**Spiritual Warfare: The Blood of Jesus Christ**

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The past several weeks I have been preaching about spiritual warfare…

What are the key points we have discussed in the messages that have been preached?...

[1) Our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ must be real.

2) Fasting

3) Praise & Worship

4) Obedience

5) Repentance]

Today we are going to talk about another powerful weapon in spiritual warfare…

1. Covering ourselves with the blood of Jesus Christ.

When you are interceding, it is very important to make sure we are under God’s protection…

If we try to go to war in our strength, we will suffer unnecessary attacks from the enemy…

Many intercessors, myself included, like to cover their intercessory teams, along with the loved ones and everything related to everyone in the team with the blood of Jesus Christ…

The blood of Jesus Christ provides general protection against attacks of the enemy…

This principle goes back to the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt…

Scripture 1: **Exodus 12:1-7, 12-13**

**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. **4**And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take *it* according to the number of the persons; according to each man’s need you shall make your count for the lamb. **5**Your lamb shall be without[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus+12&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-1822a)] blemish, a male [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus+12&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-1822b)]of the first year. You may take *it* from the sheep or from the goats. **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. **7**And they shall take *some* of the blood and put *it* on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it. **8**Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread *and* with bitter *herbs* they shall eat it. **9**Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire—its head with its legs and its entrails. **10**You shall let none of it remain until morning, and what remains of it until morning you shall burn with fire. **11**And thus you shall eat it: [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus+12&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-1828c)]*with* a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It *is* the Lord’s Passover.

**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. **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.

Jesus Christ is the ultimate sacrificial lamb…

Scripture 2: **John 1:29**

**29**The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Because the Lord Jesus shed His blood for us, no more animal sacrifices are needed…

Scripture 3: **Hebrews 9:18-28**

**18**Therefore not even the first *covenant* was dedicated without blood. **19**For when Moses had spoken every [[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+9&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30125g)]precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, **20**saying, “This *is* the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you.” **21**Then likewise he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry. **22**And according to the law almost all things are [[h](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+9&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30128h)]purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no [[i](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+9&version=NKJV" \l "fen-NKJV-30128i" \o "See footnote i)]remission.

### Greatness of Christ’s Sacrifice

**23**Therefore *it was* necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be [[j](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+9&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30129j)]purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. **24**For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, *which are* [[k](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+9&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30130k)]copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; **25**not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another— **26**He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. **27**And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, **28**so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

The Bible says that the life is in the blood…

Scripture 4: **Leviticus 17:10-14**

**10**‘And whatever man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who eats any blood, I will set My face against that person who eats blood, and will cut him off from among his people. **11**For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it *is* the blood *that* makes atonement for the soul.’ **12**Therefore I said to the children of Israel, ‘No one among you shall eat blood, nor shall any stranger who dwells among you eat blood.’

**13**“Whatever man of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who hunts and catches any animal or bird that may be eaten, he shall pour out its blood and cover it with dust; **14**for *it is* the life of all flesh. Its blood sustains its life. Therefore I said to the children of Israel, ‘You shall not eat the blood of any flesh, for the life of all flesh is its blood. Whoever eats it shall be cut off.’

If the life of Jesus Christ flows where the blood of Jesus Christ is applied, then nothing bad can stay where the blood of Jesus Christ is applied…

In general, the New Testament does not require us to follow the rules of the Old Testament, other than the most general, most important rules, such as the Ten Commandments…

Scripture 5: **Romans 13:8-10**

**8**Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. **9**For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+13&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-28276b)]“You shall not bear false witness,” “You shall not covet,” and if *there is* any other commandment, are *all* summed up in this saying, namely, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” **10**Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love *is* the fulfillment of the law.

One of the few specific rules, however, is that we should not eat blood because blood is such a special, power-filled substance…

Scripture 6: **Acts 15:22-28**

**22**Then it pleased the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas, *namely,* Judas who was also named Barsabas,[[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+15&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-27465g)] and Silas, leading men among the brethren.

**23**They wrote this *letter* by them:

The apostles, the elders, and the brethren,

To the brethren who are of the Gentiles in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia:

Greetings.

**24**Since we have heard that some who went out from us have troubled you with words, unsettling your souls, [[h](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+15&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-27467h)]saying, “*You must* be circumcised and keep the law”—to whom we gave no *such* commandment— **25**it seemed good to us, being assembled with one [[i](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+15&version=NKJV" \l "fen-NKJV-27468i" \o "See footnote i)]accord, to send chosen men to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, **26**men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **27**We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who will also report the same things by word of mouth. **28**For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things: **29**that you abstain from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual[[j](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+15&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-27472j)] immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well.

Farewell.

When we prepare ourselves adequately for spiritual warfare, we will only suffer those trials that are necessary for advancing God’s Kingdom and giving glory to God…

Thus, covering ourselves with the blood of Jesus Christ in spirit, soul, and body will help us avoid all unnecessary suffering…

Scripture 7: **1 Thessalonians 5:23**

**23**Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Thessalonians+5%3A23&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-29645a)] you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is, of course, in conjunction with the other strategies for spiritual warfare, like obedience, repentance, praise & worship, fasting, and having a real relationship with the Lord Jesus…

Scripture 8: **Psalm 91:1, 9-11, 13-15**

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High  
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.  
**2**I will say of the Lord, “*He is* my refuge and my fortress;  
My God, in Him I will trust.”

**3**Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+91&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-15399a)]fowler  
*And* from the perilous pestilence.  
**4**He shall cover you with His feathers,  
And under His wings you shall take refuge;  
His truth *shall be your* shield and [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+91&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-15400b)]buckler.  
**5**You shall not be afraid of the terror by night,  
*Nor* of the arrow *that* flies by day,  
**6***Nor* of the pestilence *that* walks in darkness,  
*Nor* of the destruction *that* lays waste at noonday.

**7**A thousand may fall at your side,  
And ten thousand at your right hand;  
*But* it shall not come near you.  
**8**Only with your eyes shall you look,  
And see the reward of the wicked.

**9**Because you have made the Lord, *who is* my refuge,  
*Even* the Most High, your dwelling place,  
**10**No evil shall befall you,  
Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;  
**11**For He shall give His angels charge over you,  
To keep you in all your ways.  
**12**In *their* hands they shall [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+91&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-15408c)]bear you up,  
Lest you [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+91&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-15408d)]dash your foot against a stone.  
**13**You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra,  
The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.

**14**“Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him;  
I will [[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+91&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-15410e)]set him on high, because he has known My name.  
**15**He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him;  
I *will be* with him in trouble;  
I will deliver him and honor him.  
**16**With [[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+91&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-15412f)]long life I will satisfy him,  
And show him My salvation.”