

## A SERIES OF DEVOTIONS BASED ON THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

### HE ENTERED BY HIS OWN BLOOD

Hebrews 9:11-12 “But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here, He went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation. 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, thus obtaining eternal redemption.”

Joseph’s brothers took his coat of many colors off of him, sold him into slavery, killed a lamb and soaked the coat in the animal’s blood. When they presented the bloody coat to Jacob, their father immediately accepted the reality of his son’s death. Shed blood was then, and still today, is a symbol for death.

The blood of unblemished lambs, at God’s direction through Moses, was painted over the door posts of the children of Israel the night before the Exodus from Egypt began. This blood on one hand, symbolized the death of the many first-born in Egypt while on the other hand it guided God’s angel of death to spare the life of the first-born sons of the children of Israel. For them the blood gave life.

The phrase “blood of Christ” is found more frequently in the New Testament than either the death of Christ or the Cross of Christ. The blood of Christ refers to the violent death Jesus died on Calvary’s cross. At the same time the shed blood of Christ means life for all who believe in Him as their Lord and Savior from eternal death because of their sins.

As the unblemished lamb’s blood spared the lives of the children of Israel, the shed blood of the perfect Lamb of God, His Son, Jesus, spares you from eternal death. The blood over the door post caused the angel of death to Passover that house and spared the life of the first-born male living inside. The blood of Jesus you receive from Him through the Lord’s Supper removes your sins and thus their wage. . . eternal death.

No wonder the blood of Christ is mentioned so frequently in the New Testament. Jesus, through His death on the cross, shed His perfect blood for you. His blood poured out on Calvary’s cross brought His death but poured out upon you it gives you a life that will never end.

Prayer: Wash me, dear Jesus, in Your holy blood to cleanse me of all my sins.  
Amen.

There is a fountain filled with blood Drawn from Immanuel's veins,  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoice to see That fountain in his day;  
And there have I, as vile as he, Washed all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood Shall never lose its power  
Till all the ransomed Church of God Be saved to sin no more.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme And shall be till I die.

When this poor lisping, stammering tongue Lies silent in the grave,  
Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing Thy power to save.

(TLH 157)