**R866 Rumination for 29th August, 2021 by K.C. Ung**

The **T**heme: **BloodIS LIFE**[berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com/)

The **T**ext: *the blood is the life* Deut. 12:23

The **T**hots:

Intro: Life is in the Blood; without blood there is no life (physical or spiritual!)

1. **The Pronouncement** **Pertaining to the Blood**.
2. The **R**elationship of Blood… Deut. 12:23-24
3. To Physical Life - *the blood is the life and thou mayest not eat the life with the flesh*

*But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.* Gen. 9:4

1. To Spiritual Life: Heb. 9:22

 *And almost all things are by the law purged with blood;*

*and* *without shedding of blood is no remission* [of sins]

1. The **R**ole of Blood: *For the life of the flesh is in the blood:* Lev. 17:11a
2. The **P**ronouncements **R**elayed: Gen. 9:6
3. ***W****hoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made He man.*
4. ***W****ithout shedding of blood is no remission* [of sins] Heb. 9:22b
5. Cf*. This is My blood of the new testament…shed for many for the remission of sins.* Mt. 26:28
6. The **P**rohibition, and the **P**ropitiation **R**equired:
7. **A**ccess to the Mercy Seat **B**arred. Lev. 16:2, 3

 *And the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not*

*at all times into the holy place within the vail before the mercy seat, which is upon the ark;*

*that he die not: for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat.*

1. **A**tonement by **B**lood, the **R**equisite. Lev. 16:15

*Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that is for the people, and bring his blood*

*within the vail, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock,*

*and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat:*

1. Its **P**urpose **R**egistered*:*
2. To make an **A**tonement for the soul: Lev. 16:14

*He shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy seat eastward; and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times.*

* *Once* upon the Mercy Seat to **A**ppease **G**od.
* *Seven times before* (or in front of) the Mercy Seat to **A**ssure us!
* *for it is the blood that maketh an* ***A****tonement for the soul.* Lev. 17:11b
1. To **G**ain **A**ccess into **G**od’s Presence (*the Mercy Seat*): Eph. 2:13
* *But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the* ***blood*** *of Christ.*
* *Whom God did set forth a mercy seat, through the faith in His* ***blood****, for the shewing forth of His righteousness, because of the passing over of the bygone sins in the forbearance of God—*

Rom. 3:25 (YLT)

1. **The Procurement by the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ** Also see (ii) above.
2. His Blood **P**aves a *New and Living Way* (**P**ath)into the **P**resence of God. Heb. 10:19, 20

*Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,*

*By a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh.*

1. It was **C**onsecrated by **C**hrist on the **C**ross. As above.
2. When He **C**ried out, “*It is Finished*” (**C**ompleted), the **T**emple Veil (**C**urtain) was rent in **T**wo:

*When Jesus…said, It is finished…He bowed His head, and gave up the ghost.* Jn. 19:30

*Behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom…* Mt. 27:51

1. We now have the **C**ourage (*Boldness*) to **C**ome before the Mercy Seat ‘**C**os of **C**hrist’s shed Blood.

The Veil signified *His flesh*, i.e. His body was rent and He died, opening a new and living way through the open veil into the Holy of Holies where the Mercy Seat was i.e. where God was enthroned on high.

 *The veil is rent in Christ alone; The living way to Heaven is seen;*

 *The middle wall is broken down And all mankind may enter in.* Charles Wesley

1. His Blood **P**rovides **C**onstant **C**leaning for us in our **C**urrent walk with Him. I Jn. 1:7

*But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another,*

*and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*

1. His Blood is **P**ermanently **S**ymbolised in the **C**up for us to **C**ommemorate Him. Lk. 22:20, NKJV

*He also took the cup…saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.*

*In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant*

*in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."* I Cor. 11:25, NKJV

*This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.* Mt. 26:28, NKJV

*Death, hell, and sin are now subdued; All grace is now to sinners given;*

 *And lo, I plead the atoning blood, And in Thy right I claim Thy Heaven!* Charles Wesley

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK. R. 866**

1. When Noah came out of the Ark, after the Deluge…

**Genesis 8:20-22**
*20  And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast,*

*and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.
21  And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in His heart,*

*I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake;*

*for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth;*

*neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.
22  While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat,*

*and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.*

God then instructed Noah and his descendants that they must not eat blood!

**Genesis 9:1-7 (KJV)**
*1  And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them,*

*Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth…*

*3  Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you;*

 *even as the green herb have I given you all things.
4****But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat****.
5  And surely your blood of your lives will I require;*

*at the hand of every beast will I require it,*

*and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man.
6****Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed****:*

*for in the image of God made He man.
7  And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply;*

 *bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.*

This was repeated when God gave instructions to His people Israel under the Levitical Law:

**Leviticus 17:10-12**

*10 And whatsoever man there be of the house of Israel,*

*or of the strangers that sojourn among you, that eateth any manner of blood;*

*I will even set my face against that soul that eateth blood,*

 *and will cut him off from among his people.*

*11* ***For the life of the flesh is in the blood****:*

*and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls:*

***for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul****.*

*12 Therefore I said unto the children of Israel,*

***No soul of you shall eat blood****,*

*neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you eat blood.*

It was not surprising therefore that the Jews and Gentiles who became Christians in the Christian Church then were vexed with this question of whether they could eat blood. This was brought up before the Council of Apostles and Elders in Jerusalem who then decided after their discussion:

**Acts 15:28-29 (KJV)**
*28  For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us,*

*to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;
29****That ye abstain*** *from meats offered to idols,* ***and from blood****, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.*

 Can Christians Consume Blood in their Food today? What do you think? **REFLECT.**

1. Today many so-called evangelists seek to preach their so-called gospel without mentioning blood. To them blood is too gory to mention in the gospel. Without the blood of Christ to cleanse the sinner from his sin, how is he to be saved? **REFLECT.**

**Points To Ponder:** Is it **G**ory to mention **Blood** in the **G**ospel? Is it a **G**lory unto God to preach a “**B**loodless” Gospel? Paul says, “Woe is unto me, if I Preach not the **G**ospel”

(I Cor. 9:16).