



***Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.*** (John 6:53)

The life of the body is in the blood just as the spiritual life of the soul is in the redemptive blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. All of the physical signs and types of the Old Testament are realized in those spiritual fulfillments of the New Testament in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Several years ago, the great expositor of the Bible and related medical science, M R DeHaan, MD, gave a series of five sermons related to the nature of the blood of man and the Blood of Christ. Those sermons were later compiled into a book entitled, *"The Chemistry of the Blood."* Read an excerpt of Dr. DeHaan's first sermon on this vital subject:

*"The Bible is a Book of blood and a bloody book. When we are accused of preaching a Gospel of blood we proudly plead guilty to the charge for the only thing that gives life to our teaching and power to the Word of God is the fact that it is the blood which is the very life and power of the Gospel. The Bible claims for itself that it is a "living" Book and the only living Book in the world and is able to impart life to those who will believe with their hearts what it teaches. In Hebrews 4, we read these words: "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword." (Heb 4:12a)*

*"The word translated "quick" in this verse is "LIVING" or "ALIVE." The word of God is a living Word, wholly distinct from all other books for just one reason, namely that it contains blood circulating through every page and in every verse. From Genesis to Revelation we see the stream of blood which imparts to this Book the very life of God. Without the blood in the Bible it would be like any other book and of no more value, for the Bible plainly teaches that the life is in the blood. As we begin this brief series of messages, therefore, on the blood, we must begin with one fundamental principle found in the Bible. This fundamental principle is given in Leviticus 17, as follows; "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." (Lev 17:11) Most of this devotion is a summary of the Chemistry of the Blood by Dr. DeHaan.*

The animal sacrifices of the Old Testament were a type and shadow for the ultimate sacrifice of the Son of God which was the only sacrifice of merit for the forgiveness of sins. There are two types of blood provided in our Bibles – the first is that blood of Adam tainted with the deadly disease of sin; and the other is the redeeming and sinless blood of Christ which is the antidote for that deadly disease we have inherited from Adam.

In discussing the physiology of the blood, Dr. DeHaan says: *“In the human body there are many different kinds of tissues. We define them as muscle, nerve, fat, gland, bone connective tissues, etc. All these tissues have one thing in common, they are fixed cells, microscopically small and having a specific and limited function. Unlike these fixed tissues, the blood is fluid and mobile, that is, it is not limited to one part of the body but is free to move throughout the entire body and touch every other fixed cell as it supplies it with nourishment and carries off waste products and the ashes of cell activity which we call metabolism.*

*“In the normal human body there are about five pints of this fluid, and this blood pumped by the heart circulates through the system about every twenty-three seconds, so that every cell in the body is constantly supplied and cleansed and at the same time is in constant communication and touch with every other cell in that body. This blood is the most mysterious of all tissues, being composed of scores of elements and compounds and strange chemical bodies, whose function is not yet fully understood, but all of which have to do with the mystery of life for the “life is in the blood.” Once the blood fails to reach the cells and members of the body, they promptly die and no man ever dies until his blood ceases to circulate. The life is in the blood.”*

Now the spiritual brilliance of Dr. DeHaan’s work cannot be covered in a short devotion, so I hope the reader will acquire this book for their own spiritual enlightenment and satisfaction. I will paraphrase many points of his work henceforth in this devotion.

Just as each cell of the tissue comprising the body is fixed and stationary, they are also isolated in both function and need. But the moving cells of the blood deliver nutrients of oxygen, minerals, proteins, vitamins, and all other necessary resources for life to the cells. Like a flowing river of life is the blood stream of the body. The blood also carries away waste products of the cells and delivers them to the body’s sanitation department for expulsion. Even the cells contained in blood are many and varied, but we will deal with primarily two – the red, and white, blood cells.

Somehow, the blood knows when an enemy invades the body. If our flesh suffers a wound such as a puncture or a cut, the blood rushes to the site of the invasion and immediately begins the process of stanching the loss of blood and isolating the invading organism for destruction. The white corpuscles surround and embrace the invading organism of bacteria and smother it to death with its embrace. This is much like the evil thought that emerges in the heart of a Christian. The abundant springs of love are opened and smother the discordant thought at its infancy. This is precisely like the function of the Holy Ghost in imparting a Godly conscience to our hearts, and sanctifying those hearts by ridding of hateful natures of sin and rebellion.

Lydia Sigourney, more than 100 years ago, wrote a poem called “The Camel’s Nose” whose lines conclude with this warning to youth (and to all children of God):

Oh, youthful hearts, to gladness born,  
Treat not this Arab lore with scorn.  
To evil habit’s earliest wile  
Lend neither ear, nor glance, nor smile,  
Choke the dark fountain ere it flows.  
**Nor ever admit the Camel’s Nose**

*Lydia Howard Sigourney, 1860*

Do not think that my relating this to the ‘youthful hearts’ of all of the children of God misrepresents the age of the oldest reader of this devotion - for we are all children of God who are chosen and elected, and we are as young as the morning sunrise in the eternity of God.

## **The Blood of Adam**

The Fall of Adam, the federal head of the human race, in the Garden at Eden changed the nature of mankind from innocence to incorrigibly sinful. It brought the death of the first innocent animal in providing a covering for Adam & Eve's shameful nakedness, and the subsequent death of every creature of God's making. His Fall was of immense and immeasurable proportion to us and all living. The blood of Adam was tainted with the deadly leprosy of sin. All since have inherited that sin-tainted blood of Adam. Though we try ever so hard, no man can resist the temptations and lure of sin. *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us..... If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.* (1 John 1:8,10)

God had told Adam that he should not eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil *"for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."* (Gen 2:17) So what happened when Adam ate of the forbidden fruit? Did he keel over dead at the instant? No, he did not physically die immediately, but physical death began at that moment to work in his members until he did, indeed, die. So what did God mean concerning the same day that Adam would die when he ate of the fruit? He meant that Adam would no longer be innocent and would be dead in trespasses and sin as described in Ephesians, chapter 2. All who are not healed by the Blood of Christ of our sinful blood disease (sin) are literally 'zombies – walking dead.'

## **The Blood of Christ**

The redeeming Blood of Christ was illustrated in that first innocent animal whose life God took to cover Adam's nakedness. It is, as well, illustrated in the blood of the innocent lamb of the first Passover down in old Egypt. It was illustrated in the blood of goats, lambs and oxen that were sacrificed as a visible shadow of that true sacrifice to come of the Blood of Christ at Calvary. All past sacrifices only symbolized that ultimate sacrifice to come: *But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; 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. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: 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?* (Heb 9:11-14)

I fear that I have done little justice to the brilliant work of Dr. DeHaan on this subject. Knowing that, why not go out and purchase his book for yourself. It may even change your understanding of what Christ has done for you in most remarkable ways.