

The Life is In the Blood

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

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- A. Leviticus 17:11 For the [a]life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the [b]life that makes atonement.’
- B. Leviticus 17:14 “For as for the [h]life of all flesh, its blood is *identified* with its [i]life. Therefore I said to the sons of Israel, ‘You are not to eat the blood of any flesh, for the [j]life of all flesh is its blood; whoever eats it shall be cut off.’ 15 And any person who eats an animal which dies or is torn *by animals*, whether he is a native or a stranger, shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and remain unclean until evening; then he will become clean. 16 But if he does not wash *his clothes* and bathe his body, then he shall bear *the responsibility* for his [k]guilt.”

II. Eat My Flesh, Drink My Blood

- A. John 6:52 Then the Jews *began* to argue with one another, saying, “How can this man give us His flesh to eat?” 53 So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves. 54 The one who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. 55 For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink. 56 The one who eats My flesh and drinks My blood remains in Me, and I in him. 57 Just as the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, the one who eats Me, he also will live because of Me. 58 This is the bread that came down out of heaven, not as the fathers ate and died; the one who eats this bread will live forever.”
- B. Luke 22:14 When the hour came, He reclined *at the table*, and the apostles with Him. 15 And He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; 16 for I say to you, I shall not eat it *again* until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” 17 And when He had taken a cup *and* given thanks, He said, “Take this and share it among yourselves; 18 for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine from now on until the kingdom of God comes.” 19 And when He had taken *some bread and* given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is My body, which is being given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” 20 And in the same way *He took* the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup, which is poured out for you, is the new covenant in My blood.”

III. Jesus Our High Priest

- A. Hebrews 4:14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven,[f] Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. 16 Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.
- B. Hebrews 10:11 Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, 13 and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. 14 For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

IV. Adam the First Priest, Christ the High Priest

- A. Genesis 2:15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.
1. “*Third, Adam is given a priestly commission.* Genesis 2 says that when God planted a garden in Eden (v. 8), “The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to *work* it and *keep* it” (v. 15). Adding to the ruling commands of Genesis 1:28, Adam is given the priestly task of “serving” Yahweh in his garden sanctuary and “guarding” his sacred space. We know this double command (i.e., “work/serve” combined with “keep/guard”) is priestly because of the way Moses uses it later in Numbers 3:7–

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8; 8:25–26; 18:5–7. In Numbers these two words, when used together, are uniquely assigned to the Levites, who are called to assist in the priestly service of the tabernacle.⁵ (<https://www.crossway.org/articles/in-the-beginning-god-created-a-priest/>)

B. 1 Cor 15:44 If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. **45** So it is written: “The first man Adam became a living being”[f]; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. **46** The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. **47** The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven. **48** As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. **49** **And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we[g] bear the image of the heavenly man.**

C. **Romans 5:18 18** Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. **19** For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.**20** The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, **21** so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

V. The Kingdom of Priests

A. Exodus 19:5 **5** Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, **6 you[a] will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.**’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.”

B. 1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

C. 1 Peter 2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

D. Romans 15:15 Yet I have written you quite boldly on some points to remind you of them again, because of the grace God gave me to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, ministering as a priest the gospel of God, so that my offering of the Gentiles may become acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

E. Revelation 1:5 and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, **6** and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

F. Revelation 5:10 “You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.”

G. Revelation 20:6 Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.