

The Error of Pleading Jesus Blood

The "Pleading the Blood" Error

"The thing that hath been, is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. Is there anything whereof it may be said, See this is new? It hath been already of old time, which was before us." (Ecclesiastes 1:9-10)

Ever since the birth of Christianity, Satan has circulated certain popular teachings and deceptions amongst believers. No sooner do the Prophets and Teachers come along to reveal from God's Word the error of a certain popular teaching, then Satan will produce yet another popular deception which is also not based on God's Word.

Satan is a deceiver, and he is constantly on the prowl to deceive Christ's Body in an attempt to destroy their effectiveness against him.

The Bible says, "there is no new thing under the sun" and certainly this is true with the false teaching commonly referred to as "Pleading the Blood."

The "Pleading the Blood" error has been around for a very long time. One generation of believers will adhere to it for a period of time only to discover its ineffectiveness and it will fall by the way. The error will lie dormant for a decade or two, or more, at which time Satan will reintroduce it to a new, unsuspecting generation.

This is what Solomon meant when he said, "There is no new thing under the sun."

The "Pleading the Blood" doctrine teaches believers in Christ to "plead the Blood" against sickness, poverty, danger, fear, loved ones being blinded to the truth of God's Word, etc., in place of using the Name of Jesus in these areas.

However, there is nothing in either the Old or the New Testament that specifically teaches any such practice as "Pleading the Blood" in these and other areas. It is not a Bible-inspired doctrine.

The single verse of Scripture that this unbiblical practice is commonly based upon is found in the narrative of Israel's first Passover in the Book of Exodus.

On the night of Israel's exodus from Egypt, God told the Israelites to brush the lintel and side posts of their entry doors with a hyssop branch dipped in the blood of a sacrificed lamb. This was to keep the Death Angel assigned to Egypt from visiting the Israelites' homes that evening.

"And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood ... For the Lord will pass through to smite the Egyptians and when He seeth the blood upon the lintel and on the two side posts, the Lord will pass over the door and will not suffer the destroyer to come in to your house to smite you." (Exodus 12:22-23)

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Every astute Bible student knows the Bible is to be interpreted literally, unless one is reading a passage that is very obviously figurative. Even when it is figurative, we must always look for the literal meaning. This is the first key to proper Bible interpretation. This passage of Scripture literally instructs the Israelites to brush the blood of a lamb on the lintel and doorposts of their homes using a hyssop branch. It does not instruct New Testament believers to "plead the Blood" of Jesus over themselves, their circumstances or their loved ones.

If one is going to insist that this passage of Scripture applies to the New Testament Church today, they must literally do as it says. They must brush the blood of a slain lamb on the lintel and door posts of their homes using a hyssop branch to hold back the Death Angel. Of course, that would be foolish because this passage is not talking to the New Testament Church in any way, for any reason. It is talking to Israel under the Old Testament.

No one, not even the present-day Preachers who have popularized this error, has the authority to teach "Pleading the Blood" based upon this one Old Testament passage of Scripture. To do so is to take this passage completely out of its intended literal context. This Old Testament passage of Scripture is commanding Israel to literally brush lamb's blood on the doorframes of their homes.

It is not teaching Born Again believers in Jesus Christ to "plead" Jesus' Blood.

One popular Christian author has written a book about "Pleading the Blood" of Jesus. In that book she stated that Israel applied the lamb's blood with a hyssop branch. However, she says Christians now apply the Blood of Jesus with their lips.

Initially this sounds rather spiritual, possibly even Biblical, until one realizes that no such thing is found either in the Old or the New Testaments.

Taking one passage of Scripture out of its intended literal context to build a doctrine is not the way to properly interpret the Bible.

Jesus said nothing can be established without two or three confirming witnesses, preferably from the New Testament. (Matthew 18:16)

Every astute Bible student also realizes this is the second key to proper Bible interpretation - two or three confirming witnesses in context and preferably from the New Testament.

The Prophet Moses said nothing can be established without two or three witnesses. (Deuteronomy 17:6)

The Apostle Paul also used the principle of two or three confirming witnesses. (2Corinthians 13:1)

It is wrong to attempt to build a Bible doctrine on one verse of Scripture which is being taken out of its context. There must be two or three confirming witnesses, in context, preferably from the New Testament, in order to do so.

So let us look again at the two primary keys to proper Bible interpretation.

First, the Bible is to be interpreted literally, unless one is reading a passage that is very obviously figurative. Even when it is figurative, we must always look for the literal meaning.

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Second, one must have two or three confirming Scriptural witnesses, in context, preferably from the New Testament, in order to establish a Bible doctrine.

Where does Exodus 12:22-23 specifically state that New Testament believers are to "plead the Blood" over anyone or anything? It does not.

Where are the additional two or more New Testament Biblical witnesses to prove we are to do so today? They simply do not exist.

I have read the New Testament from cover to cover many times and can speak experientially when I say that those New Testament Scriptural witnesses do not exist. Nowhere in the New Testament did Jesus, Paul, Peter, James, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John or any of the other New Testament authors "plead the Blood" over anyone or anything at any time. They always and only used the Name of Jesus to enforce their authority in every situation.

Because the New Testament authors did not "plead the Blood" in place of using the Name of Jesus, we should not do so. We simply do not have the required confirming New Testament verses that teach us to do so.

There is absolutely nothing in the New Testament concerning "pleading the Blood" by either precept or example. To do so in spite of this is to go cross wise and contrary to Moses, Jesus and Paul's teaching on proper Bible interpretation and the proper use of the Believer's authority.

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"Pleading the Blood" Is No Substitute for Proper Use of Jesus' Name

We do, however, have numerous New Testament witnesses that the Blood-backed Name of Jesus is to be used for prayer (John 16:23), salvation (Acts 4:12), against sickness (Acts 3:16), against Satan and demon powers (Mark 16:17), etc., for Jesus' Name is the Name above all names.

"Wherefore God hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a Name which is above every name: That at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in Heaven, and things in Earth, and things under the Earth." (Philippians 2:9-10)

Notice the Apostle Paul said that "at the Name of Jesus," not by "Pleading the Blood" of Jesus, every knee should bow.

Paul also said, "And whatever ye do in word or deed, do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him." (Colossians 3:17)

The Apostle Paul never once in the New Testament instructed to do anything by the power of "pleading the Blood." Yet he did say that we are to "do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus."

On and on and on the list goes in the New Testament. There are literally dozens of times where we are instructed in the proper use of the Name of Jesus. However, never are we instructed to "plead the Blood" of Jesus at any time, for any reason, in place of using His Name.

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The New Testament believer must have confirming Biblical witnesses to believe and to teach such a practice, and these Biblical witnesses simply do not exist.

It is a deadly and dangerous practice indeed to lift one or more verses of Scripture out of context, attempting to build a doctrine. Christians around the world are being whipped up on by the devil through the false doctrine of "Pleading the Blood" when they could experience tremendous victories through the proper use of Jesus' Strong Name.

Yes, of course, the Name of Jesus derives its power from the shed Blood of Jesus. Without the shedding of Jesus' Blood to satisfy the Justice of God, man would have no fellowship with God. He would therefore not qualify to share in God's power through the use of Jesus' Name.

"And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission ... So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation." (Hebrews 9:22, 28)

The Blood of Jesus was shed to protect us in our Adamic sin from the wrath of God, clearing the way for humanity to be reconciled to Him.

The most microscopic drop of Jesus' Blood is greater than the greatest concentration of evil.

The precious, shed Blood of Jesus paved the way for man's redemption and the forgiveness of sins.

"God hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the Kingdom of His dear Son: in Whom we have redemption through His Blood, even the forgiveness of sins." (Colossians 1:13-14)

However, the New Testament specifically and clearly teaches, over and over again, it is the Name of Jesus, not the Blood of Jesus, that we must speak forth to protect ourselves and our loved ones from the wrath and rip-off of Satan.

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The Deceitfulness of Deception

Many would be surprised to know that the most popular present day "Plead the Blood" Minister has publicly admitted that the practice of "Pleading the Blood" is found nowhere in the New Testament, nor is it found anywhere in the entire Bible.

Yet he continues to teach it because, "My mother taught it to me and it works."

Recently, in defense of the false "Pleading the Blood" doctrine, someone expressed to me, "I have seen many plead the Blood over a situation and something happened. The enemy had to let go."

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I reasoned with them, "If you were the devil, wouldn't you initially respond obediently to someone 'Pleading the Blood' against you? That way you could trick them into thinking it's really working. Then, later during a crisis, you could turn their unscriptural practice against them, ignore their command and slaughter them."

Satan commonly operates this way. He's the great deceiver. (Revelation 12:9)

This is why Jesus said, "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves." (Mark 10:16)

This is why the Apostle Paul wrote, "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices." (2 Corinthians 2:11)

Certainly, Satan and demons would respond obediently to a believer "Pleading the Blood" against them in order to deceive them into believing it's working. This would entice the believer to continue to do so even though it's not found in the Bible.

Satan and demons will respond so it appears to be working for a season. But then, in the face of an extreme crisis Satan and demons will stop responding in order that they may now take advantage of the believer to destroy them in their error.

The believer was fooled because they did not have the two or three required confirming witnesses, but they thought it was a real Bible doctrine because after all, Brother and Sister So and So preached it for years and it seemed to be working.

When Satan realizes a Christian is stepping out on something unbiblical that will ultimately get them in trouble, initially he will cooperate with it wholeheartedly.

"Pleading the Blood" of Jesus against Satan, demons and life's circumstances is a classic example of this.

In many cases it can be extremely difficult to convince one who believes in "Pleading the Blood" that what they are doing is unscriptural, because Satan has deceived them with the "But it works!" justification.

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Satan himself knows it is easier for him to deceive someone than for a knowledgeable Preacher to convince them that they are deceived.

Deceived people do not know they are deceived because they are deceived.

There is only one way out of deception. That is to go to God's Word and look for the two or three confirming witnesses for what one is believing. If those witnesses cannot be found in the Bible, then one has been deceived.

There is no doubt about it, the Blood of Jesus and the Name of Jesus alone empowers the Name of Jesus. Jesus' Name derives its power from Jesus' Blood.

We are not saying that there is something wrong with the Believer reminding the devil that they are Blood-bought and in Blood covenant with God through Jesus Christ.

However, we are saying that it is the Name of Jesus we are taught to use in the exercise of our spiritual authority and the Name only.

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Many today have been misled into replacing using the Name of Jesus with "Pleading the Blood."

Do not allow Satan to trick you with false doctrine just because it is being preached by popular Ministers and it appears to be working for the moment.

Satan is setting a trap for you.

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There Is Only One Way to Enforce Satan's Defeat

We can sing about the Blood. We can teach about the Blood, for it is the Blood of Jesus from which His Name derives its power. We can thank God for the Blood. But nowhere in the Bible does "Pleading the Blood" replace exercising our God-given authority through the proper use of Jesus' Name.

In closing, let's look at another verse of Scripture together.

"And they overcame him by the Blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." (Revelation 12:11)

Another individual came to me believing the above verse of Scripture is instructing Christians to verbally "Plead the Blood."

I explained that this Scripture, in context, says absolutely nothing whatsoever about verbally "Pleading the Blood" against Satan, sickness, fear, for family salvation, etc., the way it is being taught by many Charismatic / Word of Faith Preachers today.

This verse of Scripture is a reference to the believer enforcing Christ's defeat of Satan which He accomplished by the shedding of His Blood.

There is only one way for a believer to enforce the defeat of Satan and demon powers on this Earth. That is through the proper use of Jesus' Name and not by pleading His Blood.

"And these signs shall follow them that believe: In My Name shall they cast out demons..." (Mark 16:17)

"But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the Name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour." (Acts 16:18)

The Master Jesus and the Apostle Paul stand together in Biblical agreement. Demons must obey only believers who use Jesus' Name, not those who "Plead the Blood."

Generation after generation, many well-meaning Christians have walked away from demonic confrontation in total defeat because they were using the wrong weapon for the job.

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No matter how popular a teaching may be, or how effective Satan may initially allow it to appear, if it cannot be proven by two or three New Testament witnesses, it will ultimately lead to defeat and despair.

It is always best to stay with the New Testament.

It is always best to stay with the power of Jesus' Name.

Unlike "Pleading the Blood," Jesus' Name works not only initially, but it keeps on working, time and time again.

Both the Old and New Testaments agree, the power is in the Name of the Lord.

"Because he hath set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high because he hath known My Name. He shall call upon Me and I will answer him ..." (Psalm 91:14-15)

"I will worship toward Thy holy temple, and praise Thy Name for Thy loving-kindness and for Thy truth: for Thou hast magnified Thy Word above all Thy Name." (Psalm 138:2)

"The Name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous run into it, and is safe." (Proverbs 18:10)

"And whatsoever ye shall ask in My Name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in My Name, I will do it." (John 14:13-14)

"Ye have not chosen Me but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in My Name, He may give it you." (John 15:16)

"And in that day ye shall ask Me nothing. Verily, verily I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My Name, He will give it you." (John 16:23)