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Introduction

A person who prayerfully and diligently studies God's Word will find that the full Revelation of a Truth forms the Cross of Jesus Christ, which means that the Truth being studied will fall into four major points.

God has chosen to use the "Cross of Truth" to reveal the Stature of His only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, the Living Word. He also uses the Pattern of the Cross of Truth to reveal His Written Word, which He has given to point men to the *Living Word* of Truth in Christ Jesus.

God intricately has woven the scarlet threads of the Cross of Truth about the Blood of Jesus Christ throughout the Holy Scriptures, from Genesis to Revelation. Since the scope of the study of His Blood is too great to be covered in a single volume, this introduction will give only a basic overview of the full Stature of Truth that God has laid out in His Word to reveal the depths and heights and length and breadth of the glorious secrets of the Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ.

Full Stature of Truth About the Blood of Jesus Christ

Fallen Lucifer and the Blood of Jesus Christ

- Lucifer, Powerless *Before* the Blood of Jesus Christ
- Lucifer, Powerless *Under* the Blood of Jesus Christ

Man's Blood

- The Great Value of Man's Blood
- The Extreme Poverty of Man's Blood

Man's Sins Against the Blood of Jesus Christ

- Betrays
- Disbelieves
- Drinks Unworthily
- Treads Underfoot

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- Blood for the Sin Offering
 - For the Priest
 - For the Congregation
 - For the Ruler
 - For the Individual
- Blood for the Whole Burnt Offering
 - For the Priest
 - For the Individual
 - For the Nation
- Blood for the Peace Offering
 - For the Priest
 - For the Individual
 - For the Nation

The four major points of Truth about the Blood of Jesus Christ are as follows: God and the Blood of Jesus Christ; Man's Blood; Man's Sins Against the Blood of Jesus Christ; and Fallen Lucifer and the Blood of Jesus Christ.

Under the first major point of Truth, "God and the Blood of Jesus Christ," is a Stature of Truth which includes God's Provision of Blood through Animal Sacrifice; God's Respect for the Blood; God's Pleasure in the Blood; and God's Power Manifested through the Blood. God's Provision of Blood through Animal Sacrifice covers a sin offering for man; a whole burnt offering for man; and a peace offering for man.

The study in this introductory book will give the reader a general understanding of God's provision of natural animal blood; man's need for God's Redemptive Blood; the establishment of the Principle of God's Provision of a Blood Sacrifice; several examples of the unfolding of God's Master Plan for Remission of Sins as shown through the Old Testament blood sacrifices; and the fulfillment of God's Principle of Redemption through the Blood Sacrifice as it was revealed through Jesus Christ.

Subsequent volumes, already in print, deal with Truths that pertain to God's Provision of Blood for a Sin Offering for the Priesthood, for the Whole Congregation, for the Ruler, and for the Individual.

Additional books, to be written in the future, will deal with the blood of the whole burnt offerings and the peace offerings as they appear in type and shadow in the Old Testament and in their fulfillment through the Blood of Jesus Christ in the New Testament. Furthermore, as future books are written, the *great value* of man's blood will be seen on one side of the Scales; while on the other side of the Scales, the *extreme poverty* of man's blood will be seen because it cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. The Study of the Blood of Jesus Christ also will show how man has sinned against His Blood by betraying it, disbelieving it, drinking unworthily of it, and treading it underfoot. Finally, Lucifer's powerlessness *before* the Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ and *under* the Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ will be revealed.

As you study the Truths in this book about the Blood, in both the shadow and type and in the fulfillment, it is my heart's desire that the eyes of your understanding shall be enlightened and your soul shall be filled with fresh transcending love and gratitude for Jesus Christ's Sacrifice on Calvary's Cross, on which He shed His precious redeeming Blood for us — you and me.

— The Author

Chapter One

The Ministry of Natural Blood

Blood in the natural realm is the fluid of life that courses through an animal or a human's body. After the flood, God expressly and solemnly prohibited man's use of animal blood for food and drink, although Noah was instructed to use everything else, freely, for food.

The Jewish Law also expressly and solemnly forbade the eating and drinking of blood. One reason for this prohibition was that the blood was appropriated by God and held sacred by Him as a covering for sin and as a cleansing power for sin.

The Jewish shadows and types abound with the use of blood. The way blood was to be employed was stated in minute detail in Jewish Laws. In the New Testament, the Book of Hebrews sharply and strikingly contrasts the blood that was used as types and shadows in the Old Testament with Christ's Blood that was shed on the Cross.

By studying some facts about natural blood, one gains a better understanding of the Blood which Christ shed on the Cross.

Blood is the "liquid flesh" that circulates by means of the heart through the veins and arteries in the bodies of men and animals. The blood is the vital Principle of Life, and it provides the seat for the soul (*nephesh*) of man's terrestrial body. (The term (*nephesh*) is explained in chapter two.) Therefore, God considers the shedding of blood, the taking away of life in an unlawful manner, as murder. When man unlawfully sacrifices the life or soul of another, in the eyes of the LORD God, the murderer has to assume the responsibility for his act.

The miraculous river of "liquid flesh" (which is filled with hormones, vitamins, salts, minerals, sugars, fats, and proteins) rushes faithfully through the body, carrying vital oxygen to the other flesh of the body, feeding and nourishing the body with its rich supply of life. The body's fragile internal balance depends upon the faithful ebb and flow of the river of "liquid flesh" called blood.

In the wonder-working river of "liquid flesh" is the power of healing for the body. As soon as wounds are inflicted in the body, the blood begins to heal, mend, and renew the parts that have been injured. Using the blood's silvery threads of fibrin to preserve the body, the *nephesh* soul commands the blood to clot when the body has sustained a cut or abrasion that has caused the bleeding.

In the river of "liquid flesh," God has placed sufficient white cells to act as "little soldiers" to protect the body. In their orderly arrangement, the white cells are able to wage war against the entrance of all microbial enemies. The little "white soldiers" have power to discover, diagnosticate, and devastate millions of deadly microorganisms.

To the powerful river of life, called blood, God has given the awesome responsibility and monumental ministry of performing its vital and specific duties of sustaining life. The river of "liquid flesh" or tissues is filled with diverse solid cells, each of which is appointed specific duties by the *nephesh* soul. The appointed daily list of duties for the blood is absolutely astounding. Daily, it supplies the vital gas and oxygen to each one of the other sixty trillion cells that are in the human body. The river of "liquid flesh" is the conveyer of food, wastes, and hormones that are necessary in maintaining the body's health. After a person eats, for instance, his river of liquid life rushes to the stomach to help digest food. Then, it also rushes to the lungs to assist the lungs in times of exertion. In times of emotional embarrassment, the blood rushes to the face to help the head because it temporarily has been disconcerted. When the body has been overheated, the river of liquid life rushes to cool it. When the body has been subjected to the danger of freezing, the river of "liquid flesh" rushes to warm it.

After this river of liquid life has delivered oxygen to the tissues, the blood becomes red, the carbon dioxide waste which gives the blood a bluish colour having been carried away.

The red blood cell, the trusty, energetic servant that carries oxygen and food to the cells, is said to make seventy-five thousand trips between the lungs and the body tissues in four months. After the red cell has sacrificed its life, totally dying in order to give life to the body, it is "gobbled up" by a white cell which breaks it down into a new raw material. Then, the white cell "spits out" what remains of the sacrificed red cell so that the new raw material can be used in the manufacture of more red cells. Therefore, although the sacrificed red cell dies, the end result is that it lives again.

These are only a few vital facts about the blood in the natural realm. But, it is plain to see that the existence, the cleansing, the feeding, and the defense of the natural body depend upon this wonder-working river of “liquid flesh” or tissue. Likewise, in the spiritual realm, the existence, cleansing, feeding, and defense of the spiritual man is dependent upon the precious Resurrected Blood of Jesus Christ.

Natural blood was sacred to God because it was a shadow and type of the Spiritual Blood of Christ. The Blood of Christ Jesus makes atonement by virtue of the *Nephesh* Soul of Christ Jesus. In the Old Testament, animal blood (which was the vehicle of the *nephesh* soul) atoned for sin because the animal soul was offered on God’s Altar as a substitute for man’s *nephesh* soul. In the New Testament, Christ’s Sacrifice of His *Nephesh* Soul and His shed Blood have superseded the animal sacrifices offered in the Old Testament.

Because blood is the very root of all life in both the natural and spiritual realms, the Blood is God’s Provision for sin. It takes Life or Blood to overcome death and sin. Even before mankind sinned in the Garden of Eden, God in His Foreknowledge provided the Blood Atonement, preparing it from the foundation of the world.

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; **But with the precious blood of Christ**, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: **Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world**, but was manifest in these last times for you (1 Peter 1:18-20).

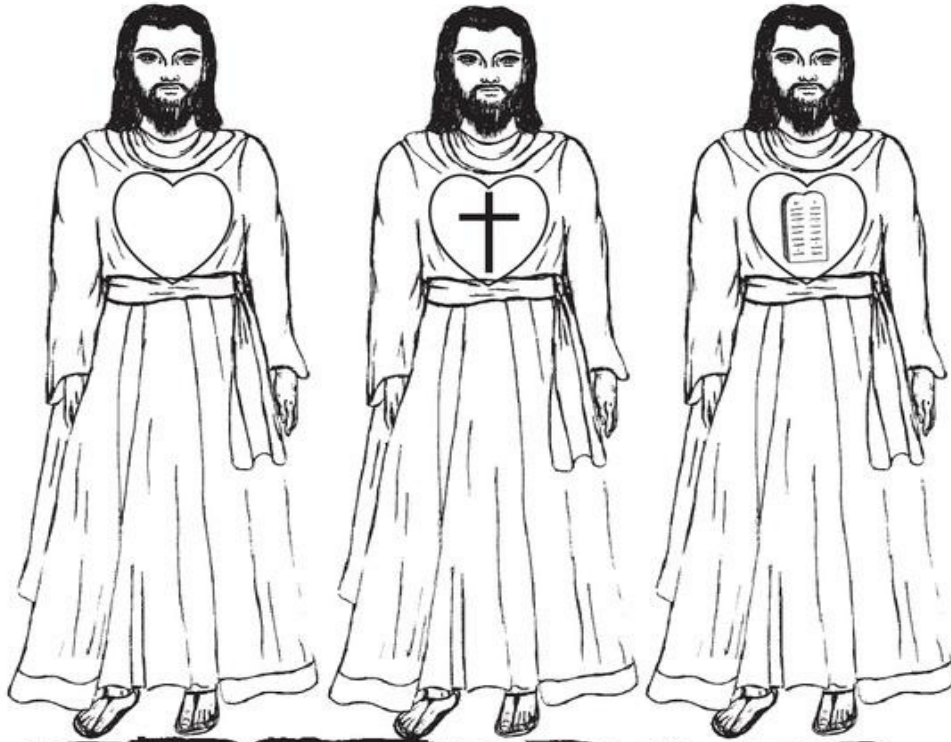
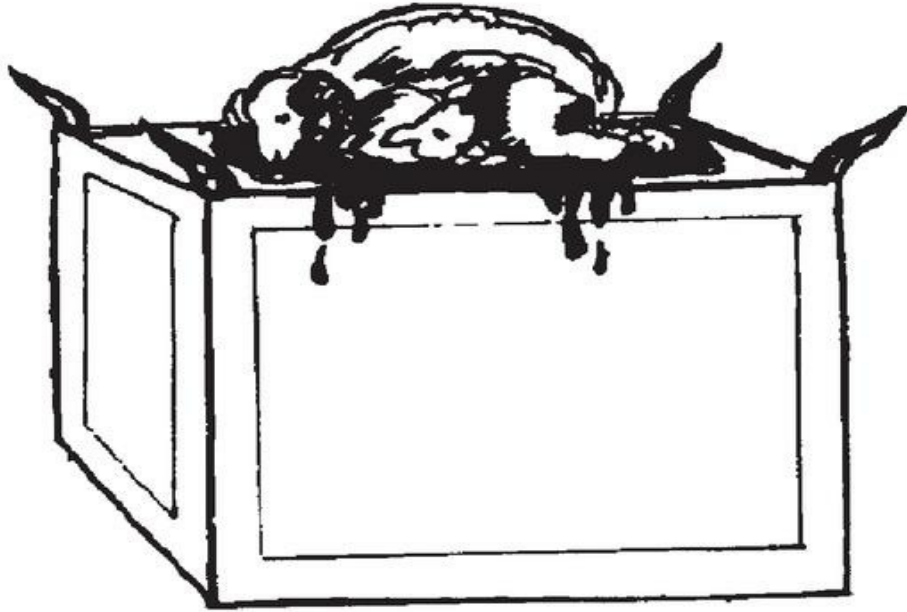
And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of **the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world** (Revelation 13:8).

The corruptible things of this world cannot redeem a corruptible, immortal soul. The Blood of Jesus Christ was God’s great Provision for sin from the foundation of the world. It is possible to perceive the priceless worth of man’s soul by discerning the priceless, precious, Infinite Substance that God used to redeem man’s soul — the Blood of Christ Jesus.

The Hebrew word for *blood* is *dawm*, meaning to spring up, well forth, a life fluid. Man constantly probes the mysteries of natural blood, and he has discovered many secrets about this marvelous river of “liquid flesh.” Likewise, the child of God continually discovers the secrets of the Life-giving Power of the Blood of Jesus Christ as he studies God’s Word and prays.

By the time the student of God’s Word has completed the entire study of the full Stature of Truth about the Blood, he will discover many glorious secrets about God’s Relationship to the Blood of Christ, to the blood of animals, and to the blood of man.

The Reasons that Man Needs Redemptive Blood:



To Cleanse Him From Sin

For His Spiritual Growth

To Write God's Moral Law
in His Heart

Chapter Two

The Reasons Man that Needs Redemptive Blood:

- To Cleanse Him From Sin
- For His Spiritual Growth
- To Write God's Moral Law in His Heart

Many mysteries about the Blood, in both the natural and spiritual realms, are hidden in Scriptures that deal with the soul of man. The Hebrew language, in which the Bible was written originally, clearly reveals that God created man with *three* souls: a rational, thinking soul; a celestial soul of Divine Breath and Inspiration; and a breathing, terrestrial soul. Unfortunately, since the English language has only one word for soul, no distinction was made between man's three souls when the Holy Bible was translated into English. Nevertheless, such a distinction is quite clear in the Hebrew language. The word in Hebrew for the rational, thinking soul is *nediybah*.

Terrors are turned upon me: they pursue my soul [*nediybah*] as the wind: and my welfare passeth away as a cloud (Job 30:15)

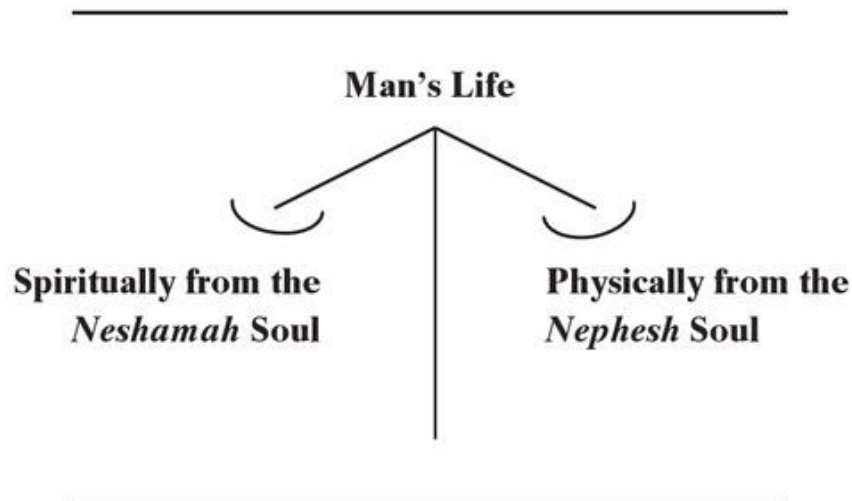
Job described, here, the terror that his *nediybah* soul experienced when his dignity, honour, and nobility of rank were swept away from him, as chaff on the ground is blown away by the wind.

The celestial soul of Divine Breath and Inspiration is identified in Hebrew as *neshamah*.

For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls [*neshamah*] which I have made (Isaiah 57:16).

The LORD God made the *neshamah* soul that abides in the spirit of man; therefore, as the Creator, He had the right to become angry over man's sin. The LORD's Holy Anger continues only for a season until His chastisement produces the desired purification and humility in man's spirit. If His Wrath and Judgment were to continue unabated, God utterly would destroy the *souls (neshamah)* He has made.

The breathing, terrestrial soul is called *nephesh*. The *nephesh* is the breathing soul of life for man's body, which enables him to live physically.



And the LORD God [Jehovah *Elohim*] formed man [*aw-dam*] of the dust of the ground [*aw-dama*], and breathed [*naw-fakh*] into his nostrils the breath [*neshamah*] of life [*khah-eem*]; and man became a living soul [*nephesh*] (Genesis 2:7).

The LORD God created man in His own Image. He created man with these three souls — the *nephesh* soul that lives in the body, the *neshamah* soul that lives in the spirit, and the *nediybah* soul that lives in the will. This one book cannot contain the Truth from all the lessons about these three souls which God the Father possesses, which God the Son possesses, and which man also possesses. However, note can be taken concerning a few true facts about man's possession of these three souls.

It is important to notice the Hebrew words inserted between the English words because they reveal how man was created. "And the LORD God [Jehovah *Elohim*] formed man [*aw-dam*, the body of Adam]." *Aw-dam* is a man formed from the *ground*, (*aw-dama*). This is why the first man's name was *Adam*. Man was made a male, but he was made out of female ground. The Hebrew word for *ground* is *aw-dama*, which is feminine.

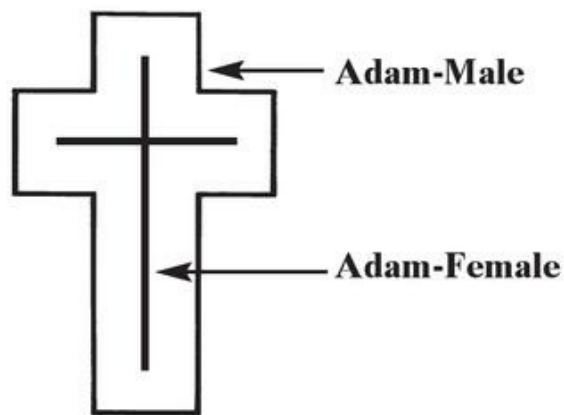
The English word *breathed* is the translation of the Hebrew word *naw-fakh*, which is a powerful word meaning to blow, to exhale and to inhale. This word is found in the Scripture just quoted: "...and *breathed* [*naw-fakh*] into his nostrils the breath [*neshamah*] of life [*khah-eem*];..." Every word in the Hebrew language is a world of its own.

Natural breathing is a process of exhaling and inhaling. The process of breathing has its origin in God, Who is the Cause of all things. Therefore, God must first exhale, breathe out, blow out; then, whatever He blows out must return into Him. Thus, He inhales that which He blew out of Himself.

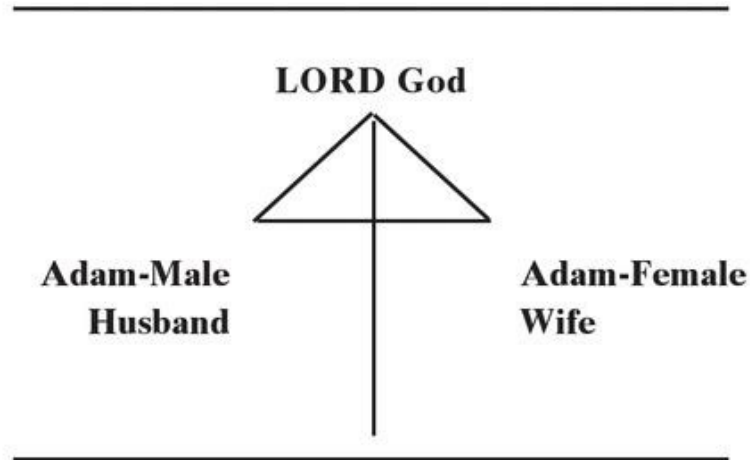
The LORD God first breathed out His Breath of Life on the creation; then, the creation returned His Breath into Him in the form of praise and gratitude. God has to inhale what He has exhaled or breathed out on His creation; thus, it does not behoove God's creation to return a sinful breath of cursing and ingratitude to Him. Man's responsibility is to return his breath unto *God*, Who has breathed out His Life on him.

The LORD God breathed (*naw-fakh*) out His Breath (*Neshamah*) into Adam's nostrils, and man became a living soul (*nephesh*). The *neshamah* is the *breathing* soul of life for man's spirit, which enables man to live spiritually. The female breath (*neshamah*) carries the masculine life (*khah-eem*). The Word of God rarely reveals a separation between the male and female.

In His Work, God always uses the union of the male and the female to accomplish His Master Plan. God created *man*, male and female, to accomplish His Master Plan on Earth. When the LORD God created Adam-male, the female was on the inside of the man until God separated them.



However, after the LORD God had separated them, He joined them together as husband and wife, and they dwelled together as one again.

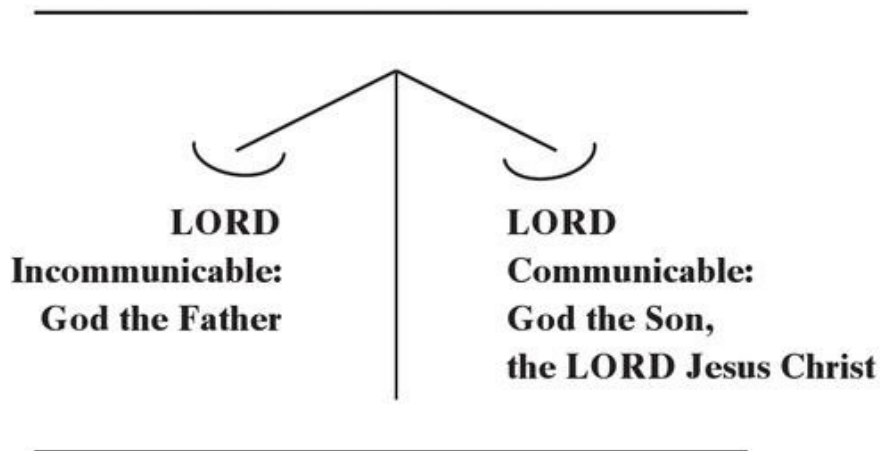


The LORD God breathed into man the breath (*neshamah* soul), which carried the *khah-eem* or the lives of the spirit, the soul (*nephesh*), and the body of man. Therefore, it is the breath or *neshamah* soul that carries life to the spirit and to the soul (*nephesh*) and to the body of man. "...And man became a living soul [*nephesh*]."

Because the distinction is not clear in the English text when only the word *soul* is used, for clarification in this study, the Hebrew word *nephesh* will be used along with the English word *soul*. Therefore, the reader who does not know Hebrew readily can perceive the difference when the Hebrew word *nephesh* has been translated as soul.

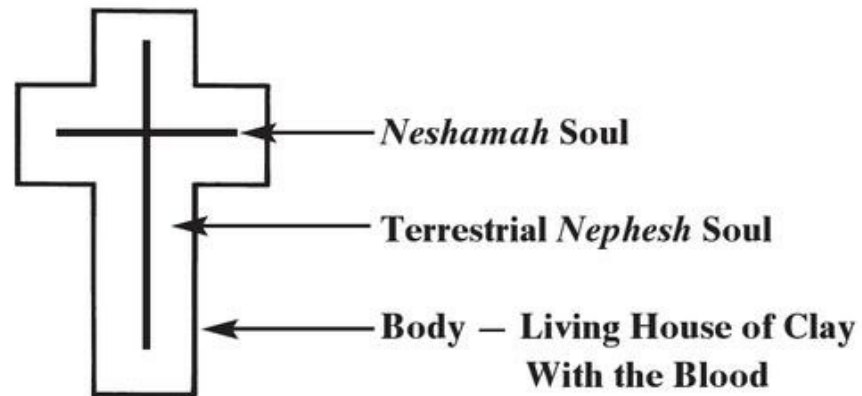
The LORD God (Jehovah *Elohim*), the God of perfect Love and Power, formed man in His Likeness and Image. Jehovah is the great, incommunicable, tetragrammaton Name by which God denotes His loving Self-Existence; it is the Name by which He gives His loving Existence to all His creation.

The Name of the LORD is paradoxical. It is both communicable and incommunicable.



On one side of the Scales, the Infinite, Divine, Holy Name of the LORD, God the Father, is incommunicable to mortal, finite man. On the other side of the Scales, the LORD, God the Father, has communicated His Infinite, Divine, Holy Name to mankind through His only Begotten Son, the LORD Jesus Christ.

Jehovah *Elohim* formed man out of the small dust of the ground. With great accuracy and exactness, Jehovah *Elohim* formed or gradually worked and curiously wrought the body of man. Then, Jehovah *Elohim* breathed His *Neshamah* Breath or Soul into the house of clay, and it became a living house of clay with a terrestrial *nephesh* soul in it. It was the Breath of God's *Neshamah* that gave life to the spirit, soul, and the body of man; thus, man "became a living soul (*nephesh*)."



Jehovah *Elohim* revealed that the *nephesh* soul lives in the blood and is the life of man's house of clay.

But flesh with the life [*nephesh*] thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat (Genesis 9:4).

God revealed to man that the blood, the vital principle of life in his house of clay, is the seat of the *nephesh* soul. The unity of the *nephesh* soul and the blood is revealed throughout the Word of God. Therefore, everywhere in Scripture, Jehovah *Elohim* prohibits the destruction and abuse of the blood. God forbade the *nephesh* soul to sin against God because it would corrupt, pollute, and destroy its vital principle of life called the blood. Jehovah *Elohim* warned man that he would surely die if his *nephesh* soul sinned.

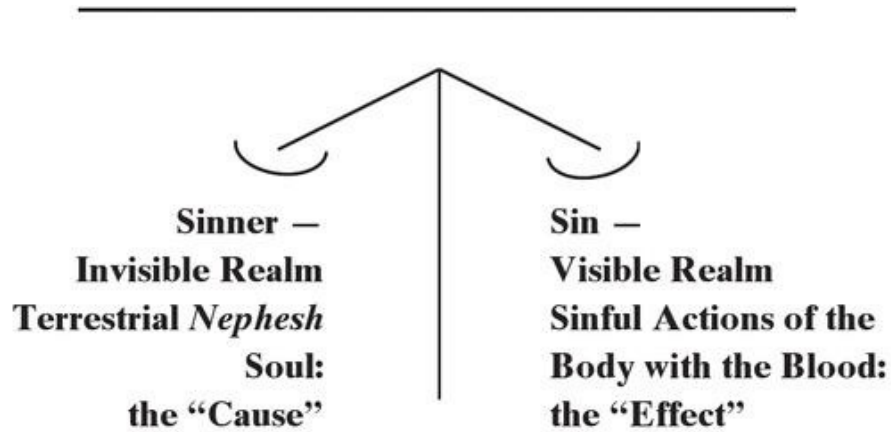
Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: **the soul [*nephesh*] that sinneth, it shall die** (Ezekiel 18:4).

The soul [*nephesh*] that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him (Ezekiel 18:20).

All *nephesh* souls belong to the LORD God. He is the Maker of all souls; therefore, He is the Owner of all souls. They were created *by* Him and *for* Him, and they are answerable *to* Him. The LORD God was not partial in His pronouncement of the Judgment of Death upon all the *nephesh* souls who sinned.

The LORD God is the Owner and Master of all individuals. Although a father and a son are physically related to one another, they must stand as separate individuals to give an account to God for their lives. The individual sinner will suffer the consequences of his *own* sin, and not someone else's.

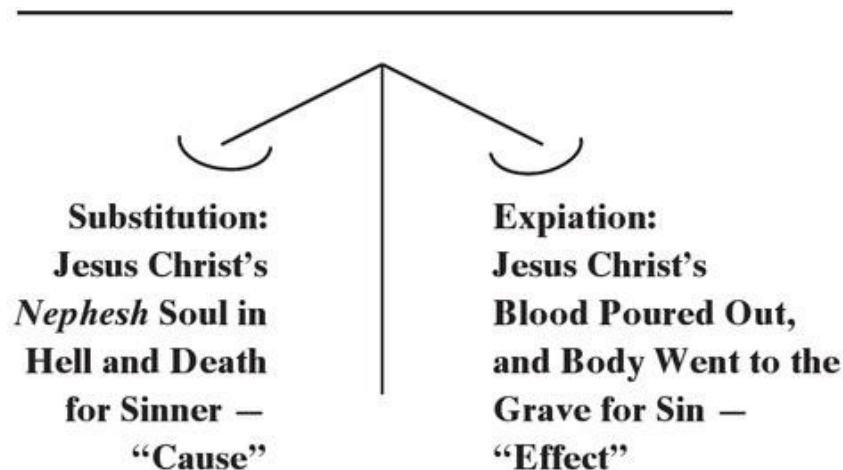
The *nephesh* soul that sins must die, and it shall be excluded from God's Gracious and Merciful Favour, which is the Light and Life of the *nephesh* soul. The sinful *nephesh* soul will lie forever under God's Wrath, which promised man Darkness and Death, unless restitution is made to God for the sinner and the sin.



Adam-female’s terrestrial *nephesh* soul became a sinner when she lusted after the forbidden tree and pushed her body, with its blood (the vital principle of life), to reach out and take the fruit from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil and eat thereof. The *nephesh* soul, then, is the secret sinner in the invisible realm, and the body with the vital principle of life, the blood, carries out the sinful actions for the *nephesh* soul. Thus, both the *nephesh* soul and the body with its blood must be punished by Death and Hell.

Sin is the act produced by the choice of the *nephesh* soul; the body or living house of clay is only the instrument the *nephesh* soul uses to carry out its choice for unrighteousness. The punishment that God has pronounced for the *nephesh* soul is tribulation, trouble, torment, and torture in Death and Hell; the punishment for the body with its blood is the darkness, death, and silence of the grave and, ultimately, Hell, when Death and Hell have been cast into the Lake of Fire.

The loving, Self-existent Jehovah *Elohim* did not leave the *nephesh* soul and the body with its blood in a doomed, deplorable, and darkened condition. In the fullness of time, He made a way of escape through the Sacrifice of His only Begotten Son, the LORD Jesus Christ. When Jesus Christ died on the Cross, His *Nephesh* Soul went to Death and Hell in order to take man’s place for the punishment of his *nephesh* soul in Death and Hell; Christ’s Body went to the *grave* in order to take man’s place of punishment for his body in the grave.



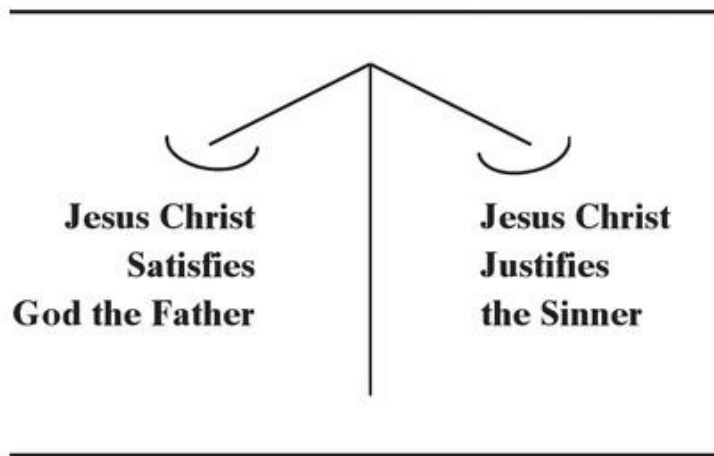
Jesus Christ willingly offered Himself as a substitutionary Sacrifice for sinners; He made His *Nephesh* Soul an Offering for sin. One Hebrew version of Isaiah 53:10 reads this way: “Yet it pleased the LORD to crush him by disease; to see if his soul [*nephesh*] would offer itself in restitution, That he might see his seed, prolong his days,

and that the purpose of the LORD might prosper by His hand.”

In order to redeem the sinner and wash away his sin and guilt, God the Father allowed His Son’s *Nephesh* Soul to be crushed (literally made sick) by the disease of man’s sin; and He allowed Christ’s Blood and Body to be crushed incurably in the grave until the third day, at the end of which He was Resurrected. The *Nephesh* Soul of Jesus Christ went to Hell and Death, taking the judgment of sinful man’s *nephesh* soul; then, at the end of the third day, He arose again to make restitution and reconciliation for all sinful *nephesh* souls. The Blood of Jesus Christ was poured out on Calvary’s Cross and raised up at the end of the third day so that the sin of man’s *nephesh* soul might be washed away. The LORD Jesus Christ gave Himself as a Sin Offering, a Guilt Offering, to free man from the penalty of Death and Hell and to wash away man’s sins with His own precious Blood.

In Isaiah 53:11, the Hebrew text reads: “Of the travail of his soul [*nephesh*] he shall see to the full, even my servant, who by his knowledge did justify the righteous one to the many, and their iniquities he did bear.”

When God the Father saw the fullness of the travail of His Righteous Servant, Jesus Christ, He was satisfied because the offering of the *Nephesh* Soul of Christ repaired the damage that had been done to God’s Word and Glory by sinful mankind’s *nephesh* soul. By bearing the iniquities of mankind’s *nephesh* soul, Jesus Christ not only satisfied His Father, but He also justified the sinners as well.



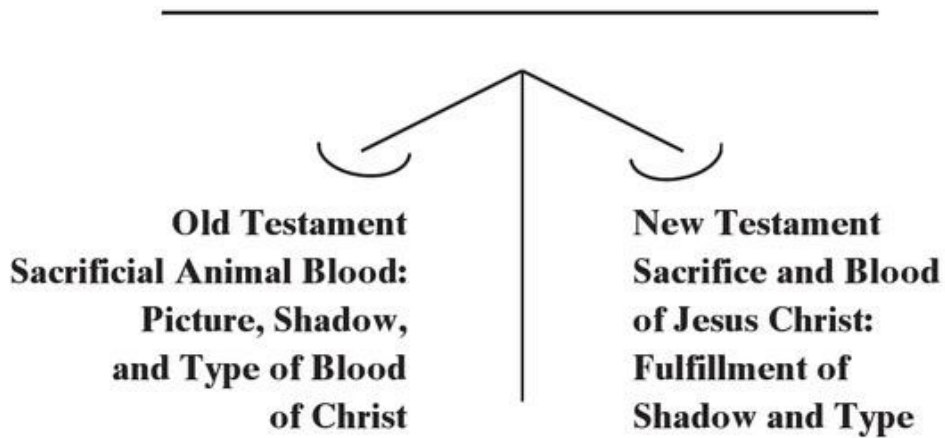
Jesus Christ, the Righteous Servant, used His Knowledge to satisfy the Father’s Word, Honour, and Glory and to justify the sinner by forgiving him and washing him in His own precious Blood. Thus, repentant *nephesh* souls can stand before God just as though they never have sinned; and they can enjoy peace and reconciliation with God.

Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul [*nephesh*] unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; **and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors** (Isaiah 53:12).

Jesus Christ bore the sins of many and poured out unto Death His *Nephesh* Soul, along with its Seat, the Blood. If man would have been compelled to bear his own sin, he would have been condemned to the lowest Hell.

Because Jesus Christ sacrificed Himself as a Sin Offering, because He endured unmerited suffering in Intercession and Travail for His tormentors, and because He selflessly bared His Soul (*Nephesh*), suffering a state of nakedness as He took sinful man’s place, He has been and will be rewarded by God the Father.

Before the fullness of time came for God to send forth His Son in Flesh to pour out His *Nephesh* Soul in the place of the sinner and to pour out His precious Blood for the washing away of sin, God used animal sacrifices as a picture, shadow, and type of the Sacrifice and Blood of Jesus Christ. The animal sacrifices with their blood did not take away sin; they only covered sin until Jesus Christ appeared and put away sin once and for all.



The purpose of this book is to study the Blood of Jesus Christ as it was revealed in the Old Testament under the shadow and type and as it is revealed in the New Testament under the fulfillment through Jesus Christ.

The natural blood is a type and picture of the spiritual, Resurrected Blood of Jesus Christ. God's only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, left the Glories of Heaven and took on a Body of Flesh so that He would have the necessary Substance to pay the price demanded for sin. He descended into the depths of Death and Hell in order to take the sinner's place. Then, at the end of the third day, He was resurrected from the dead so that He could ascend into Heaven and place His Holy Resurrected Blood upon the Mercy Seat. Through His Blood of Reconciliation, Jesus Christ made a way whereby man can be restored to the Oneness of Relationship he knew in the beginning with the LORD God and His *Torah*, the Christ. Jesus Christ saves the repentant sinner and helps him grow up unto the Measure of the Fullness of the Stature of Christ so that He can write God's Moral Law of Righteousness in the repentant sinner's heart.

The LORD God has revealed the "Measure of the Fullness of Christ's Stature" in type and shadow in the Mosaic Tabernacle. God commanded Moses to arrange the seven pieces of furniture in the Tabernacle in the form of a Cross, which stretched from the Courtyard to the Holy of Holies, revealing to man the full Stature of Jesus Christ from His Feet up to His Head.

In the Courtyard were the Brazen Altar, with its animal blood and Supernatural Fire, and the Brazen Laver that was filled with Supernatural Water taken from the Rock that followed Israel. The Spiritual Principles of Truth that relate to the blood, Fire, and Water found in the Courtyard of the Old Testament represent foundational experiences that New Testament believers find in the Foot-realm of Jesus Christ's Spiritual Stature — Salvation through the Blood, Water Baptism in the Name of the LORD Jesus Christ, and the Gift of the Baptism in the Holy Ghost and Fire.

The Holy Place of the Mosaic Tabernacle housed the Golden Altar of Prayer with its fragrant Incense, the Golden Candlestick with its seven Lights, and the Golden Table of Shewbread with its twelve cakes of Bread. The Spiritual Principles of Truth that the Priests learned and practiced in the Holy Place in relation to (1) prayer in the Name of Jesus, (2) walking by the Humility Light of the Candlestick of the LORD, and (3) living by the Strength of the Humility Bread of Christ are experiences that New Testament believers find as they grow to the Shoulder-realm of the Spiritual Stature of the LORD Jesus Christ.

The Holy of Holies was the resting place for the Golden Ark of the Covenant (which contained the *Torah*-Law written in Tables of Stone) and the Golden Mercy Seat with its Cherubims of Glory. The Spiritual Principles of Truth that the High Priest learned and experienced as he ministered in the Holy of Holies are revealed to New Testament believers who grow to the Head-realm of the Spiritual Stature of the LORD Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ poured out His precious Blood on Calvary's Cross in order to provide sinful man with a Coat of Salvation that saves him from the penalty of sin, which is Death and Hell. Man did nothing to deserve this Coat of Salvation, and he can do nothing to earn it. Salvation through the Blood is Christ's Gift of Life to man.

However, spiritual growth, which enables a believer to minister as a Priest in the Holy Place and in the Holy of Holies, comes only through an act of each individual believer's free moral will. Spiritual growth comes as a person is willing to lay down his own carnal headship and come under the Divine Headship of the LORD Jesus Christ. This

means that the believer must experience a daily crucifixion of a part of his carnal flesh and a resurrection of new Life which will enable him to walk in the new Light and Life of Christ.

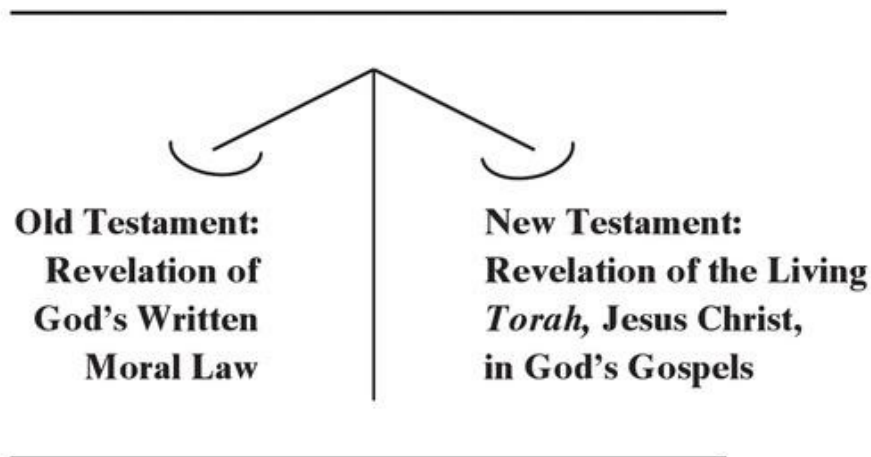
The Apostle Paul said that he died daily (I Corinthians 15:31). Yet, in the midst of Paul's *dying* to his own will, he testified of having a continual experience of *Resurrection Power*. "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20).

Salvation is the Gift that God gives to man when man kneels at the Feet of Jesus Christ and repents of the sin he inherited from Adam the First. Growth in Spiritual Stature is built upon man's repentance of his *indwelling* sins. The remission of all sins is dependent upon the Redemptive Work of the Sacrificial Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ. Apart from the shed Blood of Jesus Christ, there is no remission of sins. Thus, one never "outgrows" his need for the precious Blood of Jesus.

God's Provision of Blood was and is sufficient to redeem man from sin, to help him grow to maturity in the Spiritual Stature of the LORD Jesus Christ, and to write the Moral Law upon man's mature, cleansed heart.

The Truths about the Blood of Christ and God's Moral Laws are revealed in both the Old Testament and the New Testament. There is a vast difference between God's Ceremonial Laws, which are revealed in the Old Testament for the Jewish Nation, and His Moral Laws for governing all mankind, which are revealed in *both* the Old and New Testaments.

In the Hebrew language the Moral Law of God is called the *Torah*. It is a term used to describe God's Revealed Will with reference to human conduct. The *Torah* includes all of God's Holy, Divine Commands and Precepts, which He has given to govern man's moral life, both *within* and *without*. In the Old Testament Dispensation, God revealed His Holy Moral Law in the form of His Written Commandments which He gave to Moses. In the New Testament Dispensation, God revealed the Living *Torah*, Jesus Christ, in the Gospels. As the Living *Torah* in flesh, Jesus Christ not only explained God's Written *Torah*, but He faithfully practiced the Moral Truth of the *Torah*, which His Deeds of Life, Light, and Love manifested.



The whole Body of Truth contained in the Scriptures is revealed through God's Written Moral Law and God's Living *Torah*, Jesus Christ. God's Written Moral Law is perfect, and it reveals the Knowledge of His Divine Will. However, because of man's confused, sinful, and imperfect condition and because of the limitations of both the Written Law (being only in letters) and the blood of animals that was required under the Old Testament shadow and type, it was necessary for God to send His Son, Jesus Christ, the Living *Torah*, with sufficient (better) Blood and with the Good News of the Gospel in the New Testament, which fulfilled the Old Testament shadow and type. This was the only way the Moral Law could be written in man's heart and mind as God desired for it to be written. The Written Moral Law could only tell man what to do and what not to do. It could not teach and explain the Moral Truth of the Law, nor could it demonstrate its Moral Truth by Deeds of Life, Light, and Love.

Many relevant, important Truths can be learned by studying some things about the birth of the Law, the *Torah*, the Christ, in Eternity-Past. Before Christ took on a Body of mortal Flesh, He was called "Wisdom."

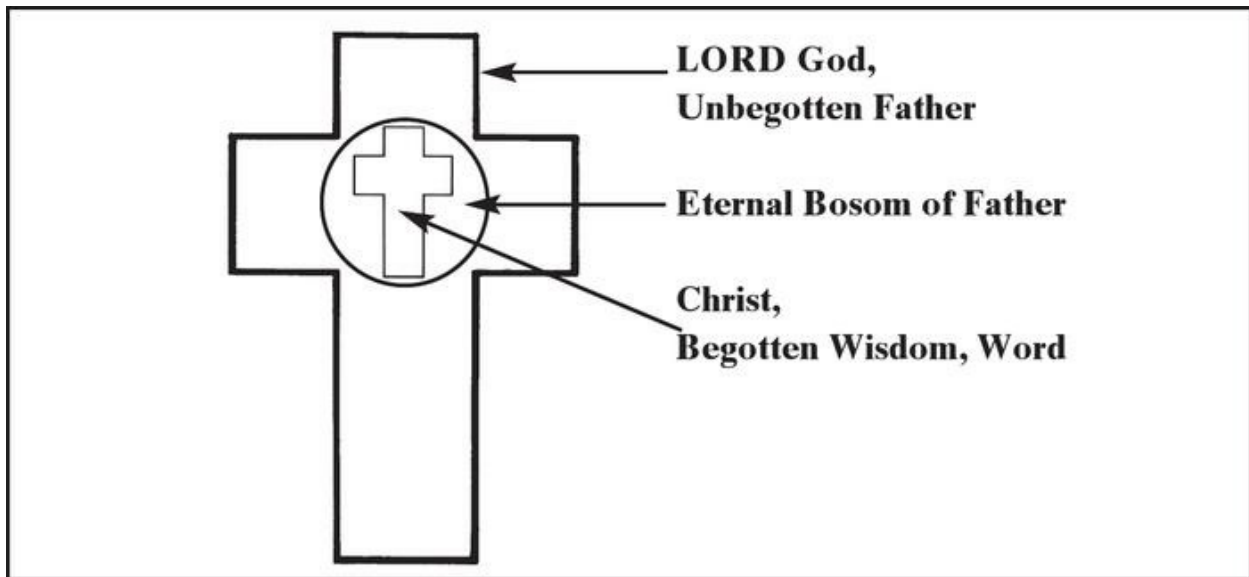
The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, **I was brought forth**; when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled,

before the hills **was I brought forth**: While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: Then I was by him, **as one brought up with him**: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him; (Proverbs 8:22-30).

In the beginning of the Unbegotten LORD God's Way, in Eternity-Past, before any creation was brought forth, the Unbegotten LORD God, the Father, begat His only Begotten Son called Wisdom, the Word of God, the *Torah*, the Christ. The LORD God brought forth His beloved, only Begotten Son and laid Him in His Bosom to be nurtured, fed on the Father's Eternal Truth, Will, and Way, and trained as a skilled Workman.

No man hath seen God at any time; *the only Begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father*, he hath declared him (John 1:18).

The Eternal Begotten Word (the *Torah*, the Wisdom of God, the Christ of God) was Begotten in a spiritual form and placed in the Bosom of the Father to behold His Father in all His glorious Spiritual Name and Nature. This place which the Father gave His Son to dwell in was the most *precious* of all places. In the Eternal Bosom of Love, Delight, and Secret Counsel where the Son dwelled, there was perfect Oneness of Relationship, Unity, and Harmony between the Unbegotten Father and the Begotten Son.



The Hebrew word *Torah* is a feminine word, signifying that the feminine side of the Word was Begotten *first*. This is especially significant when it is noted that the Hebrew word for *wisdom*, *khokmaw*, is also a feminine word. Thus, the LORD God begot and possessed feminine Wisdom in the beginning of His Way, which reveals that His Son was the *Torah* from the beginning.

The LORD God, the Father, commanded His Son to create all things.

Let them praise the name of the LORD: **for he commanded, and they were created** (Psalm 148:5).

Let the Name of the LORD be praised because He commanded His obedient Son as to what He should create, and His obedient Son created according to the Will of His Heavenly Father!

In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, **the firstborn of every creature**: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: **And he is before all things, and by him all things consist**. And he is the head of the body, the church: **who is the beginning**, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence (Colossians 1:14-18).

Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son, is the Image and express Person of the Invisible God, His Father (Hebrews

1:3). Jesus Christ is the Firstborn of every creature or creation; this means that He was Begotten before all the creation. As the Son, Who is obedient to His Father's Commands, the Word (Jesus Christ) is the Creator of all things. Jesus Christ, the Producer of all things according to the Will of His Father, made all things from the heights to the depths. Jesus Christ is the Eternal Word, the Wisdom, the *Torah* of the Heavenly Father. The LORD God, the Father, commanded all things to be created for His dearly beloved Son. The only Begotten Son was the "Arm" of His Father, and the worlds were made by the Power of that "Arm" and for the pleasure and praise of that "Arm."

The Word (the Wisdom, the *Torah*, the Christ of God) existed, in the beginning of God's Way, with the LORD God the Father.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not (John 1:1-5).

Before His Incarnation and *before all time*, Jesus Christ existed. He was Begotten in Eternity-Past by the Eternal LORD God. The Begotten Word (the Begotten "God-Son") was coexistent with the LORD God, the Unbegotten Father. All things, from the highest Archangel to the lowest worm, were made by the Wisdom of God. The worlds were formed and established by Wisdom (the *Torah*, the Word, the Divine Son of God).

The LORD by wisdom hath **founded the earth**; by understanding hath **he established the heavens** (Proverbs 3:19).

The LORD God, the Unbegotten Father, worked through His only Begotten Son (Wisdom, *Torah*, Word) to found the Earth so that the Earth cannot be removed. Wisdom laid the foundations of the Earth and firmly fixed the Earth upon its foundations so that it cannot be removed. To *found* means to exercise art and contrivance in making a support so that whatever is placed on the support will not totter and fall. Thus, in order to "found" something, it is necessary to exercise one's full mental power to form and fashion a work outwardly.

There is a verse in the Book of Jeremiah that confirms the Creative Work of Wisdom in the creation of the world.

He hath made the earth by his power, **he hath established the world by his wisdom**, and hath stretched out the heaven by his understanding (Jeremiah 51:15).

Wisdom officially set up the world by the Authority of His Heavenly Father so that it is firmly fixed and permanently ordained to do the Will of God. After God the Father and His only Begotten Son (Wisdom, *Torah*) created the Earth and the world, man fell into sin and became a stranger to his Creator. Then, God purposed to reveal the Redeemer-side of His only Begotten Son, the *Torah*, the Wisdom, the Christ of God. God separated the people of Israel unto Himself and gave them a Tabernacle of blood, laid out in the form of the Cross. He brought His *Torah* to them and placed it in the Head-realm of the Stature of the Old Testament Tabernacle.

For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house. For every house is builded by some man; but **he that built all things is God**. And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after; (Hebrews 3:3-5).

The LORD God brought His people, Israel, out of Egypt, which had been a house and a nation of bondage for them. When Israel was on her way to Canaan's land, God led her through the wilderness, a land of unrestrained growth and unrestrained barrenness, a place without proper water and food. The LORD God (the Father) and the Holy One (the *Torah*, the Wisdom, the Son of God) came from Teman and Mount Paran and went to Mount Sinai to give Israel His glorious Written *Torah* and His Oral *Torah*. God gave His Written and Oral *Torah* to Israel through His Son, the Christ, the *Torah*, the Wisdom of God. The LORD God covered Mount Sinai with the splendour and *Kabode* Glory of His *Torah* and His Name.

The LORD God had Horns of Light or bright Beams of Light coming out of His Hand or His Holy *Arm* (His Son, the Christ) when the Written Law came forth. After God had recorded the Moral Law by writing it with His own Finger on two tables of stone, the tables were preserved in the Ark of the Covenant, which had the Mercy Seat for a lid, and they (the Tables of the Law and the Ark with its Mercy Seat) were placed in the Holy of Holies.

The Moral Law of the Ten Commandments spread from the Jewish nation to the other nations of the Earth. The Moral Law forms the indispensable and immovable foundation for all Holy behavior of mankind. It is a revelation of the Holy Nature of God.

...Ye shall be holy: for **I the LORD your God am holy** (Leviticus 19:2).

And he said, the LORD came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of saints: **from his right hand went a fiery law for them** (Deuteronomy 33:2).

The hiding of God's Power and Divine Moral Will was in His *Torah*, His Arm, that put the *Torah* into written form on Mount Sinai. The fiery Living *Torah* (the Christ, the Son of God, the Mediator and Redeemer) handed Israel a Written Law (*Torah*) that He Himself ultimately will write in the heart and mind of every creature.

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; **I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts;** and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: (Hebrews 8:10).

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).

The LORD God wrote His *Torah*, first, for the Master Plan for the Nation of Israel as a whole. Second, the LORD God will write His *Torah* in their hearts individually. Someday, Israel personally will know, inwardly, the Life, the Light, and the Love of the *Torah*. Her memories will become living memories, full of the Living *Torah* so that God's *Torah* will not be forgotten, inwardly, again. Israel will have the true Light of the Living Light of the *Torah*, and her feet will not stumble again in the darkness of error and deceit. Then, Israel's hands will be filled with the Power and Love of the *Torah* that will enable her to perform and practice deeds of love to the LORD God and to her neighbours.

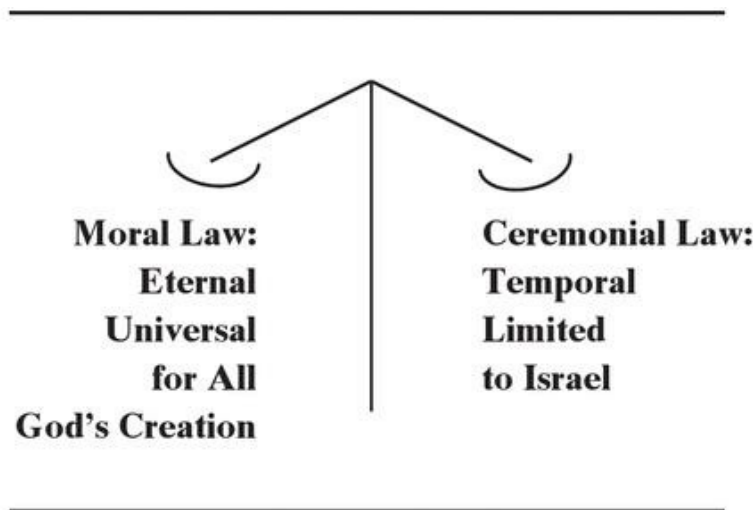
In the days of the Millennial Reign of Christ, the nations of Earth will come up to Jerusalem to receive the Light of the Living, Loving *Torah*, Christ Jesus, and the Written *Torah*.

And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and **let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem** (Isaiah 2:2,3).

When Christ's Kingdom has been established, fully, during His Millennial Reign, which will happen after He has caused wickedness to disappear from His Kingdom, the nations of Earth shall flow like a mighty stream into Jerusalem to receive the Light of the *Torah*.

God's Written Moral Law is perfect; it is His Expression of Divine Authority, Holiness, Goodness, and Love that He has hidden in His fiery Living *Torah*, the Christ. God's *Torah* is a revelation of His Divine Government.

The Old Testament Law (*Torah*) had two sides — the Moral Law which is Eternal and Universal and the Ceremonial Law of the sacrifice of animal blood which was temporary and limited.



The Moral Law that was revealed at Mount Sinai is Eternal, and it is for all God's creation. The Ceremonial Law was temporal because it was destined to pass away when the Living *Torah* came in Flesh, and it was confined to Israel. The Ceremonial Law was given to regulate Jewish life under the Old Testament Dispensation; it also was given as shadows and types of the Spiritual Stature of the LORD Jesus Christ and His Holy Works of Redemption and Reconciliation, which redeemed man from sin and reconciled him to God.

Through the Moral Law and the Ceremonial Law, God formed Israel into a nation, distinct from all other nations, and established them as His chosen people. The Moral Law and the Ceremonial Law were constant reminders to Israel that the LORD God had given them the High and Holy Calling to be a separated, chosen people unto Him.

The Ceremonial Law was a terrible duty and an awful responsibility to Israel, but it was also a delightful and magnificent Promise of the Coming of Christ, their Messiah. The whole character of the Ceremonial Law was typical and prophetic of Jesus Christ; its whole system pointed toward Christ Jesus. Thus, when He came in a Body of Flesh, as had been prophesied, the Ceremonial Law was fulfilled and, consequently, abolished.

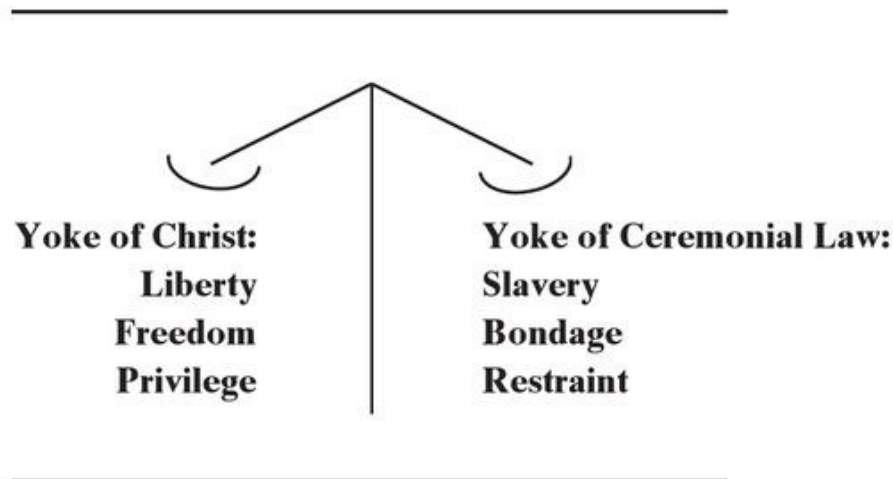
Only the limited, temporal Ceremonial Law was abolished under the New Testament Gospel. God's *Moral Law* still is in force.

In that he saith, **A new covenant, he hath made the first old.** Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away (Hebrews 8:13).

The Old Testament's limited, temporal Ceremonial Laws have decayed, withered, and fallen away because they were types and shadows that have been fulfilled by Jesus Christ and His shed Blood. The Old Testament Ceremonial Laws have grown old; they have become antiquated and have vanished away. The Blood of Jesus Christ has canceled all the laws that required sacrificing animal blood, casting them away because they are out of date. One does not need a small candle to light the world after the Sun of Righteousness has risen in His full Splendour and Glory!

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace. For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. **For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love** (Galatians 5:1-6).

In the early days of Christianity, there were Judaistic teachers who endeavoured to bring the believers back under the yoke of bondage of the Ceremonial Law. The Apostle Paul reminded the Galatian believers that they were saved and justified by faith in the Blood of Jesus Christ, and not by the works of the Ceremonial Law. The Yoke of Christ is a Yoke of Liberty and Freedom. The yoke of the Ceremonial Law was a yoke of slavery and bondage.



The Apostle explained to the Galatian believers that it was impossible to carry the Yoke of Christ, by faith, and at the same time try to carry the yoke of works of the Ceremonial Law. It was impossible for them to carry the yoke of the Ceremonial Law because the yoke of the Ceremonial Law had already been taken away. If the Ceremonial Law still had existed, still had been in force, it would have been impossible for believers to carry the Yoke of Christ by

faith because bondage and freedom do not mix.

The Eternal Moral Law was sanctioned and approved by Christ, obeyed and fulfilled by Christ, and He promised to fulfill it in the hearts and minds of His people.

Jesus confirmed to the rich young ruler that the Moral Law is one of Life and Light.

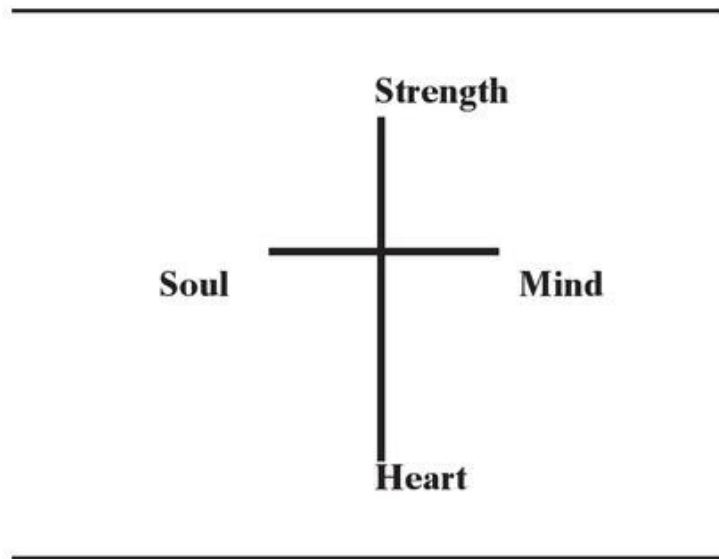
And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if **thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments**. He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself (Matthew 19:17-19).

The Psalmist testified that the Law is perfect, converting or restoring the soul (Psalm 19:7). Jesus declared that love fulfills the Moral Law. The LORD Jesus Christ is the Perfect, Righteous One, and He is the most practical Example of One Who loves the LORD God, the Heavenly Father, with all His Heart and His neighbour as Himself.

And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt **love the Lord thy God** with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt **love thy neighbour as thyself**. There is none other commandment greater than these (Mark 12:28-31).

Love is the leading affection in the heart and soul. When Love of the LORD God, the Unbegotten Father, exists in a heart, there is a willingness to obey all other Commands of His Son.

Love of the Heavenly Father, the true Master and Owner, is to come from the heart, soul, mind, and strength.



- **Man Is Commanded to Love the LORD with All His Heart**

Love is the deepest, most secret, most intimate bond between two beings. Loving the LORD God with all one's heart is the feeling of striving to give oneself completely to the LORD. It is also the feeling of striving to bring oneself near to the LORD, of endeavouring to be attached to Him, and of having the LORD attach Himself to the seeker.

Love in a believer's heart makes him strive to get near the LORD with everything in his heart, desires, feelings, thoughts, and possessions. Nearness and Union with the LORD God is the ultimate experience for the heart who loves Him. When a person's heart loves the LORD God, he has only one purpose for his desires, feelings, thoughts, and possessions, and that is to use them to get closer to the LORD in order to become more firmly attached to Him and for the LORD to become attached, in a greater way, to *his* heart.

- **Man Is Commanded to Love the LORD with All His Soul**

Man loves the LORD God with all his *nephesh* soul when he willingly sacrifices his whole existence for the purpose of being near the LORD so that he can fulfill the LORD'S wishes and desires in all things.

- **Man Is Commanded to Love the LORD with All His Mind**

Jesus Christ confirmed the demands of the Moral Law to love the LORD God with all one's mind or one's conscious thoughts and intelligence. The beloved Son (the *Torah*, the Word) created man with an intelligence so that man could love His Heavenly Father with conscious intelligence. Loving the LORD God and being one with Him is the most important ministry of the intelligence, and it has the farthest-reaching Eternal results.

- **Man Is Commanded to Love the LORD with All His Strength**

Jesus Christ attested to the fact that man's physical might, strength, and force are for the whole purpose of working to get near the LORD and to have the LORD come near to him.

The believer who loves the LORD God with all his heart, soul, mind, and strength is the person who denies all and refuses all that is not in perfect accord with the Will of the LORD God. Jesus Christ is man's only perfect, practical Example of One Who loves the LORD God in this perfect way and, thus, perfectly fulfills the First Commandment. All Christ's Desires and Delights are centered upon His Heavenly Father. Jesus Christ manifests that He loves His neighbour as Himself by putting within His neighbour the same Love that He Himself has for His Heavenly Father. Then, Christ, His neighbour, and His Heavenly Father can be *one*.

Jesus Christ came to establish and fulfill the Eternal Moral Law, the *Torah*, by offering His own precious Blood as the Perfect, Eternal Sacrifice, and by ministering to man through His powerful Work as a Prophet, Priest, and King.

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, **one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.** Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5:17-19).

Jesus Christ, the Living *Torah* or Word in Flesh, came to establish and fulfill the Eternal, Written, Moral Law of the Old Testament that was taught and expounded by the Prophets. Christ did not come to destroy the Moral Law. The very opposite is true; He came to destroy the immoral and evil work of fallen Lucifer. It is a great impudence on man's part to break the Moral Law (as fallen Lucifer did), but it is greater impudence to teach others to do so (as fallen Lucifer continues to do).

The LORD Jesus Christ came to do and to teach the Moral Law of His Heavenly Father. He came to fulfill the Moral Law in man's place. In a Body of Flesh, He obeyed every aspect of the Moral Law in man's place. He perfectly completed and accomplished God's Desire and Design of Obedience, which originally was God's Desire and Purpose for mankind. Christ's Obedience brought to the full the wishes of His Heavenly Father.

Obedience to the Moral Law was a Universal, Eternal, Divine Requirement and Obligation conferred upon all mankind. But, under the Old Testament Covenant, mankind failed to obey God's Law perfectly. The weakness and frailty of man's imperfect humanity and the imperfection of the animal blood made it impossible for him to fulfill the Law perfectly. Then, Jesus Christ came in Perfect Humanity with Perfect, Holy Blood, and He obeyed God's Moral Law in man's place. He has given His Holy Blood to cleanse man's sins, failures, and offenses against the Moral *Torah*; moreover, He *comes into* repentant man's heart and mind. From within man, then, Christ obeys the *Torah*, thus fulfilling the Moral Law in man. All man has to do is to believe and to have faith that Christ will fulfill the Moral Law as He lives in man's heart and life.

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. **For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.** For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: **That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us,** who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit (Romans 8:1-4).

The LORD God *chastens* those who are in Christ Jesus, but He does not *condemn* them. Christ, the Living *Torah* (Word, Wisdom) is the Living Law of the Spirit of Life, and He frees man from the condemnation of the Law of Sin

and Death. Jesus Christ humbled Himself and took on the likeness of sinful flesh, and He condemned the flesh by His Righteous, Holy Obedience to the Moral Law — by His Sacrifice of Blood at the Cross, and by His Death, Burial, and Resurrection. He broke the domineering and damning power of sin in the flesh. The LORD Jesus Christ comes into the hearts of all who ask Him. Then, as man walks after the Spirit of Life and not after the flesh, Jesus Christ fulfills, in man, the Righteousness of the Moral Law, which is His Love.

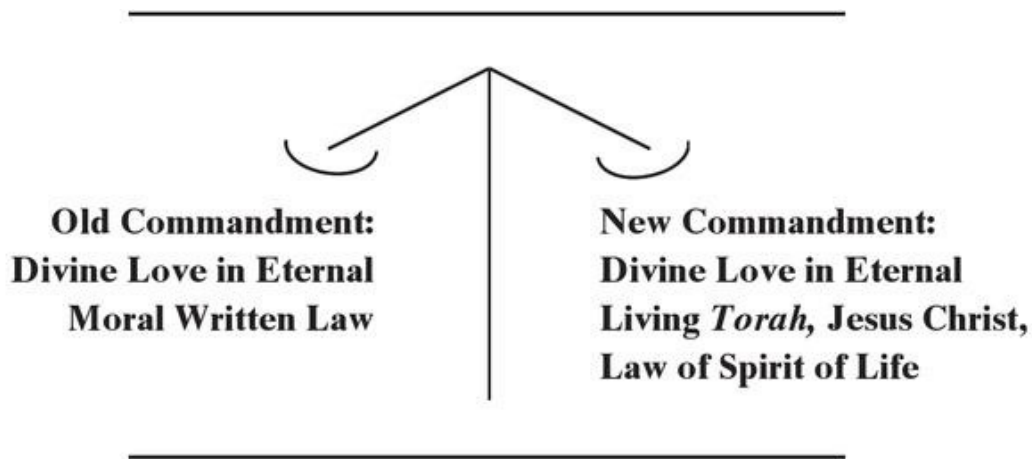
Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for **he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law**. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, **Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself**. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: **therefore love is the fulfilling of the law** (Romans 13:8-10).

According to God’s Eternal Moral Law, man owes a debt of love to God, to himself, and to his neighbour. Love is the peace, beauty, and harmony of the Universe. The LORD Jesus Christ gives man His Word, which is His Love, so that man can pay all his debt to God, to himself, and to his neighbour.

Love neither harms anyone nor works ill to anyone. Love neither designs nor determines prejudices, offenses, griefs, or injuries to anyone. Love is the active, Holy, Living Principle of Obedience to God’s Eternal Moral Law.

But **whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected**: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked. Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning. Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth. He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. **He that loveth his brother abideth in the light** and there is none occasion of stumbling in him (1 John 2:5-10).

To possess the Word of God in the heart and soul is to possess Love because the Word is God, and God is Love. Then, the Word will walk in Love in man, just as He walked in Love during the days of His Flesh. Love is the Old Commandment from the Eternal Moral Law under the Old Testament Dispensation. Love is also the New Commandment from the Eternal Living *Torah* (Wisdom, Word, Divine Son of God) under the Gospel of the New Testament Dispensation.



In the Old Testament Dispensation, Divine Love came by way of being written in stone. In the New Testament Dispensation, Divine Love came through the Living Stone, Jesus Christ. Love is a “New” Commandment in the New Testament Dispensation because it is dressed up in the Eternal, Resurrected Flesh of Jesus Christ. If man hates his brother, he is in darkness and death. If he loves his brother, he is in Light and Life. Love is the seal of all perfection, peace, and harmony.

Love is a Principle of Life that includes all the obligations which are universally required of man, and it includes all the obligations and duties which are based upon particular relationships and specific situations of individuals.

Man’s fulfilling of the Law, however, is not a condition of his Salvation. People were saved in the Old Testament Dispensation by the Grace of God, through faith in the type of His *future* Blood Atonement. They brought their blood offerings for sin, and they touched God’s Divine Mercy and Grace, which wrought forgiveness and forgetfulness of their sins. Their blood offerings were offered in anticipation of the Coming of Christ, Who by His

Blood Atonement brought Salvation to the whole world.

Likewise, man in the New Testament Dispensation is saved by the Grace of God, through faith in Christ Jesus' Eternal Blood Offering, which has touched the Divine Mercy and Grace of the Heavenly Father to forgive and forget sin.

After man has been saved by Grace, through faith in the shed Blood of Christ Jesus, he still has mental and moral weaknesses which need to be corrected and which, therefore, make him continually dependent on Christ Jesus for His Divine Mercy-Blood for cleansing. The Moral Law continues to reveal man's spots, blemishes, defects, and fleshly weaknesses of the old heart. The Moral Law is God's Holy Standard for all Holy Living. The more the believer grows in the Truth, the Word of the LORD, the greater he knows the depth, height, length, and breadth of God's Eternal Moral Law.

It is important for believers to understand God's Holy Moral Law, for then they can understand the great necessity for *Blood Sacrifice* in both the Old Testament and the New Testament.

This chapter has noted three reasons for man's need of the Redemptive Blood of Jesus Christ. Because man is a sinner by birth and by deed, he needs the Blood of Christ, first, to cleanse him from sin. Then, he needs Christ's Blood to help him grow to maturity in the Spiritual Stature of the LORD Jesus Christ. Finally, he needs Christ's Blood because it is the "Ink" which God uses to write His Moral Law in repentant man's cleansed heart.

Chapter Three

The Establishment of the Principle of God's Provision of Blood Sacrifice for Redemption of Sins as Revealed Through Adam and Eve

The first prophetic scene of the shedding of blood to provide a covering for sin is recorded in the Book of Genesis in the story of the creation.

Unto Adam also and to his wife did **the LORD God make coats of skins**, and clothed them (Genesis 3:21).

In the beginning, before sin entered the picture, God had made Adam-male and female in His own *Image* and in His own *Likeness*. "And God said, Let us make man in our *image*, after our *likeness*: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth" (Genesis 1:26).

Light is a part of God's *Image* and *Likeness*. "Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the *light* which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen" (I Timothy 6:16). Therefore, because Adam-male and female were made in the Image and Likeness of God, and because God is clothed with Light, they, too, were clothed, inwardly and outwardly, with God's Light.

They alone of God's creatures did not need a natural covering of fur, feathers, or scales in order to hide their inward and outward nakedness. God formed them so that their inward spiritual Covering of Light shone forth to the outside and became their outward clothing. As far as having a natural covering, they were naked, but they were not ashamed because they were clothed with the Light of God's Likeness and Image. Just as God dwells in Light, so did Adam-male and female dwell in the same Light. "And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed" (Genesis 2:25).

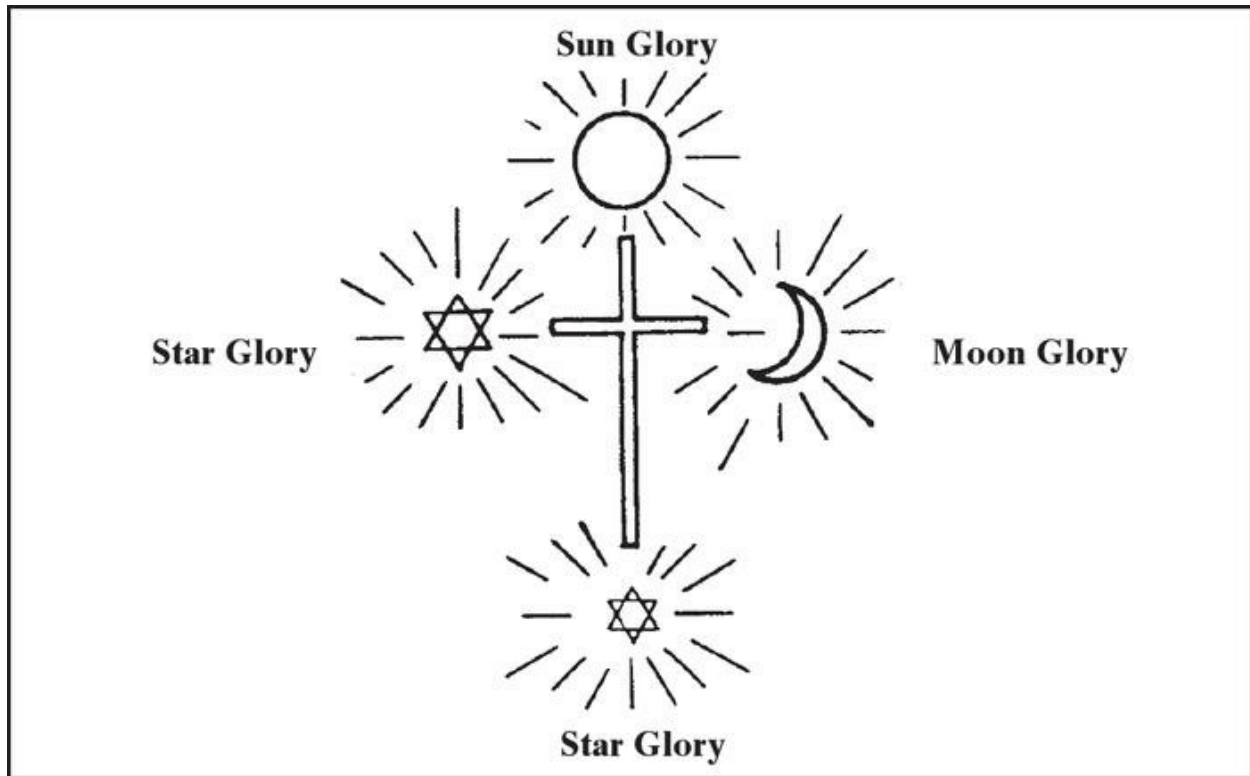
In Eternity, man again will be clothed in Light. The Apostle Paul explained this in the Book of Second Corinthians:

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be **clothed upon with our house which is from heaven**: If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked (II Corinthians 5:1-3).

This Scripture compares what will be man's new Glorified Body to a house and to clothing. In Eternity, man's new House or Clothing will shine according to the degree of Glory of Spiritual Stature that he has attained during his life on this Earth. This Truth was taught by the Apostle Paul in the Book of First Corinthians.

There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. **So also is the resurrection of the dead**. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: (I Corinthians 15:41,42).

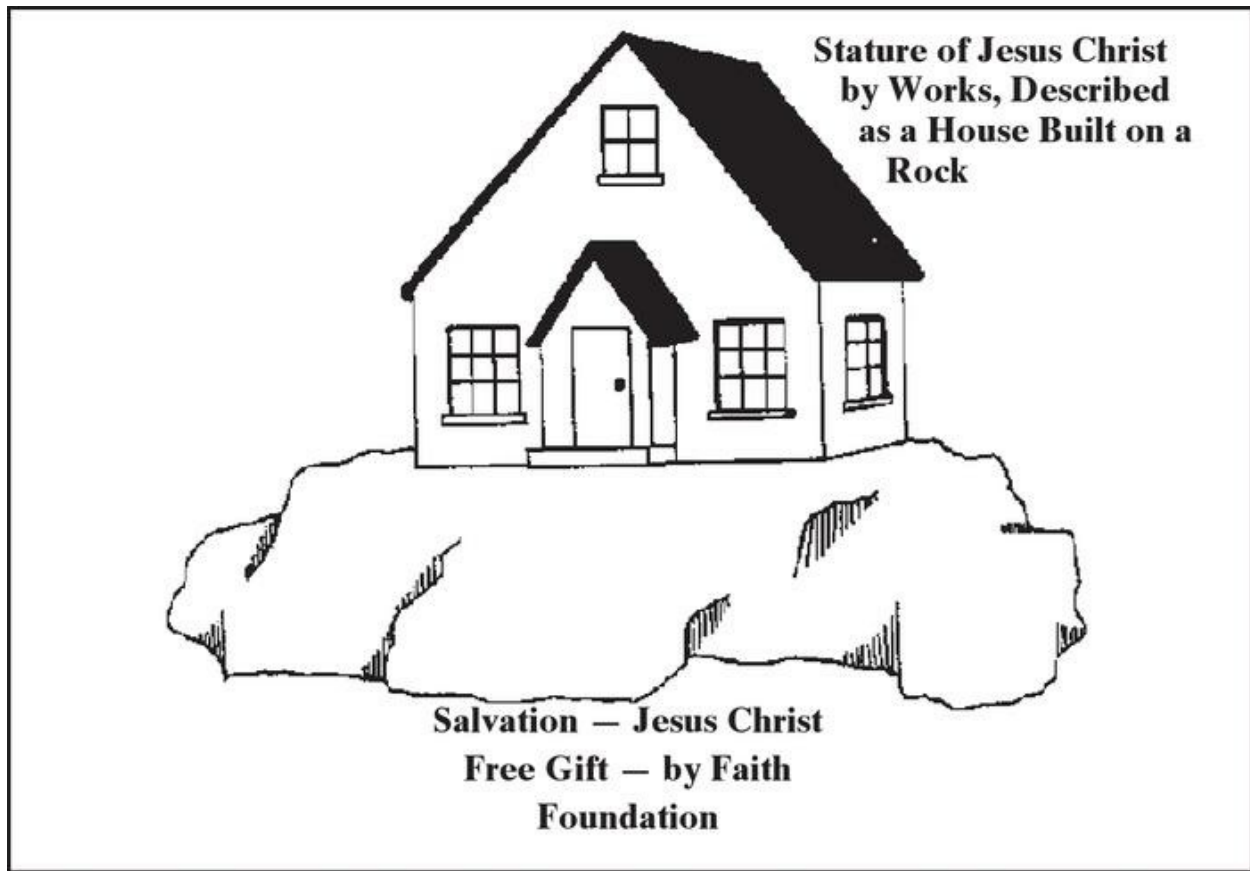
The Apostle used the natural glories of the stars, moon, and sun to portray and clarify the Spiritual Truth of the different degrees of God's Spiritual Glory that will be revealed in the resurrection. There are celestial bodies and terrestrial bodies, but their glories differ. The differences of glories in the celestial realm form a Stature of Truth that helps one understand the differences between the Glories that exist in the spiritual realm.



Based on their distance from the Earth, the various stars shine with different degrees of brilliancy and glory. Then, the next degree of light seen in the Heavens is reflected by the moon, whose glory exceeds that of the distant stars. Our sun, since it is the closest star to the Earth, radiates the brightest degree of glory and light. Then Paul said: "SO ALSO IS THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD."

In the resurrection, overcoming believers will be clothed with different degrees of Glory, depending upon the measure of Spiritual Stature they have gained in this life. It is *here* on Earth that each person chooses to build a Spiritual Stature in Christ Jesus.

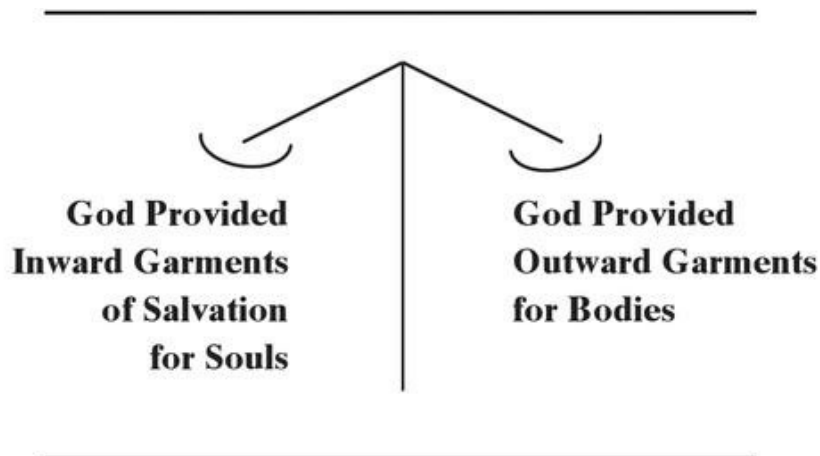
A Spiritual *House* is built upon the *foundation* of Salvation, which is a *Gift* from Christ Jesus.



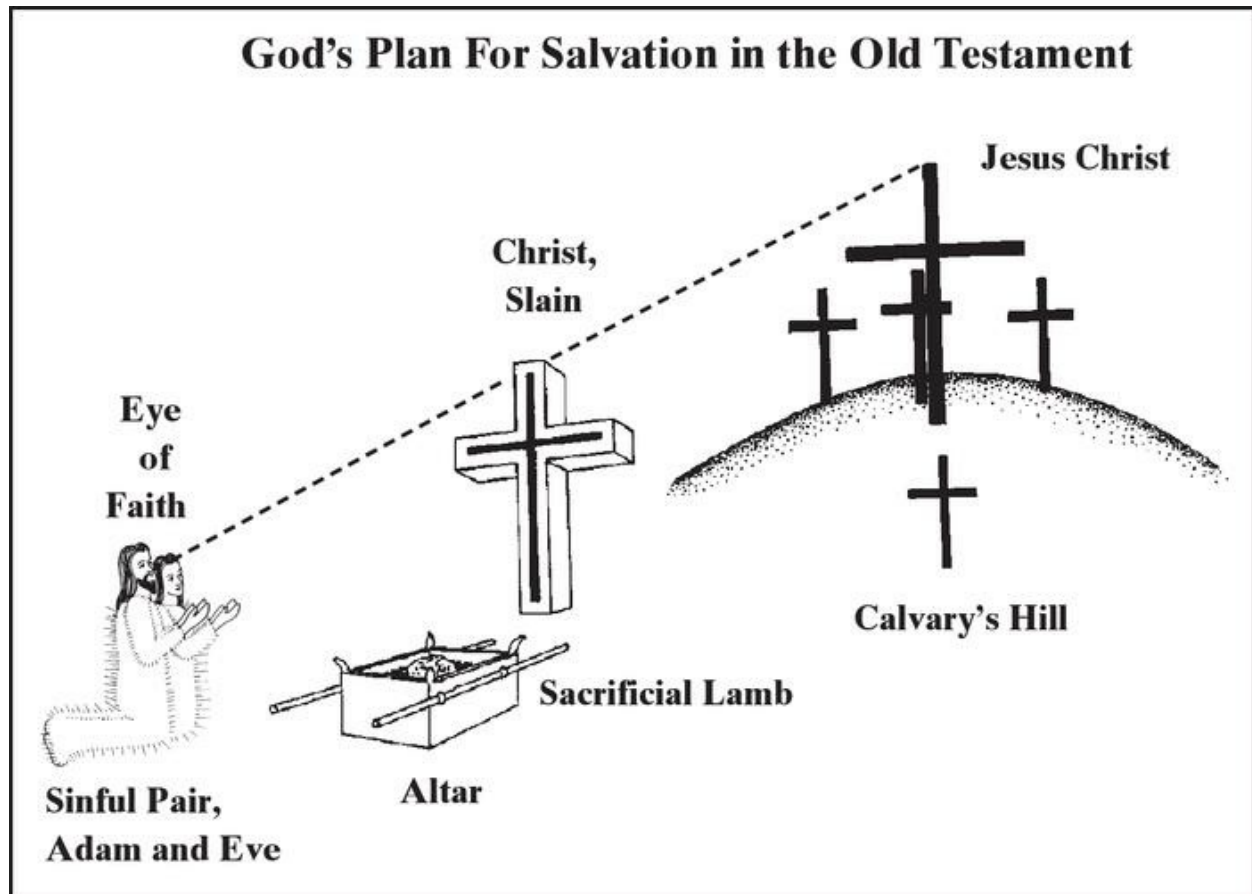
The degree of Glory that will radiate from a believer's Eternal Dress will depend upon how much he has worked in this life to erect the mature Stature of Christ Jesus upon the foundation of his Salvation, which he has received by Gift.

Shortly after being placed in the Garden of Eden, the man and the woman sinned against the Word of the LORD and lost their Likeness, their Image, and their Covering of Light. As long as they had their Covering of Light, they were not ashamed. However, when they lost their inward and outward clothing of Light, they became aware of their nakedness. Then, shame entered into their entire beings — their wills, hearts, spirits, souls, and bodies. In vain, they endeavoured to clothe themselves so that God could not see their nakedness. They could not clothe their bodies completely, nor could they make any type of inward clothing.

However, the LORD God, out of His great Grace and manifold Mercy, and with His own Hand, made garments to clothe Adam-male and female, both inwardly and outwardly.



In the Old Testament Dispensation, God's Plan was for Salvation to be accomplished through faith that looked *above* the visible animal sacrifice *toward* Christ (Who was slain from the foundation of the world) and *on to* the Cross of Calvary.



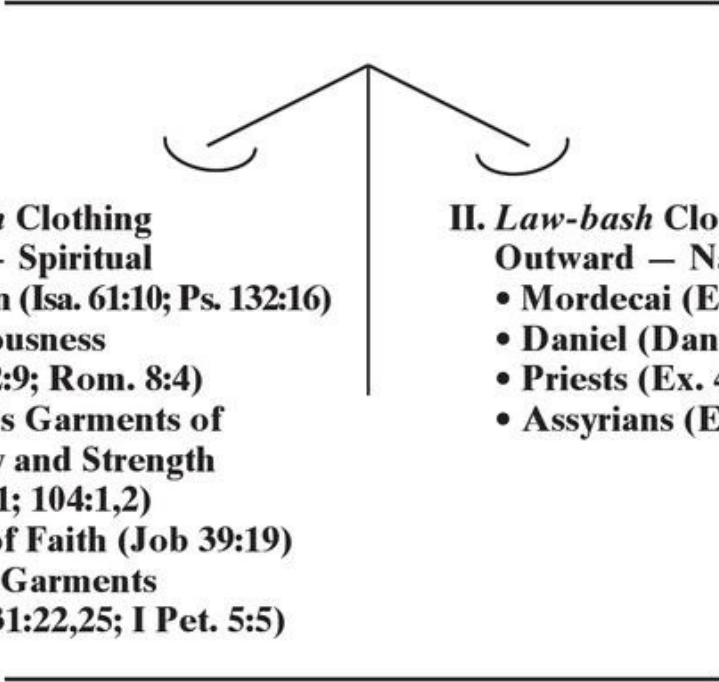
Christ's *Invisible Blood* gave power to the *visible blood of the animal* so that it could cover sin and clothe their souls with Salvation until Jesus Christ would appear in the fullness of time to redeem all who were under the Ceremonial Law. The Light of Salvation and Righteousness from Christ was like skins, clothing the will, heart, spirit, and soul (the inward parts) of Adam and Eve.

The LORD God used the skins of the animal sacrifice to make coats to clothe the naked bodies of Adam and Eve as a demonstration and picture of the new Coats or *Garments of Light and Glory* that God will use to clothe the resurrected bodies of His children when they are raised from the dead on resurrection morning.

The Hebrew word for *clothes* is *law-bash*, meaning to cover, to wrap around, clothe self, array self, and arm self.

God provided Garments of Light for the enlightening and sanctifying purpose of hiding the nakedness of the will of man, the heart of man, the spirit of man, and the soul of man.

There are many examples in the Word of God that prove that God has inward Spiritual Clothing with which to clothe His children. The Hebrew word *law-bash*, which has been translated as the word *clothe*, denotes both inward *and* outward clothing.



**I. *Law-bash* Clothing
Inward — Spiritual**

- **Salvation (Isa. 61:10; Ps. 132:16)**
- **Righteousness (Ps. 132:9; Rom. 8:4)**
- **LORD's Garments of Majesty and Strength (Ps. 93:1; 104:1,2)**
- **Horse of Faith (Job 39:19)**
- **Bride's Garments (Prov. 31:22,25; I Pet. 5:5)**

**II. *Law-bash* Clothing
Outward — Natural**

- **Mordecai (Est. 4:4)**
 - **Daniel (Dan. 5:29)**
 - **Priests (Ex. 40:14)**
 - **Assyrians (Eze. 23:12)**
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I. Inward Spiritual Clothing

The first inward Clothing that God gives repentant man is the Garment of Salvation.

A. The Clothing of Salvation

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; **for he hath clothed [law-bash] me with the garments of salvation**, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels (Isaiah 61:10).

I will also clothe [law-bash] her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy (Psalm 132:16).

God's Salvation consists of the act of saving, rescuing, and preserving from danger, destruction, and ruin, through the unspeakable Gift of His Son, the LORD Jesus Christ. Those who believe and receive Christ are delivered from the power of sin and from the woes of Death and Hell that are reserved for the unbelieving and the impenitent. God bestows upon believers endless Eternal Bliss and Felicity in Heaven.

Those who have been redeemed by the Blood of Jesus Christ and *clothed (law-bash)* with His Salvation have cause to rejoice in Him.

God promises to *clothe (law-bash)* His Priests with Salvation not only *for themselves but also for the sake of their preaching* so that they will be instrumental in the Salvation of those who hear them.

B. The Clothing of Righteousness

The second inward Clothing that God gives repentant man is Righteousness.

Let thy **priests be clothed [law-bash] with righteousness;** and let thy saints shout for joy (Psalm 132:9).

God saves His people so that He can *clothe (law-bash)* them with Righteousness or Deeds of Righteousness.

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

God saves His people and sets them in the way of the Spirit of Life so that the Moral Righteousness of the Law might be fulfilled in them or so that they might be clothed with Righteousness.

C. LORD Has Clothed Himself in Garments of Majesty and Strength

The LORD reigneth, he is **clothed [law-bash] with majesty; the LORD is clothed [law-bash] with strength**, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved (Psalm 93:1).

Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; **thou art clothed [law-bash] with honour and majesty**. Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain: (Psalm 104:1,2).

As the Omnipotent King Who rules in Glory and Power, the LORD God has clothed (*law-bash*) Himself with Majesty and Strength. God is Light (I John 1:5) and the Father of Lights (James 1:17); therefore, He clothes Himself with Honour, Majesty, and Light to bring His Wise Designs to birth and, then, to fruition.

D. God Has Clothed the Neck of the Horse of Faith with Thunder

Hast thou given the horse strength? hast thou **clothed [law-bash] his neck with thunder?** (Job 39:19).

This Scripture is not describing a natural horse. It is drawing out a word picture of the Horses of Faith upon which the Bride and Bridegroom will return to Earth (Revelation 19:14).

Thunder is a symbol of new unity and new harmony; therefore, the neck of the Horse of Faith is clothed with new Unity and new Harmony. When the armies of the LORD return to Earth with Him, their Horses of Faith will be clothed with perfect Unity and Harmony as they join with Christ to war against the Antichrist and his armies.

E. Bride Is Clothed in Garments of Strength and Honour

The Bride has to put on the Light of the Word so that Strength and Honour will be her Clothing.

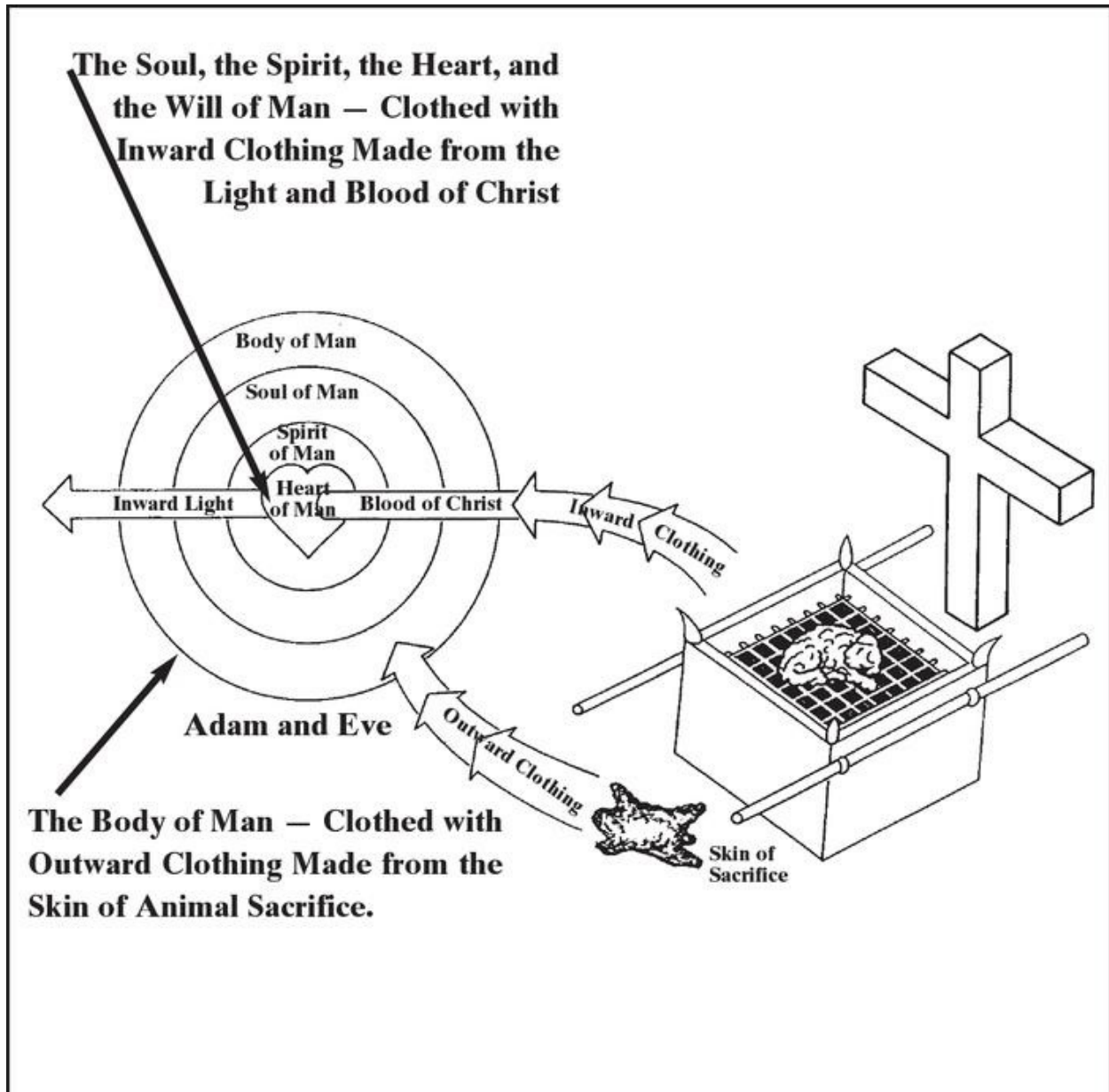
She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.... **Strength and honour are her clothing [law-bash]** and she shall rejoice in time to come (Proverbs 31:22,25).

God clothes the Bride of Christ in Garments of Strength and Honour as she bears the Cross of Christ, fellowshiping its shame and suffering. In time to come, when she beholds His Glory and Honour in the New City, the Bride will rejoice for the privilege she has had to suffer with Him.

The Bride is not afraid of winter's humility cold because she has clothed her household with the humility scarlet Truth that covers and protects them from the cold.

God commands the believer, through the Apostle Peter, to be clothed inwardly with the Humility of Christ. "Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, *and be clothed with humility*: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth Grace to the humble" (I Peter 5:5).

These examples have presented a small glimpse into the Word of God of what God's inward Spiritual Clothing (*law-bash*) is. Thus, it is clearly understood from God's Word that the LORD clothed Adam and Eve, inwardly, with robes of Salvation and Light through the Sacrifice of God's Invisible Lamb, Christ, Who was joined to the visible lamb of the sacrifice.



The Invisible Light and Blood of Christ, through the visible lamb sacrifice, wrought Salvation for Adam and Eve, clothing their wills, hearts, spirits, and souls, *inwardly*, while the polished, shining animals' skins clothed their bodies, *outwardly*. Their clothing was a prophetic witness of the "Light" that they would be clothed in at the Resurrection. Christ will complete His Redemptive Work of Grace by clothing the bodies of saints with His Resurrected "Skin" Glory at the Resurrection. Thus, the five parts of man (his will, heart, spirit, soul, and body) will be clothed, both inwardly and outwardly, with the Redemptive Grace of Jesus Christ. Five is the number of the Grace of God because it fills the believing and repentant man with inward Grace and, ultimately, with outward Grace.

The word *law-bash* also is used in the Word of God to describe *outward* clothing.

II. Outward Clothing

There are many examples in the Word of God which explain the use of the word *clothe*, or in Hebrew, *law-bash*. The following examples show that the word refers to outward clothing as well as to inward clothing.

A. Outward Clothing Provided for Mordecai

So Esther's maids and her chamberlains came and told it her. Then was the queen exceedingly grieved; and she sent raiment to **clothe** [*law-bash*] **Mordecai**, and to take away his sackcloth from him: but he received it not (Esther 4:4).

When wicked Haman sent letters commanding that all Jews be destroyed, slain, and caused to perish in one day, Mordecai rent his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes, which were outward signs of inward mourning, repentance, and contrition of heart. Queen Esther heard about Mordecai's condition and sent raiment to clothe him, outwardly, so that he could come inside the King's gate. However, Mordecai refused to clothe himself with the raiment Queen Esther had provided because he was determined to wait until he had seen God answer prayer and deliver the Jews from wicked Haman's verdict of death.

B. Outward Clothing Provided for Daniel

Then commanded Belshazzar, and they **clothed** [*law-bash*] **Daniel with scarlet**, and put a chain of gold about his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom (Daniel 5:29).

When the Hand of the LORD appeared and wrote a strange message on the wall of the palace where Belshazzar and his guests were drinking wine out of God's gold and silver vessels that had been taken out of the Temple in Jerusalem, Belshazzar was greatly frightened. Daniel was called, and the king requested that he interpret the strange writing on the wall. After Daniel had finished his interpretation, the King commanded that Daniel be *clothed (law-bash)* outwardly with royal purple and given the power to rule as one of the three kings of the kingdom.

C. Outward Clothing Provided for Priests

And thou shalt bring his sons, and **clothe** [*law-bash*] **them with coats**: (Exodus 40:14).

When all the furniture of the Mosaic Tabernacle was put into its proper place so that it formed a picture of the Stature of Jesus Christ, the furniture was sanctified unto God.

(This Truth is an instructive example to the believer, showing him that if he desires to be sanctified *wholly* and *Holy* unto the LORD God, he must find his proper place, which is always the place in which God has chosen to put him.)

After the furniture had been anointed, God called Aaron and his sons to be *clothed (law-bash)* outwardly in their priestly garments so that they could take on the burden of the ministry of the Tabernacle.

D. Outward Clothing Worn by Assyrians

She doted upon the Assyrians her neighbours, captains and rulers **clothed** [*law-bash*] **most gorgeously**, horsemen riding upon horses, all of them desirable young men (Ezekiel 23:12).

When Israel was backslidden from God and steeped in idolatrous worship, she lusted after the Assyrians who were gorgeously *clothed (law-bash)* outwardly in rich apparel and who rode upon fine horses.

The examples just cited clearly reveal that when the Hebrew word *law-bash* is used in God's Word it refers to *inward* as well as to *outward* clothing.

God *clothed* Adam and Eve within and without so that neither their inward nakedness nor their outward nakedness appeared before Him.



Since His Omnipresence was upon the lamb which was sacrificed in behalf of Adam and Eve, Christ, the Son of God, had to have been slain *prophetically*. Christ provided Redemptive Garments of Light, both inwardly and outwardly, on this day, as an example of His ultimate provision of Garments of Redemption for mankind through His Cross at Calvary.

And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of **the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world** (Revelation 13:8).

The Apostle John confirmed that Christ, the Lamb of God, was slain from the foundation of the world. God clothed the inside of the naked pair with inward Garments of Redemptive Light from the Christ. He clothed the outside of the naked pair with outward Garments of Redemptive Skins that were as smooth and beautiful as pearls because they were to picture the Resurrected “Skin” Glory that will clothe believers in the Resurrection.

The outward Garments of Skin were polished and shining and served as *Prophetic Lights* to remind Adam and Eve that they had followed the Serpent’s whisper and their own sensuous speculations into sinful disobedience. Therefore, they had forfeited their right to rule in this present Earth. Their outward Garments of Light were a constant prophecy that the world in which they now lived was *not* a paradise.

Man, today, lives in the same sin-cursed world, and it is *not* a paradise in spite of all the world’s extraordinary and remarkable inventions.

Because of His love for fallen mankind, God, with His own Holy Hands and out of His great Grace and manifold Mercy, provided Clothing for Adam and Eve, within and without. From the beginning, God established that the redemption of fallen, naked man completely depended upon the Provision of His Holy Hands. Through the Works of His loving Grace and His Holy Hands, the LORD God wrought an inward and outward Covering for the naked pair. Likewise, when Jesus Christ allowed the cruel Roman soldiers to nail His precious Hands to the Cross, He was weaving an Eternal Garment of glorious Light that would clothe mankind, inwardly and outwardly.

The naked pair in the Garden had to learn that they could neither save themselves from their nakedness, inwardly, nor outwardly. All mankind has to do is to believe and receive God’s Provision for them.

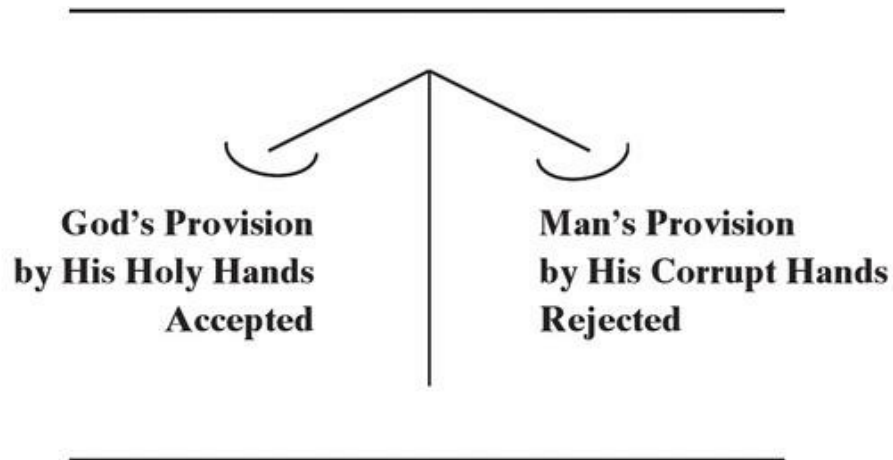
Although the Blood of Christ is not mentioned specifically in the Garden, it is obvious that God plainly revealed His Master Plan for Salvation through Blood Sacrifice because Abel demonstrated his belief and acceptance of God’s Provision and Master Plan for Salvation by sacrificing and shedding the blood of a lamb upon an altar to God.

While still living in the Garden, the sinful pair, Adam and Eve, clothed themselves, outwardly, with Aprons made of Fig Leaves. Their latest fashions, which were the works of their corrupt hands, appeared glorious and good. But, inwardly, they were clothed with the evil garments of sin and shame. They never should have expected to steal God's glorious Fig Leaves and, with their corrupt hands, be able to sew an outward Garment that could hide their nakedness from God. The efforts of the sinful pair could not clothe their *nephesh* souls, inwardly, with Good, Righteous Garments of Glory, Beauty, and Holiness, nor could they outwardly clothe their bodies with the same Garments of Glory, Beauty, and Holiness.

With His Righteous, Holy Hands, God made Provision through the Sacrifice of Christ, His only Begotten Son, to clothe the inner and outer nakedness of sinful mankind. The outer Clothing worn by Adam-male and female was an extension of their inner Garment of Glory, Beauty, and Holiness from Christ.

In His Great Mercy, the LORD God practiced loving Deeds of Grace, which He did by working with His own Holy Hands to provide Clothing from Christ to cover the naked pair. One Hebrew translation says: "And unto Adam and to his wife did the Eternal God make inner garments for the skin, and clothed them."

God's Son, the Lamb, the Christ, was slain *from the foundation of the world*, to provide Blood for cleansing and "Skin" for clothing. God prophetically sacrificed His Son, the Word, the Christ, in order to provide inner and outer Clothing for the naked pair.



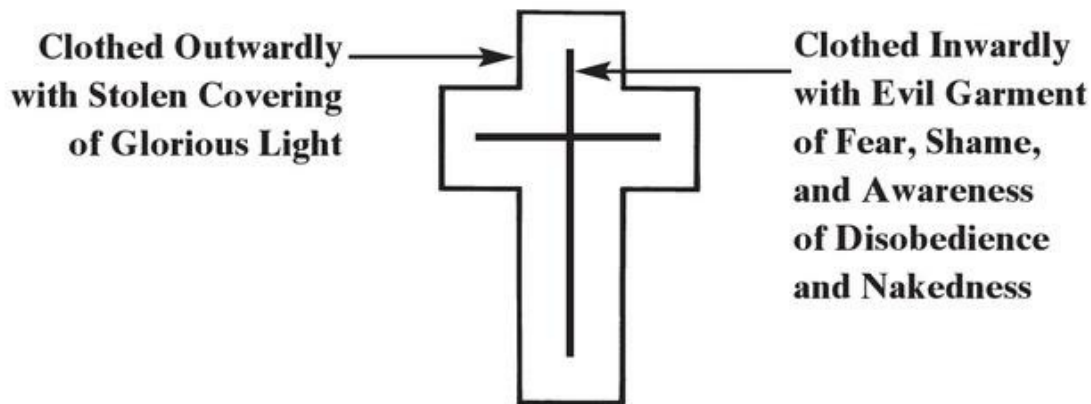
From the beginning, God established the Principle of Remission, the pardon of sin through sacrifice and the shedding of Blood.

In the midst of their pitiful plight, how grateful the fear-filled, slinking, shame-ridden pair must have been to discover God's Divine Provision of Remission of Sin. God's Holy Provision was acceptable both to Himself and to the guilty pair. Thus, the LORD God, the Owner and Master, wrought Remission and Reconciliation for Adam-male and female through the Blood of Jesus Christ.

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

Remission signifies the forgiveness of a debt and the canceling of the sentence of punishment which has been pronounced upon the convicted offender. Remission of sin is necessary in order for man to be reconciled to God. Only through the precious, shed Blood of Christ Jesus is forgiveness attainable and the cancellation of guilt possible. Until sin is removed through God's Provision of the Blood, there can be no agreement between the LORD God, Jesus Christ, and man, His creation. Sin separated man from God's Purpose and Will for him. Therefore, until sin is put away through the sacrificial Blood of Christ Jesus, the alienation between God and man grows.

When man fell into sin in the Garden, God revealed His Provision for spiritual forgiveness, pardon, and cleansing through the Blood. After Adam-male and Adam-female had sinned by disobeying God's Command, they tried to save themselves and restore their original condition with their own corrupt hands by fashioning Clothing of Light. They put forth their hands and stole some of God's Fig Leaves of Glorious Light from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil and tried to sew them together to form a glorious covering light that would look like their *original* Covering of Light. However, their efforts produced only a cheap imitation of the glorious Covering of Light that God had given them in the beginning.



In their shame, Adam-male and Adam-female hoped that their Aprons of glorious Fig Leaves, which they had made, would hide their nakedness. However, this was their own corrupt provision for their nakedness; therefore, it was an unacceptable covering to God because God could look through their corrupt Covering and see their sin, guilt, and nakedness.

The Clothing that Adam-male and female had devised to cover their nakedness was an *Apron*. The word for *apron* in Hebrew is *khaw-gore*, meaning to be afraid, appointed, gird, and to restrain on every side. They covered themselves, hoping to restrain their shame, nakedness, and sin so that it would remain unseen on the *inside*. Then, hopefully, the LORD God would not know they had disobeyed Him. However, their Fig Leaves could cover neither the outer nakedness and shame of their bodies nor the inner sinfulness, shame, and nakedness of their *nephesh* souls. The insufficient, stolen Fig Leaves could not prevent the LORD from seeing their outer and inner sin, shame, and nakedness. Neither could the stolen Fig Leaves protect them against the Death that God had said would come; nor could the Leaves protect them from the Serpent nor their own awareness of their nakedness, fear, and shame.

However, God mercifully made the necessary Provision for man's need. He provided Blood for the remission of their sins, and He provided a Covering for their naked *nephesh* souls and bodies. God covered their nakedness and shame with beautiful, lustrous "Skins" from Christ, the Son of God.

Although the word *Blood* is not directly mentioned in the Genesis account, it is clearly revealed in the Book of Revelation, chapter thirteen, verse eight, which says that Christ, the Lamb of God, was slain from the foundation of the world, which refers to the beginning of mankind upon this present Earth. Therefore, it is a very obvious fact that Christ's Blood was shed here on Earth and was the beginning of God's Law for Remission of Sins by Blood. It is also very obvious that since God made Coats of Skins for the inward and outward Clothing of the naked pair that Christ had to give up His Life in order to share His "Skin." So, through the shed Blood and Skin of Christ, God provided Remission for sins and Clothing for nakedness and shame.

Unquestionably, God began the entire process of man's redemption and reconciliation with the shedding of Blood. Without the shedding of Blood and Sacrifice, there is no remission of sins and no righteous "Skin" to cover man's nakedness — inside and outside.

Chapter Four

Historical Overview of the Unfolding of God's Master Plan for Remission of Sins Through Blood Sacrifice as Revealed Through Cain and Abel

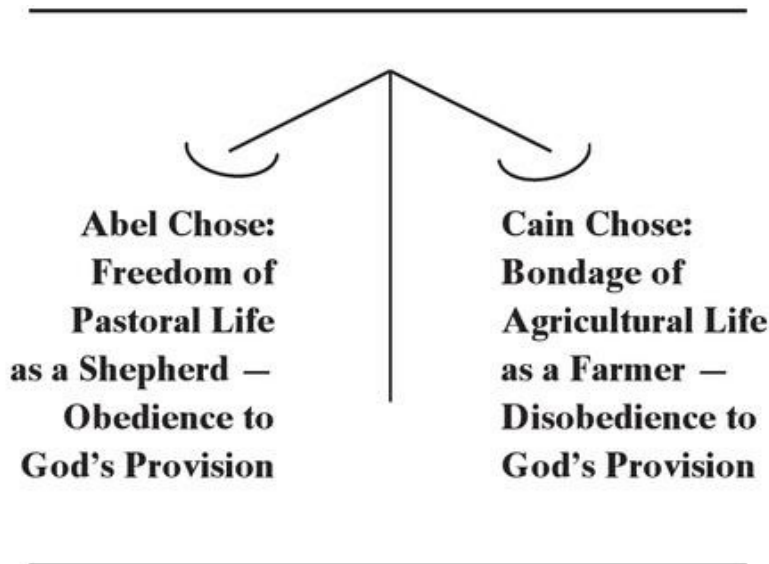
After God had cast man out of the Garden of Paradise, He continued to unfold His Master Plan and Provision for man's atonement through shed Blood and Sacrifice.

God gave mankind clean animals to use as a type of the shed Blood and Sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross until Jesus Christ would appear personally, in flesh, and go to the Cross to pour out His Blood for Remission of Sins and give His Body as a Sacrificial Covering for man's nakedness.

Without God's Master Plan and Divine Provision for Salvation, mankind would be hopelessly cursed, doomed, and lost.

The recorded story of Cain and Abel emphasizes the unfolding of God's Master Plan and Provision for Salvation through the shed Blood of a Sacrifice. Cain's experience teaches man what *not* to do, and Abel's experience teaches man what *to do* in order to obtain Salvation and, then, continue progressing in his spiritual education and moral development.

Although Cain and Abel were both sons of Adam and Eve, a sharp contrast can be seen in the choices made by the two men — from the choice of their occupations — to the choice they made to obey or disobey God's Master Plan, which called for them to implement God's Provision of a Blood Sacrifice in order to come before the LORD God.



God told Adam-male that as soon as he left the Garden he would have to earn his bread by the sweat of his brow. This was Adam's punishment for sinning against God's freely given Bread and Fruits in the Garden of Eden.

After Adam had left the Garden, he begat a son, Cain, who chose to follow the occupation of a farmer, which included the curse because God had put a curse on the ground. Instead of putting the LORD God, his Creator, first in his life, Cain allowed his agricultural pursuits to absorb and demand all his bodily strength and energy. Because the sweat of Cain's brow fertilized the soil and covered the fruits of his corrupt hands, he became proud of his possessions and accomplishments. Thus, through his sweat, Cain joined his spirit and soul to the low clods of earth.

This was the beginning of man's subjugating his spirit and soul to the soil, and it was the beginning of man's worship of the forces of nature.

In his son Cain, Adam reaped his idolatrous thoughts (which he had had *before* he was *redeemed* by God) of achieving Salvation by the works of his own corrupt hands. Cain thought his success was totally dependent upon the forces of nature. Therefore, he lost his awareness of God's Master Plan and Provision for Salvation. The drops of Cain's sweat became chains that bound his soul in captivity and servitude to the soil. He lost his freedom to meditate on God's Divine Provision and Master Plan for Salvation through shed Blood and Sacrifice.

Abel followed the thoughts of his *redeemed* father and mother. He chose the occupation of a shepherd that would give him the freedom and time to meditate and adorn his soul and spirit with the fairest Attributes of God's Love and Grace. While Abel's animals grazed on the grassy plains of earth, his spirit and soul grazed mentally on God's Master Plan and Provision for Salvation. Thus, he found suitable spiritual nourishment to restore and strengthen his soul and spirit so that he could obey God's provided Way of drawing near to the LORD God through Sacrifice and Blood.

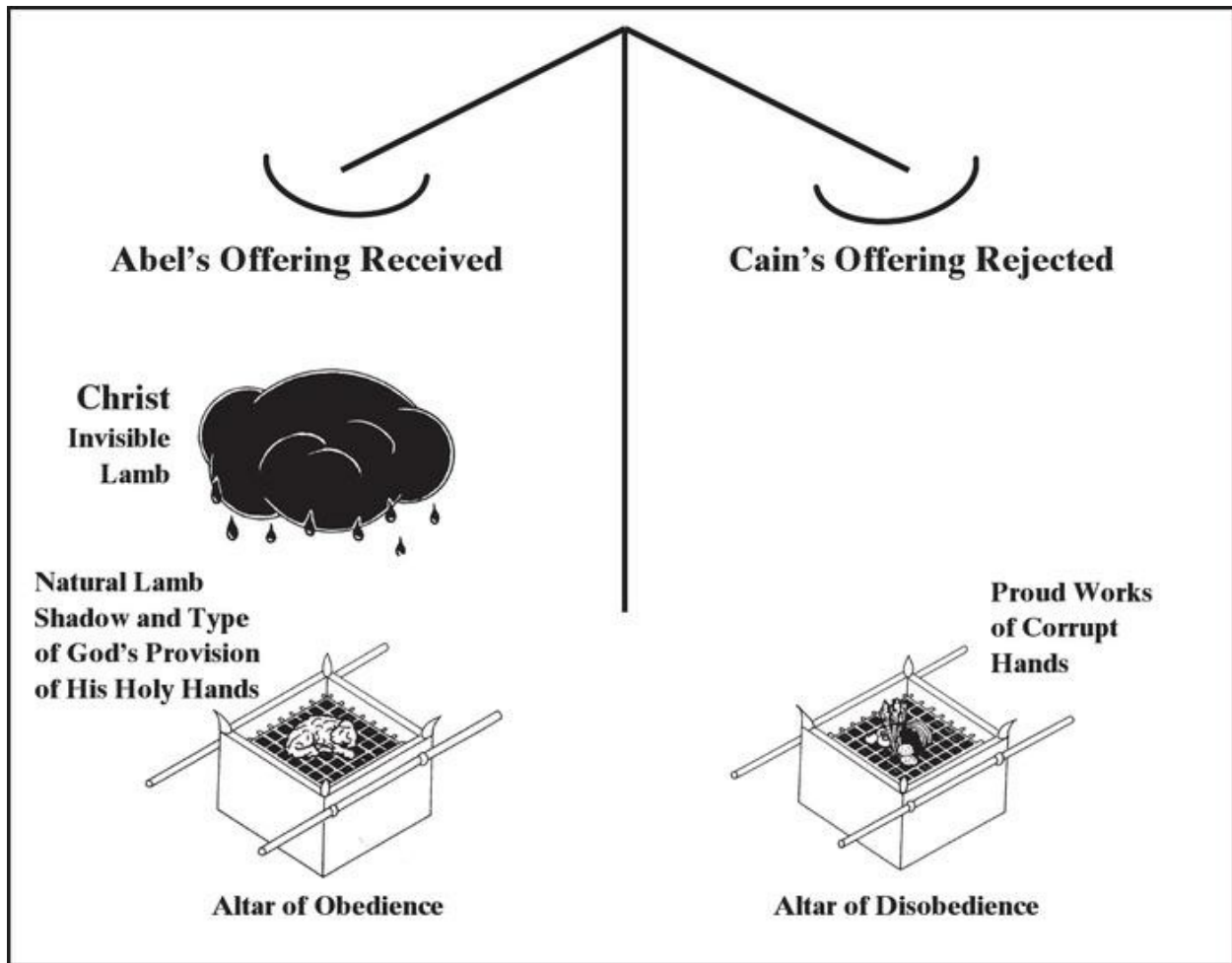
Today, as man seeks the suitable Food of Truth and assimilates it by mentally grazing upon it, he is nourished and strengthened to obey God's Will. Then, he can consider and ponder how he can share and fellowship God's Truth with others. In the course of such fellowship, each individual finds, in the other, the Truth that is complimentary to him.

The shepherd's animals do not owe their existence to man; they owe him only for the care they receive. The shepherd has only to lead his sheep to green pastures and still waters; then, the sheep find their own food and drink. Thus, with his mind free from the strain and worry of feeding the sheep, the shepherd is left with time to meditate on God's Goodness, Godliness, and His Provision of Salvation.

Unlike the animals which owe only for the care given by the shepherd, the seeds of agriculture owe their *existence* as plants to the farmer. The farmer has to prepare the soil and plant the seeds. After the tender shoots break through the earth, he has to work diligently to protect the growing plants by properly cultivating them until they reach maturity. It is easy, then, for the farmer to become totally absorbed in the soil and the plants. And, because his own sweat has helped to fertilize the plants, it is easy for him to become filled with pride of possession and pride of accomplishment.

This was true in the case of Cain. He proudly brought his possessions and accomplishments (which he had wrought through the efforts of his corrupt hands) to the LORD as an offering of pretended allegiance and subordination to God.

Abel, in humble obedience, brought a sacrificial lamb and shed blood according to God's Divine Provision.



Christ was slain from the foundation of the world; therefore, even in the Old Testament Dispensation, He took His place in the invisible realm above every true sacrifice of blood. God accepted man's sacrifice only when the Invisible Christ was present to overshadow the sacrifice. Only then did God send His Fire to devour the sacrifice. The Presence of the Christ made the Altar-table acceptable to God the Father and made the sacrifice palatable to the Fire of God.

Abel gave God's Altar the kind of food His Fire could devour. He placed upon God's Altar pleasant, precious, and satisfying food that God could eat by His Holy Fire. In the Old Testament, God accepted an offering only when the visible sacrifice and blood were accompanied by the Abiding Presence of Christ in the invisible realm. So, when Cain gave God's Altar despised food, God's Fire could not eat it because it was contrary to God's Provision for sin. Therefore, God completely "respected" Abel's offering and totally "disrespected" Cain's offering.

The same Principle is confirmed in the Book of Malachi:

A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name? Ye offer **polluted bread upon mine altar**; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the LORD is contemptible. And **if ye offer the blind for sacrifice**, is it not evil? and **if ye offer the lame and sick**, is it not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts (Malachi 1:6-8).

Israel, like Cain, disobeyed God's Provision for proper sacrifice. Natural children render honour to their fathers, and natural servants fear their masters. Yet, Israel dishonoured the LORD God, their true Owner and Master, by completely violating God's Provision for proper blood sacrifices, which served as food for God's Altar.

God required that only perfect, clean animals be offered upon His Altar because they were to be a picture of the perfect Body of Flesh that would be prepared for His Son to dwell in some day. God required pure Holy Bread for

His Altar because the Bread also was to represent the pure Living Body that God would prepare for His Son, Who one day would come down from Heaven to take up His abode in a Body.

Therefore, when Israel disobediently gave God's Altar polluted bread, God's Holy Fire could not eat it because it was not a picture of Jesus Christ, the Living Bread. Neither could God's Fire eat the blemished and maimed animals that Israel disobediently offered on the Altar, for they were not pictures of Jesus Christ, the spotless and Holy Lamb of God. Israel's irreverent attitude toward God's Old Testament Provision of Sacrifice and Shed Blood rendered God's Altar-table contemptible in God's eyes.

God completely respected His own Provision for Sacrifice and Shed Blood, and He completely disrespected all who disobeyed His Provision, whether it was Cain or the Nation of Israel.

Chapter Five

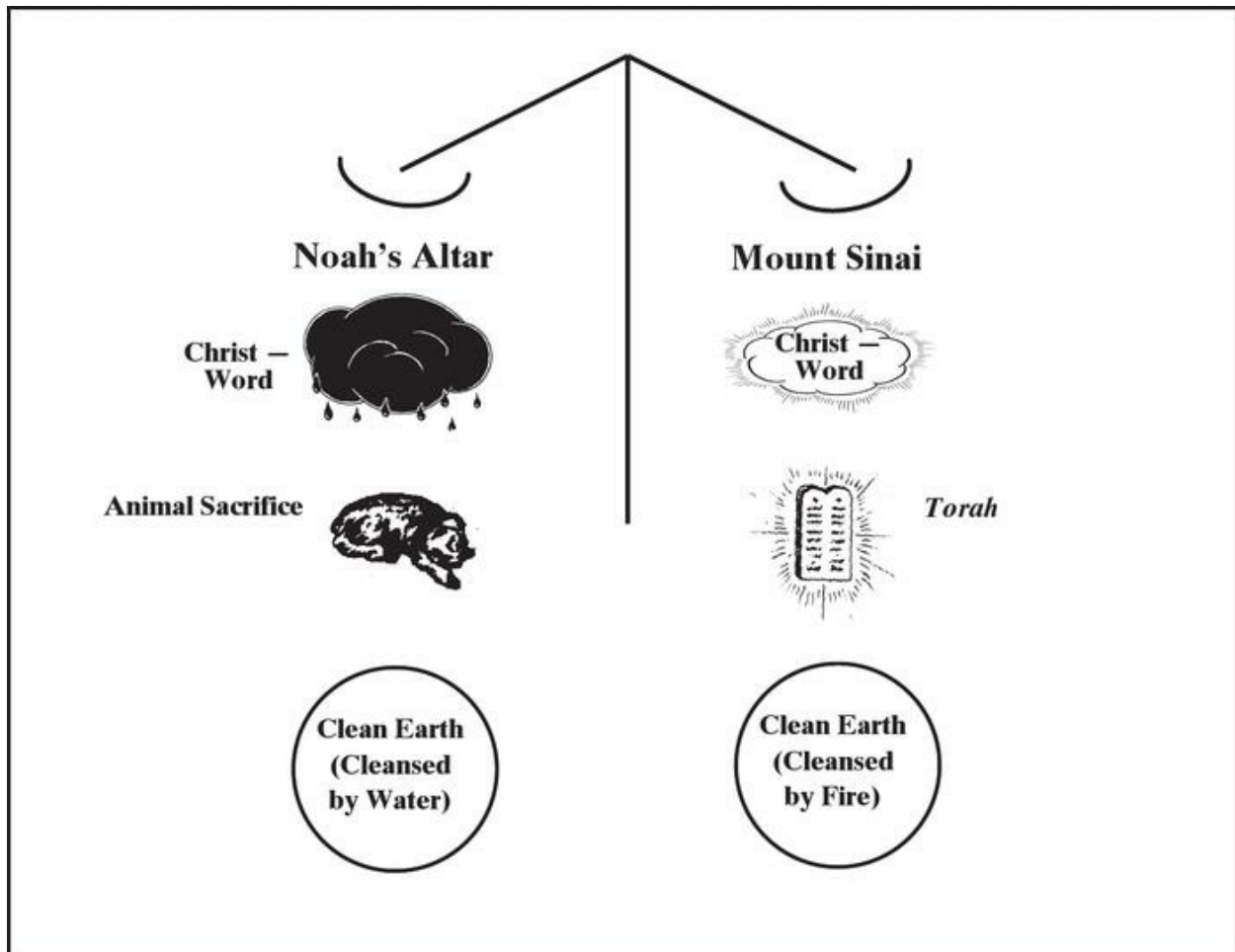
Historical Overview of the Unfolding of God's Master Plan for Remission of Sins Through Blood Sacrifice as Revealed Through Noah

The story of Noah is another historical example of God's Provision of Salvation by Blood.

And God spake unto Noah, saying, Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee. Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee, of all flesh, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth. And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him: Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, and whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark. **And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And the LORD smelled a sweet savour;** and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done. While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease (Genesis 8:15-22).

Noah's clean, sanctified altar of earth was a picture of Jesus Christ's clean, sanctified earthly Body or Altar upon which was poured His Holy shed Blood on the Cross.

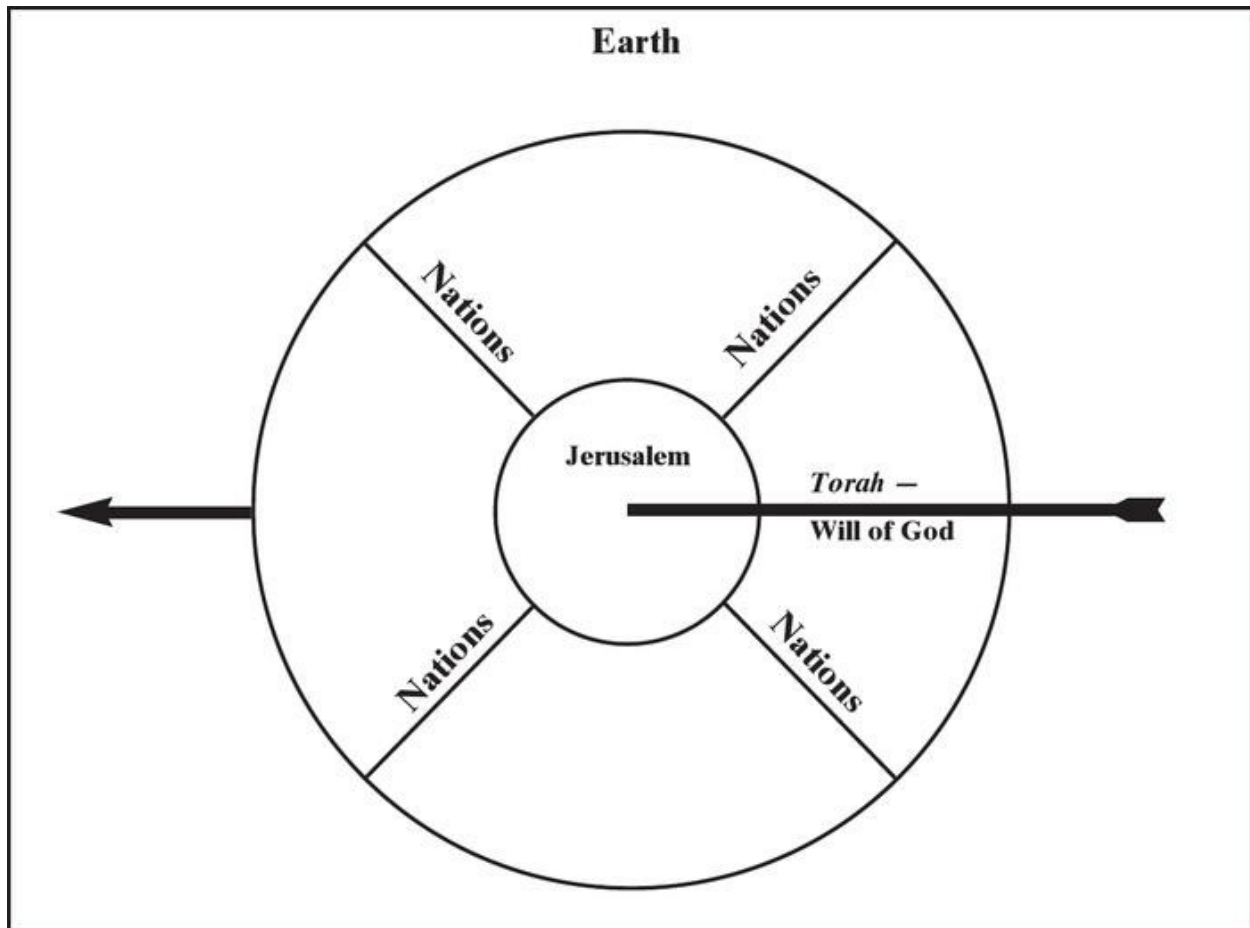
The elevated altar, which Noah built with clean earth that had been sanctified by God's Water, also represented Mount Sinai which was sanctified by God's Fire. God sanctified the earth on Mount Sinai with Fire so that His Word (the *Torah*, the Christ) could descend upon clean, new, fresh earth. Mount Sinai became an elevated Altar for the Word, the Christ, just as Noah's altar was an elevated place to offer the sacrifice which was overshadowed by Christ, the Word.



After the flood waters had receded and Noah and his family had stepped out of the Ark, the first thing Noah did was to build an altar and offer a blood sacrifice for the purpose of dedicating the whole Earth unto the LORD God, the true Owner and Master.

The Altar that God built, called Mount Sinai, was for the purpose of dedicating the whole Earth unto the LORD God so that the whole Earth might come to the Knowledge of His Word (His *Torah*, His Christ).

God's Master Plan called for the whole Earth to come to Jerusalem and learn of His *Torah* because He dedicated the whole Earth for this purpose at Mount Sinai. God entrusted His *Torah* to Israel and designed that, from out of Jerusalem, she should teach the whole world His *Torah*. His desire was for the Fountain of Truth of the *Torah* to flow out of Jerusalem to the ends of the Earth.

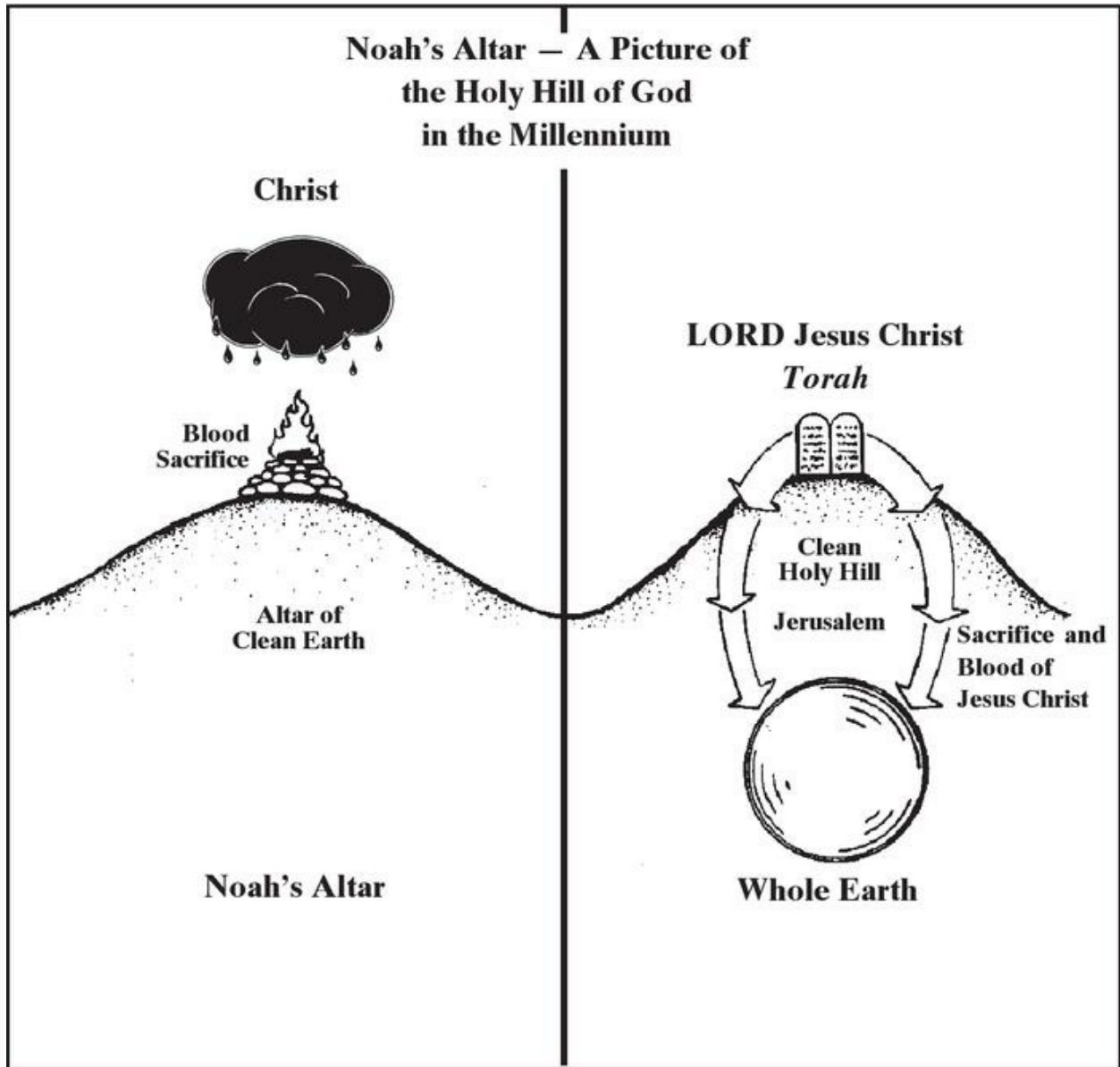


Israel's ingratitude for God's Holy *Torah* was manifested in her disobedience to God's *Torah*, the Law. Her ingratitude and disobedience made her an unworthy guardian of God's *Torah*. So, God reversed His *Blessed Plan* and instituted His *Judgment Plan*. Instead of drawing the nations of the Earth to Jerusalem to learn of the *Torah*, God scattered Israel among the nations of the Earth.

Through idolatrous, wicked disobedience, Israel (God's natural Bride) robbed herself and the other nations of the Earth of the privilege of learning God's Holy *Torah*, according to God's Holy Will.

God's Master Plan will not be thwarted. God still will fulfill His Master Plan through the Bridegroom, Jesus Christ, and His Spiritual Bride during the Millennium. Because the LORD Jesus Christ is the Owner and Master of all creation, He ultimately will accomplish His Father's Will in every creature by teaching them the Holy Ways of the *Torah*.

Noah's sanctified altar of clean earth, with its blood and sacrifice and the Invisible Presence of Christ upon it, was also a picture of the Holy Hill of God in the Millennium. During the Millennial Reign of the LORD Jesus Christ, the whole Earth will be sanctified by the Glory of the LORD, and all the things therein will be dedicated Holy and wholly for God's service.



And it shall come to pass in the last days, that **the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.** And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem (Isaiah 2:2,3).

The whole world will flow, as one full stream, up to God's Holy Hill, Mount Moriah. The people of the Earth will go up together. They will strengthen each other's hearts and minds to go up to Jerusalem to God's Holy Altar and learn of His *Torah*. God's *Torah* reveals the Way of His Humility Mind in Christ Jesus. God's Grace and Glory strengthen the feet to walk in the paths of His Moral *Torah*.

The LORD Jesus Christ commanded His Disciples to tarry in Jerusalem until they were endued with Power to open the Fountain of the Gospel in Jerusalem and send its Streams flowing outward to the whole world. Likewise, in the time of the Millennial Reign, the LORD Jesus Christ and His anointed Bride will open the Fountain of the *Torah*, sending its Moral, Righteous Streams flowing into the whole world. The *Torah's* Message of complete dedication to God's Service, through the *Torah* and the Blood Sacrifice of Christ Jesus on the Cross, will be proclaimed in all the Earth.

In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD's house shall be like the bowls before the altar. Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and see the therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts (Zechariah 14:20,21).

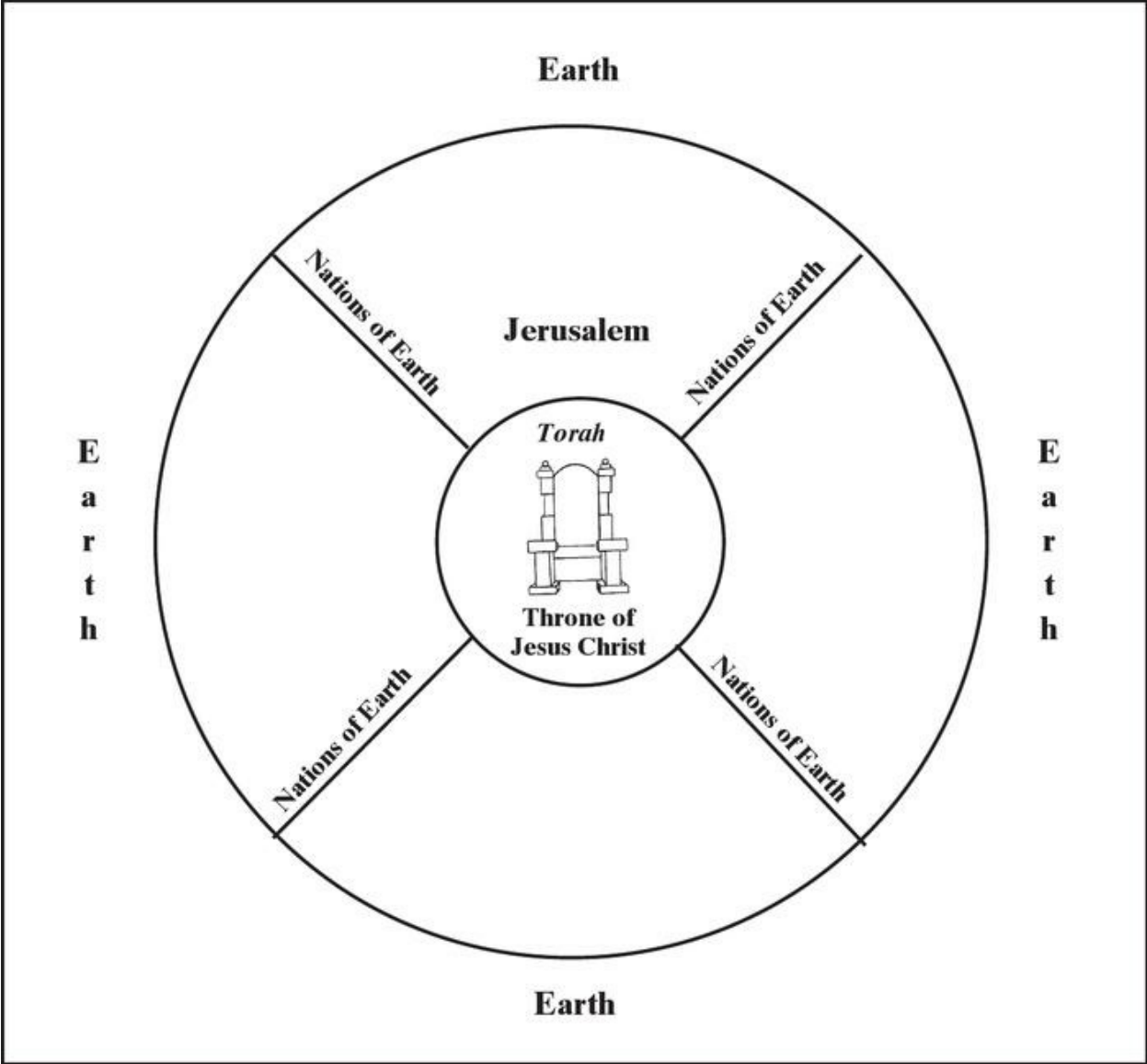
During the Millennial Reign of Christ, there will be a complete dedication to God of everyone and everything in Jerusalem. Jesus Christ's Whole Burnt Offering Blood and His complete dedication to His Father's Service on the Cross will be shared in Jerusalem and in the whole world.

Also, during the Millennial Reign, even the bells on the horses' bridles will say "Holiness unto the LORD," which was the inscription on the head-plate worn by the High Priest in the Old Testament Dispensation. The horse, his bridle, and his bells will acknowledge that the LORD God is the Master and Owner and that they have no other reason or purpose for existing except for complete dedication to the Service of the LORD God. The bells or tinkling ornaments no longer will be falsely dedicated to glorify and call attention to the lustful feet of mankind.

Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a **tinkling with their feet** (Isaiah 3:16).

Zion's daughters had not walked in complete dedication to the LORD God as their Master and Owner. Instead, they had walked with their necks stretched forth, their heads in the air, and their wanton eyes ogling in every direction. They went tripping along with tinkling bells on their feet, always calling attention to themselves instead of the LORD God. They never learned the *Torah's* Message of complete dedication to God. They never learned that all things were created and continue to exist for the purpose of being completely dedicated to God.

In the Millennium, when all is made Holy in Jerusalem in Mount Zion, by the Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ, and when Israel's King, the LORD Jesus Christ, sits upon His Throne in Jerusalem, all the nations of the world will come to learn of His *Torah*.



Every bell and every pot in Jerusalem will be dedicated, completely, to the service of the LORD God, the true Owner and Master.

Certainly, then, saved believers in this present time should be willing to allow the sacrificial Blood of Christ's Whole Burnt Offering to bring them into complete dedication to the LORD God as the Master and Owner and to His Service. Believers, as a whole, need a new birth into the Empirical Knowledge that Christ is the true Owner and Master. Once a believer has experienced such a birth, he becomes consciously aware that the complete reason for his existence is to love and to serve the LORD Jesus Christ with all his heart and mind, and not himself.

Chapter Six

Historical Overview of the Unfolding of God's Master Plan for Remission of Sins Through Blood Sacrifice as Revealed Through Abraham

Abraham is another historical example of one who had a clear revelation of the LORD God as his Owner and Master. He also had a clear understanding of God's Provision of Blood Sacrifice for Sin, for total dedication, and for cheerful obedience to God's *Torah*.

God called Abraham to perform a monumental task when He asked him to offer, upon the altar of sacrifice, the only son he had begotten by his wife Sarah. God's Purpose in calling Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac was to awaken Abraham's heart to complete isolation from all creatures and to awaken him to a new, complete attachment of himself to the LORD God, the Owner and Master of his fate and destiny.

Abraham obeyed the LORD God with great, intense dedication. Abraham's obedience was not just important to him, alone, at his present time; it also demonstrated God's Principle of Sacrifice for the future and served as an instructive example for *all* time.

Abraham walked up Mount Moriah with determination and confidence. He went up from all earthly existence and gave himself to the LORD God in a new Union, hithertofore unknown by him. In order to obey God's Call to offer his son upon the altar, Abraham had to renounce all his earthly comprehension and understanding. He had to be like the Seraphim Angels, in that he covered his eyes so that he would not *see* where he was going, and he covered his feet so that he would not *know* where he was going. He walked up the mountain with steadfast faith and confidence in the LORD God as his Owner and Master. Abraham demonstrated his complete faith in God's Provision of Blood, even if it meant offering the blood of his only begotten son Isaac.

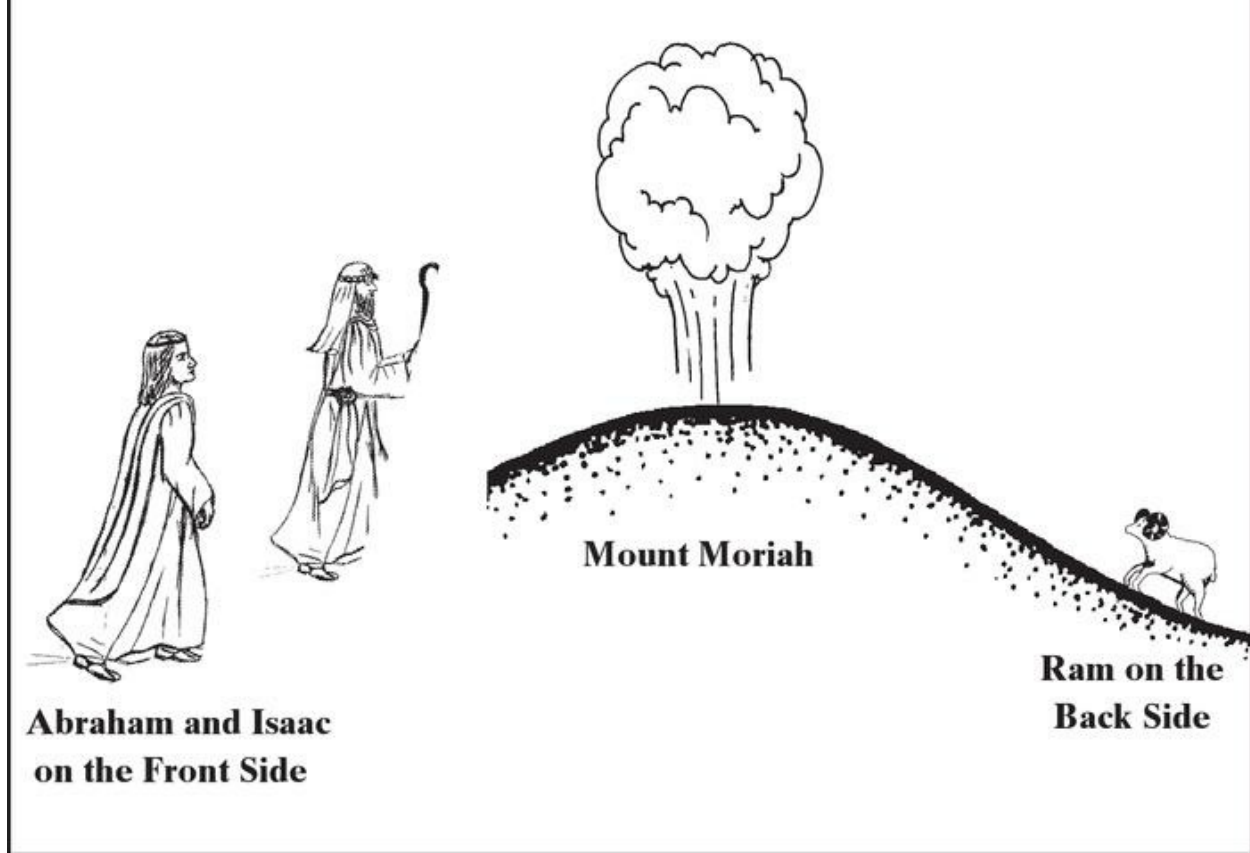
As the two walked up the mountainside, Isaac spoke to his father, saying: "...Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" (Genesis 22:7). Abraham replied: "...My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering:..." (Genesis 22:8). From the beginning, Abraham knew that it was God's responsibility to provide the Blood for Remission of Sin and a Sacrifice for a Righteous Coat to cover the nakedness of the *nephesh* soul.

After Abraham had proven his faith in God's Provision by building an altar and binding his son upon the altar, God showed him a ram to offer in the place of his son. Abraham was applauded and approved by God for his great faith and trust in Him. From the beginning, God had known theoretically about Abraham's faithfulness and reverence. But, because of Abraham's obedience in his heart up to this point, God knew experientially that Abraham feared Him. God accepted Abraham's willingness to offer his son as though the deed itself were done.

The evidence that a person fears God is demonstrated in his willingness to offer his dearest possession to Him.

When God saw Abraham's willing, obedient heart, He showed Abraham His Provision that He already had made in the form of a ram.

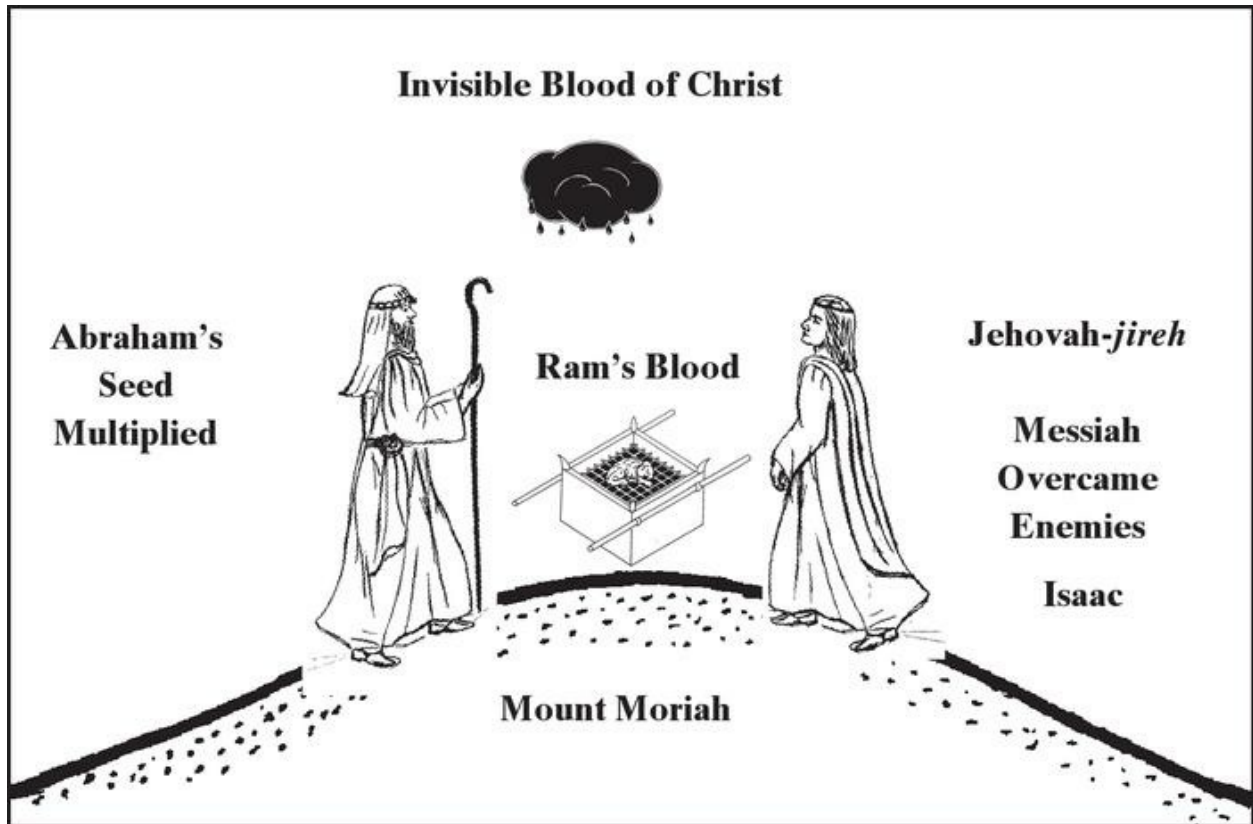
God's Provision of a Sacrifice



When Abraham and Isaac began their ascent on the front side of the mountain, God had His ram start ascending on the back side of the mountain. God never purposed for Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, literally, on the altar. He desired to inspect the depth of Abraham's reverence for Him as the Owner and Master. So, by the time Abraham had climbed his "mountain of surrender" (Moriah), he found that God had made His own Provision for a blood sacrifice.

On Mount Moriah (meaning "Seen of Jah"), God established His Holy, Secret Name of *Jehovah-jireh* (God will provide). Abraham saw how the LORD God, his Master and Owner, had seen the situation all the time. He beheld how God had seen the thoughts and intents of his heart all along. Abraham perceived that the LORD God had brought him to Mount Moriah only for a searching out of the depths of his heart and will. Abraham saw that he had been called to Mount Moriah so that he could manifest the depths of his love, reverence, and surrender to the LORD God, his Owner and Master.

Later in Israel's history, Solomon's Temple was built on Mount Moriah, and God required all adult males of Israel to appear there three times a year in order to be seen of the LORD. On these three major occasions, the LORD God inspected their inner devotion and the depths of their sacrificial dedication to Him, as He had done with Abraham. The LORD looked to see if each man's whole being, like Abraham's, was lovingly, reverently, and obediently joined to Him.

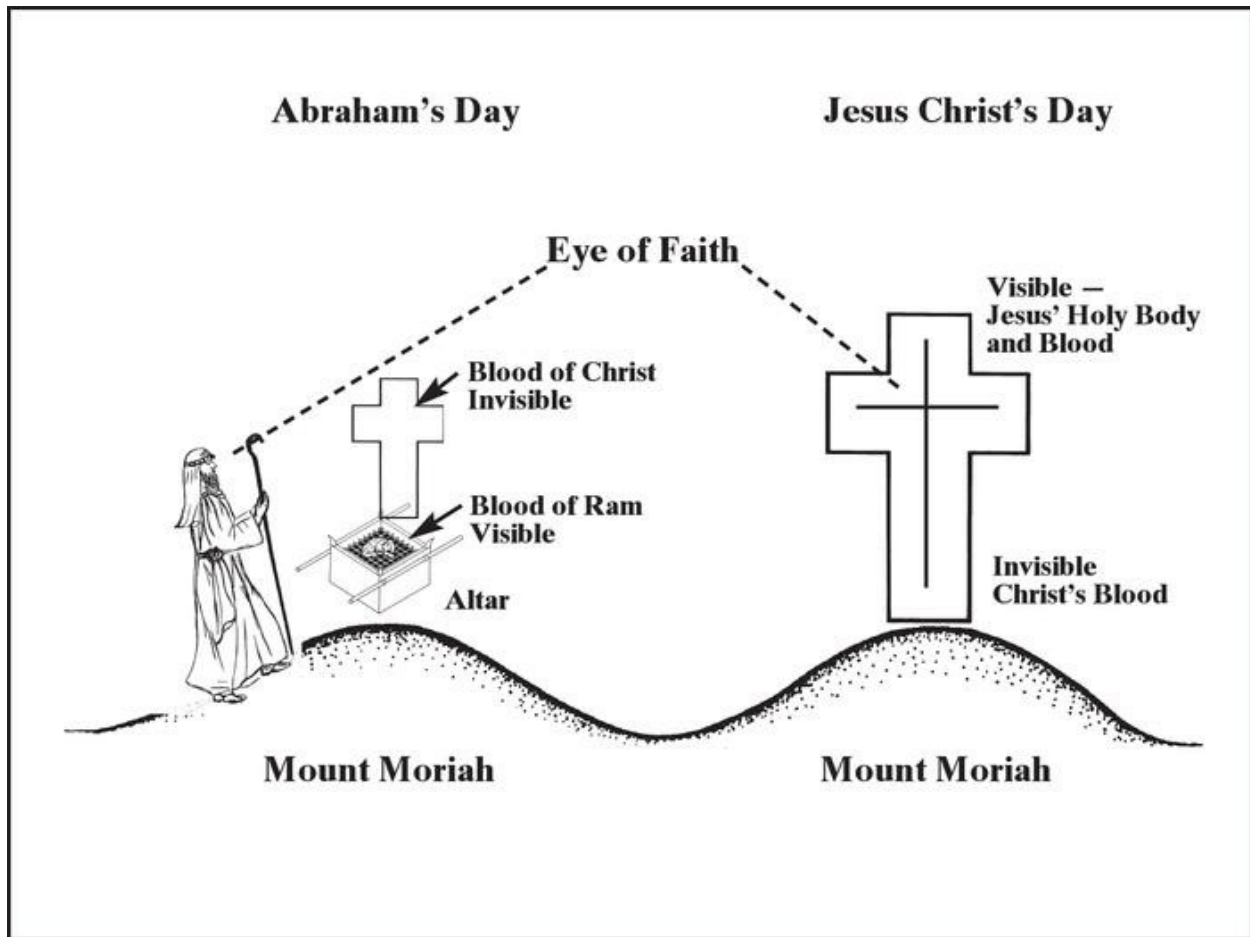


Only after Abraham had offered the ram and its blood, which was attached to the Invisible Blood of Christ, did the LORD tell Abraham of His Secret Name of *Jehovah-jireh*; of the multiplied blessing that would come through Abraham's seed; and of the Seed of the Messiah Who would overcome all enemies. God revealed to Abraham that the Invisible Blood of Christ that rested on his ram-offering would be seen one day on Mount Moriah in the person of the LORD Jesus Christ.

Because Abraham had *prophetic* faith in the revelation that God gave to him, his vision went beyond the shadow and type, which was God's Provision of Christ's Blood joined to the ram's blood, and he saw the future day when Jesus Christ would be born of the Virgin Mary and the Divine Blood of Christ would be joined to the pure Blood of Jesus, the Son of Man. Many generations later, at the appointed time, God revealed, to Heaven and Earth, the birth of His Eternal Lamb, Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is God's Eternal Provision for Remission of Sins: He is God's Eternal Provision of a Robe of Righteousness to cover man's nakedness; and, He is God's Eternal Master and Owner of all creation.

Jesus Christ bore witness that Abraham had seen "His Day" when he was on Mount Moriah.



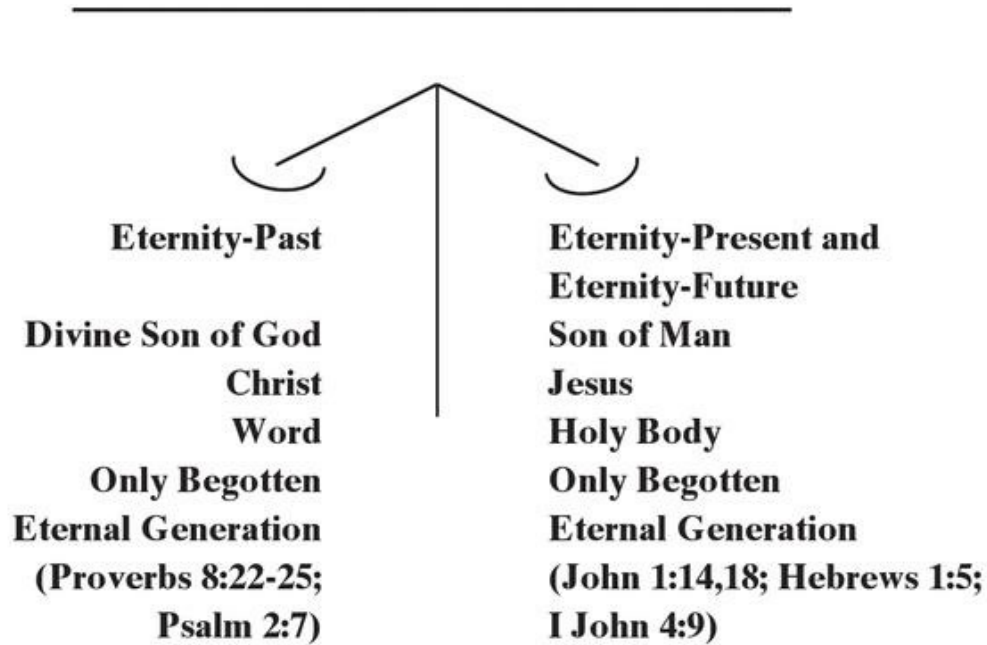
Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am (John 8:56-58).

By the Spirit of Prophecy, Abraham saw the Day when the Blood of Christ, the Holy Son of God, instead of resting upon an animal's visible blood, would have a Visible, Holy Body in which to dwell, even Jesus, the Son of Man's Body.

And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that **holy thing which shall be born of thee** shall be called the Son of God (Luke 1:35).

Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but **a body hast thou prepared me:** (Hebrews 10:5).

The Holy Body of Jesus was not conceived by ordinary generation. It was the Work of the Heavenly Father and the Holy Ghost. Therefore, Jesus did not share in the common corruption and pollution of human nature. This "Holy Thing," this Union of Christ's Divine Blood and Jesus' Human Blood, was called the "Son of God." The Body of Jesus was conceived by the Eternal Generation of the Heavenly Father and the Holy Ghost. Therefore, He was the *only Begotten Son of God*, both Divinely and Humanly.



When Abraham saw the Day of Jesus Christ, his heart was glad, and he joyfully welcomed Christ's appearance in the "Holy Tabernacle" made by the Father's Eternal Generation. Abraham was delighted and happy about what he saw of God's gracious Favour to himself on Mount Moriah in his day, and he was exceedingly elated and joyful about what he saw of God's gracious Favour to the whole world on Mount Moriah in Jesus Christ's Day. In his day, Abraham embraced God's new vision of Jesus Christ with gladness of heart and with joy unspeakable in his soul.

The Jewish people in Jesus Christ's Day professed to be Abraham's sons, but they had neither Abraham's heart to embrace the Promises of Jesus Christ nor Abraham's eye of faith to look upon Jesus as their Eternal Sacrificial Lamb. In his day, Abraham received Jesus Christ, by faith, on Mount Moriah, but the Jews who lived in the Day of Jesus Christ rejected Him on Mount Moriah. The LORD God searched out the heart of Israel on Mount Moriah in the Day of Jesus Christ and found her unworthy. Then, He scattered Israel to the nations of the Earth and sent the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Gentile nations of the Earth.

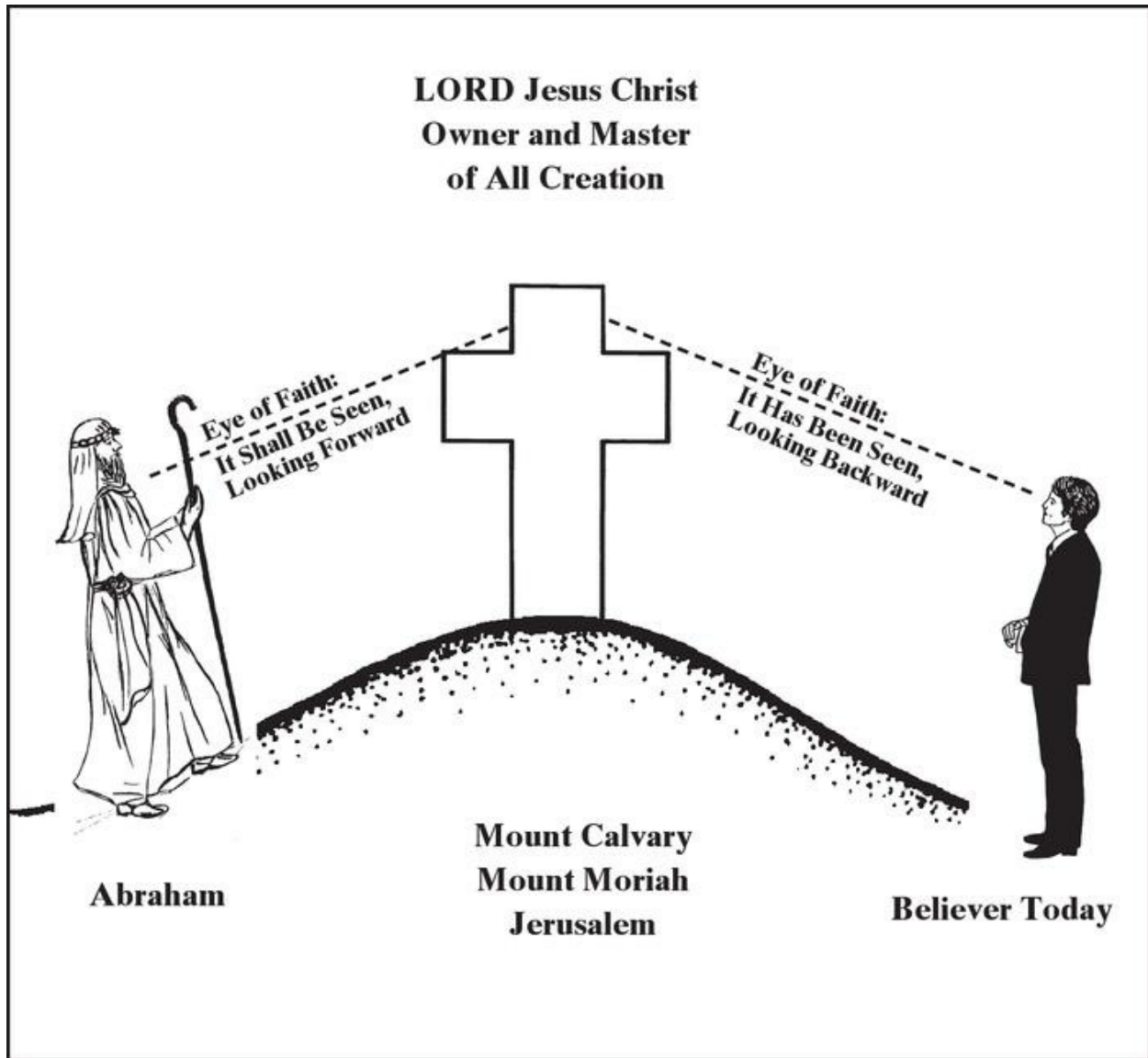
Abraham was the first person to set the example of worshipping the LORD God, the Master and Owner, on Mount Moriah, by laying all precious, priceless Treasures of Life and blessed Gifts of Life at the LORD'S Feet. On Mount Moriah, Abraham's heart was revived and renewed in the Truth that the LORD God is the true Master and Owner of all Life — through His Son, the LORD Jesus Christ. Thus, Abraham became an instructive example for all past, present, and future creation, teaching all men everywhere how to worship the LORD Jesus Christ by giving all Gifts of Life back to Him.

As a monument to his prophetic faith, Abraham called Mount Moriah the place of Jehovah-*jireh*.

...as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD [the Lamb of God, the Christ, Owner and Master of all creation] it shall be seen (Genesis 22:14).

Abraham did not visibly see the LORD Jesus Christ in his Day; he saw only the ram, the shadow and type. Still he said, "It shall be seen."

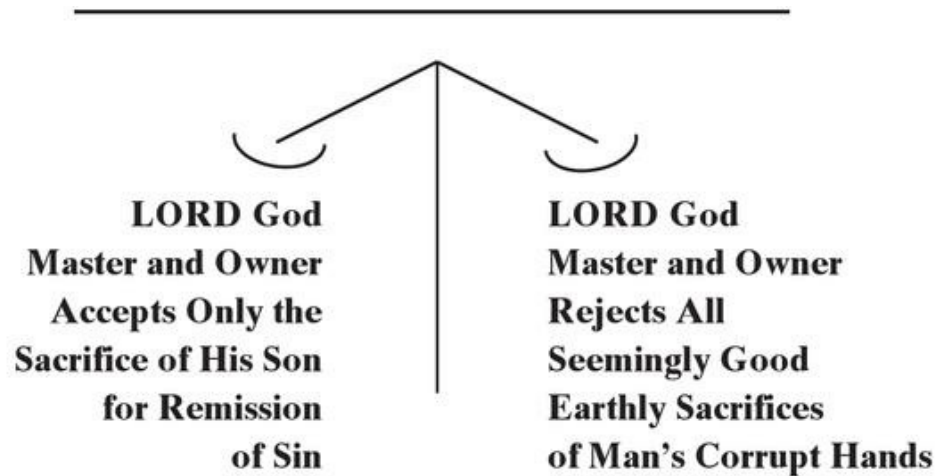
If only mankind could have Abraham's prophetic faith to see God's Provision! The LORD God, the Father, has provided man with a Saviour, a Master and Owner, to save him and give him all precious, priceless, and blessed Treasures of Life. Abraham looked forward, prophetically, and said, "It *shall* be seen." This side of the Cross, man looks backward prophetically and says, "It *has been seen*" — on Mount Calvary or Mount Moriah. Hallelujah!



If all mankind could see God's precious, priceless, and blessed Provision, the LORD Jesus Christ, the Owner, Master, and Saviour, they would save the energy they have wasted in trying to make a corrupt apron, as Adam did, that cannot cover them from the Eyes of God nor defend them against the enemies of sin, Death, and the Serpent.

Although fallen man, today, is not using Adam's literal Fig Leaves of Glory for a Covering, he is, nonetheless, practicing the same principle of trying to redeem himself apart from God's Provision, which is the Blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ. People join churches and clubs, give to charity, and perform many other apparently good and glorious deeds, which leave them feeling very proud of their man-made "apron" of accomplishments. They have the strong impression that these "deeds" will defend them against the penalty of Death and Hell in the great Judgment Day. Little do people realize that God refuses and rejects all the offerings of "man's" Salvation. God the Father accepts only the Sacrifice and Blood which His Son, Jesus Christ, shed for the remission of man's sins and for man's reconciliation to God. The Blood of Jesus Christ is God's Eternal Provision.

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).



God has made no other Provision for the Salvation of mankind except through the LORD Jesus Christ!

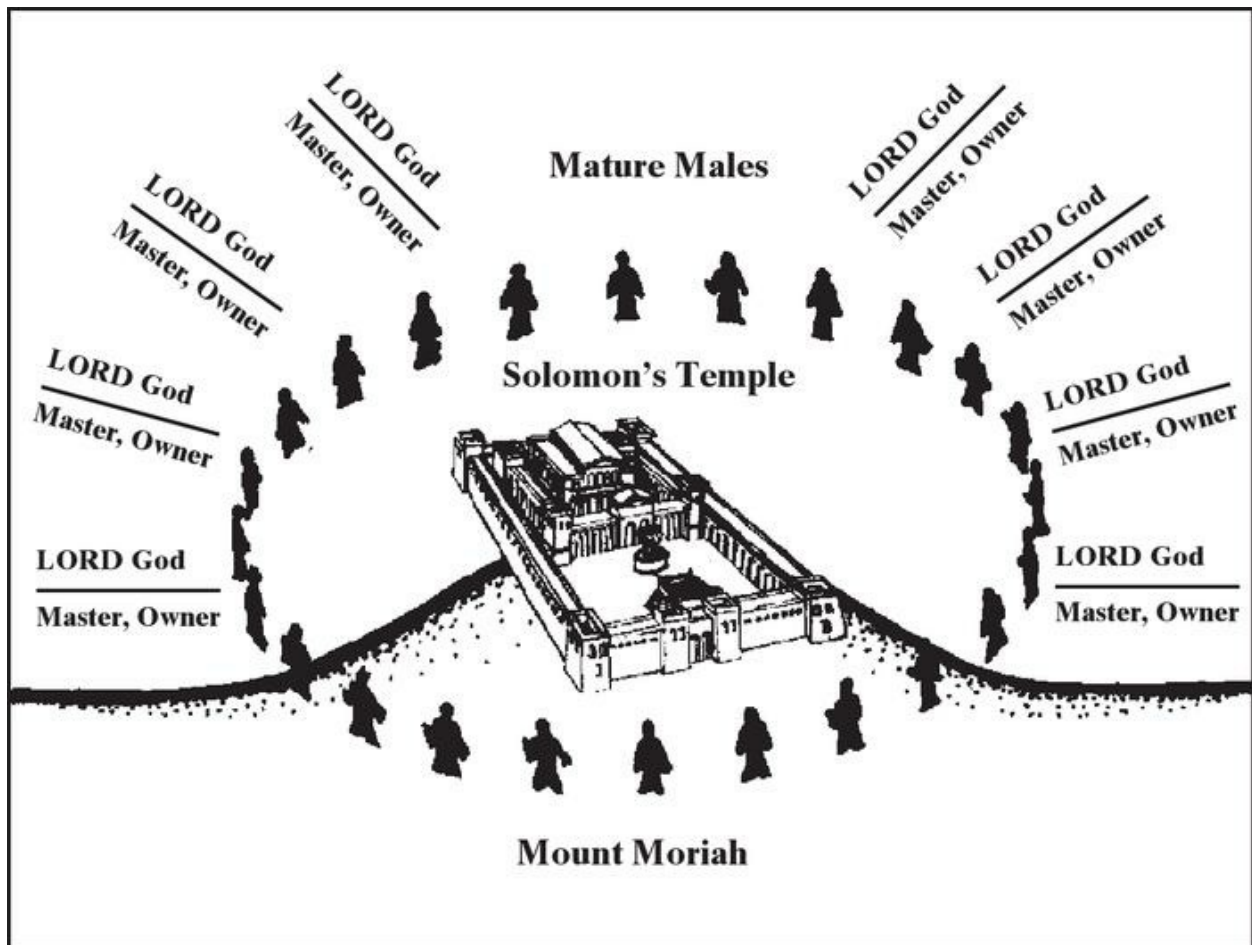
Abraham saw the Holy Lamb of God in his day, and he was glad. Today, the man who sees the Lamb of God, by faith, has a heart that overflows with gratitude as he gazes upon Christ's Holy Sacrificial Blood which He already *has* shed for the sins of the world. Believers, today, have the glorious privilege of having their hearts washed and made clean in the precious, Holy, shed Blood of Jesus Christ.

Chapter Seven

Historical Overview of the Unfolding of God's Master Plan for Remission of Sins Through Blood Sacrifice as Revealed Through the Mature Males in Israel

God designated three times in a year during which all the mature males were to go up to Jerusalem, after the Nation of Israel had entered into Canaan's Land. The men were called there in order to celebrate three feasts: the Feast of the Passover with the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of Tabernacles. Thus, the mature males who offered the *prescribed blood sacrifices* at Israel's national feasts became historical examples to show man, today, the further unfolding of God's Master Plan for Remission of Sins Through Blood Sacrifice.

Under the Old Testament Dispensation, the three times each year that God called all the mature males in Israel to go to Mount Moriah were for times of isolation from earthly things. Those who obeyed God's Call formed a circle of mature worshippers that encompassed God's Sanctuary (Solomon's Temple) which was built on Mount Moriah. The worshippers were to lift up the Secret Name of the LORD God as the true and rightful Owner of all things, and they were to allow Him to search out the depths of their hearts as He had done with Abraham, when He had called Abraham to go up to Mount Moriah to sacrifice his son.

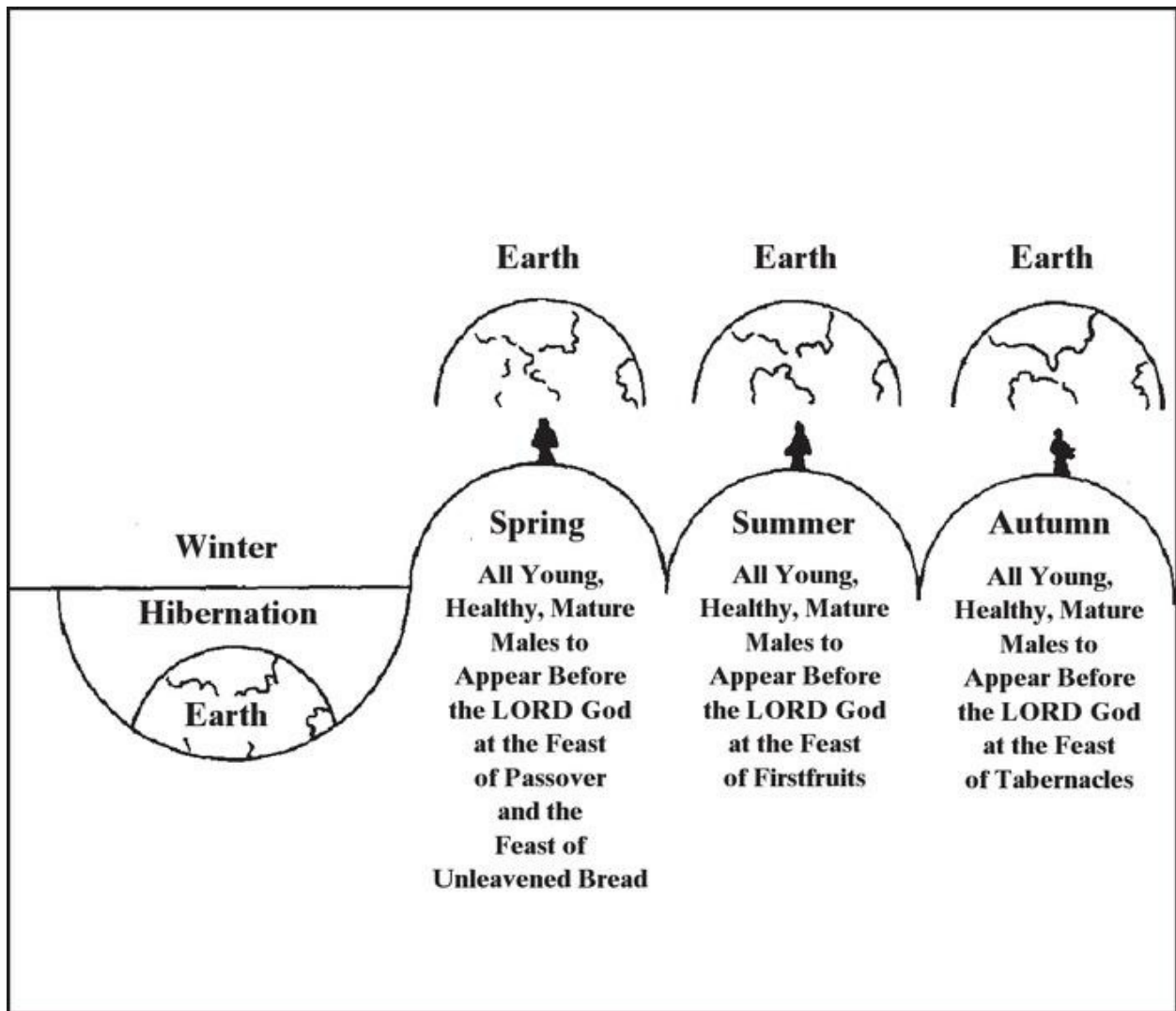


Every year, at each of the three major festivals, the mature men in Israel formed one glorious *Tiphereth* Wheel of Unity around God's Sanctuary.

Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before the Lord GOD (Exodus 23:17).

Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the LORD empty (Deuteronomy 16:16).

The Hebrew word for *times* (*pah-am*) primarily designates the foot being placed down, the course of a wheel partially completed in its turning, an integrating part. Thus, *times* refers to the three parts of the course of a year when the three major festivals celebrated the earth's "putting its foot down" in spring, summer, and autumn. The year, in its progressive turning or course, puts its foot down three times (in spring, summer, and autumn) *after* it comes out of its winter hibernation.

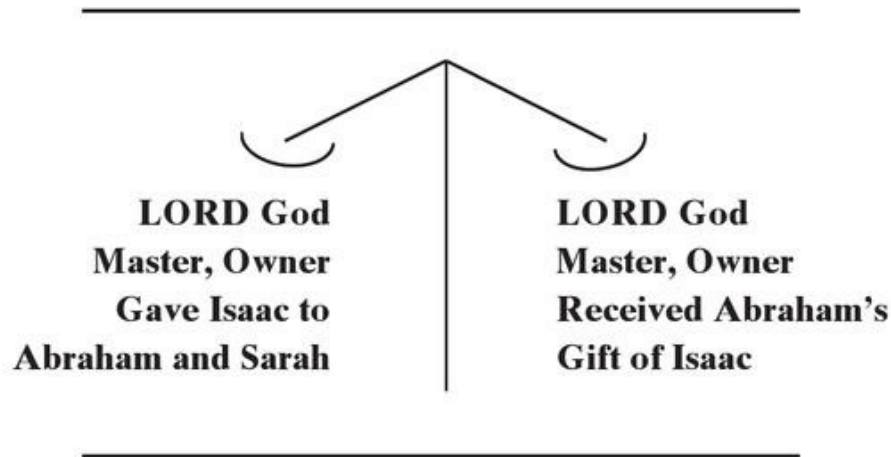


Israel's strong mature males who presented themselves before the LORD God at the designated three feasts were an outward picture of Abraham's inward, mature, spiritual strength and his total devotion to the LORD God, his Master and Owner.

By His wondrous Grace, the LORD God had given Abraham and Sarah a precious gift of a son in their old age, and his name was Isaac. After Isaac was grown, his father Abraham took him with him to Mount Moriah to worship the LORD God; and there, in response to God's Call, he offered his precious gift (his only son begotten by Sarah)

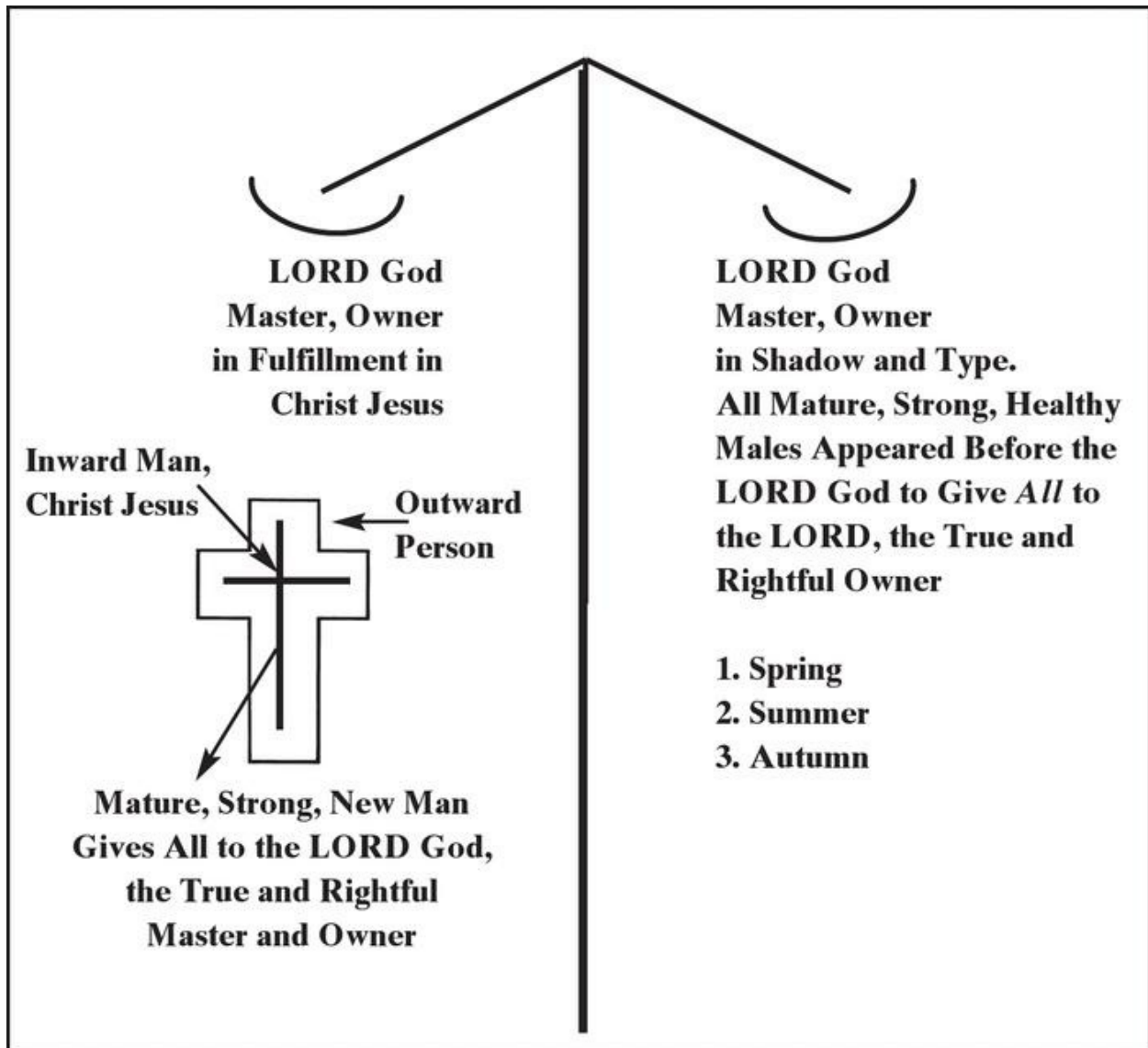
back to the LORD God, the real Master and Owner of his valuable gift.

Abraham's obedient act of complete devotion, manifested by his willingness to offer his only son to the LORD God on Mount Moriah, gave the LORD empirical joy. Before Abraham went to Mount Moriah, the LORD God had *theoretical* joy. Because He is Omniscient, God knew in advance that Abraham loved and trusted Him. However, God did not share joyful *experiential* knowledge with Abraham until *after* Abraham had demonstrated his willingness to worship God by sacrificing his only begotten son. Then God said, "Now I *know* thou fearest me."



The LORD God did not want Isaac's corrupt human blood as a sacrifice. He wanted only Abraham's complete willingness to give his precious gift back to Him in recognition of God's rightful Ownership because He is the true and rightful Master and Owner of all creation. By Abraham's obedient act of worship, he acknowledged that the LORD God was the Master and Owner of both himself and Isaac, and he proved his total subjection to his LORD and Master.

The spiritual lesson to be learned from Abraham's experience on Mount Moriah is that the inwardly mature, strong, healthy, spiritual man gives all things back to the true and rightful Owner, the LORD God.



God did not command the weak, sick, and immature ones in Israel to go to Mount Moriah to celebrate the three major festivals. When a person is inwardly sick with spiritual deafness, dumbness, blindness, lameness, weakness, and when he is inwardly bound with passions of the flesh, it is impossible for him to worship the LORD God as the true Master and Owner by giving all things, all precious gifts, back to Him.

In the New Testament Dispensation, whenever Jesus Christ found people in His Father's Temple who were afflicted with this class of sickness, inwardly and outwardly, He healed them, inwardly and outwardly, so that they could worship the LORD by giving the precious gift of *all* their heart, soul, mind, and strength to the LORD God, the true and rightful Owner and Master.

The Living LORD God waits in the Sanctuary of His *Torah* to receive the gifts of worship and praise from His strong mature ones. The Living LORD Jesus Christ waits in His Father's Sanctuary to heal all, inwardly and outwardly, so that each healed person, in turn, can be a strong mature one who can worship the LORD God, as Abraham did on Mount Moriah.

Out of their busiest seasons and activities, the strong mature males in Israel were called, by the Master and Owner of the Sanctuary, to present themselves for inspection. Then, after they had gained a new Union with the LORD God, their Master and Owner, they could return to their busiest seasons, pulsating with fresh, spiritual energy with which to perform their labours. They also could share their replenished strength and spiritual fervor with their families. They could return to their busy activities with a new song of praise because of the new, sweet, invigorating

Union with their Master and Owner, the LORD God.

The LORD God desired that His natural Bride, Israel, serve Him with complete awareness of His Ownership and Mastership in their every heartbeat and pulsebeat. Likewise, God desires that His Spiritual Bride have a continual awareness that He is the Master and Owner of all things. He is the One Who has provided for every *past* moment; He is the One Who provides for every *present* moment; and He is the One Who will provide for every *future* moment.

The strong mature men of Israel appeared on Mount Moriah not only to be *seen* or inspected by the LORD God but also to *see and inspect* themselves.

When a believer willingly and sincerely looks inside himself, to the fullest extent, then he will not cease to bow himself low at the Master's Feet in humility gratitude for every *past* moment of his natural and spiritual life, as well as for every *present* moment of his life, and for all his promised *future*-life. When the LORD sees a believer's humility form, then that person's humility form will see more of the LORD.

For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: **but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word** (Isaiah 66:2).

A person with a contrite heart is one who takes his rightful place as a creature, the owner and master of nothing, and recognizes that the LORD God is the true Owner and Master of all things!

God looks to all His creation, but He especially notes and particularly listens to the supplication of the one whom He sees displaying complete devotion and eagerness to fulfill His Commandments.

One reason God commanded all the strong male adults to appear three times a year at the major festivals was so that He could inspect the depths of their contrition and repentance before Him. When the LORD sees a person who is thoroughly penitent and who feels a deep sorrow for his sin and an earnest desire to please God, He takes special cognizance of him and listens to his prayer. The LORD moves His Mighty Arm in behalf of the person who has bruised his heart, thoroughly, by deep agonizing sobs of contrition and repentance.

In the Book of Deuteronomy, the LORD grouped Israel's three main festivals (the Passover with its accompanying Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of Tabernacles) together, in order to reveal the strong adult males' duty to appear in the City of God, Jerusalem, so that they could present themselves before the LORD.

Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the LORD empty: Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee (Deuteronomy 16:16,17).

God has hidden many beautiful Truths in the types and shadows of the feasts celebrated by Israel. Although Israel had more than three feasts,* only the three main festivals are mentioned, here, because they were celebrated in Jerusalem *on Mount Moriah*. Blood sacrifices were made at each of these three festivals.

I. First Festival — the Passover with Its Feast of Unleavened Bread — Spring

The Passover Feast, with its accompanying Feast of Unleavened Bread, was the first of Israel's major festivals to be celebrated in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah. The time of the Passover was celebrated in springtime on the fourteenth day of the first month of Israel's spiritual lunar year. On the following day, the fifteenth, the Feast of Unleavened Bread began and continued for seven days.

God required the mature males to appear in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah to keep the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread in order to demonstrate Israel's gratitude to God for national freedom and independence.

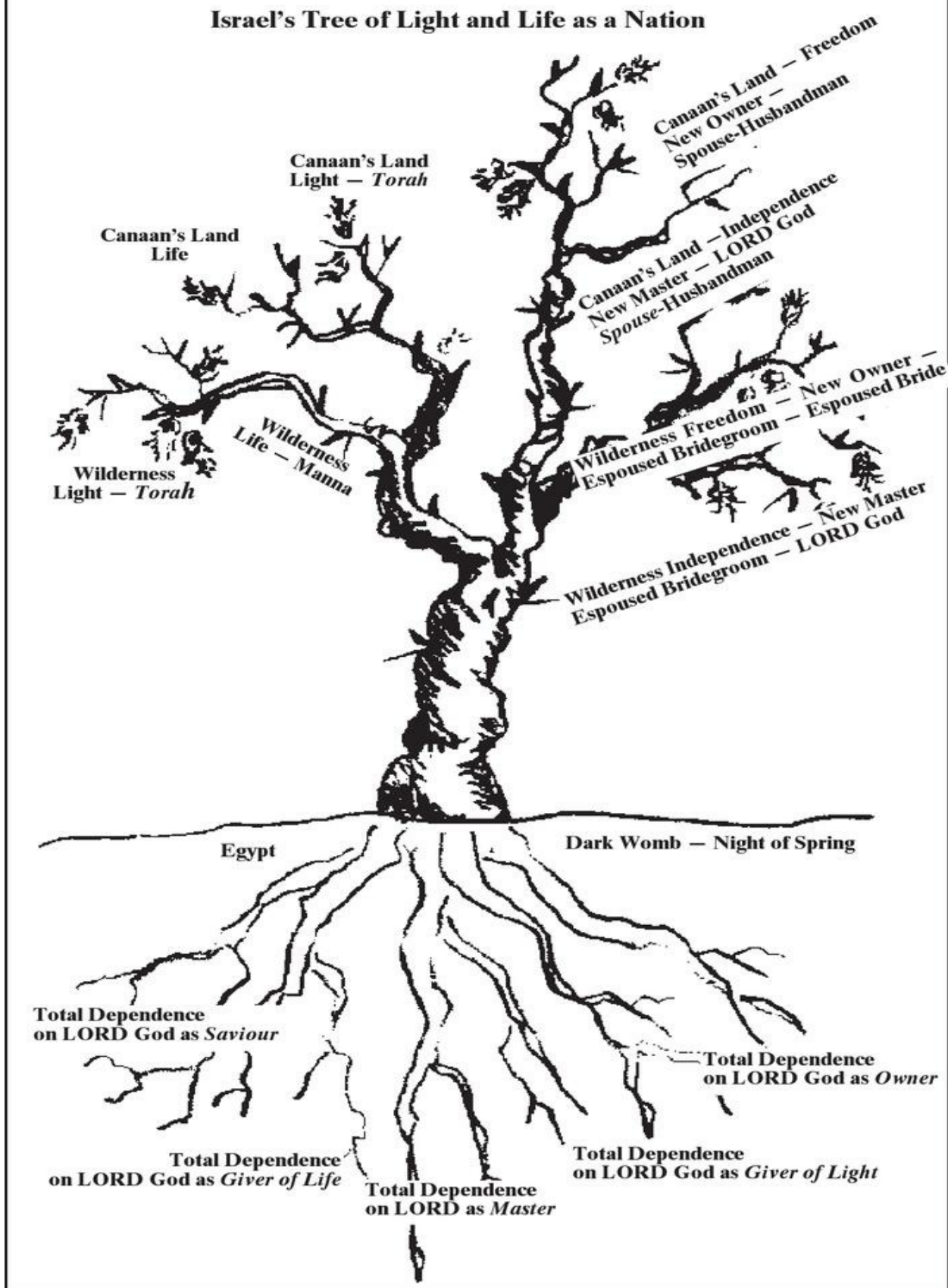
Springtime is the season in which the earth walks out of its long winter hibernation. At the beginning of springtime, on the fourteenth day of the first month, the Passover lamb was killed, and the Feast of Unleavened Bread followed immediately on the fifteenth day. Thus, this dual celebration marked the end of the winter season and the beginning of the springtime season.

In the natural realm, God's Light and Breath of spring awakens nature out of its death and sets it free from the enchainment of winter. In springtime, every seed is awakened to new life by God's sunlight. As the sunlight shines down out of the sky in the spring, it shakes the seeds loose from winter's bleak, deathly cold and stirs them to enter into the fresh new joys of springtime by bringing forth the new, fresh life of the roots, buds, and blossoms.

When the Nation of Israel was enchained in a dark political grave in Egypt and was spiritually in a bleak, cold winter season, the LORD God, the Sun of Righteousness, appeared and lifted Israel into a springtime season, beginning with the “planting” of the Passover lamb, God’s Seed of Life, and the unleavened bread. Then, from the soil of slavery and captive dependence in Egypt, Israel burst forth into a new nation, a new plant, with the fresh buds and blossoms of freedom and independence.

God commanded Israel to celebrate the Passover every year on the anniversary of the historic day of her liberation from the physical and political death of Egypt. God wanted Israel always to remember (*never forget*) the dark womb of night from which she was born into new Life and new Light. Israel’s birth-experience as a nation in Egypt was a “night of spring.”

Israel's Tree of Light and Life as a Nation



Israel had her origin as a nation in the confusion, darkness, and hot afflictions of Egypt. The LORD God came as her Master, Owner, Saviour, and Giver of Life and Light to bring the seed-nation to birth in her springtime.

In this famous night, Israel had a birth of living experience of total dependence on the LORD God as her Saviour, Master, Owner, and Giver of Light and Life. In the same “springtime night,” she also had a birth of the unleavened bread of living Independence and living Freedom.

As the Master and Owner of the tiny seed-nation, the LORD God gave Israel exemption from the Egyptians’ control, authority, and power. Pharaoh no longer had any power to interfere with or superintend Israel’s life. Israel had liberty to allow the LORD God to control her conduct and maintenance. In this famous “springtime night,” the Nation of Israel received her “Declaration of Independence” from Egypt. She was set free, liberated from servitude, confinement, and the restraining powers and influence of Egypt.

The LORD God gave His servants freedom to become citizens of Canaan’s Land, with equal privileges of serving the Will of God. Because she was free from Egypt’s constraining powers and influence, Israel freely could choose to serve the LORD God, the true Owner and Master.

Israel’s growth in the LORD God’s living Independence and living Freedom continued as she walked through the wilderness and into Canaan’s Land. God wanted Israel always to remember that the very life of *all her independence and freedom originated in the unleavened bread of total dependence* upon the LORD God as Saviour, Master, Owner, and Giver of Light and Life that was connected with the Passover blood.

This is why God commanded the strong adult males in Israel to return to Jerusalem and Mount Moriah each year to lay down their Gift of Life (which God had given them in the form of independence and freedom) at the Feet of the LORD God. By prophetic faith, they were to return in their minds to the “night of spring” in Egypt so that they could arise with a new birth of gratitude for their life of independence and freedom. God wanted Israel to remember that her Tree of Life of Independence and Freedom grew out of the roots of total dependence upon the LORD God as the Saviour, Master, Owner, and Giver of Life.

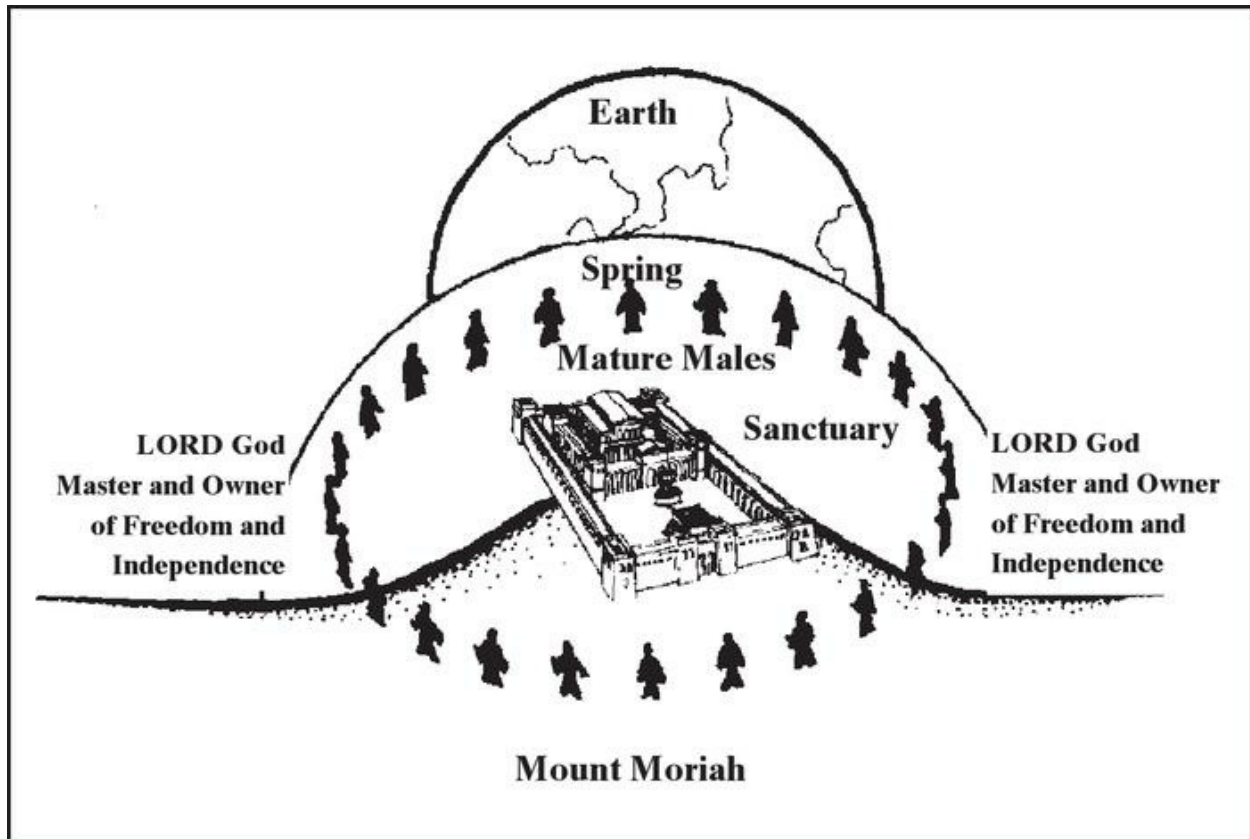
The Principle of a “night of spring” in which new life comes out of total dependence upon the LORD God can also be found in the story of Abraham and Sarah. The LORD God, the Master and Owner of both Abraham and Sarah, turned their cold winter night of old age into a “night of spring.” The LORD God brought them up out of their night of old age by planting in their loins a new seed of life called Isaac. Abraham and Sarah were totally dependent on God to change their winter season into a spring season by giving them the Life of Independence and Freedom from barrenness in their marriage.

Later, God sent Abraham to Mount Moriah with Isaac (his life of independence and freedom) and asked Abraham to lay down, in the form of a sacrifice, this life He had given him. Abraham worshipped God that day with a new union of total dependence upon God for the life of Isaac, which God had given him in his “night of spring.” He arose with new, fresh gratitude for Isaac’s life, the form of living Independence and Freedom from barrenness.

Jesus Christ, God’s only Begotten Son, also experienced a “night of spring” in which He depended totally upon His Heavenly Father for His Life. When Jesus Christ, the true Passover Lamb of God, the Holy Unleavened Bread of God, hung on Calvary’s Cross, He commended His Spirit into the Hands of His Heavenly Father and depended completely upon His Father for His Spirit’s and His Resurrection Life’s return from the dead.

From the time Adam sinned in the Garden until Jesus Christ hung upon Calvary’s Cross, all mankind lived in a cold winter of spiritual Death. But, through His Sacrificial Death upon the Cross, Jesus Christ changed man’s winter season of Death into a springtime season of Life. The LORD God, as Master and Owner of all souls, changed man’s winter season into a “night of spring” at the Cross of Calvary. God’s unleavened “Corn of Wheat” was planted in the night-womb of Death so that, for mankind, He could bring forth new Life of Independence and Freedom from the slavery of sin and the bondage of Death and Hell.

God also desires that believers, now, never forget that the origin of the spiritual Tree of Life with its Independence and Freedom has its roots in total dependence on Jesus Christ for His Life at the Cross. God desires that believers experience new springtime seasons in their worship. A spiritual springtime takes place when one’s heart bursts forth with new gratitude as he lays his life of independence and freedom at the Feet of the LORD Jesus Christ and depends on Him, all over again, as Saviour, Master, Owner, and Giver of all Light and Life.



The strong mature males in Israel appeared in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah to give back to the LORD God the Treasures of Life they had received in the form of their national Freedom and Independence. By offering their national Freedom and Independence back to God at the Passover, they acknowledged that the Origin of their lives and the Maintenance of their lives were in the Passover blood (which represented the LORD Jesus Christ) and that they were in the LORD God, Who was their Master and Owner.

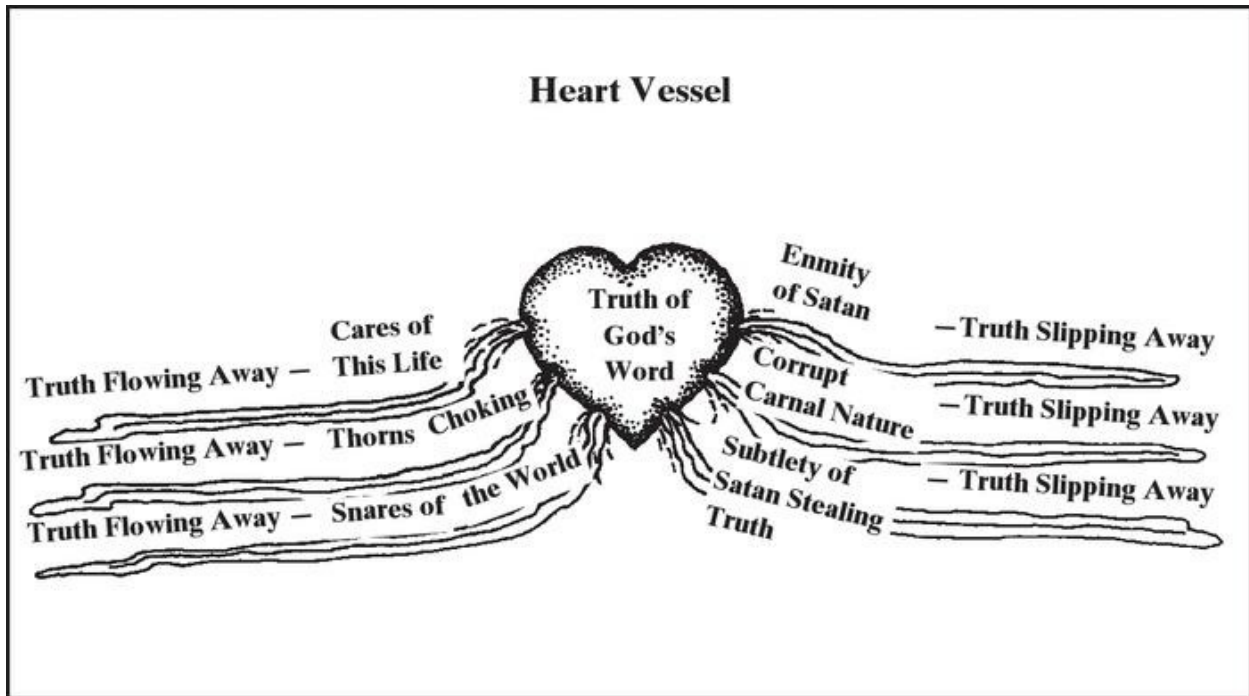
The mature males in Israel had to appear at the Passover Festival so that the LORD God could inspect their hearts. However, it was not only for the LORD to see, but also for *them* to see if their faith in the Life of the Passover blood and the Mastership and Ownership of the LORD was still as clean and strong as it was in the beginning. The Nation of Israel could not expect to continue growing in her spiritual education and her moral development if she allowed her faith to decrease. The measure of faith that she had in the Passover blood and in the LORD God's Mastership and Ownership in the *beginning* of her journey was the same measure of faith that she would need in the *end* of her journey.

Therefore **we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard**, lest at any time we should let them slip (Hebrews 2:1).

If God's children expect to hear more of God's gracious Words of Truth, they must heed, diligently, the Truth they already have heard. This is the first way believers express their gratitude to God. For example, by obeying the LORD God's Call to go up to Mount Moriah, Abraham made a visible demonstration of the great concern he had that made him earnestly heed the Word of the LORD God. Abraham remembered what he had heard about blood sacrifice. His obedience showed that he was diligent in heeding the Truth that the LORD God was the Master and Owner of All Life, including the life of his son Isaac.

If the believer does not remember what God already has given yesterday, he will let the Truth he receives, today, slip away. When the Truth leaks out or runs out of a believer's heart, head, mouth, and life, he will forget the Saviour, the Master and the Owner, the LORD God. A person's heart and memory can become like leaky vessels; then, he will not retain the Truth that is poured into him, today. The believer must allow God to plug up the holes that the corruption of selfishness and worldly lust eats in his heart and memory. Repentance and faith in the Passover Blood of Christ Jesus will cause God to make the believer a *whole* vessel, with *no holes* for the Truth to

leak through.



Any person who has allowed the Eternal Treasures of Truth to slip out of his heart has lost irreplaceable Treasures, too valuable to be compared to the cheap, corrupt gold and silver of this world.

God called the strong mature males to come to the springtime Festival of the Passover Blood and the Feast of Unleavened Bread to renew their faith in the LORD God as the Giver of Life and to renew their subjection to Him as their Saviour, Master, and Owner. Later in the history of Israel, after she had allowed the Truth of the LORD God (as Saviour, Master, and Owner) to slip from her heart, she was sadly arraigned by God for her backsliding.

Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and **they have rebelled against me**. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider. **Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity**, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: **they have forsaken the LORD**, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, **they are gone away backward** (Isaiah 1:2-4).

God called Heaven and Earth to bear witness to the gracious benefactions He had bestowed upon Israel and to take note of her flagrant and shameful ingratitude, which she demonstrated by her forgetfulness of God and her backsliding. God reared up a Holy Nation, and Israel rebelled against her Master and Owner by violating His Holy Will. Even dumb animals show more recognition and gratitude to their human masters and owners than Israel did to her *Divine* Master and Owner. Israel's guilt was heavier and more severe than that of the heathen nations because God had revealed Himself as her Saviour, Master, and Owner; moreover, He had provided a Way whereby she could be cleansed and renewed at the beginning of each season through her strong adult males who appeared before Him at the major festivals.

Unfortunately, the adult males failed to recognize God's inspection of them, and they failed to see themselves. Consequently, they failed to return home with their hearts pulsating with new excitement over the Truth that the LORD God is the Master and Owner. In Israel's day, the people let the Truth of the LORD God's Mastership and Ownership slip from their hearts; therefore, their hearts became barren of gratitude for their spiritual Life and for their national Freedom and Independence.

Israel forgot that, in Egypt, she had been a helpless and hopeless slave, subjugated to the Egyptian laws of oppression. She forgot that the LORD God, the Master and Owner, had come to Egypt and set her captives free.

The strong men in Israel were commanded and called to come to Mount Moriah in the springtime to eat the unleavened bread of dependence in recognition of the LORD God as the true Master and Owner of their past fate and their present and future destiny.

All true spiritual growth, blessing, and prosperity begins with the recognition of the LORD God as the true Master and Owner of all one's existence — past, present, and future. God has made His only Begotten Son, the LORD Jesus Christ, Saviour of all His creation and Master and Owner of all His creation.

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**, And what is **the exceeding greatness of his power to usward** who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, **Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion**, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: **And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church**, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all (Ephesians 1:18-23).

Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For **by him were all things created**, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: **all things were created by him, and for him**: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And **he is the head of the body**, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; **that in all things he might have the preeminence**. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell (Colossians 1:15-19).

God desires to enlighten the eyes of man's understanding so that he can see the LORD Jesus Christ as his *Saviour* in *all things* and as his *Master and Owner* in all things — both in the past, the present, and in the future. Recognizing that God is Sovereign over *all* enables man to give back to the LORD God all the precious Treasures of Life and Spiritual Freedom and Spiritual Independence that he has received from Christ Jesus. As a result, man can eat the Living Bread of Spiritual Independence and Freedom with the LORD Jesus Christ while maintaining the attitude of unabated, joyful gratitude that *all things belong to Him as the rightful Owner*.

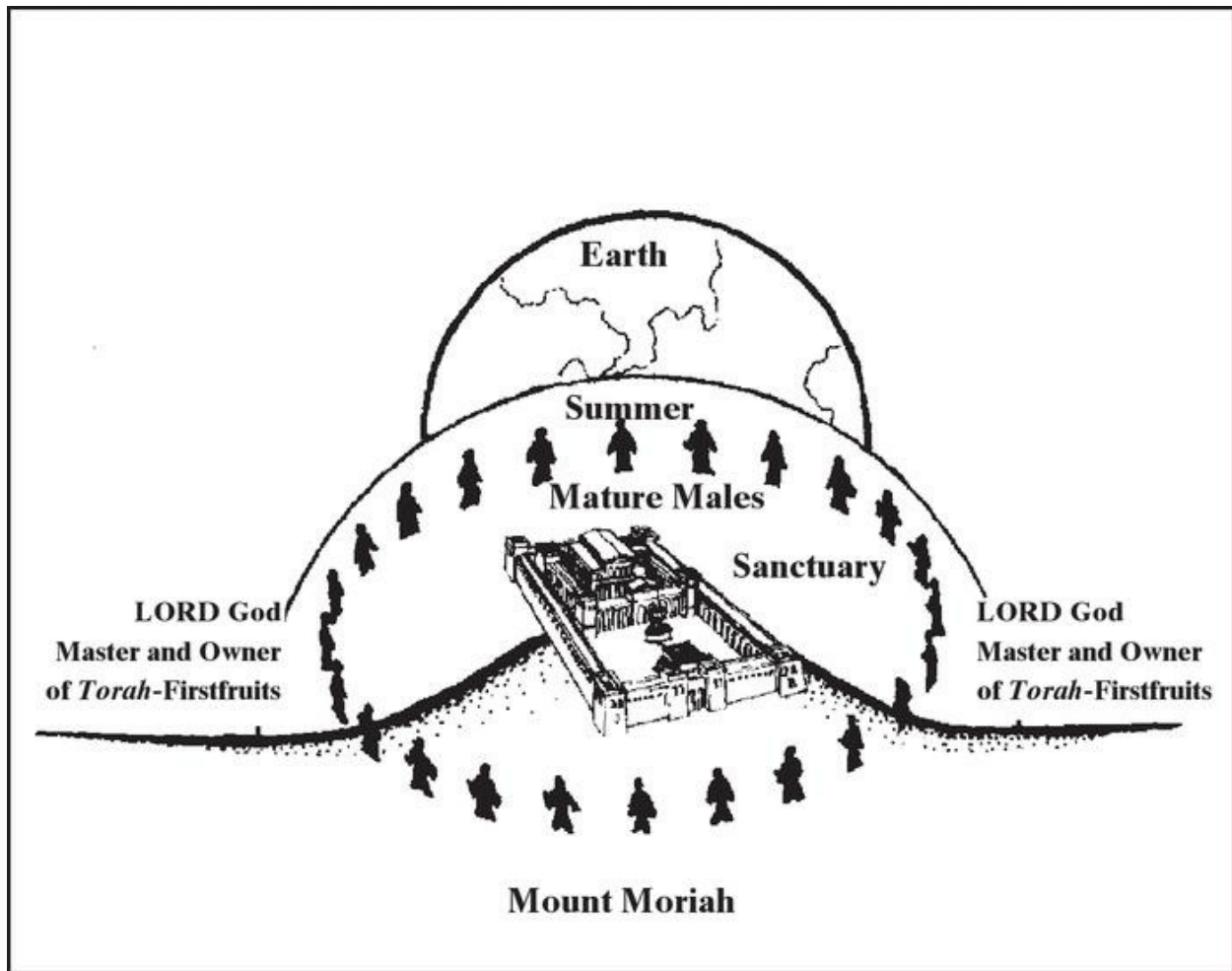
God's Purpose in giving man Life, spiritual Freedom, and Independence through Christ is for man, in turn, to worship Him with his treasures. By laying his treasures at the LORD's Feet in humble, willing gratitude, just as Abraham did when he willingly offered Isaac on Mount Moriah, man fulfills God's Purpose for him.

II. Second Festival — Feast of Weeks — Summer

Israel's second major festival, the Feast of Weeks, had its beginning with the firstfruits and was celebrated at the beginning of the summer season.

The Earth walks closer to the sun during the summertime so that its fruits can ripen.

The festival of the Feast of Weeks was a special season of expressing gratitude for the *Torah*.



God gave a Command that required the mature males in Israel to make a second pilgrimage to Mount Moriah. Each year, besides the Passover Feast and the Feast of Unleavened Bread, they were to come before the LORD to celebrate His Blessing of the ripened fruits of summer. This second pilgrimage gave them a time to express their gratitude for the summer's fruitfulness, in the natural realm, and to give thanks for the *Torah*, the Christ, Who is the True Owner and Master of all things.

The Feast of Weeks began with the firstfruits offering and was completed fifty days later at the Feast of Pentecost. The firstfruits of the summer harvest, which included the first of the fruits to ripen of the vintage, the threshingfloor, the wine press, the oil press, the first baked bread of the new crop, and the first fleeces of the flock, were brought to the Temple and dedicated to God. By consecrating the life of the firstfruits to the LORD God, the Master and Owner, the entire produce in the fields and in the homes became blessed and consecrated. When the life of the first-fruits was brought to the LORD's House and dedicated to the Owner and Master, the LORD God, it assured that all the rest of the life of the summer fruits would continue to mature and ripen.

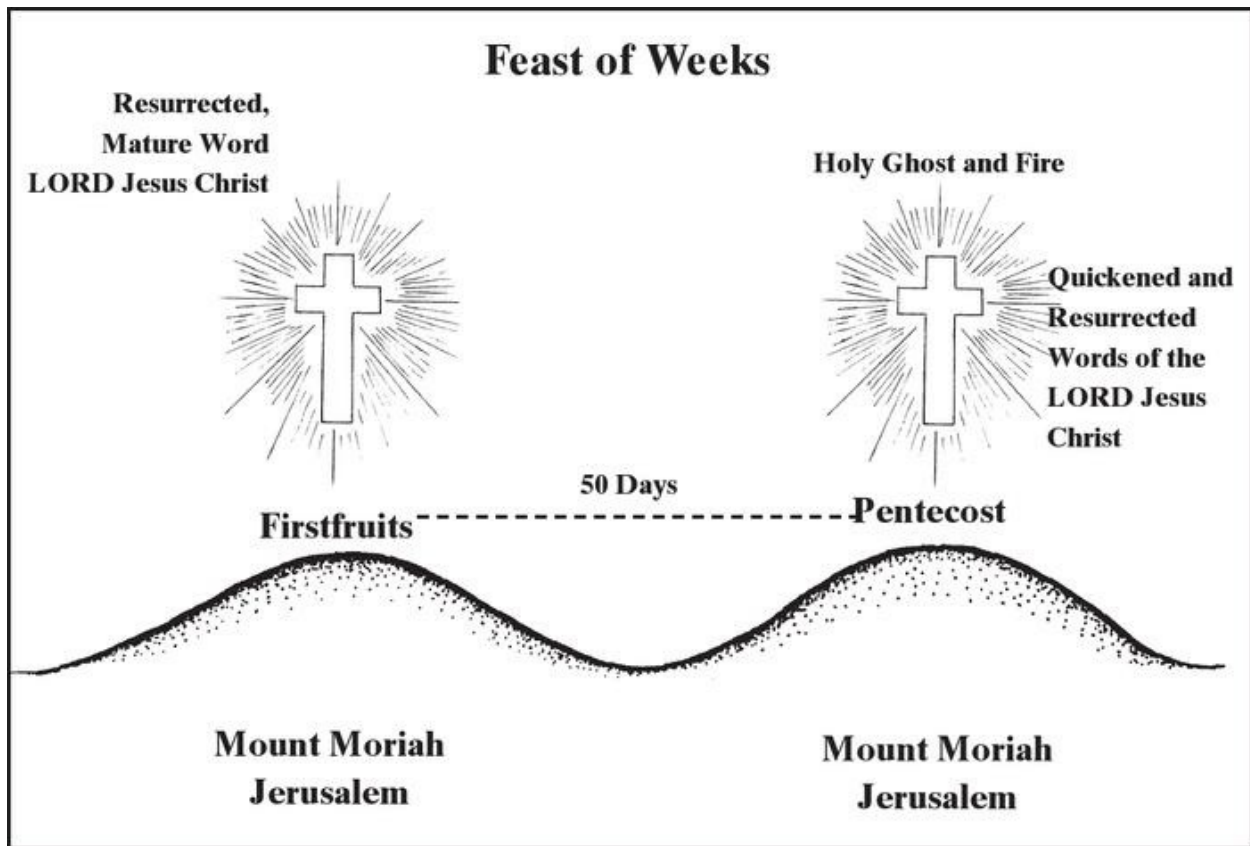
Israel's natural firstfruits were a picture of the LORD Jesus Christ as the Resurrected Word, the Firstfruits from the dead. They symbolized the abundance and excellence of His Resurrection Life.

But every man in his own order: **Christ the first-fruits**; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming (I Corinthians 15:23).

Just as the consecration of the life of the firstfruits of the Jewish harvest guaranteed the blessing of life upon the whole harvest, so Jesus Christ, the Firstfruits from the dead, is the Earnest or Guarantee that the dead in Christ shall rise with new Resurrection Life, bringing a full, mature, ripe harvest of souls in the end of time. The life of the whole remainder of human souls will be made Blessed and Holy by the Life of the Firstfruits.

The LORD God, the Master and Owner, blessed His Mature, Living Word, His Christ, as the Firstfruits of the Resurrection. This assured believers of the Blessing of Resurrection Life upon the whole harvest of the mature

Word at the end of the Feast of the Weeks or Pentecost.



Before Jesus Christ died on the Cross, He taught His Disciples many beautiful, mature Truths which they could not understand. However, Jesus Christ assured them that after He, the Word of God, had risen again from the dead, He would go to His Father and send them another Comforter, the Holy Ghost and Fire. The Holy Ghost, then, would have the Ministry of taking Christ's Resurrection Life and Power and resurrecting the mature Word that the Disciples had forgotten and misunderstood; then it would stand up in its full Living Stature as the Living Word, just as Jesus Christ stood up as the Firstfruits from the dead at His Resurrection.

Jesus Christ, the Life of the Firstfruits, assures believers that all of God's Word can be raised to new Life and Light in their hearts and lives.

But **the Comforter**, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and **bring all things to your remembrance**, whatsoever I have said unto you (John 14:26).

Howbeit when he, **the Spirit of truth**, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he **will shew you** things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you (John 16:13-15).

The Heavenly Father sent the Holy Ghost and Fire on the Day of Pentecost for the Firstfruits' Sake, the Word's Sake.

The Holy Ghost and Fire teaches believers the Truth and quickens all the Living Word of Wisdom and Knowledge that they have need of, bringing it forth out of the "night womb" of the "dead letter" of the Law into Resurrection Life and reality in their hearts and minds.

During His three-and-one-half years of Ministry, Jesus Christ taught His Disciples many beautiful lessons of Truth, but His Disciples forgot His Words of Life and Truth because they were not filled with Resurrection Life. Also, Jesus shared many precious Truths of the *mature* Word with His Disciples, but they misunderstood them because there was no Resurrection Life in their hearts. Then, after Christ's Resurrection, the Holy Ghost and Fire

descended upon Mount Moriah, in Jerusalem, to take His Resurrection Life and shew it to His Disciples by *putting Life* into the *Word* that they *had forgotten* and by *leading them into the Light of Understanding* of the *Word* that *had been darkened and veiled* to them.

The Holy Ghost did not come to teach a new Word, but to put Resurrection Life and Light into what the Disciples *already* had been taught. Then, inspired by the Resurrection Life and Light of Truth, they could begin to teach and write the things that Jesus Christ had done and taught when He was with them. Thus, they would be able to transmit the Life and Light of the Truth to far-off nations and to future ages.

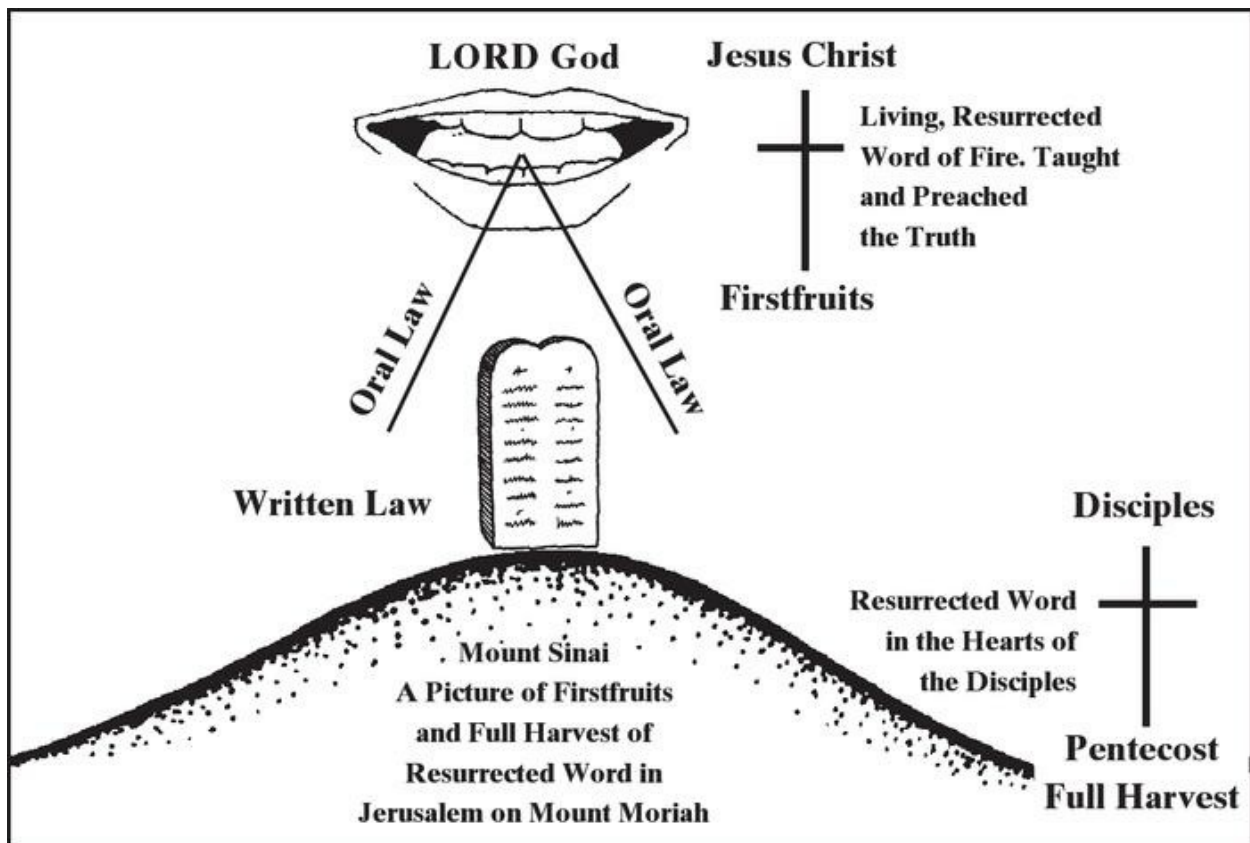
The Holy Ghost and Fire was to be a Guide so that the Disciples would not miss the Resurrected Paths of Life in Christ, the Word. On the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Ghost guided their tongues to magnify and glorify God *and* to proclaim the Gospel of Resurrection Life and Light that had come through the Death of Christ Jesus. The Holy Ghost guided the hands and pens of the Disciples so that they could make the whole, mature Truth known to all the world.

The Holy Ghost and Fire guided the Disciples into all the Measure of the Stature of Christ Jesus by bringing to their remembrance the Words of Christ. Through Christ's Resurrection Life and Power, the Holy Ghost gave the Disciples theoretical understanding in their heads. And, then, the Holy Ghost gave them empirical experience of the Resurrected Life of the Word in their hearts. The Holy Ghost led them into a gradual discovery of Truth until they reached the Measure of the Fullness of the Stature of Christ.

The Holy Ghost has only *one* Ministry, and that is to reveal the Truth and Life of the Resurrected Christ.

The Resurrected Christ Jesus stood up as the Firstfruits from the dead in Jerusalem. This is also where the Holy Ghost descended in Fire to reap the mature and ripe harvest of the full Stature of Life in the Word that Christ had taught and preached.

In the Old Testament, the LORD God descended on Mount Sinai with great Glory and Fire to give the Oral and Written *Torah* to Israel, which was a demonstration of the Firstfruits of the Word and the Full Harvest of the Word that would come on Mount Moriah in Jerusalem in the future.



After Israel had arrived in Canaan's Land, she kept the festival of the Feast of Weeks. Thus, through the sheaf of firstfruits taken from her fields in the beginning of the harvest and the two wave loaves offered at the end of the full,

mature, and ripe harvest, Israel demonstrated her gratitude for both the Firstfruits of the Resurrection Life of the *Torah* and the full, mature, ripe Harvest of the Resurrection Life of the *Torah*.

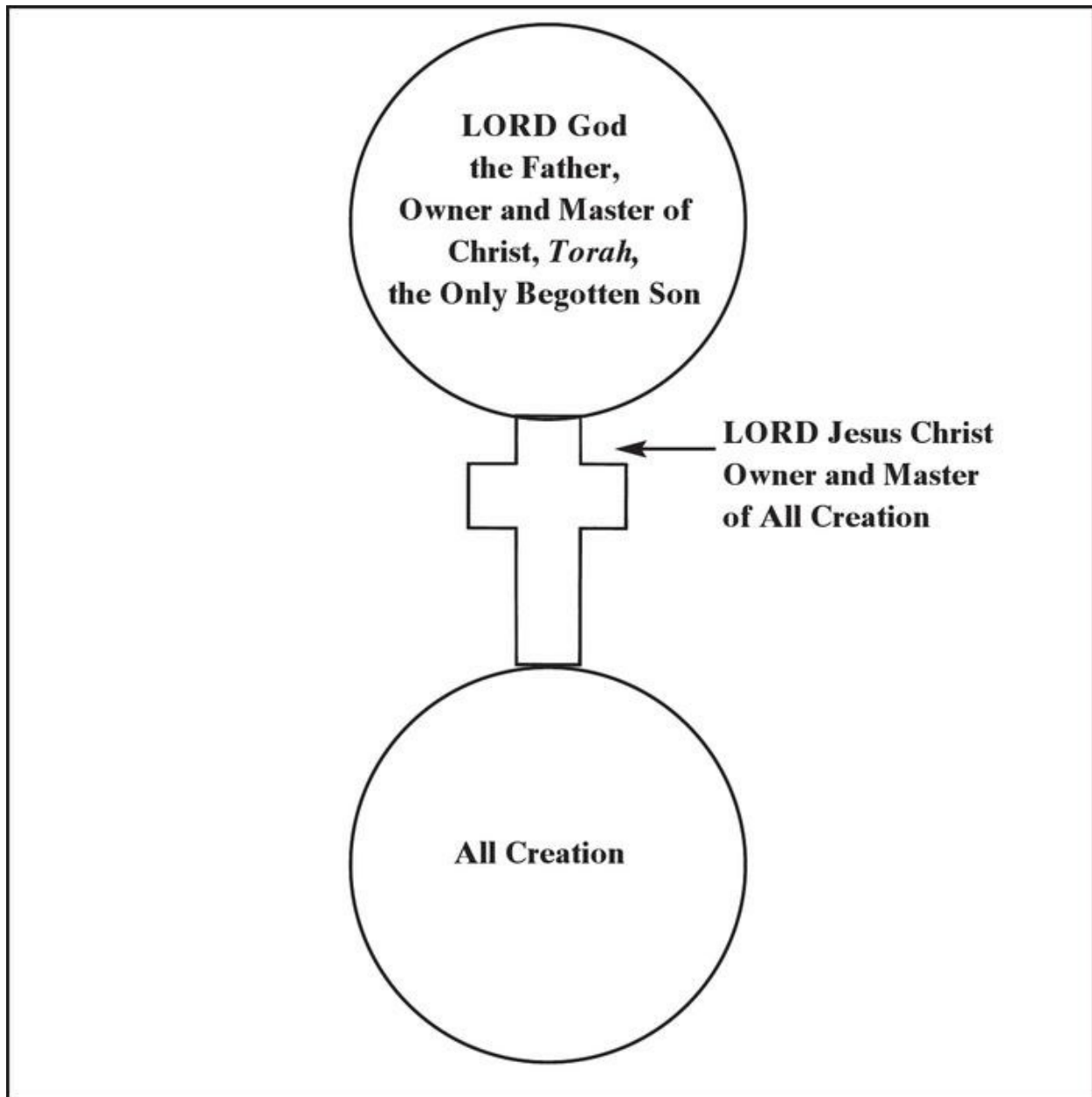
When God called and commanded the mature males in Israel to come to Mount Moriah in Jerusalem, bringing their sheaf of firstfruits, they were to encircle the Sanctuary of the LORD God with praises of gratitude and thanksgiving for the Firstfruits of the Resurrection Life of the *Torah*. A person who is truly grateful for the Life of the Word in the beginning will be grateful for the Life of the Word in the end.

Solomon's Temple was designed on a far grander scale than the Tabernacle in the wilderness; nevertheless, it, too, was laid out in the form of a Cross, with the *Torah* placed in the Head-realm of the Cross. When the mature males encircled this Sanctuary (this Cross), they demonstrated a picture of New Testament believers who have their eyes and hearts completely fastened on the LORD Jesus Christ with gratitude for the Life of the Resurrection Word. A believer who is not doing this cannot expect his heart to be filled with the full, mature, ripe Harvest of the Resurrected Life of the Word at Pentecost. A person who encircles the creation and fastens his eyes on the creature instead of on the Creator cannot expect to be thrilled in his heart about the Resurrection Life of Christ's Word.

The mature males marched to Jerusalem with their sheaf of fruits and encircled the Sanctuary, gratefully acknowledging that the *Torah*, the Christ, was the origin of their life and that He was the Master and Owner of all creation. It was the LORD's responsibility, then, to cause the rest of the life of the fruits to grow, ripen, and come to full, mature fruition through His Resurrected Life.

Under the Rulership of the *Torah*, the Christ, every ear of corn fills itself and every tiny fruit ripens. Every grain grows and ripens in obedience to the Command of the *Torah*, the Christ. The natural sun and man work together to assist the *Torah* in the process of planting and growth. Nevertheless, the *Torah*, the Christ, is the true "Source and Reason" for the growth, ripening, and mature fruition of the fruits of the Earth, in both the natural and spiritual realms. The sun and man are God's helpers, but they are not the owners and masters of God's mature Resurrection Life, neither in the firstfruits in the natural and spiritual realms, nor in the harvest of mature fruit in the natural and spiritual realms. Therefore, man does not owe his homage and worship to the creation (neither the sun nor the man); he owes all his devotion to the LORD God, the True Master and Owner of the *Torah*.

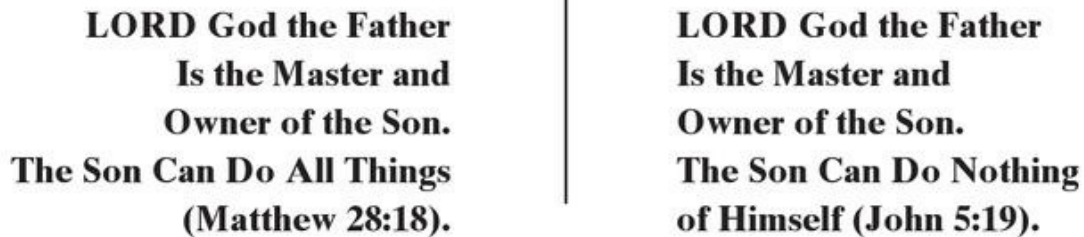
God the Father is the Owner and Master of the *Torah* (the Christ). The *Torah* (the Christ) is the Master and Owner of all creation.



Jesus Christ continually acknowledged that His Father was the Owner and Master.

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).

The Son of God, the Christ, the *Torah*, is possessed entirely by the Father. Therefore, on one side of the Scales, He can do nothing of Himself; on the other side of the Scales, He can do all things.



The Apostle Paul had this same revelation of *God's* Ownership and Mastership of *Christ*, the Son, and of *Christ the Son's* Ownership and Mastership of *man*, the creation.

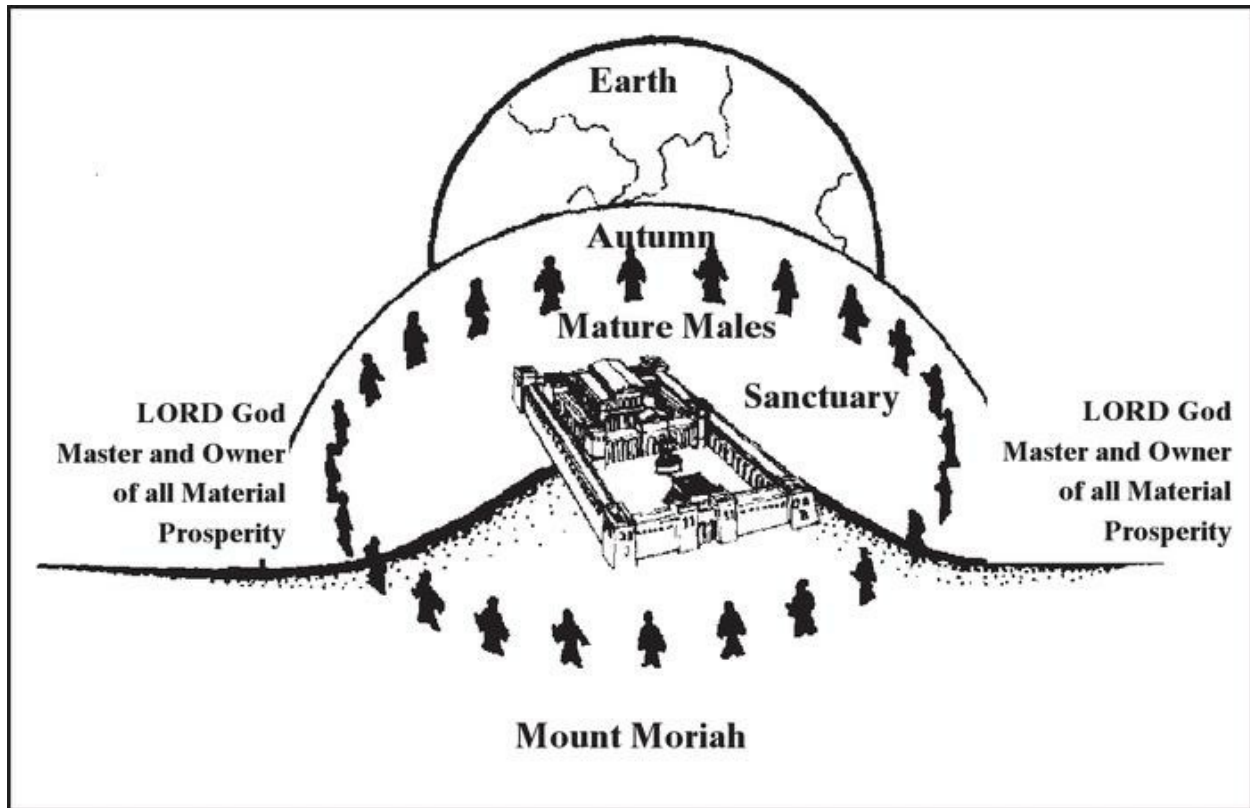
But I would have you know, that **the head of every man is Christ**; and the head of the woman is the man; and **the head of Christ is God** (1 Corinthians 11:3).

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the Sovereign Master and Owner of all creation. So, when the strong, mature males of Israel brought their sheaf of firstfruits (which symbolized the *Torah*, the Christ) to the LORD God, the Father, they were acknowledging God's Ownership and Mastership of His Word, His Christ, and they were acknowledging that the creation (man) had no legal right to try to rule over the Word of God.

Believers must bring their precious Treasures of Life and Truth of the Christ, the Holy Word of God, to God the Father, the rightful Owner and Master. Those who do this can expect the rest of the Life of the Word of God to ripen for them in the form of living revelation; and they can expect a fresh Baptism of Pentecostal Blessings of the Holy Ghost and Fire to lead and guide them into new, fresh Resurrection Life and Light of Truth.

III. The Third Festival — Feast of Tabernacles — Autumn

Israel's third major festival, the Feast of Tabernacles, began with their building booths to commemorate the long time spent in their "tent life" in the wilderness. The strong mature males were called and commanded to go to Mount Moriah, in Jerusalem, to erect their booths around God's Sanctuary. This was a time of Holy joy, singing, and dancing to the Name of the LORD God in gratitude for material prosperity. This third festival recognized the LORD God as the Master and Owner of all material prosperity.



In the springtime, the mature male adults went to Mount Moriah when they celebrated the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread, gratefully giving back to God the Father their precious treasures of Life that He had given them in the form of their freedom and independence from Egypt.

In the summertime, they returned to Mount Moriah to celebrate the Feast of Firstfruits by giving back to God the Father their priceless treasure of Life, in the form of the sheaf of first-fruits that was theirs through the bountiful Blessings of the *Torah*, the Christ.

In the autumn, they returned to Mount Moriah to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles by giving back their blessed treasures of Life, in the form of their material prosperity, to the LORD God, the rightful Owner and Master of all their blessings.

The LORD God desired to look into the hearts of the strong male adults, who represented Israel's prime strength, to see if they were sinning against His Ownership and Mastership in their Life of Freedom and Independence or against the Resurrection Life of the *Torah* in the life of their material prosperity. God's ultimate purpose in commanding the male adults to appear at these three major festivals (Passover and Unleavened Bread, Firstfruits, and the Feast of Tabernacles) was so that He could inspect the Life of the Roots of Truth of His Ownership and Mastership. God used these three occasions to revive and refresh the Roots of His Ownership and Mastership which were the beginning of Israel's Tree of Life.

The existence of any tree in the natural realm is dependent upon the life of its root system, and so it is in the spiritual realm. As long as the Truth of God's Ownership and Mastership was revived and renewed in the Roots of Israel's Spiritual Tree of Life, the whole Tree of Life was revived and renewed. Hence, she remained a healthy nation in both the spiritual and natural realms.

Later, when God sent His Beloved Son, the Master and Owner of all creation, to Bethlehem, the mature males of Israel were in a pitifully sad condition. Of all Israel's strong adult males, only the lonely shepherds came to worship the Christ Child, recognizing the LORD Jesus Christ as their Owner and Master. So God the Father, in His Omniscience, made provision for His Son to be honoured as the Master and Owner by the wise men whom He sent from the East to take the place of the mature adult males in Israel.

God always will see that His Beloved Son is surrounded with worship and that He is recognized as the Owner and Master. The wise men brought gold as a token that they were bringing Him their Life of Freedom and Independence, which was manifested by their coming to Canaan's Land to worship the newborn King as the Owner and Master.

Their journey of Freedom and Independence was joined to their complete dependence on the Light of the Owner and Master to guide and govern them in their journey. The wise men brought silver as a token of Christ's Ownership and Mastership of the Life and Faith of the *Torah*. The LORD Jesus Christ is the Owner and Master of the Life, Faith, and Strength of His Word. He imparts His Life and Faith to whomsoever He wills. The wise men also brought myrrh as a token of Christ's Life and Humility Ownership and Mastership of all created things.

The wise men first went to Jerusalem (Mount Moriah) to see if any of the male adults would desire to go to Bethlehem to search for the newborn King, the LORD Jesus Christ, their true Saviour, Owner, and Master. But, of all the male adults of Jerusalem, only the shepherds and the wise men journeyed to Bethlehem to see the new King. The shepherds had gone to the manger in Bethlehem on the night of His Birth, after the Angels had appeared to them on the hillside, while the wise men had gone to the house where the young Child lived in Bethlehem, almost two years after His Birth.

What unparalleled pain must have filled the Father's Heart when He beheld the small group of Gentile foreigners and aliens, called "wise men," departing from Jerusalem all alone, with not one mature male from the house of Israel among them. Nevertheless, how comforting and consoling it is to know that the Mastership and Ownership of the LORD Jesus Christ does not depend upon the creation's acceptance or rejection of Him, but upon His Heavenly Father Who has made Christ the Owner and Master of *everything*.

The lives of all the people mentioned in previous chapters — Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Noah, and Abraham — and in this chapter — the mature males in Israel — serve as historical examples of the unfolding of God's Master Plan for Remission of Sin Through Blood Sacrifice. Although all these people died before the birth of the Holy, Spotless Lamb of God, their lives were Prophetic Lights that pointed to the Coming of the One Who would pour out His Holy, Sinless Blood on the Cross of Calvary.

In the fullness of time, Jesus Christ, God's only Begotten Son, came into this world in a Body of mortal Flesh, and in God's appointed time, He laid down His Holy Life and His Sinless Blood as a Sacrifice on the Cross, in order to redeem fallen man from his sin and restore him to a Oneness of Relationship with the LORD God.

* B. R. Hicks, [*The Seven Feasts of Israel*](#) (Jeffersonville, Indiana: Christ Gospel Churches Int'l, Inc., 1967).

Chapter Eight

The Fulfillment of God's Principle of Redemption Through Blood Sacrifice as Revealed in the New Testament Through Jesus Christ

God's Principle of Redemption through Blood Sacrifice is an Eternal Principle. Before man ever sinned in the Garden of Eden, Christ freely offered Himself to be the Sacrificial Lamb in man's stead.

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; **But with the precious blood of Christ**, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: **Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world**, but was manifest in these last times for you, (1 Peter 1:18-20).

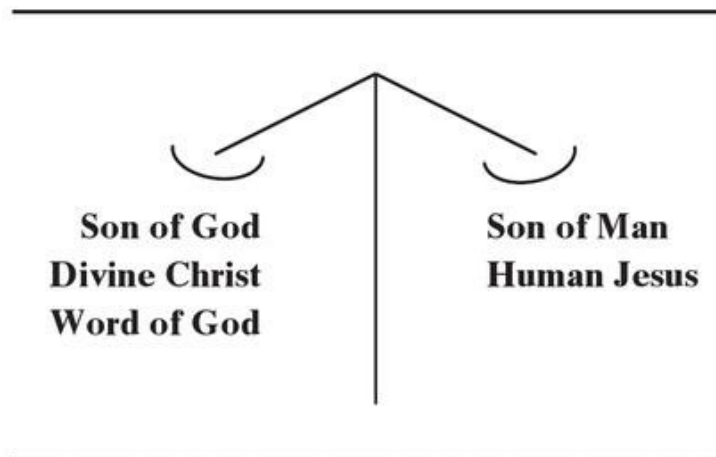
When Adam-male and female sinned and lost their glorious Covering of Light, God mercifully sacrificed the lives of little animals and used their skins in order to cover the outward nakedness of the sinful pair. Christ, the Holy Lamb, gave His Life in the spiritual realm in order to cover the nakedness of the *nephesh* souls of Adam and Eve. Before Adam and Eve were cast out of the Garden, God gave the woman the prophetic Seed of Promise of the Redeemer, Who, one day, would come and bruise the head of the seed of the Serpent.

Throughout His Word, the LORD God continually has reinforced the Truth that His first Provision for fallen man was a Righteous Covering, secured through the shedding of Righteous Blood. Through the animal sacrifices offered in the Old Testament Tabernacle, God affirmed and confirmed this same Principle of Truth. Man must put off his Garment of Death (which was made by his corrupt hands) and be washed with the Blood of Christ for Remission of Sins and be clothed with the Righteous Garment of Life from Christ Jesus.

For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: **for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul** (Leviticus 17:11).

Sin, nakedness, fear, and shame constrained man to try to clothe himself with his glorious, stolen Fig Leaves. But, God mercifully provided a Way through the Sacrifice of the Blood of Christ whereby man's Garments of Death, Darkness, and Destruction could be removed, and man could be given new Garments of Life and Power.

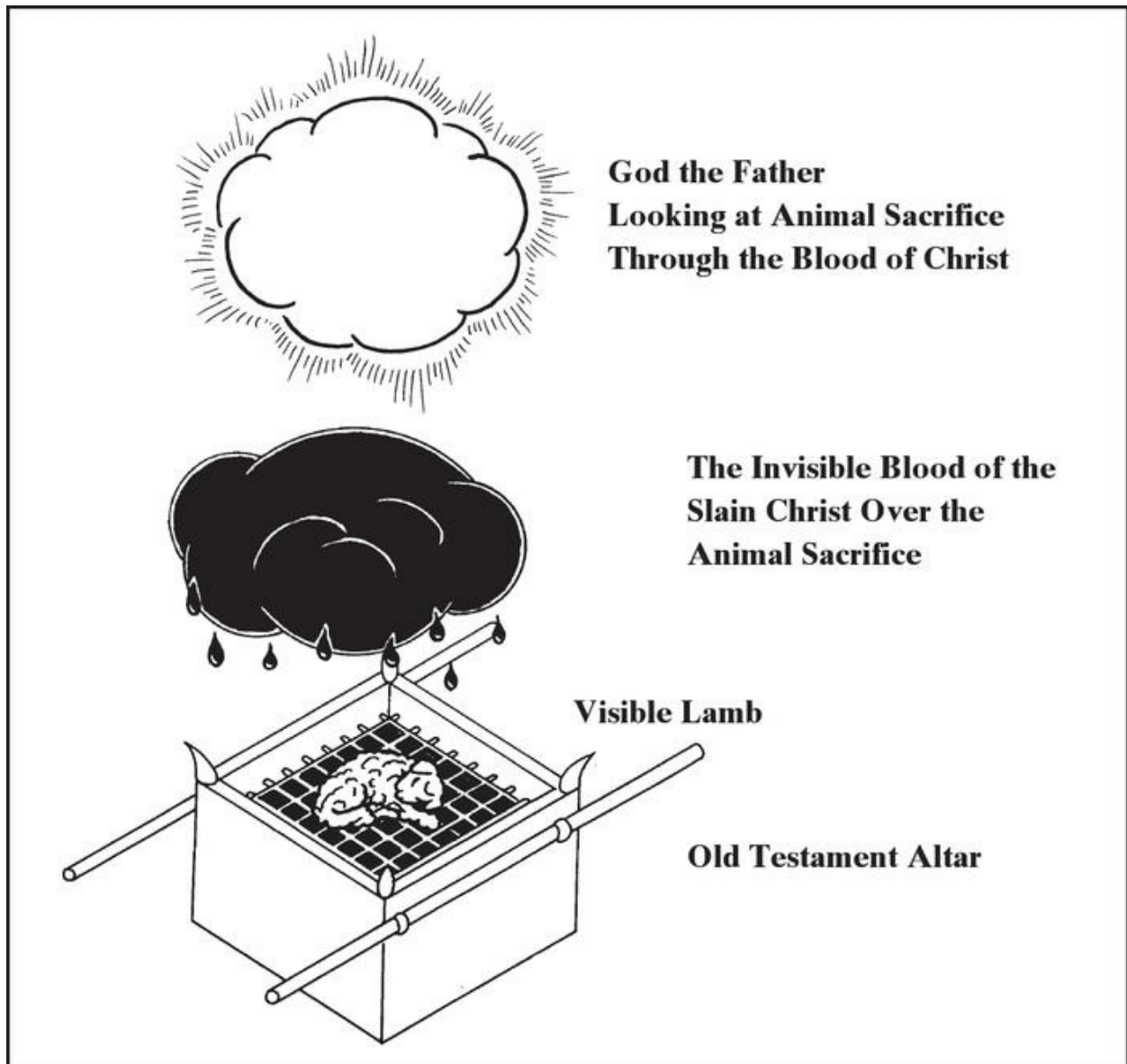
From the beginning, Christ's Life has been given as a Sacrifice for the sinner's life. God has made Provision whereby a sinner can come to Christ, by faith, and accept His Sacrifice as a Substitution for the Penalty of Death and Hell, which man carries as a result of his sin and guilt. The permanent Sacrifice for man's Atonement from sin was obtained through the Death of Jesus Christ, Who was both God and Man. Christ was the Divine Son of God, the Word of God, that was made Flesh; Jesus was the Son of Man, the humanity side.



The Divine Blood of Christ, the Word, which was shed from the foundation of the world, was the precious Substance that made it possible for God to accept the animal blood (shadow and type) of the Old Testament sacrifices as a covering for sin.

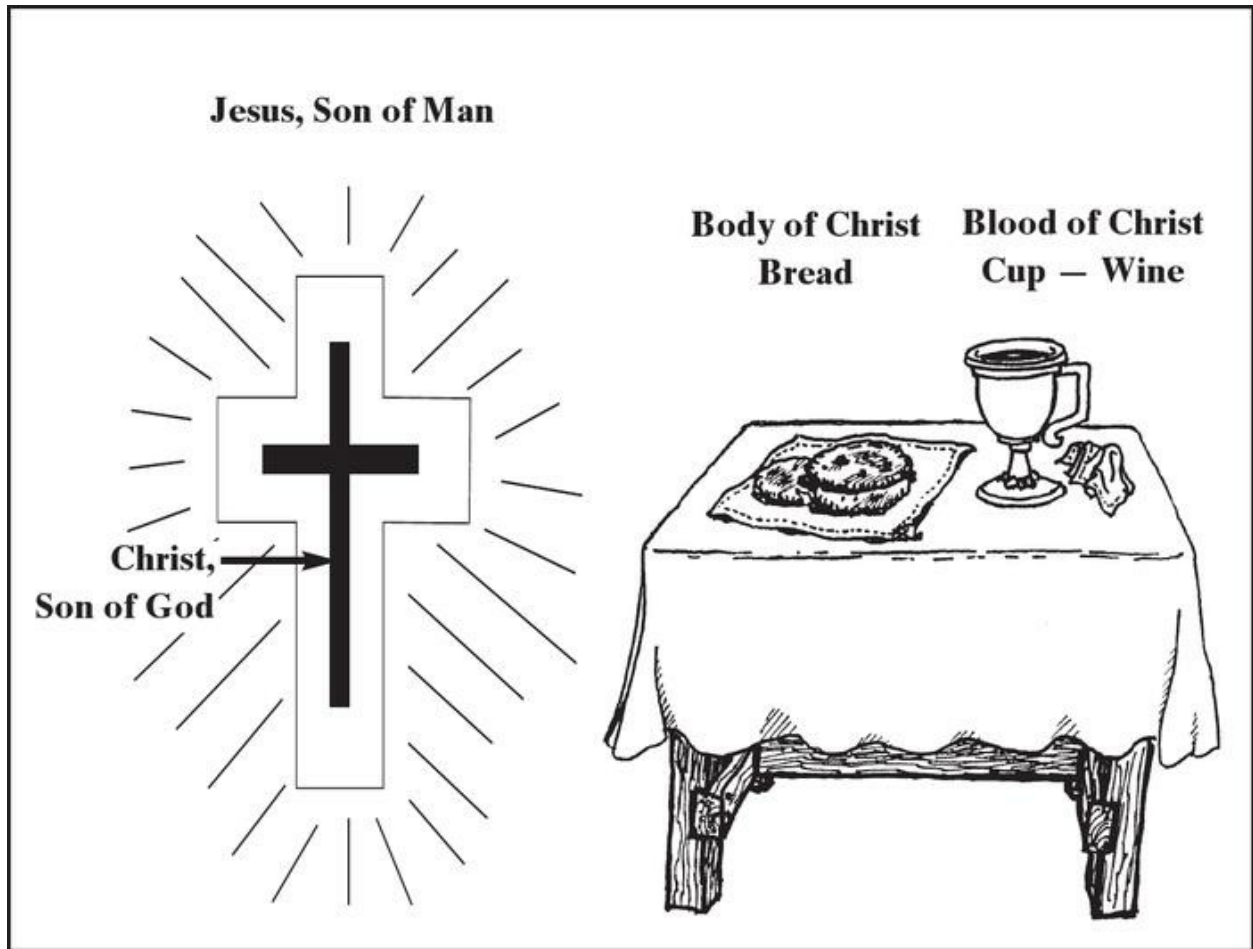
And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of **the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world** (Revelation 13:8).

Since Christ was the Divine Son of God, His Blood was Divinely Omnipresent and Omnipotent. Therefore, it could accompany the animal sacrifices of blood in the Old Testament, making them acceptable to God for sin.



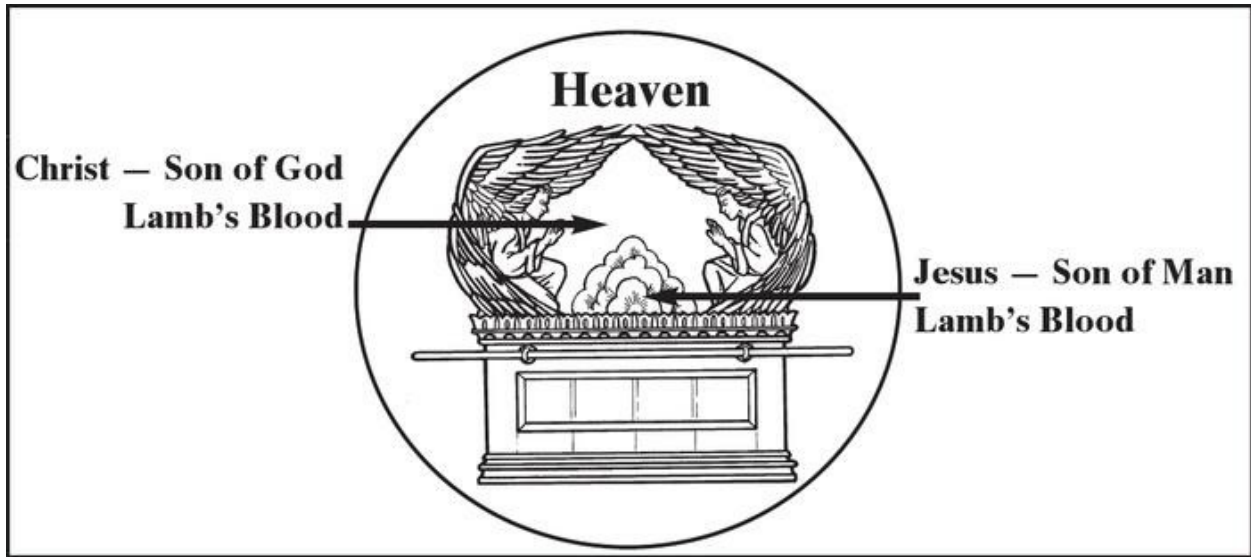
The Principle that shows that Christ's Divine Blood and His Invisible Body overshadow and accompany any visible offering was manifested at the first Communion Table instituted by Jesus Christ.

And as they were eating, **Jesus took bread**, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, **and said**. Take, eat; **this is my body**. **And he took the cup**, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For **this is my blood of the new testament**, which is shed for many for the remission of sins (Matthew 26:26-28).

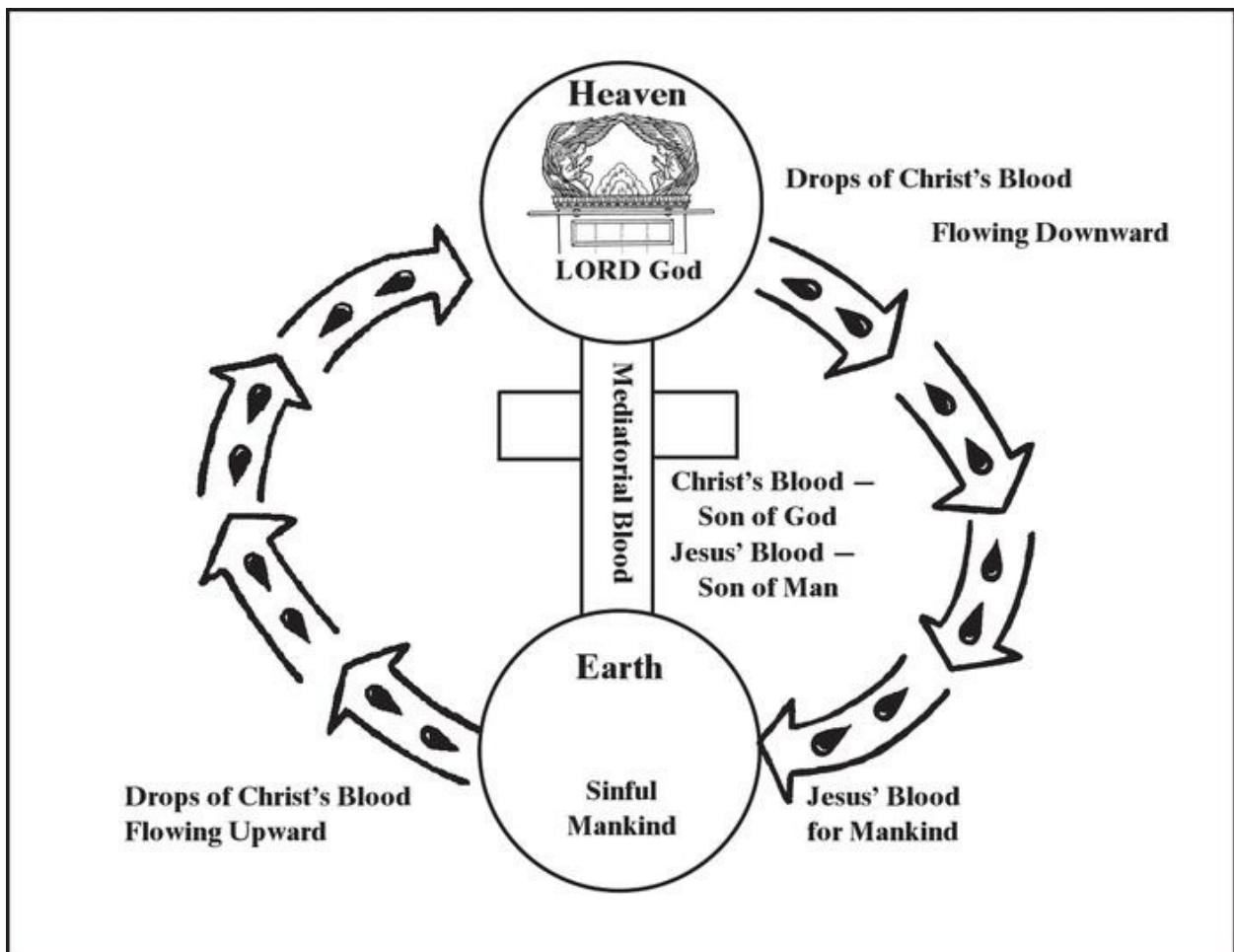


The Omnipresent Body and Blood of the Divine Christ rested upon the communion bread and the communion cup, even while the physical Blood of Jesus still flowed in the veins of His physical Body. Jesus' physical Body went to the Cross and His physical Blood, with the Divine Blood of Christ joined to it, was poured out through His crucifixion. Thus, Christ Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament shadow and type. Jesus revealed Himself as God's Eternal Sacrificial Lamb for sin.

After Jesus Christ arose from the dead, the Resurrected Blood of Jesus (the Son of Man) and the Eternal Blood of Christ (the Divine Son of God) were joined eternally. Then, Christ Jesus took His precious, united Blood and placed it on the Mercy Seat and the Throne of Grace in Heaven for the redemption of mankind.



The Blood of Jesus, the Son of Man, the Spotless Sacrifice, replaced the animal blood of the Old Testament sacrifices; then, after the Resurrected Blood of Jesus had become united with the Eternal, Divine Blood of Christ, the Son of God, Christ Jesus' Blood formed the perfect Eternal, Mediatorial Blood between God and man.



In order for reconciliation to be made between God and man, there had to be a Unified Blood to minister to both

God and man! Sin had broken God's Law, defiled His Glory, and profaned His Name. The Blood of Christ, the Son of God, ministered to God by restoring His broken Law, cleansing His Glory from man's defilement, and hallowing His Holy Name. Jesus, the Son of Man, ministered to man by taking man's penalty in Death and Hell and by washing away sin from man's heart and soul. Thus, because of the unique Union of His Holy Blood, Christ Jesus is the *one and only* Mediator between God and man.

For there is one God, and **one mediator between God and men**, the man Christ Jesus; (I Timothy 2:5).

Christ Jesus is the *Way* (Blood), the Truth, and the Life (Blood). He is the *one* Mediator Who gave His precious Blood as a ransom for mankind.

As a result of man's sin, there is a quarrel between man and God; but the Blood of Christ Jesus is a Mediator and a Peacemaker between God and man. Christ's Blood opens a Way for man's restoration to fellowship with his Creator. Christ Jesus is man's "Daysman," Who lays His Crucified Hands of Blood upon both God and man to reconcile them.

Christ's Crucified Hand of Blood took hold of God, appeasing His Anger against sin; repairing the damage that sin had done to His Law, the *Torah*, His Glory, and His Name; and fulfilling His Judgment which brought the penalty of Death and Hell upon sinful man.

Jesus' Crucified Hands that now are filled with His Resurrected Blood can take hold of sinful mankind and of God. He washes away sin and creates a New Heart, a New Man, within all who repent, believe, and receive Him as their Saviour and Mediator. Therefore, through the upward flow of the Blood of Christ to God and the downward flow of the Blood of Jesus to mankind, Christ Jesus became the one and only Mediator between God and man.

The Invisible Blood of Christ that rested upon the blood of animals in the Old Testament was a picture of the Divine Blood of Christ that rested upon the human Blood of Jesus in the New Testament Covenant.

Saying, **This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you.** Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and **without shedding of blood is no remission.** It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: (Hebrews 9:20-27).

The New Testament is the New and *last* Testament or Will of our LORD and Saviour, Jesus Christ. When the Invisible Blood of Christ rested upon animal blood under the shadow and type, it was the *first* Covenant, the *first* Will, the *first* Testament of Christ Who was slain from the foundation of the world. The *Invisible* Blood of Christ rested upon the *Visible* Human Blood of Jesus in the fulfillment of the shadow and type. Then, through Crucifixion, Death, and Resurrection, the Blood of Christ and the Blood of Jesus were united, eternally, to form one unique Mediatorial Blood. This second and last Covenant (the last Will or New Testament) of the LORD Jesus Christ was written in His own Blood.

A testament or will is a voluntary act or deed of one person who bestows gifts or legacies upon persons as described by the testator, the person who makes the will. A will can take effect only upon the testator's death.

The LORD Jesus Christ made a New Covenant, a last Will and Testament, in order to wash away, completely, the sin of mankind and to appease God; then, He brought His last Covenant — His last Will and Testament — into effect through His Death on the Cross.

Before the testator dies, his property is still in his own hands, and he has the right to cancel or change his will if it pleases him to do so. Therefore, no will or testament is valid as long as the testator lives. However, upon the death of the testator, the will takes effect and is unchangeable. The Blood of Jesus Christ has confirmed His Will and Covenant in the New Testament Order.

In the Old Testament Dispensation, the Sanctuary and the people in Earth were cleansed and sanctified through the shedding of animal blood. This was a picture of the cleansing and sanctifying of the Heavenly Sanctuary. However, it was necessary for the Heavenly Sanctuary to be cleansed with the *better* Blood of a better sacrifice.

The Blood of Jesus Christ was the *better* Blood, the better Covenant, the better Will. Jesus Christ's Sacrifice of Blood was the perfect Sacrifice because within Him was the Union of Divine Blood and perfect human Blood. Therefore, it was sufficient for Jesus Christ to offer His Sacrifice only one time. The Blood of Jesus Christ cleansed

the Heavenly Sanctuary and appeased God. The Blood of Jesus Christ, the spotless Lamb of God, put away man's sin and paid man's penalty and debt for sin. Jesus Christ's Sacrifice of Himself was sufficient for time and Eternity!

Eternity will ring with praises sung to exalt and magnify the Lamb of God for His Holy Blood which He freely shed to redeem man unto God. So, then, let all believers who have been saved by His precious Blood praise His Name, now, and forever more!

This book has shown the great ministry of natural blood, the "liquid flesh," that courses in man's veins and arteries, maintaining man's natural existence. Likewise, it has shown that all Spiritual Existence has its Origin in the Blood of Jesus Christ and that the continuance of all Spiritual Existence is in His Blood.

The Redemptive Blood of Jesus Christ ministers to man in a threefold manner: it cleanses repentant man from his sin; it provides for his spiritual growth and maturity in Christ Jesus; and it is the Substance God uses to write His Moral Law in man's heart.

In the beginning, God established His Principle of Provision of Blood for Man's Redemption from Sin. This Principle was shown through the blood sacrifice that God made for Adam-male and female after they had sinned. Then, God continued to unfold His Master Plan for Remission of Sins Through Blood Sacrifice through the example of Abel, whose blood sacrifice was accepted by God, and through the example of Cain, whose *bloodless* sacrifice was rejected.

God's Commands to Noah were a continuation of His unfolding of His Master Plan of Salvation Through the Blood.

Then, His Master Plan of Salvation Through the Blood was revealed further by His dealings with Abraham.

God's unfolding of His Master Plan for Remission of Sins through Blood Sacrifice was continued by the Commands He gave to the mature males in Israel, who were to attend three special feasts a year and present themselves before the LORD. As part of their worship, they were to offer blood sacrifices.

God took several millenniums in the Old Testament, under the shadow and type, to establish *His Master Plan of Salvation Through the Shedding of Blood*.

Finally, the shadow and type of the Old Testament sacrifices were fulfilled in the Person of the LORD Jesus Christ in the New Testament.

As God's Sacrificial Lamb, the LORD Jesus Christ willingly laid down His Life's Blood so that man might be cleansed from his sins; so that he might grow up spiritually unto the Measure of the Stature of the Fullness of Christ; and so that God could write His Moral Law in his heart.

May God bless this *Introduction to the Study of the Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ* to the heart of everyone who reads it!

