

# GROWTH RESOURCES

## POWER IN THE BLOOD OF JESUS

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*Acts 2:42 And they steadfastly persevered, devoting themselves constantly to the instruction and fellowship of the apostles, to the breaking of bread [including the Lord's Supper] and prayers.*

- We need to learn how to **spiritually defend ourselves using actual spiritual warfare techniques**.
- Like it or not we are all living in a **war zone as a result of the Adamic curse** that is still in full operation on this earth.
- We are **living in a fallen, imperfect, and cursed world that is subject to death, corruption, demonic spirits, and evil humans who have chosen with their own free wills to live this life on the dark side**.
- What this means is that **anyone of us at any time can come under direct human or demonic attack**. **Places where we thought we were safe are no longer safe. Criminals are getting more shameless and more evil.**

**The Bible has already warned us that evil, lawlessness and immorality will abound in the end times.** (2Tim 3:1) **BUT UNDERSTAND this, that in the last days will come (set in) perilous times of great stress and trouble [heard to deal with and hard to bear].** (v.2) *for people will be lovers of self and [utterly] self-centered, lovers of money and aroused by an inordinate [greedy] desire for wealth, proud and arrogant and contemptuous boasters. They will be abusive (blasphemous, scoffing), disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy and profane. (v.3) [They will be] without natural [human] affection (callous and inhuman), relentless (admitting of no truce or appeasement); [they will be] slanderers (false accusers, troublemakers), intemperate and loose in morals and conduct, uncontrolled and fierce, haters of good. (v.4) [They will be] treacherous [betrayers], rash, [and] inflated with self-conceit. [They will be] lovers of sensual pleasures and vain amusements more than and rather than lovers of God. (v.5) for [although] they hold a form of piety (true religion), they deny and reject and are strangers to the power of it [their conduct belies the genuineness of their profession] Avoid [all] such people [turn away from them]. (v.6) for among them are those who worm their way into homes and captivate silly and weak-natured and **spiritually dwarfed women**, loaded down with [the burdens of their sins [and easily] swayed and led away by various evil desires and seductive impulses.*

- **When the enemy does come and he will come at each one of us from time to time, we can choose either to remain passive with our heads stuck in the sand, hoping that somehow we will survive and make it one piece, or be blinded to the attacks and hope that neither us nor any of our loved ones will ever come under any kind of direct human or demonic attack, or we can choose to learn how to rise up in the power of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and learn how to spiritually defend ourselves using spiritual warfare techniques** as given to us out of the Bible, like David did with Goliath!
- Too many Christians are living defeated lives with no real joy, peace, or power in their lives. Storm cloud after storm cloud keeps coming after them beating them down to a pulp. They have not been properly taught how to engage with the enemy when he does come their way, and they are drowning in their sea of troubles.

- Too many Christians could not pray their way out of a paper sack if they ever got caught in one because
  - they have **never established any kind of personal relationship** with the Lord,
  - have **never developed any really working knowledge from God's Word**,
  - have **no real knowledge of the enemy, his tactics, and how he operates** –
  - and have **no real knowledge on how to properly pray or stand in the gap for someone else** to get God moved in with His supernatural power to bring freedom, healing, or deliverance to a particular situation.

## TO PLEAD THE BLOOD OF JESUS

- To plead the blood of Jesus is one of the greatest offensive spiritual weapons. It is real/it works/ is powerful/effective/ and not only a defensive prayer, but also a powerful offensive prayer for any kind of deliverance and protection you may need from the Lord.
- **It can be used to get God's protection on you before any type of adversity ever strikes you, but it can also be used for physical, emotional and mental healing, for battling demons, and for battling any kind of storm cloud that may have just come your way.**
- Many people only know about forgiveness. They don't know the power of the blood for deliverance and protection and we are going to look into it today.

## FORGIVENESS

**There is forgiveness in the Blood of Jesus. This is the basic central message of true Christianity.**

- (Matt 26:28) *For this is MY BLOOD of the new covenant, which [ratifies (approves/authorizes/confirms) the agreement and] is being poured out for many for the FORGIVENESS OF SINS.*
- (Eph 1:7) *In Him we have redemption (deliverance and salvation) through His blood, the remission (forgiveness) of our offenses (shortcomings and trespasses), in accordance with the riches and the generosity of His gracious favour.*
- (2Pet 2:24) *He personally bore our sins in His [own] body on the tree [as on an altar and offered Himself on it], that we might die (cease to exist) to sin and live to righteousness. **By His wounds you have been healed.***

The **blood that Jesus personally shed for us on the cross** is what leads all of us to be able to receive **eternal salvation**, the **forgiveness of all of our sins**, and **entrance into heaven** when we die and cross over.

## DELIVERANCE

Many Christians are not aware of the **second component** that is in the Blood of Jesus which will entitle us to be able to use His Blood **to go on the offensive against any adversity that may come our way**. Something else happened the day when Jesus died on the cross for all of our sins. **The Bible tells us that Jesus also defeated Satan and all the powers of darkness that day!**

- (Heb 2:14b) *...that by [going through] death He might bring to nought and **make of no effect him who had the power of death** – that is, the devil.*
- (Col 1:13) *[The Father] has **delivered and drawn us to Himself out of the control and the dominion of darkness and has transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love.** (v.14) In Whom we have our **redemption through His blood**, [which means] the forgiveness of our sins.*

- (Col 2:15) [God] disarmed the principalities and powers that were ranged against us and made a bold display and public example of them, **in triumphing over them in Him and in it [the cross]**.
- (1 John 3:8b) The reason the Son of God was made manifest (visible) was to **undo (destroy, loosen, and dissolve) the works the devil [has done]**.
- (Rev 12:11a) And **they have overcome (conquered) him by means of the blood of the Lamb** and by the utterance of their testimony.

**The above verses tells us that the blood that Jesus shed that day on the cross has totally defeated Satan and all of his dark powers / not put them out of existence.**

- This blood of Jesus is needed to defeat attacks that are coming against us from the dark side. We can wage war from a point of victory!
- But many Christians are not fully aware of this second fact about the Blood of Jesus – that it can also be used to engage with our enemies when they do try to launch any kind of an attack against us.
- The only thing left is for all Christians to fully realize this incredible fact, and to grab a hold of this powerful truth and not to be afraid to use it when they need it – especially when demons or other evil people are attempting to come against us with any type of unjust action or attack.

**Here are three more powerful verses from Scripture showing that all Christians now have God's supernatural power an anointing available to them so they can use it to engage with the dark side in life:**

*(Luke 10:19) Behold! **I have given you authority and power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and [physical and mental strength and ability] over all the power that the enemy [possesses]; and nothing shall in any way harm you.***

- **God has given us power over all the power of our enemies**, not just against some or part of it.
- This means **we have the ability to come out completely victorious in life's battles and struggles**, but only if we learn how to properly use what is now available.

*(Luke 9:1) THEN JESUS called together the Twelve (apostles) and **gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases.***

- If we have God's power available to us to defeat all demons, then I believe that **we also have God's power to defeat the work of the enemy through all humans who may try to come against us with any type of unjust action or attack.** (Dan 11:32b) But the people who know their God shall prove themselves strong and shall stand firm and do exploits [for God].

*(2 Chron 16:9) For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show Himself strong in behalf of those whose hearts are blameless toward Him.*

- God is actually looking for people that **He can anoint with His power and show Himself strong through**, but the implication appears to be that He really cannot find many people who are willing to **pay the price to be able to really walk with His anointing.**

If you look at all the above Scriptures it is worded that – **true Christianity is not a weak or wimpy religion.**

- As born-again believers, **we all have the Holy Spirit literally living on the inside of us.**
- As a result, **our bodies have now become the actual temple of the Holy Spirit.**
- **His supernatural power is now fully available to all of us in order to help us handle some of the storm clouds that can come against us in this life.**

## PROTECTION

**You can plead the blood of Jesus for protection before any kind of adversity could strike. For instance plead the blood of Jesus against any attack that want to come against your body, your family, house, car and finances.**

**ILLUSTRATION:** In the story of the Passover, God had sent His servant Moses to rescue the children of Israel from their captivity to the Egyptians. God had thrown ten whopper plagues at the Pharaoh in an effort to try and get him to release His people from his rule. On one of those plagues, God tells Pharaoh that He is going to **allow an angel of death to come through their camp** to kill all of their firstborn children. **However, before God sets all of this up to occur, He tells His own people to shed the blood of a blemish-free lamb and to put that shed blood on the door posts and lintels of their houses. God tells His people that the angel of death will bypass their house if he sees this shed blood put on their door posts and lintels.** This angel of death will thus not kill any of the Israelites firstborn – but only if he sees the blood properly applied to the door posts and lintels of their houses. **In other words, the blood of this blemish-free lamb was being used for divine protection before this would every come their way.** Had each person not properly applied this blood on their door posts, their firstborn children would have been killed, along with the rest of the firstborn children of Egypt.

**Here is the argument:** If the shed blood of the Old Testament lambs used for the temporary covering of sins eventually leads to the shedding of Jesus' blood for permanent and total forgiveness of all of our sins – can we also use that same analogy and say that the shed blood of the lambs used in the Passover for divine protection against the angel of death could also lead to the shed Blood of Jesus having divine protection in it in our lives over the angel of death and destruction? I personally believe the answer is yes. And that is why **God the Father seems willing to work with any believer who will plead the blood of Jesus on whatever they want protection on before any attack can come their way - just like He did with His own chosen people.**

## PRACTICAL APPLICATION

**Each Christian must make a big personal decision before God will give you this kind of full divine protection.**

- **Saved. You must be saved and a born-again Christian.** A nonbeliever cannot use the blood of Jesus. **In the story of the Passover, only God's chosen people were allowed to apply the blood of the Lamb on their door posts to get His full protection on them.**
- **The Full Surrender.** If you are already born-again, for God's best to start flow into your life you have to be willing to **make a full and complete surrender of your entire being and your entire life** over to God the Father. There are **specific things** that needs to be fully surrendered: Your **body. (2) Your soul. (3) Your spirit. (4) Your entire life.** With The measure that we use to surrender, will be the measure that will be measured back to us in receiving from the Lord. Many Christians are really missing the boat: they are saved through the blood of Jesus, but not walking in this full surrender with God the Father. **As a result, God is not working full force in their lives.**

**Too many Christians are living defeated lives with no real joy, peace, or power in their lives. Too many Christians are drowning in their sea of troubles.** The blood of Jesus don't work effectively as they have no assurance of salvation that justifies them to use the blood of

the Lamb, they are not in a position of surrender or submission, heart is not in a state of repentance and a thorough self-examination, their house is not in order.

#### **Bottom line –**

- **God's knowledge and wisdom is perfect on all matters – yours is not!**
- **God can see into the future and knows exactly what is going to happen to you – you cannot.**
- **God knows you better than you can ever know yourself, and as a result, He knows what your true potential and capabilities are going to be in this life – you do not.**
- You powers are limited, but God's powers are not. The Bible tells us that God is all-powerful and that there is nothing that He cannot do or accomplish. Nothing is impossible with God. **After chewing on all of the above, who do you want running your life? Yourself, with your limited powers, wisdom and knowledge – or God the Father, who has maximum power and knowledge to do and accomplish anything He will want to do?**
- **If you want to take this last and final step with the Lord, then I can give you a very short, but powerful prayer to go to God the Father with to come into this full surrender with Him.**

### **THE FULL SURRENDER PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, in the Name of Jesus Christ, I now place my body, my soul, my spirit, and my entire life into Your hands. I now ask that You place me into Your perfect will for my life. From this moment on, I wilfully choose to stay fully surrendered to You all the days of my life, in every area of my life and will allow You to lead and direct my life in the direction that You will want it to go in. In Jesus Name. Amen

### **TO STAY IN THE FULL SURRENDER PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, in the Name of Jesus, I continue to place my body, my soul, my spirit and my entire life in Your hands. I choose to stay fully surrendered to You all the days of my life and ask that you continue to keep me in Your perfect will for my life. Thank You for your guidance as I stay devoted to Your Word of Truth and in my relationship with You through prayer. In Jesus Name. Amen.

**With this prayer, you have now just turned the reigns of your life over to God the Father – and He will now start to guide and direct your life in the direction that he will want it to go in. God now has a perfect plan and destiny all set up for your life. If you are willing to make this full surrender with God the Father, then you are now ready for the next big step, and that is to learn how to plead the blood of Jesus for His deliverance and protection.**

### **HOW TO PLEAD THE BLOOD OF JESUS FOR BASIC PROTECTION**

This is before any attacks or adversity could come your way. By pleading the blood of Jesus on the things that you want specifically protected, you will go a long way in preventing a lot of needless attacks, mishaps, and accidents from ever coming your way in the first place.

**Basics: Make a personal list of everything that you would like to have God's protection on.**  
(1) Your body, soul and spirit    (2) Your spouse and children if you are married

(3) Your ministry      (4) Your house      (5) Your car      (6) Your finances      (7) Your office

Any one of these could come under demonic or human attack at any time. **Only God knows when any attack will be coming your way, and only God can protect and shield you from these attacks before they do come.** Attacks such as car accidents, protecting you from scammers that wants to steal your finances, protecting your children from illnesses or serious accidents, your house from burglaries or demonic activities.

**In order to get God's full protection on something, you have to do the following 3 things:**

- Plead the blood of Jesus **on** the object that you want protected.
- Plead the blood **against** whatever possibly could come against that object,
- Then **seal the prayer with a statement of faith and belief to God the Father** telling Him that you are now going to have full faith and belief that He will now protect you from all of the things that you just plead the blood of His Jesus on.

### **SAMPLE OF PLEADING THE BLOOD OF JESUS PRAYER**

Heavenly Father in the Name of and under the authority of Jesus Christ, I plead the blood of Jesus over my physical body, over my soul, and over my spirit. I plead the blood of Jesus against any demons who may try and come against me. I plead the blood of Jesus against any bad and evil people who may try and come against me. I plead the blood of Jesus against any natural accidents or catastrophes that may come against me. I plead the blood of Jesus against any diseases, viruses, or illnesses that could possibly come against me. Father in the Name of Jesus, I have full faith and belief that the blood of Jesus will fully protect me against all of the things that I have just plead His blood on. Thank You Father in Jesus Name. Amen.

**You will have to be very specific on the things that you will want covered and protected under the blood of Jesus. Feel free to plead the blood of Jesus as often as you feel is necessary during the day.**

### **SHORT VERSION OF PLEADING THE BLOOD OF JESUS PRAYER**

Father in the name of Jesus, **I plead the blood of Jesus on.... I now plead the blood of Jesus against... (this attack (specify) that is coming against my life).** Father, in the Name of Jesus, I have full faith and belief that the blood of Jesus will protect me against any of the things that I have just pled His blood on. I thank and praise You for my protection in Jesus Name. Amen.

### **PLEADING THE BLOOD FOR DELIVERANCE**

**Where you have already been hit by some kind of adversity, and now you will need God's deliverance and/or healing power to help set you free.** It gets trickier pleading the blood against something that have already come against you:

#### **Battle Situations**

- You or someone you know may have a life-threatening illness or disease such as cancer.
- You may know someone who is an alcoholic/drug addict and they cannot seem to break free from it.
- You may know someone else who is severely depressed and they are seriously contemplating suicide.



- Another person may be under severe demonic attack as a result of engaging in some type of occult activity.

**If something has already come directly against you and you are now caught in its evil grip, then you are now going to have to go on the offensive and try to take it out by pleading the blood of Jesus directly against it.**

- You will need God's supernatural power to fully deliver you.
- You will need a battle strategy such as getting someone saved before fully deliver them or getting a person to fully surrender before God in order to help them out.
- This is where the Holy Spirit is really going to be coming in big time.
- Each situation is unique and different and you will have to be fully guided by the Holy Spirit.

*(Phil 4:13) I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me [I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency].*

*(Luke 10:19) Behold! **I have given you authority and power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and [physical and mental strength and ability] over all the power that the enemy [possesses]; and nothing shall in any way harm you.***



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