

# The Blood of The Covenant

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*“Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he sprinkled on the altar. Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, “We will do everything the LORD has said; we will obey.” Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, “This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words..... To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain.”*

Have you ever had blood sprinkled over you? In this section of Scripture we see that Moses sprinkled blood on the people of Israel in the wilderness.

Sin is serious. Sin is so serious that it takes blood to pay for sin. All the Old Testament shedding of blood was a constant reminder of how serious sin was and is, and that the only way to pay for sin is by the shedding of blood.

All those Old Testament practices of the shedding of blood were a foreshadowing of the Blood of Jesus the Lamb of God, which He would shed on the cross of Calvary for the sin of the world. All the blood of those Old Testament Sacrifices could not and did not pay for even a single sin. The only blood that can and did pay for every sin, of every Human being for all time is the blood of Jesus Christ, The Lamb of God Who has taken away the sin of the World.

All those Old Testament Sacrifices pointed forward to the Blood of Jesus, which He shed for all mankind on the cross of Calvary.

In the letter to the Hebrews we have insight into the shedding of Blood, both in those Old Testament Sacrifices and in the Sacrifice of Jesus. The Old Testament Covenant Promise pointed forward to the New Testament Covenant of the Forgiveness of sins in Christ Jesus our Lord.

It is God’s covenant promise that He would wash away our sin by the blood of His own precious Son.

*11 - “When Christ came as high priest of the good things that are already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation.12 - He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.13 - The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean.14 - How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God! 15 -For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant. .... 18 - This is why even the first covenant was not put into effect without blood.19 -When Moses had proclaimed every commandment of the law to all the people, he took the blood of calves, together with water, scarlet wool and branches of hyssop, and sprinkled the scroll and all the people.20 -He said, “This is the blood of the covenant, which God has commanded you to keep.” 21 -In the same way, he sprinkled with the blood both the tabernacle and everything used in its ceremonies.22 - In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. 23 - It was necessary, then, for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these sacrifices, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. 24 - For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God’s presence. Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of Himself. Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.” (Hebrews 9:11-15 & 18 -28)*