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THE BLOOD OF JESUS HAS OPENED THE GRAVE AND HEAVEN TO SINNERS

We read in: **Hebrews 13:20 KJV** “Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, **THROUGH THE BLOOD OF THE EVERLASTING COVENANT,**”

It was through the virtue of the blood, that God raised up Jesus from the dead. God's almighty power was not exerted to raise Jesus from the dead, apart from the blood. He came to earth as surety, (**guarantor**) and bearer, of the sin of mankind. **It was through the shedding of His blood alone that He had the right, as man, to rise again, and to obtain eternal life through resurrection.**

His blood had satisfied the law and righteousness of God. By so doing He had overcome the power of sin and brought it to naught. So, also, death was defeated, as its sting, sin, had been removed, and the devil also was defeated, who had the power of death, having now lost all right over Him and us. His blood had destroyed the power of death, and the devil - **THE BLOOD OF JESUS HAS OPENED THE GRAVE.**

He who truly believes this, perceives the close connection which exists between the blood and the almighty power of God. It is only through the blood that God exerts His almightiness in dealing with sinful men. **Where the blood is, there the resurrection power of God gives entrance into eternal life.**

The blood has made a complete end of all the power of death, and hell; its effects surpass all human thought. **Also, THE BLOOD OF JESUS HAS OPENED HEAVEN.**

We read in: **Hebrews 9:12 KJV** “Neither by the blood of goats and calves, **but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place,** having obtained eternal redemption for us.”

We know that in the Old Testament Tabernacle, God's manifested presence was inside the veil. No power of man could remove that veil. The High Priest alone could enter there, but only with blood to sprinkle on the mercy seat, without the blood he lost his life. That was a picture of **the power of sin in the flesh, which separates us from God.** The eternal righteousness of God guarded the entrance to the Most Holy Place, that no flesh might approach Him.

But now **our Lord appears,** not in the earthly tabernacle but **in the true Temple of Heaven.** As High Priest and representative of His People. He asks for Himself, and for sinful children of Adam, an entrance into the presence of the Holy One. "That where I am, there they may be also" is His request.

He asks that heaven may be opened for each one, even for the greatest sinner, **who believes in Him.** **His request is granted. But how is that? It is through the BLOOD.** He entered THROUGH HIS OWN BLOOD. **THE BLOOD OF JESUS HAS OPENED HEAVEN.** So, it is ever, and always, through the blood that the throne of grace remains settled in Heaven.

The word REDEEMED has a depth of meaning. It means deliverance from slavery by emancipation or purchase. The sinner is enslaved, under the power of Satan, the curse of the Law and sin. But now it is proclaimed **“ye are redeemed through the blood” which paid the debt of guilt and destroyed the power of Satan, the curse, and sin.**