# The Blood and the Glory # 6

"The Blood and the Glory." In the last session we saw how Rahab's Scarlet thread or scarlet cord was also a token to her. And it was a token of the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The bible calls the blood upon the doorpost of the Israelites, that first passover in Egypt a "token" Exodus 12 v 13 K.J.V. It calls Rahab's scarlet cord a "true token" Joshua 2 v 12. K.J.V

With Rahab and the Israelites on that 1st Passover, basically the same things happen. All those who were kept in the house, which was recognisable from others marked with a token of the blood, were kept safe.

There was protection for the person that applied the blood or the token, there was protection for all the loved ones, and even the belongings were kept safe.

In these Old Testament examples, we see how the blood or a token of the blood of Jesus was outwardly displayed. (Tokens are signs, and they should be displayed. God gave the rainbow as His token that the world would never again be destroyed).

Today we need to continuously display the token of the Blood of Jesus and its power over the doorpost and boundaries of our lives.

But how do we do that? By faith. And by the words of our mouth because we believe it in our hearts. Don't allow negative thoughts to take up residence.

Draw a blood-line of protection around you, your family, and your belongings. Cover yourself in the blood of Jesus. And do what the old-timers did, begin to "Plead in the blood of Jesus."

Pleading the Blood has nothing to do with begging. Your not begging and hoping that it might happen. We have Gods permission and His authority to plead the Blood.

And it has nothing to do with a repetition of words. Plead in the Bible is legal terminology.

You can plead the blood of Jesus all day long but it won't do you any good if its not mixed with faith.

Hebrews 11:6 " Without Faith It's impossible to please God ."

Hebrews 3:19-4:2. Here we have a picture of the children of Israel who could not enter into the Promised Land because of their unbelief.

Heb 4 v 2 "The word that was preached to them did not profit them or benefit them in any way because it was not mixed with faith".

They could not go in and obtain the land that flowed with milk and honey, which was the promise of God because they didn't have faith in what God said because they couldn't see it in the natural . 2 Cor 5 v 7 We walk by faith and not by sight N K J. We live by believing and not by seeing N L T.

The Amplified bible says, "But the message they heard did not benefit them, because it was not mixed with faith (with the leaning of the entire personality on God in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness)."

Gods people doubted His word and missed out on the blessing of the promised land. But how often do we miss out because we doubted?

I want to spend a few moments on the subject of Doubt.

doubt can happen at any time, one minute we can be absolutely certain that everything will be fine and the next we can be in a complete heap because we've allowed doubt to creep in and now its yes I can, No I can't. Will I, won't I?

Have you done that and been robbed of the blessing that God gave you? How often do we as Christians allow doubt to creep into our lives and our circumstances.

One minute its I can definitely do this and the next its oh I hope I can do this, I hope it will be o.k. and it can happen at any time if we allow it to.

We might be in the place where God has performed a miracle in our lives and then we start thinking those negative thoughts, did God really heal me? I hope He did!! And so doubt has set in and become part of our life and we miss out on Gods best for our lives.

You know that is takes faith to receive all that God is going to do for us? How do we build our faith? Romans 10 v 17

Mark 11 v 12- Jesus curses the fig tree

V 20. Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. And Peter, remembering, said to Him, Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away"

V 22 So Jesus answered and said to them, Four powerful words

**HAVE FAITH IN GOD** This is not a suggestion!!

Strongs Concordance describes faith as

Conviction, Trust, Belief, Reliance, Trustworthiness and Persuasion.

Notice Jesus didn't say try to have faith in God, His command to the disciples was Have faith in God. His command to us is Have faith in God!!

He didn't say have faith in pastor Paul, didn't say have faith in any man because man is not the answer.

That's why He said, "HAVE FAITH IN GOD.

Jesus doesn't tell to try to do something He always tell us to do something.

# Mark 16: 18 Lay hands on the sick. Apply the Blood

No where in the bible does Jesus say try to do something, He always says

Do it. He gave us permission to use His blood, but we must do it by faith it's not about words alone!!

## Mark 11: 23

For assuredly I say to you, "whoever says to this mountain, be removed and be cast into the sea, and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

Notice Jesus said have faith in God and then He went on to say whoever.

That's not just for the pastor its for everyone who believes. Amen are you a whoever

Speak to the mountain and it will be removed and cast into the sea..

You need to understand this is not prayer.

Jesus didn't say pray about the mountain He said speak to it. Amen

I mentioned earlier this is not begging, some Christians beg and plead with God, O God please make this mountain disappear from my life, please God make this happen, please God.

But God didn't say we should do that He said speak to the mountain., command it to be removed.

To many of us praying instead of saying, and that needs to change. Amen.

Yes we do need to pray and that is very important because it's communication with God but sometimes we need to take the authority given to us by Jesus and speak directly to the problem.

Any problem, any circumstance, any situation that is contrary to Gods word, are the obstacles, the road blocks in our lives, that circumstances have allowed to enter into our situations. God didn't put them there, But He has told us what to do about them.

# He said You speak to the mountain. Plead the Blood.

We need to realize that when we speak to the mountain we are not speaking to God.

When we speak to the mountain we are not speaking to people

When we speak to the mountain we are not rebuking the devil.

That mountain could be cancer, it could be a brain tumour, it could be a huge debt or relationship problems, in fact it could be just about anything that's not of God.

If its in your way, talk to it, call it by name, plead the blood and command it to leave in Jesus name.

Whatever the problem open your mouth call it by name;; Cancer, dry up wither and die in the name of Jesus. Plead the Blood!!

Speak to the mountain. Amen. Sickness be gone, depression be gone, finance problem be gone.

Mountain of sickness, I call it healed in Jesus name. Plead the Blood.

Mountain of debt, I call it paid for, paid in full in Jesus name. Money come into my hands to pay this in full. Plead the Blood

Some might say!! is he or she talking to bills & debt YES Is he talking to money? Yes. Plead the Blood.

Lets look at another account of Jesus talking to the mountain. Peter's Mother in law healed.

Luke 4:38-39 So He Jesus stood over her and rebuked the fever. YES And it left her.

What was Jesus talking too? His mother in-law? NO. He was talking to the mountain, the fever, anything that exists and has a name can be brought into submission in Jesus name. Amen.

Jesus spoke directly to the fever and it left her, he spoke to the wind and the rain and they ceased. Everything that exists on this planet was created a sound, the sound of the voice of God. Amen

He didn't pray and ask God. He used His authority and spoke to the problem.

The bible tells us that we are made in the image of God, created in His likeness. Jesus Himself told us to operate in the same way that He does.

God created the world and us by His spoken word.

Let there be light etc and it was.

He tells us how we can take the authority that he gave us and use it.

Speak to the mountain in faith. Whatever the problem, speak to it in faith.

Jesus didn't say pray about the problem!

So what do we do when problems come our way?

Hide in the corner and hope they will go away? NO }
Fall apart? NO } PLEAD THE BLOOD
Beg & Plead? NO. }

Throw in the towel and simply accept the situation? NO.

Wait for God to sort it out?

NO.

What should we do?

Speak to it, rebuke it in Jesus name and command it to leave. Plead the blood.

It doesn't matter if you've been a Christian all your lives or only five minutes. The word says does not doubt in his heart, but believes.

Jesus said "If you have faith and do not doubt in your heart it will be done for you.

Jesus said, "Does not doubt in his (or her) heart! How many of you know words come easy, anyone can open their mouth and say something, but confession doesn't = faith does it?, you can say something, make a confession but not believe it!! You can say something wishing it would happen, or needing it to happen, sometimes people even say things and confess things out of desperation. It's true. Have you ever done that?

But Jesus said, "if you believe in your heart and do not doubt!! Those things you say will come to pass. That's a faith confession. Amen Say it and believe it!!

So What is Doubt?

James 1:2-7

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. If any of you lacks wisdom, (wisdom is not a mountain, it's a blessing) let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave tossed by the wind.

V7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

# WHAT IS DOUBT? Waivering, being double minded.

V 8 He is a double minded man, unstable in all his ways. Double means TWO Our negative words can undo all that God has done for us

Have you heard others saying it or perhaps even done it yourself

Well I just don't know if God will do this, maybe He will, maybe He wont. Sometimes the Lord says yes, sometimes He says no. Did God say that?

God says believe and receive, don't waiver, remain stable.

The word for you today is don't be double minded.

I want to encourage you don't be double minded

Be single minded in the things of God and His word will come to pass in all your ways.

Speak to the mountain and it will be cast into the sea.

# TRUST THE WORD OF JESUS!!

Proverbs 3:5 which says, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding."

The promise that we have in the power of the blood needs to be applied by faith and the same is true when we Plead the Blood.

The word "PLEAD" is a legal term. = "To make a legal statement"

Before we look at the "WHY" and "HOW" of pleading the blood, we need to define what the Bible means by "PLEAD, PLEAD MY CAUSE,"

One of the Hebrew words translated "PLEAD" is the root word "REEV"

In its verb form it means: "TO STRIVE, CONTEND, TO CONDUCT A LEGAL CASE."

In its noun form it means: "DISPUTE, CONTROVERSY, CASE AT LAW."

Lets look at a few references where the Word "PLEAD" is used.

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1 Samuel 24:15.
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#### 1 Samuel 25:39.

In both those vs. 1st (1 Samuel 24:15) it says, "Plead my case, and delivered me." And then in (1 Samuel 25:39) it says, "Pleaded the case, and kept his servant from evil." Job 13 v 6

(Psalms 35:1) says, "Plead my case, O Lord, with them that strive with me."

(Psalms 43:1) says, "Judge me, O God, and plead my case against an ungodly nation: oh deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man."

(Isaiah 3:13) it says, "The Lord stand up to plead, and standeth to judge the people."

## Isaiah 50:6-8.

The word "CONTEND" in verse 8 is the same Hebrew word "REEB" which is usually translated "PLEAD."

This verse is prophetic of Jesus and His triumphant death and justification.

He says, "Who will contend or conduct a legal case or suit with Me? And so

for us the Blood He shed for us on the cross is sure.
The answer is that no case or adversary can stand against Him.
No one could stand against him and his shed blood, which would shed for you and me.
(i) Since we are in him and if his blood is applied to our lives, no one is going to be able to stand against us. But it's all because of the blood.
So how do we Plead the Blood? We plead the Blood by using our mouths in Faith with no doubting. Amen