

# PRECIOUS BLOOD of a LAMB

1 Peter 1:15-25

Exodus 12:1-14

Matthew 15:1-9



## God's Eternal Purpose

### God's Everlasting Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 8:7-13)

- **"I will** write My LAW on their minds." (Psalm 119:34; Romans 7:25)
- **"I will** write My LAW on their hearts."
- ★ The man/woman who is the recipient of the promises of the everlasting covenant delights in the Law of the Lord and meditates on it day and night. (Psalm 1:1-3; 40:8; 112:1; 119:47-48, 92; 97; 99, 148; Job 23:12; Romans 7:22; 1 John 5:3)

★ They love God's Law. (Psalm 119:97, 113, 163, 165)

- **"I will** be their God." (Hebrews 11:16; Jeremiah 31:1, 33; 32:38; Ezekiel 11:20; Exodus 19:5-6; Romans 9:25-26; Titus 2:14; 1 Peter 2:9)
- **"I will** make them My people - My treasure, My special people" (1 Peter 2:9-10; Titus 2:14)
- **"I will** cause them to know Me." (John 17:2-3; 1 John 5:20; Matt 13:11; Luke 24:45)
- **"I will** pardon their unrighteousness." (Isaiah 64:6; Micah 7:18-19)
- **"I will** not remember their sins." (Isaiah 43:25)

## Tradition vs Word of God (Matthew 15:1-9)

- (1 Peter 1:18) Traditions handed down! Traditions that lead to **aimless conduct**.
  - The Christian/Disciple's life is a life of pressing forward to a goal. (Philippians 3:12-14) It is a life of ACTIVE PURSUING!
  - The Christian/Disciple makes it their daily **aim** to be **well** pleasing to God. (2 Corinthians 5:9-10)
- (Matthew 15:1-9) Christ confronted the religious system of His time for its hypocrisy - their traditions made their WORSHIP empty/vain!
  - Definition of worship: "chiefly and eminently the act of paying divine honours to the SUPREME BEING or the reverence and homage paid him in religious exercises consisting of adoration, confession, prayer, thanksgiving, and the like."

- Greek: προσκυνέω proskuneo – to kiss the hand, to fall upon the knees and touch the ground with the forehead as an expression of profound reverence, to kneel or prostrate (lie flat on the ground) oneself to do homage.
- Hebrew: שָׁחָה shachah – to bow down; to prostrate oneself
- Traditions are only valid if they are supported by the **written** Word.
- Traditions that contradict Scripture are to be abandoned as sin.
- God is not interested in our traditions, opinions, or our good ideas. He is interested in **HIS TRUTH**. We are to worship Him in spirit and truth. (John 4:23-24)
- God promises to reject people who reject HIS TRUTH. Worship without a true knowledge of God is worthless. (Hosea 4:6; 6:6; Romans 14:23)
- Illustration: David bringing the Ark of God to Jerusalem. (2 Sam 6; 1 Chron 13)
- Christ came to establish **ONE NATION**; **ONE TRADITION** (**1 Peter 2:9**; **2 Thess 3:6**; **1 Corinthians 1:10**)
- (Colossians 2:8) **BEWARE** of the traditions of men! Do not be deceived! Do not be cheated!

## Feasts of the LORD (Leviticus 23)

- (v. 2) God ordained seven feasts.  
(See handout: Feasts of the LORD)
- “Feast of the LORD” - NOT Jewish feasts/NOT Gentile feasts
- “MY” - not Jewish; not Christendom’s!
  - ★ These are GOD’s feasts.
- “feasts” - מועדים - “appointed times”
- THEREFORE . . . (the importance of the little word “My”.)
  - GOD is the HOST.
  - GOD, the HOST, shares His JOY with His own!
  - The Host appoints the times of HIS feasts.
  - The Host makes **all** the preparations/arrangements.
  - The Host does **all** the work.
  - Only invited guests are welcomed at the host’s feast - only those “chosen” or “elected” by the host.
  - The guests bring NOTHING to the feasts! They come only to share in the joy of their host and enjoy all He provides.
  - GOD has provided HIS SON! (John 3:16; **Romans 8:32**; **1 John 4:10**)
- God’s feast calendar is His decreed history for **HIS** people.
- God’s feasts are an “outline” of God’s “eternal purpose that He accomplished in Christ Jesus.” (Ephesians 3:10-11)

## DEATH, DEATH, DEATH (Exodus 11:4-6)

### BLOOD BLOOD BLOOD

#### The Feast: The ONLY Salvation - A Lamb (Exodus 12:1-14)

##### ★ BUT . . . (Exodus 11:7)

- God would make a **DIFFERENCE** between His people and the people of the world.
- God's ONLY provision for HIS people. (Exodus 12:1-14)
  - God's Covenant with His People - Notice the "I WILL's"
- Handout: Trail of Blood - God the same yesterday, today, tomorrow.
- MEDITATE: THE ONLY THING THAT COULD SAVE anyone THIS NIGHT WAS THE BLOOD OF A LAMB!
- God's requirements for an innocent substitute:
  - ① Selected on the 10<sup>th</sup> day.
  - ② Male.
  - ③ Without blemish.
  - ④ Kept until the 14<sup>th</sup> day.
  - ⑤ Kill **the** Lamb
  - ⑥ Apply the blood to the doorposts. (Acts 4:12; 1 Peter 1:9; Eph 1:7; Col 1:14; Heb 9:12)
  - ⑦ Do not break any bones. (Exod 12:46; Psalm 34:20; John 19:33, 36)
  - ⑧ This is an everlasting ordinance as a memorial. (Exodus 12:14, 17)
- (Genesis 22:8) GOD promised to provide the lamb for a burnt offering.
  - God would provide a (the) lamb *for* Himself! **MEDITATE ON THIS!**
  - God would provide a (the) lamb for a sacrifice - a "burnt offering."
    - A "burnt offering" was offered whole unto the LORD as a "sweet smelling aroma" unto the LORD. (Leviticus 1:1-9)
    - (Ephesians 5:2) Christ, the (our) perfect offering was a "sweet smelling offering" unto the LORD.

#### Christ, the Lamb of God (John 1:29, 36)

- God provided a lamb - just as He promised.
  - God provided a MAN. (1 Timothy 2:5; John 19:5; Hebrews 10:12)
  - God provided a Lamb without blemish. A perfect sacrifice. (2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 John 3:5; Hebrews 4:15; 1 Peter 2:22; 3:18)
  - God provided an **innocent substitute** for His people. (1 Peter 3:18; John 18:38; 19:4, 6)
  - God laid all the sins of His people on His Lamb, then . . . (Isaiah 53:6)
  - God crucified His Lamb as an **innocent substitute** for His people. (Isaiah 53:10)

- Christ died *for* His people and by His blood *they* are forgiven, pardoned, ransomed and **redeemed!**  
(Acts 4:12; 1 Peter 1:9; Ephesians 1:7; Col 1:14; Hebrews 9:12)  
(Jeremiah 33:8; 50:20; Micah 7:18; Isaiah 43:25; 44:22; Psalm 49:7;  
Isaiah 35:10; 51:11; Matthew 20:28; 1 Timothy 2:6)
- By Christ's blood, and only His blood, our sins are **FORGOTTEN!**  
(Isaiah 43:25; Jeremiah 31:34; Hebrews 8:12; 10:17)
- (1 Corinthians 5:7-8) CHRIST IS OUR PASSOVER!
- ★ Man must seriously deal with **THE LAMB**. (Rev 5:8, 12; 7:9-10; **OR** 6:15-17;  
17:14)

### “THIS IS MY BLOOD!” (Matthew 26:28)

- The “Lamb” offers up Himself for EVERY one of God's special people. (John 10:28-29; 6:38-40; 17:2, 6, 9, 11)
- Cup #3 - Cup of Redemption - **The Cup of the Blood of the Lamb of God.**  
- The BLOOD of the NEW COVENANT - EVERLASTING COVENANT!
- Christ was tested and proved to be a perfect sacrifice.
- Christ willingly laid down His life for His sheep. (John 10:18, 27-28)
- Christ shed His blood for the remission of our sins. (Matt 26:28)
- Christ's blood is the **ONLY THING** that God accepts to appease His anger toward sinners. (1 John 4:10)
- His BLOOD bought His people **ETERNAL REDEMPTION**. (Hebrews 9:12)

### ALL GRACE

- No one asked for THE LAMB.
- GOD provided the Lamb He promised. (Genesis 22:8)

### A, THE, OUR LAMB

- (Genesis 22:8) GOD PROMISED **A** LAMB
- (John 10:29, 36) GOD SENT **THE** LAMB
- (1 Corinthians 5:7-8) CHRIST IS **OUR** PASSOVER LAMB

# IS HE YOUR LAMB?

(Acts 4:12)