

## The Scarlet Thread

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Dr. Abramson's note: Pastor Jamie Peters preached this sermon with depth, accuracy and a powerful anointing. These notes on his sermon content would be extremely effective if you would study them, ask the Holy Spirit to add your own thoughts into them and then, preach them to the unredeemed. I highly recommend you do so. It's a message straight from Heaven and will touch the lost with power.

### Pastor Jamie's Notes

The previous week's sermon spoke of the harlot Rahab's encounter with the Israelite spies. Rahab let the two spies down to safety from her window using a scarlet cord. The spies promised her safety for her family from the soon to be invading Israelites if she would keep the scarlet cord hanging in her window. Here's what the two spies said to her regarding this.

#### *Joshua 2:17-21*

*"So the men said to her: "We will be blameless of this oath of yours which you have made us swear, {18} unless, when we come into the land, you bind this line of scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you bring your father, your mother, your brothers, and all your father's household to your own home. {19} So it shall be that whoever goes outside the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be on his own head, and we will be guiltless. And whoever is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head if a hand is laid on him. {20} And if you tell this business of ours, then we will be free from your oath which you made us swear." {21} Then she said, "According to your words, so be it." And she sent them away, and they departed. And she bound the scarlet cord in the window."*

## **"The Book, the Blood and the Blessed Hope are what builds a great church."**

This speaks of the Bible, the redemptive shed blood of Jesus and the "blessed hope" of His second coming. These are the foundations upon which the Christian church stands... and upon which it thrives and grows. Any other foundation will not support the health and growth of God's church.

### **First Point: The Prophecy of the Blood**

The scarlet thread throughout the Bible speaks of the redemptive blood of Christ. From the beginning in Genesis until the final verses in Revelation, Scripture displays a continuous scarlet thread of the redemptive plan and purpose of God. Blood redemption is a God-planned principle. In Revelation 13:6-7 we read about the evil beast who will be given authority over all who dwell on the earth who will worship him. This evil creature will speak "blasphemy against God, His name, His tabernacle and those who dwell in heaven" (which is to come in the end time). These verses of prophecy also clearly tell us those who will worship the beast are those whose names are not written in the Lamb's Book of Life (those who rejected Christ). They will find judgment, not mercy. This prophecy assures us that Blood redemption is a God-planned principle and we can look ahead to the fulfillment of our blessed hope.

#### *Revelation 13:8*

*"All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."*

### **Prophetic Types and Shadows of the Scarlet Thread of Redemption throughout the Old Testament**

Found throughout the Old Testament are types and shadows that hold within them the promise of Christ's redemptive work. These

represent a prophetic symbol of sin and God's provision for redemption. Below, are just a few.

Adam and Eve sinned by disobeying God's command not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. They knew they were naked. They were feeling their guilt and tried to cover themselves with fig leaves they had sewn together. It's impossible to cover your sins or hide them from God. God knew they had disobeyed and destroyed the fellowship He and they enjoyed together. In His grace, God provided the first blood sacrifice to cover their sins. With the bloody death of this first sacrificial animal, God provided them with skins to cover themselves.

*Genesis 3:21*

*"Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them."*

It was a type or foreshadowing of what was to come with the blood of Christ. His sinless blood would do what no other sacrifice would do. Only a blood sacrifice would secure redemption for us.

In time, Adam and Eve's two boys, Cain and Abel brought sacrifices to God. Abel brought the firstborn of his flock as a blood sacrifice. God respected it and it was accepted. Though Cain's was likely the best fruit of the ground he could offer, God did not respect it.

*Genesis 4:3-5*

*"And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord. <sup>4</sup>Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the Lord respected Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup>but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell."*

The principle here is that throughout the Bible, God required a blood sacrifice. (There were many other kinds of sacrifice, but only the blood would bring His protection.)

**“Consciousness of sin brings a need to sacrifice.”**

Hebrews 9:22 tells us that without shedding of blood there is no remission of sin. Able gave a blood sacrifice to the Lord.

Genesis 8:20 tells of Noah's blood sacrifice following God's grace to save him and his family.

Genesis 22:13 speaks of Abraham offering a ram that God had provided for him. It was a substitutionary blood sacrifice in place of his son Isaac. Again it shows the need for the blood and how God accepted it. It was grace in action!

Exodus 12:13 tells of the effectiveness of a blood sacrifice in Egypt. Again, God graciously gave the enslaved Hebrews provision to live when the angel of death would sweep the land and take the firstborn. They were to slay the Passover lamb and put its blood on the doorposts. Even Pharaoh's firstborn son was taken, because there was no blood on the doorposts of his sleeping chambers. This, along with the other examples above, are also types and foreshadowing of the redemptive blood sacrifice of our sinless Savior.

**Finally, when the Lamb of God died on the cross, it fulfilled the prophecy. His blood was not accidentally spilled!**

**Second Point: The Power of the Blood**

*1 Corinthians 1:18*

*“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”*

**1) The power of the blood redeems us.**

*1 Peter 1:18-19*

*“knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, {10} but with the*

*precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”*

## **2) The power of the blood brings us near to God.**

*Ephesians 2:13*

*“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”*

## **3) The power of the blood makes peace with God.**

*Colossians 1:19-20*

*“For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, {20} and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.”*

## **4.) The power of the blood cleanses us.**

*1 John 1:7*

*“But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”*

**The blood not only removes the punishment, it removes the pollution.**

*Acts 10:15*

*“And a voice spoke to him again the second time, “What God has cleansed you must not call common”” [unclean].*

## **5) The power of the blood gives us authority and power over the devil.**

*Revelation 12:11*

*“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.”*

### **Third Point: The Place and Preciousness of the Blood**

*Hebrews 10:28-31*

*“Anyone who has rejected Moses’ law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. {29} **Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? {30} For we know Him who said, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. And again, “The Lord will judge His people.” {31} It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”***

#### **What Will You Do With The Blood of Jesus?**

**“You will be under the blood or you will put the blood under your feet. To position yourself over the blood is an insult to the Spirit of Grace!”**

*1 Corinthians 1:18*

*“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”*

**“Without the shedding of blood there is no redemption.”**

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#### **Review**

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