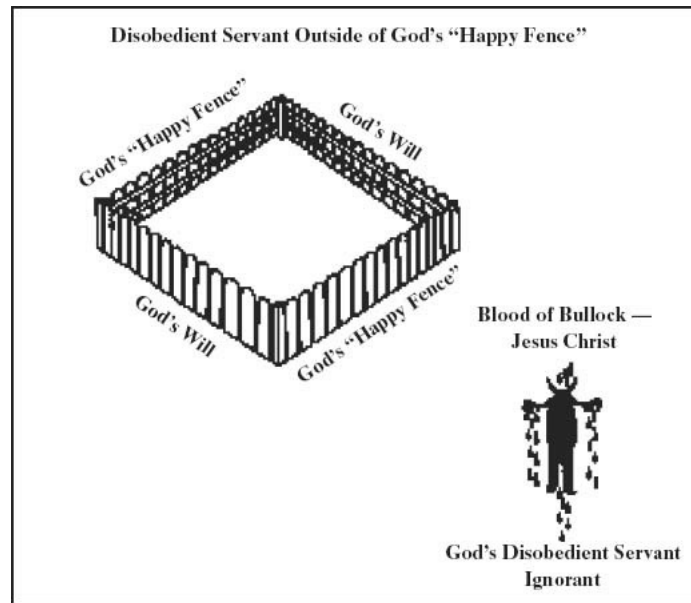


When this perfect order is established, the Perfect Will of God is passed down to the body so that it can experience an active ministry of righteous obedience to the Christ, the *Torah*, and Holy service to the LORD God.

When this order is broken by man’s ignorance, the *nephesh* soul is separated from the illuminating Light and Life-giving Warmth of the Fire of the *Torah*, the Christ. Then, the *nephesh* soul and the body begin to act in opposition to God’s Will, going outside the “happy fence” (the boundaries set by God’s Choice for one’s life) of El Shadday, the Owner. There is no true happiness outside of God’s Will and away from His Presence. So, the limits that God sets are a “happy fence” if the believer stays inside them. However, the sin of ignorance takes the *nephesh* soul and the body outside the limits of God’s Will and away from the nearness of God’s Presence, outside the “happy fence.” But, God mercifully provided a special sin offering for the Priests to offer for their sins of ignorance. Thus, He made provision to forgive ignorance and to restore the *nephesh* soul and body back to nearness in God’s Presence.



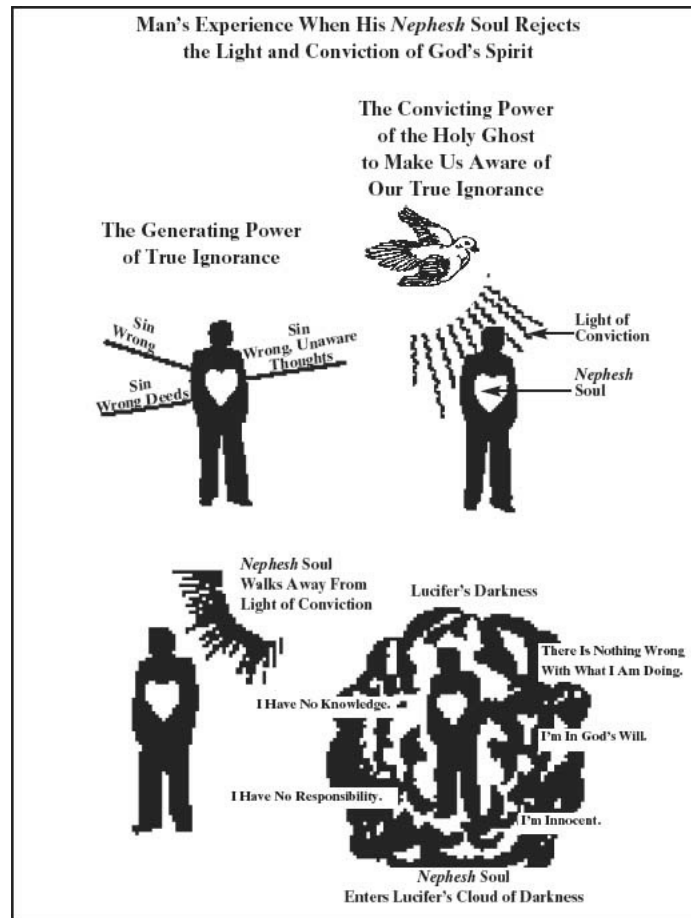
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The sin offering blood for ignorance could be offered only if the sinful act had been *begun* and *completed* in total ignorance or inadvertence. If at the beginning or end of the sinful act there was an awareness of the sinful nature of the act, one had to resort to another type of blood offering.

This shows how important it is for believers to be honest with God when they confess their sins. If they plead ignorance of some sinful deed when God sees that they know better, they shut themselves off from both the cleansing blood for ignorance and the cleansing blood for knowledgeable sin.

Sometimes the conscience feels conviction about a wrong thought or deed, but because the *nephesh* soul wants to go the "crooked way" of the Serpent, it accepts a cloud of darkness from Lucifer and enters inside Lucifer's cloud. Once it is inside Lucifer's cloud of darkness, the *nephesh* soul hears nothing wrong, sees nothing wrong, and feels nothing wrong; therefore, it perceives the evil thing as a good thing. Then, the *nephesh* soul proceeds to wrap itself tighter in Lucifer's dark cloud and pleads ignorance of any responsibility for or knowledge of sin.



As a minister, I have witnessed these four scenes being vividly acted out before my face.

The sin offering blood for ignorance works only when a believer has been *truly ignorant* of his wrong thoughts, actions, and feelings. Therefore, when the light of conviction comes, a believer must be careful not to clothe it with Lucifer's darkness and pretend that he is still ignorant of any wrong. By claiming to be ignorant of a sin after being convicted of a wrong, a believer belittles the Word of God's Spirit in the heart and mind.

In order to grow in the Stature of Jesus Christ, a believer must learn to discern between true darkness and pretended darkness or ignorance. When God's True Light shines upon and exposes true darkness, the *nephesh* soul clearly sees and confesses its sins; then, through the appropriation of Christ's Bullock Blood of the sin offering, the *nephesh* soul is made clean and restored to a Oneness of Relationship with the LORD God.

Pretended darkness is the result of the *nephesh* soul's rejecting God's True Light when it shines upon true ignorance. Instead of accepting the light of conviction and repenting of its sin, the *nephesh* soul deliberately wraps itself in Lucifer's dark cloud of deceit and pretends not to have seen the Light. God's True Light shines upon true darkness; Lucifer's cloud of darkness covers the Truth and pretends to be ignorant still. As long as the soul clings to its "pretended ignorance," it cannot know the exquisite delight that comes when the soul is freshly washed in the Blood and restored to a living, vital relationship with its Creator, inside God's "happy fence."

The LORD God revealed His loving, tender, and gracious Nature when He made provision through the Blood of His Son to wash man of his sinful ignorance. Rather than rejecting the True Light and turning away from it, man should count it a glorious privilege to have the Light of God's Spirit shine into his heart and expose the ignorance and sin there. The man who receives the Light repents, confesses his sins, and accepts God's provision of Blood that washes away sin has the glorious privilege of being joined in a new way to the living Light and Life and Love of the LORD Jesus Christ.

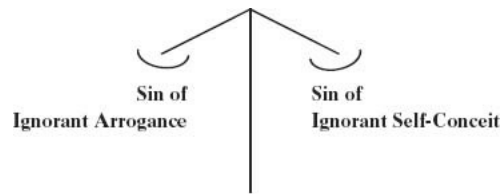
Just as the Priests had to put their hands on the bullock that was offered for the general sin offering, so did they have to lay their hands on the bullock that was offered for ignorance. They had to lean heavily upon the bullock, letting it support their full weight, as a demonstration that they were resting their faith in God's provision of blood

for cleansing from sins of ignorance. The bullock blood clothed the Priests, making them one with the bullock; therefore, the Priests became bullocks, as it were, in God's Sanctuary.

The natural bullock was used to serve and do the work of its master. So also was the Bullock-Priest a serving minister who, in order to work for the LORD God, willingly denied himself the natural carefree life that his relatives enjoyed. He gave his life to plow in God's Sanctuary so that others could eat the Truth of God's Word and live. Just as a natural bullock opened the soil in the fields so that the field could receive new seeds of life, so did the Bullock-Priest have the responsibility of opening up the minds and feelings of God's people so that they could receive the Seeds of Light and Life of His *Torah*.

The bullock for the sin offering for ignorance was to be a young, mature bullock with fresh, young blood. This teaches us that the young, fresh Resurrected Blood of Christ is able to wash away old ignorance that makes one feel "old" in the service of Christ, makes one feel that the ministry is "old" and boring, makes one feel that growing in God and progressing in moral development is boring and uninteresting. All of these "old" feelings come from the sins of old ignorance. The precious Bullock Blood of Christ is able to wash away sinful ignorance so that God's spiritual Priests can plow in God's Sanctuary with new, fresh enthusiasm. The LORD Jesus Christ, the Master and Owner, desires that His servants remain eternally young in heart and soul in spite of the age of their bodies. When believers appropriate the Bullock Blood of Christ, by faith, Christ's Bullock Blood controls and restrains the "old age" of the body from infiltrating the heart and soul and making them feel old, tired, and weak.

God's bullock-servants are guilty of the great twin sins of ignorance: ignorant arrogance and ignorant self-conceit.



Ignorant *arrogance* is the act of a person's taking to himself, in an insolent way, that which he *unjustly* claims, or to helping himself to something which, although it is his own, should have been handed to him by another person; it is a person's taking too much upon himself; it is exorbitant pretension and insolence.

Ignorant arrogance was clearly manifested in the action of Eli's sons.

Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial; they knew not the LORD. And the priests custom with the people *was, that*, when any man offered sacrifice, the priests servant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a fleshhook of three teeth in his hand; And he struck *it* into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fleshhook brought up the priest took for himself. So they did in Shiloh unto all the Israelites that came thither. Also before they burnt the fat, the priests servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest; for he will not have sodden flesh of thee, but raw. And *if* any man said unto him, Let them not fail to burn the fat presently, and *then* take *as much* as thy soul desireth; then he would answer him, *Nay*; but thou shalt give *it me* now: and if not, I will take *it* by force. Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the Lord: for men abhorred the offering of the LORD (1 Samuel 2:12-17).

Hophni and Phinehas were Priests, and they were sons of Eli, the High Priest. Nevertheless, they *knew not* the LORD.

The Priests had a rightful share of a sacrifice, which was the breast and the right thigh (Leviticus 7:34). But, these two Priests, in their ignorant arrogance, committed a twofold sin. They took, indiscriminately from the sacrifice, the part of the flesh that they wanted, and they *demand*ed flesh *before* the parts that were consecrated to God had been burned upon the Altar. These two ignorant Priests later lost their lives because of their failure to repent and lay hold of the Blood of Christ.

Ignorant self-conceit is the proud conception of thoughts and ideas which one begets in his own mind and which are in opposition to the Will of God. Self-conceit is undue, excessive, or opinionative estimation of oneself.

Self-conceit clearly was reflected in the actions of Aaron's sons, Nadab and Abihu.

AND Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not. And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD (Leviticus 10:1,2).

Aaron, the High Priest, was ministering unto the LORD in his magnificent robes and performing solemn duties of his exalted office when, suddenly, he found his two sons lying dead at his feet. The ignorant self-conceit of the two sons made them conceive the idea of offering unconsecrated fire, which was not taken from the divinely kindled flames on the Altar. On the very day of the consecration of the Sanctuary, they ventured out in their ignorant conceit and obeyed their momentary whims to offer *strange fire* which God had not commanded them to offer. In their ignorant conceit they by-passed consulting their leaders, Moses and Aaron, and went out to change an essential aspect of service to God. This was an unpardonable offense to God. Therefore, He slew these two ignorant, self-conceited men with fire. They *sowed* sin in the form of strange fire, and they *reaped* God's punishment by fire.

Regardless of how long we have been in God's service, we must be on guard against these twin sins — ignorant arrogance and ignorant self-conceit.

Sometimes, after spending long years of studying and practicing God's Truth and plowing in the Sanctuary, God's bullock-servants are tempted by these twin sins and often allow them to overtake their souls. Ignorant arrogance and ignorant self-conceit are identical twins of the flesh which make their greatest appearance at the mature time of life, both naturally and spiritually. When a person has grown to maturity, he must confront these twin sins of ignorance which try to influence the mind into believing that it is not necessary to continue to counsel with God's chosen spiritual leaders and to be under subjection to them.

These twin sins try to rule the ministry of God's priests by their "old, unique assumptions" that it is not necessary for God's servants to go to His Word with the same new, fresh, fervent devotion as they used to do in their former, youthful days. Therefore, ignorant arrogance and ignorant self-conceit influence the heart to become old and full of spiritual lethargy.

Arrogant ignorance and self-conceited ignorance influence the heart to think that because of its spiritual maturity there is no longer a necessity for coming with the same childlike zeal to gain the knowledge of Truth nor to come with the same childlike enthusiasm to take advantage of opportunities to practice the Truth. The ignorance of arrogance and self-conceit persuade the heart to assume noxious, undue attitudes. For example, after long years of faithfulness in study and the practice of God's Truth, the heart ignorantly assumes that it deserves a break. The twin sins of spiritually proud ignorance and self-conceit coerce the mind into believing that God, because of the natural age of a person's body, does not require the same degree of devotion and zeal in the end of a person's life as He did in the beginning.

Sins of ignorance cause many ministers to lose out spiritually in their old age. If God's spiritual priests would keep a clear perception of God's provision of the Bullock Blood of Christ Jesus for the sins of ignorance, their last years of service in their natural old age would be their best. Unfortunately, these years often become the worst and the least productive in both the natural and spiritual realms.

After the bullock had been slaughtered, the High Priest carried the blood for ignorance into the Holy Place. He stood with the Ark of the Covenant and the separating Veil in front of him and the Golden Altar of Incense behind him. This order was to teach God's spiritual priests that their eyes always should be directed toward the Light of the *Torah*, the Word of God.

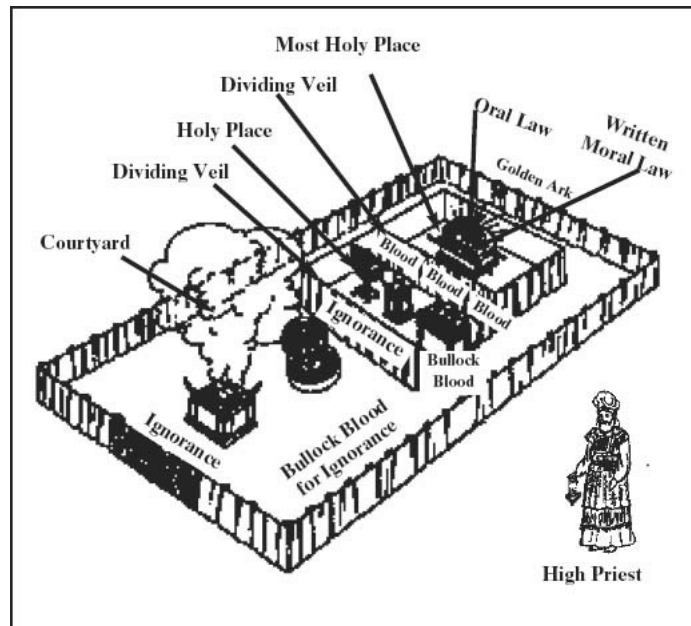
The High Priest, then, dipped his finger into the blood and sprinkled the separating Veil in front of him seven times as a demonstration of the Power that the Blood of Christ possessed to cleanse away, completely, the sins of ignorance of the *nephesh* soul and body.

Once the sins of ignorance have been made known to a minister, his next responsibility is to ask Jesus Christ, his Spiritual High Priest, to apply His Bullock Blood to his heart and soul.

The High Priest applied the bullock blood seven times to the separating Veil. The number seven is the number of perfection. Through the Bullock Blood of Christ, God is perfectly able to remove sins of ignorance from His spiritual priests. The bullock-servant of the Sanctuary never can open the soil of the heart and mind of others with the Plow of Truth until he has allowed Jesus Christ, the High Priest, to deal with his own sins of ignorance.

God's purpose for washing away His servant's ignorance is so that the minister can put his eyes, afresh and anew, upon God's Holy *Torah*-Word. Then, as the Light of the *Torah* enlightens the minister's eyes with fresh illumination of the Ways and the Paths of God's *Torah*, the minister can become a righteous, illuminated "doer" of the Word.

After applying the bullock blood to the Veil in front of him, the High Priest turned around to face the Golden Altar. He dipped his finger into the blood again and applied it to the four horns of the Golden Altar, which was the highest, most elevated place of the Altar.



The beautiful order of the High Priest's ministry, established in shadow and type in the Old Testament, reveals a gloriously truthful picture of God's Master Plan for His spiritual priests in the New Testament. The High Priest first faced the Ark with the *Torah*, teaching believers, today, that their eyes always are to be set toward the Light of the *Torah* with its perfect Moral Standard. Even as they repent of their ignorance of its Light, this vision of the *Torah* is always to be present before the eyes of believers and in their minds.

God's ministers should spend their energy and time acquiring the Light of the Knowledge of God's *Torah* and the understanding of His Moral Standards so that they can please the LORD.

The Golden Ark itself represented the Exalted Headship of Christ. The Written *Torah* within the Ark represented the Pure, Humble Mind of Christ. In the fullness of time, the Living Word, the Living *Torah*, was made Flesh. As Jesus Christ sojourned in this Earth, man beheld the Humility Glory of His Humble Mind.

Man is guilty of so many sins of ignorance connected with the Ark of Christ's Exalted Headship and with the *Torah* of His Humility Headship. Through proud ignorance, man puts down the Exalted Headship of Christ and the Humble Headship of Christ in order to establish his own arrogant, self-conceited headship and authority. Instead of embracing the Moral Truth of Christ's *Torah*, His Humble Mind, and letting Him be the Governor and Guide, man ignorantly casts Christ and His Humble *Torah* behind his back.

Believers break God's Moral *Torah* by subconsciously and ignorantly writing their own moral standards and by ignorantly replacing the Christ with some corrupt creature as their governor and guide.

Notice the diagram. When the Ark was in front of the High Priest, the Golden Altar was behind him. This order teaches that man's vision of the *Torah*, the Humble Mind of the Word (the Christ), is to be supported and backed up by a cleansed and knowledgeable prayer life.

God's spiritual priests, today, are guilty of many ignorant sins in regard to their prayer life. In the Mosaic Tabernacle, the Golden Altar was the place on which the Priests burned Incense, a picture of their lifting up the fragrant Name of Jesus in prayer. In their prayers, believers ignorantly join Jesus' fragrant Name to their lustful, asking flesh. They ignorantly ask for many things that ultimately will bring forth Death.

Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts (James 4:3).

It is possible for a person to pray for victory over his enemies, not because he wants to be more Holy, but because he wants to satisfy his proud hatred and anger against his enemies. Believers sometimes pray for prosperity, for example, not because they want to use their wealth to glorify God and His Son, the LORD Jesus Christ, but because they want to exalt their proud, vain flesh. How good and faithful the LORD is to withhold things His servants ignorantly request for the purpose of consuming them upon themselves.

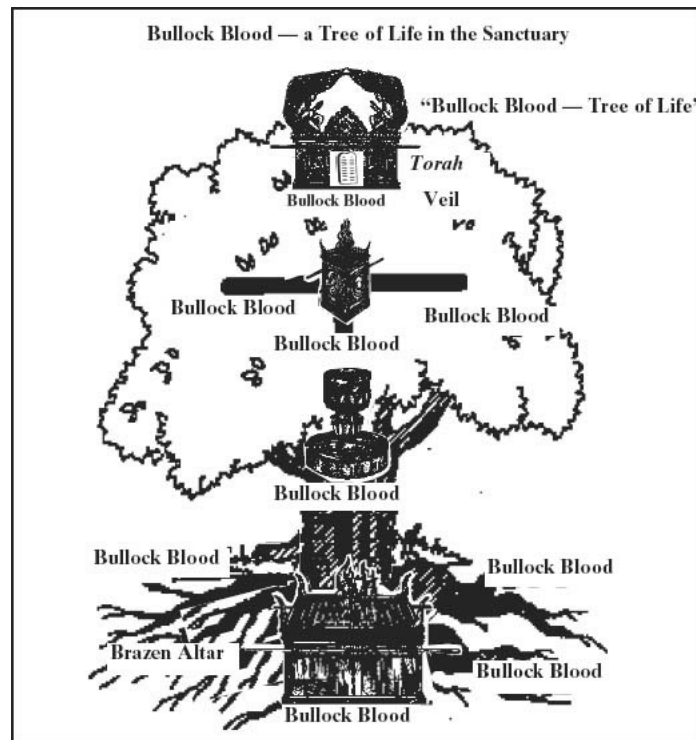
If God's servants will claim the Bullock Blood of Jesus Christ, by faith, His Blood will cleanse and control the ignorant praying they do in their prayer closets so that they will ask only for things in the LORD's Holy Will. The

Bullock Blood will help God's servant-bullocks to be faithful workers in God's Sanctuary, in prayer and in sowing the Seeds of Truth.

When the High Priest put the bullock blood on the four horns of the Golden Altar, it was a demonstration that the Bullock Blood of Christ Jesus can lead His spiritual priests to the heights of aggressive and defensive power in prayer and in lifting up the Name of the LORD Jesus Christ. When a believer's ignorance is at work in his prayer life, the Bullock Blood is powerful to defend the Will of God as the Master and Owner in the believer's life. The Bullock Blood also works powerfully by launching a militant, offensive attack against ignorance in the believer's life so that the LORD God's Ownership and Mastership might be revealed.

As with the bullock blood offering which prepared the Priests for ministry, the remaining bullock blood for the sin of ignorance was poured at the base (the foundation) of the Brazen Altar in the Courtyard. The foundation or roots of all spiritual education and moral development originate or begin in the cleansing Light and Life of the precious Bullock Blood of Jesus Christ. All spiritual growth of believers must have its origin in the cleansing away of ignorance and darkness so that they can come to the Light of Christ.

Christ is Light; therefore, all growth in His Spiritual Stature signifies a growth in Light and Life. God said that the Life is in the Blood. The bullock blood in the Mosaic Tabernacle formed a "Tree of Life" in God's Sanctuary to deliver His servants, His Priests, from the darkness, defilement, and Death of their sins of ignorance.

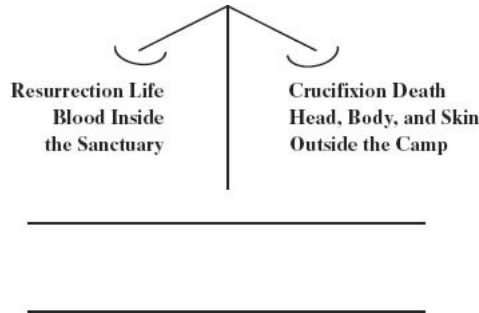


The bullock blood for self-control and restraint of man's ignorance was poured out at the foundation of the Brazen Altar in order to wash away man's ignorant contempt of the low humility "Root Life" of Christ Jesus. The whole existence of the tree begins in its "root life," and the continuance of the tree's existence is in its "root life." Ignorance deceives man into thinking that the low, unknown place under the Brazen Altar is a place of death instead of life. But, the Bullock Blood of Christ will wash away man's proud ignorance so that, when his sins of ignorance are revealed, he can confess and repent of them.

The Light of Truth brings the believer into a place of exquisite, grateful delight for the opportunity of being alone with the Life and Light of Christ in the humility place under the Altar. From this low humility place, he receives a vision of the Prize, the *Torah*, in the heights of the "Tree of Life." Bullock Blood-Life is God's Provision, His provided Way, for man to reach His *Torah* in the top of the Tree. God's "Tree of Life" of Bullock Blood continually washes away the believer's gross, finite ignorance and strengthens him to climb the "Tree of Life" to its heights, where the Wisdom, Understanding, and Knowledge of God's *Torah* is found.

God commanded Moses to take the head, body, skin, legs, inwards, and the dung of the bullock that was slain for the sin offering for ignorance and also carry them “outside the camp.” This was to teach God’s servants that, as well as every other kind of sin, sins committed through ignorance must be put away from God’s Sanctuary. The blood of the sin offering for ignorance cleansed the heart and mind, filling it with life and guiding it upward to the Light of the *Torah*. The head, body, and skin were carried outside the camp, signifying that God expects His servants to put away the sin of ignorance and not to keep clinging to the same sin. God expects His servants to come to the Light of the *Torah* and walk in its Light. If believers walk in the *Torah’s* Light, they will cease fulfilling the sins of the flesh.

The bullock sin offering for *ignorance*, like other sin offerings, had two sides: the life side and the death side, which represented Jesus Christ’s Death on the Cross, where He bore man’s sins away, and His Resurrection Life, which enables the believer to grow to spiritual maturity in Christ Jesus.



The death side of the bullock blood was a picture of Jesus Christ going forth “outside the camp,” bearing sin away from God’s Sanctuary out to Calvary’s Cross so that man can be separated from his sins. The life side of the bullock blood was a picture of Jesus Christ’s Resurrected Blood which He carried to God’s Sanctuary in Heaven in order to pardon, cleanse, forgive penitent man, and give him new, fresh life from the “Tree of Life” so that he can climb to spiritual maturity in Christ Jesus.

Notice that the High Priest applied the fresh, new blood of the bullock first. After that, the head, body, and skin were carried outside the camp, away from the Sanctuary. This was done to teach God’s servants that He expects *separation* from sin after they have been pardoned, cleansed, forgiven, and renewed by Christ’s Blood.

When Jesus Christ forgave the woman taken in adultery, He commanded her to go and sin no more. When Jesus asked her who condemned her, she said, “No man, Lord, And Jesus said unto her, neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more” (John 8:11).

The bullock blood transformed God’s Priests from ignorant servants into clean, Holy, wonderful, and knowledgeable bullock-servants who could bear the yoke of the ministry in God’s Sanctuary and work with surrender and meekness to open the soil of hearts and minds of God’s people so that they could receive new Seeds of Light and Life from God’s *Torah*.

The LORD Jesus Christ is God’s True Bullock in Whom is hid all the treasures of Wisdom and Knowledge (Colossians 2:3). The Light of all Wisdom and all Knowledge of God’s Word and God’s Holy Will dwells in Christ Jesus. Therefore, there is no ignorance or darkness in Him at all. The Treasures of Wisdom and Knowledge are not hidden *from* us, but they are hidden *for* us in Christ Jesus. The LORD Jesus Christ has given us Bullock Blood so that we can be cleansed of our ignorance and darkness and so that we can find the Treasures of Light and Life in Him. God’s Bullock, Christ Jesus, opens the soil of man’s heart for the sowing of the Eternal Treasures of His Word of Light and Life.

As God’s Bullock, the LORD Jesus Christ is full of the Blood of self-control and restraint. The LORD Jesus Christ always controlled His Will. He never ran ahead of His Father’s Will, and He never lagged behind His Father’s Will. “Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise” (John 5:19).

Christ Jesus was enlightened concerning His Father’s Will, and He was obedient to His Father’s Will. Christ was so enlightened and so devoted to His Father’s Will that it was impossible for Him to do anything *ignorantly* or apart from His Father’s Will.

Christ was so full of the Light of Wisdom and Knowledge and so intimately acquainted with His Father’s Purpose

and Plans that He could see clearly where to work and how to work. God's faithful Bullock, Christ Jesus, came to Earth to carry out the visible counterpart of God's Eternal, Hidden Plan of Redemption for mankind.

During the days of His Flesh, Jesus Christ never lifted up a finger of His own Procreating Power to strengthen Himself. When He was being sorely tempted by Satan and the Devil on the Mount of Temptation, He did not exercise His Creative Power to turn stones into bread. Instead, He waited for His Heavenly Father to send Angels to strengthen His mortal Body. In the Garden of Gethsemane, when Jesus Christ literally was dying prematurely (short of His Goal of pouring out His Life's Blood as a sacrificial offering to redeem fallen man), He waited patiently and wisely for the Father to send an Angel to strengthen Him.

Jesus Christ always had His human Will under the control of His Father's Will and always waited for His Father to implement His Divine Will in His Life. He never was *ignorant* of His Father's Will or Works. Because He always was knowledgeable of His Father's Will, He did not have to work ignorantly.

And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said *it*, that they may believe that thou hast sent me (John 11:42).

Jesus Christ "knew" that His Father heard Him "always." He always wisely asked for things in the Father's Will that would glorify Him. For example, Jesus Christ deliberately tarried in another place until Lazarus had been dead for four days. Then, because he knew the Will of the Father and because He knew that Lazarus' resurrection would glorify God, Jesus came to Lazarus' tomb and commanded him to come forth. Because Christ Jesus had no sinful, dark clouds of ignorance in Him, He always walked in the Light of perfect Faith in His Father.

He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption (Acts 2:31).

Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. For **thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption** (Psalm 16:9,10).

When Jesus Christ died on the Cross, His Spirit went into the Hands of His Father; His Soul went to Hell; and His Body went to the grave. Because there was no ignorance or darkness in Christ Jesus, His fleshly Body rested in perfect hope and faith in the grave, knowing that His Father would not allow His Holy Body to see corruption. The Body of Jesus Christ was confident that the Father would not allow the separation of His Spirit, Soul, and Body to continue any longer than necessary. His Flesh, His Body, rested in perfect control, waiting for the resurrection to change it into a Glorified Tabernacle for His Spirit and His Soul. Jesus Christ, God's precious Bullock of Self-control, is never in a hurry; He waits for the Father's perfect time in all things.

How merciful it was of God to provide bullock blood of self-control for the ignorance of His servants, His Priests, who needed continual cleansing from their ignorance of God's Word, God's people, and the confused situations of life. If Moses and Aaron had understood and received, by faith, the Truth of the restraining bullock blood, they would not have missed Canaan's Land because of their lack of self-control.

When the children of Israel thirsted in the wilderness, they murmured and complained against Moses and Aaron. In desperation, Moses went to the LORD about this matter, and the LORD told him to take the Rod of God and speak to the Rock (Christ) that followed Israel. Coerced by his lack of self-control, Moses disobeyed God's instructions and, thus, ignorantly defiled the LORD's Merciful Name that was on the Rod. Instead of ignoring the people and speaking kindly to the Rock, Moses spoke angrily to the people and smote the Rock with the Rod. Lack of self-control forced Moses to vent his anger on the Rock, the Christ, because he was angry with the people. Through their lack of self-control, both Moses and Aaron put the LORD's Holy Name down in defilement instead of lifting it up in purity and honour. Therefore, God forbade Moses and Aaron to enter Canaan's Land.

If God's children continually will plead, by faith, the powerful covering of the Bullock Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ, they continually will be cleansed and restrained from the ignorance and darkness that would otherwise lead them astray.

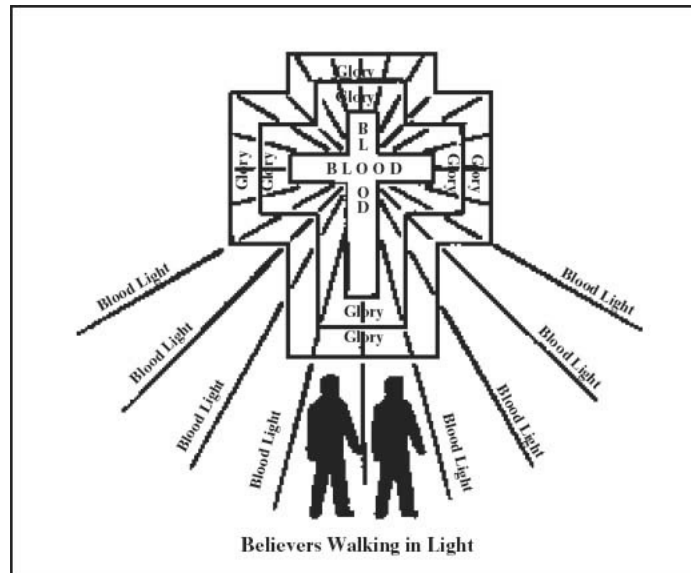
But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin (1 John 1:7).

God the Father is Eternal, Boundless Light. He begat His Son, the Sun of Righteousness, the Light of the World. When the Father raised up His Son from the dead with His Unbegotten Glory Light, they became "One Light." After the only Begotten Son, the "Begotten Light," had been joined eternally to the Unbegotten, Resurrection Glory Light of the Father, He took up His Life's Blood that He had laid down, resurrecting it with this "One Light." Therefore, the precious Blood of Jesus Christ is now filled with the "One Light," the Unbegotten, Resurrection Glory Light of

the Father and the Begotten Glory Light of the only Begotten Son of God.

The child of God who walks in this Unified Light discovers that the Light is a vehicle for the Resurrected Blood of Jesus Christ. When Jesus Christ raised up His physical Blood, He raised it up from the dead with the same Unbegotten Resurrected Glory of God the Father and by the Begotten Glory Light of the Son of God. Therefore, Jesus' Blood has been joined to the Light of the Father and the Light of the Son. Consequently, there is no ignorance or darkness in the Body of Christ nor in the Blood of Christ.

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Believers who walk in the Light of the Father and the Son find new realms of their ignorance being revealed continually; therefore, they continually confess their sins of ignorance, and the Blood continually cleanses them. Thus, through the Resurrection Life, the Resurrection Light, and the Resurrection Blood of Christ Jesus, believers can have a continual, clean walk in His Light and His Life.

In order for man to have many different pictures of the Blood of the Son, the LORD God used a long space in the Holy Scriptures and took a long time to exemplify it through the Old Testament sacrifices. Man's ignorance can be enlightened; then, he will know about the powerful depths and heights of the Blood of Jesus Christ. The Blood of Jesus Christ can take a person from the depths under the Brazen Altar to the heights of the Ark, the *Torah*, and the Mercy Seat with its *Kabode* Glory.

Remember, the bullock blood for ignorance was brought *inside* the Sanctuary and sprinkled seven times before the Veil, which separated the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies where the LORD God was enthroned upon the Mercy Seat (between the Cherubims). Through the blood-sprinkled Veil, God gave the High Priest His Righteous Judgments from the Mercy Seat in the Holy of Holies. God's Righteous Judgments from the Mercy Seat were in one accord with the Holy Moral Standards of His *Torah* within the Ark.

The Holy Written Law within the Ark was a picture of the Holy, Humble Mind of Jesus Christ the Son. The Voice, the Oral Law, or God's Righteous Judgments, spoken from out of the *Kabode* Glory Cloud on the Mercy Seat, emanated from the Mind of the Father. The Oral Law, the Ruling Verdicts, from the Mind of God the Father and the Written Law of God the Son are "One Mind."

Leaders who walk by the ignorant judgments and verdicts from their own carnal mind commit a sinful offense against the Judgments of the LORD God and the Written Law of Christ. A person may "feel" that his judgments and verdicts have come from the LORD; however, that does not mean that they actually have come from the LORD. God's servants need to cry to their High Priest, Jesus Christ, asking Him to take His Bullock Blood of self-control and sprinkle it on the veil of their inward sanctuary, cleansing them from their ignorant judgments and verdicts so that the Voice of the Heavenly Father and the Light of the *Torah*, the Christ, can come to show them the Way of Humility and illuminate the Paths of Righteousness.

The bullock blood not only washed away the ignorance of Israel's Priests but also became a protective wall, when sprinkled on the Veil separating the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place, that encircled God the Father's Righteous Judgments on the Mercy Seat and God the Son's Holy Mind, the *Torah*, within the Ark.

The Bullock Blood of Christ Jesus washes away man's ignorance and appeases God's Anger, which He feels when man ignorantly rejects His Judgments. Thus, the believer can return to the LORD with a clean, illuminated mind and accept God's Judgments which he has rejected in the past.

The Blood protects God's Judgments by cleansing man so that he can return to the LORD, accept His Judgments, and obey them. The Blood is God's provided way for man to be cleansed from his ignorant, impatient, self-willed,

headstrong, froward mind that causes him to rush blindly ahead of the LORD's Judgments. When man sins by following his own ignorant mind and judgments instead of the LORD's, God's Word and His Judgments are shut up to him until he beseeches Christ Jesus, his High Priest, to bring His Bullock Blood of self-control to cleanse him. Man's finite ignorance is so great that he should never cease to plead for the Blood of Jesus Christ to be applied upon his heart and life!

Remember that the bullock blood for the sin of ignorance was placed on the four horns of the Golden Altar of Sweet Incense in the Holy Place. The Golden Altar was the special place where the High Priest and all the other Priests stood to pray. The High Priest stood at the Golden Altar when he asked for the Mind of God the Father.

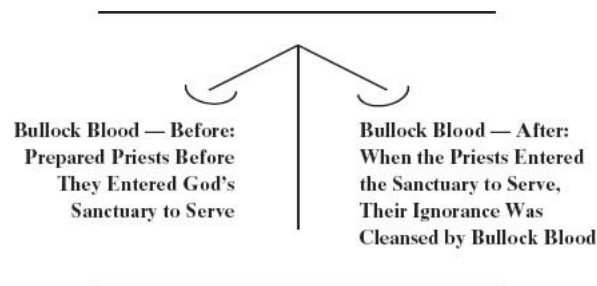
Man's ignorance provokes him to be impatient and self-willed before God when he prays. Ignorance manifests itself through man's questioning God about the way He governs the situations and circumstances of his life. Many times man ignorantly says, "LORD, I don't see why You allowed this to happen. How long do I have to endure this?" Man sometimes ignorantly gives God his verdict by saying, "You called me to serve You, but I cannot do it." Man ignorantly rebels by contradicting God's Voice and God's Call.

The man who finds himself in a painful situation of life often ignorantly weeps and wails before God. His weeping and wailing comes out of his blindness of the Truth that God is the true Owner and Master of his fate and destiny. The person who has not drunk deeply enough of Christ's Cup of Bullock Blood for self-control impatiently delivers his ignorant judgment. The individual who is ignorant of the reality of the Power of God's Ownership and Mastership, which makes all things work together for the believer's good and for God's Glory, spends much of his time in a state of confusion and unhappiness.

Even believers must have their ignorance cleansed by Christ's Bullock Blood; they need to learn that God is too Just, Holy, Pure, and Powerful to allow one thing to happen to them that is not needful to work good in their lives and to bring Glory to the Name of the LORD Jesus Christ.

It is absolutely essential for God's ministers, the bullocks of His Sanctuary, to know and to appropriate, by faith, the Blood of self-control. Without the Bullock Blood of self-control, no one can please the LORD and walk in the Light of His Holy *Torah* and His Righteous Judgments.

Before the Priests entered the ministry in God's Sanctuary, they were required to bring a bullock as a general sin offering. After the Priests had entered into the ministry and had begun serving, they were required to offer another bullock to cleanse them from their ignorance.



Unless God's servants know about Jesus Christ's precious Bullock Blood, and unless they allow it to cleanse them from their ignorance, the Devil has power to torment them from "within" and "without." He torments from "within" by sending his arrows in the form of all kinds of fears and doubts, which penetrate the ignorant pride of their hearts. He accuses them from "without" by sending his fiery darts in the form of all kinds of ignorant criticisms and ignorant complaints from others. Once the ignorance and darkness of their understanding become injured, their ignorance generates all kinds of anger and strife. Next, their wounded ignorance produces discouragement, disastrous despondency, deplorable depression, and grievous sadness. All these sufferings can be avoided if they will cry to Jesus Christ, the High Priest, asking Him to apply His Bullock Blood to the ignorance in their hearts and to the ignorant accusations that they have received from others. Then, with cleansed hearts and minds, they can receive new Light of God's Truth.

Ignorance of God's Word of Light causes God's children to experience all kinds of evil emotions that form unions with the Devil's fiery darts and arrows.

This was Job's problem. God asked Job: "Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?" (Job 38:2). Job was ignorant about God's Master Plan for governing the world, and he was ignorant about God's Master

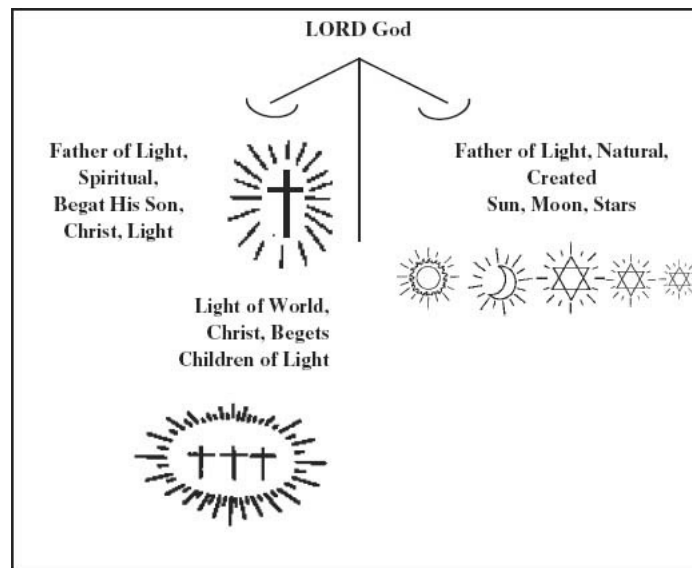
Plan for producing good in his own life. Therefore, his ignorance caused Job to charge God with injustice. Job ignorantly accused God's Master Plan for his life, by thinking it was a tangled riddle. However, the Truth was that God had a beautiful, luminous, and harmonious order for Job's life, just as He does for the life of each of His children.

God's Divine Plan is an orderly design for all the world and for each person. However, man's ignorance does not allow him to perceive God's Harmonious Order. Man's ignorance sees God's Governmental Rule and Reign over the world and himself as a Government of perplexing change.

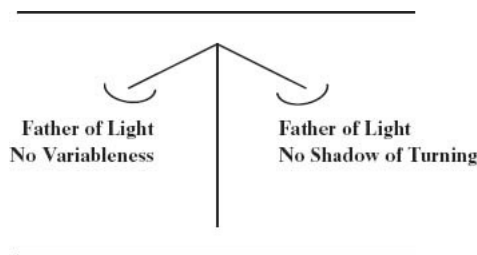
However, once a man's ignorance is cleansed by the Bullock Blood of Christ and his heart illuminated with the Light of God's *Torah*, he perceives the orderly Harmony and the luminous Wisdom in the unchanging Principles by which the LORD God, the Creator, governs the world and each part of His creation in the midst of a continual change of circumstances and situations.

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from **the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning** (James 1:17).

God is the Father of Lights in both the natural and spiritual realms.



God the Father, the Author of all Light, abhors all evil ignorance and darkness. In order to destroy evil ignorance and evil darkness, the LORD God gives good, gracious, influencing Light through His Son of Light, Christ Jesus. As the Light of the World, Jesus Christ begets children of Light who reflect the brilliant luster of the Sun of Righteousness. The children of Light also shine as bright lights in the midst of the darkness and ignorance of this perverse, crooked world (Philippians 2:15). There is neither variableness nor shadow of turning in the Father of Light or in His Son of Light.



There is no *variableness* or change in God's luminous, orderly Plan. God's Eternal Position as the Father of Light and His only Begotten Son's position as the Light of all creation remains unchanged from age to age and from

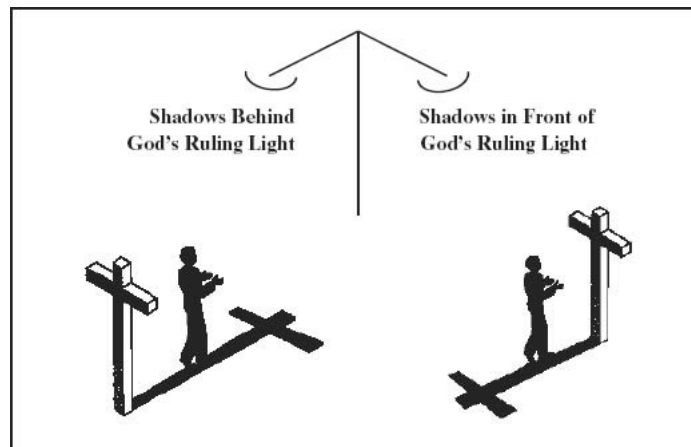
generation to generation. His steady Nature of Light continues to shine forth with His Good and Perfect Light. In spite of the creation that has chosen the ignorance of darkness, there is no variableness nor inconstancy in the Nature of God's Holy Moral Light; it is eternally Pure and Clean. There is no change in either the position or the purpose of God's Light.

There is no *shadow of turning* in either the Father of Light or the Son of Light. God's Light does not cast shadows by its perfect revolving or turning. The creation does not experience shadows when it is standing under the perfect, revolving Headship of Light.

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The creation experiences shadows when it is constrained by the darkness of ignorance to run ahead of God's Ruling Light or to lag behind it.



God does not bend His course of Light. A man may create his own shadows by either ignorantly lagging behind God's Light or ignorantly running ahead of it, but God does not deviate, nor diverge from His Straight, Holy Ways of Light nor from His Paths of Light. The shadows which a person creates through his own ignorance plague him, driving him from fright to flight.

Job's accusations against God were witnesses of Job's ignorance of the Shining Nature of the Father of Lights, with Whom there is no variableness neither shadow of turning.

It is a great offense and insult to God when man darkens the Light by casting his ignorant shadows upon the Wisdom and Knowledge of God's *Torah* or Law. In order for man to have his eyes enlightened so that he clearly can see the LORD's Counsels, man must admit his ignorance and cry for the Bullock Blood of the Life from Christ Jesus.

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, (Ephesians 1:18).

Believers should not be satisfied to have a measure of their ignorance washed away by the Bullock Blood and to have some Light of the Christ, the Sun of Righteousness. They should continue crying out to Jesus Christ until *all* blindness, darkness, and ignorance are removed from their eyes of understanding; then, they will be able to see, with crystal clear perception, the Light of Knowledge and Wisdom of God's Master Plan of Government for the world and for themselves.

When gross ignorance abides in the human heart, it imagines, in its weakness, foolishness, and despicableness,

that it can dictate to God about His Light and how He should govern it. Instead of man changing his position of ignorance that has run ahead or lagged behind God's True Light, man's ignorant, dark presumption causes him to imagine that he can contend with God and eventually force God to change his shadows of darkness by changing the Position and Purpose of His Light.

God's Position and the Purpose of His Light are immovable and unchangeable. It is man who needs to humble himself and change his position from ignorance and darkness to a perfect position under the Father of Light and the Son of Lights.

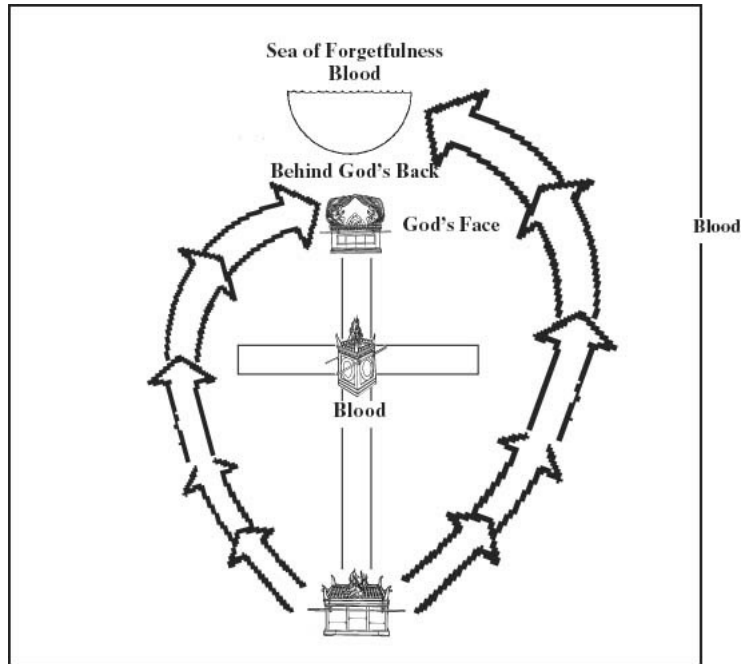
In regard to the Light of God's Master Plan and His Holy Counsel, every person must admit that he has some measure of ignorance, even if he cannot pinpoint it specifically. Then, he must cry for the Divine High Priest, Christ Jesus, to apply His Bullock Blood so that he may continue walking in the Light he already has received and so that he also may continue finding new, fresh Light by moving closer to the perfect position under the rule and reign of God's Light.

Man confounds, confuses, and perplexes himself and others when he refuses to acknowledge his ignorance of the wise designs, reasons, and methods of God's Righteous Judgments. In his proud ignorance, man may pretend to speak boldly and intelligently, as Job did. However, instead of explaining God's Counsels, man darkens them.

Believers, who cry in their prayer closets for Christ to apply His Bullock Blood of self-control to their hearts, do not waste precious time crying and complaining, out of the darkness of their ignorant judgment, against God's Ownership and Mastership of their lives. Christ's Bullock Blood of self-control washes away man's darkness, and it separates him from the procreating power of his ignorance which conceives all kinds of wrong thoughts and ideas about God, about himself, and about others.

Man's ignorant thoughts always produce Death, never life. This is why God ordained for His bullock-servants in His Sanctuary to receive the bullock blood, first, before others did, so that the soil of their hearts and minds could be cleansed and opened for new Seeds of Light and Life from God's Righteous Judgment and from the Light of the Son and His Holy *Torah*. Then, His servant-bullocks could open the soil of other hearts and minds and share the Seeds of Light and Life from God's Righteous Judgments and from the Light of the Son and His Holy *Torah* by teaching and preaching the Truth.

After the Temple had been built in Jerusalem, the bullock blood that was poured at the bottom of the Great Altar of burnt offerings was piped into the Dead Sea. The blood that was piped into the Dead Sea was a picture of God's "River of Remission" of the Blood of Jesus Christ. There is a portion of Jesus Christ's Blood that flows behind the Back of God to form the "Sea of God's Forgetfulness." Some of Christ's Blood flowed before the Face of God to become a "Tree of Life" to repair God's broken Word, the *Torah*, and to repair man's broken soul. Another part of Christ's Blood became a River of Remission that flows behind God's Back to carry away the enemy of sin that has broken God's *Torah* and man's soul.



Because of the precious Redeeming Blood of Jesus Christ, neither God nor man has to look at the form of sin again.

For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins (Matthew 26:28).

And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission (Hebrews 9:22).

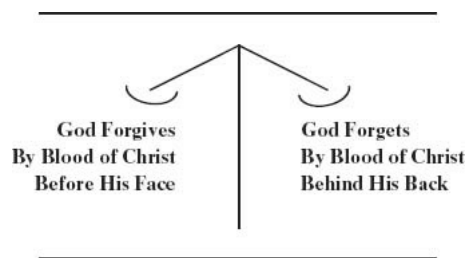
And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem (Luke 24:47).

To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins (Acts 10:43).

Remission or removal of sin is the great Eternal Blessing for believers. The shedding of Jesus Christ's Blood has formed a Living, Eternal River whose purpose is to remove sin from before the Face of God and put it behind His Back. Repentance is the key that unlocks the gate to the River of Remission. All sinful mankind must have the privilege of hearing the Gospel of Repentance and Remission. Whoever hears, believes, and repents shall receive the River of Remission of Christ's Blood.

Behold, for peace I had great bitterness; but thou hast in love to my soul *delivered it* from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back (Isaiah 38:17).

In His great Love and Pity, God redeems repentant sinners from the everlasting burnings of Hell and the Lake of Fire. When God *forgives* a repentant sinner by the Blood of Christ, He also *forgets* that person's sins by the Blood of Christ which sends the sin behind His Back.

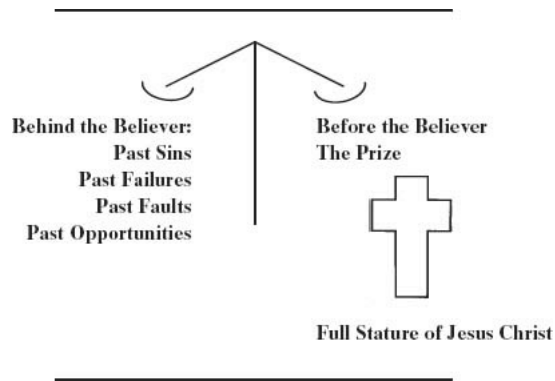


Under the Old Covenant, man enjoyed remission of sins and forgetfulness of sins. God's Word has established the same Divine Order for man under the New Covenant.

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, **forgetting those things which are behind**, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, (Philippians 3:13).

God wants His children to remember, with gratitude, the past Mercies and Graces that He has given them. After a person repents of his sin, God wants him to put behind him the past sins that have broken and defiled him. God also wants the repentant one to “forget” that which God has “forgiven” and “forgotten.” God wants the believer to put His Son, Jesus Christ, before his face.

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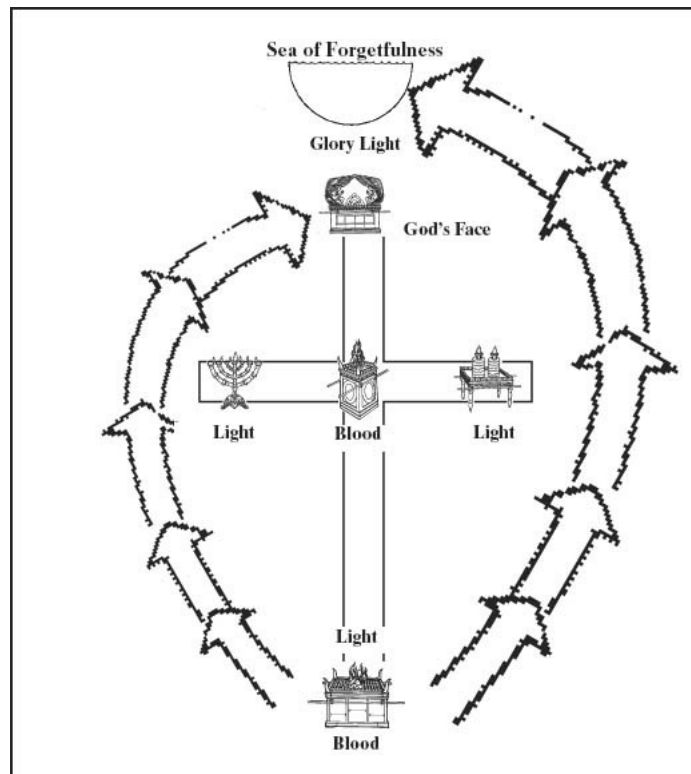


The Prize that God desires for each believer to have before his face is the full Measure of the Stature of Christ and His Humble Mind.

He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and **thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea** (Micah 7:19).

Israel had worried God with her sins. In her ignorance, she could have expected Him never to forgive such ingratitude. Yet, because of the great Mercy and Grace of His Name, He blotted out Israel's sin; and because of His tender, compassionate Love for Israel, He will not remember her sin. God will not allow His future relationship with Israel to be marred by remembering her past sins.

The precious Blood of Jesus Christ is a "Living Tree" that ascends from the Brazen Altar in the Courtyard to the Golden Altar in the Holy Place and on up to the Judgments of God's Throne in the Holy of Holies. The precious Blood of Christ is also a "Living River" that carries away sins of ignorance to the depths of God's Sea of Forgetfulness. This Truth was pictured so beautifully in the Mosaic Tabernacle.



The atonement blood in the Mosaic Tabernacle was swallowed up in Light, under the shadow and type, just as Christ was swallowed up in Light on Resurrection Morning.

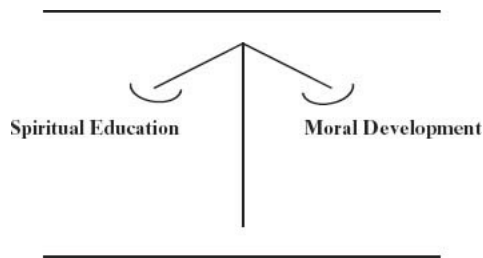
The light found in the Firelight at the Brazen Altar, the Firelight at the Altar of Incense, the Firelight at the Candlestick, the Firelight at the Table of Shewbread, and the Firelight in the Golden Censer in the Holy of Holies signified the “Begotten Light” of the only Begotten Son of God. The Light found in the *Kabode* Glory-Cloud on the Mercy Seat was the Unbegotten Glory of the Father. This “One Light” in the Tabernacle swallowed up the blood in the Tabernacle.

It is a wonderful blessing to know that God will not look forever upon man’s sinful offenses and that man does not have to look forever upon his ignorance and failures of the past. The Blood of Jesus Christ carries away all confessed and repented sins that are given to His Blood. Believers can *forget* those things which are behind and reach forth to those things which are *before* because the Blood of Jesus Christ blots out past sins of ignorance and darkness, allowing believers to reach forth to new Light and fresh Life.

The LORD’s ministers and servants have no excuse for turning their backs on the Call of God or for failing to fulfill the Call He has placed on their lives. God has provided bullock blood of self-control to prepare them for the ministry and to keep them after they are in the ministry.

Aaron and his sons were always to remember the distance that existed between where they were in their spiritual education and where they should be in their moral development as human beings. Aaron and his sons were always to remember the distance that existed between where they were in their *personal* spiritual education and moral development as human beings, as compared to the height of God’s Holiness in the Most Holy Place.

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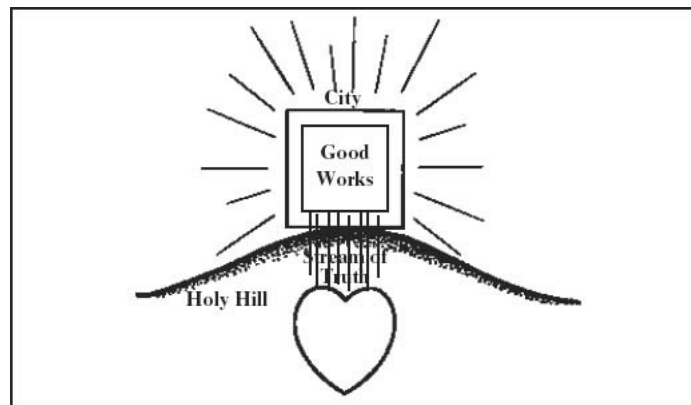


Spiritual education starts when one begins to hear, see, feel, and accept the Truth of the LORD's Divine Spiritual, Theoretical Principles in the privacy of his own heart and soul. Spiritual education is for the purpose of forming the full Stature of Jesus Christ and His Spiritual Principles in one's heart and soul. Good spiritual education makes one wiser, more polished, gracious, and agreeable both to God and to man.

Moral development is uncovering God's Spiritual, Divine Moral Principles in one's *inner* heart and making the Truth of them known by enveloping them in an *outward* form of good works.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your **good works**, and glorify your Father which is in heaven (Matthew 5:16).

Believers, and especially ministers, are lights in the world when they allow the Truth to shine out to others in the form of good works (Philippians 2:15; Ephesians 5:8). God's Theories of Truth are His illustrious illuminaries for our heart and mind, teaching us and instructing us in our spiritual education. God's Moral Development is His Good Works which He empowers us to do by bringing the Truth to our heart and mind and making it known through good works. Other people can know the hidden Truth in our heart and mind only by the visible good works which we do in the Will of God. Then, we become like a city set upon a hill.



God intends for us to be an instructive example by our illuminating good works. God helps us walk through the valley of "practice" before we climb the hill and sit down as an illustrious, illuminating example of good works. We must practice good works before we can be an example of good works.

Moral development is the working out and engaging in practical operation of the Theoretical Truth that has been put in our heart and soul. Spiritual education is the learning of Spiritual Theories, and moral development is the strengthening of the human will to experience the Theoretical Truth by practice so that we can be a living and illuminating example of Truth. There is usually a great gulf between what we *know* of Moral Spiritual Truth and what we *practice* of Moral Spiritual Truth.

The Exalted Christ, the Son of God, created all things, and he will rule over all created things until He subdues them and turns them from all their rebellion against the Word and Will of His Father. The Son will rule and reign until He reduces all creation to a state of permanent subjection and until He conquers all disobedient creation. The Son of God will rule and reign until He overcomes, by discipline, all the sinful passions of the creation and brings them under subjection to His Father's Divine Commands. He will rule until He prevails, by His Kindness and Persuasion, over all the unreasonableness of the sinful creation and until He brings *low* the pride of His creation. The

Son of God will rule until He has plowed up all the soil of the hearts of His creation, turning them into cultivated fields of praise and worship to God. Then, the Son of God will return as the Humble Christ, and He will bow, as an Obedient and Submissive Son, to His Heavenly Father.

The fact that Aaron died proves that his *person* had been born in sin. Therefore, Aaron had to bring bullock blood in order for his *person* to be cleansed of all ignorant habits and proud arrogance that had dulled the love and fervent zeal of his original dedication to God as a *person*. Because Aaron's *person* was joined to the *office* of the High Priest, it was necessary for him to be cleansed with the bullock blood from all his sins of ignorance of the Theories of Truth and from his failure to practice the Moral Righteousness of the *Torah*. As a *person*, Aaron needed the bullock blood to cleanse him from the lack of consciousness in his spirit and soul of the Moral Principles of the *Torah* and from his lack of practice of the Moral Principles of the *Torah*. Aaron, as a *person*, needed a fresh consciousness of his *union* with the office of the Priesthood and a new awareness of the High Calling of God that was on the *office* of the High Priest in order to minister the *Torah* to the people.

The High Calling of Aaron's office was a picture of the High Calling of Christ Jesus' Office. As Aaron officiated in his office of High Priest on the Day of Atonement, he ministered atonement blood for all the house of Israel, bringing them into a *Oneness* of Relationship with God.

Likewise, Christ, in the High Calling of His *Office*, will minister Atonement, by ruling and reigning, until He brings all creation into Unity, Harmony, and Oneness of Relationship with God.

Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: **That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ**, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; *even* in him: (Ephesians 1:9,10).

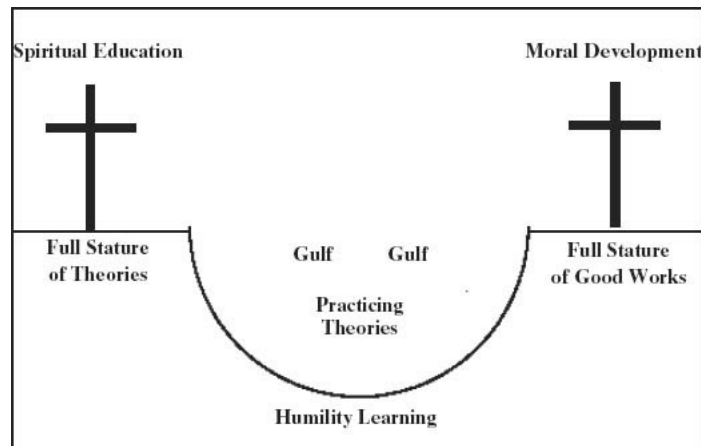
In the beginning, Christ lay in the Bosom of the Father, close to the Heart of God. The Father taught His Son the mysteries of His Will and of His Counsel. The mystery of God's Will is His Love and Power in Christ Jesus that will redeem all rebellious creation and bring it back into Unity and Oneness with Him. It is the *High Calling* of Christ Jesus, in His office as High Priest, to keep ruling and working until all creation is brought back into Oneness with God, both in Heaven and in Earth.

God also has given every believer in Christ Jesus a High Calling to grow up into the full Stature of Jesus Christ and to allow Him to write His *Torah*, His Humble Mind, in their hearts so that they, too, can enjoy, in advance, a Oneness of Relationship with God.

This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord; **I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;** (Hebrews 10:16).

That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit (Romans 8:4).

There is a great gulf between a person's learning, in his heart and mind, the perfect Theories of God's Law, His *Torah*, and his being able to practice perfectly what he has learned. For example, Christ said that when believers are persecuted they are to rejoice and to be exceedingly glad, for great is their reward in Heaven. This is a perfect Theory; nevertheless, because of the carnal nature, believers are not always able to practice the Theory perfectly. A gulf of *practical learning* separates *perfect Theory* from *perfect practice*.



This is why God warned Aaron and his sons to bring the blood for a sin offering for their sins of ignorance because ignorance would make them fail in their practice of the Moral Truth of the *Torah*. God's servants are commanded by God to teach His people, both by Theory and by being living, illuminating examples of good works.

The obedience of God's servants can be accomplished only through Christ's Bullock Blood that washes away the sins of ignorance from the mind and heart. Then, with the soil of their hearts and minds cleansed, they can receive new Seeds of Truth and Light of Christ's Wisdom and Knowledge. When they become knowledgeable servants of Christ, they can become "doers of His Word," and they also can teach others to become knowledgeable, obedient children of God.

Thus, we have seen how God has provided Bullock Blood for the sins of ignorance, both under the shadow and type, and through the fulfillment in Christ Jesus.

Chapter Three

God's Provision Of Young Calf Blood For A Special Sin Offering To Prepare The Priests For The Appearance Of The LORD

After Israel had finished building the Tabernacle in the wilderness and was ready to begin her official worship in it, God provided a special sin offering of young calf blood which Aaron the High Priest offered to prepare himself and his priestly sons for the appearance of the LORD. On this occasion, God also gave definite commands for other sacrifices that had to be made for the congregation and the leaders of Israel in order for the Glory-Fire of the *Torah* to appear.

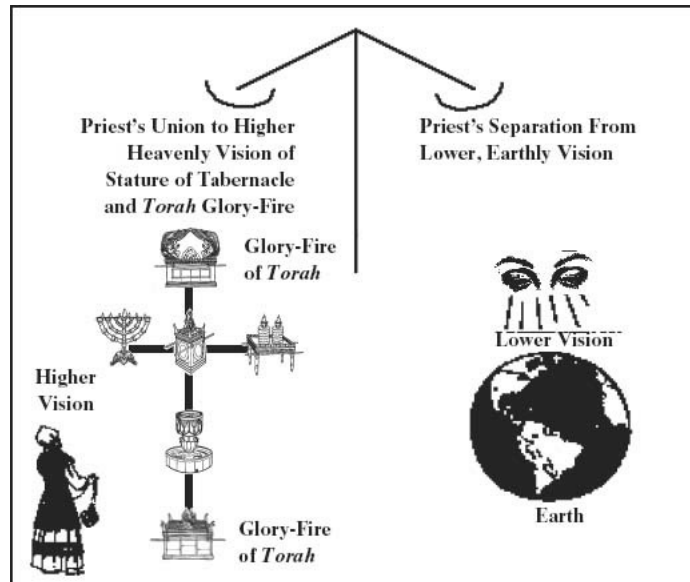
When Israel's "Sacrificial Table" pleased the LORD, the Glory-Fire of the *Torah* took up its abode upon the Brazen Altar in the form of a "Fiery Lion," which proceeded to devour the sacrifices upon the Altar-Table. As the Lion of Glory-Fire from the *Torah* devoured the clean Holy Food that Israel had placed there, in obedience to the Will of God, the sacrifice was changed into a pleasing smoke that ascended as a "mediatorial smoke" into the Nostrils of the LORD God, the Master and Owner of the Sanctuary.

AND it came to pass on the eighth day, *that* Moses called Aaron and his sons, and the elders of Israel; And he said unto Aaron, **Take thee a young calf for a sin offering**, and a ram for a burnt offering, without blemish, and offer *them* before the LORD. And unto the children of Israel thou shalt speak, saying, Take ye a kid of the goats for a sin offering; and a calf and a lamb, *both* of the first year, without blemish, for a burnt offering; Also a bullock and a ram for peace offerings, to sacrifice before the LORD; and a meat offering mingled with oil: for to day the LORD will appear unto you. And they brought *that* which Moses commanded before the tabernacle of the congregation: and all the congregation drew near and stood before the LORD. **And Moses said, This is the thing which the LORD commanded that ye should do: and the glory of the LORD shall appear unto you.** And Moses said unto Aaron, Go unto the altar, and offer thy sin offering, and thy burnt offering, and make an atonement for thyself, and for the people: and offer the offering of the people, and make an atonement for them; as the LORD commanded. Aaron therefore went unto the altar, and slew the calf of the sin offering, which *was* for himself. And the sons of Aaron brought the blood unto him: and he dipped his finger in the blood, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar, and poured out the blood at the bottom of the altar: But the fat, and the kidneys, and the caul above the liver of the sin offering, he burnt upon the altar; as the LORD commanded Moses. And the flesh and the hide he burnt with fire without the camp (Leviticus 9:1-11).

Before the smoke of worship could ascend to the LORD God, Aaron and his sons had to spend seven days consecrating themselves to minister and serve in the Tabernacle. On the eighth day, Moses called Aaron, his sons, and the elders of Israel and instructed them about the special offerings that each one had to offer. The eighth day symbolized the ending of the conditions of the previous seven days and the beginning of a new day. This special day was the official beginning of worship, by Aaron and the whole Nation of Israel, to the LORD God in the Tabernacle.

Before the eighth day, Aaron the High Priest and his sons, the Priests, had spent seven days consecrating themselves in the Tabernacle. During the seven preparatory days, the Priests had been completely *separated unto* the LORD God, the Master and Owner; and they had been *separated from* all personal, private, individual living for "self." Thus, the eighth day not only closed the door to the past seven days of the Priest's ceremonial consecration, but it also closed the door on the Priest's selfish living. The eighth day signified the opening of a new door into a new, exalted, experiential ministry in which the Priests served as living sacrifices, completely dedicated to the LORD God and to His people Israel, His Bride.

After the newly consecrated Priests had been separated from all lower, earthly vision of a ministry for themselves, they were rewarded with a new, higher vision of a ministry to the Glory of the LORD God and His *Torah*.

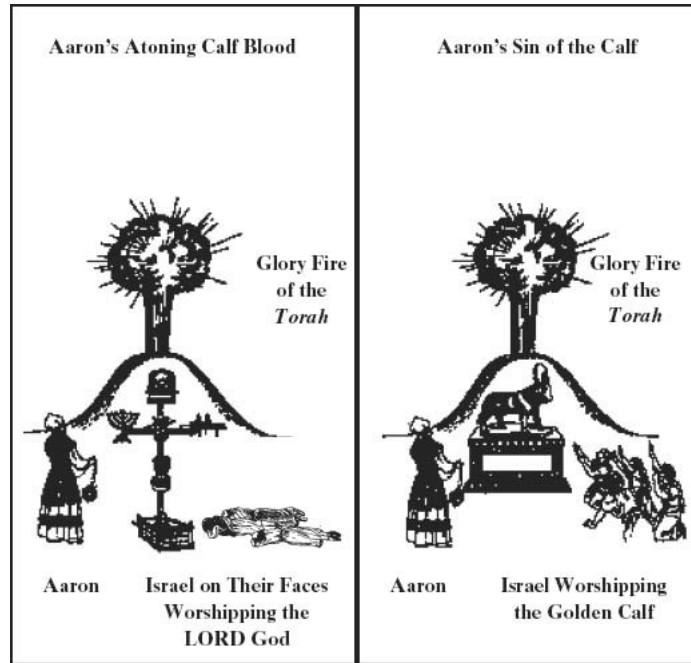


During the seven days of consecration, the Priests had been separated and dedicated totally unto the LORD God and His service. Therefore, on this new day, they were clean and qualified to lay hold of the atoning blood for themselves and for the Nation of Israel.

Israel's new day of worship to the LORD God began with the sin offerings for both the Priests and the people. When the LORD God saw the blood from the atoning sin offerings for the Priests and the people flowing as "one blood" upon His "Altar-Table" and at the bottom of His "Altar-Table," He sent His Glory-Fire from His *Torah* to devour the sacrifice. Thus, Israel saw a visible manifestation of God's acceptance and approval of the atoning, mediatorial blood.

On this day, God required a special sin offering of atoning blood for Aaron in order to atone for his previous sin against God's Glory-Fire (when he had made the golden calf) and to cleanse from his heart old idolatrous desires that again would cause him to offend the Glory-Fire of God's *Torah*. When Aaron had made a golden calf-idol while in the very Presence of God's true, devouring Glory-Fire that was visible upon Mount Sinai, he committed a great offense against the Glory-Fire of God's *Torah*. Because Aaron had sinned by making an idol-god in the form of a *golden calf*, God required that he offer the blood of a *young calf* to atone for his sin.

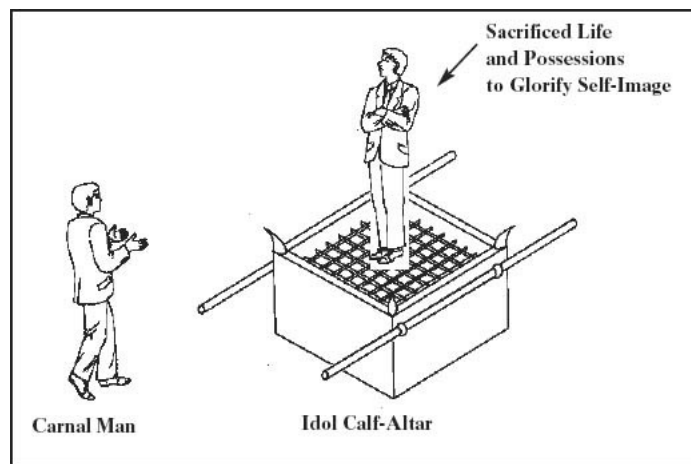
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Moses, Israel's leader, ascended to the top of Mount Sinai and entered into the very Presence of the LORD God's Glory-Fire. All the people at the foot of the mountain could behold the LORD's Fiery Glory. Despite this proof of God's Presence, Aaron made a golden calf, gave it the name of "LORD" and led Israel in idolatrous worship to his gold calf (Exodus 32:4-6). In order to have his heart cleansed from sinful, idolatrous thoughts and desires for self-glory, Aaron had to offer the blood of a young calf. Then, through the ministry of the atoning calf blood, the Glory of God anointed Aaron with new dignity and honour to lead Israel in true worship to the Divine LORD God, the Master and Owner.

The blood of the young calf which Aaron offered on this day was a picture of God's Provision of the Calf Blood of Jesus Christ, which was given to atone for a believer's idolatrous offenses against the Glory-Fire of God's *Torah* and His Ownership and Mastership of their lives.

Man, in his evil, diseased perception of reality, steals God's Mastership and Ownership, His Possessions, and His creation. Then, man sacrifices himself and his so-called possessions upon his idolatrous "Altar-Table" to the glory of his own desires and self-image.

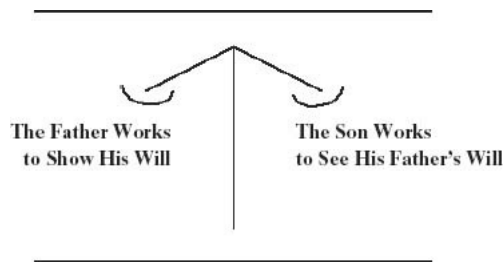


God has provided the Calf Blood of Jesus Christ to cleanse believers from the sin of idolatry that they commit in their hearts, which is an offense against God's true Glory-Fire of His *Torah*. When believers come to God's Altar, Jesus Christ, confessing and repenting of their sinful desire to glorify themselves instead of glorifying the LORD, He forgives them and cleanses their hearts. Then, after the Calf Blood of Jesus Christ cleanses their hearts, the Glory-Fire of God's *Torah* comes and fills them with His Fiery Zeal to glorify and magnify the LORD God as the true Owner and Master.

This occasion was the only time God commanded that a young calf be used as an offering. The type and shadow of the young calf was a picture of Jesus Christ, Who always remembered that His Heavenly Father was His Master and Owner.

But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.... Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise** (John 5:17,19).

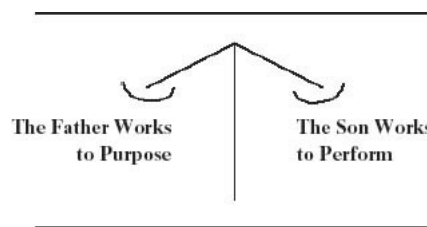
The Heavenly Father works in the invisible realm to show His Son His Will and His Master Plan. Then, the Son obeys His Father, His Master and Owner, and works to make His Father's Will and Master Plan known in the visible realm.



Jesus Christ has perfect Unity and Harmony with His Father. The Son always acknowledges His Father as the Master and Owner.

Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come *again* unto you, If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I (John 14:28).

The Heavenly Father is greater than the Son, Jesus Christ, because He is Master and Owner of all, including His Son.



Complete Unity exists between the Father's "Purpose" and the Son's "Performance." They do the *same* Works, *not similar* Works. As the Master and Owner of all things, the Father provides His Purpose, His Intent and Design; then, the Son works to implement His Father's Plan or Design for all things.

Jesus Christ was the Father's perfect "Calf Offering" for the sin of idolatry. Jesus Christ always remained joined to His High Calling as a faithful Son, in perfect obedience to His Father, Who was His Son's Master and Owner. The Son never let the Intent and Design of His Father's Will slip from His Memory. Therefore, He is man's perfect Example and pure Sacrifice. He cleanses repentant sinners from their sins against the Father's Mastership and Ownership and leads them upward to the heights of His Obedient Nature and Stature.

The Calf Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ is able to wash away the believer's sin of idolatry (which he commits by making "golden calves" or idols under his own mastership and ownership) so that he can give himself completely to the LORD as a dedicated servant in His Sanctuary.

After Aaron had offered his calf offering for the personal sin which he had committed by making the golden calf, plus all the other offerings that God required for him, his sons, and the Nation of Israel, the Glory of the LORD, the devouring Fire of the LORD, appeared unto all the people.

God's devouring Glory-Fire fastened itself to the sacrifice on God's "Altar-Table." The Fire justly could have fastened itself in Divine Wrath upon Aaron and the people and consumed them because of their sins. Instead, it fastened itself upon the sacrifices on God's "Altar-Table" as a token that God had accepted the atoning blood as an offering for their sinful hearts. If Aaron had not cleansed his idolatrous heart with calf blood, he could not have been a fit High Priest and offered the sin offering blood for the people. If God had sent His devouring Glory-Fire without the sin offering blood being offered for Aaron and the people, they all would have died.

The appearance of the LORD God's Glory-Fire signified that He was entering into new communion with Israel. The LORD God ate part of the sacrifice, and Israel ate part of the sacrifice.



This scene presents a beautiful picture of the Father feeding upon the Sacrifice of His Son and of God's people also feeding upon Jesus Christ.

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, **I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me** (Revelation 3:20).

Jesus Christ comes to His people and knocks on their hearts' door. He desires to gain entrance into their hearts so that He can establish new communion with them. He feeds on the new Holy Nature of Himself, within, and He brings new revelations of Himself upon which His people feed. Thus, they both sup together on the Grace, Faith, and Love of His Sacrifice at the Cross.

The Principle of this Truth was working in the Old Testament when the Tabernacle was newly dedicated for worship unto the LORD God.

And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of the congregation, and came out, and blessed the people: and the glory of the Lord appeared unto all the people. And there came a fire out from before the Lord, and consumed upon the altar the burnt offering and the fat: *which* when all the people saw, they shouted, and fell on their faces (Leviticus 9:23,24).

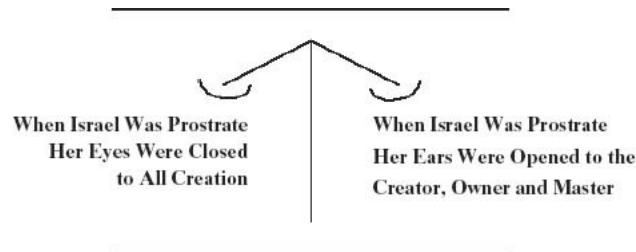
After all the blood had been sacrificed, and when Aaron and all Israel saw the Glory-Fire of the LORD descend upon the sacrifice, they all shouted and fell on their faces. This glorious experience with God's Glory-Fire did not just "happen." First, the High Priest and his sons, by faith, gave themselves in their hearts to the LORD God, as the Master and Owner of the Sanctuary; then, the Glory of the LORD appeared to sup with them.

The sacrifices that were offered to the LORD were not to be offered simply as a ritual, a form with no life in it. It was important for Israel to join herself, by faith, to the sacrifices, willingly giving up her whole life to serve God completely. The LORD God desired that, in behalf of Israel, the sacrifices give up their lives completely to God for His service. Thus, the sacrifices established the Truth that the whole Purpose and Intent that their Owner and Master had in giving them life was for them to give their life wholly and completely back to God. Likewise, God's Desire for Israel was for her to give her life completely and wholly to God for His service.

When the LORD saw clean, pure sacrifices upon His "Altar-Table" and clean, pure, and complete dedication to

Him in the hearts of Aaron and his sons, the Glory-Fire of the LORD appeared to sup with Aaron and his sons and with Israel; and vice versa, Aaron, his sons, and Israel supped with the LORD.

Aaron, his sons, and Israel shouted with a voice of triumph and fell prostrate in order to show the lowest, most humble form of reverence to the LORD God. With their faces toward the ground, Aaron, his sons, and Israel closed their eyes to all creation and opened their ears to hear only the Voice of the LORD God, the Master and Owner of the Sanctuary.



The Glory of the LORD always will appear to the believer when he lays hold of the Calf Blood of Jesus Christ for fresh cleansing from his idolatrous “golden calf worship” or idol worship.

The LORD, Jehovah, the Self-existent One Who reveals Himself, appeared in a special way with His Glory and gave Israel a new revelation of His *Torah*-Fire which changed their sacrifice into a sweet-smelling savour in His Nostrils. Before God’s servants, His priests, or ministers can receive new revelation of the LORD and His Glory-Fire, they must bring a special sacrifice of the “Young Calf’s Blood” of Jesus Christ.

Before God appeared on this occasion with a new vision of His Glory and Fire, He commanded Aaron the High Priest to experience a fresh cleansing by the blood of a young calf that was still nursing. This was a beautiful, prophetic revelation of the LORD Jesus Christ’s spiritual Calf Blood, which is efficacious for God’s spiritual priests today.

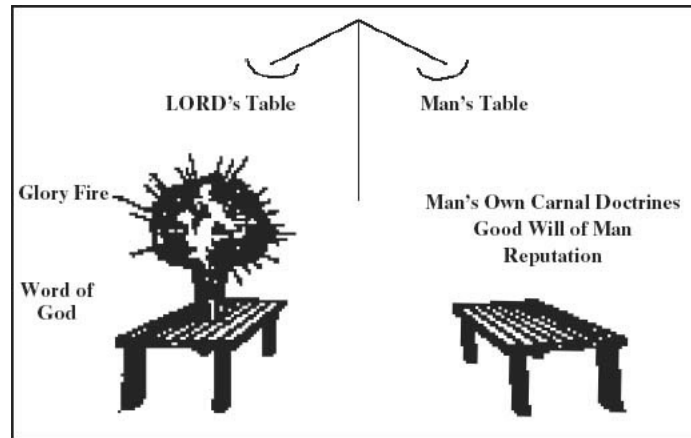
The Hebrew word for *calf* is *ay-ghel*, meaning a young, frisky calf that skips about because of its carefree dependence and subjection to its parent. A young calf in the natural realm is dependent upon its mother for its daily supply of milk. It is dependent upon and subject to the mother cow for the food she produces for it.

God provided calf blood under the shadow and type to teach Christians that the Blood of Christ is needed in order for them to be cleansed from their sin of rebellion against the food supply they receive from the LORD, Who is their spiritual Parent. Israel rebelled against the Manna that God provided for their bodies and against the Glory-Fire that He provided for their souls. Aaron never would have made the golden calf if his eyes had been feeding his soul on God’s Word and the Glory-Fire on top of Mount Sinai.

When God desires to reveal a new vision of His Glory and to visit believers with a new experience of His Holy Fire, He cleanses them afresh and anew from their lack of subjection and dependence upon Him for their daily supply of food. Man sins against God when, instead of trusting the LORD to provide him with the food that his soul needs for the day, he begins to hunger for another source of supply.

Today, very few ministers, comparatively speaking, are daily receiving fresh revelations of God’s Word with the Glory and Fire upon them. There is no lack or insufficiency on God’s part. The problem is that many ministers are unwilling to appropriate the “Calf Blood” of dependence and subjection to God in order to purify themselves from the sin of feeding on their own ideas, thoughts, and opinions.

God’s servants receive new food from the Word of the LORD when they are willing to depend upon their spiritual Parent, the LORD Jesus Christ, just as the young calf depends upon its parent for its daily supply of food. As long as God’s ministers are fearful of losing their old “feeding table,” with its reputation (the goodwill of mortal man) and its man-made doctrines that have been so neatly composed and compacted, they never can expect a new feeding from the LORD’s Table.



However, when God's spiritual priests prepare their hearts by applying the LORD Jesus Christ's Calf Blood of dependence and subjection, then, by faith, their hearts become willing to feed on God's Word and the Glory of new revelations and Truth that Christ Jesus bountifully spreads upon His Table.

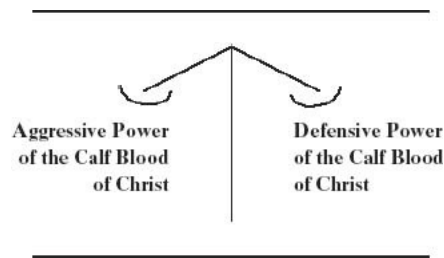
The importance of preparing the heart was exemplified in the lives of Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron. They brought calf blood, performing the outward ritual, but they did not allow the blood to cleanse them inwardly, which would have produced dependence, subjection, and surrender in their hearts to the LORD God and to their spiritual leaders that God had set before them. Then, they could have continued living and feeding at God's Table of Revelation and Truth. Instead, they continued feeding from the table of their own proud, independent ideas, which ultimately brought Death and Judgment upon them.

The arrogant independence exhibited by Nadab and Abihu was a blasphemous slap in the LORD's Face and a contemptible bypassing of their teacher and leader, Moses. God had given them the calf blood of subjection and humility dependence, and He had given them His Glory-Fire for the purging and cleansing of their proud, independent hearts. Unfortunately, for them, they did not allow the calf blood to work the necessary subjection within their hearts; consequently, they had no appreciation for God's Glory-Fire which would have strengthened them and protected them against such an arrogant display of proud rebellion. Compelled by their arrogant, independent rebellion, they dared to offer "strange" fire upon God's Altar of Incense.

The person who desires to see the Glory-Fire from the LORD's *Torah*, and who wants to be able to appreciate its Strength and Protection after he sees it, *must* prepare his heart by offering and applying, by faith, the Calf Blood of the Subjection and Humility Dependence of Jesus Christ.

Remember that the horns of the Altar represented Jesus Christ's Aggressive Power and Defensive Power. Thus, the calf's blood that was placed upon the horns of the Altar possessed both aggressive power and defensive power.

(See diagram on following page.)



The Calf Blood of Christ has Power to defend the subjections and surrenders that a believer already has made in the past, when he has brought his flesh and his carnal mind under the Power, Authority, and Dominion of the LORD Jesus Christ. Christ's Defensive Calf Blood guards, protects, and repels all attacks from the enemy that would try to destroy the believer's subservient relationship to the LORD.

The Aggressive Side of Christ's Calf Blood not only fights against the enemies of sin, Death, and the Devil, but it takes the first step in commencing hostilities against the world, the flesh, and the Devil. Christ's Glorious, Resurrected Calf Blood is mingled with His Holy Anger against sin, and it wages war against His enemies to retrieve God's lost possessions in mankind.

Through the Calf Blood of Christ, the LORD prepares His spiritual priests for new revelations of His Glory-Fire and for a new Table of Truth in His Word. The LORD Jesus Christ's Blood of Subjection and Dependence helps believers to war against new areas of disobedience and independence that have not yet been brought under the Power, Authority, and Dominion of the LORD.

In the Old Testament, under the type and shadow, part of the calf blood also was poured at the bottom of the Altar. Jewish historians say that the blood from the bottom of the Altar was mingled with water and carried, by the means of a pipe, to the Brook Kidron and, then, on to the Dead Sea, at the time when the Temple existed in Jerusalem.

This was a picture of the Blood and Water that flowed from the Side of Jesus Christ on the Cross. On Resurrection Morning, His Resurrected Blood and Water formed a River of Remission for Sin which flowed behind the Back of God to form the Sea of Forgetfulness. As the sacrificial blood of the type and shadow flowed into the Dead Sea, demonstrating the carrying away of sin, so does the Blood of Jesus Christ flow to the spiritual Sea of Forgetfulness to carry away man's sin today.

Christ's Calf Blood can carry away the fleshly rebellion that causes believers to rebel against receiving new Light and Truths from God's Word. How great and marvelous is our God! He condescended to make provision for sinful man through the precious Blood of His Son so that men might be partakers of God's Glory-Fire without being consumed.

In this chapter we have studied about God's Provision of Calf Blood as a Special Sin Offering for the Priests. Before entering the ministry, all the Priests spent seven days in which they consecrated themselves wholly unto the LORD and His service. On the eighth day, at the beginning of his official ministry as a Priest in the Sanctuary, Aaron, the High Priest, offered calf blood for a sin offering for himself. God required that calf blood be offered to atone for Aaron's personal sins of idolatry and rebellion which he had committed when he had made the golden calf and had led the people into idolatrous worship of a false god in the very Presence of the Glory-Fire of God's *Torah*. Without the ministry of the calf blood, which cleansed his heart of his past sinful thoughts and desires for idolatrous worship and self-glory, the High Priest and his sons would not have been prepared for the new appearance of the LORD with His Glory-Fire of the *Torah*.

Our study thus far of the shadows and types of blood used in the Old Testament should cause our heart to be moved with a great measure of joyful gratitude for the Spiritual Blood of God's only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Our mind should be filled with a great degree of clarity of understanding of the Infinite Power contained in His Spiritual Blood. Once we are made aware of what is available to us through the Blood of LORD Jesus Christ, our faith in His Blood increases.

Chapter Four

God's Provision Of Bullock Blood For A Special Sin Offering To Make Atonement For The Priests

God commanded that the bullock blood be offered for different aspects of the cleansing of the Priests. In chapter one, we saw that God required bullock blood and, in one instance, calf blood for the preparation of the Priests for their ministry. In chapter two, we saw that the Priests had to offer bullock blood in order to be cleansed from their sins of ignorance. In this chapter, we shall see that God again commanded that bullock blood be offered for the Priests and their families on the Day of Atonement.

The bullock was a very valuable animal to the Nation of Israel; therefore, it was rarely slaughtered for either food or sacrifice. The strong bullock's ability to labour patiently in agricultural pursuits made it one of the most valuable possessions of the Jewish husbandman. The bullock was used for plowing, for drawing carts, for threshing or treading out grain, for beasts of burden, and for sacrifice. Thus, it is clear to see why God selected such a valuable animal to be a picture of the sacrificial Blood of Jesus Christ, and why God required His Ministers, His Priests, to offer the bullock blood so frequently.

On the Day of Atonement, before Aaron offered the sacrifices required for the atonement of the sins of the people of Israel, he had to offer *bullock blood to atone for his sins and the sins of his family*. This was a *special* sin offering for the Priests.

Thus shall Aaron come into the holy place: with a young bullock for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering. He shall put on the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall be girded with a linen girdle, and with the linen mitre shall he be attired: these *are* holy garments; therefore shall he wash his flesh in water, and *so* put them on. And he shall take of the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering. **And Aaron shall offer his bullock of the sin offering, which is for himself, and make an atonement for himself, and for his house.** And he shall take the two goats, and present them before the LORD *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the LORD, and the other lot for the scapegoat. And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the LORD's lot fell, and offer him *for* a sin offering. But the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat, shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make an atonement with him, *and* to let him go for a scapegoat into the wilderness. **And Aaron shall bring the bullock of the sin offering, which is for himself, and shall make an atonement for himself, and for his house, and shall kill the bullock of the sin offering which is for himself: And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it within the vail: And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is upon the testimony, that he die not: And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy seat eastward; and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times.** Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that *is* for the people, and bring his blood within the vail, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat: And he shall make an atonement for the holy *place*, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions in all their sins: and so shall he do for the tabernacle of the congregation, that remaineth among them in the midst of their uncleanness. And there shall be no man in the tabernacle of the congregation when he goeth in to make an atonement in the holy *place*, until he come out, and have made an atonement for himself, and for his household, and for all the congregation of Israel. And he shall go out unto the altar that *is* before the LORD, and make an atonement for it; and shall take of the blood of the bullock, and of the blood of the goat, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar round about (Leviticus 16:3-18).

Man's spiritual and moral indebtedness to God can be cancelled only through the ministry of the Spiritual Blood of Jesus Christ. Through the study of the blood sacrifices offered during the Dispensation of the Law, New Testament believers can better understand the full scope of Christ Jesus' Invisible Spiritual Blood.

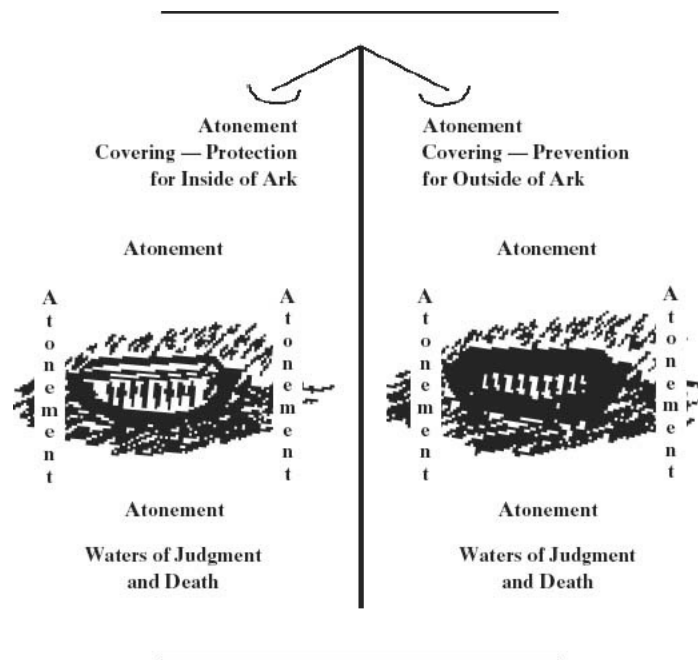
When man sinned in the Garden of Eden, he found himself in a terrible state of spiritual and moral bankruptcy, totally unable to meet his moral liabilities or to pay his spiritual debts. Because sinful man is unable to pay his debts of righteous "being" and debts of righteous "doing" to his Creditor (the Law), sinful man must be delivered to the Law for the judgment of his debt, which is the punishment of Death. Sinful man has defrauded the Righteousness of His Creditor, the Law, through his disobedience. However, God in His great Wisdom and Love has made provision for sinful man and his bankruptcy through the Atonement Blood of Jesus Christ. Israel's special Day of Atonement beautifully portrays Jesus Christ's Eternal Atonement for man's sin, which He accomplished through His Death and Resurrection. He has paid man's debt to God and the Law.

The Hebrew word for *atonement* is *kaphar*, meaning to expiate, to cover, to condone, to placate, cancel, appease, make atonement, cleanse, disannul, forgive, be merciful, pacify, pardon, to pitch, purge away, put off.

The essential summary of the meaning of the Hebrew word for *atonement* (*kaw-far*) is covering over, burying the past. The first classic use of this Hebrew word was revealed to Noah.

The LORD God commanded Noah to build an ark, which was to be a *house of salvation* for every living creature. It could only be a *house of salvation* if it were covered or *pitched* (*kaw-far*) inside and outside. The atonement covering of pitch on Noah's ark was twofold. One side of it formed a *preventive* covering, while the other side formed a *protective* covering. The covering of pitch on the outside of the ark *prevented* it from being affected by God's flood waters of Death that were on the outside. The pitch that covered the inside of the ark *protected* the living creatures within the ark from being affected by the Death on the outside.

(See diagram on the following page.)



God had Noah put the atonement covering of pitch on the inside of the ark so that the people inside would be protected from the sin on the outside, which was God's Judgment of Death poured out upon the unrepentant sinners. The atonement covering on the inside of Noah's ark prevented the sinner on the outside of the ark from escaping God's Judgment of Death and from looking into the blessed joy and rest enjoyed by those inside the ark. God's atonement cleanses and clears the *repentant* sinner, but it does not allow the *unrepentant* sinner to escape God's Judgment of Death.

The Hebrew word *kaw-far* is also a term applied to a young male lion when he matures and begins to be the protector of a pride of lions. God used the young lion (*kaw-far*), as he was moving in his first burst of youthful strength and vigor, crouching or preparing to spring on his prey, to picture the Atoning Blood of Jesus Christ. The Atoning Blood of Christ always is crouching and preparing to spring upon the sins of the repentant sinner.

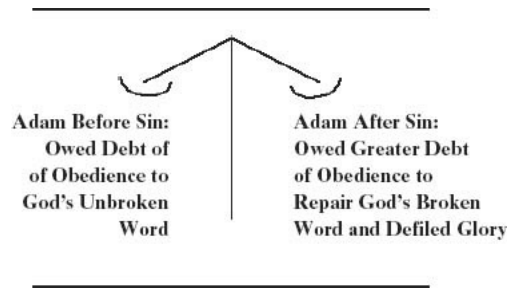
Christ's Atoning Blood will not work until a person is willing to look courageously at his faults, failures, and sins with the same clarity of judgment that God's Eyes have and pronounce the same judgment against sins that God's Voice has pronounced honestly and impartially.

The spelling of the word "at-one-ment" gives a true description of reconciliation, which is the setting "at one again" of two parties who have been estranged.

Under the shadow and type, the LORD God set aside a special day to make reconciliation between God and man. On this day, called the Day of Atonement, the High Priest entered into the Holy of Holies to sprinkle the blood of reconciliation on the Mercy Seat and the Ark. The blood appeased God's Righteous Anger and at the same time atoned for man's sins of the past year. Thus, man was restored to a Oneness of Relationship with the LORD God.

The beautiful Principles that God set forth for the Day of Atonement in the Old Testament Dispensation provide New Testament believers with some very wonderful pictures which help them understand many Principles of Truth about the Blood of Jesus Christ and how it ministered on the Eternal Day of Atonement.

Before we look at the ministry of the Blood on the Day of Atonement, let us rehearse the circumstances through which man found himself in need of atonement or reconciliation to God. In the beginning, God created Adam-male and female (Genesis 5:2) and placed them in the Garden of Eden. As their Creator, He demanded obedience from His creatures as well as from the rest of His creation. So the first debt man owed to God was the debt of obedience to His Holy, Unbroken Word. Man owed this debt *before* his fall. *After* his fall into sin, he acquired an even great debt of obedience.



When man disobeyed God's Commandment and ate of the forbidden fruit, he offended and sinned against God's Holy, Unbroken Word. Through disobedience, man broke God's Word, and in so doing, he defiled the Glory that abides on God's Word. Man's disobedience also struck a blow at the Sovereignty of God. When man failed to pay his first debt of obedience to God's Unbroken Word, he caused the Honour, Holiness, and Justice of God to suffer. Furthermore, through his disobedience, man caused the *Image and Likeness of God*, in which he was created, to become marred and to suffer corruption. (Man's sin did not mar or affect God's Personal *Image and Likeness*. It was the Godly *Image and Likeness* in man himself that was marred by sin.) Consequently, man ended up with a debt that he was completely unable to pay! Sinful man was spiritually bankrupt.

If man were to suffer in Hell throughout the endless ages of Eternity, he never could pay his new indebtedness to the Broken Word of God. Sinful man was morally incapable of any kind of Holy obedience which would repair the Broken Word. He never could repair the damage done to God's Glory, Honour, and Justice. He never could restore within himself the Holy Image and Likeness of God which he had in the beginning. Man was just the creation, not the Creator.

Fallen Adam's new business partner, called Sin, plunged him into deeper and deeper debt each day of his life. As man continued to heap up more disobedience to God's Word, sin continued to increase the enmity between God and man.

Sin is lawlessness. "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law" (I John 3:4). God's Law is a manifestation of His Holy, Divine Nature, and it contains His Governmental Design for ruling the world. God's Holy Law instructs man in the Way of Righteousness and Peace and brings him into unity with God's Happiness. Sin is a rejection of God's Law. Sin is a refusal to remain under subjection to God's Law and Governmental Authority. "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be" (Romans 8:7).

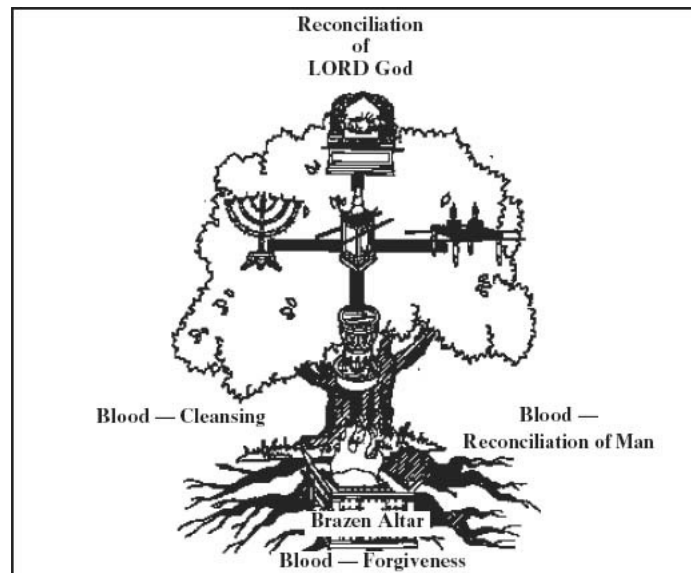
Man's outward acts of sin are signs of his inward, sinful alienation from God. Each sinful act weakens man's power of moral determination to do right, making him all the more a slave to his sin. With each sinful act, man incurs fresh guilt which, in turn, increases man's fear and dread of God. Each sinful act deepens man's defilement, making him shrink from Jesus Christ and shun the Presence of the LORD God. Since man took "Mr. Sin" as his business partner, his indebtedness to God has increased with each passing day.

Man's debts to God can be cancelled only through the powerful Ministry of the Blood of Jesus Christ. Thus, once a person gains a true vision of the hopelessness of man's fallen state, he can begin to appreciate, in a small measure, the study of the Blood of Jesus Christ as it was revealed in the Old Testament types and shadows and, ultimately, in the Living, Sacrificial Blood of Jesus Christ.

Because man was spiritually and morally bankrupt, he could never pay the great debt he owed to God. In his great Love and Mercy, God found a price sufficient to pay for the full damage that God had suffered and that man had suffered as a result of his own sin. The LORD God provided Atoning and Reconciling Blood in order to appease His Holy Anger which burned because of man's sin. The Blood also repaired the damage that His Word, His Honour, and His Authority had suffered because of sin. Through the Ministry of the Atoning Blood of Jesus Christ, man can regain the Godly *Image and Likeness*, which he lost when he fell into sin, so that he again can know a Oneness of Relationship with his Creator. What a privilege it is to have the knowledge and the experience of this Reconciling, Atoning Blood!

The order that God used for applying the blood on the Day of Atonement is a very necessary lesson for each person to learn experientially. When the High Priest entered the Holy of Holies, God worked through him as he applied the blood of reconciliation to the Ark and the Mercy Seat, first of all, to reconcile God. Then, God sent the High Priest out to the Holy Place to apply the blood on the horns of the Golden Altar, then on out to the Courtyard to reconcile His enemies by applying the atonement blood at the Brazen Altar. The "fruit" of the Tree of Atonement

was the top of the Tree in the Holy of Holies. The “roots” of the Tree of Atonement were at the bottom, under the Brazen Altar.



On the Day of Atonement, God set up the order for reconciliation by beginning in the Holy of Holies (in the top of the Tree of Life of the Blood); then, He descended to the Courtyard (to the roots of the Tree of Life of the Blood). The blood was placed first upon the Mercy Seat and the Ark of God’s Holy Headship, showing that reconciliation started with God Himself, Who was the Greatest and the Holiest. Only after God had been reconciled and His Holy Anger appeased by the blood did the High Priest descend to the roots of the Tree of Life to apply the blood of reconciliation at the Brazen Altar where small, sinful man was.

When there is a broken relationship between a believer and another person, the same order of reconciliation must be followed. The believer must always begin with himself by reaching out, by faith, and applying the Atoning, Reconciling Blood of Jesus Christ to his own mind and heart. In order to do this, a believer must reject his own carnal, fleshly desire to say, “I never did anything to that person. Why should I make an effort to be reconciled with him? He is the one who has done so much against me, so he is the one who should make the first move to restore this relationship.” Reconciliation does not come out of this type of thinking.

Remember that God never did anything evil toward man either. On the contrary, God did good. By giving to man His own Likeness and Image, God gave man the *best*. Yet, when man sinned and was unable to pay his debt to God, God did a good thing again by providing the Blood of His only Begotten Son for man’s atonement and reconciliation. God *began* the Ministry of Reconciliation with *Himself*. In the Tabernacle, before the blood of the atonement was carried to the Courtyard where man was, blood was placed on the Mercy Seat at the Ark where God’s Word and Glory were. If Christ’s Blood of Atonement has Power to appease God’s Holy Anger and Holy Hatred against sin, then certainly His Blood of Atonement has Power to cleanse and purify the corrupt nature and anger of believers and bring reconciliation between brethren.

God commanded that the High Priest place the atonement blood on the Mercy Seat *eastward*. There was a reason God said the east side, rather than one of the other cardinal points of the compass. When man was cast out of the Garden of Eden, where God’s Presence had dwelled, he was cast out on the *east* side. “So he drove out the man; and he placed at the *east* of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life” (Genesis 3:24). The east side, then, marked the place of man’s final separation from God’s Paradise.

When man left the Garden, on the east side, he brought suffering to God’s Plan and Purpose by creating a distance between himself and God. So, on the Day of Atonement, God began the Ministry of Reconciliation at the Mercy Seat on the east side, the same direction in which man had gone out from God’s Personal Presence. Through the blood of atonement that was applied to the Mercy Seat, eastward, God made a way for sinful man to reenter His Presence and feel His Nearness.

God's Provision of the Atonement Blood of Jesus Christ has Power to do a complete Work for man. No only does the Blood of Jesus Christ pay sinful man's debt to God, but in repentant man, it washes away the sin-marred Image and Likeness of God brought about by sin. The Blood washes away the enmity and guilt that sin caused and creates or brings to birth a new Likeness and Image of God in man. Through the Ministry of the Blood, repentant man can experience a full restoration of the Godly Likeness and Image that was lost when man fell into sin. The Atoning Blood of Christ Jesus washes away man's rebellion against God's Word and fills him with energizing life so that he can walk in obedience to His Word.

God's servants, His spiritual priests, need to learn to plead the Bullock Blood of Self-control of the LORD Jesus Christ so that they can obey the Word of the LORD and bring honour and Glory to His Name by growing into a Oneness of Relationship with Him.

After applying the bullock blood of atonement *upon* and *before* the Mercy Seat in the Holy of Holies, for himself and his family, the High Priest went into the Holy Place and placed the bullock blood upon the horns of the Golden Altar. Then, he went into the Courtyard and applied some of the bullock blood to the horns of the Brazen Altar and poured the remainder of it at the bottom of the Altar. This application of atonement blood cleansed the furniture in the Tabernacle from the defiling touch of Aaron and his sons.

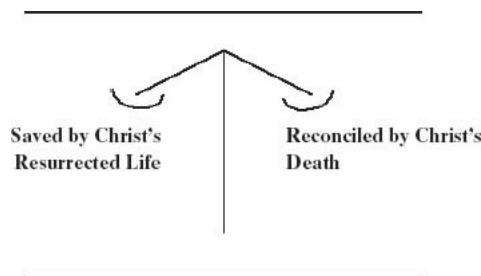
God provided blood to cleanse the furniture, which represented the Stature of the Jesus Christ, the Word of God. Thus, He revealed that man's sinful touch has power to defile the Word of God. As God's spiritual priests apply the Atoning Blood of Christ Jesus, by faith, to the Word of the LORD, the Blood continually washes and cleanses the Word of the LORD from man's defiling ideas, notions, opinions, and doctrines. After being cleansed, the Stature of the Word of the LORD Jesus Christ then is revealed, clean and fresh, to the hearts and minds of His servants.

Believers who want the Word of the LORD to be a Holy, Clean, Living Stature of living, aggressive, and defensive Power must allow Christ's Bullock Blood of Atonement to cleanse the Written Word in their Bibles from their defiling touch upon it.

When the High Priest finished applying the bullock blood in the Courtyard on the Day of Atonement, the living pathway of blood was completed and established from the Ark, where God's Presence dwelt, down to the Brazen Altar, where man stood. God found and provided a way to pay for man's indebtedness and to bring him back into a Oneness of Relationship with Himself. The bullock blood took care of God's part (His Holy Anger and His Holy Justice), and it took care of the Priest's part (his disobedience, his offense, his sin).

The Ark represented the Head-realm of the Stature of Jesus Christ; the Brazen Altar depicted the Foot-realm of the Stature of Jesus Christ, showing that Reconciliation or Atonement between God and man was accomplished through the full Stature of Mediatorial Blood of God's only Begotten Son. This Principle is confirmed in the Book of Romans.

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).



The Blood that Christ shed through His Death on the Cross pardons the repentant sinner and makes him righteous. By slaying the enmity between God and man, Christ's Blood removes the quarrel between God and man. Apart from the Atonement Blood, God loathes the sinner, and the sinner loathes God. After a repentant sinner has been reconciled and justified by the Blood of Christ's Death, the Life of the Resurrected Blood of Jesus Christ continues to save him by continuing to give him new cleansing and new life. Thus, believers are reconciled by Christ's Death and saved by His Life.

The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: Which *was* a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did

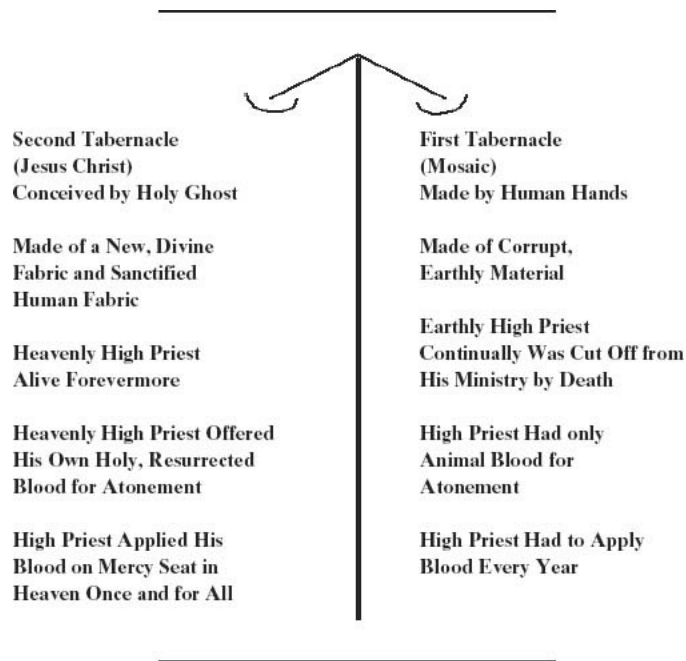
the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; (Hebrews 9:8,9).

God's Word teaches that Old Testament Scriptures were given by inspiration of God and were written by Holy men of God who were moved by the Holy Ghost; it also teaches that all Scripture is profitable. It behooves us, then, to take special note of these Divine Records. The Holy Ghost signified, by the veils that separated the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies, that the way into the Holy of Holies was not made obvious and clear as long as the first Tabernacle was standing. The first Tabernacle, built by Moses, was a figure of the second and more perfect Tabernacle, Jesus Christ. The Mosaic Tabernacle was a picture, full of obscure, dark shadows designed to typify Jesus Christ and His Sacrifice on the Cross. When Jesus hung on the Cross, He was God's bright Sun of Righteousness that arose in the splendour of His Atoning Glory and the magnificence of His Reconciling Power, causing the dark shadows to flee away.

Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount (Hebrews 8:5).

God selected the Mosaic Tabernacle to exhibit, in shadow form, the nature, quality, and character of the Heavenly Tabernacle. The first Tabernacle was a copy, model, or pattern of the Heavenly Tabernacle and of the Stature of Jesus Christ. Moses' Tabernacle served to illustrate the Truth that was in the second greater and more perfect Tabernacle, Jesus Christ. Therefore, Jesus Christ is the example we are to follow. He is the Pattern we should seek to have copied in our heart. Our blessed Saviour, Jesus Christ, left us an example of Christian perfection which we are to imitate. Furthermore, when He ascended back into Heaven, He sent the Holy Ghost to lead and guide us into all Truth so that His Pattern or Stature can be copied in our heart.

But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a **greater and more perfect tabernacle**, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; (Hebrews 9:11).



The Holy Ghost prophetically promised the good performance or fulfillment of the Old Testament patterns that would come in Christ. Christ's Tabernacle and His Sacrifices are the "good things" that will never pass away. Jesus Christ faithfully will perfect His Word that was prophesied in both the Old Testament and the New Testament.

The Heavenly Tabernacle of Christ's Resurrected Body is greater and more perfect because it never will die again. It never will pass away. It will abide forever. Christ's Resurrected, Atoning Blood is greater and more perfect than the animal blood used in the Old Testament because He atoned for man's sin once and for all by placing His Eternal, Resurrected Blood on the Mercy Seat in Heaven.

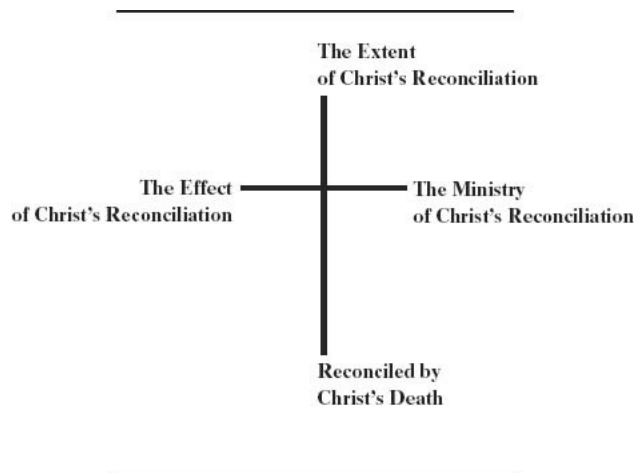
Now all these things **happened unto them for ensamples** [examples]: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come (1 Corinthians 10:11).

Paul said that all the things that happened to Israel were written for our example and admonition. God used Israel's obedience and disobedience to teach believers of all generations *what to do* and *what not to do*. Israel's obedience is an example, a model, that we should emulate. Her disobedience serves as an admonishment or warning to us because we can see what God reproved her for — her disobedience — and how He reminded her of the kinds of things that displeased Him. What better lessons in obeying God and pleasing Him could we have than the example He has given through Israel's history?

Old Testament Scriptures are God's gentle reproofs (which He gave on account of His children's bygone faults) and His friendly cautions (which He gave to warn them against future moral dangers). If a believer is wise, he will heed the grave admonishments God has recorded in His Holy Word and allow them to prevail in his life.

Now that we have seen how badly man needed a Mediator to minister the Blood of Atonement or Reconciliation that would restore him to a Oneness of Relationship with the LORD God, and now that we have come to realize the importance of ALL Scripture (including the Old Testament with its types and shadows), we are ready to study the Stature of Truth that God's Word reveals about Christ's Work of Reconciliation.

(See diagram on following page.)



The study of Christ's Blood of Atonement unfolds in the following manner: first, Jesus Christ accomplished Reconciliation by His own Death; second, the joyful effect of Christ's Reconciliation is Eternal; third, Christ shares His Ministry of Reconciliation with His believers; and finally, the extent of Christ's Reconciliation is endless because His River of Reconciliation flows through all His creation.

Reconciled by Christ's Death

Through His own Death on the Cross of Calvary, Christ attained Reconciliation for sinful man.

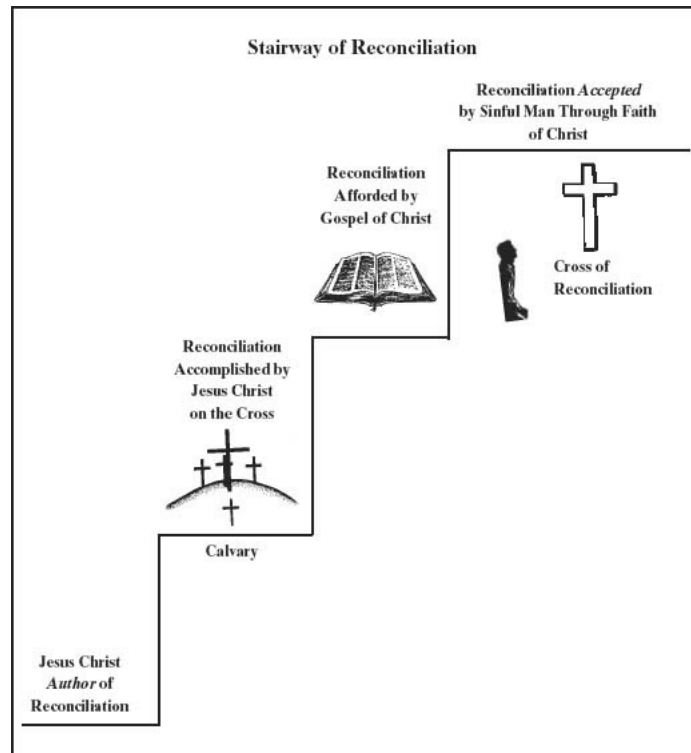
Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he* is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things *are* become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; **To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself**, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation (II Corinthians 5:17-19).

Christ's reconciling and regenerating Graces create a new creature (a new world) within the heart of the repentant soul, causing the old things, the old habits, to pass away. Thus, Jesus Christ is the Author of Reconciliation between God and man.

Man's sin is the cause of the long standing enmity between God and man. On one side of the Scales, man's sin of corrupt hatred against God's Holy Law separates him from God and causes him to feel enmity toward his Creator. On the other side of the Scales, God's Holy Hatred against sin causes Him to feel at enmity with man.

According to God's Holy Law of Justice, His Holy, Righteous Nature or Name demanded the punishment of Death for sin. In Mercy, Christ took on a Body of mortal flesh in order to pay the price the Law required for man's Atonement and Reconciliation. Very briefly stated, Christ's Blood of Reconciliation made peace for man by taking away man's sin and leaving him with peace; His Blood of Reconciliation also made peace for God by repairing God's offended Word, Name, and Glory, thereby leaving God with peace. However, in order for us to understand the Work of Reconciliation that was accomplished through Christ's Atoning Blood, we must have a complete vision of the stairway of Reconciliation.

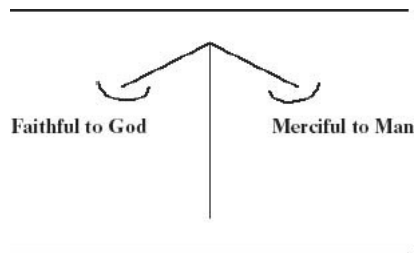
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The Stairway of Reconciliation begins with Christ and ends with Christ.

Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto *his* brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, **to make reconciliation for the sins of the people** (Hebrew 2:17).

Jesus Christ is a merciful and faithful High Priest.



As a faithful High Priest to God, Jesus Christ was firm, true, and loyal in repairing the damage done to God's Word, Name, and Glory. He paid no heed to the words of Lucifer's rebellious crew. Instead, He always held to His Heavenly Father's Promises and Covenant. By His faithful respect for His Father's Principles of Reconciliation in His own Life, Jesus Christ proved His particular excellence as a Mediator and demonstrated His Trustworthiness to carry out His Father's Plan for Reconciliation for fallen man.

By changing the enemy, called "Death," into a friend, Jesus Christ proved that He was a merciful High Priest to man. Before Jesus Christ died on Calvary's Cross, Death had been a formidable foe who had carried man's soul away to Death and Hell, separating it from the Personal Presence of the LORD God. Now, through the compassionate, tender, reconciling, and forgiving Work of Christ, Death is a friend that carries the spirit and soul of man into the Personal Presence of God.

The animal blood used under the Old Testament order never could have brought man into Eternal Unity and Oneness of Relationship with his Creator; it never could have allowed man to stand in the Personal Presence of God.

Had animal blood been sufficient, God would not have had to give His only Begotten Son, the LORD Jesus Christ, to die on the Cross. Only through Christ's Death on the Cross was the Way of Reconciliation opened whereby man could be brought back into the full Image and Likeness of God.

The Effect of Christ's Reconciliation

Christ's Work of Reconciliation has a joyful effect.

And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement (Romans 5:11).

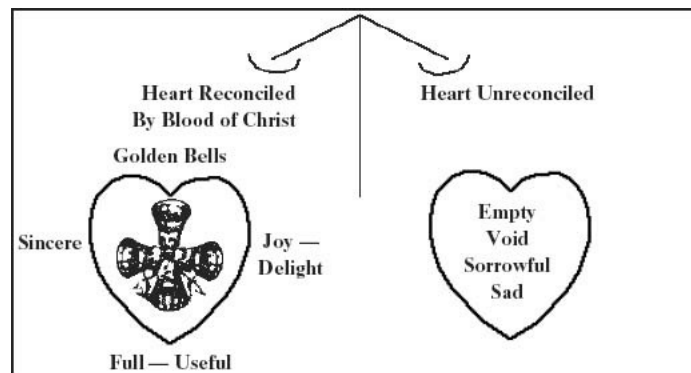
In his search for happiness and joy, man spends much time in pursuing worldly entertainment and gaining material things. Regardless of how much a man is able to do or achieve through his own fleshly efforts, he inevitably fails to find true satisfaction. True happiness and joy come only when man is in harmony with God, and harmony can be established only when man is reconciled with God through the Blood of Jesus Christ.

It is possible for a person to know when he has experienced Christ's Work of Reconciliation. The Atoning Blood of Christ causes the person's soul and heart to be filled with feelings of pleasurable gratification, delight, gladness, exultation, and exhilaration of spirit for which he always has been seeking. Although the world can give a certain class of temporal pleasure, only a person who has been reconciled with God can experience true joy and happiness.

The most vivid sensation in the soul is the Joy of Reconciliation. Christ's true Joy is awakened in the mind through His Reconciling Blood. Christ's Reconciling Joy depicts itself on the countenance and expresses itself by various demonstrations of praise to God. The soul that has not yet experienced the joy of Christ's Reconciliation exists in a pitiful, joyless state.

In the Old Testament Dispensation, the LORD God commanded the High Priest to wear golden bells around the hem of his garment, signifying the pure Sincerity and Joy that Christ had after He had made Reconciliation between God and sinful man. Notice, however, that the High Priest did not wear the Ephod and the beautiful Robes with the golden bells when he went into the Holy of Holies on the Day of Atonement to make an atonement for the people and to minister reconciliation between God and the people of Israel. After he had applied the bullock blood of atonement for himself and his family and after he had applied the goat blood of atonement for all the nation and had made reconciliation between God and man, only then did he put on his Garments of Glory and Beauty that carried the joyful, tinkling sound of the bells. This was done to signify the joy that comes *after* Atonement for sin has been made and *after* Reconciliation has been made with God.

Yesterday, when Jesus hung upon the Cross, was a day of pain and sorrow. But, today is a day of joy, gladness, and delight. When a person receives Christ's Blood of Reconciliation and Atonement, the golden bells of sincerity, joy, and delight are set to ringing in his soul.



The sounding of the bells of joy grows louder and louder in the heart as the believer takes advantage of his privilege to minister before God in prayer and praise from day to day.

The Ministry of Christ's Reconciliation

The LORD God graciously gives His redeemed ones, who have been reconciled to Him through Christ's Atoning Blood, the privilege of sharing with others Christ's Ministry of Reconciliation.

To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we *are* ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: **we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God** (II Corinthians 5:19,20).

How great and gracious is the LORD! First, He gives the believer Jesus Christ's Blood of Reconciliation and Atonement for his own needs. Then, He allows the redeemed one to assist Him in His Work of Reconciliation. As ambassadors for Christ, the redeemed ones present the joyful Truth of Reconciliation to others and direct them to the same reconciling relationship in Christ Jesus.

The word *reconcile* means to change mutually, compound a difference, to make friendly again, settle differences, bring into harmony, make content, submissive. The Reconciling Blood of Christ makes the soul and heart of man consistently harmonious and congruous with the Mind and the Will of God. After receiving the Atoning and Reconciling Blood of Christ and experiencing the joyful effect of it for oneself, the next greatest joy is to share the Truth of Reconciliation with someone else.

The Ministry of Reconciliation is a God-given duty. God's servants are called not only to minister as ambassadors in Christ's stead by faithfully preaching the Truth of Reconciliation and proclaiming to the sinner his enmity to God, but also they are called to minister the Peaceful, Forgiving Mind of God and, in Christ's behalf, to receive the repentant sinner. Sharing in this way in Christ's Ministry is a privilege for which every believer should be grateful.

The Extent of Christ's Reconciliation

Christ Work of Reconciliation is far-reaching. The infinite extension of the space, size, and degree of Christ's Blood is far beyond man's finite comprehension. The extensiveness of God's distribution and communication of Christ's Divine, Reconciling Blood will be eternally amazing to all believers who have been saved by Grace.

Christ's Atoning Blood has Power to reconcile the Jew and the Gentile, making them One in Christ Jesus. It also has Power to restore the Oneness of Relationship that existed between Heaven and Earth before man sinned.

Christ's Blood Reconciles Jew and Gentile

The reconciling Blood of Christ broke through the awful barrier of enmity that existed between the Jew and the Gentile.

Wherefore remember, that ye *being* in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now, **in Christ Jesus, ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;** Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, *so* making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: (Ephesians 2:11-16).

The barrier between the Jew and Gentile went beyond their ethnic differences in the natural realm. It was a spiritual obstruction, a raised defense, and a fortified boundary line that produced separation between the two foes and prevented them from experiencing unity and harmony.

A greater racial barrier has never existed than the one between the Jew and the Gentile. On one side of the Scales, Gentiles were strangers from the commonwealth of Israel. In regard to God's Covenant of Promise and His Holy *Torah*, they were ignorant heathen. Because they were alienated completely from God, the heathen Gentiles imagined the Jews to be members of a foolish, weird, useless cult. On the other side of the Scales, Jews were knowledgeable of God's Covenant of Promise and of His Holy *Torah*. Through their observance of the shadows and types of Christ's Sacrifice, they had been brought nigh to God. Instead of letting all they knew and had experienced work true humility in their hearts, the Jews became spiritually arrogant and proudly imagined the heathen Gentiles to be useless dogs.

The racial partition was exceedingly large and high between the Jew and the Gentile. Nevertheless, Jesus Christ's Atoning, Reconciling Blood flowed freely to them both. Christ's Divine, Infinite Blood broke down the middle wall of partition between Jew and Gentile, making them *One* in Christ Jesus.

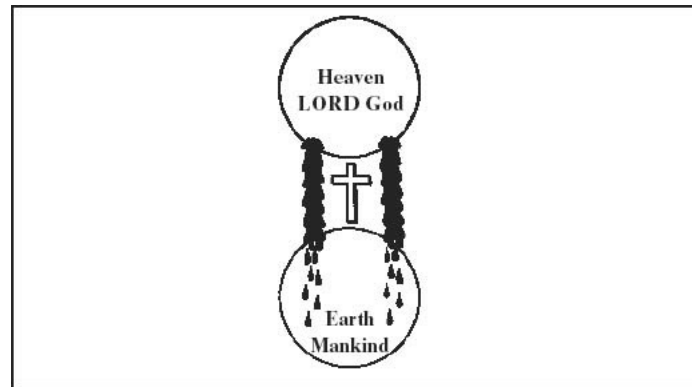
The Blood of Jesus Christ flowed to all mankind. No person is excluded from God's great Plan of Reconciliation. Through Christ's Atoning, Reconciling Blood, all the sinful sons of Adam the First are included. By the LORD's

Sufferings in the flesh, He nailed to His Cross the Ceremonial Law which rendered the Jews peculiar to the Gentiles. Furthermore, by His Crucifixion, Christ took away the binding power of the Ceremonial Laws that excluded the Gentile from God's Sanctuary. Jesus Christ caused the Ceremonial Law to cease because He fulfilled it. Christ's Blood created *one* new nation, one new body, and one new society which was comprised of both Jew and Gentile.

Christ's Blood Reconciles Heaven and Earth

Jesus Christ purchased peace upon His Cross through His shed Blood so that Heaven and Earth could be reconciled and restored again to the Oneness of Relationship that existed before man sinned.

The River of Christ's Atoning, Reconciling Blood flows downward to Earth and upward to all Heaven.



Christ's Blood first appeased God's Holy Anger, Justice, and Honor by cleansing the Heavens, the very place where sin originated. Then, His Blood cleansed and forgave painful man on the Earth. Wherever the curse of sin is found, the Atoning and Reconciling Blood of Jesus Christ also is found.

Through the Atoning Blood of Christ, God made provision for all aspects of sin. The Bullock Blood of Jesus Christ has redeemed man from all earthly things which gender strife, disharmony, division, and disunity between man and God and between man and his fellowmen. God's Word teaches that Christ's Blood has reconciled man from five earthly things: vain conversation, Death, the Devil, all iniquity, and the curse of the Law.

Vain Conversation

Man's vain conversation is the first thing that breaks his Unity and Harmony with God, so it is the first area in which Christ's Blood works to bring Reconciliation.

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as silver and gold*, from your **vain conversation** received by tradition from your fathers; (I Peter 1:18).

Christ's Blood redeems man from his sinful, vain conversation, which manifests itself in the form of empty behaviour, useless forms of religion, lifeless professions, and evil, earthly traditions.

In the course of living in this world, God's children have been infected by the evil of parental, earthly traditions that they have received from leaders who have guided them away from the sincere emotion and Life of God's Spirit and Word. Evil traditions from leaders are infectious because they pollute the sincerity of the followers. Vain traditions and gross errors of leaders estrange the mind and alienate the heart from fervently loving God's Word and Spirit.

When man's heart and mind, the source and guide of his actions, are estranged and alienated from God, he is a mass and mess of nothing but *vanity*. Man's life, apart from the Reconciling Blood of Christ, is nothing but a continual trading of vain conversation, ideas, and opinions, and a continual running in circles, doing empty toils and labors which produce no profit at all.

Because it produces no good results, vain conversation or behaviour has no real, Eternal value. It is worthless, empty, unreal, and unsatisfying. Just as withered grass perishes and passes away, so will the vain pomp and glory of this world pass away. Therefore, the vain hope of this world is deceitful. The person who fastens his hope for satisfaction on the petty, trifling things he can attain through his own proud efforts is destined to experience

disappointment and discouragement.

From his earliest years, man has been taught a morbid craving for admiration and applause from the creature. This serves only to inflate his already conceited self further. Man's vain conversations are filled with expressions of high, inflated opinions of himself and his accomplishments, which are more *showy* than *valuable*. How foolish it is for a man to place his priority on striving for vain show and aiming at foolish, temporal goals that must pass away. It is a waste for a man to spend his life doing fruitless labour when the Redeeming Blood of Christ Jesus can set him free from all this vain conversation that disrupts his Eternal peace and harmony with God.

Death

Death is the second earthly thing that disrupts man's Unity and Harmony with God. The Prophet Hosea prophesied of Christ's Atoning, Reconciling Blood that would redeem man from Death.

I will ransom them from the power of the grave; **I will redeem them from death**: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes (Hosea 13:14).

In the midst of Israel's evil and Death that had destroyed her unity and harmony with God, the LORD God, her King, promised to ransom her from the grave and redeem her from Death.

When sinners die, their bodies go to the grave to await the resurrection of the wicked dead and the judgment that will send them to the Lake of Fire. Believers in Christ also will die, and their bodies will go to the grave to await the blessed resurrection of the dead who were overcomers, or to await the final resurrection when all other believers will come forth.* Regardless of the time of the resurrection, the Resurrected Blood of Jesus Christ will redeem dead believers' bodies from the grave, reuniting their spirits and souls with their bodies, and will carry them back to Heaven with Him. On Resurrection Morning, Saints will be redeemed completely and restored eternally (spirit, soul, and body) to perfect unity and harmony with God.

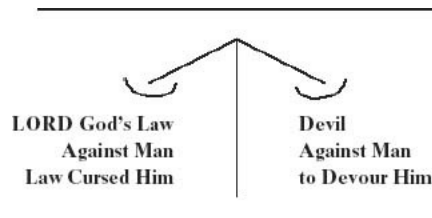
Jesus Christ gave His Life as a ransom for man. His Blood, then, is the price that ransoms the body from the grave. The Blood of Christ will turn the mighty conqueror called "Death" from a foe to a friend. Man never would know the complete, mighty Resurrection and Transforming Power of Christ except that Christ ultimately will conquer Death that has devoured the body. Christ Jesus' Blood already has pulled out the sting or plague of Death, which is sin; and, ultimately, His Resurrected Blood will swallow up Death and the power of the grave. Christ's Resurrected Blood has broken the power of Death, taken away the Keys of Death, abolished the nature of Death, and turned Death into a friend who has introduced man to Christ's Resurrection Power. "Oh death where is thy sting? Oh grave where is thy victory." Neither the power of Death nor the power of the grave can prevent the Blood of Christ from restoring Unity and Harmony between man and God.

The Devil

The Devil is the third earthly thing that endeavours to break man's Unity and Harmony with God.

And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; **And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it** (Colossians 2:13-15).

God's Law, the *Torah*, was against sinful man because it cursed all disobedient ones to Death. The Devil also is against man, and he goes about seeking whom he may devour.



Sinful man is cursed by God on one side of the Scales and devoured by the Devil on the other side of the Scales. Jesus Christ took upon Himself man's curse, which came by the Law, and nailed it to the tree by allowing

Himself to be nailed to the Cross. Jesus Christ and His shed Blood redeemed man from the curse of the Law, the writing of the Law that was against him, by annulling the Law's requirement of Death. While hanging on the Cross, Jesus also redeemed man from the Devil and his devouring power. When the LORD Jesus put His crucified Heel upon the head of the Serpent's seed (as it was prophesied He would do), He conquered and disarmed all the Devil's power. Through His Crown of Thorns and His Holy Blood that flowed out of His precious Wounds, Christ disabled, destroyed, and spoiled the Devil's power, nailing it to the Cross and openly making a show of it by triumphing over it and conquering it.

The Blood of Christ redeems us from the curse of the Law and delivers us from the power of the Devil.

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; **that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;** (Hebrew 2:14).

Although Christ was the Divine Son of God from Eternity Past, He humbled Himself and took on man's human nature in the form of a Body and a (*Nephesh*) Soul. Jesus did not take on the nature of Angels. In order to redeem fallen man, Christ took His Highest Nature (as the Divine Son of God) and joined it to the lowest nature (that of a man). Jesus suffered from the Highest to the lowest so that, by His Redeeming Blood, He could lift man from the lowest to the Highest. Before Christ died, the Devil held the Keys of Death and Hell, but the Resurrected LORD Jesus Christ came up from Death and Hell with the Keys that the Devil had stolen. Therefore, repentant man need not fear Death nor the Devil. The Redeeming Blood of Christ has set the believer free from sin, Death, and the Devil.

All Iniquity

Iniquity, in all its many forms, is the fourth earthly thing that breaks man's Unity and Harmony with God. Jesus Christ gave His precious Blood to redeem man from all iniquity. The LORD Jesus Christ gave Himself *for* man and *in* man's place in order to redeem him from all iniquity.

Who gave himself for us, **that he might redeem us from all iniquity**, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works (Titus 2:14).

Through sin, man fell from the perfect will that God had created within him and fell into all filthy and foul iniquity. Iniquity crooked the human will. Consequently, in man's sinful nature, there is a "want" or lack of equity, justice, fairness, and true dealing. Through the Serpent's lies, Adam-female was bribed into iniquitous service to Lucifer.

The LORD Jesus Christ desires to redeem man from all his crooked thoughts, actions, and feelings. He wants His people to be a peculiar people, zealous of good works. To be *peculiar* means to be private property, belonging to *one* to the exclusion of *all* others. Thus, when a person gives himself completely to the LORD, he becomes the LORD's private property, belonging to Him exclusively.

Man's iniquitous thoughts make him believe that he has an exclusive right to his own self. But, such thinking is not in accord with what God's Word teaches. We are not our own; we have been bought, redeemed, with a price — the precious Blood of Jesus Christ. Therefore, He is our sole Owner and Master, making us a peculiar people. All those who have chosen Christ Jesus as their Owner and Master work with passionate ardour for His Cause. They labour intensely and eagerly to make His Truth known. The Blood of Jesus Christ redeems man from the crooked works of iniquity and reconciles him unto God so that he can perform true, just, and honest good works.

The Curse of the Law

Finally, the curse of the Law is the fifth earthly thing that hinders man from having Unity and Harmony with God. Christ died in order to redeem man from this curse.

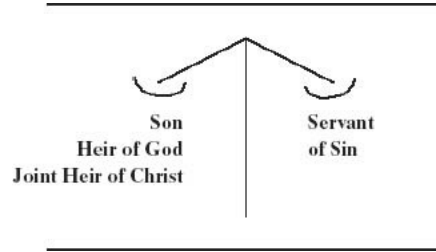
Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree: (Galatians 3:13).

To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons (Galatians 4:5).

God's Holy Law has cursed sinful man. This curse is the revelation of God's Wrath that pronounces torment, trouble, and everlasting ruin for the sinner. The Law unveils the solemn invocation of God's Divine Vengeance upon the sinner. But, in His Mercy, God sent His only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to redeem the sinner from the

curse of the Law.

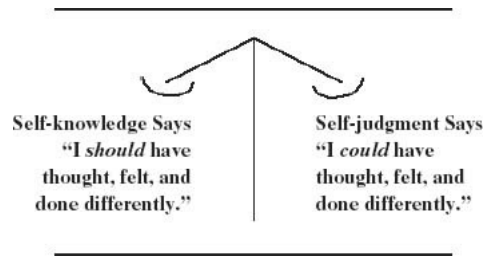
The Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ redeems the repentant man from God's Just Wrath and Vengeance so that he can be adopted as a son into the family of God. The offering of His shed Blood in man's stead is Christ's act that admits a repentant person into the family of God. Adoption is an act of God's free Grace whereby a believer is received into the family of God and given a right to all the privileges of the Son of God.



Through His Blood of Atonement, Christ redeems man from God's Wrath, the curse of the Law, and from being a servant. Before a person is adopted into the family as a son, he holds the position of a "servant," but through the Blood of Christ, he is accepted as a son and heir of God and a joint heir with Christ.

The Blood of Jesus Christ washes blindness from our eyes so that we can behold our faults, failures, and disobedience to His Holy Word. Then, we can confess and repent unto the LORD God Who will forgive us for Christ's Sake. Thus, we do not have to continue being a servant of sin.

(See diagram on following page.)



When a person comes to the LORD saying “I *should* have done better, but I *could* not help myself,” his confession is only a half-truth. He not only has failed to confess that he *could have* done better, but he has lied when he has said he *could not* help himself.

This is the very reason that, after crying and praying, believers still feel a distance between themselves and God. They feel as though God were a complete stranger. The hopeless feelings they experience at this time ascend out of the lying, carnal voice inside that says, “I *cannot* do better tomorrow.”

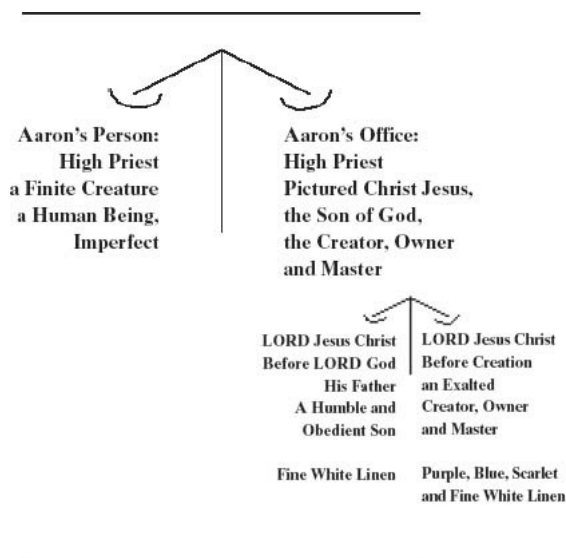
When a believer totally confesses his sin, Christ’s Atoning Bullock Blood for sin covers him, cleanses him, and restricts his carnal thoughts, actions, and feelings. Then, he can speak the Truth, saying, “I *can do* all things through Christ which strengthenth me” (Philippians 4:13). This explains why Aaron had to offer *preventive and protective* bullock blood when, as a human being, he made atonement for himself and his household. God’s first Law for His “farmers” who work in the spiritual fields of hearts and minds is that they offer the Atoning Bullock Blood, which restricts and prevents them from living selfishly and sensually doing their own wills. Christ’s controlling Bullock Blood not only cleanses the hearts of His spiritual priests, but it also reconciles them to God. Their renewed Unity with God allows them to serve Him cheerfully because, in doing His Holy Will, they are living “selflessly.”

The Sanctuary was separated into three degrees of Holiness: the Courtyard, the Holy Place, and the Most Holy Place. These three places of Holiness represented the complete Holy Stature of Jesus Christ. For instance, the highest realm in the Mosaic Tabernacle was the Holy of Holies in which was found the Ark with its *Torah* and the Mercy Seat. The Holy of Holies with the Ark of God’s Headship represents the Highest Heights, the Head-realm, in the Stature of Christ Jesus. Through Christ’s Blood and Word of Truth, a believer can attain the Highest Heights of Spiritual Stature in Christ Jesus.

Aaron the High Priest could not enter at all times into the Most Holy Place because the Holy LORD God, the Father, with His Oral *Torah* dwelled in the *Kabode* Glory-Cloud upon the Mercy Seat, and His Holy *Torah*, the Written Law, dwelled in the *Shekinah* Glory inside the Ark.

Aaron had to enter the Most Holy Place with bullock blood for his cleansing and for the renewal of his spirit and soul so that he could plow as a “bullock” in God’s Sanctuary. On one side of the Scales, according to his office and his ministry, Aaron was a picture of Jesus Christ, God’s great High Priest; and he also pictured Christ’s Eternal Office and Ministry. Therefore, Aaron had to appear in the Presence of God the Father to apply the blood in sinful man’s behalf. However, on the other side of the Scales, Aaron, as a finite weak and imperfect person and a member of the sinful human race, had to first offer a blood sacrifice for himself.

(See diagram on following page.)



Aaron's *person* was diametrically different from the office that God gave him and in which he was to be a type and shadow of the Great, Eternal High Priest, Jesus Christ.

When Aaron ministered in his *office* of High Priest on the Day of Atonement, he portrayed a twofold ministry: (1) the Exalted Christ ministering before His creation, and (2) the Humility Christ ministering before the Father. Yet, because Aaron was a finite, weak, and imperfect human being, he needed to be cleansed and redeemed as a person in the Eyes of the LORD God for his failure to practice all the Moral Principles of the *Torah* in his personal life, before he could minister the atonement blood for the people.

On the Day of Atonement, Aaron, the High Priest, took glowing Coals of Fire (from the west side of the Brazen Altar in the Courtyard) and Incense (which had been beaten doubly small or rubbed smooth in a mortar) and ascended into the Holy of Holies. As he stood in front of the Ark in the Holy of Holies, he placed the Incense on the glowing Coals of Fire. The Fire released the Incense in the form of a fragrant, smoky cloud that ascended straight up as a "Palm Tree of Life" and, then, spread out like a huge umbrella, clothing and covering the Ark with its *Torah*, inside, and the Mercy Seat upon which the Glory of God rested, and the High Priest himself. The Cloud of Incense covered Aaron so that he would not die as he stood before the LORD's Awesome and Holy Name.

The Incense was beaten doubly small on the Day of Atonement so that it would diffuse quickly into a covering cloud that would clothe God's Glory, the Ark, and the High Priest so that God's Glory would not be defiled by a finite human presence and so that Aaron would not be slain by the awesome Holiness of God's Great Name. The doubly small Incense also diffused its sweet fragrance more easily.

The fragrant Incense, which covered and clothed God's Glory, the Ark, and the High Priest, was a picture of the sweet Begotten Name of Jesus.

Neither is there salvation in any other: for **there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved**
 (Acts 4:12).

The fragrant, cloudy covering of Incense that ascended in the form of a smoking Palm (the shadow and type of the Name of Jesus) prevented Aaron, the human being, from dying in the Presence of God's Terrible Glory before he could apply the bullock blood for the atoning sin offering for himself and his family.

After Aaron had established the fragrant, cloudy "Palm Tree" in the Holy of Holies, He returned to the Courtyard to pick up the bullock blood of atonement and carry it back into the Holy of Holies to make reconciliation for himself and his family. This shows that a person cannot minister reconciliation to others until he, himself, has been reconciled to the LORD God.

Then, Aaron first sprinkled the bullock blood for a *kaw-far* covering, *upward*, in a one-time perpendicular line, on the east side of the Mercy Seat, signifying the *one* LORD God, the Father, Who is above all. The *kaw-far* covering on the Mercy Seat was sprinkled *upward* in order to put the bullock blood on the utmost tips of the wings of the Cherubims. The LORD God empowered Aaron in a supernatural way to apply the blood on the Day of Atonement.

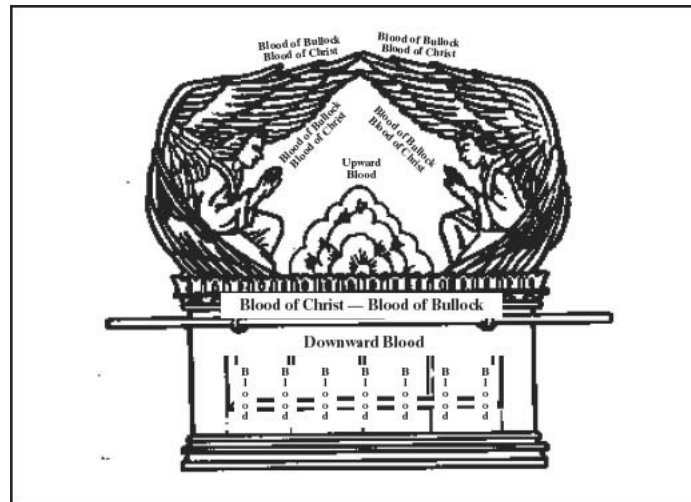
Through Aaron's *onetime, upward* applying of the bullock blood, the Mercy Seat was completely covered "within" and "without" with the Atoning Blood.

Aaron sprinkled the blood *once upward* toward God, signifying the Blood of Christ that would be offered up to God for the repairing of man's sinful damage to God's Word and God's Honour.

The remaining blood of the *upward sprinkling* fell down in a horizontal position on the bottom part of the Mercy Seat. When viewed together, the perpendicular blood on the Cherubims and the horizontal blood on the Mercy Seat formed a *cross of blood* on the Mercy Seat.

Then, Aaron sprinkled the bullock blood *downward seven times*, signifying Christ's Blood reaching *downward* to completely reconcile sinful man and bring him back into complete Unity with God.

(See drawing on following page.)



The blood that Aaron sprinkled upward, once, in a perpendicular manner, covered the cherubims inside and outside. Just as Noah's ark was pitched within and without with a *preventive* and *protective* covering, so was the Mercy Seat pitched *within* and *without* with the one upward sprinkling of the atonement bullock blood.

Remember that the Invisible Blood of Christ, Who was slain from the foundation of the world, rested upon the visible type and shadow. Therefore, Christ's Atoning Blood rested on the bullock blood on the Cherubims, protecting the Life of the Written Law, the *Torah*, with its *Shekinah* Glory inside the Ark, and the Oral Law or the Judgments of the LORD God and the Secret Name of the LORD in the *Kabode* Glory upon the Mercy Seat. When the Cherubims spread their wings upward toward the LORD God, they displayed the atoning bullock blood with the Invisible Blood of Christ on them. The blood-covered Cherubims' Wings lifted up the Name of the LORD God. The Cherubims' Wings protected the Ark from any corrupt Death that would try to enter from the outside.

One example of how the Cherubims on the Ark protected the Holy Headship of the LORD God is revealed in the Book of First Samuel.

And he smote the men of Beth-shemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the LORD, even he smote of the people fifty thousand and threescore and ten men: and the people lamented, because the LORD had smitten *many* of the people with a great slaughter. And the men of Beth-shemesh said, Who is able to stand before this holy LORD God? and to whom shall he go up from us? (I Samuel 6:19,20).

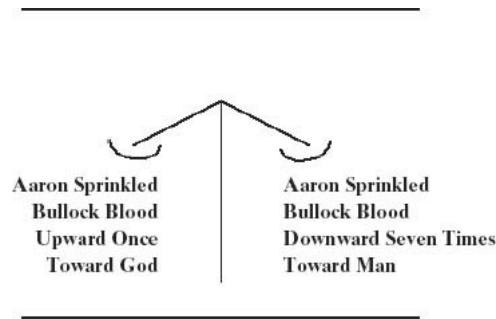
Provoked by irreverent curiosity, the men of Beth-shemesh dared to open the Ark and look into it. Immediately, the Cherubims, with the protective Atoning Blood, smote these men.

Uzzah is another example of a person who presumptuously touched the Ark of God's Headship and was slain by God.

And when they came to Nachon's threshingfloor, **Uzzah put, forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it;** for the oxen shook it. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; **and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God** (II Samuel 6:6,7).

David, in his love for God's *Torah* in the Ark, had endeavoured to bring the Ark up to Jerusalem. However, instead of transporting God's Ark on the shoulders of Priests as the LORD had commanded, David had allowed the Ark to be placed upon a cart, contrary to the Word of God. When the Ark arrived at a place called Nachon's threshingfloor, the oxen stumbled. Fearing that the Ark might fall off the cart, Uzzah put forth his unholy hand to try to steady God's Holy Ark. This act was a demonstration of Uzzah's evil, ignorant, presumptuousness in assuming that the LORD God required his assistance for the Ark to stay on the cart. Again, the Atoning Blood of Christ protected the *Torah* and the Name of the LORD by slaying Uzzah.

Aaron also sprinkled the blood in front of the Mercy Seat, eastward, on the side of the Ark. He sprinkled the blood, downward, seven times.



The downward blood of the visible bullock was also accompanied by Christ's Invisible Bullock Blood. Seven is the number of completion. The bullock's atoning, *downward* blood was for cleansing every earthly step, every devotion on Earth, every heartbeat so that it could be attached in perfect love to the LORD God. The lowest, deepest phases of men's lives are to be attached to the Holy LORD God, the One above. Through Christ's Atoning Blood, God purposed that all things *below* be joined to the One *above*. Therefore, God ordained that the High Priest sprinkle blood once, upwardly, toward God and seven times, downwardly, toward earthly things. Through the *Upward* and the *Downward* Ministry of the Holy, Mediatorial Blood, God and man are reconciled.

Aaron, as a *person*, also needed this *Upward* and *Downward* ministry of the bullock blood.

While Aaron ministered daily before the people, he wore special Garments of Glory and Beauty of Blue, Purple, Scarlet, and Fine White Linen, representing the LORD Jesus Christ as Creator, Master, Owner, and Saviour of all creation. However, on the Day of Atonement, when he ministered once a year before the LORD God in the Most Holy Place, Aaron wore only White Linen Garments, representing the LORD Jesus Christ as the Obedient, Humble Son and Servant of His Father, ransoming and reconciling sinful creation.

The only Begotten Son of God, Christ Jesus, did not go before His Father as an Exalted Owner and Master of creation; He went as the Father's Humble Son and Servant.

On the Day of Atonement, Aaron's Fine, Pure White Linen signified Jesus Christ's Humble Mind, His Purity of Will, and His Purity of Deeds that fulfilled the Righteousness of the Father's *Torah*, the Law. This White Linen proclaimed that our High Priest, Jesus Christ, is always separate from everything that is low and ignoble, both inwardly and outwardly.

The LORD Jesus Christ was Pure and Holy in both His *Person* and in His Sacred Office. Aaron was not pure in his *person*; therefore, he needed the bullock blood for cleansing. Because of cleansing by the bullock blood, Aaron could minister in his God-given, Sacred Office. Thus, he could be a figure and type of the LORD Jesus Christ, God's Eternal High Priest.

Israel's special Day of Atonement was set aside by the LORD for the purpose of making Reconciliation between God and man through the blood that was sprinkled on the Mercy Seat and the Ark. The Principles practiced on this day, under the type and shadow, draw out some very detailed pictures that help us understand more about the Blood of Jesus Christ and how it was ministered on the Eternal Day of Atonement. Thus, it was very important for Aaron and his sons to be obedient to the Laws of the Sanctuary, completely, in order not to destroy the pictures that God was painting, in shadows and types, of Jesus Christ.

The indispensable condition for existing as Priests in God's Sanctuary was — free-willed, self-controlled obedience to the Laws of the Sanctuary. God's immediate Judgment upon Nadab and Abihu was a solemn warning that a Priest's nearness to God in the Sanctuary did not excuse him for blatant, uncontrolled disobedience. God's spiritual priests must not sink into the diseased perception of reality and mental ignorance that says, "It is impossible to control self."

Nadab and Abihu quickly forgot the bullock blood that had made them "one bullock" in God's Sanctuary. They separated themselves from Moses, Aaron, Eliezer, and Ithamar and, with uncontrolled independence and disobedience, entered the nearness of God's Presence. By taking their fire outside the "happy fence" of God's Will, they broke the *Tiphereth* Wheel of Unity in God's House. Their act of disobedience destroyed the Unity they had known with God and their fellow workers and cost them their very lives.

Through the Incense and the blood that was offered on the Day of Atonement, God made provision so that Aaron could enter the Sanctuary and draw near to God in a proper manner and not be killed. Then, Aaron was able to make atonement for all the House of Israel.

People who try to worship God according to their own will and way do so because they misunderstand God's

Holiness, because they are filled with proud conceit, and because they are blind to their true needs. Nadab and Abihu misunderstood the heights of God's Holiness in His *Torah*, and they were filled with a proud, ignorant overestimation of their importance. They did not recognize their great sinful imperfections and need for cleansing. Yet, in spite of their sinful imperfections, they tried to draw nigh to God, Who dwelled in the Holy of Holies. They disregarded God's Will and Law in the Sanctuary, so God's Judgment of Death was the speedy consequence for their flagrant disobedience.

However, Aaron came obediently on the Day of Atonement, confessing his weakness and finiteness as a *person* who needed the atoning bullock blood for himself and his family. He also came obediently into his exalted *office* as a picture of our exalted High Priest, Christ Jesus, Who completed His Work of Redemption and Reconciliation on God's Eternal Day of Atonement. Aaron willingly laid aside his Garments of Glory and Beauty and willingly put on Fine White Linen Garments on the Day of Atonement.

We have seen how, on the *Eternal* Day of Atonement, Aaron's Garments portrayed Christ's Glorified and Exalted Ministry as the Creator, Owner, and Master before His creation, and how his Garments of Fine White Linen pictured Christ's Humble, Obedient Ministry before His Heavenly Father, Who was Christ's Supreme, Sovereign Owner and Master.

The two classes of Garments worn by Aaron on the Day of Atonement reveal the two sides of the Ministry of the Son of God, Christ Jesus. When the LORD Jesus Christ ministers *before the creation*, He is the Glorified, Exalted Christ, the Creator, the Owner, and the Master. When He ministers *before His Heavenly Father*, He is the Glorified, Humility Christ, the Obedient and Humble Son of God.

And when all things shall be subdued unto him, **then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him**, that God may be all in all (1 Corinthians 15:28).

After the Glorified, Exalted Christ, the Divine Son of God (Who created all things), rules over all the creation until He completely subdues it to the Will of His Father, He will return as the Glorified, Humility Christ and bow in Humble, Obedient Submission to His Heavenly Father.

As we close this chapter on the Atonement Blood, let us summarize what we have learned in this and previous chapters about God's Fourfold Provision of Blood for a Sin Offering for His Priests in the Old Testament.

First, God provided *bullock blood* for a general sin offering in order to *prepare the Priests for ministry* in His Sanctuary.

Second, God provided more *bullock blood* for a special sin offering *for the sins* the Priests committed through ignorance. At the beginning of his official ministry as a Priest in the Sanctuary, the Priest offered a special sin offering of *calf blood*. The calf blood atoned for the Priests' personal sins of idolatry and rebellion which had offended the Glory-Fire of God's *Torah*. Thus, the Priests were cleansed of their past sins and *prepared for the new appearance of the LORD* with His Glory-Fire of the *Torah*.

On the annual Day of Atonement, the High Priest offered *bullock blood* as a special sin offering for himself and his family. Through the bullock blood that was applied to the Mercy Seat, Aaron was forgiven of his sins of the past year and reconciled to the LORD God so that he could go forth and serve Him in the coming year with new Unity and fervent dedication.

Believers in the New Testament dispensation live under a better Covenant that has been sealed with better Blood — the Holy, Sinless Blood of Jesus Christ. God has provided the Spiritual Bullock Blood and Calf Blood of Jesus Christ for a sin offering to purge and purify His Priesthood completely. Therefore, God's ministers, who serve as His spiritual priests, have no excuse for not living Holy, clean, separated lives unto God. They have no excuse for not growing personally in the Stature of Jesus Christ and leading God's people on to spiritual Canaan's Land.

God's Fourfold Provision of Blood for the Sin Offering for the Priesthood reveals just a small portion of the many Truths about *God and the Blood*. In the remaining volumes, as we continue our study about God and the Blood of Jesus Christ, we shall see His Provision of Blood for a Sin Offering for the Whole Congregation, for the Ruler, and for the common Individual in Israel.

Our hearts should be moved with joyful gratitude for the theories of Truth we have learned from our study, thus far. There is much to be learned through the shadows and types of the blood used in the Old Testament. As we learn to use God's Provision of the Blood of His only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our hearts are filled with a deeper, more profound sense of gratitude for all that God has provided for repentant man. The study of the types and shadows fills our minds with a greater clarity of understanding of the Blood of Jesus Christ. Our faith in His Blood should increase greatly, then, because our understanding is greater about all that is available to us through the Blood of our

LORD Jesus Christ.

