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WHERE IS THE SOUL OF MAN?

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We want to take our Scripture text today found here in *Leviticus 17:11*, ***"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.***

Without a doubt, there is no substance like the blood that is found within the human body. All oxygen, all minerals, all supplies, are carried to the organs of the body by this red substance we know as blood. When we see blood we naturally think of a serious injury. This red fluid circulates within the heart, arteries, capillaries, and veins nourishing, as well as taking away waste products from all parts of the body. For years men have sought to understand the soul, the spirit, and human emotions. If a corner were to perform an autopsy on a deceased corpse the body would be lifeless. No matter how great or thorough the examination the corner would not be able to find the soul of man. The corner could draw blood from the decedent and have their blood analyzed by the most stringent laboratory test and he would never find within the blood that which we call, the soul. The soul cannot be found under a microscope or through an exhaustive medical exam because the soul is not something physical that can be detected or examined. If a corner were to dissect someone's brain they would be unable to find some substance or matter to validate a soul or consciousness. Therefore the soul and consciousness, without a doubt must reside within the blood. If this is not the case, you would have

no soul, your blood would have no life, and you would not be alive. The Word of God has declared emphatically the life of the flesh is in the blood. If you were in desperate need of a blood transfusion, someone else's blood through their life could sustain your life, provided by a transfusion. Now the question would be asked: do I now possess that person's emotions and soul? No, because you did not die before the process of transfusion. Souls and emotions can never be transferred from one person to another, however, though I am sure they are attempting to do such a thing. When an individual has been stricken or smitten by some type of a blow it causes the blood to accumulate in that particular portion of the body and the blood becomes congealed and trapped therein. Often times we see the black and blue marks due to the compression of the blood in the body or on a particular limb. This is because the blood has congealed and become trapped beneath the skin in that particular area of the body. This is better known as physical bruising. This happens because small blood vessels have been ruptured by the blow which causes the discoloration without a break in the overlying skin. This is sometimes better known as a contusion because there has been an injury to the tissue without a tear or laceration. Something of great significance happened to man's blood after his fall in the garden. Without a doubt the bodies of both Adam and Eve were pure and they were inclined toward the spiritual things of God

bodies in the spiritual realm had no desire for the pleasures of this world. Who or what could ever replace their holy fellowship with Elohim? This is why it took Satan, Diabolo's an angel of light to snare them and pull them away from the spiritual. After their sin something happened within their blood system and they became more attracted to the physical than the spiritual. This is why the psalmist David said in *Psalms 51:5*, ***"Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me."*** David is not saying his mother was a sinner involved in some type of extramarital affair but rather the sin nature is passed down to each and every one of us. That sin nature is passed down to everyone through procreation. Solomon declared in *Ecclesiastes 7:20*, ***"For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not."*** Solomon is telling us clearly that the sin nature abides in every person and creature. That is why everyone needs a Redeemer and Savior. After the fall in the Garden of Eden the physical became more dominant and from that point onward it has it has been burdensome for man to strive for spiritual excellence. We now wrestle between the flesh and the spirit living a life of constant warfare. We read in *Gal. 5:16-17*, ***"This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that you cannot do the things that ye would."*** Without a doubt, through

the fall of Adam and Eve there became a change in the nature of our blood. By eating from the forbidden tree the spiritual essence and significance of that tree which they partook of became absorbed within their bloodstream. Immediately, just like someone taking medication their soul and their emotions changed in a moment of time after they partook from the tree of good and of evil when they ingested it. Unknowingly by deceit there was something evil and something very poisonous found in the forbidden fruit. This is why sin is so evil. Many times I have warned people if you take the letter d off from the word devil you have evil. Elohim knew exactly how to name Lucifer following his fall. Now that man had eaten from the forbidden tree that poison of evil entered into their bloodstream. From that moment onward they were unwillingly urged to suddenly begin living a life of evil and of sin. Since the fall, sinful blood now flows and courses through the veins of all humanity. This is why we are warned in the Word of God found in **Romans 6:12-13**, "**Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lust thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of righteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.**" When it comes to our humanity, our blood flows through every organ, every limb, and every member of our body. Therefore the sin nature can and many times is manifested through every part of our human bodies because our blood has been tainted by sin. From the eyes, to the lips, the tongue, the hands and even our feet have the propensity to sin and commit evil. Solomon said in **Proverbs 1: 10**, "**My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.**" He then followed

that up with **Proverbs 1:15-16**, "**My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path: For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.** Before his conversion the apostle Paul admitted that he too was guilty of shedding innocent blood: therefore for he declared in **Acts 22:20**, "**And when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him.**" Because of our sin nature the apostle Paul heralds a litany of sins describing each and every one of us found here in **Romans 3:10-19**, "**As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulcher; with their tongues they have used deceit (deceitful tongues); the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace they have not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes. Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.**" All men not only stand naked before God just like Adam and Eve but we all stand guilty. You may ask the question: Pastor if my blood is that terribly contaminated what will it take to cleanse my blood and cleanse my soul of sin? The blood of Jesus Christ! This is why only the blood of Jesus Christ can cleanse a soul from sin. This is the very reason Jesus had to be conceived by the Holy Ghost. No other means or method could ever accomplished the efficacious work that the blood of Jesus Christ did while hanging on the

cross. This is why John the Baptist had such a great revelation in **John 1:29**, "**Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.**" I hope and I pray that this verse you're about to read will give you a better understanding of why Jesus suffered and endured what He did to pay sins debt found here in **Isaiah 53:5**, "**But he was wounded (pierced) for our transgressions, he was bruised (beat to pieces) for our iniquities: the chastisement (corrections) of our peace was upon him; and with this stripes (bruised to no end) we are healed.**" Thank you Jesus for the price you paid while on that old rugged cross to redeem us all. Now we can understand more clearly; without the shedding of blood there is no remission for sin. Only forgiveness can be found in the blood of Jesus Christ. There is redemption in none other. Therefore David said in **Psalms 119:9**, "**Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.**" Notice how John the revelator expounds so beautifully on the shed blood of Jesus Christ found here in **Revelation 1:5**, "**Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood.**" Understand that you are a sinner and you can only be saved by the blood of Jesus Christ. Only Jesus Christ can change the sin nature in your life! As always, we humbly thank you for your love and support for the ministry. Know that the ministry here prays for you and your family and that we take your every prayer request seriously. Because of the seriousness of your request we bring them before the throne of grace regularly.

Serving With You All,

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