

Voice of Jesus' Blood

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I. Introduction.

A. All true theology, prayer, and sermons ought to begin with God.

1. The example of Brother Cunningham who was charged with praying too much.

a. He said that if this charge was the worst charge brought against him, he would be quite a happy man.

2. God holds up the universe.

3. God gives meaning to life.

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5. If we exclude God we have no morality left.

a. It cannot be proved that life is better than death.

b. It cannot be proved that anything is anything.

B. God lends without giving a thing up.

1. He gives us life, but does not give His life away because He is life.

2. He gives us power, wisdom, grace, and holiness.

3. God essentially gives Himself.

II. Life is in the blood.

A. Life is sacred because it is a gift from above - blood symbolizes it in the Old Testament.

B. God is life and eternal life is having Him.

C. Life is sacred because it is alone from God.

D. The shedding of blood is one of the most destructive sins in the Scripture.

1. The example of Cain killing Abel.

2. The example of David who was guilty of much, but summed it up in being guilty of "blood guiltiness."

a. The only way to handle blood guiltiness is to return the act.

b. He has taken that which no man has a right to take - life.

c. Shed blood is the voice of violated life.

1) The example of Al Capone.

2) They threw him in jail for not paying income tax though.

3) Wherever there is shed blood, it cries from the ground.

E. The nearest thing to the killing of God is the killing of man made in his own image.

1. The fear is that we will continue to sin without repentance and that instead of nations destroying us, God will.

2. God hears the eloquence of blood.

a. What will God do?

1) God acts like Himself.

2) He will take on flesh and become like one of us.

a) Why do we wait until Christmas time to celebrate the Incarnation.

3) All the moral pollution of the world was on that holy body.

4) He offered not only his body, but his soul for all of mankind.

a) For all the offenses of the world, both past and present.

b. If we even half believed this, it would transform us.

1) Why do we separate some as worse than others.

2) The seed of the worst sins are in each and every one of us.

c. The voice of Jesus is not the voice of a murdered man.

1) It was meant to be a murder, but it was really a sacrifice.

2) God turned the cross into an altar and a criminal into a lamb.

d. Our blood became Christ's blood.

e. We have to die - and we are joined to the man Jesus Christ and identify with his death and resurrection. (2 Corinthians 5:14)

3. The blood of Jesus pleads eloquently.

a. We are joined to Jesus' resurrection.

b. Sin is an incongruity in the Christian life.

c. The Christian shall not see death - God will cover the Christian's eyes when they die. Christians die one death.

d. Christianity is not a badge - it is a relationship.

III. All offenses against God will either be forgiven or revenged.

A. There are two voices:

1. The voice of vengeance.

2. The voice of Jesus blood pleading for mercy.

a. God is not angry with His children - He has prepared a house for us.

b. We ought to make more of the blood of the lamb - atonement and victory come from this.

1) Only by the blood of Jesus do we enter into God's presence.

2) A hymn on Jesus' precious blood.

3) Example of a military man who was let off for "the sake of the bloody hand."

c. The Father has been putting up for a lot for the sake of His Son.

1) When the children sin, the Father hears the voice of the wounded hands.

2) But this should not be reason to sin.

3) We ought to be the cleanest in the land.

Application questions.

1. Why according to the speaker is the blood of a man so important? Explain.

2. The speaker says that the blood of Jesus pleads eloquently. What does this mean? Personalize this. In what ways does it plead on your behalf?

3. The power of Jesus' blood does not excuse the Christian from a holy life. What struggles are you facing in your path to holiness? Spend some time in prayer and confession listening to the voice of Jesus' blood.
