Jesu Juva

**Mid-Week Judica**

Text: Leviticus 16:15-22; Hebrews 9:11-26; St. John 1:29

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

When Adam and Eve sinned, all creation was defiled. For this reason, atonement had to be made, innocent blood spilled, and the nakedness of their shame covered over by the sacrifice of innocent life, *“For the life of the flesh is in the blood…,”* and God gave it as an atonement for their souls.

When the people of Israel sinned, even the Holy Place of the Tabernacle, and later, the Temple, was defiled. Again, due to *their* sins, innocent blood was required to be spilled so that the High Priest could offer an atonement for the uncleanness of the transgressions and sins of God’s guilty people.

When you sin, you defile the entire Temple of the Lord. *“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and your body is not your own?”* Therefore, your sin also requires innocent blood that your uncleanness, caused by your transgressions and sins, may be covered, and the holy place in which God has chosen to reside be made clean.

You see, all sin causes defilement, and the only cleansing element for this defilement is blood—innocent, undefiled, spotless blood. For *“according to the Law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin.”* Certainly, this cannot be accomplished by the blood of bulls and goats. The blood of animals has no power to take away sin.

The sacrifices and ordinances of the Old Testament could not make one clean. The benefit of sacrificing such innocent life for the life of the guilty could only be temporary at best, as is seen in the annual cleansing of God’s people on the Day of Atonement. No, for atonement to be eternal, the blood must also be eternal. For atonement to be just, innocent blood must also be made guilty. For atonement to be truly everlasting, the blood must also be holy enough to cover all guilt, for all time.

Therefore, the Father caused *“Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him”* that the way to eternal life and salvation be made manifest, not as an earthly shadow, but in the reality of the Holy Blood of God.

Therefore, God sent His only-begotten Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to be our High Priest. He came, as our eternal redemption not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own precious Blood, to enter the Most Holy Place, once and for all, to obtain for us, His people.

The Blood of Christ Jesus is our eternal atonement, sprinkled upon the horns of God’s heavenly altar to establish a new covenantal relationship with our God. This Blood, He provides for you upon His altar as an eternal remembrance of all He has accomplished for you with His innocent suffering and death.

It shall be a statute forever that atonement has been made for you and your children, your children’s, children, and every generation until our Lord shall return. Your life is in His Blood, and He has made an atonement for you upon the Altar of His Cross. His Blood is upon you and your children. It shall be a statute for you forever and ever. Amen!

In Jesus’ Name. Amen.

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