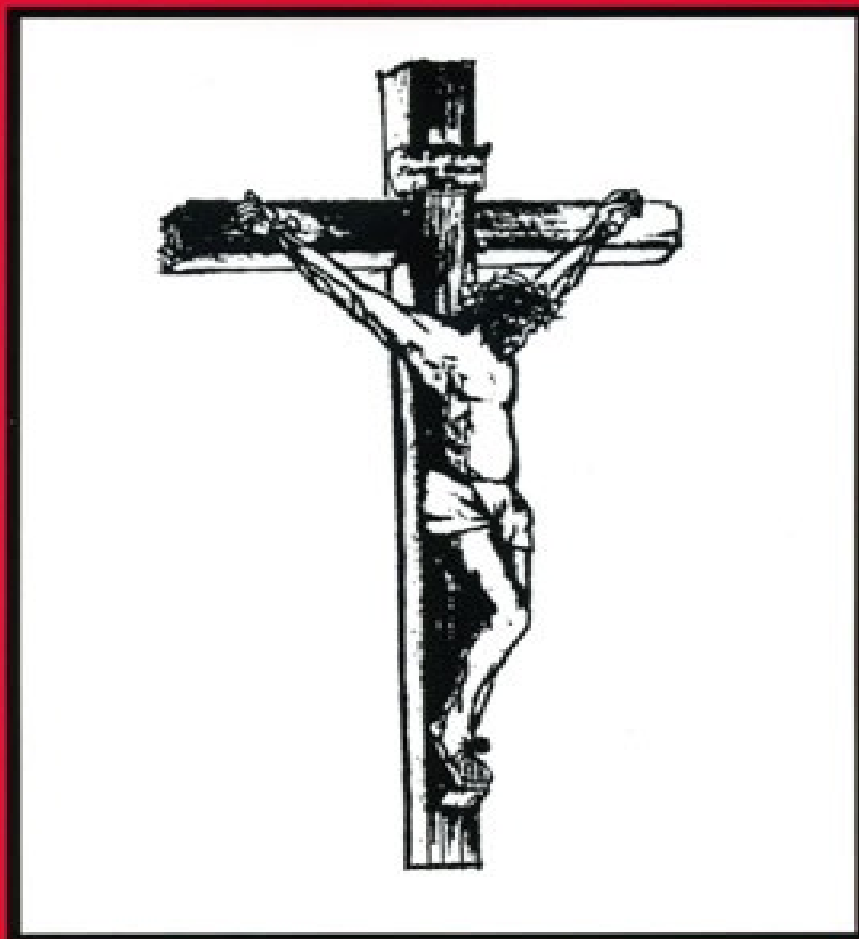


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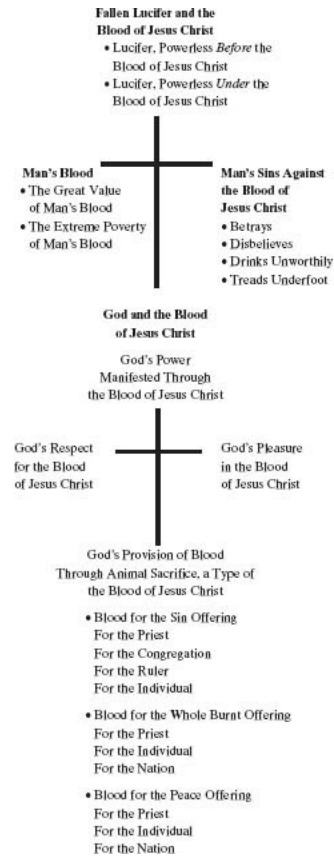
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Introduction

Volume One of the series of books on the study of the Blood of Jesus Christ covered God's Provision of Sin Offering Blood for the Priest. This book deals with God's Provision of Sin Offering Blood for the Whole Congregation, which is the second point under the heading of Blood for the Sin Offering.

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Full Stature of Truth About the Blood of Jesus Christ



God gave special Laws, Precepts, Ordinances, and Commandments to be observed by the whole congregation of Israel. When Israel sinned as a congregation, she was to confess her sin as a congregation, repent, and lay hold of God's sin offering blood for her cleansing.

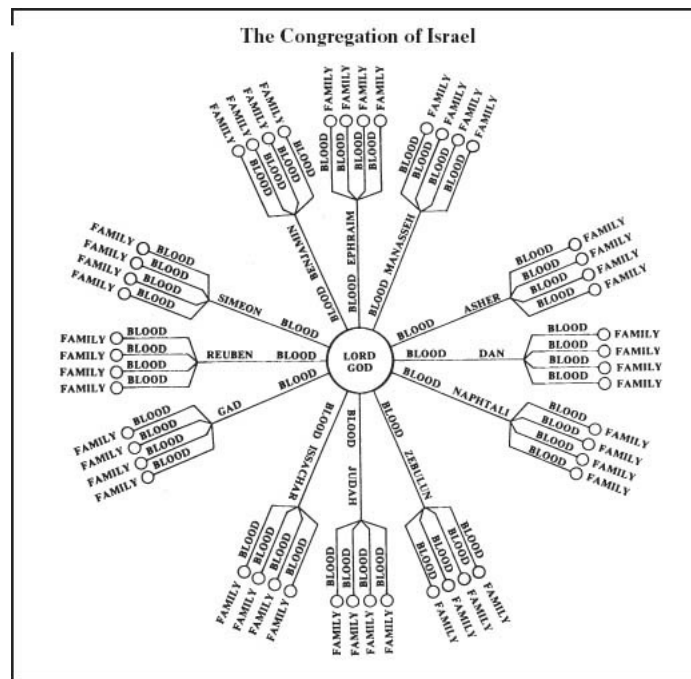
The Hebrew word for *congregation* is *ay-daw*, meaning a fixture, a stated assemblage, family, crowd, company, multitude, swarm, people. *Ay-daw* comes from the Hebrew word *ayd*, meaning witness, testimony, pillar, proof, confirming or ratifying.

The LORD God fixed, appointed, and united the society of Israel through His special calling for her to be His Bride. The community of Israel was comprised of a multitude of families.

The congregation or the Nation of Israel had its origin or birth through God's redemptive Passover lamb. The congregation of Israel was to be a spiritual house whose existence was to be rooted in the LORD God, built up by Him, consecrated to Him, and governed and guided by Him; and the nation was to rest on Him in complete confidence and trust.

The congregation of Israel consisted of twelve tribes, and within each tribe was a multitude of families. The first time God spoke to Israel as a congregation was in Egypt when He gave her instructions about the Passover lamb. The LORD commanded the whole congregation to observe, by families, the Law of the Passover of the Lamb.

(See drawing on following page.)



The LORD God was in the midst of Israel, and the whole congregation of Israel was joined to the LORD God through the blood of the Passover lamb.

The blood of the Passover lamb brought the nation, or the whole congregation of Israel to birth, uniting them in a common call to go to Canaan's Land, with a mutual mission to stride forward in their spiritual education and moral development.

The congregation's getting and keeping the feeling of being happy and contented depended totally upon their passive obedience and active obedience to observe, continually, the Passover, which kept them joined to the LORD God as their Owner and Master and to each other.

The Prophet Ezra is a great example of one who understood the Principle of the collective responsibility of each member of the congregation of Israel.

Ezra, as a member of Israel's congregation, expressed fervent and frightful dismay over the congregation's many national sins: their oppression of the poor; their desecration of the Sabbath; their withholding of tithes that should have been paid to the LORD's House; and, their sin of intermarriage with foreigners, which frequently happened. Although they were forbidden, mixed marriages were tolerated by the members of the congregation. As an individual, Ezra was morally clean of these gross sins which were committed by others in the congregation; nevertheless, he assumed his responsibility for them as part of his membership.

Now when **Ezra had prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God**, there assembled unto him out of Israel a very great congregation of men and women and children: **for the people wept very sore**. And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, *one* of the sons of Elam, answered and said unto Ezra, We have trespassed against our God, and have taken strange wives of the people of the land: yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing. Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them, according to the counsel of my lord, and of those that tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law (Ezra 10:1-3).

As Ezra wept and cast himself down before the House of God, he made known Israel's sins as a congregation.

Ezra's profound grief and earnest confession of the sins of the congregation made a serious impact on the mass of people. His fervent confession of the nation's sins excited great alarm in the congregation, with the result that a series of spiritual reforms were put into effect.

The LORD God, from the time of Israel's birth as a nation, made provision for the sins of the congregation through special sin offering blood for their cleansing.

The LORD God always was faithful to hear the penitent prayers of the congregation and to forgive their sins through the sin offering blood when the people turned to Him with all their hearts.

Chapter One

God's Provision Of Bullock Blood For A Sin Offering For The Whole Congregation To Cleanse Them From Their Sins Of Ignorance

The LORD God provided sin offering blood for expiating the guilt of the sin of the congregation as a whole. When their sin, error, or mistake was discovered, a sin offering of blood had to be brought to the Priest so that God's Wrath would not come upon the whole congregation.

God's merciful provision of blood for a sin offering did not stop with His Priests who ministered in His Sanctuary. He also provided four specific sin offerings which the entire congregation of Israel was to offer when it sinned. There was (1) *bullock blood* to cleanse the people from their sins of ignorance; (2) *goat blood* to sanctify the people from their sins against the LORD God and to prepare them for the appearance of the LORD and the Glory-Fire of His *Torah*; (3) *goat blood* to atone for the nation's sins and to reconcile them to God; and (4) *heifer blood* to purify the people from the sinful defilement of death. Thus, God very carefully provided for each type of sin that His people would encounter in the course of their spiritual education and moral development.

In this chapter, we shall focus our attention on God's provision of bullock blood which the whole congregation of Israel was to offer for its sins of *ignorance*.

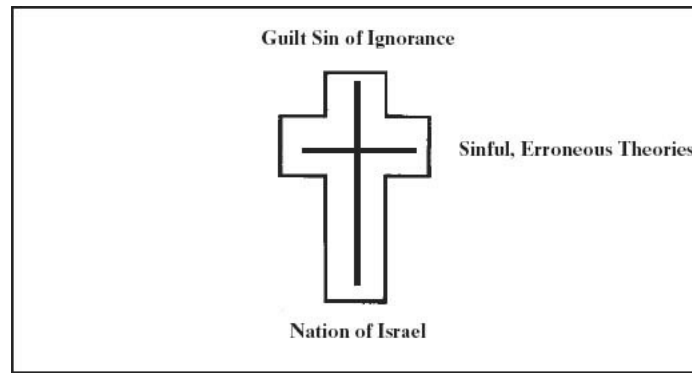
And if the whole congregation of Israel sin through ignorance, and the thing be hid from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done *somewhat against* any of the commandments of the LORD *concerning things* which should not be done, and are guilty; When the sin, which they have sinned against it, is known, then **the congregation shall offer a young bullock for the sin, and bring him before the tabernacle of the congregation**. And the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands upon the head of the bullock before the LORD: and the bullock shall be killed before the LORD. And the priest that is anointed shall bring of the bullock's blood to the tabernacle of the congregation: And the priest shall dip his finger *in some* of the blood, and sprinkle *it* seven times before the LORD, *even* before the vail. And he shall put *some* of the blood upon the horns of the altar which *is* before the LORD, that *is* in the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall pour out all the blood at the bottom of the altar of the burnt offering, which *is at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation (Leviticus 4:13-18).

The "whole congregation" was comprised of all the families of the children of Israel, who were the people of the *Torah*, the Law. God provided a sin offering blood for the congregation of Israel so that when they, as a community, sinned against the *Torah* they could be cleansed and forgiven. The Hebrew word for *sin* is *shawgaw*, meaning a theoretical error which would cause the congregation to stray, wander, and transgress God's Holy *Torah*.

God's Perfect Will was for the Nation of Israel to be ruled and governed by His Holy *Torah* as it was revealed to her through the ministry of the High Priest. However, Israel did not always walk in obedience to God's *Torah*. When she became intoxicated with her own will (taking rapturous delight in her own erroneous theories, as she ruled on her throne of transgression), she could not be obedient to the practice of the *Torah*. When the mind is caught by some definite, erroneous trend of thought which excludes the real Truth, then disobedience in practicing God's *Torah* is the speedy consequence.

When the community of Israel failed to lay hold of the Truth, or when she allowed the revelation of the Truth to slip from her mind, she took on a "false" understanding of some part of the *Torah*. Thus, her spiritual education and moral development were blocked until she was cleansed from her sin of ignorance by offering a young bullock for a sin offering.

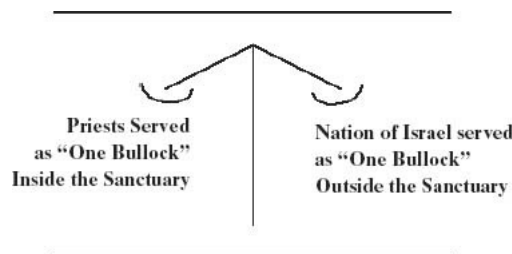
Any thought or decision which contradicts God's *Torah* is a sin of either ignorance or willfulness. God forbade Israel to set up her own erroneous theories as the rule or guideline which would allow immoral practices that the *Torah* forbade. When sinful, erroneous theories rested in the minds of the nation as a whole, then guilt rested upon the entire nation.



For their sins of ignorance, the congregation had to offer a bullock — the same kind of blood the Priests had to offer for their sins of ignorance. In both instances in which ignorance was involved, God required the bullock blood of self-control, restraint, and subjection to be offered.

The Nation of Israel was *one* organized body of Truth whose twelve tribes made up the members of the one body, making their nation a *twelve-membered* unity of the different tribes, so to speak. They brought one bullock as a national offering to atone for their national sin of ignorance, caused by the error of their national intelligence. Thus, the young bullock's blood cleansed their sin as a nation and admonished Israel to be "one bullock" in the service of God.

Just as the LORD God called the Priests to serve as "one bullock" inside the Sanctuary, so did He call the nation as a whole to serve as "one bullock" outside the Sanctuary. As "one bullock" outside the Sanctuary of the LORD, Israel was to "plow" the soil of her heart and mind in all phases of her national life so that new Seeds of Life of the *Torah* could be planted in her heart and mind. Thus, Israel could function as one obedient Wife to the LORD God. The LORD desired that Israel plow as "one bullock" in her home life, her political life, her educative life, and in her business life for the purpose of sowing, theoretically, new Seeds of Truth so that she could practice the required deeds of the *Torah*.



God provided the bullock blood for self-control and restraint of all individual, arrogant, independent, erroneous thoughts that would create division and disunity within the national life of Israel and, thus, prevent her from plowing as "one bullock." When the Priest applied the bullock blood for the sins of ignorance of the whole congregation, he followed the same ritual or pattern that was used for applying bullock blood for the ignorance of the Priests.

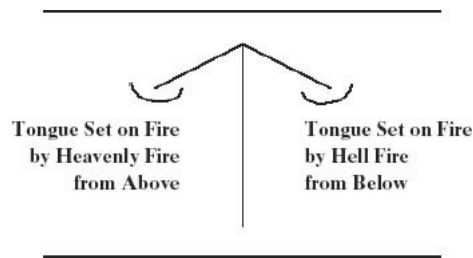
Bullock blood had power to cleanse the whole house of Israel from the sin of ignorance. Sin is the act of the *nephesh* soul with-Priests Served as "One Bullock" Inside the Sanctuary Nation of Israel served as "One Bullock" Outside the Sanctuary drawing itself from the Light-giving and Life-giving Warmth of the Glory-Fire of God's *Torah*. Thus, the *nephesh* soul allows the organs and powers of the body it inhabits to act in opposition to the Will of God instead of its acting within the "happy fence" of God's Divine Will. The bullock blood atoned for the sin of the nation's withdrawal from God and brought their *nephesh* soul near to God again.

The expressing of erroneous thoughts by the human tongue is one of the most prominent, pernicious evils. The human tongue has power to kindle defiling, destructive, and dreadful flames that consume the Unity of God's people.

Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And **the tongue is a fire**, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell (James 3:5,6).

Lucifer uses his diabolical temptations and his devilish designs to prevent God's people, the congregation, from being "one bullock." If he is successful, they cannot plow up the national soil of hearts and minds and sow the Seeds of Light and Life of the Truth. The erroneous thoughts of the carnal mind cause the tongue to be set on fire of Hell from below. But, when the believer waits upon the LORD to cleanse him with His "Bullock Blood" of self-control, restraints, and subjection, the LORD will be faithful to send Cloven Tongues of Fire from above to fall upon the believer's tongue.

(See diagram on following page.)



God has given His people the power to choose which fire they will allow to be kindled upon their tongues — the fire from below or the Fire from above.

When the mind is filled with the thoughts of Truth from God's Word and God's Spirit, the tongue is filled with the Heavenly Fire from above which, in turn, guides the tongue to speak words that express the person's Holy affection for and glowing devotion to the LORD.

The Apostle Paul rebuked believers in the Corinthian church for allowing their tongues to be kindled with carnal fire from below.

And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, *even* as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able *to bear it*, neither yet now are ye able. **For ye are yet carnal: for whereas *there is* among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?** (I Corinthians 3:1-3).

The Corinthian congregation possessed all the spiritual Gifts. Nevertheless, they remained spiritual babes so far as their personal growth in the Stature of Christ was concerned. Their spiritual immaturity was reflected in the fact that they had allowed their corrupt, carnal thinking to break the unity that should have existed between the individual members. Instead of coming together as one body of believers for the purpose of worshipping the LORD Jesus Christ in the beauty of Holiness, they came to church to argue. Some of them professed to be disciples of Paul. Others claimed to be followers of Apollos or of Cephas (Peter). Still others boasted that they had become believers through the preaching of Christ Himself. Their carnal reasoning kept them from being "one bullock" either *inside* God's House or *outside* God's House.

Man's carnal, erroneous thoughts, because they are rooted in passion and pride, produce seditions, hostility, contention, and quarrels which divide the "One Bullock Body" of Christ into many opposing parts.

Not only is the sin of ignorance responsible for causing strife, envy, and division *within* the church, but it is the first cause of divisions that exist in all areas of life. The heart takes advantage of the ignorance of the *nephesh* soul. By working on a subconscious level, the heart is able to cause strife, envy, and division without the *nephesh* soul being consciously knowledgeable of what is happening.

The heart is deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it? (Jeremiah 17:9).

The deceitful and fraudulent nature of the carnal heart makes it easy for a person to remain unaware of his own guilt. However, the LORD is not deceived about what is hidden in the human heart. With His Light of Truth, He searches the depths of the human heart and reveals a person's guilt to him. Then, He mercifully provides the "Bullock Blood" of Christ as a means of cleansing the heart from its sin of ignorance.

The deceitful heart constantly lures the *nephesh* soul into sinning through ignorance. For example, the ignorance of the *nephesh* soul makes it think it will be happier with division and strife than it will be with the unity and harmony that come through being "one bullock" in the LORD's Will. Since the carnal heart works constantly to deceive the soul, the congregation of the LORD needs the fresh Sanctifying Power of the "Bullock Blood" of Jesus Christ to cleanse it, continually, from the ignorance of the *nephesh* soul.

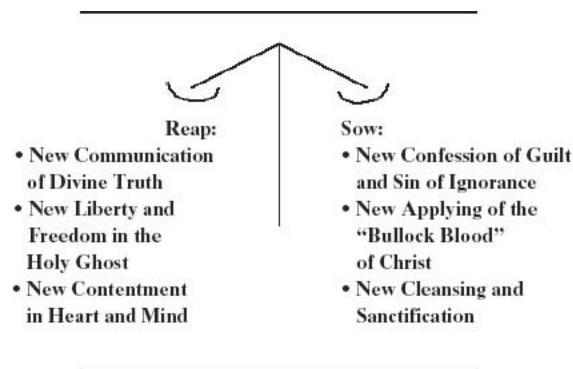
The bullock blood was applied in the same way for the congregation's sin of ignorance as it was for the Priest. The first Spiritual Principle to notice was that the blood had to be applied by an anointed Priest, one who carried a fresh fragrance of his new personal Union with God. When believers claim the "Bullock Blood" of Jesus Christ for their ignorance, only to find that the Blood does not work for them, the failure is not with the Blood. Very often, the reason is that they have not allowed a new, fresh, fragrant Union to be established between them and the LORD Jesus Christ because they have not come to Him with a new desire to have the guilt of their hearts and the ignorance of their *nephesh* souls revealed.

The bullock blood for the congregation of Israel was sprinkled before the veil seven times as a demonstration of

complete cleansing from present guilt and ignorance which, if allowed to continue, would prevent the new, shining Light and Truth from God's *Torah* from penetrating the heart and soul. Remember that when the High Priest went before the LORD God to receive God's Judgments or Verdicts for the Nation of Israel, he stood facing the veil that separated the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies, and God passed His Judgments or Governing Thoughts through the separating veil to the High Priest. When God saw fresh bullock blood on the separating veil, He passed new Governing Thoughts of Light and Truth from His Holy Mind to the mind of the High Priest.

If believers come before God's Presence with the guilt and ignorance of their Pride of Revelation, Pride of Redemption, and Pride of Satisfaction, they inevitably feel sad and defeated in their study of the Word of God because the Truth does not shine forth with new Light and Life to their hearts and souls. They fail to realize the importance of bringing the "Bullock Blood" of the LORD Jesus Christ, by faith, to cleanse them of their guilt and to control and restrain their ignorance so that the Light and Life of God's *Torah*-Truth can shine afresh and anew into their deceitful heart and darkened *nephesh* soul.

God provided the "Bullock Blood" of Christ to cleanse believers from the guilt of their evil thoughts in their hearts and the unenlightened ignorance of their *nephesh* souls so that they might receive new revelation of the LORD's Governing Thoughts of Judgment. If believers do their part by claiming the "Bullock Blood" of Jesus Christ as their Sin Offering to cleanse them from the guilt and sin of ignorance, then the LORD will be faithful to pour out His Revelation and His Judgments to them.



There is no peace or satisfaction crowning the lives of people who let their hearts and souls wallow in their guilt and sin of ignorance. However, when the heart and soul are cleansed and forgiven, there is joyful contentment of mind arising from the possession and acquisition of new Light and Truth, and there is new liberty and freedom in God's Spirit.

The bullock blood was also applied to the horns of the Golden Altar, the place of prayer, signifying the need that believers have to be cleansed from ignorance in their prayer lives.

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: **for we know not what we should pray for as we ought:** but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to **the will** of God (Romans 8:26,27).

Ignorance is a weakness that hinders all believers when they go to pray. By saying, "*We* know not [we are ignorant] what *we* should pray for as *we* ought," the great Apostle Paul included himself among those who are afflicted with the infirmity of ignorance.

The carnal mind keeps believers in a state of ignorance so that they do not know what is good for them; therefore, they do not know what to ask for. Believers' ignorance of their real spiritual condition renders them incompetent to judge rightly what request they should petition from God. When ignorance blinds believers' spiritual eyes, they cannot see God's Eternal Vision; therefore, in their shortsightedness and partiality of the flesh, they ask for carnal things that would separate them from the Will of God and from the Prize of the Eternal High Calling in Christ Jesus.

Believers show their spiritual immaturity and ignorance of Eternal values by crying for Lucifer's noxious fruit that would destroy and devastate them spiritually. However, the Spirit of God helps the infirmities of His children when they apply the "Bullock Blood" of Christ Jesus to their hearts and souls.

When the "Bullock Blood" of Christ has been applied to the aggressive and defensive horns of the Golden Altar of prayer, the Light of Truth will be operative in believers' prayer lives. They will see what is good for them, and they will choose to ask for it. They will see their spiritual condition as God sees it and will make the proper request

to God so that their needs can be met. They will receive a new vision so that they can ask for things that will profit them eternally.

As long as their carnal minds are controlling them, believers cannot know how to pray as they should. In their flesh, believers are ignorant of the Ways, the Will, and the Mind of God. Therefore, they must be cleansed from fleshly, carnal ignorance so that they can ask for things that please God. God does not excuse the sin of ignorance, whether it be committed by His Priests or by His congregation. All God's children must deal with the sin of ignorance by confessing it, repenting of it, and by applying Christ's "Bullock Blood." Christ's "Bullock Blood" cleanses and controls ignorance so that believers are not guided and governed by the darkness of the ignorance of their own minds, but by the Light of *Torah*-Truth.

In this chapter we have seen how powerful God's provision of bullock blood was, even in its type and shadow form. The bullock blood that was sprinkled seven times on the veil had power to make a way for the Light of God's Judgments to pass through the veil to Israel. When it was applied to the horns of the Golden Altar, bullock blood imparted defensive and aggressive power in prayer. The bullock blood that was carried to the Courtyard and poured at the bottom of the Brazen Altar had power to carry away the guilt and sin of ignorance so that it never would be remembered again.

How much greater and more powerful is God's provision of cleansing through the precious Blood of Jesus Christ! The "Bullock Blood" of Christ makes a new and Living Way whereby believers can receive the Light and Life of His *Torah*-Truth. His "Bullock Blood" also washes away the ignorance and darkness believers encounter in the place of prayer so that they can pray with new Light and Power in God's Spirit. Then, as God's children daily walk in the Light of His Word, they see deeper realms of the ignorance of the carnal heart and are aware of their daily need for Christ's "Bullock Blood" to cleanse and forgive them of guilt and sin. Christ's "Bullock Blood" controls the workings and thoughts of believers' unknown ignorance in the *nephesh* soul so that it does not reign over them. Thus, believers can continue to climb higher, daily, in the Spiritual Stature of Jesus Christ as they deal with the unknown ignorance they possess.

Chapter Two

God's Provision Of Goat Blood For A Sin Offering For The Whole Congregation To Prepare Them For The Appearance Of The LORD And The Glory-Fire Of The *Torah*

The LORD God provided a special expiation offering to cleanse the Priests and to impress them with the weightiness and importance of the ministry that had just been conferred upon them. As Priests, they had a great responsibility to minister in behalf of God and in behalf of the nation.

Likewise, God provided a special expiation offering of a male goat to cleanse the congregation and to impress them with their grave responsibility as a nation, both toward God and as an example to the other nations of the world around them. God intended that the congregation of Israel be a bright and shining light to lead all other nations to the Glory and Light of God's Divine *Torah*.

From the beginning, the LORD God always has given man a visible witness of His Glory-Fire, which has enabled man to know when his offering has been accepted by the LORD. God's Holy Fire always has descended from Heaven to consume a sacrifice when it has been found acceptable to Him.

Although there is no mention of fire falling upon Abel's blood sacrifice, we know, by Principle, that it happened. Cain knew when God had accepted his brother's offering because Holy Fire from Heaven fell upon the sacrifice and changed it into a sweet-smelling smoke that ascended back into the Nostrils of God. When Cain saw the bloodless offering on his own altar still untouched by the Fire, he became enraged.

Later, in the days of wicked King Ahab, the Prophet Elijah told Israel to choose which God they would serve — the True and Living LORD God, the God Who answered by Fire — or Baal, the false god worshipped by the heathens. As the Prophet of the LORD, Elijah challenged four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal to call on their god to see if he would answer by Fire. Because he had explicit confidence in his Master and Owner's Faithfulness to answer by Fire, Elijah allowed the false prophets to offer their sacrifice and call on the name of their god first.

Although Baal's prophets spent long hours in frenzied worship of their god, in spite of their agonized pleadings for Baal to send Fire down on their sacrifice, their offering lay cold and lifeless upon their altar.

When it was Elijah's turn to call upon the Name of his God, the first thing he did was to gather twelve stones (according to the number of the tribes of Israel) and *repair* the Altar of the LORD God that had been broken down. Once the Altar was ready, Elijah placed upon it wood and a blood sacrifice (a bullock). Finally, to show the unbelievers that he was not depending on natural fire to consume the offering, he had so much water poured over the wood and the bullock that it ran down and filled a trench around the Altar. The people knew that Elijah's offering was accepted because, after Elijah had called upon the Name of the LORD God, the LORD God sent Fire down from Heaven, which consumed the sacrifice and even licked up the water in the trench.

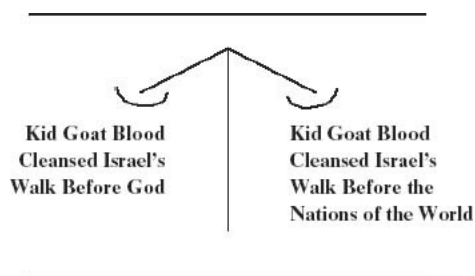
The Principle of God sending Fire from Heaven as a visible witness of His acceptance of man's offering was in operation when Moses erected the Tabernacle in the wilderness and dedicated it as a place of worship unto the LORD God. To show His acceptance of the newly dedicated Altar and its sacrifice, the LORD God sent the Glory-Fire of the *Torah* to consume the sacrifice.

However, before Israel saw this visible manifestation of the LORD God and the Glory-Fire of His *Torah*, God provided a special sin offering that was to be offered for the entire congregation. A kid of the goats had to be sacrificed and its blood offered in behalf of the Nation of Israel so that all the people would be clean, surrendered to God's Will for them, and prepared to worship the LORD God.

And unto the children of Israel thou shalt speak, saying, **Take ye a kid of the goats for a sin offering;** and a calf and a lamb, both of the first year, without blemish, for a burnt offering;... And **he brought the people's offering, and took the goat, which was the sin offering for the people, and slew it, and offered it for sin, as the first....** And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of the congregation, and came out, and blessed the people: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the people. **And there came a fire out from before the LORD, and consumed upon the altar the burnt offering and the fat:** which when all the people saw, they shouted, and fell on their faces (Leviticus 9:3,15,23,24).

At the dedication of the Tabernacle, the High Priest had to offer a young calf as a sin offering for himself and his family in order for the LORD to appear with the Glory-Fire of His *Torah*. On this notable occasion, God also

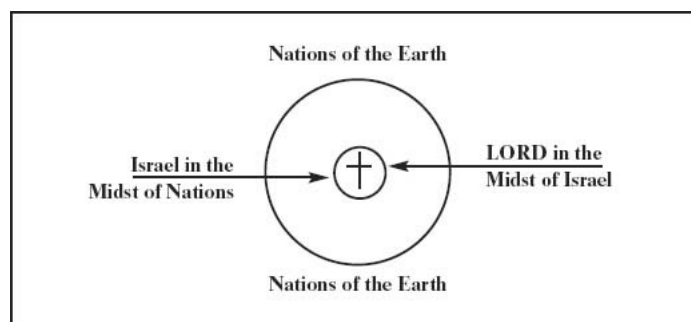
required that a *kid of the goats* be offered for a sin offering for the whole congregation. The young goat blood revealed the necessity for the cleansing of Israel's walk before God and before the nations of the world.



The LORD God prepared a Tabernacle to be a home for His *Torah* and His Glory and Fire on Earth. Then, He provided the blood of a kid goat to cleanse the congregation from the sin of stumbling so that Israel could walk as a Holy people in the Light and Life of the *Torah* before God and the world. God used a kid goat to depict the *submissive* and *aggressive* Nature of the Spiritual Blood of His Son, Jesus Christ.

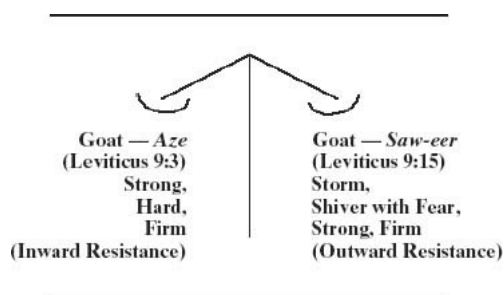
Israel could achieve her High Calling in God only by following the LORD God and letting Him be the Director, Guide, and Shepherd of all her thoughts and actions. Israel needed the submissive nature of the kid goat blood to enable her to walk in obedience to the LORD God as her one and only true Shepherd, as she followed Him faithfully to all the green pastures, still waters, and paths of righteousness that He would desire to take her. She needed the aggressive nature of the kid goat blood to empower her to be ever climbing upward toward the moral heights of the *Torah* in her spiritual education and moral development.

Until the goat blood removed Israel's sin and guilt, the congregation of Israel could not walk pleasing to God and be a spiritual example in the midst of the nations of the Earth.



A natural goat has four distinguishing characteristics, which are as follows: surefootedness, determination, steadfastness, and pushing power. These natural traits reveal characteristics that are present in the spiritual "Goat Blood" of the LORD Jesus Christ.

Two different Hebrew words (*aze* and *saw-er*) are used to describe the *one* goat used as a sin offering for the congregation, which would be acceptable and cause the LORD and His Glory-Fire to appear. These two words reveal the dual ministry of the sin offering blood that would cleanse the congregation inwardly and outwardly.



The first Hebrew word used for the goat offered for the congregation of Israel on this occasion is *aze*. This

Hebrew word comes from a word that means hard, strong, and firm, and it describes an animal that is docile and tame toward its owner and master but which strongly and firmly shows its horns to a stranger or an enemy.

The second Hebrew word for the goat of the sin offering that prepared the congregation for the appearing of the LORD and His Glory is *saw-eeer*. This word comes from a root word that means to storm, shiver with fear, strong, firm.

Spiritually speaking, the *aze* goat represents the heart's inward love for the Master and Owner and its inward obstinacy and resistance toward following strangers. Thus, it represents the power of the heart's obstinate resistance against all *internal* temptations that would try to deter it from obeying the Commands of its Master and Owner. The *saw-eeer* goat, on the other hand, signifies the heart's obstinate resistance toward all *external* allurements.

Natural goats, because of their faithfulness and immovability in following the orders of their masters, are chosen to be leaders of flocks of sheep. Likewise, God called Israel to be the shepherd or *aze* goat and *saw-eeer* goat of God's flocks, the nations of the Earth. God purposed that Israel walk Holy before Him and before the flocks of the Earth; then, she would have the power to lead the nations of the Earth onward and upward to the Spiritual, Moral Heights of the *Torah*.

God knew that Israel could not lead the nations of the Earth to walk in the footsteps of the *Torah* unless she herself was walking in them. In His Mercy, God provided the blood of the *aze* goat so that Israel's heart might be cleansed of its careless, easygoing, stumbling walk before Him. Through the *aze* goat blood, Israel could be made inwardly docile and tame toward the LORD God, her Master and Owner; thus, she also could possess the great inward horns of power to resist all inner strangers and enemies that would try to lure her heart away from the LORD's *Torah*. The blood of the *aze* goat was given so that Israel could have power to resist the inward temptation to become like the world.

God also provided the *saw-eeer* goat blood as a sin offering for the congregation so that Israel could be cleansed from her outward carelessness and easygoing, stumbling walk before the nations of the Earth. Through the blood of the *saw-eeer* goat, Israel could gain strong, obstinate, spiritual resistance against outward moral carelessness which would cause her to slide backward from her upward climb to the Moral Heights of the *Torah* and, thus, fail to walk uprightly before the world. God provided the blood of the *saw-eeer* goat so that the congregation of Israel might shiver with Holy Fear of failing in her responsibility to be an example to the whole world.

The blood of the *aze* goat cleansed Israel's heart from *internal* indifference toward the LORD God and filled it with love and gratitude for Him. The blood of the *saw-eeer* goat cleansed Israel from *external* indifference toward her neighbours and filled her heart with love and gratitude for them because she had the Holy Privilege of leading them in the *Torah's* Ways of Righteousness and Paths of Moral Truth. The *saw-eeer* goat was clothed in a thick protective covering of hair which empowered him to resist, strongly and firmly, all outside contrary influence.

God provided the goat blood with its dual sides (*aze* blood and *saw-eeer* blood) so that the congregation of Israel could be cleansed of their careless, easygoing, and stumbling walk, both *inwardly* before God and *outwardly* before man. When the LORD beheld the congregation freshly cleansed by the "dual" blood of the *aze* and *saw-eeer* goat, He appeared with the Glory-Fire of His *Torah*.

When Israel walked firmly and strongly with all of her heart loving and serving God, she was a formidable "goat-leader" of God's flocks. When Israel shivered in reverential fear of the LORD, she had power to cause the nations to shiver with fear before her.

Before the LORD provided goat blood for Israel and told her to walk perfectly in her heart before Him, He told Abraham to walk before Him and be perfect.

And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, *I am* the Almighty God; **walk before me, and be thou perfect** (Genesis 17:1).

Believers can walk perfectly before the LORD God in the following three ways to fulfill the positive and negative Commands of the *Torah*: (1) in their thoughts, (2) in their actions, and (3) in their feelings. It is easy for believers to tell when they are walking wholeheartedly before the LORD and putting their thoughts of hope and trust in Him. Their hearts will have Holy thoughts of trust in the LORD; they will not attempt to make their own inquiries into the future, but will accept, trustingly and wholeheartedly, all the things the LORD God, the Master and Owner, sees necessary to bring to pass in their lives.

The *aze* side of the goat blood (with its surefootedness, determination, steadfastness, and pushing power) empowered Israel to walk perfectly in her inward thoughts, actions, and feelings before the LORD. The *saw-eeer* side of the goat blood (with its surefootedness, steadfastness, and pushing power) enabled Israel to walk uprightly before the world in her outward words, deeds, and feelings.

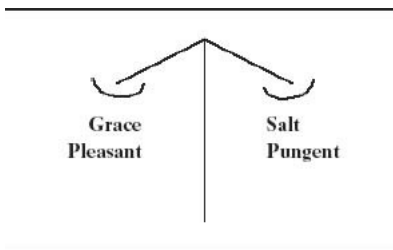
Paul admonished New Testament believers to walk in Wisdom, letting their speech be seasoned with Grace and Salt.

Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech *be* always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man (Colossians 4:5,6).

God's people always have had the responsibility of walking uprightly before the world so that they will not increase the world's prejudices against the LORD and give them more excuses for continuing to hold to their inimical attitudes. By walking uprightly before the world, God's people can influence many to change their hearts and minds, turning them toward the LORD and His Holy Word.

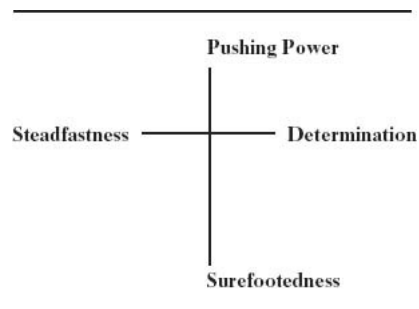
When God's people speak words that are full of Grace (gratitude for the Truth) and Salt (loyalty and fidelity to the Truth), their conversation has great power to influence their hearers. Just as spices are used to season food in the natural realm, making it more desirable and appealing, so are Grace and Salt used in the spiritual realm to season conversation. Properly used in conversation, Grace or Gratitude presents what is praise-worthy to the greatest advantage and exposes the vices and vileness of sinful man.

By their proper use of the "Salt" of loyalty and fidelity to the Truth, believers season hearts and minds with God's prudent and pious Principles of Truth, making them more pleasant and palatable to the taste of the world. Unbelievers are more likely to agree with and accept the Truth if believers' words are "salted" with the loyalty that comes from personal experience, rather than the spouting of theoretical dogma.



With Grace and Salt, God's people can walk uprightly before the world. Through the ministry of Jesus Christ's *Saw-er* "Goat Blood," a believer's walk can be a visible demonstration of the following things: (1) surefootedness, (2) determination, (3) steadfastness, and (4) pushing power which God's only Begotten Son manifested before the world when He walked in a Body of mortal flesh.

Let us study these characteristics of the natural goat so that we may learn the spiritual Truths that God meant for us to understand through the type and shadow they present to us of the LORD Jesus Christ as they relate to the goat offered for the *cleansing* of the whole congregation (so that the congregation might be prepared for the appearance of the LORD and the Glory-Fire of the *Torah*).



- **Surefootedness**

Because God chose the natural goat's feet to be a picture of Jesus Christ's Walk, He formed the goat's feet so that he could walk surefootedly while leaping and climbing among the rocks. When traversing places where a false step would be fatal, the goat shows wonderful sureness of foot and absence of fear.

The surefootedness of the natural goat gives us a beautiful picture of the Surefootedness manifested by God's Son, Jesus Christ, as He walked through the dangerous places of this world. As God's *Aze* and *Saw-er* Goat, He

was able to tread firmly and steadily; He did not stumble, slide, nor fall. God's Goat, the LORD Jesus Christ, is Surefooted. He does not ever fall, neither inwardly nor outwardly.

Because the natural goat is surefooted, not liable to slip or err in its walk, it is trustworthy as a leader of the flock. Because his position of leadership has been given to him by his master and owner, the goat confidently leads the flock in the way it should go. Likewise, the LORD Jesus Christ walked Holy and Uprightly before God the Father, His Owner and Master, leading the flocks of Earth in the Paths of Righteousness for His Name's Sake. When Jesus walked through the world, He obstinately resisted all sinful enemies.

The writer of the Book of Hebrews admitted that the Hebrew Christians, as sheep of God's Pasture, had suffered in their agonizing struggle against sin. But, he reminded them that they had not obstinately resisted sin unto the shedding of blood as did the LORD Jesus Christ, God's *Aze* and *Saw-eeer* Goat.

Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin (Hebrews 12:4).

Sin is a most inimical opposer to both God and man. Our surefooted Goat, the LORD Jesus Christ, walked perfectly before God and man as He resisted sin unto the shedding of Blood on the Cross and on through Death, Hell, and the grave.

Jesus Christ became God's Goat Offering for sin when He hung upon the Cross. As His Blood flowed forth, it opened up an Eternal Fountain for cleansing from sin. Jesus Christ withstood sin and defeated it through His own precious Blood. At the Cross, the Blood of Christ opposed, resisted, and took victory over all sin.

The LORD Jesus Christ has given His children His strong, firm, resisting *Aze* and *Saw-eeer* Blood so that they, too, can actively repel and defeat the enemy of sin that works in believers' hearts and lives, trying to prevent them from having a Holy walk before the LORD and before the world.

Fallen Lucifer was defeated at the Cross of Calvary by Christ's "Goat Blood." Therefore, he still finds Christ's *Aze* and *Saw-eeer* "Goat Blood" distasteful, disagreeable, and offensive. Whenever believers offer, by faith, the "Goat Blood" of Jesus Christ as their Sin Offering, the enemy shivers with fear and flees in fright.

Spiritual warfare against sin (the cause) and death (the effect) is both distinguished and essential. Because the Blood of Christ gives victory over sin and death, it is a defense against these enemies who are always seeking to destroy believers.

The Captain of our Salvation, the LORD Jesus Christ, the "Goat-Leader" of God's flocks, opposed and resisted sin unto the shedding of His own Blood. Therefore, since the LORD Jesus Christ walked surefootedly through the greatest trial, we should be ashamed to faint and fail under lesser trials.

The second characteristic of the *Saw-eeer* Goat Blood is its Determination.

- **Determination**

God formed the natural goat so that he would have strong determination to climb and overcome all opposing obstacles. His disposition is decided and settled to do the will of his master and owner. As the leader of the flocks, the goat is unflinchingly firm and unfalteringly staunch in his determination to obey His master's command to guide the sheep to green pastures and still waters.

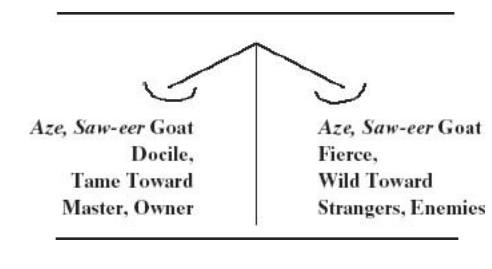
The LORD Jesus Christ, God's "Goat," always resolved and agreed to overcome all obstacles in order to do the Will of His Father, His Owner and Master. Jesus went to Jerusalem to keep His first Passover because He was made under the Law (Galatians 4:4). It was His Father's Will for Jesus to purge and purify the Temple of the LORD Jesus Christ so that it could be a place of prayer, praise, and lifting up of the Name of the LORD. When Jesus came to His Father's Temple, He found that carnal men had turned it into a house of merchandise. With His surefooted "Goat" Determination, Jesus overcame all opposing obstacles, and those who were selling sheep, oxen, doves, and merchandise were driven out of the Temple by Him, and He overturned the tables of the money changers (John 2:13-17). Jesus, with surefooted Determination, cleansed His Father's Temple.

The third characteristic of the *Saw-eeer* Goat Blood is its Steadfastness of Surrender.

- **Steadfastness of Surrender**

On one side of the Scales, a natural goat is docile, tame, and surrendered to obey the commands of its owner and master. However, on the other side of the Scales, it is obstinately fierce and wild in its resistance to all *strangers*. The goat's dual nature (which was reflected in the two Hebrew words *Aze* and *Saw-eeer*) made him strong, energetic, wild as a tiger, insolent, and impudent toward all strangers who would try to hinder him from leading his master's

flock according to his master's will.



The natural goat is a most beautiful picture of our LORD Jesus Christ. As God's surrendered "Goat" (*Aze and Saw-eeer*), Jesus Christ was vehemently steadfast and energetically firm in His surrender to do the Will of His Heavenly Father in Heaven, but He was wild and fierce toward all enemies and strangers who opposed His Father's Will. Jesus vehemently rebuked and resisted Peter when Peter showed himself a stranger and an enemy to Christ's determination to go to Jerusalem to suffer and die on the Cross (Matthew 16:23).

Some people believe that a person who is surrendered and submissive to the Will of God has to be docile and passive and never take a stand. However, they are mistaken in their thinking. True surrender means that a person is docile and tame toward God but fierce and wildly resistant toward all strangers and enemies.

Jesus Christ, in His steadfast surrender to stand for the Truth and protect His Father's Will, also manifested His fierce and wildly resistant "Goat" Nature when He cleansed the Temple. He drove out the money changers and those who sold doves, and He rebuked them for turning His Father's House into a den of thieves instead of using it for a House of Prayer.

When Israel was obeying the *Torah* and lifting up the Name of the LORD God, she, too, was God's beautiful "goat" among the nations. God desires that each one of us be a "goat," to lead and guide others in the way of His *Torah*-Truth. We cannot be a "goat-leader" of God's flock unless we first surrender, completely and steadfastly, to Him as our Master and Owner and, second, unless we surrender, completely and steadfastly, to defend His Holy Will, His Holy Truth, and His Holy House by fighting fiercely and wildly against every enemy who would try to stop us.

On one side of the Scales, the goat projects the strong, energetic, surrendered impudence of a tiger toward strangers. On the other side of the Scales, it shows polite steadfastness of surrender to its master and owner. A tiger is a picture of fierce and wild surrender because it is surrendered to be what the Creator — the Master and Owner, the LORD God — has created it to be.

Jesus Christ has surrendered to be and to do what His Father has begotten Him to be and to do. Mortal man is less surrendered to God's Will, in most cases, than the wild ferocious tiger. The "Goat" Blood of Jesus Christ will give believers both His docile, tame, surrendered Nature and His fierce, wild, surrendered Nature that resists all strangers and all enemies of God.

The Hebrew word *aze* is also used in the masculine form *oze* to describe the strength of the LORD God.

The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth *between* the cherubims; let the earth be moved. The LORD *is* great in Zion; and he *is* high above all the people. Let them praise thy great and terrible name; *for* it *is* holy. The king's **strength** also loveth judgment; thou dost establish equity, thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob. Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; *for* he *is* holy (Psalm 99:1-5).

The LORD is the strong (*oze*) King Who rules in the midst of Israel and the people of the Earth. Unlike human monarchs who use their power and strength tyrannically, the Divine, Holy King uses His *Oze* Strength to lead His flocks of Earth in equity, justice, and righteousness, and He allows His Might and Strength to be controlled by His Holy Justice.

Jesus Christ, the "Goat" of man's offering, had within His Heart and Mind both the feminine *Aze* Strength and the masculine *Oze* Strength or Steadfastness of Surrender to do the Will of His Heavenly Father. Christ's Mind was firmly and resolutely fixed on going to the Cross as a Sacrifice for sin. As God's "Goat," Christ was not fickle or wavering in His Surrender to lead God's "flocks" on Earth out of the paths of sin into the Paths of Righteousness and Holiness. His Principle of Surrender to His Father's Will was resolutely fixed. In times of testing and trials, He was vehemently firm in the display of His Surrender. Christ Jesus has proven Himself worthy to be the "Goat-Leader" of God's Flocks in Earth and in Heaven.

One cannot be a faithful leader if he has not resolutely and firmly surrendered *all* to the LORD God, his Master and Owner. The LORD Jesus Christ surrendered all His Powers, Privileges, and Possessions to the complete control of His Heavenly Father. Therefore, the Heavenly Father has entrusted the Son with *All Power* in Heaven and Earth so that His Son can be His “Goat-Leader” of all the flocks in Heaven and Earth. Certainly, then, if God’s own Son had to surrender “All,” it is evident that His followers must also surrender “all” — all their will to the overture of His Goodness and Mercy that follow them all the days of their lives.

The fourth characteristic of the *Saw-er* Goat Blood is its Pushing Power.

- **Pushing Power**

God created the natural goat with horns. Because of its obstinate resistance to all strangers, enemies, and obstacles that would hinder it from following the commands of its master and owner, the goat is a beautiful picture of the LORD Jesus Christ. By using the force and strength of its horns to press against attackers, the goat protects its master’s flock. The goat also gets behind the flock to drive them onward and upward to the heights of a mountain. By exerting continued, steady pressure and by shoving with its horns, the goat helps the sheep find grazing places they never would find on their own. The goat does not wound the flock with its horns. Instead, it gently nudges them along, always forward and upward toward the completion of their journey, taking them to new pastures and fresh waters, according to the commands of the master.

The natural goat’s pushing power presents a beautiful picture of the LORD Jesus Christ with the aggressive and defensive Horns of His Blood. Christ’s powerful Horns of Blood push His flock onward and upward to new Truth and to fresh Waters of His Spirit and His Word. When a believer claims the wonder-working Power of Christ’s Blood, by faith, the powerful Horns of His “Goat” Blood obstinately push back and strongly resist all the opposing forces of darkness, death, and destruction that would hinder the believer from following the LORD God, the Master and Owner.

God provided the blood of the *oze* goat and the *saw-er* goat for the congregation of Israel for the following reasons: so that the nation could be *surefooted* in their walk before Him and before the world; so that they could be *determined* in their wills to follow the Commands of the *Torah*; so that they could *maintain a steadfast surrender* to do the Will of the LORD God, even in the face of opposition; so that they could have the necessary *pushing power* to stride forward in their *obedient* walk before the LORD God and in a *defensive* walk before the nations, protecting and defending the *Torah* and the glorious Name of the LORD. The goat blood prepared the congregation for the appearance of the LORD and the Glory-Fire of the *Torah*.

God gave specific commands to Moses about the offerings the congregation of Israel should bring at the dedication of the newly built Tabernacle. The congregation drew near with their sin offering and stood before the LORD, while the High Priest sacrificed their goat. God could not bring His Glory-Fire, manifesting His approval of the Tabernacle (His Sanctuary in the wilderness), until the Priests and the people had been purged and purified by the blood of the sin offering. (Later, as we progress in the study of the blood, we shall see all the whole burnt offerings of blood and all the peace offerings of blood that were offered on this occasion in obedience to God’s Command in order for God to manifest His approval of the Sanctuary and the people as He Himself appeared with the Glory-Fire of the *Torah*. For now, however, the Principle we are learning is this — sin must be put away through the purging and purifying ministry of the Blood before the LORD can appear Personally with His Glory-Fire.) If Israel had not purged and purified herself on this day, she would not have beheld the LORD Himself. She would have seen only a manifestation of His Presence.

When Aaron, the High Priest, approached God’s Altar, timidly and reverently, Moses reassured him that he should be confident and courageous as he carried out the LORD’s Divine Plan of Cleansing through the Blood.

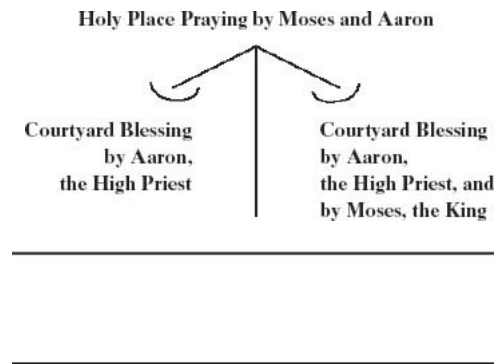
Aaron did not draw near to God presumptuously and start performing his Holy duties with feelings of self-exaltation or pride. Although Aaron was the anointed High Priest, he also was a mortal creature and, therefore, subject to sin. Aaron had to obtain purity for himself and purity for the nation through the blood offerings. Aaron himself did the slaughtering; he personally laid the sharp knife of the Sanctuary to the necks of all the animals that had been designated for sacrifices. Then, Aaron’s sons, who were also Priests, assisted him in performing the rites of the blood.

In order for the LORD to appear Personally in His Glory-Fire on this occasion, all three classes of blood had to be offered: sin offering blood, whole burnt offering blood, and peace offering blood. The blood of the *sin offering* denoted Israel’s confession of her need for purification. The blood of the *whole burnt offering* indicated her complete self-surrender to God. Accompanying the whole burnt offering was the bloodless meal offering, which

symbolized the Spiritual Food Israel enjoyed in her fellowship with God. Finally, the blood of the *peace offering* symbolized the harmonious Unity and Oneness of Relationship that existed between the LORD God and His Espoused Bride, Israel.

When Israel purged herself from sin through the sin offering blood, submitted her will to the Divine Will of God through the whole burnt offering blood, and entered into the melodious harmony of fellowship with the LORD through the peace offering blood, the LORD Himself appeared with His Glory-Fire to lead Israel into the enjoyment of a full stature of worship to the LORD God, which is the supreme experience for any soul.

After Aaron faithfully had performed the rites of offering the sacrificial blood, he blessed the people. Then, both Moses and Aaron went into the Holy Place to pray and seek God to see if the LORD was pleased with Aaron's obedience in performing the blood sacrifices and to receive God's Witness of His Satisfaction with their blood sacrifices. Next, they prayed for the personal appearance of the LORD and His Glory-Fire. Moses and Aaron then returned to the Courtyard where, together, they blessed the people.



God did not appear personally with His Glory-Fire immediately after all the required blood had been applied. First, Aaron had to bless the people with this Priestly Blessing. Second, Moses and Aaron had to go into the Holy Place and pray. Third, Moses (the King) and Aaron (the High Priest) had to join in blessing the people. Then, the LORD personally appeared with His Glory-Fire.

Moses and Aaron were types of the LORD Jesus Christ, the Divine King and Priest. When Jesus Christ prayed, the Heavens opened.

Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that **Jesus** also being baptized, and **praying, the heaven was opened**, And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased (Luke 3:21,22).

Jesus did not pray to His Father in order to confess His sins as others did because He had no sins to confess. Nevertheless, Jesus prayed in order to maintain His unbroken communion with His Father. Jesus, by His Baptism, parted the waters of Jordan, which were below, on the Earth, signifying His Power to open the Waters of Death and Hell and, thus, set the captives free. Jesus, by His praying, parted the Heavens, which were above, signifying His Power to open up a New and Living Way into the Father's Holy Presence and into the Presence of the blessed Holy Dove Spirit.

When Jesus Christ, the King and Priest, prayed, the Holy Ghost Dove personally appeared with His Glory-Fire, and the Heavenly Father spoke out of Heaven in recognition of His beloved Son.

The Scriptures foretold that the Messiah would come and that He would bring delight to the Father's Soul.

Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, *in whom* my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles (Isaiah 42:1).

God's only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, was also God's *Elect*. Christ did not thrust Himself out into God's Service as His Servant. The Father thrust Christ out as His beloved Son in Whom He was well pleased.

If the Old Testament sacrifices, with which God was well pleased, brought God's Presence and Glory, then how much more did God's beloved Son bring the Presence and the Glory of the Father when He was sacrificed on Calvary?

Solomon was also a picture of Jesus Christ, God's Prince of Peace. When Solomon's sacrifice and prayers pleased the LORD God, the Father responded by sending His Presence and His Glory-Fire to fill the Temple,

inwardly, (to consume the sacrifices) and to clothe the Temple, outwardly, with Glory.

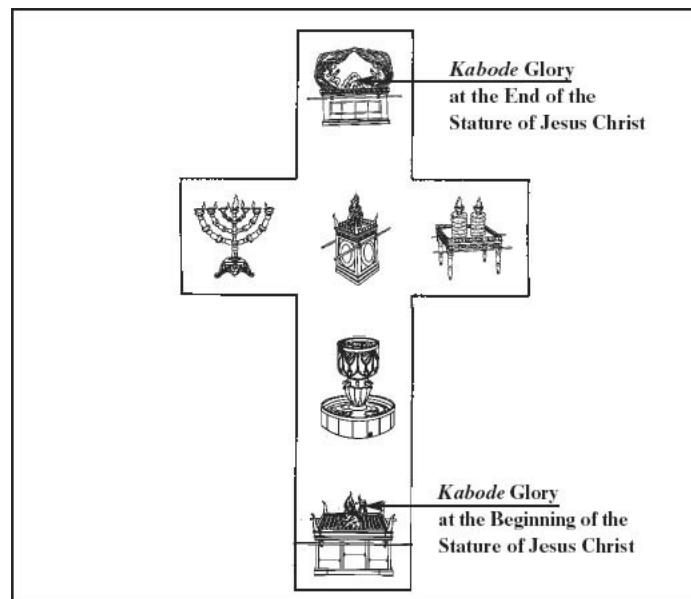
It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers *were* as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up *their* voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, *saying*, For *he is* good; for his mercy *endureth* for ever: that *then* the house was filled with a cloud, *even* the house of the LORD; So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God (II Chronicles 5:13,14).

Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house. And the priests could not enter into the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD's house. And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the LORD, *saying*, For *he is* good; for his mercy *endureth* for ever (II Chronicles 7:1-3).

The Father filled the Old Testament Temple, inwardly, with His Glory and clothed it outwardly with His Glory. Likewise, the Father also filled His beloved Son, inwardly, with the Glory and Power of His Spirit without measure (John 3:34), and He also clothed Him outwardly, with Glory and Power, as a witness that He was well pleased with His Son as a Sacrifice for mankind.

Furthermore, believers must also do more than lay hold of the Sin Offering Blood of Christ Jesus, by faith, in order for the Glory of the LORD to appear. Remember, the Glory of the LORD did not appear while the sacrifices of the sin offering, the whole burnt offering, and the peace offering were being offered and while the blood was being applied. But, *after the blood had been applied*, and as the Priest prayed, praised, and thanked the LORD, the Glory of the LORD appeared. Thus, after believers have claimed the Sin Offering Blood, the Whole Burnt Offering Blood, and the Peace Offering Blood of Christ, by faith, they must enter into prayer, praise, and thanksgiving if they want the Glory of God to descend upon their Sacrifice of Christ's Blood. If the prayers and praises of God's spiritual Priests are joined to the Blood of Jesus Christ, they have power to open the Heavens, which will allow them to see the Glory of the LORD revealed.

When the solemnity of this occasion was finished, the sacrifices offered, the blessings pronounced, the prayers prayed, all the congregation of Israel stood, waiting expectantly for the LORD personally to appear with His Glory-Fire, which testified of His acceptance of the Mosaic Tabernacle with its blood sacrifices and His acceptance of His people Israel. The *Kabode* Glory that had filled the Head-realm of the Tabernacle in the Holy of Holies (Exodus 40:34) now filled the Courtyard, the Foot-realm of the Tabernacle. This proves that the beginning of the Stature of Jesus Christ is the same as the end of His Stature.



The LORD is a Rewarder of those who diligently seek Him, both in the beginning of their spiritual growth in the Stature of Christ Jesus and in the end of their spiritual growth in His Stature. Believers will see His Glory if they are faithful to do the following things: (1) lay hold of the Blood of Christ, (2) praise, (3) pray, and (4) be thankful for the LORD's Will. Those who abide faithfully in the House of the LORD shall behold the Glory and the Beauty of the LORD!

Fire, in the form of a Lion, came out of the Glory of the LORD and consumed the sacrifice. Because the Altar was the site on which the LORD's Glory-Fire descended as a mighty Lion to devour the sacrifice, it also was called the "Lion of God," the *Ari'el*.

So the altar *shall be* four cubits; and from the altar [*ari'el*] and upward *shall be* four horns. And the altar [*ari'el*] *shall be* twelve cubits long, twelve broad, square in the four squares thereof (Ezekiel 43:15,16).

The LORD's "Lion" Glory-Fire, which devoured the sacrifices placed on God's "Altar-Table," was a visible demonstration of God's Wrath being turned away from Israel. From time to time, the consuming Fire of the LORD God's Wrath fastened itself upon the people of Israel when they had sinned and had not repented nor brought the blood of the sin offering.

When the Lion-like Fire (*Ari'el*) of the LORD's Glory appeared upon the Altar, it also signified the LORD's entering into the Blood Covenant and into Holy Communion with Israel through the sacrifice upon the Altar. Israel ate part of the sacrifice, and the "Lion" Glory-Fire ate part of the sacrifice. Thus, the LORD God, the Master and Owner, supped with His Espoused Bride, and His Espoused Bride supped with Him.

This was a picture of how the LORD God sups with believers today.

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

Christ graciously stands at sinners' hearts' door and knocks, hoping to gain entrance to their hearts. When Christ finds that darkness, death, and sin have shut hearts against Him, He does not immediately depart. But, the loving Christ knocks loudly and long in an effort to awaken people's consciences and stir them with a desire to open their hearts' door. Those who open the door of their hearts to Christ enjoy the rich comfort and soothing consolation of Christ that forgiveness of sins and the blessedness of His Presence bring within the heart.

When the LORD Jesus Christ enters into a heart, His Sacrifice provides a rich banqueting table not only for His Heavenly Father but for the "Lion-Fire" of the Holy Ghost, and for the believer. Tragically, man has the awful power of choosing to let Christ in or to keep Him out.

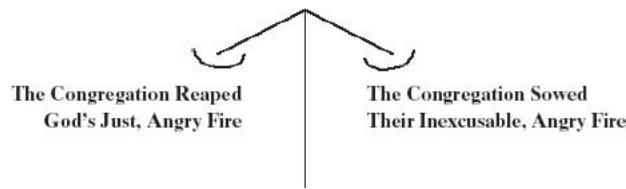
On the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Ghost and Fire (the "Lion-Fire" of God) descended upon the 120 believers in the Upper Room in order to set in motion the New Testament fellowship between the LORD God and the Disciples. The "Lion-Fire" of the Holy Ghost takes the Sacrifice of Christ, the Word, in the heart of a believer and sends it up to the LORD in the form of a sweet-smelling savour, which is a beautiful fulfillment of the Old Testament sacrifices being consumed by God's "Lion-Fire" as it fell in its Consuming Power.

The "Lion-Fire" of the Holy Ghost reveals the Truth of Christ's Word to the hearts and souls of Christ's disciples. Thus, Christ Jesus, through the Holy Ghost, spreads an Altar-Table at which He can sup with His disciples.

When the soul is illuminated by the Truth of Christ and by the Holy Ghost and Fire, the soul is set aflame with new praise, worship, and thanksgiving.

Likewise, when Israel received the "Lion-Fire" from the Glory of the LORD, her soul was stirred to the Highest Joy and to the Holiest Triumph. After seeing the LORD and His Glory-Fire, the congregation of Israel joyfully fell prostrate before the LORD, both in Moses' day and in Solomon's day, showing the LORD the most lowly humility reverence. Israel humbly worshipped and adored the glorious Majesty of the LORD. She humbly and fearfully put her eyes to the ground because of the LORD's terrible Majesty. Also, since her eyes were cast downward, she was not distracted by what she was seeing; therefore, her ears were open to hear the Word of the LORD God.

How safe and secure the Nation of Israel or the congregation would have been if all the people had continued on in their wilderness journey with this same humility and reverence before the LORD. But, Israel had not gone far in her journey toward Canaan's Land before many of the people were overcome by pride and irreverence.



At first, after experiencing God's Anger against them in the matter of the golden calf, the whole congregation seemed humble and teachable about purifying the camp and receiving the *Torah*. The princes were devout and more generous in their dedications to the service of the Tabernacle, and there seemed to be great hope that they soon would arrive in Canaan's Land. However, Israel's melancholy murmurings turned on the Holy Fire of God, and the Fire became her enemy.

And *when the people complained, it displeased the LORD*: and the LORD heard *it*: and his anger was kindled; and *the fire of the LORD burnt among them, and consumed them that were* in the uttermost parts of the camp (Numbers 11:1).

The people's dissatisfaction with the LORD's Covenant Blood and Communion Table manifested itself in the form of murmuring, grudging, and resentment against God's Table.

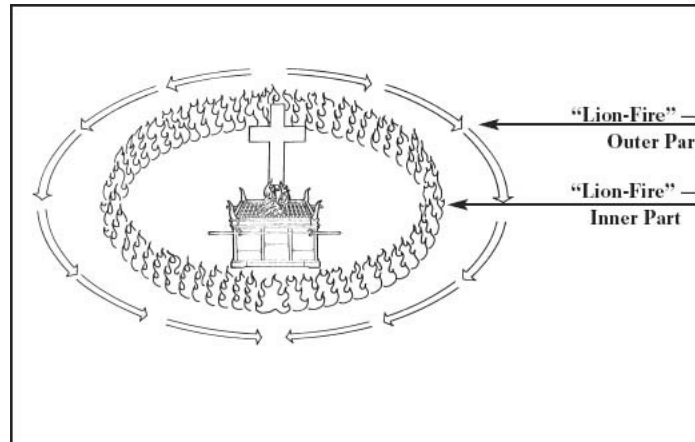
God had revealed His Mercy, Glory, and Love by giving them sacrifices and His excellent Oral *Torah*. They had so many just reasons to be happy and grateful inside of God's protective Fence. Instead, they complained because of their gross ingratitude and unhappiness. During all the time since they had left Egypt, the LORD God had graciously guarded and guided them. Their feet did not swell, nor did their clothes wear out. They had feasted on Heavenly Food, and they had the best of company — the LORD God Himself. Therefore, their frightful frettings were inexcusable before God.



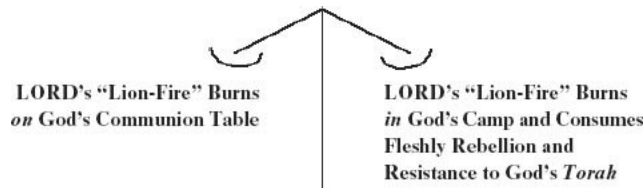
The congregation *sowed* their inexcusable, angry, fiery murmurings against God's Goodness and Graciousness, and they *reaped* God's just, fiery Wrath.

God's "Fiery Lion" roared, smoked, and blazed in anger and wrath against the ungrateful congregation of Israel because He heard their frightful frettings. Israel murmured because she esteemed God's Holy, Living Table to be a table of death, not one of Life. Israel felt extremely sorry for herself, considered herself as good as dead, and mourned prophetically as though she were at her own funeral. The Glory Cloud of God, which Israel had received with exceeding great joy in the beginning (at the Ark and at the Brazen Altar), she now blamed as the reason for her unhappiness and sadness because it had cut her off from the rest of the world and separated her only to the LORD God. Israel felt deprived of the worldly standards of living she had had in Egypt, and she felt cheated of the fleshly

satisfaction which she had derived from the temporal food of the world's table in Egypt.



When the *nediybah* soul is diseased in its perception of reality, it cannot weigh out the Truth and, therefore, obtain perfect balance in its reasoning.



Let us examine, then, the Truth of the situation in which the LORD God had placed Israel, versus her diseased, evil thoughts of what she perceived the situation to be.

All the powerful blessings, priceless rewards, and unmerited compensations that the LORD God had given Israel appeared worthless and without meaningful satisfaction in their eyes. They considered themselves already trapped and buried alive in the wilderness and in a terrible condition. Their corrupt thoughts and feelings were opposite to the Holy Truth of God's Thoughts and Feelings. The LORD God was so near on one side of the Scales; yet, on the other side of the Scales, God was so far from their hearts and thoughts. The ungrateful congregation arrayed themselves in total opposition to the LORD God, complaining that He had made their lives unhappy, miserable, worthless, and unmeaningful. Therefore, the LORD sent His "Lion-Fire" to devour the corrupt ones in the outer part of the camp.



The "Lion Fire" of the LORD God feeds upon His clean Sacrifice through His Grace and Mercy. The "Lion-Fire" of Glory, through God's Grace and Mercy, feeds upon the Word of God, the Lamb of God, in order to provide an

Altar-Table of Communion between the LORD and His people. The “Lion-Fire” of the *Torah*, through His Equity and Justice, also devours rebelling, resisting flesh in the outer part of the camp.

The congregation of Israel had a choice — either to feed at God’s Altar-Table, through the Grace and Mercy of His Glory “Lion-Fire,” or to be devoured through the Equity and Justice of God’s Glory “Lion-Fire.”

Jesus Christ declared that everyone will be salted with fire (Mark 9:49). We can either willingly receive Jesus Christ and become a living sacrifice of His Grace and Mercy and be salted with the Holy Ghost and Fire, or we can willfully remain in our sins and, like Israel, become a sacrifice of God’s Equity and Justice, being salted with the Fire of His Wrath.

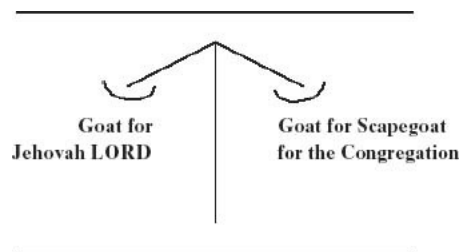
Chapter Three

God's Provision Of Goat Blood For A Sin Offering To Make Atonement For The Whole Congregation

God's third provision for cleansing the congregation of Israel from sin was the goat blood of the atonement. On the Day of Atonement, the Priest was required to offer bullock blood for himself and his family. However, he was also required to offer two goats for the atonement of the sins of the congregation.

And he shall take the two goats, and present them before the LORD *at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation*. And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the LORD, and the other lot for the scapegoat. And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the LORD's lot fell, and offer him *for a sin offering*. But the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat, shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make an atonement with him, *and to let him go for a scapegoat into the wilderness*. And Aaron shall bring the bullock of the sin offering, which *is* for himself, and shall make an atonement for himself, and for his house, and shall kill the bullock of the sin offering which *is* for himself: And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring *it* within the vail: And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that *is* upon the testimony, that he die not: And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle *it* with his finger upon the mercy seat eastward; and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times. **Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that *is* for the people, and bring his blood within the vail, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock,** and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat: And he shall make an atonement for the holy *place*, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions in all their sins: and so shall he do for the tabernacle of the congregation, that remaineth among them in the midst of their uncleanness. And there shall be no man in the tabernacle of the congregation when he goeth in to make an atonement in the holy *place*, until he come out, and have made an atonement for himself, and for his household, and for all the congregation of Israel. And he shall go out unto the altar that *is* before the LORD, and make an atonement for it; and shall take of the blood of the bullock, and of the blood of the goat, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar round about. And he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it, and hallow it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel. And when he hath made an end of reconciling the holy *place*, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat: **And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send *him* away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness:** And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness. And Aaron shall come into the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall put off the linen garments, which he put on when he went into the holy *place*, and shall leave them there: And he shall wash his flesh with water in the holy place, and put on his garments, and come forth, and offer his burnt offering, and the burnt offering of the people, and make an atonement for himself, and for the people. And the fat of the sin offering shall he burn upon the altar. And he that let go the goat for the scapegoat shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward come into the camp. And the bullock *for* the sin offering, and the goat *for* the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy *place*, shall *one* carry forth without the camp; and they shall burn in the fire their skins, and their flesh, and their dung. And he that burneth them shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp. And *this* shall be a statute for ever unto you: *that* in the seventh month, on the tenth *day* of the month, ye shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, *whether it be* one of your own country, or a stranger that sojourneth among you: For on that day shall *the priest* make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, *that* ye may be clean from all your sins before the LORD. It *shall be* a sabbath of rest unto you, and ye shall afflict your souls, by a statute for ever (Leviticus 16:7-31).

The blood of the sin offering that made atonement for the people was applied in the same places and in the same manner as the blood that was applied for the Priests — in the Holy of Holies, the Holy Place, and the Courtyard. Although there was no difference in the *application* of the blood, there was a difference in the *kind* of blood that was required for the Priests and the *kind* that was required for the people. The Priest brought *one bullock* for a sin offering for himself and his family; the people brought *two goats* for their sin offering. One of the goats was for the LORD, and the other goat was a scapegoat for the people.



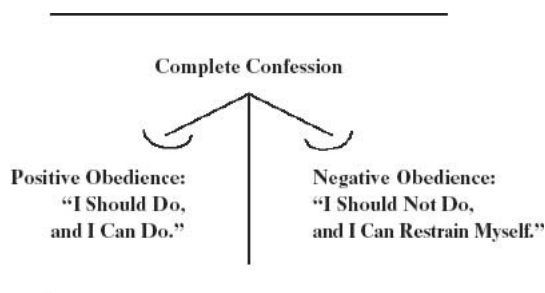
The Hebrew word for *goat* is *saw-er*, meaning shaggy. *Saweer* comes from the root word *saw-ar*, which means to storm; to shiver with fear; to take away as with a whirlwind; to be stout or strong. The two goats used on this

occasion depicted the two sides of the Blood of Jesus Christ. The two goats represented both the Crucified Blood and the Resurrected Blood that came from the two Heels of Jesus Christ.

One Heel, with its Crucified and Resurrected Blood, was for the LORD God; the Blood from this Heel was placed upon the Mercy Seat in Heaven to repair the damage done to the Honour and Glory of the LORD God's Holy Word. The other Heel — the one that was bitten by the Serpent (Genesis 3:15) — was for sinful mankind; the Crucified and Resurrected Blood from this Heel flowed out to carry man's poisonous sin behind the Back of God which formed the "Sea of Forgetfulness" (Micah 7:19).

God gave Israel His Holy *Torah* so that she could be a goat, as it were, among the nations of the world, to lead them in the Paths of Righteousness and Morality of the *Torah*. The only way Israel could be true to the High Calling of the *Torah* from the LORD God was for her to be clothed with the Presence and Glory of the LORD God. Therefore, on the Day of Atonement, God provided special goat blood which had power to do the following things: (1) repair the damage that the congregation had done to the Glory and Honour of God's Word, and (2) cleanse His people from their sins of disobedience of the past year by putting away their sins and by bringing them near to the LORD. Through the ministry of the goat blood, on this special day, the LORD God clothed Israel afresh and anew with His Glory, His Name, and His *Torah* so that in the coming year they could stride forward, obediently fulfilling His High and Holy Calling for their lives.

The *indispensable requirement* for existing as a member of Israel's congregation, who were the people of the *Torah*, was to participate in the annual offerings of goat blood on the Day of Atonement. The atonement blood of the two goats removed the damage that had been done to God's *Torah* and to His Glory; it also cleansed Israel's mind of erroneously thinking that she did not have the ability to control her obedience and her disobedience to the *Torah*, the Law of the Sanctuary.



The blood of the goat for atonement cleansed Israel's conscience so that she had a fresh, new awareness and consciousness that, through the LORD God, the nation had the ability to obey the Law of the Sanctuary on both the positive and negative sides of the Scales. Therefore, when Israel confessed her sins upon the Day of Atonement, she had to confess fully that she not only *should have done* what the Moral Law required, but that she *could have done* what the Moral Law demanded if she had exercised faith in the LORD God, her Master and Owner. Israel also had to confess fully that she *should not have done* what the Moral Law forbade and that she *could have restrained or controlled* herself through her faith in the LORD God, her Master and Owner. Israel could not make "half confessions" on the Day of Atonement and still receive the cleansing power of the goats' blood.

A half confession of the Truth says, "I should have obeyed, but I could not help myself. I should not have disobeyed, but I could not restrain myself." In essence, a half confession of the Truth says, "I am not responsible for my sinful actions or deeds." A half confession dulls the conscience with the erroneous thoughts that we have no ability to choose or control our senses. Therefore, later, when a similar occasion arises on which we can sin again, our "self" feels justified in its disobedience because it already has convinced itself that it has no ability to choose nor to control itself.

This is absolutely contrary to the Truth. God did not create Adam-male and Adam-female as mindless robots. From the beginning, man has been given the privilege of choice. Man's *choice* is the governor or controller of his senses.

Thus, man *should obey* God's Word, and he *can obey* God's Word if he wants to. He *should not disobey* God's Word, and he *does not have to disobey* God's Word unless he chooses to do so. If man has disobeyed on one side of the Scales, and if he has failed to obey on the other side of the Scales, at least he can be completely truthful to God and to himself instead of coming up with a half confession.

The importance of making a *complete* confession was clearly established in the types and shadows of the Old

Testament. In order for the “dual” goat blood to minister on the Day of Atonement, it was necessary for Israel to make complete confessions.

The two goats offered on the Day of Atonement were to be selected at the same time, and they were to be similar in appearance, height, size, and value. Both goats had to be as nearly alike in all essential points as possible because they were to symbolize one Person — the LORD Jesus Christ. God provided the goat blood (a type of the Resurrected, Exalted, Glorified Blood of Jesus Christ) for Himself and for the people, the congregation of Israel, so that they could be surefooted, determined, steadfast in surrender, and have pushing power to walk obediently before the LORD their God. God desired that Israel walk obediently to the *Torah* and be an example before all the nations of the world (the flocks of Earth), protecting and defending the *Torah*-Truth and its glorious home on Earth.

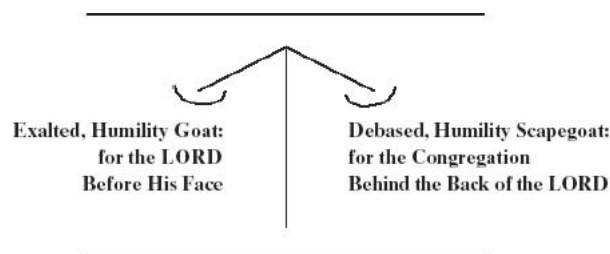
The congregation presented the two goats before the LORD in acknowledgement of their need for atonement with Him and for cleansing from their sin of disobedience. Both goats were brought to the north side of the Brazen Altar, which was at the east entrance of the Tabernacle, and they were presented before the LORD God. The decision about which goat would be slain for the LORD (killed by the knife of the Sanctuary) and which one would give its life for the congregation (becoming the scapegoat) was not made by man; the LORD determined this through the casting of lots.

The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the LORD (Proverbs 16:33).

The casting of lots was one of the methods that God used in ancient Israel to direct the affairs of the nation. When Aaron went before the LORD to see which lot would be chosen for the LORD’s goat and which lot would be chosen for the scapegoat, he took two stones and put them in his lap or the fold of his garment. The selection was made according to which of the stones jumped up, which proclaimed it to be the LORD’s goat. Thus, the whole disposition of the matter was carried out by the LORD. The judgment or decision was given by the LORD as to which of the lots was for the LORD and which of the lots was for the scapegoat for the congregation.

The LORD God is the Master and Owner of all things; therefore, He orders and directs all things. Nothing happens by accidental choice or by blind fortune. The LORD God, by His Counsel and His Will, determines all things.

Therefore, the Infinite, Divine Wisdom of God empowered the stones to leap up and “speak,” saying which of the goats was for the LORD and which was to be the scapegoat for the congregation.



• The Exalted Humility Goat for the LORD

Aaron brought the LORD’s goat for exaltation and humility before the LORD, and he humbled it by slaying it with the knife of the Sanctuary. After the LORD’s goat had offered itself up for sacrificial death under the knife of the Sanctuary, its life’s blood was exalted by being carried into the Holy of Holies, by being placed on the Mercy Seat, and by being joined to the Glory of God that dwelled on the Mercy Seat.

After the LORD God had accepted the goat’s sacrificial humility death in His Sanctuary, He exalted it by granting it a new and elevated existence with His Glory on His Mercy Seat. The LORD’s goat humbled itself and gave up its life’s blood in the lowest place of the Tabernacle (the Courtyard) for the privilege of having its life’s blood carried up to the highest place of the Tabernacle (the Mercy Seat in the Holy of Holies).

Aaron, the High Priest, applied the blood of the sin offering for the congregation on the Mercy Seat in the same manner as he had applied the bullock blood for himself and his family. The atoning bullock blood helped God’s Priests to become fertile and influential bullocks so that they could plow in God’s Sanctuary. The atoning goat blood cleansed the people and made them firm in their surefootedness, determination, and steadfastness; and it put within them the pushing power of aggressiveness and defensiveness with which they could resist all estranging temptations and give their entire life’s blood to know the Word of the LORD and His *Torah*.

The bullock blood for the Priests and the goat blood for the people became joined as “one blood” on the Mercy Seat and the Ark where it protected the Word of Life, the *Torah*. This “one blood” formed a pathway from the Ark to the Brazen Altar. On the Day of Atonement, the “one atoning blood” provided the Priests and the people with fresh cleansing from sin and with new resurrection life that was dedicated to the LORD God.

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; (Hebrews 10:19,20).

Jesus Christ fulfilled the Old Testament shadow and type of the LORD’s atoning goat blood when He gave His Neck unto the “Priest’s knife” at the Cross. Jesus Christ, the “Crucified Goat” died and was buried in a borrowed tomb. Then, at the end of the third day, He arose again and took His Resurrected Blood to the Mercy Seat in Heaven, providing a new and living pathway of Blood which joined the Throne of Mercy to the Throne of Grace. Therefore, because of the “Bullock Blood” and the “Goat Blood” of Jesus Christ, we have boldness to enter into the Most Holy Place as often as we desire.

Under the Old Testament Covenant, the people were not allowed to enter into the Holiest Realm of the earthly Mosaic Tabernacle, which was made with human hands. The High Priest could enter the Holy of Holies only once a year with the bullock blood for the Priests and the goat blood for the people. But, now, under the New Testament Covenant, believers can enter, by the Blood of Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of God, into the Throne Room (the Holy of Holies in the Heavenly Tabernacle) as often as they desire to communicate with the LORD God and the LORD Jesus Christ.

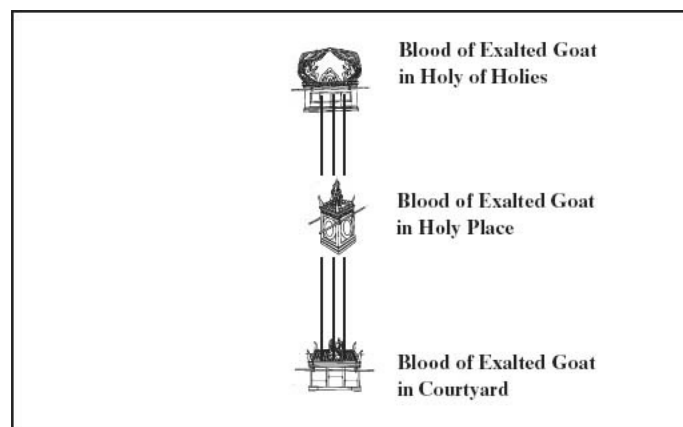
What a glorious and blessed privilege we have in Christ Jesus, for He has given us His Atoning Blood to make a way for us to go into the Divine Presence of the LORD God! The first way of approach to the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden was closed, but now the Blood of Christ Jesus has opened a *New, Living, Everlasting* and *Eternal* Way to the Tree of Life, into God’s Holy Presence.

The atoning blood of the humility, exalted goat joined Israel to the LORD God in a firm and faithful matrimonial bond. The atoning blood cleansed the people and repaired the damage that had been done to God’s *Torah*. Therefore, the atoning blood lifted a Holy people up to the Purity of the *Torah* instead of a broken *Torah* having to be lowered to an impure and unholy people. Through the ministry of the atoning goat blood, the Sanctuary itself was cleansed from the sins and impurities of God’s people.

The atoning goat blood prevented Israel’s sins and moral carelessness from dragging the *Torah* from where it was — in the heights of Holiness in the Holy of Holies to the lowest desecrated place in the Courtyard. By cleansing and removing their old sins, iniquities, and transgressions of disobedience, the atoning goat blood laid a fresh, new foundation for a new future in which pure deeds of obedience could be made according to the moral demands of the *Torah* which governed the Priests and the congregation.

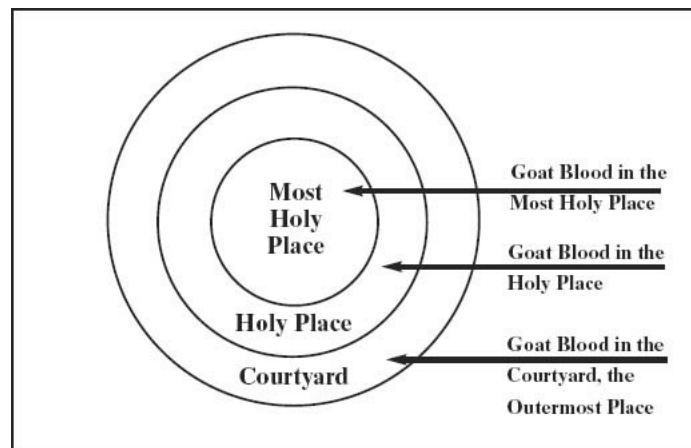
The atoning goat blood strengthened man afresh and anew to believe this Truth: Man has the responsibility and power to choose to obey, or he can choose to disobey the LORD’s *Torah*.

The atoning goat blood was applied all the way from the Holy of Holies down to the Courtyard, creating a way for the LORD God to descend and cleanse impure Israel; then, as a Holy people, she could ascend in God’s provided Way into the Holy of Holies and approach a Pure and Holy God.



In obedience to the instructions of the LORD God, Aaron began applying the atoning blood to the innermost part

of the Tabernacle, the Holy of Holies, and he worked his way down to the outermost place, the Courtyard.



On the Day of Atonement, the LORD God taught His Bride, Israel, that her new relationship with Him was to begin in the Holy of Holies, the innermost place, the home of the *Torah*-Truth-Life.

The *Torah*-Truth-Life looks for a clean home in the Bride's mind and will in which it can lodge. It is only possible for the *Torah*-Life to do this as the Bride obtains fresh cleansing through the goat's blood. The mind's most inner thoughts, intents, and purposes are to be brought before the *Torah*-Life so that its living, scrutinizing eyes can judge between the Living, Moral Purity of the Word of God that is in the mind and the deadly, immoral impurity of the carnal mind. If the soul is to be the home for the Life of the *Torah*, it must be made clean, pure, and Holy through the atoning "Goat Blood" of Jesus Christ. The atoning "Goat Blood" of Christ begins its aggressive work against all deadly thoughts, intents, desires, and purposes that are in the innermost mind in order to prepare a clean, balanced home for the Life of the *Torah*-Truth.

After applying the blood to the Mercy Seat in the Holy of Holies (the home of the *Life* of the *Torah*), Aaron took the atoning goat blood into the Holy Place (the home of the *Light* of the *Torah*-Truth). The atoning goat blood removed all darkness from Israel's heart so that the Light of the *Torah*-Truth could enter and shine forth in all its moral brilliance and purity.

If the heart is to be a home for the Light of the *Torah*-Truth, it must be made clean, pure, and Holy through the atoning "Goat Blood" of Jesus Christ.

Finally, the atoning goat blood was brought to the Courtyard, the outermost part of the Tabernacle, the home of the *Power* of the *Torah*-Truth. The atoning goat blood in the Courtyard cleansed Israel's feet so that they were able to put into practice the Life and Light of the *Torah*-Truth that they had learned; it empowered them to walk in the living Theories of Truth and in the shining Light of the Theories of Truth.

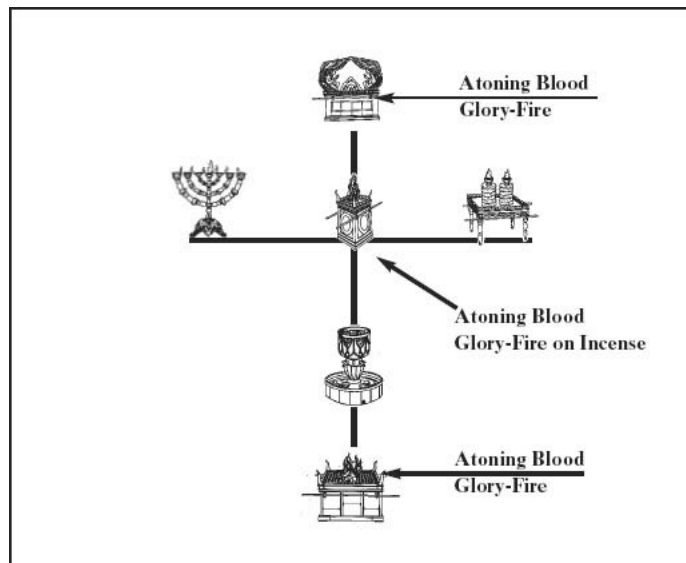
The atoning goat blood gave Israel both theory and experience in her relationship with God and with the world. The Courtyard, the Feet of the Stature of the Sanctuary, was the place for the home of the Power of the *Torah*-Truth. God desired that Israel's feet also become the home for the Power of the *Torah*-Truth. God gave Israel the atoning goat blood and the Glory-Fire of His *Torah* to cleanse her feet so that she could put the Life of the *Torah*-Truth and the Light of the *Torah*-Truth into action through deeds of love to God and to her neighbours. Thus, Israel could have a Holy Walk in her heart, inwardly, before the LORD, and she could have a Holy Walk, outwardly, before the world. The atoning Power of the goat blood in the Courtyard gave Israel ability and strength to join her experience in the Courtyard to the living theories of the *Torah*-Truth in the Holy of Holies and to the shining Light of the Theories of Truth from the Holy Place.

The atoning goat blood was joined to the Brazen Altar in the Courtyard, the home of the Glory-Fire or the Power of the *Torah*-Truth. The Power of the atoning blood and the Power of the Glory-Fire purged and purified the soul from all wicked ideas, notions, opinions, and intentions. Thus, the congregation of Israel could begin a fresh, new walk with God on the Day of Atonement by walking in the Life and Light of the *Torah*-Truth that she had gained through a new, fresh, clean foundation of goat blood.

Through the atoning goat blood, Israel was able to possess the following things: new *inward* Life and Light of the *Torah*-Truth; new *outward* Life and Light of the *Torah*; the *inner* atoning blood; the *outer* Glory-Fire of the *Torah*-Truth; and the *outer* atoning blood so that she could walk as a new, living, shining light before the LORD God and

the nations of the world.

(See drawing on following page.)



The atoning blood in the Holy of Holies protected the Glory-Fire of the *Torah* on the Mercy Seat that revealed the Life of the *Torah*. The atoning blood in the Holy Place protected the Glory-Fire on the Golden Altar that released the fragrance of the Incense of the LORD's Name which, in turn, released the Light of the *Torah* and the Strength of the *Torah*. The atoning blood in the Courtyard protected the Glory-Fire and the sacrifice on God's Altar-Table, the Brazen Altar.

The defensive and aggressive atoning goat blood formed a complete covering for the Ark of the Covenant and the Mercy Seat, the Golden Altar, and the Brazen Altar in the Mosaic Tabernacle. The Mosaic Tabernacle was a picture of the Stature of Jesus Christ. The Old Testament shadows and types help us understand how great and powerful the Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ is. We owe our Salvation and the protection of our spiritual Treasures in the Stature of His Word to the precious Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ.

Today, God desires that His children walk clothed with the inner and outer Light and the inner and outer Atoning Blood of Jesus Christ.

That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain (Philippians 2:15,16).

God intends that believers in Christ be bright and shining lights in this world to point others to Jesus Christ, the true Light of this world.

When God's people are walking with the LORD's inner, fiery Life with the fiery Light of His Word and the outer Glory-Fire joined to the inner and outer cleansing Blood of Jesus Christ, they do not willingly injure anyone in word or deed. They do not intentionally give anyone a just reason for being offended.

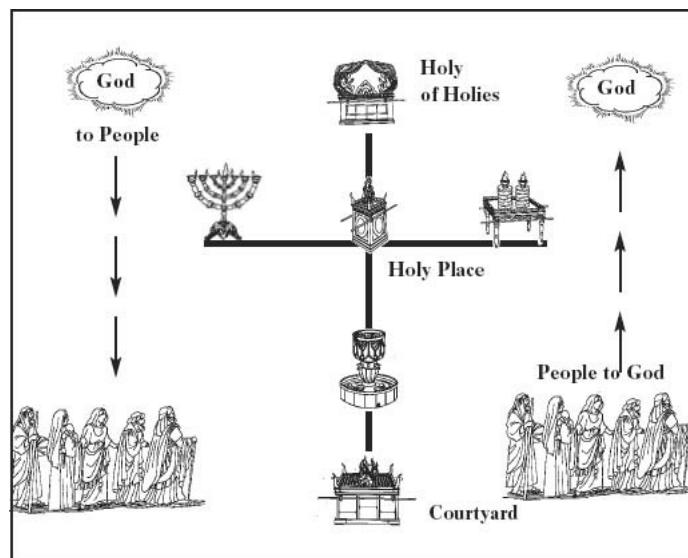
The obedient, clean child of God allows his Life and Light of the Truth to shine before the world so that sincere hearts will see and glorify the LORD God and magnify His Son, Jesus Christ.

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

Christ is God's Son, the *Torah*, the Sun of Righteousness. Christ, the *Torah*-Truth, was made Flesh and Blood. The Light and Life of the Christ, the Truth, has been eternally joined to the Resurrected Blood-Life of Jesus Christ. Therefore, when we walk in the Moral Life of the *Torah*-Truth and the Moral Illumination and Enlightenment of the *Torah*-Truth, we also have the joyful experience of being continually cleansed by the precious Blood of Jesus Christ because His Blood is joined to His Life and His Light. The Life of the *Torah*-Truth, the Light of the *Torah*-Truth, and the Power of the Fire of the *Torah*-Truth are joined to the Blood of Jesus Christ from the Head-realm of His Holy Stature to the Foot-realm of His Holy Stature.

Israel also had the privilege of walking in the Life of the Truth, the Light of the truth, and the Fire of the Truth

that was joined to the atoning blood of the bullock and the atoning blood of the goat, both of which were types of the Blood of Jesus Christ. The atoning goat blood provided a dual highway which led from the LORD to the people and from the people to the LORD.



Christ Jesus's atoning "Goat Blood" brings the Life of the *Torah*-Truth to the innermost part of the mind of God's people so that they have both a will to obey the *Torah* from the heart and a desire to do deeds of obedience to the *Torah*. The atoning Goat Blood creates a living desire in the heart of the human will to obey the demands of God's Holy Word in order to please the LORD God.

For it is God which **worketh** in you both **to will** and **to do** of *his* good pleasure (Philippians 2:13).

Jesus Christ's atoning "Goat Blood" works within believers to create a living desire "to will" and a living ability "to do" or perform the moral demands of the *Torah*-Truth; and it creates a clean place in their minds for receiving the illuminating Theories of Truth. It also creates new determination and fresh, steadfast surrender in believers' wills to obey the moral demands of God's *Torah*-Truth.

The atoning goat blood created a clean place in the hearts, minds, and souls of Israel to be used as a home for the Life, Light, and Glory-Fire of the *Torah*-Truth. Thus, Israel's heart, mind, and soul could be governed and guided in the Paths of Life and in the Ways of Light of God's Word. The atoning goat blood worked its way to the most outer part, the Courtyard, in order to create a clean place in the feet of Israel for a home for the Power of the *Torah*-Truth so that the *Torah*-Truth could live and walk in Israel in love toward God and toward her neighbours, the nations of the Earth. When Israel's feet were made clean and Holy, through the power of the goat blood and the Glory of the *Torah*-Fire, she experienced a walk of love toward God and her neighbours.

Today, the LORD God demands the same Moral Principle of Obedience in His children in Christ Jesus.

Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; **And walk in love**, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour (Ephesians 5:1,2).

God's demand for obedience to the whole *Torah* is built on love. God demands our loving obedience to Him as our Owner and Master, and He demands that we show loving respect to our neighbour. The whole Law is fulfilled by love.

This is why we need to be followers of God as dear children. We need to follow God in His Holiness, in His Graciousness and Mercifulness, in His Perfectness, and in His Love. Children always resemble their parents in family traits, family features, family characteristics, and family temperaments. Likewise, we, as His dear children who are loved, cherished, and continually forgiven by our Father for Christ's Sake, should resemble our Heavenly Father.

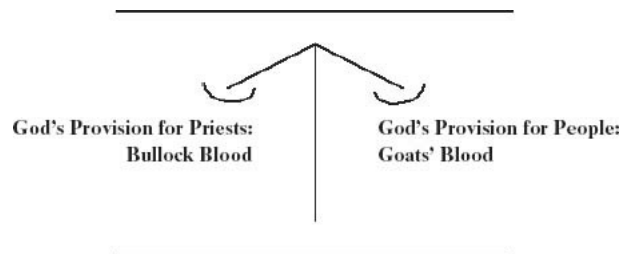
We should love God as He loves us. When we have acted in a sinful and wrong way that has displeased God, He lovingly forgives us for Christ's Sake. When God acts in a Holy Way to govern and guide our life in a way that

displeases us, we should acknowledge that we have no right to be displeased, but, in love, we should confess that His Headship is right and that it is for our good.

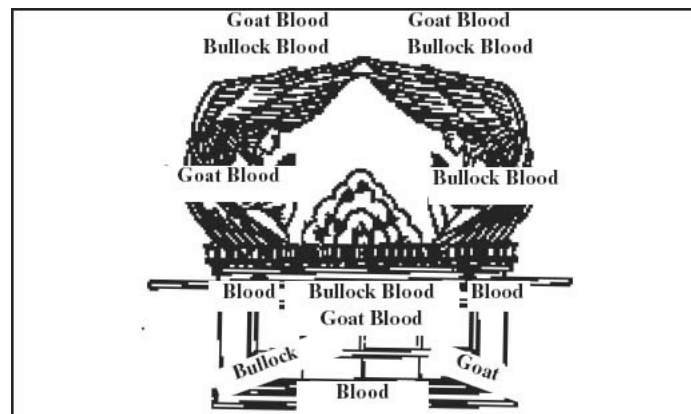
God has proven His liberal, beneficent, and unselfish Love to us by giving His only Begotten Son as a sweet-smelling Sacrifice in order to expiate our sins and guilt. Jesus Christ has given us His precious Blood so that we can walk in love toward God, in love toward other believers, and in love toward those who are out in the world. Thus, through the inward Love of God and the outward display of the Love of God, we can fulfill the demands of the *Torah*-Truth. Through love, then, we can be like God because God is Love!

The inward Life and Light of the *Torah*-Truth was made a practical reality in the outermost part of Israel's life when she came, by faith, with the atoning goat blood and allowed it to be joined to the Glory-Fire. The atoning goat blood brought the *Torah*'s Ownership and Mastership into practical reality as a ruling force over all Israel's spiritual life and material life. Then, Israel could ascend, by faith, on the upward pathway of the atoning goat blood from the Courtyard to the Holy of Holies with fresh, free-willed devotion, with new waves of worship, and with new surrender to carry out all the Commands of the *Torah*. The atoning goat blood helped Israel assume the same service as the Cherubim who guarded and protected the *Torah*. By studying the *Torah*, meditating on it, and putting it into practice in her everyday life, Israel guarded and protected it. The atoning goat blood renewed Israel's determination to give the *Torah* its rightful place of being first in her life so that her spiritual education and moral development would not be hindered. The atoning goat blood strengthened Israel to walk surefootedly, at a distance, from everything that would endanger or hinder her from fulfilling the Righteousness of the *Torah* both inwardly and outwardly.

Through the blood that He provided on the Day of Atonement, God made it possible for the High Priest and the people to be "doers" of the *Torah*.



On the Day of Atonement, the Mercy Seat was "clothed" in bullock blood for the Priests and in goat blood for the people.



The two goats on the day of Atonement (the LORD's exalted humility goat and the people's debased humility scapegoat) began as identical lives, starting at the same place — the entrance to the Sanctuary. However, the ministry of their blood made them end up on separate, contrasting paths.

The LORD's exalted humility goat suffered death by a sharp knife of the Sanctuary. Its life or blood was carefully gathered up in Holy vessels and tenderly carried into the Holy of Holies where it was used to cover the Mercy Seat in order to appease God's Name, Glory, and Honour, and to repair the damage done to the *Torah* by Israel's disobedience. The LORD's exalted humility goat blood entered the Holy of Holies to be made one with the

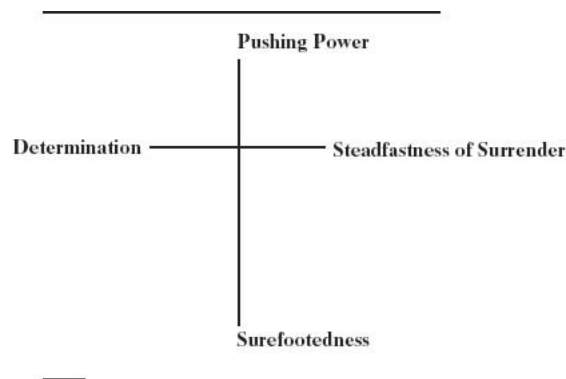
Kabode Glory upon the Mercy Seat and the *Shekinah* Glory in the Ark, the Name of the LORD God, and the *Torah*.

The LORD's exalted, humility goat blood gave up all selfish living as the goat gave its life completely to make atonement for the people of Israel and to perfect the Holiness of the *Torah* in Israel's heart, mind, and life. Israel was the vessel God chose to bear the Holiness and Godliness of His *Torah* to all the nations in the Earth.

Aaron applied the blood of the humility, exalted goat in the Holy of Holies in the same manner that he applied the bullock blood for the Priests. The atoning blood of the LORD's goat strengthened the people of Israel to resist all internal and external temptations that would entice them away from the LORD God, their Master and Owner. The atoning blood of the LORD's goat also strengthened Israel to refrain from all disobedience to the *Torah* and empowered her to fulfill God's Divine Will upon Earth.

This lesson on the goat blood for atoning, which is a type and shadow of the Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ, is one of the profound lessons given in the Old Testament.

We can learn many spiritual Truths by studying the natural goat's four outstanding characteristics: its surefootedness, its determination, its steadfastness, and its pushing power; and we saw in chapter two how these characteristics of the goat, which was offered as a sin offering to prepare the congregation for the appearance of the LORD and the Glory-Fire of the *Torah*, related in type to the Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ. Now, we shall see how these characteristics, although the same, work also to typify the "Goat" Blood of Jesus Christ's Atonement for mankind.



- **Surefootedness**

Goats are remarkably surefooted animals, living among rocks in high and hazardous places.

Knowest thou the time when the wild goats of the rock bring forth? *or* canst thou mark when the hinds do calve? (Job 39:1).

Dams, female goats, bring forth their young in the high places of the rocks. The surefootedness of the dams enable them to carry their young, deliver their young, and feed their young in these high and hazardous places. "The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats; and the rocks for the conies" (Psalm 104:18). Wild goats have no problems climbing rocks because they are so surefooted. God did not bless the goat with wings for swiftness of flight, but with strength of surefootedness so that it could ascend unto the heights of the rocks and descend into the depths of the valleys.

The surefootedness of the natural goat portrays a beautiful picture of Jesus Christ on the Eternal Day of Atonement. On that remarkable day, Jesus Christ walked surefootedly up to the heights of Mount Zion in Heaven where He presented His Resurrected Blood before the Face of the LORD God to make reconciliation between God and the sinner. Then, He descended, going surefootedly behind God's Back with His Resurrected Blood to form the Sea of Forgetfulness, which made a burying place for the sins of mankind.

The confident surefootedness exhibited by the goat helps us understand why God chose two *goats* on the Day of Atonement as the atonement offerings for the congregation of Israel. The reason was because they pictured the great Eternal Day of Atonement, when Jesus Christ *ascended*, confidently and surefootedly, to appear before the LORD's Face and then *descended*, confidently and surefootedly, behind the LORD's back.

- **Determination**

The goat is resolutely determined to obey the commands of his master and owner.

There be three *things* which go well, yea, four are comely in going: A lion *which* is strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any; A greyhound; **an he goat also**; and a king, against whom *there is* no rising up (Proverbs 30:29-31).

The he-goat's stately march before the flock signifies the bold bearing of his responsibility as a leader. Characteristically, his strong, dauntless stare examines a stranger who would dare approach.

The he-goat is a strong, stately leader, and his walk is one of comeliness and beauty when he goes forth first, in front, to lead the flock of goats or sheep. Shepherds always use goats as leaders of their flocks. A goat which is a leader of a flock of sheep will not stray from its responsibility, but a sheep will. The goat's walk is one of determination to follow the commands of his master and owner. The goat unfalteringly and unwaveringly overcomes all obstacles and difficulties that come across his path while carrying out the commands of his master and owner. He is neither afraid of ascending into the heights of the rocky mountains nor afraid of descending into the depths of the valleys.

The natural goat is a beautiful picture of Jesus Christ Who unconditionally carried out His Heavenly Father's Master Plan of Redemption, Atonement, and Reconciliation.

God is also looking for spiritual leaders who can walk surefootedly with determined faithfulness before His flocks, leading them with dignified, undaunted boldness to the heights of the Stature of the Resurrected Christ and leading them with regal, fearless courage into the depths of the Humility of the Crucified Christ. The goat is also an excellent illustration of the good and faithful under-shepherds of God's flocks.

- **Steadfastness of Surrender**

The natural goat has a steadfastness of surrender to obey the call of his master and owner. In response to his master and owner's call, the goat will leave the flock of his "brother goats" and willingly accept the delegated responsibility to be the leader of a flock of sheep.

In the Word of God, the long hair of the goat is used as a similitude of surrender and submission.

We find in the Song of Solomon that the Bridegroom compared His Bride's long hair of surrender to the hair of a flock of goats that had climbed Mount Gilead and had lain down to rest along the mountainside.

Behold, thou *art* fair, my love; behold, thou *art* fair; thou *hast* doves' eyes within thy locks: **thy hair is as a flock of goats**, that appear from mount Gilead (Song of Solomon 4:1).

The Bridegroom in the Song of Solomon also compared His Bride's beautiful long hair of bright, gleaming spiritual surrender to the goat's long white wool. Viewed from afar, the long hair of a flock of goats lying on the side of a mountain would blend together and appear as long, white, gleaming hair, a fitting simile of the Bride's long flowing locks of Holy Surrender that she has received from the Bridegroom, the LORD Jesus Christ.

The goat's long hair is an outward manifestation of its inward, steadfast surrender and determination to climb the mountains, no matter how steep the cliffs, and to descend into the valleys, no matter how deep the ravines. (This I have personally watched with utter amazement. In my travels to different places around the world, I have seen goats climb on mountains that seemed totally impossible for man or beast to traverse.) God put within the goat a nature of steadfast surrender, as it were, to climb to the greatest heights and to descend to the lowest depths.

The heights of Mount Gilead, in this verse in the Song of Solomon, typifies the spiritual heights of the Stature of Jesus Christ. The Bride of Christ is like the goat in that she has the same steadfastness of surrender to ascend into the High, Heavenly Places of the Resurrected Christ and to descend into the Depths of the Humility of the Crucified Christ. The Bride of Christ will drink of His Atoning "Goat" Blood until the characteristics of His Surefootedness, Determination, and Steadfast Surrender are formed within her.

The Blood of Jesus Christ purges our unsteady and erring footsteps that lead us out of the paths of Truth and Righteousness. His Blood removes the vacillating, wavering, and faltering corruption out of our will that prevents us from remaining loyal, faithful, and true servants who would follow the LORD's Will. The Blood of Jesus Christ cleanses our heart, mind, and soul from our fierce and resolute pride that loves to have its own selfish way; then, after His cleansing Blood has been applied, we can submissively carry out the LORD's Will in our life.

The Bride of the LORD is like a dove which is loyal and faithful to its mate. A natural dove does not fidget when it is to be offered as a sacrifice, but it willingly stretches forth its neck. Likewise, Israel, the LORD's Bride, willingly offered herself as a living sacrifice in service to the LORD God as she stood at the entrance of the Sanctuary on the Day of Atonement. She offered to live a life completely dedicated to the LORD and His *Torah*.

- **Pushing Power**

The goat exerts its aggressive pushing power against all its master's enemies; it uses its defensive pushing power to guard and protect its master's possessions.

And as I was considering, behold, **an he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth**, and touched not the ground: and **the goat had a notable horn between his eyes**. And he came to the ram that had *two* horns, which I had seen standing before the river, **and ran unto him in the fury of his power**. And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns: and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, **but he cast him down to the ground**, and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand (Daniel 8:5-7).

In the Book of Daniel, the he-goat's aggressive pushing power was used to represent the overcoming and conquering power of the Greek Kingdom. The tremendous pushing, thrusting, shoving, goring, crushing, and ramming power of the natural he-goat made it a fitting illustration of Alexander the Great and the notable power that belonged to the Greek Kingdom at that particular historical period.

The he-goat's terrible pushing and shoving power is also a suitable representation of the mighty conquering Power which the Blood of Jesus Christ possesses in the spiritual realm.

Observing the natural characteristics of goats makes us understand more clearly why the LORD selected goats to be used for the LORD and for the people on the Day of Atonement. The atoning blood of the two goats was a picture of the Crucified and Resurrected Blood of Jesus Christ. Our Sin Offering, Jesus Christ, possessed and used His Surefootedness, His Fearless Determination, His Steadfastness of Surrender, and the Prevailing, Pushing Power of His "Goat Blood" to reconcile us to the LORD God and to carry all our iniquities, sins, and transgressions behind the Back of God.

As a cud-chewing mammal which had a split hoof, the natural goat fulfilled both of God's lawful requirements for a clean animal. Cud-chewing animals have four stomachs, so they are a picture of a meditative heart that is always bringing the Truth back into the mind in order to "chew" out fresh new meanings that were not understood the first time a Truth was studied.

The split hoof is a picture of a Holy, separated walk unto the LORD God. Therefore, the LORD God chose the goat to be a picture of His Son, Jesus Christ. In His Heart, the LORD Jesus Christ always meditated on the Truth of His Father's Will, and He always was separated completely unto the Will of His Heavenly Father. The LORD God created the goat to be a clean animal and a fit sacrifice in His Sanctuary. Therefore, it became a picture of the Blood of Christ Jesus.

On the Day of Atonement the congregation brought two goats to the door of the Tabernacle of the congregation. The casting of lots separated between the goats, revealing which one was to be the LORD's exalted humility goat (that was to be killed) and which one was to be the live, debased, humility scapegoat (that was to be led away into the wilderness never to return).

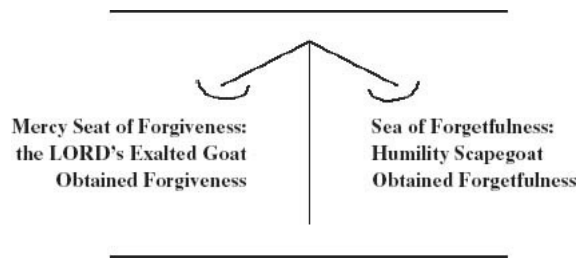
The slain goat was a picture of the Crucified and the Resurrected Blood of Christ. The Blood of the LORD's goat was first carried and placed upon the Mercy Seat, where God's *Kabode* Glory dwelt between the Cherubims, and where the *Shekinah* Glory dwelt upon the *Torah* in the Ark.

Earlier in this study we mentioned that God began with Himself in appeasing His Holy Hatred and Holy Anger against sin in order to bring man back into Oneness of Relationship with Him. The LORD's "Goat" Blood walked with surefootedness into the Presence of God to appease His Holy Hatred and Holy Anger against sin and to repair the damage that man's sin did to God's Word, His Justice, and His Honour. Walking with the beauty of Determination, the LORD's "Goat" Blood nobly led the way to the Mercy Seat, satisfying God's Justice and Honour by repairing His broken Word. In order to bring man back into a Oneness of Relationship with God, the LORD's "Goat" Blood willingly gave itself in Steadfastness of Surrender to climb the LORD's Mountain of Holiness to repair the damage which sin had done. Then, the Blood of the LORD's "Goat" used its tremendous Pushing and Prevailing Power to drive back God's Anger against man.

The live scapegoat also represented the Resurrected Blood of Christ and used the same surefootedness, determination, steadfastness of surrender, and pushing power to carry away man's iniquities, sins, and transgressions to an uninhabited wilderness which pictured the Sea of Forgetfulness behind God's Back.

The tremendously powerful Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ was so confidently surefooted, so beautifully determined, so sure and steadfast, and so forcefully prevailing as it ministered *before* the Face of the LORD God and as it ministered *behind* the Back of the LORD God in the Sea of Forgetfulness. The LORD Jesus Christ first took His Resurrected Blood before the Face of His Father, and when His Father saw the precious, priceless Blood of His Holy Son, He immediately forgave man's sin. After the Son had obtained the Father's Forgiveness, He took His precious Blood behind God's Back to the Sea of Forgetfulness.

(See diagram on following page.)



It is important to remember that the LORD's exalted, humility "Goat" Blood was carried first to the Mercy Seat in the Holy of Holies to obtain the LORD's Forgiveness for the congregation of Israel. Then, Aaron came out to the Courtyard and put the iniquities, sins, and transgressions of the congregation of Israel upon the live, debased, humility scapegoat who carried them away into the land of forgetfulness, a picture of the Sea of Forgetfulness, thus obtaining the LORD's Forgetfulness of Israel's iniquities, sins, and transgressions.

On the Day of Atonement, God demonstrated the beautiful Principle of Reconciliation. First, one must *forgive*; second, one must *forget*, if reconciliation is to be fully accomplished. To forgive means to give up, to resign, to pardon, to excuse, not to exact the penalty for, not to punish, to overlook, to cease to feel resentment toward, to mount above injury, fault, crime, or anything due, not to give the punishment due, to relax from the rigour of justice in demanding retribution, to pardon personal offenses against the law and morals, mercifulness, graciousness, and kindness.

In whom **we have redemption through his blood**, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; (Ephesians 1:7).

There can be no forgiveness unless the Redeeming Blood of Jesus Christ is first applied. All spiritual blessings of forgiveness are loosed through the crimson flow from Emanuel's Veins. The blood of the LORD's goat was applied for forgiveness, beginning at the Mercy Seat and working downward to the end or the bottom of the Brazen Altar. Then, the *blood of forgiveness* was joined to the *blood of forgetfulness* in the living humility scapegoat that stood on the north side of the Altar where the blood of forgiveness was poured out. After the blood of forgetfulness of the living scapegoat had been joined to the blood of forgiveness from the LORD's slain goat, the living scapegoat was ready, then, to carry the forgiven iniquities, sins, and transgressions into the wilderness of forgetfulness.

God's true "Sea of Forgetfulness" for sin is comprised of the Blood of Jesus Christ, and it is to be used for confessed sins that have been repented of and that have been forgiven by the LORD God. The LORD Jesus Christ carries away sin and buries it in the Sea of Forgetfulness only *after* His Heavenly Father has forgiven it.

Forgetfulness is the quality or state of having lost the memory or remembrance of a thing. The Son of God buries forgiven sin in the dark oblivion of His humility Blood in the Sea of Forgetfulness. Then, the Heavenly Father looses from His memory all deeds and offenses that were done against Him by the forgiven sinner.

This is an amazing, astounding, and astonishing Truth — that the Blood of Jesus Christ has power to cleanse His Heavenly Father's Mind, obliterating the remembrance of man's sinful deeds. It is surprising, staggering, and stupefying that a Holy God could *forgive* a sinful man, but for the Holy LORD God to be able to *forget* all iniquities and offenses that we have done against Him is beyond our human capacity to comprehend.

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved lowly wretches like us sinners, who were lost, guilty, doomed, and damned to everlasting flames and darkness. Now our sins are forgiven, and our sins are forgotten. Now, we are found, exonerated, alive, and blessed with all spiritual blessings in Heavenly Places in Christ Jesus! We have no excuse for not allowing the marvelous Blood of Jesus Christ to lead us from the Foot-realm of His Holy Stature of Truth all the way to the Head-realm of His Holy Stature of Truth. The Blood of Jesus Christ is able to lead us from the foundational experience of Salvation by Grace, through faith, unto the Measure of the Stature of the Fullness of Jesus Christ, unto perfect Oneness of Relationship with the LORD God, the true Master and Owner.

When the blood of the LORD's goat was brought in before the Mercy Seat and sprinkled seven times there, it ministered powerfully to the necessary separation on God's side, and it also ministered powerfully to the necessary separation on man's side. We already have discussed the debt that man owed to God. Man owed a debt of suffering, both to God and to himself. Because of man's sin, God's Honour, Reputation, Name, Word, Glory, and Justice have suffered terrible offense. Because of man's sin, the Likeness and Image of God in man has suffered, being marred and broken.

On the great Eternal Day of Atonement, God gave mankind the Sovereign Substance and the Incomparable

Riches of the Blood of Jesus Christ so that man could pay his debt to God and clear himself if he so desires. Man was given the costly Blood of Christ that could and would make a satisfying propitiation for the suffering to which the Honour, Reputation, Name, Word, Glory, and Justice of the LORD God has been subjected. The costly Blood of Christ is able to create a new Likeness and a new Image of God in repentant man and, thus, make a satisfying propitiation for the original Image of God that suffered ruin and destruction in sinful man. Man was given the Living, Sovereign Substance of the Blood of Christ that makes it possible for him to obey God's Word and the LORD's *Torah*. All that Jesus Christ did on Calvary's Cross was pictured by Israel's Day of Atonement through the bullock blood and the two goats' blood. With God's Provision of the Blood of Jesus Christ, man's sin of impudent rebellion against God can be washed away.

- **The Debased, Humility-Scapegoat Blood for the People**

The blood of the debased humility scapegoat symbolized the Humility side of Christ's Resurrected Blood that came from His bitten Heel. It was this part of His Blood which formed the "River of Remission" for sins. The River of Remission carries confessed and forgiven sins behind the Back of the LORD God so that the energy that has been wasted in sinful living can be cleansed and returned to the penitent sinner in the form of clean energy which, then, can be channeled into paths of righteous obedience instead of sinful disobedience.

Sin is nothing but energy spent in disobedience. Sin is energy that has been put in reverse because it takes man away from the LORD God. God does not want to *kill* man's energy. The LORD God desires to *cleanse* the energy man has used in sinful living. He cleanses man's misspent energy by the Blood of Jesus Christ, which removes the contrary nature of man's sinful will. After man has been forgiven and his energy has been cleansed, he can take his new energy and press toward the Prize, the Mark of the High Calling of God in Christ.

The LORD is so gracious and kind to forgive our sins, to forget our sins, and to cleanse and separate our energy from sin so that we can use it to walk in new Paths of Righteousness for Christ's Sake.

The living scapegoat waited patiently at the entrance of the Tabernacle while the LORD's goat was slain under the sharp knife of the Sanctuary and while its fresh blood was carried up to the Holy of Holies to bring new, fresh reconciliation between God and the people. When Aaron returned to the Courtyard, he pressed both his two hands upon the head of the live goat and confessed over it all the iniquities, sins, and transgressions of the children of Israel. By faith, he put all the iniquities, sins, and the transgressions upon the head of the live scapegoat and, then, sent it off into the wilderness, never to return.

The live scapegoat walked surefootedly, determinedly, steadfastly, and with all its pushing power to carry Israel's iniquities, sins, and transgressions away into the wilderness so that they never could return.

Israel's iniquities, sins, and transgressions consisted of her using her God-given powers of resistance to disobey God's *Torah* or Law instead of using her God-given powers of resistance to fight against the enticements, allurements, temptations, and seductions of the lustful senses of the flesh.

When believers stand at the eastern threshold of God's Sanctuary or the Stature of Jesus Christ, they fight against giving up all selfish living for their own pleasure, and they resist God's Command to be a living sacrifice. They turn their powerful, corrupt *goat* horns of hardness and resistance against God, by rebelling against the idea of complete surrender to His Word and His Will for their lives.

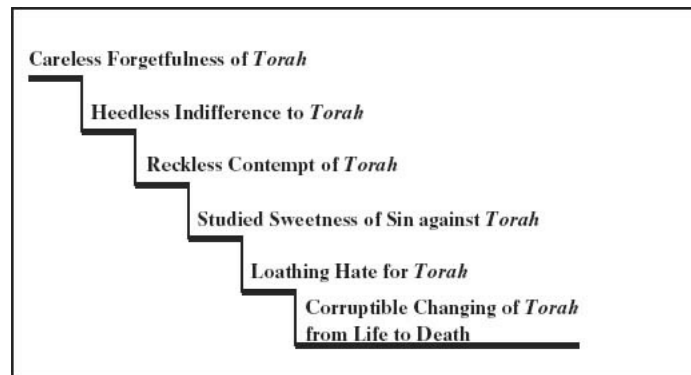
Believers' fears and repulsions are like powerful horns that resist the demands of God's Moral Laws of Separation from the world, the flesh, and the Devil. Worldly desires cause believers to resist and resent being pushed toward the LORD God's straight and narrow paths of Holiness. They stubbornly and tenaciously cling to their horns of resistance and come against the LORD as though He is their worst enemy and as though His Holy Demands are too straight and too narrow for mortal creatures.

It was for this reason that Aaron had to lay all past iniquities, sins, and transgressions upon the head of the live scapegoat. Iniquity is a departure from the straight and the narrow ways of the Holy *Torah* and a straying into the crooked paths and perverse ways of the world and the flesh that man has inherited from fallen Lucifer.

Transgression is rebellion; it is doing wrongfully and wickedly out of shameful contempt and disgraceful disdain for God's Holy *Torah*.

Sin is disobedient, immoral actions, inwardly and outwardly; it is the result of a person's having carelessly forgotten the Moral Law of God's Holy *Torah*. Careless forgetfulness of God's Word begets a heedless, indifferent attitude toward God's Holy Word. Heedless indifference begets reckless contempt for God's Holy Truth. Reckless contempt begets studied sweetness of sin which defies God to minister punishment according to His Holy Word. Studied sweetness of sin begets loathing hate for God's *Torah* and defies God to say that sin is wrong and wicked

according to His Holy Word. Loathing hate for God's *Torah* begets the corruptible changing of God's *Torah* into death. After man descends the wicked, sinful stairway of resistance and rebellion against God, he erroneously concludes that God's Way is a way of death, while man's way is a way of satisfying life.



When deceitfulness of sinful flesh leads a person downward from careless forgetfulness of God's Holy Word to heedless indifference to God's Word, to reckless contempt of God's Word, he descends upon the "studied sweetness of sin" step. Here the soul uses all of its horns of resistance and rebellion to prevent the "sweet sin cup" from being withheld from the lips, although the soul is fully aware that the "sweet sin cup" is wrong.

The forgetful, indifferent, and contemptible soul studies every way (as Job did) to justify himself and make himself Holy and right, while he makes God unjust and unrighteous. Then, after the poor sinful soul has made God unjust and unrighteous, he feels completely fair and just in hating God's *Torah*. In order to continue feeling fair and just, the poor sinful soul continues accusing the LORD God, the Master and Owner, of being unfair or unrighteous because His *Torah* is an "interferer" and a "meddler" with his joyful, pleasurable, and unrestrained way of life, his "sweet sin cup."

Then, the poor sinful soul descends to the step of loathing hate, and, in his diseased perception of reality, he judges that God's *Torah* had no right to be making a moral decision about his way of life. After all, there is no set of moral laws that can apply to everyone because his case is completely different from anyone else's. His situation is special, in the grey zone — not exactly white — but far from being black; therefore, he has to be all right. By this time, the poor loathing, sinful soul has lost his clarity of spiritual vision and has forgotten that with God there is no morally grey zone. God's moral zones consist only of white and black or right and wrong.

A morally grey zone exists only in the mind of a poor sinful soul that has strayed so far from God's Spirit and Word that right and wrong are intermingled so that they appear grey. When a poor sinful soul lives in the grey zone, he loathes the Truth that clearly defines right and wrong or black and white.

Everyone who grows in Christ Jesus experiences having Christ's Truth reveal his fleshly grey zones, and the choice he then has to make is whether to accept God's Moral Verdicts of what is white and what is black — what is right and what is wrong in life, even in small thoughts, attitudes, and in everyday behaviours.

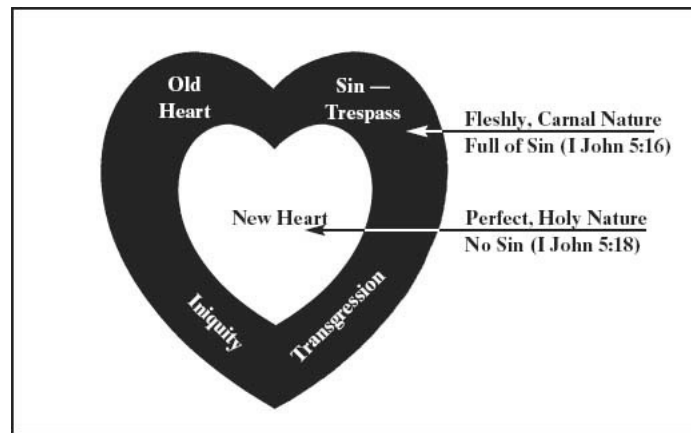
If the poor sinful soul does not allow God to deal with him on this step of depravity of the flesh, he sinks to the next step of corrupt change and begins to reckon that God's *Torah*-Truth is not the Way of Life. In his mind, he falsely changes the Life of the *Torah*-Truth into a way of death.

On the Day of Atonement, Aaron had to lay his hands on the head of the live scapegoat so that its living blood could bear away all these different kinds of iniquities, sins, and transgressions that were in the corrupt flesh that existed in Israel. Through the ministry of the blood, Israel could begin a new spiritual year with a clean foundation, having the grey clouds wiped away from her spiritual vision. Thus, she could walk uprightly before God and before the world.

Likewise, God expects Christians to confess their sins, clearly and completely, during this present Dispensation of Grace. Only once a year did Israel have the privilege of using the goat blood of atonement, in the shadow and type. We have the greater privilege of appropriating the LORD Jesus Christ's Atoning "Goat" Blood continually, as often as we need it and desire to use it.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us (1 John 1:8-10).

The Apostle John wrote to Christians, confirming the fact that God's people need to confess their sins. Christians must continually confess what Israel confessed only once a year. Believers must be extremely careful not to deny their sins.



If believers deny the sin in their old heart, they contradict God's Word, trying to prove and show the Truth false. When they refuse to yield or accede to the fact that, in their old hearts, they have sin that needs to be confessed and cleansed, they deceive themselves and stop the spiritual growth of their New Heart.

We deny sin in our old heart by rejecting the fact that we have participated in wrongful thoughts, actions, or feelings. Denial is a personal disowning of our sins, and it affects our veracity. We can only *deny* when we have had personal knowledge of the Truth. For example, Peter denied the Saviour after having received three-and-one-half years of instruction from the LORD. We deceive ourselves when we fail to confess our sins. We are saying that we are not sinners and that Jesus Christ is not a Saviour. We intentionally mislead ourselves when we do not continually use the atoning "Goat Blood" of Jesus Christ. We deceive ourselves by depriving ourselves of the ministry of the Blood of Jesus Christ. We deceive ourselves by false pretexts, false ideas, and false confidence that assures that we do not have sin in the old heart because we do not feel it. Therefore, we practice deception against ourselves because the Truth is that we *are* a sinner in our heart, and we practice deception against the Ministry of the Saviour by not openly recognizing that His Ministry is needful in our life.

It is a very serious offense to deceive ourselves into denying or excusing our sins. The more we see the sinful disease in the old heart, as it is exposed by the Word of God and the Spirit of God, the more we appreciate, esteem, and value the remedy of the Blood of Jesus Christ. We grow in love, gratitude, thankfulness, and joy in Jesus Christ. When we say we have no sin, we dishonour the LORD by making Him a liar. The *Torah*-Truth from Genesis to Revelation has testified against the sin of the world, the flesh, and Lucifer. The continual Ministry of the atoning Blood of Jesus Christ proves the continual sinfulness of the world, the flesh, and Lucifer.

God is faithful to forgive and forget if we, as Israel, make true, complete confessions of our iniquities, sins, and transgressions to Jesus Christ and use His atoning Blood.

All of our past sins and present sins have had (and do have) their origin in the attitude that it is not necessary to give ourselves wholly to the LORD God, the Master and Owner, as a complete, living, selfless sacrifice. The accessory to this false idea of the carnal heart then says, "Give a portion to God, but you have a right to keep a portion for yourself."

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, **that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.** And be not conformed to this world: but ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God (Romans 12:1,2).

The Apostle Paul beseeched the Roman Christians to present themselves wholly to the spiritual knife of God's Sanctuary, just as the Old Testament "offerers" brought their offerings to the High Priest for their life's blood to be used completely and wholly in the service of God's Sanctuary.

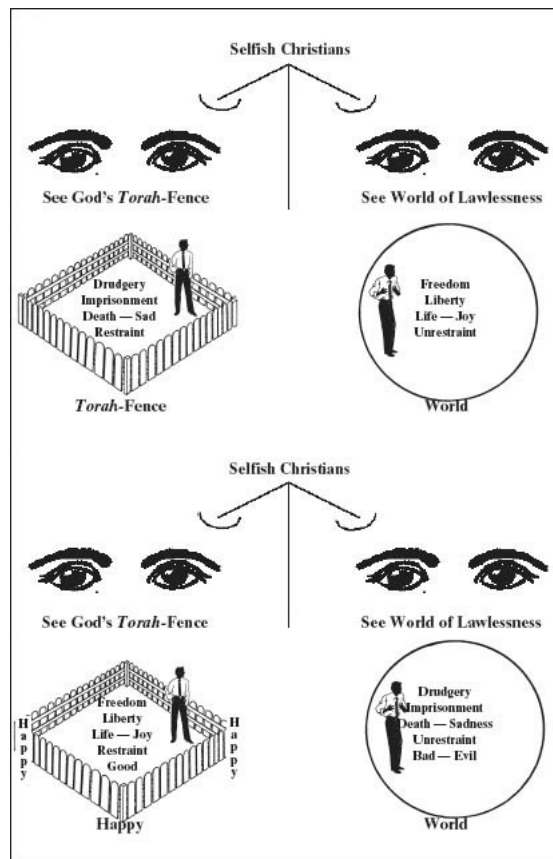
Christ Jesus desires that believers give their life's blood as a living sacrifice in the service of God's Sanctuary, for this is their reasonable service. For example, a person's first purpose and desire for working on a natural job should be to gain substance with which to support God's Sanctuary and His Kingdom and, after that, himself and his family. Since Christ gave *all* His Life's Blood for us, it is a reasonable thing for us to give *all* our life's blood for the

purpose of being of service to Him.

At the very threshold of the Sanctuary, God demanded *all* the life's blood of every sacrifice. If a soul is to grow up in the Measure of the Stature of the Fullness of Christ, he must lay this Truth in the foundation of his spiritual building — that he is to give *all* his life's blood as a living sacrifice.

There are two kinds of Christians — selfless ones and selfish ones.

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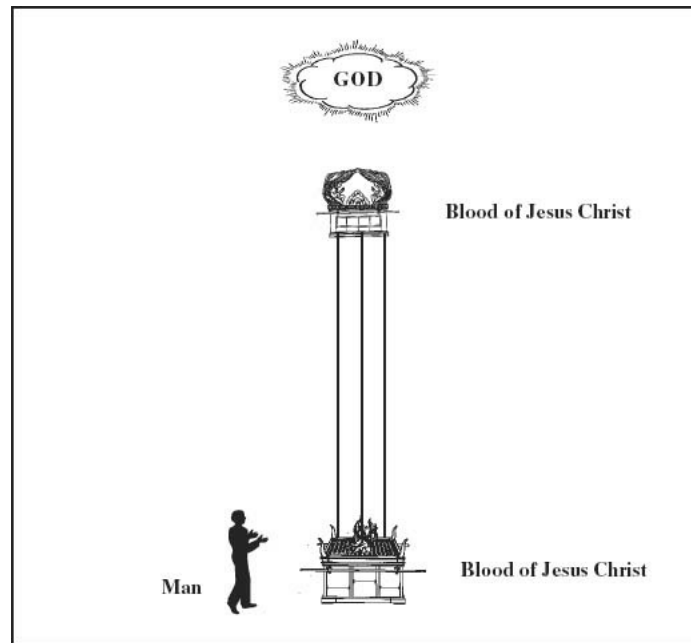
The world has power to entice and beckon a poor selfish soul that ridicules the idea that the LORD God is his complete Master and Owner and that, as such, He has a right to the whole portion of His creation. The selfish soul shrinks from giving all his life's blood in complete service to God's Sanctuary because he feels entitled to reserve a portion to be used in his own selfish, sinful enjoyment. Such a poor selfish soul remains blind to the real Truth — that while he is imagining himself to be free and alive, he knows not that he really is a slave, in bondage to his own selfish desires. The soul that follows after his selfish desires will find Desolation and Death at the end of his journey.

God provided goat blood as a sin offering for His people in order to carry away all their sinful forgetfulness of His truthful and rightful demands for them. It was just and right for the LORD God, their Creator, Owner, and Master, to demand that His people give up all sinful selfish living so that they could give themselves as a “whole” living sacrifice in God's Sanctuary to do His Will and obey His *Torah*. On the Day of Atonement, the living scapegoat carried away all Israel's iniquities, sins, and transgressions so that she could begin afresh and anew as a complete, living sacrifice for God and His *Torah*.

The living scapegoat was led forth into the wilderness and pushed over the cliff into the desert below, signifying the portion of the Resurrected Blood of Jesus Christ that went behind the Back of God to form the Sea of Forgetfulness, from which place sin never could return and never again be brought up before God's Face.

The Blood of our LORD Jesus Christ is priceless. Praise His sweet Name! We have no justifiable excuse for defying God's Word and disobeying His Holy Moral *Torah*-Truth. We have the “Goat” Blood of Jesus Christ to give us surefootedness to go in the LORD's Will, to give us steadfastness of surrender to climb the highest mountain of His *Torah*-Truth, and to give us pushing, prevailing power to overcome all obstacles in the way. Through the sprinkling of the precious Blood of Jesus Christ, man can stand *whole* before God. Man's reconciliation was effected by Jesus' Death on the Cross. Now, we can once again be “at one” with God.

Man's unity with God begins at the Feet of the Stature of Jesus Christ, when he experiences foundational Salvation through the Blood of Christ, and continues to grow as he ascends in spiritual growth to the Head-realm of the Stature of the Fullness of Christ.



The “Goat” Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ will defend us against all the powers of Lucifer’s darkness and death, which are our enemies. The surefootedness of the Blood of Christ will lead us through any kind of path through which our Heavenly Father sees fit to conduct us.

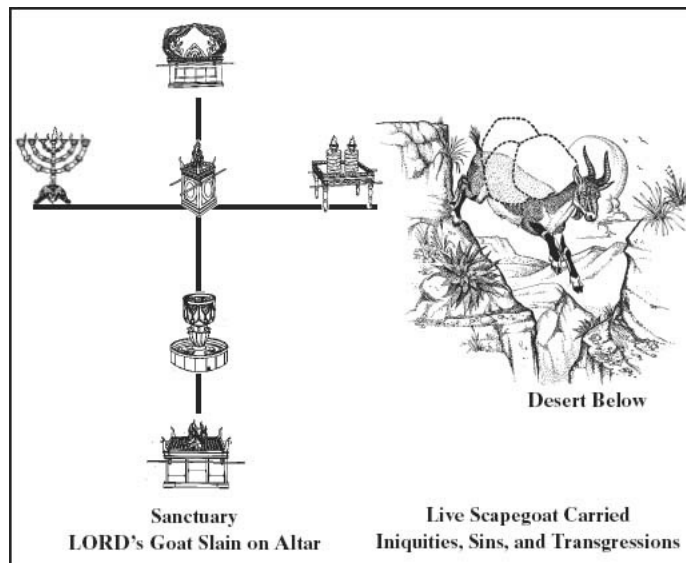
The determined force of the Blood of Christ will empower us to walk and press on in the Will of God in the face of all kinds of difficulties. Jesus Christ’s Blood gives us steadfastness of surrender to offer our rebellious pride to the Will of God in the midst of excruciatingly painful circumstances, torturous anguishes of soul, and disquieting and distressing spiritual burdens. His Blood helps us push past all offenses, injuries, and wrongs (which we have done and which others have done to us) in order to find the LORD’s gracious, sweet Spirit of Forgiveness. The prevailing Power of the Blood of Christ overcomes the enemy of “remembrance,” which refuses to allow us to forget past and present injuries and offenses which we ourselves have done to others and those which we have received from others. The prevailing Blood of Christ helps us find the blessed “Forgetfulness” of the LORD for ourselves and for others.

The aggressive Power of the Blood of Jesus Christ enables us to gain new victories over our own carnal nature and thus possess new realms of growth in God’s Spirit and God’s Word.

The surefooted walk of the goat is a beautiful picture of our LORD as He guides us into new ways and new paths of obedience to His *Torah*-Truth. When we lose our determination to continue walking in the Will of God, our LORD’s Goat Blood comes with His Determination to give us a new resolution to press on toward the Mark of His High Calling, the Mountain of Truth, with His aggressive Power and to surrender to descend willingly into new valleys of humility without letting our feet slip. The pushing, prevailing Power of the Blood of Jesus Christ decreases the kingdom of darkness in our old heart and allows God’s Kingdom of Light to increase in our New Heart. Praise the Holy Name of the LORD God for the Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ!

The humility scapegoat is a glorious picture of Jesus Christ’s Blood of Forgetfulness. It was a beautiful sight to Israel when she saw the humility scapegoat walking surefootedly into the wilderness with all her iniquities, sins, and transgressions upon him.

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The humility scapegoat was led forth by the hand of a fit man, who returned and reported to Israel that the blood of the scapegoat that had carried her iniquities, sins, and transgressions was gone forever. What a joyful and happy time it was for Israel when she realized that her sins of the past year were forgiven and forgotten.

There was no danger of the scapegoat stumbling before he got to the wilderness because he knew how to walk with sure, safe, and stable steps. The comeliness of the determination of the scapegoat, as he bore the burden of all of the iniquities, sins, and transgressions of the people into the wilderness, was a comforting and consoling sight for Israel. The steadfastness of the surrender of the scapegoat to climb over all the obstacles that he met in the way in order to carry the iniquities, the sins, and the transgressions into the wilderness and remain there with them so that they would be forgotten by the Mind of the LORD God was a sight that filled Israel's heart with joyful gratitude. The scapegoat's feet did not halt in the way. He did not look back and wish that the lot had fallen on some other creature, but he walked on in the steadfastness of his surrender toward the wilderness, fulfilling the Will of the LORD God, his Master and Owner.

The pushing and prevailing power of the live scapegoat provoked Israel to wonder with great admiration at it, as it pushed its way into the wilderness with the iniquities, sins, and transgressions of the people of the congregation on it. The scapegoat blood pushed its way past the remembrance of the Law that retained the recollection of all Israel's iniquities, sins, and transgressions. The living scapegoat, a type of the Resurrected Blood of Jesus, not only pushed its way past the Law of Remembrance, but it pushed its way past all opposing forces of Satan and his Angels in order to carry sin, iniquity, and transgression into the wilderness, which was a type of the Sea of Forgetfulness.

What a clear, colourful picture Israel's Day of Atonement presents of the Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ! God's Word teaches that all Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness; therefore, these Old Testament figures and shadows give a profoundly vivid picture of the Blood of Jesus Christ.

The Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ accomplished True Eternal Atonement and True Everlasting Reconciliation between God and man. A portion of Christ's Resurrected Blood flowed upward to the LORD God to attain God's Merciful Forgiveness; another portion of Christ's Resurrected Blood flowed downward, behind the Back of God, to form the Sea of Forgetfulness for God's Merciful Forgetfulness.

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

God forgives man's confessed sin and casts it behind His Back so that His Holy Eyes of Justice and Jealousy do not have to look upon it and so that He can forget it. When man humbles himself before the LORD and sets His sins before the LORD's Face by confessing them and repenting, the LORD casts the sins behind His Back into the Sea of Forgetfulness and forgets them.

He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and **thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the**

sea (Micah 7:19).

Through the Blood of Jesus Christ, God subdues man's iniquities and renders them powerless. God wipes the remembrance of sin out of His Holy Mind by casting it into the Sea of Forgetfulness.

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

The word *remission* means the act of sending or remitting. The act of remission was pictured by the scapegoat, which means to carry forth, send forth, and send away. The live scapegoat blood was joined to the forgiveness blood that extended from the Cherubims on the Mercy Seat to below the Brazen Altar so that the scapegoat blood became a "river" of living blood of forgiveness, carrying away iniquity, sin, and transgression. Iniquity, sin, and transgression cannot be carried away until they are forgiven. How gracious and good of our God to give so much time, space, pictures, and types in His Word so that we can see clearly the Power of the Blood of Jesus Christ!

Failure to appropriate, by faith, the "Goat" Blood of Jesus Christ is the reason some believers seem to have so much trouble walking surefootedly in the LORD's Way, in holding on to a desire and determination to go on for God, in steadfastly surrendering to do God's Will; and it is also why they have so much trouble "pushing" to stay in the spiritual battle that rages between the powers of darkness and the Powers of Light. If they would look, by faith, upon God's tremendous Provision of Christ's Blood, they would find the Resurrected, Divine Blood producing the same life in them that it produced in Christ Jesus. Christ's Blood-Life will give believers Power to walk surefootedly; to walk in the beauty of determination; to walk with steadfast surrender; and to walk with pushing and prevailing power in the LORD's Forgiveness of sins and His Forgetfulness of sins. Thanks be unto the LORD God for His only Begotten Son, the LORD Jesus Christ, Who is God's marvelous Provision of Blood for sinful mankind.

Chapter Four

God's Provision Of Heifer Blood For A Sin Offering For The Whole Congregation To Purify The People From The Sinful Defilement Of Death

God provided a fourth sin offering, a red heifer, for the whole congregation of Israel. The offering of the blood of the red heifer purified the people by removing the defilement which resulted from their having had contact with the dead. Only the blood of the red heifer had the necessary properties needed to cleanse from the pollution, defilement, and guilt of sin that came from being associated with Death; therefore, Israelites who touched Death and, then, failed to offer the sin offering blood of the red heifer were considered unclean.

God's people had no excuse for remaining in an unclean state of defilement because, in every case, God graciously provided the very offering that was needed to cleanse them from their sin and restore them to fellowship with Him; thus, they were accepted as a Holy congregation. It is most astounding to see the magnitude of the many different aspects of God's Provision of the Blood for Cleansing. The LORD God, the Heavenly Father, made a complete provision of sin offering blood for all the sins of the Priesthood, for all the sins of the congregation, for all the sins of the Rulers, and for all the sins of the individual.

And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, *This is the ordinance of the law which the LORD hath commanded, saying, **Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring thee a red heifer without spot, wherein is no blemish, and upon which never came yoke:*** And ye shall give her unto Eleazar the priest, that he may bring her forth without the camp, and *one* shall slay her before his face: And Eleazar the priest shall take of her blood with his finger, and sprinkle of her blood directly before the tabernacle of the congregation seven times: And *one* shall burn the heifer in his sight; her skin, and her flesh, and her blood, with her dung, shall he burn: And the priest shall take cedar wood, and hyssop, and scarlet, and cast *it* into the midst of the burning of the heifer. Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean until the even. And he that burneth her shall wash his clothes in water, and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the even. **And a man that is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and lay them up without the camp in a clean place, and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for a water of separation: it is a purification for sin.** And he that gathereth the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: and it shall be unto the children of Israel, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among them, for a statute for ever. He that toucheth the dead body of any man shall be unclean seven days. He shall purify himself with it on the third day, and on the seventh day he shall be clean: but if he purify not himself the third day, then the seventh day he shall not be clean. Whosoever toucheth the dead body of any man that is dead, and purifieth not himself, defileth the tabernacle of the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from Israel: because the water of separation was not sprinkled upon him, he shall be unclean; his uncleanness *is* yet upon him. *This is the law, when a man dieth in a tent: all that come into the tent, and all that is in the tent, shall be unclean seven days.* And every open vessel, which hath no covering bound upon it, *is* unclean. And whosoever toucheth one that is slain with a sword in the open fields, or a dead body, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days. And for an unclean *person* they shall take of the ashes of the burnt heifer of purification for sin, and running water shall be put thereto in a vessel: And a clean person shall take hyssop, and dip *it* in the water, and sprinkle *it* upon the tent, and upon all the vessels, and upon the persons that were there, and upon him that touched a bone, or one slain, or one dead, or a grave: And the clean *person* shall sprinkle upon the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day: and on the seventh day he shall purify himself, and wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at even. But the man that shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from among the congregation, because he hath defiled the sanctuary of the LORD: the water of separation hath not been sprinkled upon him; he *is* unclean. And it shall be a perpetual statute unto them, that he that sprinkleth the water of separation shall wash his clothes; and he that toucheth the water of separation shall be unclean until even. And whatsoever the unclean *person* toucheth shall be unclean; and the soul that toucheth *it* shall be unclean until even (Numbers 19:1-22).

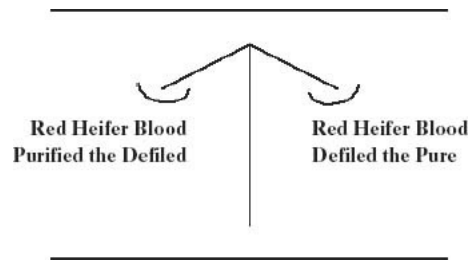
The sacrificial blood of the red heifer, as all other blood sacrifices offered in the Old Testament, typified the Blood of our LORD Jesus Christ. As we study the Truth that God revealed in type and shadow form in the sin offering of the red heifer, we shall gain a better understanding of the Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ and the Power it has to cleanse and purify us from the defilement of Death in both the natural and spiritual realms.

The more we learn about the blood under the shadow and type, the better we will understand the Blood of Jesus Christ. Then, we can believe the LORD Jesus Christ, our High Priest, to apply more of His precious Blood to our heart, soul, and life. We will find ourself able to walk on in our spiritual journey with new victory and power after we have found new faith and fresh knowledge of God's Word, which will show us how to apply and how to use Christ's Blood.

The red heifer had to be free from any blemish and had to never have come under a yoke; then, it had to be slain outside the camp. The red heifer (with her skin, her flesh, her blood, and her dung) was to be burned with cedar wood, hyssop, and scarlet. The ashes (comprised of the combined substance of the red heifer, the cedar wood, the hyssop, and scarlet) were gathered up and preserved in a vessel until they were needed for cleansing someone who had been contaminated by contact with a dead person. Then, the ashes were dissolved in fresh, running water and

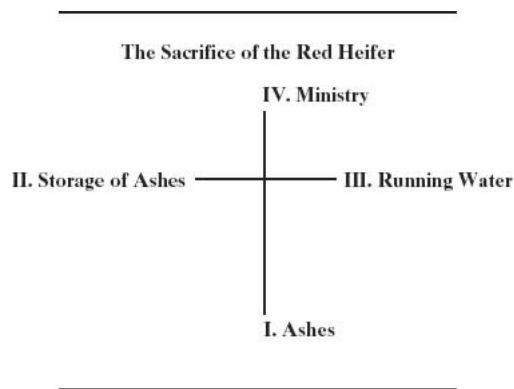
sprinkled upon the unclean person.

This was a mysterious ceremony. It purified all who had been defiled, but it defiled all who were clean.



Because the nineteenth chapter of the Book of Numbers revolves around the red heifer blood, we shall consider it in its entirety. Our vision of the Power of the Blood of Jesus Christ will be enlarged, and our faith in His Blood will be increased. This chapter falls into the following main Stature of Truth.

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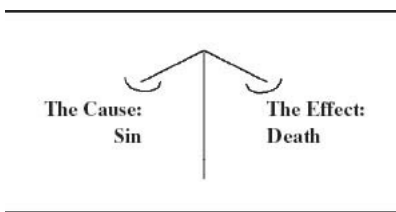


I. Ashes

The purpose of sacrificing the red heifer was to obtain her ashes to mix with fresh water to form a purifying substance that could be used for cleansing the people from the defilement of Death. Therefore, the offering of the red heifer was one of the fundamental Laws of the *Torah*. The red heifer was purchased out of Israel's national fund.

The red heifer ceremony was for cleansing and atoning. Death was the effect of sin, the visible maturity of sin, and the penalty of sin. Consequently, it defiled all who touched it. This teaches us that God is a Holy God, and He demands that His people who serve Him must be Holy also.

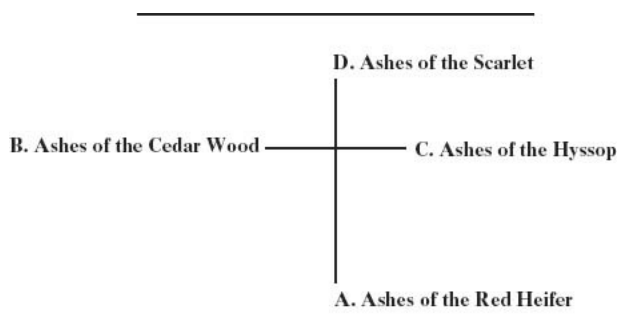
(See Scales on following page.)



Sin is the *cause* of the sinner being separated from the Life of God, and Death is the *defiler* of the lives of God's saints. Therefore, sin had to be put away, and the defiling effects of Death had to be put away before one could return to communion with a Holy God and a Holy people. The red heifer, which was used to cleanse Israel, God's Bride, from all defilement of Death, was a female, and its blood represented the Blood of Christ, the *Torah*.

The ashes were obtained through the burning of the heifer, the cedar wood, the hyssop, and the scarlet. Ashes, the residue left after burning anything combustible, were symbolic of great humiliation and suffering.

The study about ashes, the first point in the Stature of the Sacrifice of the Red Heifer, forms the following Stature of Truth:

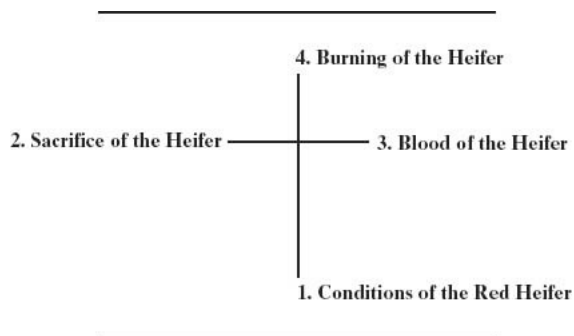


The mixture of the ashes, formed by burning the four ingredients — the red heifer, the cedar wood, the hyssop, and the scarlet — was joined to fresh water to form the Waters of Purification from sinful defilement by Death. Once we have examined the whole ceremony, we will be able to see the beautiful picture that it portrays of the Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ.

First, let us examine God's Provision of the red heifer which went into the mixture of ashes. The study of the ashes of the red heifer forms its own Stature of Truth under the Stature of Ashes.

A. Ashes of the Red Heifer

The ashes of the red heifer had to be joined to fresh water in order to form the Waters of Purification. God gave explicit Laws concerning the conditions of the heifer, the sacrifice of the heifer, the blood of the heifer, and the burning of the heifer.



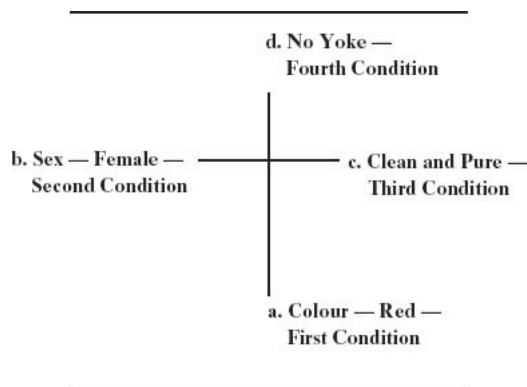
In the study of the Stature of Truth about the ashes of the offering for cleansing from the defilement of Death, the first kind of ashes were the ashes of the red heifer. Then, there were four Laws about the heifer's ashes, which form

a Stature of Truth.

Now, we see the first Law which concerned the heifer's conditions, and there were four Laws about her conditions, which also form a Stature of Truth.

1. Conditions of the Red Heifer

The red heifer had to meet God's specified conditions in order to be an acceptable sacrifice unto the LORD God. It had to have the right colour, the right sex, the right purity, and the right liberated neck.



a. Colour — Red — First Condition

The first restriction that God placed on the heifer was that her colour had to be *red*. Two white hairs or two black hairs on the body of the heifer disqualified her as an acceptable offering unto the LORD. It was very important that the heifer be perfectly red because she was to be a type of the Blood of Christ.

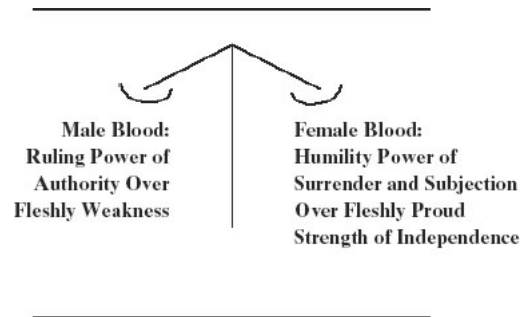
The colour of the blood is red when it is fresh and clean, before it goes to the different parts of the body to pick up waste material. After the blood picks up the waste materials in the body, it takes on a bluish appearance in the veins. Therefore, the red colour of the heifer was to be a picture of the red condition of the Blood of Christ before it ministers life and cleansing to the soul of man. For this reason, the LORD expressly commanded Moses and Aaron to tell the congregation of Israel, as a nation, to bring a red heifer for their purification from Death. The colour of the red heifer bore the colour of fresh, clean blood-life.

b. Sex — Female — Second Condition

God placed a second restriction or condition that had to be met by the animal that was sacrificed to purify the people from the defilement of Death; it had to be a heifer, a female of the herd. The sex of the sacrifice was important because the female gender speaks of surrender and subjection.

God demanded that female animals be sacrificed in order to demonstrate the power of surrender and subjection that can be appropriated through the Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ. A soul can conquer the deathly defilement of the flesh, the world, and the Devil only by appropriating the fresh, living Nature and Power of the Blood of Christ's Surrender and Subjection. The deadly nature of the exalted pride of our flesh is so strong that it can be brought down only by Christ's Blood of Surrender and Subjection; nothing else suffices.

In other instances, the LORD demanded that the sacrificial blood be a male, which denotes the authority and ruling power of the Blood of Jesus Christ. Some parts of our deathly flesh are too weak to stand and support the *Torah*-Truth of Jesus Christ. But, the Red, Holy, Living Blood of Christ carries away the wasting weakness of the flesh, leaving strong, Holy Life in its place. Thus, the ruling Power and Authority of the Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ is needed to conquer our fleshly weakness and bring us up with fresh Strength and new Power of His Blood so that we can continue our growth in our spiritual education and moral development. But, we also need the humility Blood of Surrender and the Subjection of Christ to cleanse us from the deadly effect of our proud independence and to bring us up with fresh humility dependence on the LORD God as the Master and Owner of our existence.



The sacrifice of the red heifer depicts the Surrender and Subjection of the Blood-Life of Christ. The LORD Jesus Christ was a perfect Example. He used His Blood-Life of Strength and Power to resist all fleshly weakness against the Truth, and He used complete Humility Surrender and Subjection to overcome and overpower the proud independent strength of sinful man. He surrendered Himself to be nailed to the Cross in order to overcome proud strength with Humility Surrender and Subjection.

This book is written to help make the Truth of the Blood of Christ clearer to those who desire to understand more about God's wonderful provision of Blood, which fulfilled all the types and shadows of the Blood as it was shed by the Old Testament Priests in animal sacrifices.

c. Clean and Pure — Third Condition

The third restriction that God placed on the red heifer was that she had to be clean and pure in order to be an acceptable sacrifice. The red heifer had to be completely spotless and without blemish because she was to be a picture of the Holy, Sinless Blood of Christ.

The word *spot* means a small area that is different, as in colour or texture, from the background or main area of which it is a part; often, a mark made by some foreign matter, a stain, mark, blot, speck, patch, flaw or defect, as in character or reputations; something blameworthy, fault. The red heifer sacrifice had to be without any of these things since it was a figure of God's true Sacrifice, the LORD Jesus Christ, Who truly was without spot.

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:** (1 Peter 1:18,19).

Christ's Blood is without blemish and without spot. There were no defects or deformities in the Blood of Jesus Christ to stain and defile His Holiness and Purity. Jesus Christ had unblemished Blood. His Blood was without spot, specks, or flaws. There was nothing improper or immoral in the Blood of Jesus Christ to stain or taint His Holy, Pure Blood. Christ's Blood was free from all marks and stains. It was pure, immaculate, spotless, without blemish.

The word *blemish* means to wound, spoil, pale, to mar, slightly impair, sully, a defect or shortcoming, any flaw as a stain, scar. As we think upon the third condition the red heifer had to meet in order to be an acceptable sacrifice, we see clearly that she was a picture of the true Sacrifice, Jesus Christ, Who was without blemish and without spot. Christ never spoiled nor marred man, but He came to repair the damage done by man's sin, to cleanse his disobedience, and to restore his relationship with God.

d. No Yoke — Fourth Condition

The fourth and last condition the red heifer had to meet was never to have had a yoke upon her neck. The heifer was never to have been yoked to the service, the works, the will of man.

A yoke was a horizontal bar that connected *two* of the same kind. The bar of the yoke was fastened by bows onto the necks of the two oxen, for instance, thus joining the two animals together. Then, they entered into servitude, slavery, sufferings, and submission to their earthly owners and masters, plowing where the owners said to plow, in the season they said to plow, and for the length of time they said to plow. The pair of oxen were possessed and governed totally by earthly owners and masters.

The red heifer always had to have been free of the yoke of servitude, slavery, suffering, and submission to earthly owners and masters because she was a picture of Jesus Christ, the Living *Torah*, the Word of God.

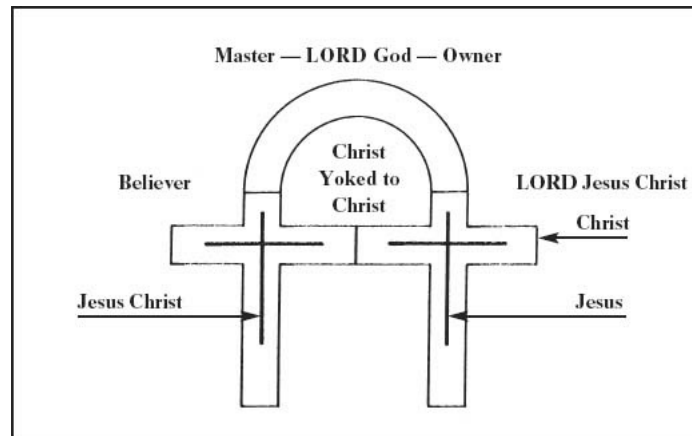
Jesus Christ never came under man's sinful ownership and mastership; He always bore a Holy Yoke of servitude, slavery, sufferings, and submission to His Heavenly Father, His true Master and Owner. Jesus Christ, God's true

“Red Heifer,” the Living *Torah*, always worked at all times and all seasons in the Perfect Will of His Heavenly Father. Jesus Christ, the Divine Son of God, was yoked to His Divine Heavenly Father. They were two of a kind; they were both Divine. Jesus Christ, the Divine One, could not be yoked to a sinful earthly owner because He and the owner would not have been “two of a kind.”

Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. **Take my yoke upon you**, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light (Matthew 11:28-30).

How gracious and merciful the LORD Jesus Christ is! He invites us to come to Him so that He can cleanse us from our sins and come into our heart. Then, He can become yoked to the New Man, the Christ, inside of us because they are “two of the same kind.”

(See drawing on following page.)



Christ's Call is to all who are weary and heavy laden under the servitude, slavery, sufferings, and submissions to earthly, sinful, false masters and owners. To all who answer His Call, He will give them rest. Lucifer, the earthly owner of souls, actually *reduces the strength* and *exhausts the energies* of his captive slaves as they labour under his yoke of servitude, slavery, sufferings, and submissions, although they are endeavouring to find peace, rest, and happiness as they plow in his kingdom. The neck that is yoked to Lucifer's ownership and mastership becomes exhausted, weary, and impatient of continuance. The necks of these poor sinful souls become worn out and fatigued because of Lucifer's tiresome and irksome yoke.

Lucifer's yoke of mastership and ownership is a weight and burden too heavy to be borne. Man's sad, grievous sins increase the weight of his yoke.

When souls repent, Christ Jesus' wonderful, matchless Grace breaks Lucifer's yoke of false ownership and mastership over them, forgives and cleanses their sin, and the cleansed souls who have Christ within them are yoked to Christ. Then, because Christ is yoked to the true Owner and Master, the LORD God, the clean Christ-like soul is yoked to the Heavenly Father, too.

A glorious rest is born into souls when they enter into the Truth that the LORD is the true Owner and Master of *all* things. Then, believers can cease from their work and their labourious exertion of trying to rule, reign, and domineer other people, places, and things. Souls, then, can be quiet, satisfied, reposed, and reclined, while the LORD God governs and guides all things. In this happy, peaceful state, souls can give praise and thanksgiving in everything and lift up the Name of the LORD.

The neck of our precious LORD Jesus Christ never was yoked to the sinful service, work, and will of man. He never was yoked even to His own Will. He always was yoked to His Father's Will, His true Master and Owner. At different times in His Life, Christ testified that He was "One" with His Father. Therefore, the LORD God was always very particular concerning the most miniscule details of the Old Testament sacrifices because, together, they represented a complete picture of His Divine Son, Jesus Christ, Who was the Eternal True Sacrifice for man's sins.

We have covered the fourfold conditions that had to be met by the red heifer that was sacrificed to purify Israel from the defilement of Death. The heifer had to be all the following things: (1) red, (2) a female, (3) clean and pure, and (4) never have borne a yoke. This is the first main point on the Stature of Truth under the subtitle "Ashes of the Heifer."

2. Sacrifice or Slaying of the Heifer

The red heifer was to be delivered to Eleazar the Priest who brought her outside the Sanctuary, the camp, and the city. There she was slain before the Priest's face on the east side of the city, in view of the east entrance of the Sanctuary — the gate side. The heifer was sacrificed without the camp — the place of filth and corruption. "Without the camp" or outside the camp was the place set aside for defiled persons or things. For example, the place "without the camp" was where the following things could be found:

- The place of the sin offering *or part of the sin offering*: the flesh, skin, and dung (Exodus 29:14).
- The place of ashes (Leviticus 4:12; Job 2:8).

- The place of lepers (Leviticus 13:45,46).
- The place of blasphemers, cursers, and murderers (Leviticus 24:10-17).
- The place of those with a running issue and those who were defiled by the dead (Numbers 5:1-3).
- The place of judgment (Numbers 15:32-36).
- The place of the warriors — those defiled in warfare (Numbers 31:13-19).

The red heifer was slain in this defiled place of sin and Death in order to reveal that God has provided cleansing in the most deathly, defiling places. God had them sacrifice the red heifer while looking toward the gate of the Sanctuary. This teaches us that God's Purpose for cleansing man from sin with its defilement and Death is ultimately to bring him back to the Sanctuary of the LORD God into oneness of fellowship with Him. The red heifer was sacrificed in this place as a sin offering for Israel because she was a picture of the LORD Jesus Christ Who went forth without the camp into the place of filth and corruption, bearing our sin and Death.

For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp. **Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.** Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach (Hebrews 13:11-13).

In great humiliation, Christ went forth "without the gate" to suffer as our Sin Offering. Therefore, let us go forth with Him "without the gate" in order to be cleansed and purified from all deathly religious pride and opinions, from the world, and from ourself. In the midst of purging and purification, we need to keep our eyes upon the gate of the Heavenly Sanctuary and remember that the ultimate Goal is to be seated in the Heavenlies in Christ — to be made One with the Son and the Father.

Believers who go "without the camp" with Jesus Christ must be willing to bear the reproach of His Cross. All who died upon a cross were not considered fit to live, neither were they considered fit to die a normal death. We, too, must surrender to bear the contemptible words and the vile censoring of the cruel crew who crucified our LORD. The cruel crowd on Calvary's Hill displayed their proud boasting, reproaches, and sneers. This merciless mass of bloodthirsty human beings crucified our LORD in brutal, pitiless disgrace. However, it is better to be with our LORD Jesus Christ outside the camp and have a new vision of the Life, Light, and Glory-Fire in the Sanctuary than to be in a soft, pleasurable spot in the world without the LORD.

We have seen the conditions the red heifer had to meet in order to be a fit sacrifice, and we have seen her sacrificial slaying outside the city and Sanctuary by the Priest. The third point of Truth about the red heifer pertains to her blood.

3. Blood of the Heifer

After the sacrifice had been slain, Eleazar the Priest dipped his finger in the blood and sprinkled it toward the entrance of the Sanctuary (the Tabernacle of the Congregation) seven times, as a demonstration of atonement and expiation of sin contracted when one had been defiled by the touch of Death. The remainder of their red heifer's blood had to be burned along with the entire body.

4. Burning of the Heifer

After the blood had been sprinkled seven times toward the entrance of the Sanctuary, one was commanded to burn the heifer in the sight of Eleazar the Priest. Every part of the red heifer had to be burned — her *skin, flesh, blood, and dung*. The blood was not only sprinkled toward the eastern entrance of the Tabernacle, it was also poured upon the skin, flesh, and dung, and burned with fire.

This sacrifice depicted the intense and utmost sufferings that the LORD Jesus Christ experienced in both Soul and Body as He offered Himself as a Sacrifice by Fire unto the LORD God for sinful man. Therefore, let us look for a message related through the skin, flesh, and dung of the red heifer in order to see, clearly, a redemptive picture of our LORD Jesus Christ.

Skin Burned: Skin, the covering that surrounds the body, consists of inner and outer layers. Skin acts as a protection to the organs below it. Functioning as a vast excretory system, skin sends out large amounts of

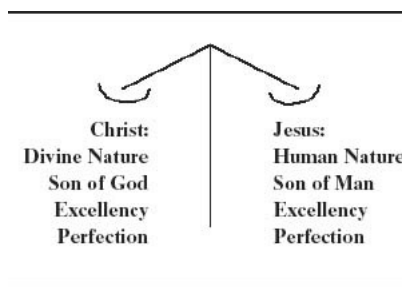
perspiration from within to help cleanse the body of poisons. To a small extent, the skin is also an absorber of fluids from without. The skin of a slain animal still retains its shape and can be used as a vessel for containing liquids. Figuratively, the skin represents the body, the person. The skin also speaks of the sense of touch. The nerves of the body reach to the outermost parts of the skin, allowing a person to feel the least touch, the faintest breath upon his skin.

As our LORD Jesus Christ hung long hours upon the Cross, His Skin felt the touch of piercing nails, the pricking of the thorns, the plucking of the hairs of His Beard, the lashing of the whip, the hands smiting His Holy, Beautiful Face, and the pulling and tearing of His Holy Flesh.

All of these fiery sufferings injured His Holy Skin. All of these fiery sufferings destroyed the God-given Image of His Skin, just as the image of the red heifer's skin was altered by the burning fire. We could describe the multitude of times that His Holy Skin was touched by the fires of suffering for us from His cradle to His grave. God's Word witnesses that He was "touched" in all points like as we, yet without sin.

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are*, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need (Hebrews 4:15,16).

Jesus Christ was both human and Divine, and the combination of His dual Nature gives Him the excellency and perfection needed for the Office of a Mediator and the Ministry of a Saviour.



Man's skin also speaks of something tough and stubborn, on one side of the Scales. On the other side of the Scales, it is unstable. The skin is firm, strong, not easily broken, able to endure hardship. The skin is flexible, without brittleness; yielding to force without breaking. Man's outward skin is a visible picture of the inner covering of the heart and will of man. God touches man's skin with suffering, but man's skin is too tough and stubborn to perceive and bend to God's Touch. God allowed Satan to touch Job's skin with suffering, but it took a long time for God to bring healing to Job's skin because of its toughness and rebelliousness.

God also touches man's skin with blessings and with the yoke of responsibility, but man's skin is unstable and does not want to be firm and fixed.

Jesus Christ touched the skin of multitudes with His Healing Touch, and He touched His Disciples with His Anointing Touch for service and submission to Him. Jesus Christ fed many with bread which His Holy Hands had touched, blessed, and broken for them. But, these fickle, fleshly skins were unstable. They forsook Him and fled in their irresolute and wavering skins.

The fickle, fleshly skin is always defiled by the touch of Death, and it flees and forsakes the Living *Torah*, the Wisdom, the Word of God. The LORD God knew the instability of the human skin; therefore, He provided sanctifying waters to cleanse the skin of man so that it could remain firm, loyal, and true to the Living *Torah*. The LORD God created man with a dual side to his skin, giving him both a strong side and a weak side to his skin so that it could stand stubbornly for the Truth, as Paul said, "having done all to stand, stand."

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, **and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore**, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; (Ephesians 6:10-14).

Jesus Christ gave His Skin for us. Now, we can be clothed with His Skin that stands firmly for the Truth and the Will of His Heavenly Father unto Death, even the Death of the Cross. The multitude of precious believers who have died as martyrs for Christ bear witness of the validity of the Sacrificial Skin of Christ. The Skin of Christ already has

endured the Fire. Therefore, the Skin of Christ will take us through the Fire again.

God also purposed that man use the *weak* side of Christ Jesus' Skin to submit humbly to the Will of the LORD God in all things. Lucifer has deceived man into abusing and misusing his skin contrary to God's intended purpose. Sinful man uses the *strong* side of his skin to visit Lucifer instead of the LORD God, his true Owner and Master. Sinful man uses the *weak* side of his skin to submit to Lucifer instead of to the LORD God, his rightful Master and Owner.

Jesus Christ came and took upon Himself human skin.

And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: **and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground** (Luke 22:44).

Jesus Christ became our "Red Heifer Offering" in the Garden of Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives. He sprinkled some of His Blood there in the form of bloody sweat, which came through His Holy Skin as He looked toward the eastern entrance of His Father's Sanctuary in Heaven. The rest of His Holy Blood was burned in the Fire of Suffering on the Cross, in the grave, and in Hell.

Details revealed in the Word of God are important because they were penned under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost for our instruction. In the Old Testament Covenant, the red heifer was burned in the excavated cavity prepared for her burning on the side of the Mount of Olives that faced the eastern front of the Temple. The LORD Jesus Christ became our "Red Heifer Offering" in the same place — in the Garden on the Mount of Olives, as He faced the Temple. Jesus proved, in the Garden, that He was yoked to the Will of His Heavenly Father, His true Master and Owner. Therefore, He waited for the Father to send help to strengthen His Body so that He could go on to the Cross. In the Garden, Jesus proved that He was yoked to the servitude, slavery, suffering, and submission of His Heavenly Father, His Heavenly Master and Owner, and that He was never yoked to a human will, neither to a sinful human will nor to His *own* Holy Will.

Jesus Christ gave His Holy Skin for our unholy skin.

Flesh Burned: The red heifer's flesh also had to be burned. The flesh or muscle of the sacrifice speaks of the strength that it afforded itself and the strength and food it supplied for man. The flesh is the soft portion of the human body, which connects internally with the bony skeleton, and which is enclosed externally by the skin. Also, it is used specifically for the softer parts of the body. The flesh embodies the muscles, arteries, veins, and lymphatic vessels. "Flesh" is used more specifically to refer to the several muscles of the body whose alternate contraction and relaxation perform the various functions of the body such as respiration and locomotion. Blood separates into portions, some thicker and some more watery portions; the thicker portion has the same chemical composition as flesh. This is why blood is called "liquid flesh."

In mortal man, *flesh* represents that which is carnal. A carnal person is motivated and controlled by natural appetites or fleshly properties inherent in man rather than by the Grace implanted by the Spirit of God. Flesh represents the worldly disposition of man — his animal nature and carnal desires and appetites. The mortal flesh and blood is the home of the *nephesh* soul.

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. **For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh:** and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would (Galatians 5:16,17).

A continual struggle exists between the flesh (the corrupt, carnal part of us) and the Spirit (the Holy, spiritual part of us). The lust of our flesh strives and struggles with all its might against the things of the Spirit. The flesh rebels and resists everything that is spiritual. The Spirit wars continually against the flesh by convicting and condemning it and by opposing its will and way. Thus, the flesh cannot do what it wants to do with unrestrained joy because the Spirit will not allow the flesh to enjoy its own way.

God said that if the *nephesh* soul sinned it would die.

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).

Jesus Christ gave His Holy Flesh, His Holy Strength with the *Nephesh* Soul, to be an Eternal Sin Offering in the place of our unholy flesh and disobedient *nephesh* soul so that He might clothe us with the Waters of His Purification from Sin and the Defilement of Death.

The LORD Jesus Christ gave His Flesh and His *Nephesh* Soul as an offering in our place so that we might be clothed with the Waters of Purification.

Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise *him*; he hath put him to grief: **when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin**, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand (Isaiah 53:10).

The LORD God crushed His only Begotten Son with the “disease” of mankind’s sin when He made His Son’s Nephesh Soul an offering for sin. The Flesh of our LORD Jesus Christ, with its Purity and Strength, repaired the damage God’s Justice and Honour had suffered as a result of man’s sin. The sacrificial, torn Flesh of Jesus Christ effectually appeased God’s Holy Wrath against sin, and it sanctifies the corruption of our flesh. It took the Gift of His Holy, Pure Flesh as a Sin Offering to cleanse our unholy, impure flesh.

Blood Burned: The blood of the red heifer offering had two sides — the blood that was sprinkled and the blood that was burned. The blood was first sprinkled before the Sanctuary, indicating that God first made atonement for the defiling state of Death in His Sanctuary. Later, after a defiled person had used the burned blood (which had been preserved in the form of ashes), he could return to the Sanctuary because the blood already had been sprinkled toward the Sanctuary.

The *burned blood* was preserved in the ashes that had been pounded and sifted and laid up for the use of the congregation. Jewish history says that one burned heifer and its blood was sufficient to serve the congregation for nearly one thousand years. The power of the burned blood of the red heifer was capable of being preserved many ages. No substance is so incorruptible as ashes. The burned blood of the red heifer signified the everlasting efficacy of Christ’s precious Blood.

The burned blood that was mixed with fresh water could purify defiled souls in different ages, in different seasons, and in different conditions. Likewise, the Blood of Jesus Christ is stored up for us as an Everlasting Fountain of purification and cleansing.

In that day there shall be a **fountain opened** to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem **for sin and for uncleanness** (Zechariah 13:1).

The Everlasting Blood of Jesus Christ will be mixed with fresh Waters of God’s *Torah* and used as a Water for sprinkling and as Waters for Purification for the House of David when the Messiah returns again.

But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out **blood and water** (John 19:34).

When Jesus died on the Cross and His Blood was burned, as it were, through the Fires of Suffering, He also mixed His Blood with fresh Waters from His Heart. Thus, He provided Waters for Sprinkling and Waters for Purification for us to use so that we might constantly be cleansed from the defiling effects of sin and Death.

Dung Burned: The dung of the red heifer sacrifice had to be burned. Natural dung is to increase fertility and to make seeds more fruitful and productive. Dung enriches and improves the quality of the soil, therefore increasing the quality of growth.

Dung, the excrement of animals, is used as fertilizer. Dung was trodden together with straw to make good fertilizer which was inserted in holes dug round about the roots of fruit trees to make them more fruitful.

And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and **dung it**: (Luke 13:8).

The dresser of the fig tree pleaded to be allowed to put more dung around the fig tree to see if it would bear fruit. Figuratively, dung speaks of corruption, filth, and a breeding place for worms; a mean, filthy, vile abode. It is a term of reproach for a person who is meanly born.

He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, **and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill**; (Psalm 113:7).

When illness or misfortune has brought a person down to the vile, low state of a dunghill, the LORD lifts him up, if he humbles himself while in this state. Jesus gave His “Dung of Fertility” to be a part of the purifying ashes so that we might be cleansed from the dung of our vile corruptions and become fruitful in Him and for Him.

In the natural realm, fertilizer is applied to the soil when more has been taken from the land than has been given back. Therefore, for normal crop production, the purchase of extraneous fertilizers is the only recourse. Fertilizer supplies proper nourishment for plants, making them fruitful and productive.

Likewise, in the spiritual realm, the soul of our heart has been so stripped of virtue and strength by sin that it is incapable of fruitful and productive love, gratitude, and obedience. Sin has left noxious, corrupt dung of pride in the soul of our heart; therefore, it can never nourish the Holy plants of love, gratitude, and obedience to God. Jesus Christ became our “Red Heifer Offering” and gave His Holy Dung of Lowliness and Humility to sanctify the vile soil of pride in our carnal heart and to fertilize the plants of Truth, love, gratitude, and obedience in our spiritual

heart so that we can be fruitful and productive *in* the LORD and *for* the LORD. The ashes of the red heifer had to contain the fertile dung because God's ultimate Purpose was fruitfulness.

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye *are* the branches. **He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.** If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather *them*, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned (John 15:1-6).

Jesus Christ is the Vine Tree; His Heavenly Father is the Husbandman; we are the branches. The only way the Husbandman permits the branch to stay on the Vine Tree is if it bears fruit. The only way the branch can be fruitful is to partake of the Dung of Lowliness and Humility and Obedience around the Root of Christ Jesus, the Vine Tree.

Jesus Christ is our "Red Heifer Offering" with the Dung of Lowliness, Humility, and Obedience that will cleanse us from our deathly pride and fertilize the soil of our heart so that we can be fruitful in love, gratitude, and obedience. God provided *male* Blood so that we might be cleansed from *disobedience* to the *Bridegroom*; He provided *female* Blood so that we might be cleansed from *disobedience* to His *Torah*, His *Bride*.

Therefore, the ashes of the red heifer consisted of four things that were burned with fire: the skin, flesh, blood, and dung. Jesus Christ our "Red Heifer," gave His Skin (Protection), His Flesh (Strength), Blood (Life), and Dung (Fertilizer) so that our heart might be cleansed and made fruitful in Him and for Him.

However, the ashes contained more than the ashes of the red heifer; therefore, there is more Truth to study in order to have the full picture of the ashes. However, so far, we have covered the first point under the Stature of the Ashes. As we have studied about the ashes of the heifer, we have seen the following things: (1) the heifer's conditions (colour, sex, cleanliness and purity, unyoked); (2) the heifer's sacrifice or slaying; (3) the heifer's blood; and (4) the heifer's burning (its skin, flesh, blood, and dung).

B. Ashes of the Cedar Wood

In addition to the ashes of the red heifer, the ashes for the Waters of Purification also contained the ashes of cedar wood.

And the priest shall take **cedar wood**, and hyssop, and scarlet, and **cast it into the midst of the burning of the heifer** (Numbers 19:6).

The Hebrew word for *cedar* means to be firm, not yielding under pressure, hard, solid, fixed, stable, unchanging, resolute, constant, determination, remain unchanged by attack. God commanded that the cedar wood be added to the fire so that it would become a part of the ashes of purification. The cedar wood, hyssop, and scarlet wool were an absolutely indispensable part of the ashes, as was the red heifer.

Natural cedar is red in colour and has a bitter taste which insects find offensive. Therefore, cedar wood is very durable and admirably adapted for building purposes. The cedar is notable for toughness, durability, and adaptability to the climate and circumstances where God has planted it. It is said that there is no such thing as a rotten cedar in Lebanon. I personally have seen, on a mountain in Lebanon, a cedar tree that is said to be almost 6,000 years old. Branches broken off by tempests lie *unrotted* on the ground. Where the trunks of cedars have been barked by travellers or peeled by lightning, they remain dead but uncorrupted.

The unchangeableness of cedar wood makes it a very desirable wood. It is hard, fragrant, and takes a high polish. Its beautiful grain grows darker and richer with time.

A cedar tree is a picture of the spiritual growth and Stature of the Righteousness of Jesus Christ.

The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he **shall grow like a cedar** in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; (Psalm 92:12-14).

God plants His "Trees of Righteousness" (children of faith in Christ Jesus), not in ordinary soil, but in the soil of His Truth in His House so that they may take root downward and bear fruit upward like the natural cedar trees in Lebanon, whose tall statures tower into the Heavens and whose great trunks continue to increase in stature, becoming more fit for use.

God's Trees of Righteousness in the spiritual realm shall grow tall statures; they shall be fat and flourishing. When the heart is rich in the fatness of the Oil of God's Spirit "within," it will flourish in deeds of righteousness "without."

The cedar tree grows slowly and tarries long before it bears fruit. However, it continues to bear fruit for centuries

and millenniums, and it continues to grow fat and flourishing. The cedar is an evergreen, ever living, tree. It is unchangeable. Its vitality is equally evident in the heat of summer and in the snow of winter. Thus, the cedar is a fit similitude of Jesus Christ and His branches, His children. The longer the wise child of God lives, the taller he grows in Grace and Knowledge of Jesus Christ and His Righteousness.

Even after a cedar tree has been riven by lightning and torn by the wind, it will remain fat and flourishing, bearing multitudes of cones. Likewise, after the righteous have been ripped by the separating sufferings of life and torn by the wind of afflictions, they still remain fat and flourishing, bearing a multitude of fruits of the Spirit.

The LORD God commanded that the cedar wood be placed in the burning fire so that its ashes could be mingled with the ashes of the red heifer. This teaches us that God's Purpose in providing cleansing for the heart, flesh, and soul (through the sacrifice of the red heifer) is for His children to grow up in the Stature of Jesus Christ and have a Stature of Righteousness similar to Christ's. The Righteousness of Jesus Christ, God's Spiritual "Cedar Tree," freely cleanses us in order to give us the opportunity to gain, by growth, the Fullness of the Measure of His Stature of "Cedar-Tree" Righteousness.

The cedar wood was a picture of the Living Word, the Divine Son of God. Under attack, the Word of God stands firm and sure; the Word of God is unchanging. God says in His Word that though Heaven and Earth pass away, His Word will never pass away. It is Eternal and Unchanging.

Ashes of the red heifer and cedar wood (as well as hyssop and scarlet) were mixed with water to make the Waters of Purification, which cleansed Israel from the defilement of Death. Because the ashes became an integral part of the waters, the waters took on the inherent characteristics of each of the substances, including the cedar wood, which means that they were always firm and steadfast and unchangeable in fulfilling God's Divine Purpose and Will. God's Purpose in cleansing a person was for the cleansed one to become like a cedar tree in spiritual stature. Dwelling within the Waters of Purification was the Stature of Christ's invisible "Cedar Tree" of Righteousness, which gave the Waters of Purification power to produce the steadfast, unchangeable Spiritual Stature of Christ in the believer. The Waters of Purification not only had power to purify from sin and Death but also to produce a spiritual stature of righteousness because of the cedar wood the ashes contained. How comforting it is to know that we have the Eternal, Unchanging Word of the LORD mingled with the waters of purification from sin and Death that will give us the "Cedar-Tree" Stature of Jesus Christ.

C. Ashes of the Hyssop

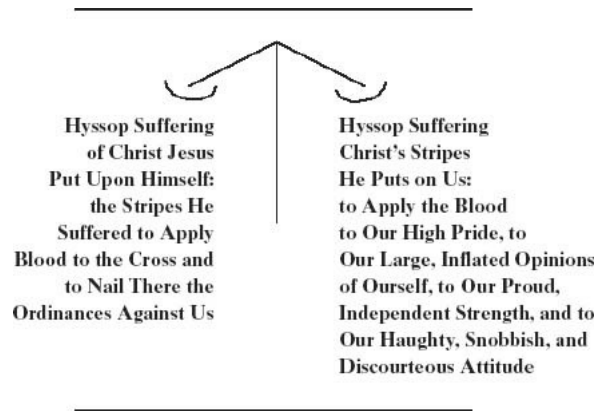
Hyssop was the third substance that had to be added to the burning fire which reduced the sacrifice of the red heifer and the cedar wood to ashes.

The lowly hyssop plant grows out of the crevices of walls and is a weak, dependent plant of the shrub family. Hyssop requires no special soil in which to take root and grow. Its diminutive size is remarkable in contrast to the lofty magnitude of the cedar.

The hyssop, an aromatic plant of the mint family, was used medicinally as a tonic and a stimulant. It also had the properties needed for purifying and cleansing ulcerous sores and leprosy. The leaves of hyssop contained a volatile oil, which gave them a warm, aromatic but bitter taste and the ability to cleanse. Strong tea made from the leaves and sweetened with honey was formerly used in treating lung, nose, and throat ailments, and it was also used on external bruises. When taken internally in small quantities, it acted as a purgative, diuretic, and emetic. Natural hyssop possesses powerful cleansing and purifying qualities.

The lowly hyssop is a picture of the lowly, small, weak, and humility sufferings of the LORD Jesus Christ. By the Stripes of His "Hyssop," as it were, His Blood is applied for the healing of our spirit, soul, and body. The LORD places us in lowly places (conditions where we feel our smallness; circumstances where our weaknesses are manifested; and situations where we fail and feel humbleness in our mind) so that He can apply His cleansing Blood through these sprigs of hyssop.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed (Isaiah 53:5).



The “Hyssop” of Christ’s Suffering applied the shed Blood to the old rugged Cross, nailing the penalty of Death for sin to the Cross.

The “hyssop” of suffering that Christ puts upon our back applies His cleansing and corrective Blood to our faults. Through suffering, we see our high pride, our large inflated opinions, our proud independent strength, and our haughty, snobbish, and discourteous attitude. Then, when we confess and repent, Christ applies His Waters of Purification to our heart.

Once our eyesight is cleansed and purified, we can see clearly the Humility Suffering that Christ Jesus experienced as He walked in a Body of Flesh. We see the lowly King when He rode into Jerusalem on an ass. We see the suffering of the smallness of the Word of God when He became 85,000 times smaller than the seed of the woman in order to be joined to the woman’s seed. We see the Suffering of the Weakness of the Son of Man when He fell under the weight of the wood on Calvary’s Hill. We see the Suffering of the Humility of Christ Jesus when He humbled Himself, even to the Death of the Cross. By the Stripes He received upon His own Body and by His Stripes which He puts on our back, the Hyssop and the Blood are joined to cleanse us. Without the Sufferings of the LORD Jesus Christ, there would not be any Blood to apply.

In the Old Testament, hyssop was the instrument used to minister the blood. As we study the four great pictures given in the Word of God to help us understand the ministry of the hyssop, our eyes will be opened to see a new measure of Christ’s Humility Suffering.

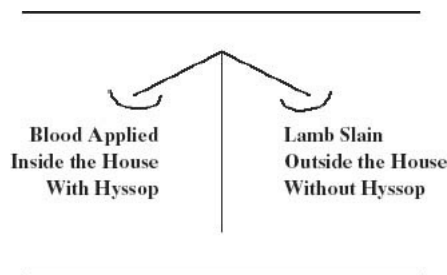
1. Hyssop Was Used for Striking the Blood of the Passover Lamb on the Inside of the Door.

The *hyssop of suffering* was first used to strike the Passover blood upon the houses of the Israelites in Egypt. The suffering Israelites, the bond slaves with their backs full of stripes from their servitude to the Egyptians, picked up the hyssop and applied it to the inside door of their houses.

And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning (Exodus 12:22).

The LORD said to take the hyssop and strike the door, which means to give blood to the door, to apply the blood to the door, to avenge the door with the blood, and to heal those behind the door in the house with the blood. Without the hyssop, they could not have properly applied the blood inside the house.

(See Scales on following page.)



Without the hyssop, Israel would not have experienced the saving, keeping, healing power of the blood of the lamb. Jesus Christ, God's Holy Lamb, had to suffer in His Flesh in order to provide the "Hyssop," the Instrument, with which the Blood could be applied.

2. Hyssop Was Used for Sprinkling the Blood.

God's Word notes four examples in which hyssop was used to sprinkle the blood. It was used first to sprinkle blood upon a leprous person. Second, it was used to sprinkle blood upon a leprous house. Third, it was used to sprinkle blood upon an unclean person. Fourth, it was used to sprinkle the blood upon the Book and the people.

a. Hyssop Was Used to Sprinkle Blood upon the Leprous Person.

When a person was pronounced leprous, the Priest used hyssop to sprinkle the cleansing blood upon him.

And the priest shall go forth out of the camp; and the priest shall look, and, behold, *if* the plague of leprosy be healed in the leper; Then shall the priest command to take for him that is to be cleansed two birds alive *and* clean, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop: And the priest shall command that one of the birds be killed in an earthen vessel over running water: **As for the living bird, he shall take it, and the cedar wood, and the scarlet, and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird *that was* killed over the running water:** (Leviticus 14:3-6).

Later in our study, when we discuss the cleansing of the individual, we shall study in detail the Principles that relate to the blood of these two birds. For now, however, we shall notice how the humble hyssop was used in helping to cleanse the leper.

One of the birds, whose blood signified the Blood of the Crucified Christ, was slain. The live bird, who signified the Resurrected Christ, was joined to cedar wood, scarlet, and hyssop, and dipped in the blood of the dead bird. Then, after the leper had been sprinkled with the blood that had dropped down out of this "living bouquet," which was held in the hand of the Priest, the bird was released in an open field.

The Priest used scarlet wool to fasten the cedar wood and the humble hyssop to the living bird. The hyssop signified that through Christ's Stripes of Suffering (which loosed His crimson flow of Blood) and through the Suffering Stripes of chastening and correction which Christ placed upon the leper, the leper would be cleansed and healed of his disagreeable, repulsive disease. The substances (blood, cedar wood, scarlet, and hyssop), used for cleansing from leprosy, were similar to the cleansing from defilement by the touch of Death.

b. Hyssop Was Used for Sprinkling Blood upon a Leprous House.

Hyssop was used to help scatter the blood that was sprinkled upon a leprous house.

And he shall take to cleanse the house two birds, **and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop:** And he shall kill the one of the birds in an earthen vessel over running water: And he shall take the cedar wood, and the hyssop, and the scarlet, and the living bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird, and in the running water, and sprinkle the house seven times: And he shall cleanse the house with the blood of the bird, and with the running water, **and with the living bird, and with the cedar wood, and with the hyssop, and with the scarlet:** (Leviticus 14:49-52).

The cleansing of a leprous house will be covered later in our study. However, we want to focus our attention upon the humble hyssop of suffering, now.

Again, the Priest used a scarlet cord to join the hyssop, the cedar wood, and the living blood. After dipping them simultaneously in the blood of the dead bird and, then, into the running water, the Priest sprinkled the leprous house seven times.

A leprous house could be cleansed only after the LORD had pronounced it clean through the High Priest. Since the LORD was the only One Who pronounced the plague on the house, He was the One to pronounce the removal of the plague. God provided blood through the humble hyssop of suffering so that the house could be cleansed from its defilement by the plague.

c. Hyssop Was Used for Sprinkling Blood upon an Unclean Person.

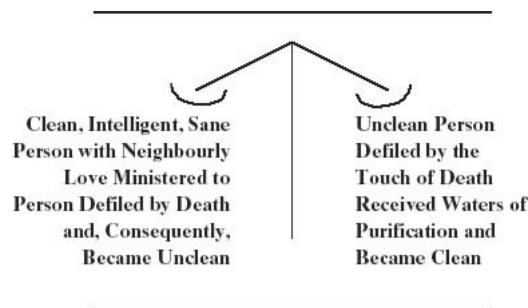
A person who touched Death or who was touched by Death was made unclean. Hyssop was used to sprinkle the cleansing Waters of Purification which contained the blood of the red heifer.

And for an unclean *person* they shall take of the ashes of the burnt heifer of purification for sin, and running water shall be put thereto in a vessel: And a clean person shall take hyssop, and dip *it* in the water, and sprinkle *it* upon the tent, and upon all the vessels, and upon the persons that were there, and upon him that touched a bone, or one slain, or one dead, or a grave: And the clean *person* shall sprinkle upon the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day: and on the seventh day he shall purify himself, and wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at even (Numbers 19:17-19).

The ashes of the burnt heifer were placed in a vessel along with fresh, running spring water. This mixture of ashes and water formed the Waters of Purification. A clean, sane person (male or female) took the humble, suffering hyssop and applied the Waters of Purification to the unclean person, making the unclean person clean, while the clean person applying the waters became unclean. The sane person had to be intelligently concentrating upon the defilement and Death of the unclean person as he ministered unto him. Consequently, the clean person's mind became defiled by the defiling guilt of Death carried by the unclean person.

This is a beautiful, mysterious Principle that applies to loving our neighbour as we love ourself. This teaches us that when we pray intelligently and also sanely concentrate on the need of our sinful, unclean brother or sister who has requested us to use the humble hyssop of "suffering" prayers of Intercession and Travail to cleanse them from their defilement of Death, we become unclean through the process. However, there was a vast difference between the clean person who became unclean for the defiled one and the defiled, unclean person who became clean.

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Unclean Person Defiled by Touch of Death: The person who was defiled by Death was considered unclean for seven days. He had to be cleansed with the Waters of Purification, which were administered by the clean person on the third and seventh days. Then, he was pronounced clean.

Clean, Intelligent, Sane Person: The clean person who applied the Waters of Purification did not become unclean until after the unclean person had been made clean because he sprinkled the unclean one with the Holy Waters of Purification on the third day and again on the seventh day. Then, the clean person became unclean just until “even” (evening) or the part of one day. At the time of the evening sacrifice, he purified himself with the Waters of Purification, washed his clothes, and bathed himself in water. In the process of sprinkling and cleansing the unclean one with the Waters of Purification, which had absorbed the defilement of Death from the unclean one, the flesh and clothes of the clean person became unclean because he came in contact with the purifying water that had absorbed the defilement of Death from the unclean one. Thus, the unclean became clean, and the clean became unclean. There was a great difference, however, between becoming defiled because of a careless walk in this world and becoming defiled because of a ministry of love to one’s neighbour in order to help him become clean.

The Apostle Paul had this experience in his day. He became defiled by Death in the ministry of love for Christ’s Sake.

For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus’ sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. **So then death worketh in us, but life in you** (II Corinthians 4:11,12).

The constant suffering which Paul experienced for the Gospel’s Sake was the counterpart of Christ’s Sufferings of Death. Through Paul’s willingness to become defiled by the sufferings of Death, others were made alive and clean in Christ.

Every minister experiences being defiled by Death in some form while applying the purifying Waters of Truth to others, through preaching and counselling. If the minister does not learn to apply the same purifying Waters of Truth to himself, wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh, he will become worse than the people to whom he preaches.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow (Psalm 51:7).

David cried for the LORD to purge him with the humble hyssop of suffering and to wash him with the purifying Waters of Truth so that all befouling stains of defilement of Death would be removed from his heart and soul. Later, David testified that God did purge him by the humble hyssop of suffering.

Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.... *It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes....* I know, O LORD, that thy judgments *are* right, and *that* thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me (Psalm 119:67,71,75).

Before David was afflicted, he erred and strayed from the Path of Life and Righteousness into the paths of sin and Death. God allowed the humble “hyssop” of suffering to grow out of the wall of his heart in the form of affliction, which caused him to repent and apply the Blood for his sin and Death. David testified that it was the Goodness of God that gave him the humble “hyssop” of affliction as a means of repenting and applying the Blood for his sin and Death. David knew that God had acted faithfully to bring as much humble “hyssop” of affliction and suffering as was necessary to cleanse him from his sin and Death. The degree of growth of the humble “hyssop” of affliction and suffering in our life is founded upon God’s Righteous Judgment. The affliction we have to suffer is equal to the amount of repentance and Blood of Jesus Christ we need in order to free us from the guilt of sin and the punishment of Death.

The Heavenly Father allowed this humble “Hyssop” of suffering to grow in the Life of the Crucified Christ until

all His Blood was obtained for a sufficient purification and atonement for sin.

d. Hyssop Was Used for Sprinkling the Blood upon the Book and the People.

Moses used hyssop to sprinkle the blood of the Covenant upon the Book of the Covenant and the people of the Covenant.

And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen unto the LORD. And Moses took half of the blood, and put *it* in basins; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. And **he took the book of the covenant**, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient. And **Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words** (Exodus 24:5-8).

For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, **and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people**, Saying, This *is* the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you (Hebrews 9:19,20).

The young men, the future light-bearers in Israel, were sent to offer burnt offerings of complete dedication, which was a Promise that they would climb upward in God to the Moral Heights of His *Torah*; and they were to offer peace offerings of harmony and unity, giving themselves joyfully to the LORD God to be led and guided by Him Whom they looked to as their true Shepherd, Master, and Owner.

Moses used hyssop to sprinkle the blood. Thus, he signified that, through Christ's Suffering, the Blood that would be applied would achieve a life of complete obedience to God and a life of perfect Union with God and the recipient. Moses sprinkled the Altar, first, to make atonement for all past and present disobedience to God's *Torah*. Then, he read the Book of the Covenant to the people. With freshly cleansed hearts, Israel covenanted to *do* and to be obedient to *hear*.

Israel not only promised to carry out what she already basically understood of God's *Torah*, but she promised that in the future she would listen, learn, and study the deeper meanings of the *Torah* and be obedient unto its moral demands. Then, Moses used the humble hyssop to sprinkle the other half of the blood upon the people, signifying that, through the hyssop of suffering, the Blood of Jesus Christ would be applied to the Nation of Israel, and she would be able to carry out perfectly and completely the deeper demands of the *Torah*.

Jesus Christ came the first time with Hyssop and the Blood and gave the Nation of Israel the deeper meanings of the *Torah* through His teachings and the teachings of His servants. The nation rejected both the Blood that was sprinkled by the Hyssop and the deeper teachings of the *Torah* given by Christ Jesus, Who was the Living *Torah*. So God scattered the Nation of Israel to the four corners of the Earth.

When the LORD Jesus returns to the Earth the second time, He will take the remnant of Israel and teach them the deeper meaning of the *Torah* and sprinkle His Blood upon them with His humble Hyssop. Then, they will completely and perfectly obey the Moral Demands of the Holy *Torah* to love the LORD God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love their neighbour as themselves. Israel then will teach all nations of the Earth the *Torah's* deeper meaning, which is love.

Hyssop was not only used as the instrument to strike the blood and sprinkle the blood, it also was used to join the ashes of the cedar wood and the scarlet to the ashes of the red heifer.

3. Hyssop Was Used for Joining the Ashes of the Cedar Wood and the Scarlet to the Ashes of the Red Heifer.

The ashes that were mixed with water and then used to purify a person from the defilement of Death contained the ashes of the red heifer (including the blood), the cedar wood, the hyssop, and the scarlet.

And the priest shall take cedar wood, and **hyssop**, and scarlet, and cast *it* into the midst of the burning of the heifer (Numbers 19:6).

Jewish history says that the humble hyssop plant was wrapped around the logs of cedar wood; then, the scarlet was bound to the outside of the hyssop so that only the scarlet appeared from the outside. Inside, the scarlet material was the humble "hyssop" of suffering, joined to its "cedar wood" faith in the LORD. If faith is not joined to the "hyssop" of suffering, one cannot continue walking in the Will of God because it takes the humble "hyssop" to achieve the purging that the Father's Will has ordained; and without purging, one's spiritual progress stops.

The "hyssop" hidden between the scarlet and the cedar wood presents a beautiful picture of the humility Suffering of God's only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; **Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;** (Hebrews 5:7,8).

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him **endured the cross**, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:2).

Christ took Flesh upon Himself, giving up the *Kabode* Glory-Covering of His Heavenly Father. The tall “Cedar Tree” of Righteousness was wrapped inwardly with the humble “Hyssop” of Suffering which He experienced when He laid aside the Glory of the Unbegotten Father, the Creator, in exchange for a “Garment” of the created flesh of man, the creature. Then, the “Cedar Tree” was bound on the outside with the liquid flesh of the Blood.

Thus, no one could see the inward humble “Hyssop” of Suffering that was attached to Christ Jesus’s perfect Faith in His Heavenly Father. No one could see His inward humble “Hyssop” of Suffering, for example, as the scarlet Blood oozed down from His circumcision. They could not perceive His inward “Hyssop” Suffering when the scarlet Blood, as sweat, dropped down from His Body as He prayed in the Garden or as it trickled down from the pores of His Skin when His Beard was plucked or as it gushed down from the stripes laid on His Back by the cat-of-nine-tails or as it streamed down from His precious Head that was pierced by the crown of thorns; as it poured down from the wounds the nails made in His Hands and Feet or as it flowed from the fountains issuing out of His wounded Side.

Precious, bleeding, dying Jesus! What a priceless Prize and powerful Treasure is the humble “Hyssop” that grew in the walls of Thy Holy Soul from your Conception to your Dying on the Cross and your Journey through Death, Hell, and the grave!

Jesus Christ had perfect Faith attached to every pain He felt in His Soul, knowing that each sprig of humble “Hyssop” Suffering was needed to accomplish the application of His atoning, cleansing Blood, and knowing that His Heavenly Father would hear His painful, final cry in Hell and bring Him up and clothe Him, again, with His *Kabode* Glory. His Eyes of Faith were attached to His humble “Hyssop” Suffering so that He could keep the joy that was set before Him (the redemption of mankind) in the midst of His Suffering.

Likewise, when the eyes of faith are attached to our sufferings, we see that God’s ultimate Purpose and Goal is to bring us to the place of redemption from the Death and hell of our own pride.

Although he was a miserable, proud person, Job had faith in God’s Purpose for his life.

But he knoweth the way that I take: *when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold* (Job 23:10).

On one side of the Scales, Job’s carnal pride complained, roared, and accused God; however, on the other side of the Scales, Job’s eyes of faith were joined to his fires of suffering, and he knew that God’s Purpose in allowing the suffering was to purify his faith. Job knew that, in spite of God’s apparent elusiveness, God was watching over him and that in the end he would be purged and purified from the dross of his pride. This, in fact, was what happened.

Without the substance of the hyssop in the ashes, the Waters of Purification would have had no power to cleanse a soul from the defilement of Death.

The length of time that a man was considered defiled after touching a dead man was much longer than the time for touching a dead animal. Man was unclean for seven days after he had touched a dead man, but he was unclean for only one day after he had touched a dead animal. This teaches us that man’s sin produced Death in himself, and because of man’s sin, Death passed upon all creation. Therefore, man’s Death, which came from his deceitful and deliberate disobedience, was more defiling to the soul than the defilement that came from the death of an animal. Sin did not come through the animal but through the man. Death is the ripe fruit of man’s mature sin.

God made great Provision so that man could be cleansed from the defilement of Death. The Waters of Purification were to be applied on the third day and again on the seventh day. If a man did not apply the Waters of Purification on the third day, he would not be clean on the seventh day.

Through the ministry of the Waters of Purification, God desires to purge our conscience from dead works so that we can serve the Living God with a living conscience.

In the Old Testament Dispensation, the soul was purified from the defiling touch of natural death by applying the Waters of Purification (which included the ashes of the red heifer, cedar wood, hyssop, and scarlet). All these substances were only types and shadows of the true Waters of Purification that God provided in the New Testament. Certainly, then, the Living, Resurrected Blood and Pure Water of Christ Jesus’ Sacrificial Death have Power to purge our conscience from the works of Death so that we can serve the Living God with a consciousness of Life and not Death.

Let us draw near **with a true heart in full assurance of faith**, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed

with pure water (Hebrews 10:22).

Christ has made Provision through His Blood whereby we can draw near to Him. Therefore, it is a sin to remain afar off. We can draw near only if we have a true heart, one that is sincere and honest. A true heart looks to see where it has failed and does not try to justify itself by pushing its sin off on someone else, thus transferring its guilt. A true, sincere, and honest heart confesses its sin and defilement, with full assurance of faith that the gracious LORD will hear, forgive, and forget. When Christ's Purifying Waters are sprinkled inwardly upon the soul, the soul is cleansed from ignorances, guilts, fears, torments, and a shirking of spiritual responsibility. When the Purifying Waters of Christ wash the body, the flesh is cleansed outwardly from its foul filth and defilement. Thus, the works of Death are cleansed inwardly and outwardly.

The word *evil* reveals the many works of Death which the conscience can carry. In the Greek, the word for *evil* means anguish, toil, pain. Instead of being conscious of God's wonderful Love and Presence, instead of being conscious of His wonderful Joy and Peace, we are conscious of the Death of anguish and pain in our conscience. Because we cannot have control of situations, places, and things, we experience excessive distress of mind until we learn that God is the Owner and Master of all things.

Until this Truth is born in our heart, our soul is engulfed with deadly anguishes, griefs, perplexities, and confusions. We experience many pains of Death until we learn to claim, by faith, the Purifying Waters of Christ Jesus. We allow something someone has said or done to us, or something that has gone wrong (according to our thinking) to plague us with deathly, painful thoughts. These deathly thoughts inflict painful punishment and penalties upon our soul. If we do not bring them to the Purifying Waters of Christ, we will begin to hate the person or the situation which is hurting us and blame them for being the reason for our pain. The Truth is that we are to blame for our own pain because we have not brought our deathly thoughts to the living, running Waters of Christ's Purification from defiling Death. However, when we know about the True, Living Waters of Purification in Christ Jesus, we can allow Him to purge our conscience from Death and bring us to His Righteous Tree of Life which will fill us with a consciousness of His Righteous Strength, thus enabling us to walk in peace and love.

The Greek word for *evil* also means hurtful. Often we carry our feelings on our shoulders, and it is easy for us to become hurt, wounded, and bruised in our conscience. We are constantly being knocked about, pushed, jolted, and shaken by circumstances and people. Things are constantly dashed against us so that our mind is made to feel pain; our feelings are wounded and grieved. Then, when we feel that we have been damaged, injured, and caused loss or detriment, instead of going to the true Saviour for His Purifying Waters, which will restore and heal our hurtful Death, we expect creatures to come to our salvation. Because we do not allow the Blood and Water of Christ Jesus to flow through our conscience and cleanse it, we are aware of feelings of Death rather than Life.

The Greek word for *evil* also means calamitous, which means to strike or smash. When people, places, or things shove us to the low place of humiliation, our conscience becomes filled with evil Death. When something or someone interferes with our daily comforts, and when we are forced to practice self-denial, we consider it a great calamity or an ill accident. As a result, we feel miserable, unhappy, distressed, and wretched. We feel that God has left us in a calamitous prison. Actually, this is the Gracious Provision of God Almighty, *El Shadday*, Who is trying to teach us that He is the Owner and Master of the necessitous and the calamitous and that He has made Provision through Christ Jesus whereby we can be cleansed from the deathly evil that is always touching our conscience.

If we fail to cleanse ourselves, we will continue to experience desires to strike or smash people and things that make us feel mistreated or overlooked. Our carnal will sits in opposition to the very Person (Christ) and the very thing (Purifying Water) that will purge our conscience from Death and bring us to Christ's Righteous Tree of Life. It is the nature of our carnal will to prefer to hate and to retain resentments against those who have injured us instead of allowing Christ's Purifying Blood and Water to work for us.

The Greek word for *evil* also means to be ill, diseased. When things do not go as we have planned, the joy and delight of our soul, our conscience, becomes diseased and ill. Then, we become a disgraceful, diseased thing that defiles everyone we touch with our disturbed opinions, our troubled complainings, and our deadly criticisms. Many times our conscience is sick with the deathly disease of despair, hopelessness, discouragement, or despondence. We need to claim, by faith, the Water of Purification of Jesus Christ and allow Him to sprinkle us and wash us until we are healed and cleansed from our evil disease.

Another meaning of the Greek word for *evil* is culpable, which means fault or blame. We are culpable with regard to a superior whose intentions we have not fulfilled. The LORD God pronounces us culpable for not having attended to His Commands. Therefore, all of us know and surely are not ignorant of our culpability in coming short of perfect and complete obedience to God's *Torah*. Our conscience is defiled in this manner. If we are not sincere

and honest with ourself, we either will find fault with others and try to put our blame on them, or we will turn on ourself in angry pride and take a perverted, soulish satisfaction in whipping ourself with our blame, our fault, and our guilt. We do these things because we are too proud and ignorant to confess, repent, and give these things to Christ's Waters of Purification so that our conscience might be purged from the Works of Death and so that we, in turn, can produce the Righteous Works of Life from the Tree of Life.

We do not have to continue to suffer dead works in our conscience because Jesus Christ has provided for our cleansing from Death and its defilement. This Truth is clearly pictured for us in the red heifer offering in the Old Testament.

Still another meaning for the Greek word for *evil* is derelict, which means to forsake utterly, deserted by the owner, abandon, negligent of duty. When we are unwilling to redress our wrongs, we are derelict in our highest duties. The highest responsibility we have is to cleanse ourself so that we can be Holy Vessels before God and Holy Vessels before man, bearing Life to them instead of defiling them with our Death. May the LORD have Mercy and deliver us from our deplorable dereliction!

In the natural realm, we may look with pity upon a derelict who has given himself to alcohol and utterly forsaken all his responsibilities, and we may wonder how he came into such deplorable dereliction. But, we are ignorant of the many times our conscience is filled with the works of deplorable, deathly dereliction. None of us has escaped the knowledge and feeling of being abandoned, utterly forsaken, or deserted because we were defiled by Death, so God had to place us outside the nearness of His Presence as He waited for us to confess, repent, and allow Christ to cleanse us. However, instead of coming to Christ, immediately, and allowing Him to wash us with His Waters of Purification, we tarried long in our Death and drew a type of perverted, soulish satisfaction from wallowing in self-pity, as we waited for some creature to come and rescue us.

We can also practice deplorable dereliction in our duty toward others by abandoning them when they are counting on us. When we are derelict in our duty as our brothers' keeper, we feel free to abandon, forsake, or desert them. Then, like Cain, we ask God, "Am I my brother's keeper?" May Jesus help us learn, through this lesson, to keep our conscience clean and free from the Works of Death and the Defilement of Death which turn us into a derelict of discouragement.

The Greek word for *evil* also means to be vicious, which means unruly, bad habits, spiteful, fault, flaw, defects. The vicious, unruly spirit says, "No one is going to tell me what to do." Such unfruitful words of darkness come out of the Works of Death and reveal the unrighteous motives of the Tree on which they grow. These spiteful, bitter words do not recognize God as the Master and Owner. They spring from the flesh in the evil conscience, and so do bad habits in prayer and Bible study. The spiteful spirit, with all its bitter attitudes, also issues out of an evil conscience. Why not allow the LORD Jesus to cleanse and purge our conscience until we are only aware of His wonderful Tree of Life with its fruits of love, peace, and joy? God has made a way for us to enjoy His Goodness. It is up to us to take advantage of His Provision.

Evil also means lewd, which means unprincipled, ignorant, unlearned, to betray. Many times, though we are conscious of our ignorance, we do not let the ashes of the LORD Jesus (which contain His Skin of Sensitiveness, His Flesh of Strength, His Blood to Cleanse, His Dung to make Fertile, His Cedar Wood to make Firm, His Hyssop of Suffering, His Scarlet of Humility, and the fresh running Water of His Spirit) cleanse and purge our conscience. Instead, we take all manner of routes to hide, cover, excuse, and exalt ourself when God desires for us to humble ourself and repent. May God grant us wisdom to see what has been provided in Christ Jesus, and may He also grant us a desire to use what has been provided for us.

Lastly, the word for *evil* means to be full of labours, annoyances, hardships; pressed, and harassed by labours, carrying toils, perils. These are the Works of Death in our conscience. If we do not allow the Waters of Purification to be applied, we will perish in our journey with the LORD.

It is no wonder that the Apostle Paul said, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Philippians 4:8). These are the things of Life, and if we think on them, we cannot be conscious of hardships, annoyances, and other Works of Death. If we will claim the Waters of Purification, by faith, we will find all the ingredients necessary to cleanse us from the dead works of our conscience and to bring us to the Tree of Life so that we do deeds of righteousness by thinking on these living, good things.

In the nineteenth chapter of Numbers, we have seen the great length to which God's Spirit went in order to provide the tremendous cleansing power for Israelites who had been defiled by Death. First, God provided the ashes. Second, He provided the region in which the ashes were to be stored. Third, He provided living, running water to

mix with the ashes. Fourth, He provided a clean, fit person to mix the ashes and the water and, then, minister them unto the unclean person.

We have seen that Jesus Christ fulfilled the red heifer sacrifice; therefore, He is able to purge our conscience from dead works so that we can serve the Living God. Praise His Holy Name!

The ashes of purification were laid up in a clean place outside the camp. God wanted the purification for the whole congregation of Israel to take place outside the anointed Temple Mount. Then, when Israel went to worship on God's Holy Mount, where God dwelled in her midst, she could go up with everlasting joy and gladness in her heart and with her mouth overflowing with praise and thanksgiving to the LORD God.

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD *he is* God: *it is he that* hath made us, and not we ourselves; *we are* his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, *and* into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, *and* bless his name. For the LORD *is* good; his mercy *is* everlasting; and his truth *endureth* to all generations (Psalm 100:1-5).

A clean heart is a joyous heart; it does not find the LORD's service irksome. It goes to the House of the LORD with praise and thanksgiving. A clean, joyful heart recognizes the LORD's Ownership and Mastership. It is He Who hath made us; therefore, He is our Owner and Master.

The LORD's Graciousness, Goodness, and Faithfulness deserve our loving gratitude and praise. When we are cleansed on the Mount of Olives, as it were, we will be ready to fellowship His Glory and His Power on Mount Moriah.

Imagine the kind of worship service and the kind of glorious visitations of God's Glory that we could have in God's House if the whole congregation would allow God to purge their consciences from the evil Works of Death outside His Anointed House! When God's people come to His House, cleansed by the fresh Life of Christ, they are conscious only of Christ's Life and His Love. What Glory God will shed abroad in our midst when we obey this Word of Truth! How blessed it is to know that, through the Blood and sweet Water of Jesus Christ, God made provision for the whole congregation to be cleansed from the defilement of Death.

4. Hyssop Was Used to Minister Vinegar to the Dying Jesus.

Hyssop often was used to minister vinegar to the dying. Thus, when Jesus Christ hung upon Calvary's Cross, hyssop was used to lift a vinegar-filled sponge to His Holy Mouth.

Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put *it* upon hyssop, and put *it* to his mouth (John 19:29).

Before Jesus Christ died on the Cross, His Holy Mouth spoke seven messages to different persons. Although the fourth one is the one that actually outwardly joined Jesus Christ's Blood to the humble hyssop, all seven of Christ's last sayings from the Cross are noteworthy.

a. From the Cross, Jesus Uttered Words of Intercessory Prayer for His Enemies.

Then said Jesus, **Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.** And they parted his raiment, and cast lots. (Luke 23:34)

Jesus Christ did not rail upon those who were crucifying Him on the Cross. He did not revile them for causing Him such intense suffering; instead, the first thing Jesus did on the Cross was to intercede to the Father to forgive His enemies.

b. On the Cross, Jesus Pronounced Words of Saving Grace for a Foe Turned into a Friend.

And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, **Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise** (Luke 23:42,43).

One of the malefactors repented and received the Saving Grace of Jesus as He hung on the Cross. As He hung there, Jesus' Heavenly Father practiced forgiveness by forgiving those who were crucifying His Son. Jesus Christ Himself practiced forgiveness before any other words were spoken or deeds were done by Him on the Cross. This teaches us that all words and deeds that do not have their origin in forgiveness are meaningless.

c. Jesus Gave Words of Tender Loving Care for His Mother while He was on the Cross.

When **Jesus** therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he **saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son!** Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own *home* (John 19:26,27).

In the midst of His sharp, strong sufferings, Jesus made provision for His mother Mary. He committed her into the keeping of John, the Apostle of Love.

d. Jesus' Words, Spoken while He Was on the Cross, Were a Mysterious Testimony of His Sufferings.

After this, **Jesus** knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, **saith, I thirst.** Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put *it* upon hyssop, and put *it* to his mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost (John 19:28-30).

Jesus testified of the unquenchable thirst His Spirit was suffering in order to finish the Will of His Heavenly Father by dying on the Cross; and He expressed the burning thirst His poor, dehydrated, physical Body was suffering as He hung exposed to the elements.

Jesus' fourth utterance on the Cross ("I thirst") joined His Holy Blood to the humble hyssop, outwardly. The words of testimony He uttered carried a dual purpose: they caused the humble hyssop to be brought to His bleeding Face so that the hyssop could be clothed with and encased in His Scarlet Blood as a demonstration of His fulfilling the Old Testament shadow and type, and they testified of His unquenchable, burning thirst.

e. While on the Cross, Jesus Gave Words of Past Prophetic Triumph.

And about the ninth hour **Jesus cried** with a loud voice, saying, **Eli, Eli, lemana shabakthani!** that is to say, **My God, my God, for this cause I was spared** (Matthew 27:46 — Lamsa Bible).

Dr. Lamsa translates from the original eastern manuscript of the New Testament, which revealed that the cry of Jesus was one of past prophetic triumph in the Garden, where He was spared from death so that He could die triumphantly on the Cross!

f. Jesus Gave Words of Present Triumph while He Was on the Cross.

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

What a joy must have filled Jesus' Holy Soul when He finished the portion of redemption and reconciliation on the Cross. He hung there on the Cross, crowned and graced with Victory. How Glorious and how Supremely Magnificent and Beautiful He appeared to the Father when He cried, "It is finished."

g. Jesus Gave Words of Supreme Trust and Confidence to the Father as He Hung on the Cross.

And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he **said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit:** and having said thus, he gave up the ghost (Luke 23:46).

Jesus entrusted and delivered His Spirit into the charge of the Holy Hands of His Father. Jesus confidently delivered His Spirit to His Heavenly Father while His Body went to the grave and His *Nephesh* Soul went to Hell as a Sin Offering. Jesus knew that His Father would watch His Spirit and return it to be joined to His Soul and Body again on Resurrection Morning.

Thus far, we have used examples from the Word of God to show that the humble hyssop was used to strike the blood, to sprinkle the blood, to join the cedar wood and the scarlet to the ashes of the red heifer (which included its blood), and to minister vinegar to the bleeding Mouth of the dying Jesus.

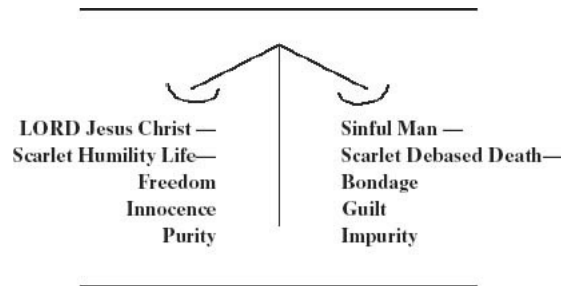
God put the humble "Hyssop" of the LORD Jesus Christ's Sufferings upon us to convict us of our sinfully proud attitudes. Christ Jesus' humble "Hyssop" reveals the proud arrogance of our inner dispositions that are unlike Christ. Through Christ's humble "Hyssop," His Blood is applied to us. Christ's humble "Hyssop" afflictions force us to cry out for Christ's Blood; then, He is faithful to apply His Blood to our sin and Death. The humble hyssop appeared small and insignificant, but its work was important.

The humble "Hyssop" Sufferings of our LORD Jesus Christ will cleanse us from many sinful, deathly, defiling attitudes we have in our flesh as we press toward the High Calling of the *Torah* in Christ, which is perfect love toward the LORD God, the Master and Owner, and toward our neighbour. The ashes of the red heifer sacrifice had to include the hyssop in order to become true Waters of Purification from Sin and Death.

The last point on the Stature of Truth, under the subtitle *ashes*, deals with the ashes of the scarlet cloth that was cast into the midst of the burning of the red heifer. In order to present a perfect picture of the Waters of Purification that God has provided in His Son, Jesus Christ, the natural Waters of Purification had to contain the ashes of the red heifer, the ashes of the cedar wood, the ashes of the hyssop, and the ashes of the scarlet.

D. Ashes of Scarlet

On one side of the Scales, the scarlet colour signified the Humility Life, Freedom, and Innocence of Jesus Christ; on the other side of the Scales, scarlet signified the sinful guilt, bondage, and Death of mankind.



The Prophet Isaiah used the colour scarlet to describe sin.

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: **though your sins be as scarlet**, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool (Isaiah 1:18).

Our sins are the immovable colour of scarlet, as far as man is concerned. Nevertheless, the Scarlet Humility Life of the Blood of Christ is able to purge and purify all our confessed and repented sins and make them white as snow and wool.

Besides referring to mankind's sins, the colour of scarlet also refers to the Beast in the Book of Revelation and to the clothing of the woman sitting on the Beast. The Great Whore was described as sitting upon a scarlet coloured Beast, wearing garments of purple and scarlet.

And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and **I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast**, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. **And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour**, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: (Revelation 17:1-4).

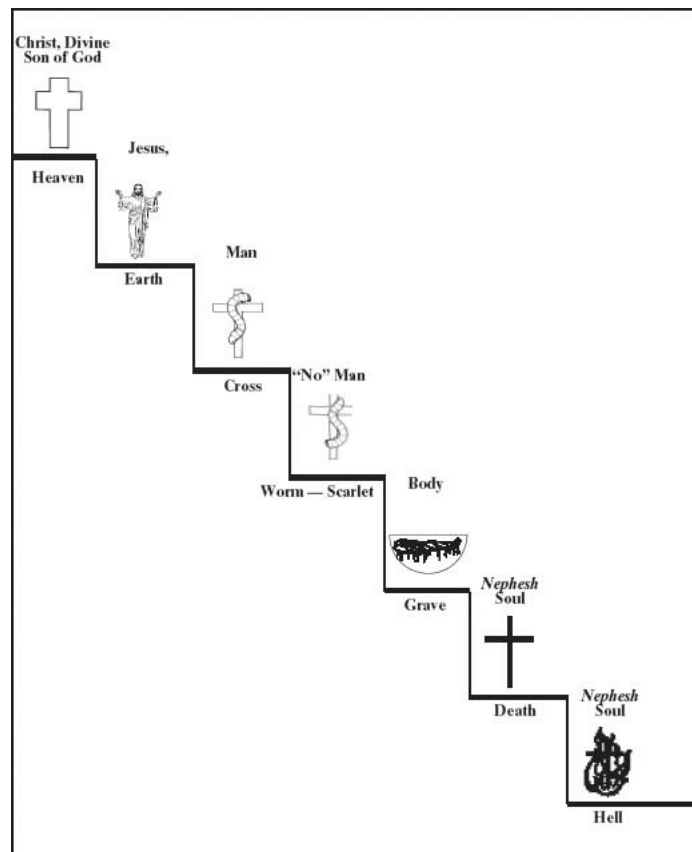
The spiritual Whore, the city of Old Jerusalem, will ride, as it were, upon the back of the power of the Antichrist that opposes God in the Tribulation, and she will be dressed in her seemingly gorgeous colour of scarlet. The city of Old Jerusalem rejected the Scarlet, Holy Humility Life of Jesus Christ that would have made her Holy and healthy spiritually. Yet, she will accept the Antichrist, who will lead her to Death, never to rise again in her resistance and rebellion against the true Christ. The old city will array herself in her gorgeous scarlet robe, pretending to be healthy and prosperous. But, all her pretense will not wash away her impurity, guilt, bondage, Death, and Almighty God's speedy Judgment that will follow.

The Hebrew word for *scarlet* is *to-law*, meaning maggot, as voracious; the crimson grub; crimson, scarlet, worm. The natural maggot feeds upon the corrupt flesh of its victim. The maggot worm portrays the great humiliation of the LORD Jesus Christ Who became a "Worm" for us. The LORD Jesus Christ, as a lowly humility Worm, devours our scarlet sin and guilt and leaves us the scarlet colour of His humility Life so that we can serve God in the newness of His healthy humility Life.

But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people (Psalm 22:6).

It was a great condescension and a notable step downward for the Divine Son of God to appear in the form of a *man*, but He took another gigantic step downward in humility in order to become a "Worm," a "No Man."

(See drawing on following page.)



Jesus became a “Man-Worm” and took on our scarlet sin and guilt on the Cross. Jesus was laid upon the wood of the Cross and was nailed to the Cross, helpless as a “Man-Worm.” He was trampled on in His state of a “Man-Worm” as they verbally laughed at Him, trampling Him with their scorn. They shot out their lip and shook their heads at the poor “Worm” Who was wearing their scarlet sin and guilt. This Worm-Humility was already too great, but Jesus took another humility step downward and gave up all appearance of being a Man, and became a “No-Man.”

As many were astonished at thee; **his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:** (Isaiah 52:14).

The Hebrew text reads: “So marred was His visage *unlike that of a man*, and His form *unlike* that of the sons of men.”

The sufferings of the “Man-Worm” were so intense that their mark upon Him caused Him to lose the look or appearance of a human being. The Divine Son of God was fairer than the sons of men when He was arrayed in His own ruddy, healthy, humility Colour of Scarlet. But, He became so vile looking when He arrayed Himself in man’s scarlet of sin and guilt that sinful men had to hide their faces from Him.

He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: **and we hid as it were *our* faces from him;** he was despised, and we esteemed him not (Isaiah 53:3).

Never was a man treated so barbarously as our precious Christ. His Face was buffeted. Men struck His Holy Face in a fiendish contention and struggle to eradicate the deep moral demands of His Holy *Torah*. They cudgelled His precious Face so that they would not have to listen to another Word of Truth, reproof, or rebuke from Him. The first time, the LORD God gave man His beloved *Torah* which was written in stone, and idolatrous men made a golden calf and, thus, broke the *Torah* in stone. This time, at the Cross, they made their traditions their golden calf and abused and crucified the Living *Torah*. Men rejected the Written *Torah*; then, they rejected the Living Truth.

How deadly is man’s sin of blind rejection of the Truth. LORD, help us not to reject Your Written Truth and Your Living Truth which are ours each day. Please open our blinded eyes!

Jesus was smitten in the Face by this cruel crew who was at His Crucifixion. In their passionate resistance and rebellion against the Living *Torah*, they struck and beat Him in His fair Face until not even a sinful mortal man could look upon the distorted results of their blows and beatings.

Our blessed Holy Jesus did not hide His Pure, Humble Face from shame and spitting. Jesus willingly took on man's disgraceful scarlet colour. He took on all of man's indecent and ignominious, whorish colour. This disgraceful group ejected their violent, blasphemous spittle and buried His Gracious Face under their scarlet filth and corruption. They spat upon Him with the greatest contempt.

His honourable Brow was pierced with many thorns from their blasphemous crown of thorns they placed upon His Holy Head.

Our precious Saviour was spoiled, abused, and treated in the most savage, brutal, and cruel ways that a human being ever had experienced or ever will experience. Their treatment was so devastating that He became a "No-Man."

Our iniquities, sins, and transgressions were there, prophetically helping to push Him down the stairway to where His Visage appeared as a "No-Man." If Jesus had not asked His Father to forgive them in the beginning of His Sufferings on the Cross, His Father immediately would have had to judge the whole cruel crew. The more they heaped their sinful crimson scarlet "maggots" of abuse upon Him, the more Jesus, the Holy Scarlet "Worm," devoured their sins. The pure Scarlet "Worm," Jesus, triumphed over the sinful worms of the sin of mankind. Jesus can take our scarlet sin and Death and give us His scarlet, healthy humility Life.

Therefore, when He calls us to fellowship a small portion of His Sufferings, let us not draw back in proud rebellion and arrogant complainings, but let us be grateful and joyful that we have been counted worthy to suffer for Him.

Jesus Christ continued down the stairway of humility to the grave, Death, and Hell. Therefore, the LORD God hath highly exalted Him and given Him a Name above every name that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue should confess that He is the LORD to the Glory of God the Father.

This helps us understand why the ashes of the red heifer sacrifice had to contain the scarlet. The scarlet cloth was bound around the bunch of hyssop, just as the hyssop was bound around the cedar wood.

The strength of the *righteousness* of the stature of the *cedar tree* was bound and protected by the humble *hyssop of suffering*.

The LORD Jesus Christ's humble "Hyssop" of suffering was bound by His great, scarlet humility Life of Surrender. Jesus Christ willingly subjected Himself to these beautiful cords of hyssop and scarlet in order to reveal the depths to which His Love and Humility were willing to go in order to redeem and reconcile fallen, sinful man.

Through the humiliation of Jesus Christ came His precious Blood that we might receive the Waters of Purification that will cleanse us from sin. The Ashes of Humility, mixed with fresh running Water of His Holy Spirit, will cleanse us from pride and arrogance when we ask the LORD to apply them.

The ashes were an important and meaningful part of God's Provision for purification from sin. They were made up of the red heifer (including her blood), the cedar wood, the hyssop, and the scarlet.

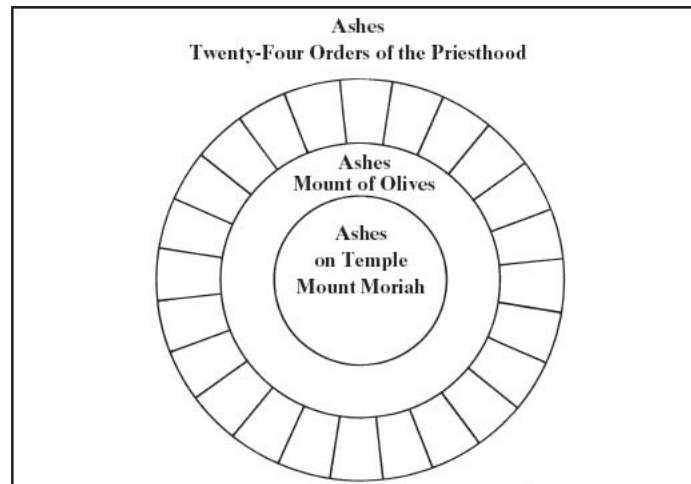
II. Storage of Ashes

The second major point of our study pertains to the storage of the ashes which were used to purify the congregation of Israel from the defilement of Death.

If sin and Death had not been in existence, the red heifer, the cedar wood, the humble hyssop, and the scarlet would not have had to be reduced to ashes. Anyone who came in contact with the ashes was pronounced "unclean" until the evening sacrifice was offered. Therefore, the Priest who prepared the ashes was considered unclean until the evening. Also the clean person who gathered the ashes and carried them to the clean place where they were stored had to wash his clothes and remain unclean until evening. Then, the person who applied the ashes with the fresh water was also unclean until the evening.

The Law of "love to one's neighbour" was in operation here. The clean person had to be willing to be unclean for a short season so that his neighbour could be clean for a long season.

After the ashes had been obtained through the burning of the heifer, the cedar wood, the hyssop, and the scarlet, they were gathered up and stored without the camp in a clean place. The Hebrew word for *place* is *maw-kome*, meaning a spot; but it is a word widely used for a region or a locality. Jewish history says the ashes were deposited in three different places. One portion was placed on Mount Moriah near the Temple; a second portion was placed on the Mount of Olives; a third portion was distributed among the twenty-four orders of the Priesthood.



The first part of the ashes was deposited on Mount Moriah, near the Temple, where they were joined to the *Kabode* Glory-Anointing of the *Torah* that rested on Mount Moriah. Remember, Abraham had seen this Glory on Mount Moriah afar off in his day.

Although the rest of the ashes were not left on Mount Moriah, they received the anointing of the *Kabode* Glory while they were being divided from the first part. The ashes stored on Mount Moriah were not used for cleansing, only for a visible witness and a constant reminder to Israel that the Waters of Purification for Cleansing from Defilement of Sin and Death were an ordinance of the *Torah*. This fundamental Principle of Cleansing was never to be forgotten by the congregation of Israel. The ashes on Mount Moriah served as a constant warning and admonition to all Israel to cleanse themselves when they became defiled by Death. The ashes on Mount Moriah were a constant reminder that the *Torah* was the Authority and the Supreme Sovereign in their lives. Israel continually had to remember the Command of the *Torah* that demanded a defiled one to be cleansed by the Waters of Purification.

The second part of the ashes was placed in a specially prepared, clean cavity on the Mount of Olives so that Israel could have access to them for cleansing.

The third portion of ashes was distributed among the twenty-four orders of the Priesthood. Thus, Israel could readily have access to the clean place or the clean region on the Mount of Olives and the twenty-four orders of the Priesthood.

The ashes were stored in a dry form in a clean place until they were needed by the congregation of Israel. Then, when the ashes were mixed with fresh running spring water, they became a part of the Waters of Separation which were administered to purify a person from the defilement of sin and Death.

III. Running Water

Stagnant water could not be mixed with the ashes of purification. The water had to be taken directly into a clean vessel from a running spring. The water from a fountain was accepted at a distance, only if there had been no interruption in the living waters flowing from the fountain.

And for an unclean *person* they shall take of the ashes of the burnt heifer of purification for sin, and **running water shall be put thereto in a vessel:** (Numbers 19:17)

A fit person in Israel had to receive the living, flowing water and mix the ashes with it in behalf of the unfit, unclean person. This teaches us that we are dependent on one another to help each other obey the *Torah*. The unfit one was totally dependent upon the fit one to give him the Living Waters of Cleansing. Through his very unfitness, he had an opportunity to obey the *Torah* by receiving the Waters of Purification. The unfitness of one person gave the fit person the privilege of obeying the *Torah* by giving the Waters of Purification.

Obedience to the *Torah* consists of giving and receiving. Therefore, it is important for us to be obedient, whether we are on the giving side or the receiving side. God's *Torah* demands unselfish actions in behalf of others (true giving) which are not prompted by desire for worldly remuneration, but are given only for the pure Holy Joy that comes from obeying the LORD's *Torah*. Likewise, we must humble ourself and learn to receive from others and depend upon them with the same unselfish action (true receiving), which has no selfish remuneration in mind, only

the pure Holy Joy that someone else has had an opportunity to obey the *Torah*. Therefore, all pure Holy Giving and Receiving have their roots in the joyful knowledge that the *Torah* is being obeyed and that the *Torah* is being made known to others through righteous giving and righteous receiving.

When any unclean one of the congregation of Israel needed purification from sin, a fit clean person volunteered to obey the *Torah* by taking the ashes and mixing them together with the living running water to form the Waters of Purification from Sin. The fit person then sprinkled the unclean person on the third day and on the seventh day to cleanse him. Remember, part of the blood of the red heifer sacrifice was stored in the ashes; therefore, the blood definitely gave the water added cleansing power.

The word in the Hebrew for *running* is *khah-ee*, meaning to be fresh, life-giving, pure, strong, merry, troop. The living, running water is a picture of the Holy Ghost. When the Holy Ghost Life, Power, and Strength are joined to the Blood and the Sacrifice of the LORD Jesus Christ, they are truly a “troop” to war against all the sins, weaknesses, and failures of the flesh. Together, they prepare us to come into the Sanctuary of the LORD to worship in Spirit and in Truth.

The mixture of the ashes (which included the blood) that were stored in a clean place on the Mount of Olives reveals a picture of the experience that our LORD Jesus Christ had in the Garden of Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives. There, during the famous night of prayer, just before His Crucifixion, He mixed His Holy Blood with His Holy Sweat to form Holy “Sweat-Water.” That night, the Soul of Jesus Christ was a tall, strong “Cedar,” reaching up in firm, righteous surrender to the Will of His Heavenly Father. The Soul of Jesus Christ was the humble “Hyssop” of Suffering as His Body was dying in the Garden. The Soul of Jesus Christ was the humility “Scarlet” in the Garden, willing to live or die in the Garden, according to the Will of God. He was willing to die in the Garden, if it were the Father’s Will to change His Mind about His going to the Cross to obtain man’s redemption and reconciliation.

Some people preach that Jesus was praying to be delivered from going to the Cross. But, this is not true. Jesus did not pray that night to get willing to go to the Cross! For Him to have done so would have meant that He had rebellion in His Heart, and that would have meant that He was not Perfect. But, because Jesus was the perfect, sinless Sacrifice, He prayed to be delivered *from death in the Garden*, if it were the Father’s Will, so that He could go on to the Cross and fulfill His Goal and His Word as the Saviour of mankind. Jesus proved again in the Garden that His Clean, Holy, Love Relationship with His Father was above His Works for the creation.

The purpose for the Waters of Purification in the Old Testament Temple was to return the unclean one to a clean, Holy, Loving Relationship with the LORD God. Jesus Christ became our “Waters of Purification” in the Garden and proved Himself to be so by keeping His perfect, Holy Love Relationship with the LORD God and by mixing His Holy Blood and Holy “Sweat-Water” through strong praying in the Holy Ghost and was heard in that He feared (Hebrews 5:7).

After Jesus had been raised from the dead by the Glory of the Father, He also raised His Blood, including His Blood that was mixed with “Sweat-Water.” Jesus Christ is a fit, clean Person Who can apply His Waters of Purification to our flesh so that we can be cleansed from the defilement of dead works.

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

When we place our works (preaching, teaching, witnessing, or any good work) above our love relationship with the LORD, which we experience in the Word of God and in prayer, our works become dead works, and they defile our soul. God designs that all works be like “children” that are born out of a legitimate love relationship with the LORD Jesus Christ in the Word and in prayer. Otherwise, they are “bastard” works that never will endure God’s chastening, purging Fire. Jesus Christ is both the Living “Running Water” and the “Ashes” of Blood we need to keep us continually clean of defilement from dead works: therefore, we need only to ask Him to apply His Holy, Purifying Water upon our soul.

In eastern countries, ashes and water were used to scour heavily soiled vessels that stubbornly refused to be clean. As we proceed in our studies, we will see the tremendous scouring Power of Christ’s Sacrificial Blood and the Power of the Holy Ghost that can cleanse us from the stubborn fleshly spots and blemishes in our attitudes and dispositions that are so unlike Him.

IV. Ministry

The fourth major joint of Truth about the Waters of Purification from Sin is the ministry of the Water. The ashes

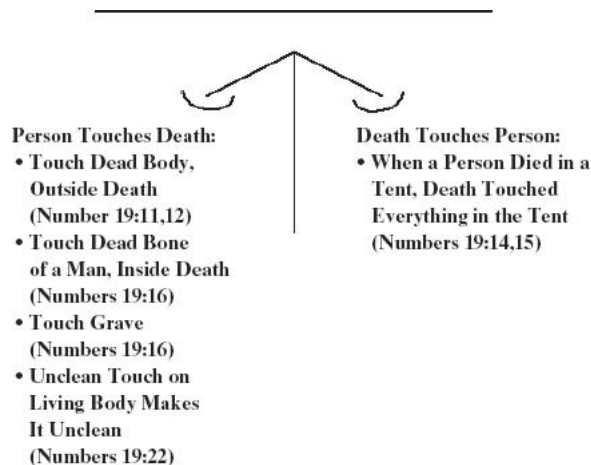
were laid up in the clean region of the Mount of Olives where they waited to be mixed with water and used to cleanse the unclean person who had been defiled by Death.

What a beautiful picture we see in the fit person's kind, gentle hands which stopped their busy activity in order to minister tenderly to the unclean, unfit person who had lost his close, loving relationship with the LORD God. What a beautiful picture of the Holy Christ and His kind, gentle Hands that tenderly minister to us when we are defiled and need His Cleansing.

God commanded that a fit, clean person bind sprigs of humble hyssop together and, then, sprinkle the unfit, unclean person with the Waters of Purification. As the fit person sprinkled the waters, he was to concentrate his mind and heart upon the act so that his act was one of conscious obedience to fulfill the Holy *Torah*; only then was a sprinkling considered effective. The hyssop had to be dipped afresh and anew in the Purifying Waters with each sprinkling.

The Purifying Water was to be ministered to all who had come in contact with Death.

(See Scales on following page.)



The LORD God considers Death defiling because Death is the effect of sin. Therefore, Death is the extension of sin.

But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and **sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death** (James 1:14,15).

Lust is the father of raw, green sin; raw, green sin is the father of ripe, red sin or Death. Therefore, Death is ripe sin, and ripe sin defiles and separates even a living person from God.

A. When Man Touched Death, He Became Unclean.

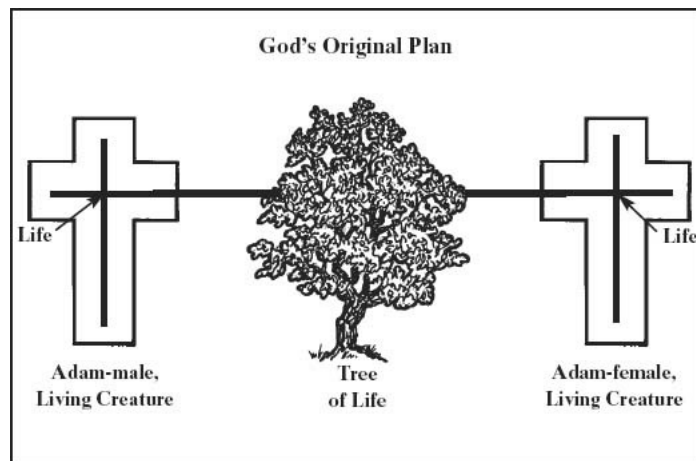
When a person in Israel carelessly touched a dead body, he became unfit, unclean, and separated from God's Presence.

The Hebrew word for *touch* is *naw-gah*, meaning to lay the hand upon for any purpose.

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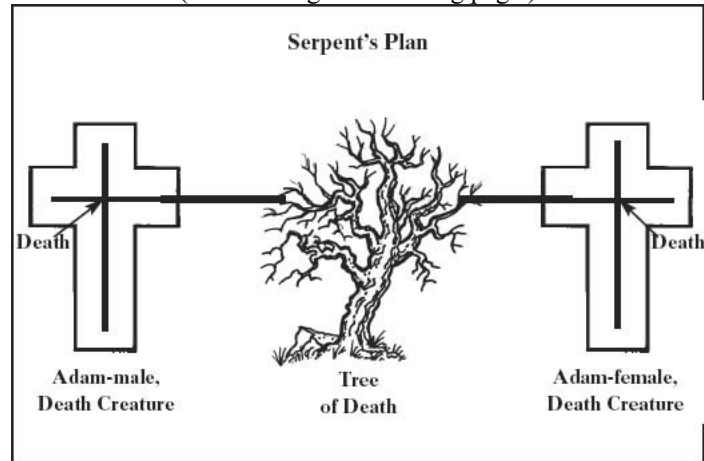
The touching of a dead body was an outward touch of Death, a joining of Life and Death; it was forbidden in the beginning of the revelation of God's *Torah*.

God forbade Adam-male and female to join their living bodies to the Tree of Death. But, the Serpent deceived Adam-female into thinking that she could join Life and Death and keep her inner Stature of Life from being affected. God's original Eternal Plan is for Life to be joined to Life.



The Serpent enticed Adam-female to try to join Life and Death by eating of the Tree of Death. After she ate of the Tree of Death, she gave to her husband, and he also ate.

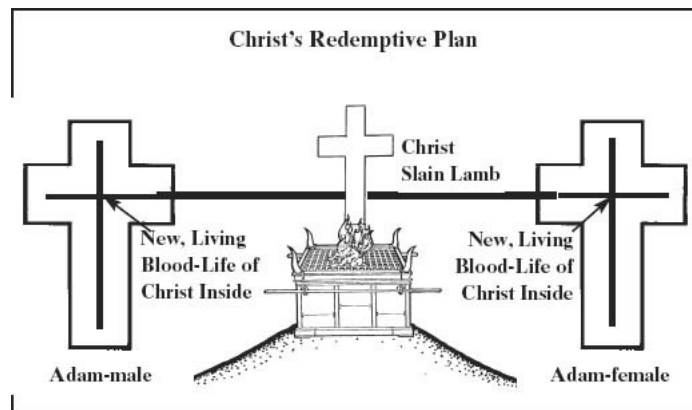
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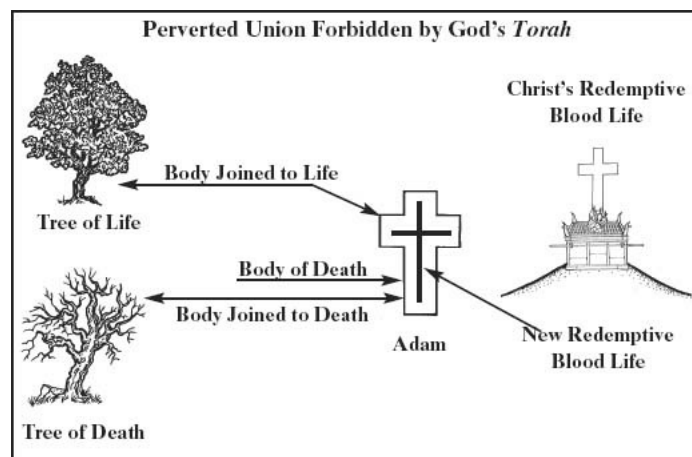
God desired that Adam-male and Adam-female join their inside life to the outward Tree of Life. They refused, however, and tried to join their inward life to the outward Tree of Death. But, since we become what we look upon and feed upon, Adam-male and Adam-female became dead inside and were joined to Death outside.

God had Mercy on the poor, dead pair and provided the Redemptive Blood of the Life of Christ for cleansing and forgiveness. God took out their inner Death and replaced it with the Redemptive Blood Life of Christ.

(See drawing on following page.)



God knew the Serpent would continue to entice the newly redeemed pair, trying to get them to pervert God's *Torah* again by joining the outer Death in their bodies to the Tree of Life; consequently, they would live forever in their perverted union of Life and Death.



What an adverse, perverted union this would have been! On one side would have been the Redemptive Blood Life of Christ in the soul, and on the other side would have been the Eternal Life (not Redemptive) and Death joined to the body of Adam, which would have meant that his body would never have been redeemed. Thus, man's old body would have eternally, through Death, lifted up man's defiance and rebellion in God's Face so that all who saw and touched man's Death would have been defiled in their relationship with God.

God created man and gave him inner and outer Life, both in his soul and body. When man sinned, he acquired inner and outer Death, both in his soul and body. When Christ redeemed man in the Garden of Eden, He could give man only a new, inner, redemptive Life for his soul because Christ had not yet received His outer "Body" Life, for He had not yet been born of the Virgin Mary. But, Christ gave all He had, which was His Inner Life, for their souls. Man has had to wait for Christ to come and take on a Body, go to the Cross, die and be Resurrected in order for the outer Redemptive Life of Christ's Body to be ministered to man in due season.

God, in His Faithfulness and by His Gift of Mercy, cast the redeemed pair out of the Garden and placed Cherubims at the east of the Garden to protect His Eternal Life that came from the Tree of Life so that it would not be joined to Adam-male and female's bodies of Death.

Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them. And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and **now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden**, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life (Genesis 3:21-24).

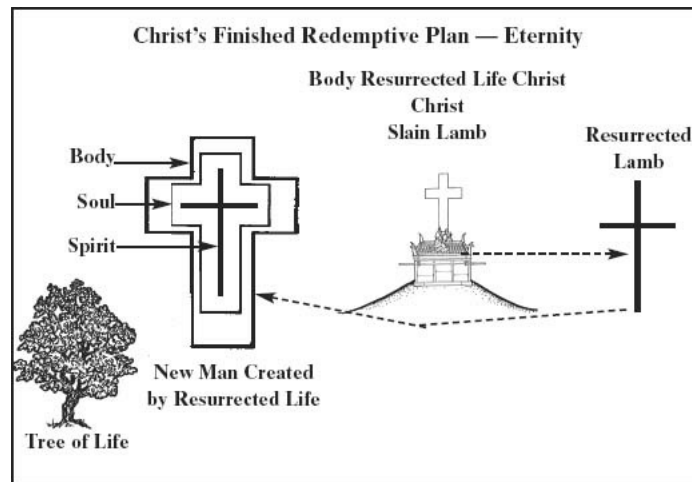
God in His great Mercy has forced and is forcing man to wait until the Resurrection before he receives the

Redemptive Life of Christ in his body.

For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: **Who shall change our vile body**, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself (Philippians 3:20,21).

When Jesus Christ returns again, He will bring with Him Resurrected Life and Glory for His people. Our present bodies are vile, worthless, cheap, morally depraved, and impure because they have their origin in the dust of a rebellious Earth and have been filled with the ripe sin or Death of our forefathers, and they are subject to many diseases. In order for the body to understand its vile condition, God allows it to lie in the grave in rottenness and return to the dust. Then, the LORD Jesus Christ will return and cleanse the dust of the body and make a new body out of the same dust, only it will be redeemed dust, filled with the Resurrected Glory of Jesus Christ. Then, man will be lifted to a greater degree of Life than he had in the beginning in the Garden.

(See drawing on following page.)



Through His only Begotten Son, the LORD God not only accomplishes His original Master Plan of joining Life to Life, but He adds a new Life (Redemptive Life) to man; plus, man, through the Work of the Son, can feed on the original Tree of Life that God had for him in the beginning.

First, the New Man in us is created by the Resurrected, Holy Life of Christ Jesus.

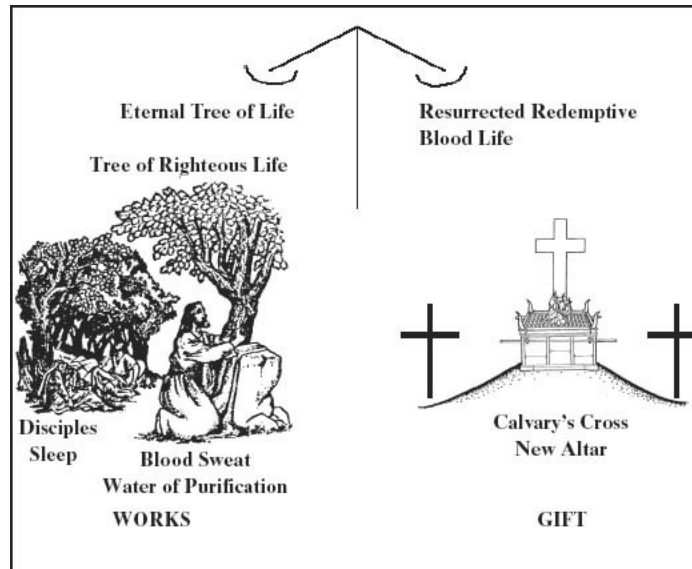
And that ye put on **the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness** (Ephesians 4:24).

When man sinned, he lost his Holy, Righteous Image that was in the Likeness of God. But, when sinful man repents, the Resurrected Christ creates a New Man within who resembles the Resurrected Christ because the New Man is created out of His Resurrected Life that is Righteous and Holy.

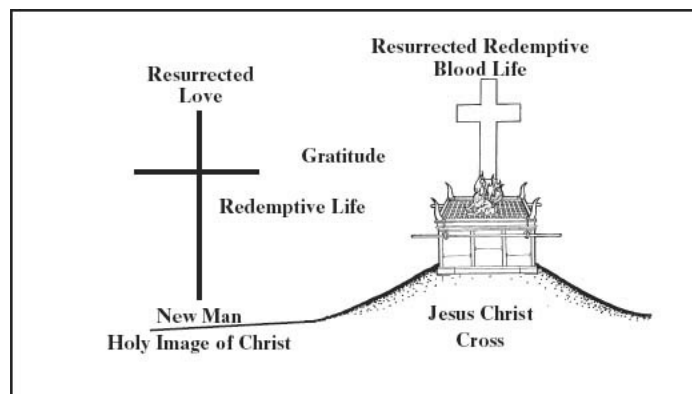
As this New Man grows and overcomes the old man, the carnal nature, the spirit and soul of the old man are cleansed and brought back to feed on the Tree of Life.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; **To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life**, which is in the midst of the paradise of God (Revelation 2:7).

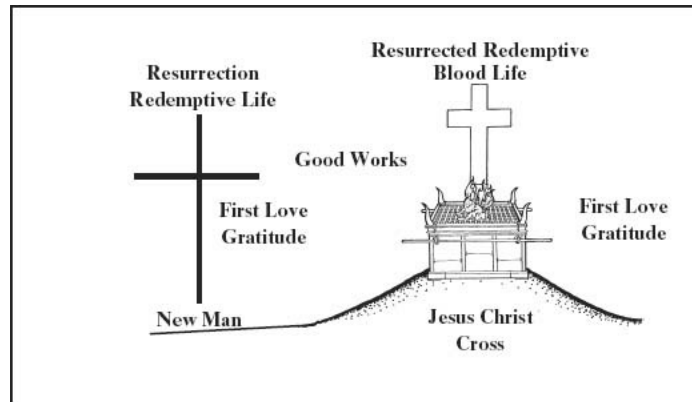
Redemptive Life is the "Salvation" Life that God gives as a free Gift to repentant sinners who come to the Cross of Jesus Christ. The Tree of Life is the righteous "Cedar Tree" of Life that God gives to a working, overcoming saint in the Garden. Adam lost the Garden and the Tree of Life when he sinned. The LORD Jesus Christ has restored the Garden and the Eternal Tree of Life ("Cedar Tree" of Righteousness). Jesus Christ now lifts the Waters of Purification from His Blood and "Sweat-Water" in the Garden to cleanse us from our inherent perversion that tries to join our deathly works to Life. Christ Jesus has both Resurrected Redemptive Life and an Eternal Tree of Life for us.



The Church of Ephesus had many good works, but Christ rebuked them for having left their first love. It is very important to understand what *first love* is in order to understand how to protect it. As a sinner saved by Grace, *first love* is the love and gratitude we first feel for Jesus Christ after His Resurrected, Redemptive Blood Life has created a new, clean, Holy Man or Heart within us, and it has been joined to Christ's Resurrected, Redemptive Life from the Cross.

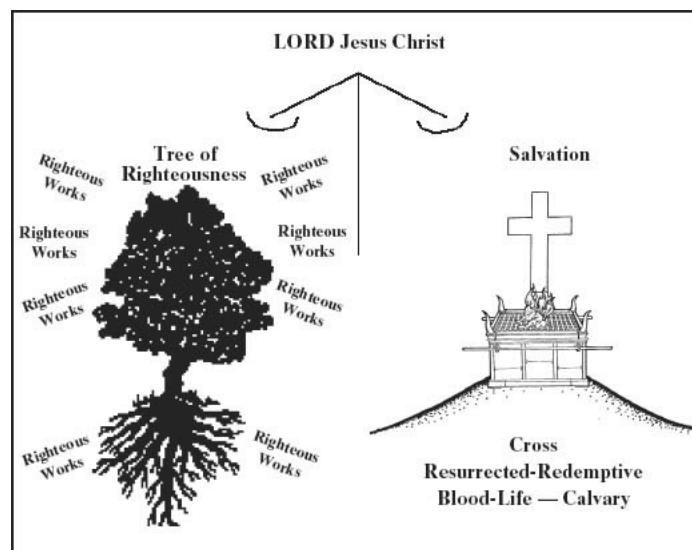


When a believer allows his first "love gratitude" to be broken away from the Cross of Calvary, Christ, the Good Shepherd, cannot lead this believer's soul and spirit back to the Garden for purification from the defilement of his own dead works; therefore, this believer cannot feed on the Eternal Tree of Righteous Life, Life that does the right things. Consequently, the Serpent takes *works* and uses them to break the humble, loving, grateful relationship the grateful repentant sinner has had with Christ Jesus. When our humble, loving grateful relationship is broken with Christ, we become more interested and involved in what we can *do for Christ* than we are in what *Christ can do* for us and what we can *be in Christ and for Christ*.



It is important to remember that Christ is the Fountain of Life from the Cross, and we are only a stream. When we are separated from the Fountainhead of Life, our stream ultimately will dry up because we will be cut off from the Source of Life. God wants us to do good works, but He wants us to do good works out of a union with the Tree of Life in the Garden. The LORD Jesus Christ desires to save us at the Cross, giving us His Resurrected, Redeptive Life. Then, He desires to lead us to the Garden and sprinkle us with the Waters of Separation, which had the wood of the Cedar Tree in it.

The righteous Tree of Life washes us from our unrighteous thoughts and works of *believing* that it is all right to join Life to Death; and it washes us from our unrighteous *deeds* of joining Life to Death. Then, the LORD Jesus Christ joins us to the Righteous Tree of Life (Cedar Tree) which gives us the Righteous Life we need in order to obey the *Torah*. It was for this purpose that God demanded that cedar wood (Righteous Life) be in the Waters of Purification. Thus, Salvation comes from the Cross of Resurrected, Redeptive Blood-Life on Calvary's Hill, and righteous works come from the Tree of Life in the Garden.



Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And **to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white:** for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints (Revelation 19:7,8).

The White Linen Dress worn by the Bride of Jesus Christ, which is her righteous deeds, proves that she was a partaker of the Resurrected, Redeptive Blood-Life of Christ, His Holy Waters of Separation, and His Eternal Tree of Life of Righteous Works. The Bride allows Her Bridegroom, the LORD Jesus Christ, to cleanse her touch from the defilement of Death so that she can eat from the righteous Tree of Life and perform deeds of righteousness.

2. When Man Touched a Bone of a Dead Man, He Became Unclean.

The touching of a dead bone signified the *inside* part of the dead body. God commanded cleansing for those who

touched the outside of a dead body, and He commanded cleansing for those who touched the inside part of a dead body — the bones.

When man looks upon the results of Death in the human body, he sees a physical body that has been overcome by an irresistible force called Death. Immediately, as a mortal human being, he begins to identify with the Death he has touched, both outside and inside. He sees himself in the same place of Death; then, a feeling of hopeless futility sweeps over his soul, producing despondency.

Man is repulsed and sad when he sees “ripe sin” or Death. Man’s negative feelings about Death reveal his hidden animosity against the LORD God. He accuses God of not being fair when Death comes, and he feels as though God contradicts Himself in His dealings with him. God says that man is a free moral agent, on one side of the Scales; on the other side of the Scales, man sees Death as a contradiction of freedom because Death says “thou must die.” Unless one knows the Truth and has had his mind washed by Christ’s Waters of Purification, his mind is constantly defiled when he thinks about Death. God says that we have liberty of *choice*, but Death appears to make God a liar, by saying “You have *no choice*.” God created man free, but man chose to give his free choice over to the bondage of Death.

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, **he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death**, that is, the devil; And deliver them, who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage (Hebrews 2:14,15).

Christ came to Earth and took on a Body of Flesh so that He could join His Blood to His “Sweat-Water” in the Garden; so that He could shed His Blood on the Cross; and so that He could go down to Death and, then, conquer Death by being resurrected from it. Thus, at His Cross, our LORD Jesus Christ *delivered* us from the penalty of sin which is Death; He *is delivering* us from the defilement of sin by His Waters of Purification in the Garden.

3. When Man Touched a Grave, He Became Unclean.

Touching a grave also defiled an Israelite. The grave tries to deceive one into believing that when he has fallen by Death he will not rise again to serve the LORD. When saints are doing a great work on Earth for the LORD, they feel sad about the thought of leaving it. But, Death is only a doorway to a great work in Eternity.

Christ has conquered the grave, and we, too, will rise in victorious power over the grave to serve the LORD in a greater way throughout Eternity.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, **Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?** (I Corinthians 15:54,55).

When the LORD Jesus Christ returns, He will take the dust of vile bodies, sanctify it, and raise it up into a new, glorified body like unto His Resurrected Body. Thus, Death and the grave will be swallowed up in complete victory. In the meantime, Christ has provided His Living, Running Waters of Purification for us when we are defiled by the Death that is in our thoughts, actions, and feelings.

4. If a Man Were Touched by an Unclean, Living Body, He Became Unclean.

If an unclean Israelite who had been defiled by Death touched a clean person, the clean person also became defiled.

When we are defiled by Death in our thoughts, actions, and feelings, we defile, soil, stain, and make immorally impure every clean person with whom we have concourse. God provided Purifying Waters under the shadow and type to cleanse man from the defiling touch of Death. The LORD Jesus Christ has provided the Eternal, Purifying, Living Waters of Christ Jesus to purify us *now* from all the defiling touches of Death.

B. When Death Touched a Man, He Became Unclean.

God declared that when a person died in his tent all things in the tent were defiled. This class of Death had nothing to do with a carelessness on the part of the individuals in the tent. They had no power to prevent Death from entering the tent. But, it is the nature of Death to defile all it touches. Contact with Death defiled a person, regardless of who made the contact — man or Death itself. God made Provision for man’s cleansing from Death’s defilement, whether he was guilty of the touch of Death or whether he was faultless because Death had touched him.

In this chapter, we have seen God’s Provision of heifer blood as a sin offering for the whole congregation to

cleanse the people from the sinful defilement of Death. The offering of the red heifer was made outside the camp. All parts of the red heifer were burned to ashes (the skin, the flesh, the blood, and the dung) along with cedar wood, hyssop, and scarlet. The ashes of purification had to have all these substances because they were a picture of the LORD Jesus Christ Who descended into the burning fires of Death and Hell in order to cleanse man from the defiling touch of Death.

God commanded that the ashes of purification be stored in a dry form in a clean place outside the camp until they were needed. Jewish history says that some of the ashes were stored in Mount Moriah, some were stored in the Mount of Olives, and some were distributed to the twenty-four orders of the Priesthood who were to store the ashes in places convenient to all the people.

The ashes of purification were mixed with fresh, running spring water, which was a picture of the Holy Ghost. The unclean person could not sprinkle himself with the Waters of Purification. A clean person had to volunteer to mix the ashes with the water and sprinkle it upon the unclean person on the third day and on the seventh day after he had become unclean.

This teaches us that we are dependent upon one another to help each other obey the *Torah*. The unfitness of an unclean person gave him the opportunity to obey the *Torah* by *receiving* the Waters of Purification. The unfitness of the unclean person gave the *fit* person the privilege of obeying the *Torah* by *giving* the Waters of Purification.

The actual ministry of the Waters of Purification was accomplished as a fit person sprinkled the Waters of Purification upon the defiled person on the third day and the seventh day. In order for this to be effective, it could not be given as a matter of form or received as a form. The fit person had to concentrate his mind and heart upon obeying the *Torah* by sprinkling the Waters of Purification, and the unclean person had to concentrate his mind and heart upon obeying the *Torah* by receiving the Waters of Purification.

We all need God's Provision of Christ's "Red Heifer Blood" that is in His Waters of Purification, for we all touch Death, either inwardly or outwardly, as we go through this life.

This closes our study of the four classes of sin offering blood that the LORD God provided for the whole congregation of Israel.

- Bullock blood was offered to cleanse the congregation from their sins of ignorance.
- Goat blood was offered in order to sanctify the people from their sins against the LORD God and to prepare them for the appearance of the LORD and the Glory-Fire of His *Torah*.
- On the special Day of Atonement, goat blood was offered to atone for the nation's past sins and to reconcile them to God.
- Red heifer blood was mixed with fresh running water to purify the people from the sinful defilement of Death.

All the blood offerings in the Old Testament were types and shadows of the All-Powerful Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ. Therefore, we know that God has provided these same classes of Blood for His congregation, His church, to offer in this Dispensation. Christ Jesus has "Bullock" Blood that will cleanse us from our ignorance; "Goat" Blood that will sanctify us from our sins against the LORD God and prepare us for the appearance of the LORD and the Glory-Fire of His *Torah*; "Goat" Blood that will atone for our past sins and reconcile us unto God; and "Heifer" Blood that will purify us from the sinful defilement of Death. Praise His precious Name for His merciful provision of Living, Redemptive Blood!

