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MONDAY, JULY 1

Scripture: Ephesians 1:7

Ephesians 1:7 says, *“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace...”* Redemption is an interesting word in Greek. It is **ap-ol-oo-tro-sis** and it means, ‘To pay the fine or penalty so that the violation is completely removed and there is no record of it.’ Redemption is the total payment of any penalty associated, judged or legally due from a violation. If we incur a traffic ticket and pay the fine, the ticket is removed. We pay in dollars for the redemption of our earthly fines but when it comes to sin in which the death penalty is due, the equation changes. Hebrews 9:22 says, *“Without the shedding of blood there is no remission.”* Jesus bought and paid for our every violation of God’s law by shedding His blood, so that we are free from guilt and condemnation. We must appropriate it in order to be completely free from the blame, shame and guilt of sin. It is all about redemption. The Blood is our cleansing flood!

TUESDAY, JULY 2

Scripture: Luke 21:25-28

In Luke 21:25-28 we are told, *“And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.”* Sin has a penalty and the creation is limited to the measure it can endure. When fullness is reached, judgment comes. The preparation for the Second Coming includes the judgment of Christ for the unrepentant sin that accumulates in each person as well as in each nation. Men are going to see the judgments of their future and their hearts will fail because of fear. That tells us that the church must prepare to face the last days and the judgments that God inflicts on the nations **in faith** not in fear. In 2 Timothy 2:22 (TPT) it says, *“Run as fast as you can from all the ambitions and lusts of youth; and chase after all that is pure. Whatever builds up your faith and deepens your love must become your holy pursuit.”* We must have full assurance that we are the ones who God redeemed so we can point people to redemption and the pathway to salvation. The end-times are our greatest opportunity for fruitfulness and we certainly need to prepare! We have to ready ourselves so we can walk through perilous times as sons and daughters as well as ministers of the Most High. According to Revelation 11, some saints will work with God in declaring a number of these judgments in an attempt to bring people to salvation. God’s saints must walk in assurance and confidence as the redeemed of the Lord! We are to become God’s agents of glory representing both God’s salvation and His wrath in the last days with an aim to saving and redeeming those who are open!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

Scripture: Genesis 15:13-14

Genesis 15:13-14 says, *“He said to Abram: ‘Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. And also the nation whom they serve I*

will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions.” What God did in Egypt was redeem His people from bondage. According to the biblical definition of the Greek word **ap-ol-oo-tro-sis**, we have been schooled to think of redemption only in terms of sin. But the New Testament expands the application of redemption in Romans 8 when the creation cries out to join the glorious liberty of the sons and daughters of God. The question then becomes, how do we fully represent God as the Ultimate Redeemer? The answer is the same as we see in Egypt. It requires both a pastoral and a judicial anointing. Are we ready to walk in Moses’ footsteps? Moses ministered as a prophet but he also pastored Israel through great transition. His pastoral ministry may have equaled his prophetic ministry. Moses and Jesus are said to be alike in the Bible! (Deuteronomy 18:17-19) Moses fully redeemed and restored the Israelites from the ravages of bondage. That assignment required a double anointing!

THURSDAY, JULY 4

Scripture: Genesis 15:15-18

God told Abraham, *“Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”* And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces. On the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying: *‘To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates—’* Just as the Israelites in Egypt were forced to endure Egypt and wait for the fullness of iniquity, so are we called to endure ‘fullness of iniquity.’ But God brings the fullness of both the pastoral and judicial anointing so that redemption will be complete for all!

FRIDAY, JULY 5

Scripture: Deuteronomy 4:33-34

Deuteronomy 4:33-34 says, *“Did any people ever hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and live? Or did God ever try to go and take for Himself a nation from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?”* We have been schooled to look at what Moses did in bringing Israel out of Egypt as the yardstick for redemption. It is also a picture of the coming Christ. Moses preceded Jesus as a picture of redemption. The Bible emphasizes the judicial sword as Moses’ primary anointing to redeem Israel. This same sword is also very clear in Revelation. The same anointing will be poured out, probably to make the Jews jealous and open the door for their salvation! Our future will probably look like Moses as a type of Christ, and both Jesus and Moses were a divine blend of judicial and pastoral!

SATURDAY, JULY 6

Scripture: Deuteronomy 18:15-19

Deuteronomy 18:15-19 says, *“The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear, according to all you desired of the Lord your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die.’ The Lord said to me: ‘What they have spoken is good. I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him.’”* According to the Word, Jesus walked like Moses! Jesus delivered us from bondage to sin just as Moses delivered Israel from bondage to Egypt. Redemption had two applications in Egypt. One was in preparing the army of God to depart Egypt with their heads held high and the other in dealing with the demonic enemies that had tyrannized the Israelites for years. The Israelites were victims of 400 years of bondage. They were battered, bruised, bleeding and broken. This was an existence they had lived through for several generations. They needed to experience success in the restoration of their health and well-being. In addition their confidence and strength as well as their hope had to be renewed and rekindled. They needed an extended healing revival!

SUNDAY, JULY 7

Scripture: Exodus 6:5-6, Psalm 105:37

Israel had a covenant with God! Being in covenant with God has great advantages! One advantage is He hears our cries! Exodus 6:5-6 states Israel cried out to God and God heard and responded. It says, *“And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel whom the Egyptians keep in bondage, and I have remembered My covenant. Therefore say to the children of Israel: ‘I am the Lord; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will **redeem you** with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.’”* Did the Israelites cry out to God to be rescued? Yes, they did! Can we ask God to redeem us from decades of neglect, pain, anguish, and great burdens if indeed that is our condition? Those with long-standing illness and emotional trauma need to see the Almighty Redeemer work in their circumstances just as God’s family did in Moses’ time! Moses faced three million broken, bruised and bleeding slaves. They had been impoverished and destitute for generations. Who but God could be the hospital, the Redeemer and Transformer of such a group with such a background of hardship? God was for Moses and He was for the Israelites. And we must move forward knowing that He is for us too! He covenanted to do for us exactly what He did for Moses! Psalm 105:37 should be written on the heart of every believer. *“He also brought them out with silver and gold, And there was **none feeble** among His tribes.”* Psalm 105:37 is a powerful and often glanced-over portion of Scripture. If we meditate on its layers of meaning, it may prove to have life-changing implications for us too. For many this verse has been under-represented in our past study of the panorama of the exit of God’s people from Egypt. God wants us to rise above and come out of our own personal ‘Egypt.’ And He wants us to do it with our heads held high and faces set like flint toward His eternal purposes.

MONDAY, JULY 8

Scripture: Acts 3:19-26

Acts 3:19-26 says, *“For Moses truly said to the fathers, ‘The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you.’”* Redemption started for Israel when Moses initiated God’s healing anointing and the mending of 400 years of slavery began. Everyone was being healed, strengthened and renewed, not just the Israelites with great faith. The season had changed. God was preparing witnesses to His goodness! Israel was becoming God’s witnesses. The Israelites there in Goshen were being energized and transformed for the assignment and destiny God had for them. The Exodus event signaled a Spirit-initiated transition to bring Israel into her heritage. This event had to be literally walked out by a hardy, healthy, confident family. The church of today has to become God’s witnesses for the last great conflict with satan! History will be repeated as the early and the latter rain come!

TUESDAY, JULY 9

Scripture: Romans 8:1-11

Romans 8 is a pictures of what Moses’ pastoral process must have been like. Romans 8 identifies four major assignments of the Holy Spirit as they unfold in a prophetic pattern. These four assignments push the church into the ultimate harvest of souls that is the fruit of growing into the fullness of Christ. Verses 1-11 amplify the transforming power of the Spirit to conquer the flesh. The Spirit can restore man to God's original intended purpose and conquering the ravages of the fall! Purpose number one of the Holy Spirit is empowering us to overcome the dictates of the flesh and walk in newness of life! The Spirit points us to Christlikeness and God’s assigned purposes! Walking in the Spirit overcomes the dictates of the flesh! And we get to prove that satan does not rule. For Moses the first application was in the physical bodies of the Israelites as a healing revival began to spread throughout God’s people! This no doubt included a transformative healing addressing the woundings of the mind and heart, the thoughts and emotions. God has His ways of dealing with the victim-mentality. The consistent message to all seven churches of Revelation is: Regardless of circumstances, believe and overcome! The rewards are many to the saints that overcome!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

Scripture: Romans 8:12-17, John 17:20-23

The second major assignment of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament is to make the nine Sonship Gifts of Ephesians 1 real so that we have the confidence to serve in full faith from the platform of relationship with the Father as His sons and daughters. We inherit access to the same relationship that Christ demonstrated with the Father, fulfilling the high priestly prayer of John 17:20-23. Jesus prayed in this passage that we would have the same relationship with the Father He had. As the Firstborn among many brethren, He demonstrated faith to walk as the pattern Son! We are adopted into God's Family. Jesus was the prophet like Moses Whom God raised up. In a measure Moses was a foreshadowing of the True Redeemer that was to come, a parallel in the natural realm of God's eternal plan. Moses fully demonstrated Jesus' pastoral, healing anointing as a foundation for establishing a testimony to God's goodness! We have to walk the same pattern as His end-time witnesses! We must understand, embrace and walk in our Sonship!

THURSDAY, JULY 11

Scripture: Romans 8:18-30

The third dimension the Holy Spirit we see in Romans leads us into is the glorious liberty which both heals and restores. Romans 8:19-23 says, *"For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body."* God's redemptive glory will extend into the realm of setting creation free from bondage. This glorious liberty Romans 8 refers to is like an umbrella of blessing that comes to restore every area of God's creation. This includes the very earth yielding its finest to support and fund the advancement of God's eternal purpose through His people. In part this refers to the wealth transfer. The Holy Spirit manifests God's glory in setting the creation free from bondage to be released fully for God's purposes. The outpouring of beauty and wealth from God's creation is not only the earth presenting its 'fruit' but also its praises.

FRIDAY, JULY 12

Scripture: Romans 9:31-39

The fourth phase of the Holy Spirit's work is to guarantee our inheritance and establish us in the fullness of His anointing to accomplish our eternal purpose. This will include our personal contribution to God's great end-time harvest, populating heaven with all those whom Jesus' Blood bought and paid for! The fullness of the Gentile harvest must come in. The fullness of the Jewish harvest must come in. Every promise of every prophet in the Bible must come to pass! God will bring to pass the glorious liberty that He has promised. His redemption to repentant mankind is clear and that includes the resources to cover all the plans that are in God's heart. Wealth transfer is a theme from Genesis to James. The church as we know it today must be transformed to harvest nations and fulfill prophecy! The end-time church will have the greatest testimony of any generation!

SATURDAY, JULY 13

Scripture: Psalm 105:23-25

Psalm 105:23-25 says, *"Israel also came into Egypt, And Jacob dwelt in the land of Ham. He increased His people greatly, And made them stronger than their enemies. He turned their heart to hate His people, To deal craftily with His servants."* Why would God do that to His people? God brought His own people into captivity and then answered their cry in their bondage based on covenant. God redeemed Israel from bondage. The Exodus account majors on the judgment required to free the Israelites. The next question is how to transform 3 million slaves into an army? Yes, God redeemed Israel from bondage, but before that He redeemed them from sickness, disease and the ravages of generations of slavery! Psalm 105:37 hints at the pastoral anointing that was required to turn slaves into warriors! How did God change three million people accustomed to bondage and slavery to be transformed into warriors? God used

Moses to do it, but how? Whatever Moses did, he obviously must have pastored 3 million battered, tattered and bruised slaves into warriors who spoiled the Egyptians of their wealth thereby imparting supernatural confidence!

SUNDAY, JULY 14

Scripture: Psalm 105:37-39, Isaiah 43

Psalm 105:37-39 says, *“He also brought them out with silver and gold, And there was **none feeble** among His tribes. Egypt was glad when they departed, For the fear of them had fallen upon them. He spread a cloud for a covering by day, And fire to give light in the night.”* The Hebrew word for “*feeble*” is **kaw-shal** and means, ‘To stumble, fall or be cut down, to be overthrown, injured or ruined.’ It refers to ‘A weak, wounded or failing person, to one defeated and knowing no success.’ According to Psalm 105:37, every Israelite experienced success under Moses. The Living Bible says there was no sick or feeble among them. We have one key reference to the fruit of the pastoral ministry of Moses that prepared God’s family of three million for the spoiling of Egypt. How great must the redemptive miracle ministry of Moses have been to prepare three million people! Both Moses’ ministry and Jesus’ ministry represent two sides of the same coin. Scripture says God would raise up a prophet like Moses. This was, of course, a direct reference to Jesus! We have to look at Jesus to see the pastoral ministry of Moses. Scripture records the judicial anointing Moses walked in to redeem! What are we to make of this? What does this say to our generation? Isaiah 43 is very clear about the church being God’s witnesses. As God’s end-time witnesses, a prophetic pattern is unfolding pregnant with purpose! God’s strength and might on display through believers will make the Jews jealous and turn their hearts to Him.

MONDAY, JULY 15

Scripture: Isaiah 59-61

Isaiah 59-61 records the same prophetic pattern as Romans 8. In chapter 59, the problem was people were separated from God by sin. The Lord saw it and His own arm brought salvation and redemption from sin. Isaiah 59:21 says, *“‘As for Me,’ says the Lord, ‘this is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants’ descendants,’ says the Lord, “from this time and forevermore.”* God covenanted to give His Spirit to those who would receive it for His intended purpose. His purpose was that we overcome sin and receive glory to live like Jesus through our relationship with God. Only then can we fulfill our calling and get a harvest of nations from the various waves of glory God sends. Romans 8 records that when we receive Sonship, God sends glory to overcome! The same prophetic pattern of Romans exists in Isaiah! The same prophetic pattern of Isaiah also exists in the first chapter of Ephesians which we have been studying for months!

TUESDAY, JULY 16

Scripture: Ephesians 1:5-23

As we have been previously studying, we must lay hold of and grow in our Sonship. Ephesians 1 repeats the pattern from Isaiah 59 – 61 and Romans 8 which enables us to draw some prophetic conclusions. Jesus’ Blood makes us chosen, holy, blameless and qualifies us for adoption. Adoption makes us family with God! Being accepted, redeemed and forgiven from sin seals the assurance of family and leads to divine confidence to accept an inheritance and lean upon the guarantee of the Holy Spirit for the empowerment and wisdom to walk it out! Where are we in this process? Many of us are still wrestling with our acceptance and redemption. Because of the judgments Jesus endured, we are as redeemed from sin as Israel was redeemed from Egypt! Will we accept our redemption? Will we rise as agents of glory to pastor others into their redemption?

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

Scripture: Ephesians 1:17-23

In Ephesians 1:17-23, the fruit of the prophetic unfolds with waves of glory followed by the exceeding greatness of His power! Through our Sonship the glory comes to enable us to complete our assignments and we see the exceeding greatness of His power to convince nay-sayers. We find ourselves walking out the same pattern of Moses in Egypt. That

pattern parallels Christ coming to a religious culture that did not recognize Him as God in the flesh. The anointing makes Kingdom promises real! Every believer needs to experience Kingdom success. It was true for both Moses and Jesus and it is true for us! The power of the Spirit is our path to ultimate victory in meeting God's goals. Following the Holy Spirit will take us to God's ultimate purpose!

THURSDAY, JULY 18

Scripture: Psalm 105:26-27, 37-38, Acts 2:1-4, 4:31

God's purpose requires power! God reveals a path to lay hold of His resources that empowers His people to accomplish our purpose. Becoming a judicial army requires confidence in God performing His Word. How did God instill confidence in the slaves of Egypt? Could there be a developmental pattern here? This was a Holy Spirit assignment. How did Moses transform slaves? Does the Bible tell us? Yes it does! Psalm 105:26-27 declares, *"He sent Moses His servant, And Aaron whom He had chosen. They performed His signs among them, and wonders in the land of Ham."* Bondages had to be broken and Israelites had to be transformed to gain the confidence to represent God! Today's church leaders face the same task Moses faced in transforming slaves! We must follow their pattern. Broken, battered and bruised people need healing. Persecution fell on the early church. It's raining persecution in many nations. Here in America we are getting a taste of that too. Every day the voice against believers gets louder. In Acts the early church responded to persecution by praying for boldness and an anointing to heal. The Lord asks us to believe Him, trust Him and accept His Blood sacrifice. If we do that, He will impart to us a cleansing of our conscience to serve the Living God. We will have no more blame shame or guilt and we will be free. And once free we should ask for the anointing to heal. It is a picture of Moses in Egypt. It can also be a guide for us as we prepare to walk as God's end-time army. As witnesses we are praying for an unprecedented healing revival where Jesus arises upon believers in every nation to represent Him. What Moses did in Egypt is about to be duplicated in believers in every nation as God transforms His church into His glorious Bride without spot or wrinkle! Let's embrace our Sonship and ask for this anointing!

FRIDAY, JULY 19

Scripture: Romans 3:27, Zechariah 10:1

Zechariah 10:1 says, *"Ask the Lord for rain In the time of the latter rain. The Lord will make flashing clouds; He will give them showers of rain, Grass in the field for everyone."* How do we walk in faith for rain? Romans 3:27 says, *"Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith."* Whenever we declare that we've lived in all good conscience before God until this day, that is a demonstration of faith in what Jesus has promised to do for us and we are agreeing with it. When we declare that the Blood cleanses our conscience to serve the Living God, we are agreeing with the Word in Hebrews and faith is bringing that to pass. If we say, like the Apostle Paul, 'We know nothing against ourselves,' we are agreeing with Scripture and declaring by faith that which is promised by the Blood. As we truly repent, we should view our sins as washed away and see ourselves as justified. He was pleased when Paul declared it and He will be pleased when you and I declare it as well. That is what the Blood does for us but how do we receive it? We agree with what Scripture says by faith. We believe it in faith and declare it over ourselves. Paul did and we must. It is manifested by faith and when we declare it, we are washing ourselves with the Word and it becomes reality in our lives.

SATURDAY, JULY 20

Scripture: Romans 3:28-31

Romans 3:28-31 says, *"Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law. Or is He the God of the Jews only? Is He not also the God of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also, since there is one God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law."* We agree with the law, but we are freed from the penalty of it by redemption! The Blood separates us from the penalty of the sin. It cleanses our conscience and we have perfect faith before God to represent Him. The Blood of Jesus has set us free from all the penalty of our sin. We are the redeemed and when we declare it, God honors it and the law of faith establishes the reality in our hearts. God ordained this for us. How wonderful is that!

SUNDAY, JULY 21

Scripture: Romans 4:13-15

Romans 4:13-15 states, *“For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. For if those who are of the law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise made of no effect, because the law brings about wrath; for where there is no law there is no transgression.”* What does faith bring us? Faith brings us freedom from the penalty of the law. When we agree with what the Blood has bought and paid for, our declaration releases our faith to do its job in cleansing our conscience and bringing perfect faith for us to walk in the promises of God. It is an amazing process. And yet, all God calls us to do is agree with what Scripture says. That is what we use to bring in a harvest of cities and nations. Ask the Lord for rain in the time of the latter rain!

MONDAY, JULY 22

Scripture: Romans 4:16

Romans 4:16 says, *“Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all.”* By faith, the promise is a grace-promise and the grace God wanted to ensure was available to the Jews, Gentiles and everyone. In order for the promise to be available to everyone, it is given by grace, through faith. We are to agree with the promise and apply faith. We are to confess it, declare it and decree it! When we agree in faith with what Scripture says, we establish the promise, which leads to the blessing and the freedom from blame, shame and guilt. It is a process and we have to put the Word in our mouth and declare it. When we do that, God says He will make it a reality! That is what we use to bring in a harvest of cities and nations. Ask the Lord for rain in the time of the latter rain!

TUESDAY, JULY 23

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-3

In Genesis 12:1-3, God told Abraham, *“Get out of your country, From your family And from your father’s house, To a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”* We know that in the Abrahamic Covenant, God required three things of Abraham in order for him to shoulder and participate in building God a culture, a house and a Kingdom. He told Abraham to get out of his country, culture and kindred or family. Abraham had to be willing to leave his entire life and the comfort that comes from having traditions to guide every step. If we are willing to spiritually leave the tradition and familiarity of those three things, then we are walking by faith in God's Kingdom. If we are willing to do this, then we can be part of establishing an outpost and haven of redemption for all people. That is the chief purpose and assignment of the church and establishes the House of God. We are agents of Christ's redemption. Our testimony is that we are the redeemed. We have been set free from sin and have a hope and future that is Blood-bought. It is a testimony of redemption! That is what we use to bring in a harvest of cities and nations. Ask the Lord for rain in the time of the latter rain!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

Scripture: Genesis 15:1-3

In Genesis 15:1-3, we find Abraham talking to God. It says, *“After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, ‘Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.’ But Abram said, ‘Lord God, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?’ Then Abram said, ‘Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!’”* Abraham was complaining because he had a promise from the Lord of his own son and heir, but he had not seen the promise fulfilled. The promise was maturing or manifesting as fast as God wanted but not as fast as Abraham wanted. Isn't that also typical of us? How many of us have received a word or promise from the Lord and suffered impatience or discontent when we have not yet seen it fulfilled? Redemption is both now and future! Romans 8:23 says, *“And not only they but we also have*

the first fruits of the Spirit even we ourselves groan within ourselves eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. Either through death or the coming of the Lord, our bodies will be transformed. In Christ we get a new body not subject to sickness or eternal decay.” When we are told we are redeemed and know it, why do we entertain thoughts inserted by the accuser of the brethren? Why do we attend to and dwell on those thoughts? When we do so, we take on the blame, shame and guilt of past failures when the penalty has been paid. The only weapon that satan has against our Blood-bought redemption is to try to convince us to take the blame, shame and guilt even though it has been bought by Christ’s Blood. It has been paid for and it is done! We are told to renew our mind and think differently. That is a matter of faith, and faith is required to do that. The question is, are we willing to say yes to the Scripture and refuse the barrage of lies of the accusing enemy? Are we willing to contend earnestly for our freedom? Every generation who has walked before us has had to walk this warfare out. The battle is in the mind. Can we win the battle of the mind? We have to fight it and we have to win it! That is what we use to bring in a harvest of cities and nations. Ask the Lord for rain in the time of the latter rain!

THURSDAY, JULY 25

Scripture: Genesis 15:4-6

In verses 4-6 this battle unfolds, *“And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ‘This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir.’ Then He brought him outside and said, ‘Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.’ And He said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’ And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.”* This is how righteousness works. When we believe the Word, it is counted to us as righteousness. We are redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb. The Lord accepts our faith in His truth that we are redeemed, and He accounts that faith to us as righteousness. All our repented sin is blotted out. We are to confess our faults one to another and we shall be healed. We are to confess our sin and we will be forgiven. God accounts it to us for righteousness and blots our sin out. It is a faith operation. We receive it by faith and then we declare our freedom. In doing so God makes it a reality. Redemption is a reward of faith and it is established by the Father of all them that believe. That is what we develop and exercise to bring in a harvest of cities and nations. Ask the Lord for rain in the time of the latter rain!

FRIDAY, JULY 26

Scripture: Genesis 15:7-8

Verses 7-8 say, *“Then He said to him, ‘I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it.’ And he said, ‘Lord God, how shall I know that I will inherit it?’”* Abraham had waited 25 years for this promise and was starting to waiver in faith. He wanted reassurance from God that the promise was still in effect. And when we are dealing with wavering faith over the issue of being redeemed, the enemy has fertile ground to attack us and get us off track. What do we do when we start asking questions like Abraham did in this passage? ‘God, can You help me **know** that I am forgiven? Can You help me **know** that I am redeemed?’ Abraham wanted to know for certain. His passion provoked a response from God. God gave Abraham a blessing and we need to recognize it and receive it because it makes a great contribution to the assurance of our redemption. Our faith is what we use to bring in a harvest of cities and nations. Ask the Lord for rain in the time of the latter rain!

SATURDAY, JULY 27

Scripture: Genesis 15:9-13

Verses 9-13 state, *“So He said to him, ‘Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.’ Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, down the middle, and placed each piece opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when the vultures came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, horror and great darkness fell upon him. Then He said to Abram: ‘Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years.’”* In verse 8, Abraham asked, *“How shall I know?”* Notice what God said to Abraham in verse 13, *“Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years.”* God was doing

something here that we now know to be Blood Covenant. He was answering Abraham's need to know. At times we wrestle with God's promises to us because we have a need to know. The Blood Covenant is a guarantee enabling us to know unquestionably that what God promised He performs. Blood Covenant is a response to Abraham's question. Because Abraham is the father of all them that believe, we need to build faith the way Abraham built faith. God knew that and that is why He made Abraham an example for us. Every generation since Abraham has had to walk out this faith-building process. We need to learn it and start walking it out so that we can have redemption as our reality. Redemption is Blood-bought and that redemption is the platform of our message to a fallen world. Let's build the faith we need to walk in it, in Jesus' name! That is what we use to bring in a harvest of cities and nations. Ask the Lord for rain in the time of the latter rain!

SUNDAY, JULY 28

Scripture: Genesis 15:14-17

In verses 14-17 we are told, *"And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete." And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces.*" The Abrahamic covenant is a covenant guaranteed in blood. We have a new Blood Covenant guaranteed in the Blood of Jesus and our redemption is Blood-bought. It is covenantal! It is a Blood Covenant that God will not violate or nullify! It is given so that we know, that we know, that we know that this New Covenant is ours and it belongs to us. That is what we use to bring in a harvest of cities and nations. Ask the Lord for rain in the time of the latter rain!

MONDAY, JULY 29

Scripture: Jeremiah 34:18-20

In Jeremiah 34:18-20 we are told, *"And I will give the men who have transgressed My covenant, who have not performed the words of the covenant which they made before Me, when they cut the calf in two and passed between the parts of it—the princes of Judah, the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, the priests, and all the people of the land who passed between the parts of the calf—I will give them into the hand of their enemies and into the hand of those who seek their life. Their dead bodies shall be for meat for the birds of the heaven and the beasts of the earth."* We can see what happened to those who broke God's covenant. God has never broken a Blood Covenant. Everyone who breaks covenant comes into judgment. We know, that we know, that we know, that in the New Covenant the Blood of Jesus redeems us from all sin and by faith we accept that. Through our active participation of accepting redemption by faith, we establish God's purposes in the earth and establish redemption in the earth. It is our message to the dying world in the last days. That is what we use to bring in a harvest of cities and nations. Ask the Lord for rain in the time of the latter rain!

TUESDAY, JULY 30

Scripture: Hebrews 11:8-13

Hebrews 11:8-13 tells us that Abraham and Sarah received the covenant and, by faith, they left their country, their culture and their kindred. They obeyed and because of it, Abraham became the father of faith and birthed a covenant out of which you and I are blessed today. The entire New Covenant is based on the platform of the Abrahamic covenant. We need to know exactly what Abraham learned. What he learned in becoming the father of all them that believe, works the same for us as it did for him. God honored him, blessed him and God is about to do the same for us. The question is, are we willing to accept and walk in what God is showing us, and to walk that way in faith? Just as Abraham had to walk in faith for what God told him in his generation, we have to walk in faith for what God tells us! Abraham got to see the land of promise, and we can see the fulfilment of God's promises! The Jews possessed their geographic inheritance and now they are back in it. Many of the promises to Abraham have already come to pass for the Jewish people. Those promises are what we use to bring in a harvest of cities and nations. Ask the Lord for rain in the time of the latter rain!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

Scripture: Hebrews 11:14-16

Verses 14-16 tell us, “For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them. By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,...” Abraham was a doer of and a believer in the Word of God! He believed God by faith and God took note and He also took action. When we walk in faith the way Abraham did, we are believing and doing the Word. When we declare that we have redemption through Christ, we are building a city whose Maker is God! Abraham built the city by faith and laid the foundation by faith. When we accept what God says, that is exactly what we are doing. The reason redemption is so important to us is that we cannot preach it unless we are fully and completely established in it. We have to know the Blood, we have to accept it and have confidence and faith in what God has done for us. This is the foundation of our message to the lost in the last days. We are the leading examples of redemption and we have to shine forth in the full confidence of faith that comes from it. That is what we use to bring in a harvest of cities and nations. Ask the Lord for rain in the time of the latter rain!

The Redeemed

*The Lord’s Own redeemed ones
Their Sonship they know.
True freedom goes with them
Wherever they go.*

*Their penalty’s covered.
It’s been blotted out.
And glorious liberty
They want to shout!*

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