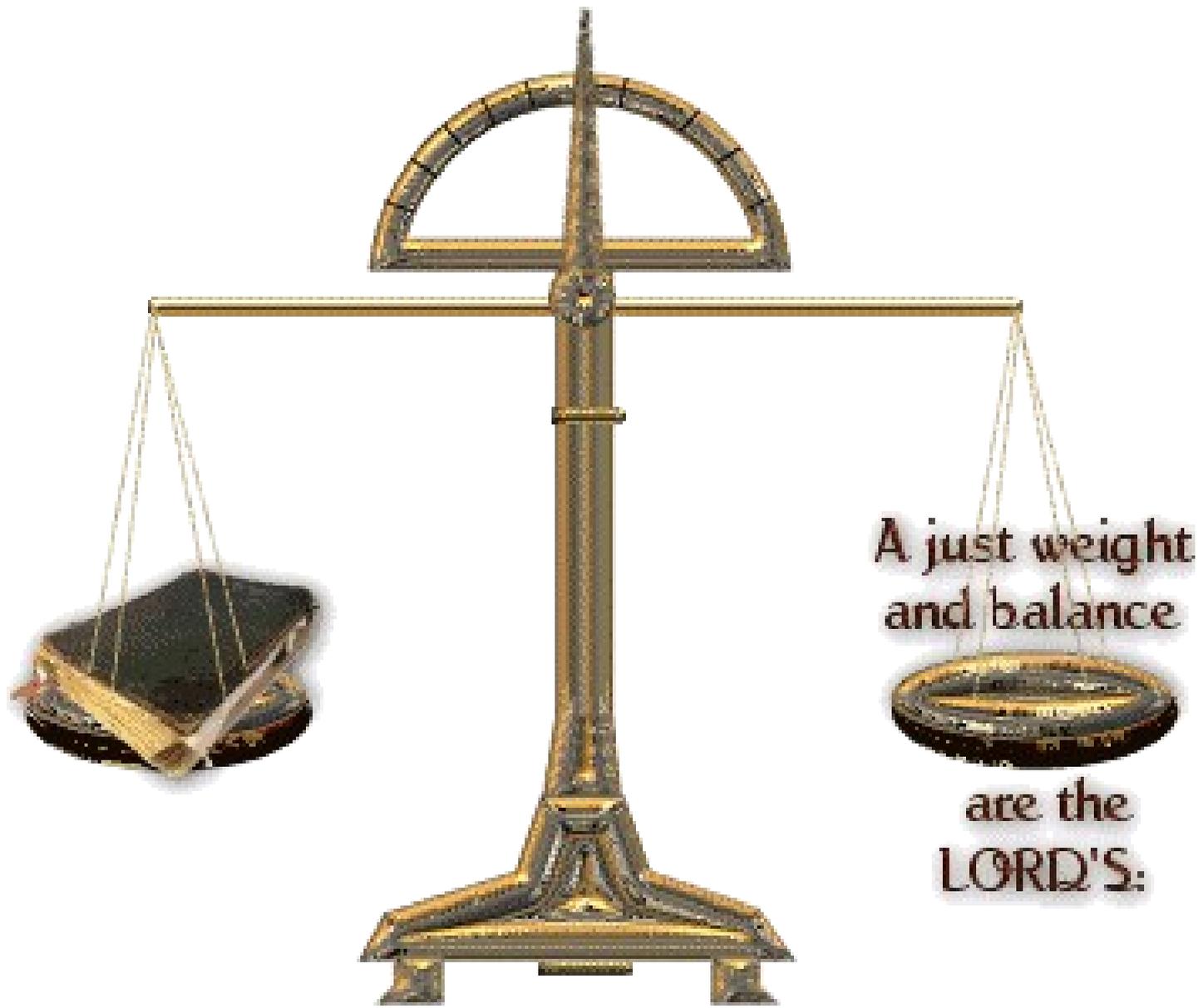


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For if the blood of **bulls** and of **goats**, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies to the purifying of the flesh:

- **Hebrews 9:14**

How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit

offered himself

without spot to God,
purge your conscience
from dead works
to serve the living God?

- The high priest actually entered the Holy of Holies three times:

- **# 1** With the incense, which pictures the glory of God;

- **# 2** With the blood from the sacrifice for himself;

- **# 3** With the blood shed for the people.

- The incense
preceded the blood
because the
purpose of salvation
is the glory of God
(Eph_1:6, Eph_1:12, Eph_1:14).

- Jesus died

- not simply

- to save lost sinners

- and give them life,

- So, why did He die?

- That God might be glorified
(**John 17:1-5**).

- **John 17:1**

After Jesus finished saying this, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your Son, so that the Son may give glory to you."

- **John 17:4**

**I have shown
your glory
on earth;**

I have finished
the work

you gave me to do.

(GNB)

- **Hebrews 10:7**

Then said I,

Lo, I come

(in the volume of the book
it is written of me,)

to do thy will, O God.

- To Jesus
the Cross
was the
glory of life
and the way to the
glory of eternity.
- "The hour has come,"
he said,
"for the Son of Man
to be glorified"
(John 12:23).

- What did
Jesus mean
when he repeatedly
spoke of
the Cross
as his glory?

- It is one of the facts of history that again and again **it was in death** that the great men and women found their glory.
- It was **when** they died, and **how** they died, which showed people what and who they really were.

- They may have been **misunderstood** and **condemned** but their deaths showed their true place in history.

- We will note the execution of **James Graham,**

Marquess of Montrose,
on May 21st, 1650.

- Soldier, poet and one of the most romantic figures in British history.

- When Montrose was executed, he was taken down the High Street of Edinburgh to the gallows.
- His enemies had encouraged the crowd to revile him but not one voice was raised to curse and not one hand was lifted.

- He had on his **finest** clothes,
 - With **ribbons** on his shoes
- Fine white **gloves** on his hands.
 - His majesty and gravity **amazed the crowd.**
- Even his **enemies** acknowledged him to be the bravest subject in the world...
 - **As tears ran down**
the hangman's face
he pushed him off
the gallows to his death.

- It was so with Jesus,
for even the centurion
at the foot of the Cross
said:

**"Truly this was the
Son of God"**
(Matthew 27:54).

- The Cross was the glory of Jesus because he was never more majestic than in his death.
- The Cross was his glory because it drew men to him in a way that even his life had never done.

- The Cross was the **glory of Jesus** because it was the **completion of his work.**
- ***"I have accomplished the work," he said, "which You gave me to do."***
 - For him to have stopped short of the Cross would have been to leave **his task uncompleted.**

- Jesus came into this world to tell men about the love of God

- And to show it to them.

(John 3:16-17)

- By going to the Cross Jesus showed there was no limit to the love of God.

- Since the time of Christ, people have stumbled over the doctrine that Christ had to shed His blood to atone for our sins.

- **Matthew 16:21** (NIV)

- From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

- **22** Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

“Never, Lord!” he said.

“This shall never happen to you!”²⁵

- The first recorded attempt at a blood transfusion was the case of Pope Innocent VIII (1492).

- Three 10-year-old boys were promised a gold coin if a physician could extract their blood to give to the comatose Pope.

- Blood from these three boys was injected into the Pope.
 - The Pope and all three boys died.

- But, in 1818,
Dr. James Blundell,
a British obstetrician,
**performed the first successful
transfusion of human blood.**

- Between 1825 and 1830,
Dr. Blundell performed
10 transfusions,
five of which were successful.

- The author of Hebrews makes abundantly clear,
 - We must have Jesus' blood transfused to us.

- **Hebrew Christians**

were being greatly tempted
to return to Judaism.

- A good deal of the temptation may have come because these Hebrew Christians felt that **Old Testament sacrifices** were better than Jesus' sacrifice.

- Perhaps they felt that animal sacrifices were better **because they were offered yearly;**
- The author writes, **“Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. (Hebrews 10:11-12).**

- Perhaps some felt that animal sacrifices were better because they could see the animal being led to its death.
- Perhaps some felt that animal sacrifices were better simply because that was what they had always known.

- We do not need to be transfused with the blood of bulls and goats. In fact, such a transfusion could never take away sins:

- **“It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins”**
(Hebrews 10:4).

- Therefore, we need the blood of Jesus Christ.

- **What is it that the blood of Jesus Christ does for us?**

- **Jesus' Blood Purchases Us,**
Hebrews 8:12

- **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.***

- Christ, therefore, purchases us by
“*securing an eternal redemption.*”
(**Hebrews 9:12**)

- “Without the shedding of blood

there is
no forgiveness of sins”
(**Hebrews 9:22**).

- Jesus shed his blood
that we might have
the forgiveness of sins.

- Crucial in any understanding of salvation is knowing that Jesus shed his blood.

- We read in

John 19:34

”there came out blood and water”

- At the Lord's Supper,
the Lord says,
***“This is my blood of the covenant,
which is poured out for many
for the forgiveness of sins”***
(Matthew 26:28).
- Blood flowed from the cross of Jesus:
***“One of the soldiers pierced his side
with a spear, and at once
there came out
blood and water”***
(John 19:34).

- When Jesus made atonement for sins, he did so with his own blood.
- Therein is the great truth of Christianity.
- Man did not need to appease the “gods,”
 - The Son of God came forward and offered his own blood to redeem us from sin.
- ***“For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord”***
(John 10:17-18).

- From the start of human history, God has made it plain that forgiveness of sins is only possible through the shed blood of an acceptable substitute.

- When Adam and Eve sinned, they became aware of their own nakedness and sewed fig leaves together to try to cover their guilt and shame.
 - But God did not accept their approach.

- Instead, He clothed the guilty couple with the skin of a slaughtered animal which gave its life's blood to cover their sin. (**Genesis 3:21**).

- In so doing,
God demonstrated
in a graphic way
the horrific penalty of sin,

- But also
His great mercy
in providing an
acceptable substitute.

- God no doubt explained to Adam and Eve and their children the type of sacrifices that He would accept.

- Abel obeyed God by bringing a sacrifice from his flock,

- But Cain presented to God an offering from the fruit of the ground.

- What do we learn from that?

- God had regard for Abel's offering,
- But He had no regard for Cain's offering (**Genesis 4:3-5**).

- In anger,
Cain murdered
his brother.

- In his
pride and rebellion,
Cain became the father of those
who hate God's ordained way
of forgiveness
through the
shedding of blood.

- There can be no religion **without sacrifice.**
- **Purity** is a costly thing;
- Access to God demands **purity**;
 - Somehow man's sin **must be atoned for** and his uncleanness cleansed.

- The writer to the Hebrews goes on to show that Jesus is the only High Priest who brings a sacrifice that can open the way to God and that that sacrifice is himself.

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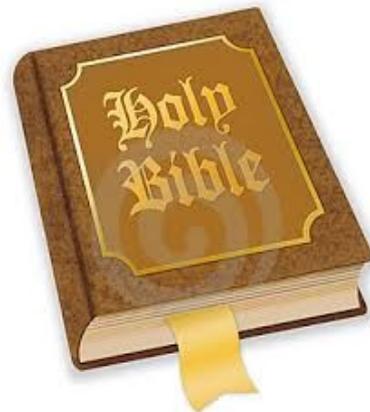
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- **Think on these things**
- **Philippians 4:8**

**The doors of the church
are open.**

**The Spirit and the Bride
Say
“Come”.**

Revelation 22:17



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