**NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD!**

**HEBREWS 9**

**Leviticus 17:11** says,“*For the life of a creature is in the blood.*”

**THE HISTORY OF BLOOD IN THE BIBLE:**

1. Adam and Eve in Genesis 3

Dr. Mark DeHaan, in his book, ***The Tabernacle***, God revealed the Only Way for sin to be dealt with, and that is with **substitutionary skins**. *This is ever God’s order. It has never changed. He kills before He makes alive. He first brings down, before He brings up. He makes poor before He makes rich.[[1]](#endnote-1)*

**Hebrews 9:22** And without the **shedding of blood** there is no forgiveness.

1. God’s blood covenant with Abraham in Genesis 15
2. The blood covenant of circumcision in Genesis 17
3. The test of Abraham in Genesis 22
4. Passover in Exodus 12
5. The Day of Atonement in Leviticus 16

**ATONEMENT:**

**Romans 3:23-25** *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a* ***sacrifice of atonement****,* ***through faith in his blood***.

* The Greek word from which we get the phrase ‘sacrifice of atonement,’ is ιλαστήιον (hilastērion). The Greek word for The Mercy Seat is the same word, ιλαστήιον.

**Hebrews 9:5** *Above the ark were the cherubim of the Glory, overshadowing the* **ιλαστήιον** (hilastērion) *or Mercy Seat*. (This is the Gold covering over the Ark of the Covenant where **the blood** was shed.) *Hilasterion* means ‘sacrifice of atonement,’ or ‘propitiation.’

* Propitiation refers to two things that occur when the blood is shed to make atonement for our sins:

1. The act of propitiation **appeases** God’s wrath.

**John 3:36** *Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for* ***God’s wrath remains on him***.

1. The act of propitiation **covers** our sins (expiation) so that God remembers them no more.

The Tabernacle tells the story of how a gracious God **provided a way back to Himself** so that we might have fellowship with our Creator and live with Him forever.

**THE TABERNACLE:** **Hebrews 9:1-10**

* This earthly tabernacle, the one that Moses constructed, was merely a copy of the true Tabernacle, the true Most Holy Place that is in heaven.
* All of the sacrifices that were offered on the altar are shadows of the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus made on the cross.

**Mark DeHaan** says this about the Tabernacle:

*God Himself was the architect, and every detail points to some aspect of the character and work of the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, and, in its complete form, it is probably the most comprehensive, detailed revelation of Jesus the Son of god, and the plan of salvation in the entire Old testament*.[[2]](#endnote-2)

**THE BLOOD OF JESUS: Hebrews 9:10-28**

* The word *blood* is used **TEN TIMES** in this chapter. Why? God is making a point. Salvation, although free, came with a very heavy cost to God.

**1 Peter 1:18-20** says,

*For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were* ***redeemed*** *from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with* ***the precious blood of Christ****, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God*.

**SALVATION IS PERSONAL:**

With your own personal salvation comes:

1. **Your** personal redemption
2. **Your** Guilt-free conscience!
3. **Your** eternal eternal inheritance!
4. Forgiveness of every one of **your** sins!
5. Jesus is coming back to take **you** to Heaven!

1. Dr. M.R. DeHaan, *The Tabernacle* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1955), 20. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. Dr. M.R. DeHaan, *The Tabernacle* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1955), 13. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)