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THE SCARLET THREAD

Joshua 2:21, And she bound the scarlet line in the window.

Two spies sent by Joshua to view Jericho were befriended by Rahab the harlot. They promised to save her and her father's house when they returned. Rahab asked that they give her a true token. As she let them down over the wall, the spies gave her that one true token. Bind this line of scarlet thread in the window. When the walls of Jericho came tumbling down, Rahab's house was spared by the covenant between Rahab and the spies. She bound the scarlet line in the window.

This scarlet thread has been regarded ever since as a type of the blood of Christ. Clement of Rome who died about 101 AD called it a prophecy of the blood of Christ. Rahab said, "Give me a true token."

The one true token—the scarlet thread is woven throughout the word of God. God's plan of redemption in retrospect may be seen in the Creation of Eve. God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh thereof; And the rib, which the Lord had taken from man,'-.....made He a woman. When the Second Adam fell asleep in His death on the cross, they came and opened His side with a spear and blood and water ran out. This made possible the birth of the Church— the bride of Christ on the day of Pentecost. Bin this line of scarlet thread in the window.

The one true token again is seen in the Fall of Adam and Eve. They sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons. This was not enough. Unto Adam and also to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them. Only by the shedding of the blood of an animal sacrifice could they be properly clothed in the sight of God. The shedding of the blood of the Lamb of God gives us proper clothing in the sight of God. The fig leaves of good works is not enough to cover our sins. Jesus spoke of the wedding garment and Paul tells us, "As many of us as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ." Bothis line of scarlet thread in the window.

The one true token is noted again in the Murder of Abel by his brother Cain. The first argument that took place on planet earth was a religious argument and the first human death was a man who died for his faith. God told Cain, "The voice of thy brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground." What does the blood of Abel have to say? The blood of Abel preaches to us that it does make a difference what you believe. The blood of Abel preaches, "Vengeance belongs unto God and He will repay." The blood of Abel preaches you cannot substitute something that God says for something else. The blood of Abel preaches that the righteous are hated without a cause.

Cain attempted to worship God by offering a sacrifice of the fruit of the ground. Abel brought of the firstlings of his flock, and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and his offering: but unto Cain and his offering He had not respect. Paul says by faith Abel offered a more excellent sacrifice than Cain. How did Abel know God wanted a blood sacrifice? Faith comes by hearing and heat ing by the word of God. Cain tried to bypass the blood sacrifice that God demanded by trying to offer the fruit of the ground instead.

Again, the true token, the scarlet thread is noted when Noah made an altar after the flood and sacrificed of every clean beast and every fowl unto the Lord in thanksgiving for his deliverance from the flood on did not fall down and worship the Ark, he worshiped God. The Lord smelled a sweet savor and declared I will never again curse the ground for man's sake. In Ephesians 5:2, Paul uses the same terms as Moses when he speaks of the offering of Christ as a sacrifice to God for an odor of a sweet smell. The sacrifice of Noah is a type of a greater sacrifice at Calvary of the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

Without doubt the most dramatic example of the one

true token was in the Sacrifice of Isaac by Abraham. Paul tells us in Hebrews by faith Abraham being tired offered up Isaac. Take now thy son thine only son Isaac whom thou lovest and offer him up as a sacrifice on one of the mountains that I will tell thee of the first mention of love in the Old Testament was the love of Abraham for his son. The first mention of love in the New Testament was "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." Abraham bound Isaac. Jesus was bound also. Isaac carried the wood for the burnt offering. Jesus went out bearing for Himself the cross. Abraham laid Isaac on the wood. Jesus was laid on the cross and nailed. Abraham knew if he killed Isaac that God could raise him from the dead from which he received him again in a figure. A substitute was provided at the last moment for Isaac. There was and is no substitute for Jesus the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. D d this line of scarlet thread in the window.

Again, the one true token is seen in the Institution of the Passover at the time of the slaying of the first born in the land of Egypt. A lamb without blemish of the first year was to be slain and the blood applied to the two door posts and the upper doorpost. The Lord said, "I will pass throughout the land of Egypt this night, and I will smite all the first born in the land of Egypt both man and beast: and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord: And the blood shall be for you a token upon the houses where you are: and when I see the blood I will passover you." At the return of the Lord Jesus from heaven in judgement He will see the blood of the slain Lamb of God on the or of the Church of Christ and He will passover you.

The one true token of the scarlet thread is amplified in the seventh chapter of Revelation in the vision of the redeemed; John saw in heaven. John says in part, "we saw and behold a great multitude which no man could number out of every nation, and of all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, arrayed in white robes, and palms in their hands." And all the angels were standing round about the throne, and about the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell before the throne on their faces, and worshiped God. And one of the elders said unto me, "These that are arrayed in white robes, who are they, and whence came they?" And I say unto him, "My Lord thou knowest." And he said to me, "These are they that have come out of the great tribulation, and they washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." Every single person in that vast assembly before the throne of God was there because he was washed in the blood of the Lamb. A reminder of that one true token—Bind this line of scarlet Salvation by the blood of the Lamb is stressed in Hebrews 9:22 when Paul said, "And without the shedding of blood there is no remission." This reminds us of what the Lord said when He instituted the Lord's Supper in Matthew 26:28. "This is My blood of the covenant which is poured out for many unto remission of sins." That statement of the Lord is the same as what Peter said in Acts 2:38, "Repent ye and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Now read those verses together Hebrews 9:22, "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission." Matthew 26:28, "This is My blood of the covenant which is poured out for many unto remission of sins." Acts 2:38, "Repent and be baptized for the remission of sins."

There is nothing the Devil hates any more than the blood of Christ. The Lord God promised the Devil, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise His heel." It was on the cross that Jesus smashed the head of the serpent. That is why he hates the Lord's Supper and baptism so much. The Lord's Supper reminds us of the blood that was poured out for the remission of sins, and the Baptism reminds us of repentance and immersion for remission of sins. AND SHE BOUND THE SCARLET LINE IN THE WINDOW! EB

Abraham Osaw My Day Communion Meditation

Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day; and he saw it, and was glad. The Jews therefore said unto him, "Thou art not yet fight years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?" Jesus said unto them, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, before Abraham was born I am."

What day of the Lord was it that Abraham saw and was glad? It must have been the day when he was told, "Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I will tell thee of."

Abraham believed the promise of God that through Isaac all the nations of the earth would be blessed. He also knew if he killed Isaac, the only way that promise could be fulfilled was for God to raise him from the dead. In Hebrews (e)en, we are told he accounted God able to raise him up from the dead from whence he received him again in a figure. His faith in God was so great that he raised the knife to slay Isaac. A voice from heaven cried out just in time, "Abraham, Abraham, lay not thine hand on the lad." Abraham saw a ram caught in the thicket; a substitute was provided and Abraham was glad. He was glad because he saw the day when another substitute would be provided the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. Abraham looked forward almost 2,000 years and saw the day of the Lord and was glad, and we look back 2,000 years as we observe the Lord's Supper and are glad. According to the Apostle John, the Lord Jesus appeared on the day of the resurrection when the doors were shutting and showed them his hands and his side. Then John said, "The disciples therefore were glad when they saw the Lord." But there is another day of the Lord in scripture. Paul refers to the day of the Lord that cometh like a thief in the night. Peter said that we as Christians should earnestly look for and desire the coming of the day of God. So if we are faithful, when the Lord returns, we shall see the day of the Lord and be glad. EB

HALLOWEEN or HELLOWEEN

This is an early Halloween greeting, but better early than late. Witches and Demons are for real. The Apostle tells us that we wrestle not against flesh and blood; but against a spiritual host of wickedness in the heavenly places. James says the demons believe and tremble. Forked tongues of demons and Jeering eyes of fiends are on you at all times. Halloween is the Devil's big city. It is Christmas in Hell. He sucks us in through the children who go around the neighborhood on trick or treat night. It seems harmless enough, but demons are watching their every move, the Devil is in the details.

Actually Halloween should be called Helloween. Not only does Helloween come on the thirty-first of October, as far as the unsaved person is concerned, Helloween comes every day in the year. Every day in the year is trick or treat with the Devil and it is all trick with him and no treat. Helloween is the Devil's New Year's Day. It is appropriate for the non Christian to wear a mask, dress like a hob goblin and to ride a broom stick at all times.

Here are a few words from the Bible to tell you how the Lord feels about witches. In Exodus the Lord said, "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live." That ought to be enough to show you God's opinion of a witch. If that is the way God looks at witches, why insult God by dressing up the kids like witches and hob goblins. When the Devil sees your cute little kids dressed as witches, he feels like you do on the Fourth of July. Demons are watching their every move; forked tongues are darting in and out. So go ahead and ride your broom stick. After all it is Helloweer to bad you can't see the Devil is in the details.

In Leviticus, God said, 2 man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death; they shall stone them with stones; their blood shall be upon them."

The Lord wanted witches stoned. The demons most certainly don't like this so with the fiendish glee they look upon the cute little tots dressed as witches. So go ahead and ride your broom stick, the Devil feels like this is his Thanksgiving Day. He likes to see the kids that are so cute on Helloween dressed up like witches. The Devil snickers, the Old Serpent hisses.

In the book of first Samuel, Samuel told King Saul, "For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolate v." "Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king." When God wanted to show what He thought about rebellion, He commanded it to witchcraft. God rejected Saul from being King for something as bad as witchcraft. He actually went to see a witch before he died. The Devil just loves to see you and your broom stick and your cute little kids dressed up like witches. He feels like this is his birthday. After all it's Helloween. The Devil is in the details.

In Deuteronomy God said this about witches. "There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter; or a witch." God doesn't want any witches among us.

If that is the way God feels about witches, why slap God in the face by dressing up the kids like them. No doubt the kids are innocent, but can the same thing be said about the parents? It looks like parents would be afraid something bad might happen to them—sometimes it does. Oh, but it is so cute, what harm will it do? After all it is Helloween. The Devil is in the details.

Remember what the scripture says about how God feels about witches. He commanded them to be stoned in the Old Testament. He thinks witchcraft is as bad as disobedience. He does not want them among His people. But in spite of God's personal view on the matter, many a "Christian" will continue to spit in God's face on trick or treat night.

But no matter what can be said most will say—Well, I just don't see anything wrong with Helloween. I don't care what the Bible says. Nobody is going to wean me from Helloween. That of course is the basic problem, they just don't see. If they could see the spirit world around them, hear the hisses, see the forked tongue of demons darting in and out, they would know that it is not Halloween they celebrate, but Helloween! E.B.

LETTERS



Mrs. Bousman,

Hello! I just received my lessons 6-15, thank you! I

was on the Wynne Unit now I'm here on Hughes Unit. Also you ask me if I needed a Bible. Yes, I do. I've been really trying to find a KJV Study Bible! Anyway I'll continue to do the best I can on my lessons and when finished I'll send them back to you. Just wanted you to know where I am. God bless you!

Greg from Gatesville, TX

Once again, I do thank you for sending these studies to me and they have opened my eyes to the love of God and the error of my ways. (Willie just completed Studies lessons 11-15 of 30.)

Hi, my name is Michelle. I am writing to you because I am in need of a KJV Bible so I can complete Studies. You all had sent one to another inmate here at Marlin Unit and I was wondering if you could send me one? It would be greatly appreciated. Also if you have a Bible Study that you send to inmates, I would love to be involved with that also. Thank you so much for considering my request.

Marlin, TX

Hi,

I know that this information is most likely important to you. Today at about 8 to 9pm in 33098 Paderborn Germany, I was listening to your broadcast on 6120 kHz. I used an Amateur Radio multiband handheld Radio Yaesu VX-3 with just the small 5 inch antenna. The Signal was good but naturally fading but I could follow Ed's talk on the fish Jesus told his disciples to catch to pay taxes for him and them. I noticed in your website that the frequency stated was 6015kHz. I am not 100% sure but I thought that it was 6120kHz. I have been a Christian for over 30 years and I have worked and still am working in Christian radio for the last 17 years, hence I know the value of listenership. I did enjoy the program and was encouraged by the message. May God bless your efforts in keeping the voice of late Rev. Bousman alive! God Bless!

Michael S. Paderborn, Germany

The October Newsletter will be devoted to REMEMBER-ING ED as he would have been 98 years old October 1. If you have any memories you would like to share with me and our readers please send them to me by the first week of October! Thank you Naomi IS THIS A GOOD IDEA? OR NOT?

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