

SPIRITUAL WARFARE Pt.7: PROTECTION, THE BLOOD of JESUS, HOLY COMMUNION

PROTECTION

In spiritual warfare, you need to be aware of everything that can help you in the fight. We need to understand some of the things that God does for those that belong to Him.

Let's look at a time when satan was allowed to test Job and he was trying to get God to remove His hedge of protection from around him.

Job 1:9-11 - Then satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? Thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. But put forth Thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse Thee to Thy face.

satan knew that God had a hedge of protection around Job and all that he had. This hedge was around Job, his house – not just his physical house but his family, his land and all that he possessed in this world. This hedge was invisible to Job as it is invisible to us, it is a spiritual hedge, it can only be seen in the spirit realm, that's why satan knew it was there. God's hedge of protection was around Job because he was a righteous man, he loved and obeyed God.

We are to live righteous lives so that God has His hedge of protection around us. Even though we know He has His hedge around us if we are obedient, pray and ask Him to put His hedge of protection around you. One way we show God we know His Word is we put it in our prayers. I spoke about God's holy fire being around His true children in part 2. I often pray for God to keep His hedge of protection and wall of fire around me and my family, around this ministry and around all of you. I encourage you begin to pray and ask God for these same things as well.

JESUS' BLOOD

Another layer of protection, and this one is very significant and important to all Christians. You could say this one is crucial – a must have - it is having the blood of Christ applied to your life and pleading His blood.

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

Since the fall of man into sin, God has required blood to be shed in order for our sins to be forgiven. When Adam and Eve sinned, God took the life of an animal, many believe it could have been a lamb in order to provide clothing to cover them. That lamb or whatever animal it was, was a picture of what Christ would do in sacrificing Himself for this whole world.

Under the Old Testament no one's sins were forgiven without shedding blood. The Old Testament saints had to bring animals and sacrifice them to God in order to have their sins forgiven. Those animal sacrifices provided food for God's ministers, and depending on the type of sacrifice, the people also got to enjoy and feast off of the meat of many of the sacrifices they brought. Today, our sins are not forgiven without the shedding of blood either. Jesus shed His blood for us. He is the final sacrifice. **(Hebrews 10:1-18)**

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

Being purged with blood under the law meant to be purified or cleansed so that you could then come before God's presence once again, for the people it meant they could come to the Temple and participate in the feasts etc. once more. The Jews went through many ritual cleansings, washings and purifications. This was God's way of teaching them how to approach Him. When Jesus came and shed His blood for the very purpose of cleansing us from our sins and bringing us back into a relationship with our Heavenly Father, many of the Jews missed it spiritually, because they were so focused on natural purification rituals.

In Old Testament times, a blood sacrifice had to be made in order for the person to be purified from their sins. Without blood being shed there was no forgiveness. This is what Jesus did for us in shedding His own holy blood in order

for us to be forgiven and be redeemed back into a right standing with our Heavenly Father.

In the Old Testament, the high priest went in before God once a year into the holy of holies, the most holy place of all but he dared not enter without blood.

Heb.9:7-8, 12, 23-26 - But into the second *went* the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and *for* the errors of the people: The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*. v. 23 *It was* therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, *which are* the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: Nor yet that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must He often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

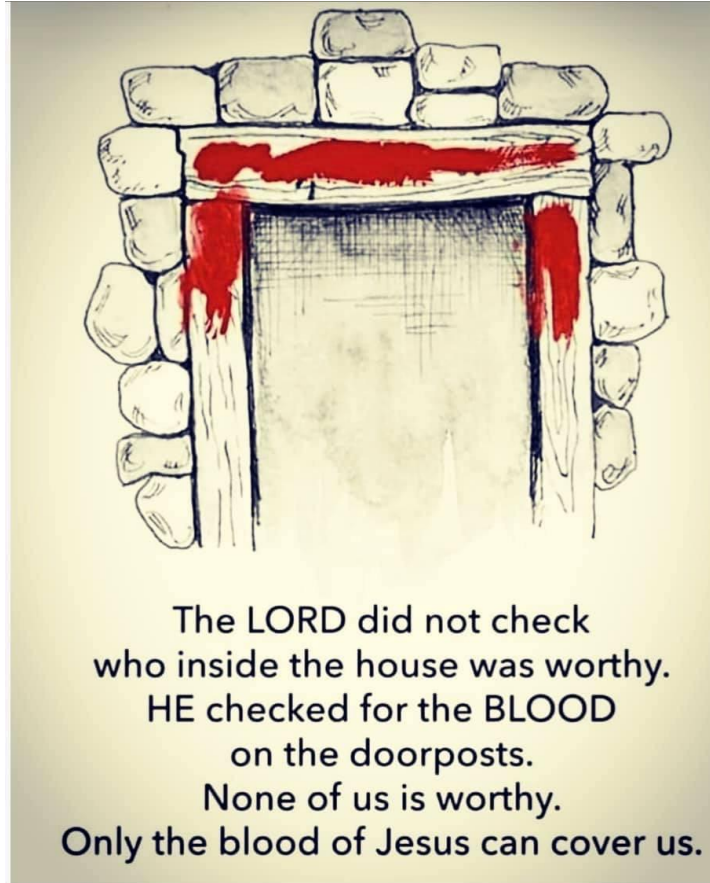
You are walking naked spiritually if you are not covered in Jesus' blood. God instructed Moses to purify Aaron, the high priest and his sons and all the vessels and furniture in God's Tabernacle and His altar with blood. (**Lev.8:30, Exodus 24:6-8, Hebrews 9:21**) Moses had to sprinkle blood on all these things in order to sanctify them as holy to The Lord.

Exodus 24:6-8 - And Moses took half of the blood, and put *it* in basons; 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.



This is a depiction of Moses sprinkling the blood on the people. They agreed to God's Covenant and it was a blood covenant. We are in a blood covenant with God also when we come to Him through Jesus. When we plead Jesus' blood over our lives and all that we have, we make a spiritual statement that we belong to God through Jesus and have been sprinkled with His blood. We are accepting God's New Covenant through Christ. And all that we have comes under God's umbrella of protection when we live righteous obedient lives. Of course just speaking the words and saying you plead Jesus' blood over your life is ineffective if you have never truly come to Him and surrendered your life to Him.

Remember in The Old Testament God spared the lives of the Israelites and whoever was in their houses when they had applied the blood on the doorposts, the death angel passed over that house and every one inside was safe.



The Lord did not check who inside the house was worthy. He checked for the BLOOD on the doorposts. None of us is worthy. Only the blood of Jesus can cover us. Is Jesus' blood applied to the doorpost of your heart? Is it on the doorpost of your home spiritually?

Today, in order for anyone to be accepted by God and enter into His presence they must come through Christ. We have a heavenly High Priest and we must go through Him.

John 14:6 - Jesus saith unto him, I am The way, The truth, and The life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.

Start pleading His blood over your life because there is power in Jesus' blood. Jesus' blood renders demons powerless for a time. We plead the blood of Jesus over all that we have because spiritually it is like what Moses did back at the Tabernacle – setting ourselves and all that we have apart as holy unto The Lord.

You should plead the blood of Jesus every day and anytime you feel led by The Holy Spirit to do so. Plead the blood of Jesus over yourself, your family, your marriage, your finances, your health, your income, your car, your home and all that is in your home, your land and everything on your land, your job and workplace, your school and school work, your pets, all your possessions, everything that pertains to you physically and spiritually, the atmosphere surrounding your home and land and the atmosphere all around yourself everywhere you go etc. Cover all these things in the blood of Jesus. This is very powerful spiritual warfare. When you belong to Jesus and you plead His blood over the things that pertain to you, this alerts the spirit realm that it is protected by Jesus, dedicated to God that you are His and He fights for you.

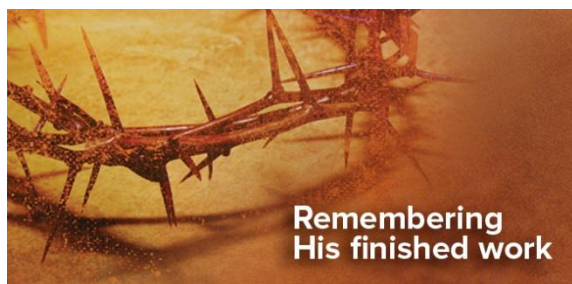
HOLY COMMUNION

Something Pastor Erustus shared with me that demons have spoken out during some of the deliverances in his church is that demons hate those who take communion. When a demon hates something it is because it protects you against them, it weakens them, it hinders them. When I hear something like that, then I'm like, oh I'm gonna be sure and do that. We are commanded by Jesus Himself to take holy communion but you might want to take it more often than you do. A lot of churches only take it at resurrection Sunday, which the world and many asleep churches call Easter. Easter is the name of a false goddess and has nothing to do with Jesus resurrecting.

Jesus taught that when we partake of His flesh and drink His blood, we dwell in Him and He in us. And we live by Him for He is The Bread of Heaven and when we eat this bread we will live forever. **(John 6:53-58)**

Taking holy communion is an act of faith and of obedience and showing that you honor Jesus for what He did.

In taking communion you are proclaiming the death of the Lord, to the world, to the unseen world, to other Christians. You are saying Jesus died and shed His blood for you, to redeem you, you are proclaiming your faith in Him as Savior; you are proclaiming your faith in His atoning death on your behalf.



Remembering His finished work, this is a commandment. God wants you to remember that Jesus died for you. Anytime you question, does God love me? Is He here? Remember what Jesus did on that cross and what God did in giving Jesus for us. God paid the highest price when He gave Jesus, that's how much He loves you. As a Christian, you keep proclaiming this until He comes again. You remember His death and at the same time you long for His return because He's coming back for His bride! I taught on Holy Communion in New Christian Basics part eight. And for those who are saved and understand about taking communion, there is a tab on the church website where you can go and take it with me anytime.

Demons hate those who take communion. In addition to that, some of the things Pastor Erustus has shared with me over the years that demons hate and fight against very hard is the reading of God's Word and prayer. Just knowing that, should be encouragement to you to press in and read God's Word every day and pray every day. Just know that when you do those things you are fighting in the spirit realm because satan wants to keep you ignorant of God's Word. The better you know God's Word the better you can obey and draw nearer to God and He will draw nearer to you. **(James 4:8)** You want God as close to you as you can get Him. Prayer is key in a believer's life. Pray even when you don't feel like it. **(1 Thess.5:17)** Focus on making godly habits and pretty soon it won't be so hard to do.

CLOSING

Pastor Erustus shared the following on spiritual warfare where demons are concerned: But all in all they can't overcome a true believer who is always prayerful and fasts, looks into God's word always, bold not fearful, full of faith, lives a holy life, fellowships with the saints, praising and worshiping God, ministers or serves in the church / God's kingdom at large, covers his life and all things with Jesus' blood, walks

with his or her spouse in unity and is a giver on his income (God destroys the devourer on one's finances) and filled by the Holy Spirit always. These things are so key to your life as a believer in order to walk in victory. These keep satan and his demons off your life. Real spiritual warfare is living in obedience to God's Word.

The Holy Spirit is The Power of God. Let it be known through asking in prayer that you want The Holy Spirit to reign over all that you have and all that pertains to you.

PRAYER

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