

SECURITY IN THE STORM #2

“Sheltered By The Blood”

Introduction

In the midst of the worldwide virus pandemic, I want to continue our teaching series on “Security in the Storm” with a message on how the Christian can be free from dangers and threats in perilous times by being...

“Sheltered by the Blood”

What does it mean to be “sheltered”?

Sheltered

Covered or protected from storms, missiles or adverse conditions.

There are bomb shelters, storm shelters and tax shelters. All these are places of protection from storms or dangers; but the greatest shelter of all is the blood of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

The power of the blood of Jesus is foreshadowed in the Old Testament story of the Passover; how God saved His people from the Destroyer that was sweeping through the land of Egypt, killing thousands. I want to show you how...

Theme

The Passover is a perfect picture of the sheltering power of the blood of the Lamb when properly applied.

I. Sheltered by the Blood

A. A History Lesson

1. The Old Testament tells the story of the Exodus; how God delivered His people out of 400 years of Egyptian bondage.

2. **God sent a man named Moses to confront the Egyptian Pharaoh, demanding that he let the people go.**

3. When Pharaoh refused, **God sent 10 terrible plagues upon the Egyptians:**

- He turned the waters of the mighty Nile River into blood
- He sent plagues of lice, locusts, and hails of fire

4. The first 3 plagues affected everyone, Egyptian and Jew. But beginning with the 4th plague, God made a difference between His people and Egypt! Here are 3 examples from Exodus 8, 9 and 10.

a. In Exodus 8, the plague of flies:

Exodus 8:20-23

20 And the Lord said to Moses, “Rise early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh as he comes out to the water. Then say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord: “Let My people go, that they may serve Me. Or else, if you will not let My people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants, on your people and into your houses.”

Exodus 8:21-23

The houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand. 22 And in that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, in which My people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there, in order that you may know that I am the Lord in the midst of the land. 23 I will make a difference between My people and your people.

b. Then, in Exodus 9, there was a plague that struck the livestock:

Exodus 9:1-3

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go in to Pharaoh and tell him, ‘Thus says the Lord God of the Hebrews: “Let My people go, that they may serve Me. For if you refuse to let them go, and still hold them, behold, the hand of the Lord will be on your cattle in the field, on the horses, on the donkeys, on the camels, on the oxen, and on the sheep — a very severe pestilence.

Exodus 9:4-6

And the Lord will make a difference between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt. So nothing shall die of all that belongs to the children of Israel. Then the Lord appointed a set time, saying, “Tomorrow the Lord will do this thing in the land.” 6 So the Lord did this thing on the next day, and all

the livestock of Egypt died; but of the livestock of the children of Israel, not one died.

c. Then, in Exodus 10, there was a terrible plague of darkness:

Exodus 10:21-23

21 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, darkness which may even be felt.”

Exodus 10:22-23

So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days. They did not see one another; nor did anyone rise from his place for three days. But all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

5. What a powerful prophetic picture of how God shelters His people from plagues that affect the rest of the world!

6. And then came one of the most terrible times in human history, the 10th plague, which was the death of the firstborn.

Exodus 11:4-5

4 Then Moses said, “Thus says the Lord: ‘About midnight I will go out into the midst of Egypt; 5 and all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the female servant who is behind the hand mill, and all the firstborn of the animals.

Exodus 11:6-8

Then there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as was not like it before, nor shall be like it again. 7 But against none of the children of Israel not even a dog shall bark against man or beast that you may know that the Lord does make a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.’

7. Here comes the most terrible plague of all, the death of the firstborn! But even in this God said He would protect His people in the midst of it! How would He do it?

a. Hint: Not with rubber gloves, hand sanitizers and social distancing!

8. **God will protect His people from plagues by the blood of the Lamb!**

This is the principle we learn from Exodus 12...

II. The Passover

A. The Preparation

Exodus 12:1-4

12 Now the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, 2 "This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you. 3 Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: 'On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household.'

1. Before we go any farther, we must remember that the Apostle Paul connects Jesus, the Lamb of God, to the events of the Passover described here.

1 Corinthians 5:7

For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.

a. Here we have a picture of "household salvation"; the head of the house takes a lamb for the house.

2. But not just any lamb!

Exodus 12:5-6

The animal you select must be a one-year-old male, either a sheep or a goat, with no defects. Take special care of this chosen animal until the evening of the fourteenth day of this first month. Then the whole assembly of the community of Israel must slaughter their lamb or young goat at twilight.

a. The lamb was taken on the 10th day of the month, examined for 4 days to make sure it had no defects, then sacrificed...

Exodus 12:6

Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight.

b. What a picture of Jesus Christ!

- 1400 years later, on the 10th day of the Passover month, Jesus rides into Jerusalem on Sunday, the very day the lamb was taken for the house
- Then, for four days, Jesus is examined for defects, the same way Israel examined their lambs; Jesus was examined by the scribes, the Pharisees and the people; and finally He was put on trial before Pontius Pilate.
- At the end of the trial, Pilate says 3 times, "I find no fault in Him".

John 18:38

Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no fault in Him at all.

John 19:4

Pilate then went out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him."

John 19:6

Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him."

c. What a perfect fulfilment of the Old Testament Passover! After 4 days of examination for defect, He is pronounced faultless! Jesus was qualified to be the ultimate Passover "Lamb of God"-the innocent who would die for the guilty!

3. The crucifixion spilled the innocent blood of the perfect Lamb. And what did God tell Israel to do with the blood?

Exodus 12:7

And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses...

a. It was not enough for the blood to be shed; it had to be applied to their houses! Why? Because judgment was coming upon Egypt!

Exodus 12:12

For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord.

(All the plagues were God's judgment upon the 'gods' of Egypt!)

- The Egyptians worshipped the Nile river; God turned its waters to blood
- The Egyptians worshipped the Sun god (Osiris); and God turned the sun into darkness

The Pulpit Commentary

Animal worship was an important part of the religion of the Egyptians. The whole country was filled with sacred animals, regarded as emblematic of certain particular deities, and as belonging to them. A sudden mortality among the sacred animals would be felt by the Egyptians as a blow struck against the gods to whom they belonged, and as a judgment upon them.

4. This last judgment would fall upon man and beast, upon all not sheltered by the blood of the lamb!

Exodus 12: 13

Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

5. The same principle still applies to us today! No matter what kind of judgment or plague strikes the world, when He sees the blood, it will ‘pass over’ the people of God!

6. So you might ask, “If this is true for us today, how is it so many Christians suffer the same afflictions as the people of the world?” Good question. The answer is in our theme.

Theme

The Passover is a perfect picture of the sheltering power of the blood of the Lamb when properly applied.

7. Israel took the lambs-examined them for defects for 4 days-then shed the blood into a basin. But the blood in the basin would not save them. It had to be properly applied!

Derek Prince

“The only way of protection was through the blood of the Lamb. But the blood in the basin did not protect them. The blood had to be transferred from the basin to the doorposts and lintel of their houses. (Never on the threshold

because the blood is precious). The blood had to be transferred from the basin to the place that needed protection.”

8. Many miss the message in this part of the story; God told His people that the blood had to be properly applied.

Exodus 12:21-22

Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Pick out and take lambs for yourselves according to your families, and kill the Passover lamb. And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning.

a. The blood in the basin would not protect them; it had to be applied to the doorposts by means of hyssop, a small and readily available plant that served as a kind of paintbrush.

b. It was the blood, properly applied, that protected the family.

Exodus 12:23-24

For the Lord will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you. And you shall observe this thing as an ordinance for you and your sons forever.

28 Then the children of Israel went away and did so; just as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

Exodus 12:29-30

And it came to pass at midnight that the Lord struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of livestock. So Pharaoh rose in the night, he, all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where there was not one dead.

9. The blood of the Lamb protects us when properly applied!

II. How to Apply The Blood

A. The New Testament Passover

1 Corinthians 5:7

For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.

1. Christ, the Lamb of God, has been sacrificed for us; His innocent blood has been poured out for the sins of the world.

2. But just like the blood in the basin did not protect anyone, so the blood of Jesus saves no one unless it is properly applied by faith.

3. The power in the blood is sufficient to save everyone; but all are not saved because it has not been applied.

Derek Prince

“The blood had to be shed and caught in the basin; but it was not useful until it was transferred to the place where they lived. And the same principle applies to us regarding the blood of Jesus! His blood has been shed; it has been made available. It is ‘in the basin’; but to enjoy the protection of the blood it has to be personally applied to the place where we live.”

B. How Do We Personally Apply the Blood to Our Lives?

1. Early on in our walk with the Lord, Derek Prince taught us how to personally apply the protecting power of the blood of Jesus to our lives from...

Revelation 12:10-11

Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death."

2. There are 3 elements in overcoming the Devil:

- The blood of the Lamb
- The word of our testimony
- Loving not our lives to the death (which speaks of a complete commitment)

2. The blood of the Lamb is not enough; we must apply the blood by the “word of our testimony”.

Derek Prince

“God has supplied new ‘hyssop’. We overcome by the Word of God and the word of our testimony! In order to transfer the blood of Jesus to the place where we need protection and victory, we do not use hyssop, but we use our personal testimony. Our testimony in the New Testament takes the place of the hyssop in the Old Testament.”

Derek Prince

“Our testimony is the hyssop that take the blood of Jesus, shed on the cross, and applies it to our lives. We transfer the blood of Jesus to our lives when we testify personally to what the blood of Jesus does for us. We must speak in agreement with the word.”

B. Two Examples of Applying the Blood

1. Redemption and forgiveness of sins

Ephesians 1:7-8

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence...

- a. We are redeemed by the blood of Jesus; Redemption means to “buy back”; the Greek term means “deliverance”.
- b. So how do we apply this benefit of the blood to our lives? By the hyssop which is my personal testimony of faith in the Word.

“I am redeemed by the blood of the Lamb! Through the blood my sins are forgiven!”

2. The Psalmist says that our redemption makes us safe and secure from the hand of the enemy.

Psalm 107:2

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy.

- a. I apply the blood by the hyssop of my personal testimony. I speak in agreement with the Word.

“I am redeemed by the blood of the Lamb! I am redeemed from the hand of the enemy”.

2. We apply the blood by agreeing with God’s word!

“Through the blood of Jesus all my sins are forgiven.”

“Through the blood of 2 Jesus I have been redeemed out of the hand of Satan.”

3. Confessing these statements I the hyssop that applies the blood to where we live. This is how we sprinkle the blood of Jesus over our lives.

III. Conclusion

A. Summary

Theme

The Passover is a perfect picture of the sheltering power of the blood of the Lamb when properly applied.

1. The Passover is the great biblical model of how God protects His people from plagues.

2. It foreshadows the work of Christ on the Cross (in type).

3. The blood of Christ is perfect protection and security for us when properly applied.

Closing Prayer

Offering

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