



"And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also." 1 John 4: 21

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Heart to Heart...

It was the night of the Passover. God had pronounced to Moses that on this night He would pass through the land of Egypt to strike down all the firstborn, both man and beast. The Lord told Moses what meal they were to prepare and the ingredients to use (Exodus 12). Then the words from the Almighty: *"And when I see the blood I will pass over you."* (Exodus 12:13) What a night it must have been. The fear that came with it, as well as, a promise that your household would not be touched with death by the living God. The blood smeared doorposts and lintels saved each one from dying as the Destroyer did as He promised. This blood would be the very thing that drove home a point to those protected and those who were not part of it!

"When I see the blood." There was not one word about their injustices, their bitterness, or sinful actions. *"When I see the blood"* was the only thing that stood between them and death because the blood was from sacrifice. *"When I see the blood"* made the clear difference between the dying and living and it was not about their loyalty or upright living, but about the sacrifice.

"When I see the blood" pointed to the unity of them all, one people under one God involved in one unit. The meal eaten that night was a meal eaten in unity in which the whole nation was brought under the protection of the blood. The blood was the ransom price for a ransomed people.

What have we lost in all this today? Have we forgotten *"When I see the blood?"* How is your standing before the Lord? Your goodness? Some think because they are benevolent that gives them their standing before God. Others think that attending all the assemblies of the saints brings them boldly before the Lord. Our standing, our relationship, our lives are based on one thing: *"When I see the blood."* ***"But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ."*** (Ephesians 2:13)

When we assemble and partake in His Supper, what are we doing? Just as the nation of Israel was partaking in the Passover, we too are partaking in our Passover (I Corinthians 5:7) as one in Christ. Many want to dramatize the Supper. But what should be happening? *"When I see the blood"* should be first and foremost in our faith and is being applied to our lives in this relationship. Rejoicing and reverence combined. We renew that covenant, our standing, before the Lord in this Supper. His body. His blood, the blood of the covenant. What is that covenant?

"For I will be merciful to their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more." (Hebrews 8:12) We renew that each time we take His Supper and fellowship the Lord. It is about unity, one people, in Christ Jesus. It brings into focus for us the difference between the dying and the living. It points to our standing that the only way we stand is because He is the sacrifice (His body) and His blood of His covenant applied. "When I see the blood" speaks that our standing before the Lord is because the blood is applied to our lives. That is the only way we are going to live forever with Him. That alone is what creates a love and devotion. There is nothing we bring except a falling short, sinful people, under the blood that cleanses and staying under that blood. It's about Jesus and Him crucified. Our lives should be wrapped up in Him and under His blood daily. When you pray, work, and go about in your life, we should pause and think: *"When I see the blood!"* Think about it!!!

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