

REDEMPTION GOD'S ANSWER TO EVERY PROBLEM



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Christ has made us, His believers, to be priests to God (Revelation 1:6). The blood that was shed by the Lamb of God our sacrifice becomes the provision whereby we can stand in the presence of God. This does not exclude the fact that more work needs to be done in our spirits, souls, and bodies. However, our problems must not get in the way of our entering His presence as His priesthood. Let us look at how we do that, beginning with a passage from Hebrews.

But He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD, waiting from that time onward UNTIL HIS ENEMIES BE MADE A FOOTSTOOL FOR HIS FEET.

HEBREWS 10:12–13



Salvation Happens in the Presence of the Father

On the Day of Atonement, the blood of the sacrifice was taken into the Holy of Holies, which was the presence of God (Leviticus 16:17–18). Likewise, the blood of Christ had to be taken into the presence of the Father. When Yeshua (Jesus) the Passover Lamb was sacrificed, He had to be resurrected (1 Corinthians 5:7). Resurrection is not a theology; it is a necessity. Yeshua the sacrifice is also Yeshua our High Priest (Hebrews 4:14). When He ascended to the Father and sat down at His right hand, Christ literally took the blood offering which He had spilled into the presence of the Father (Hebrews 1:3). You cannot stop with the crucifixion and say the sacrifice for our sins was complete. Just as the sacrifice was not complete until the high priest took the blood into the Holy of Holies, so our salvation was not complete until Yeshua our High Priest presented His blood in the presence of the Father. Get this in your thinking that salvation happens in the presence of the Father.

God saves you by accepting the offering of the blood of Yeshua. The name Yeshua means “God is our Savior.” The Father planned our salvation and He provided for it. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son (John 3:16). And He brought Yeshua into the world as the sacrifice who would redeem the world by His blood. In that sense you can say, “Jesus is my Savior.” Technically, He was the sacrifice. He was the Lamb that was offered, and He also acts as the High Priest who went in before God. He is still there at the right hand of the Father (Romans 8:34). If Yeshua is still there with the presentation of the blood, then He is fulfilling a priestly function.



Christ Our High Priest Gives Us the Priestly Function

Have you ever wondered, “Why is Yeshua not here on earth? We need Him here. Doesn’t He understand the trouble the earth is in?” He will return as the Lord of lords and King of kings (1 Timothy 6:14–15). But right now He is the High Priest. We are still in the phase of the presentation of the sacrifice before the Father for it to be accepted by Him. Christ is ministering from that place at the right hand of God. Imagine that Yeshua stands before the Father presenting His blood as the offering for sin. Then He points to you and says to the Father, “This sacrifice is for this person. Is it acceptable?” And the Father accepts it. This is what Christ does for every single one. His blood was the sacrifice for every person who has been, is, or will be on this earth. Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father presenting that blood for every individual. Now once we have received this salvation, what is Christ looking for? He is looking for us to become a part of that same priestly function. We read in 2 Corinthians 5:

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17–20



He Has Given Us the Ministry of Reconciliation

God reconciles us to Himself through the blood of Christ. Then He gives to us the ministry of reconciliation. In His lovingkindness God is the forgiver of the world, not counting our trespasses against Him. He reconciled the world to Himself through Christ. But then He also committed to us the ministry of reconciliation. God is our reconciler through Christ, and those who are in Christ He has made reconcilers. As we read in Hebrews, we also enter the holy place (Hebrews 10:19–22). We who are saved because of the sacrifice of Christ, enter in on behalf of those who are yet to receive it.

On the cross Yeshua said, “It is finished!” (John 19:30). But we make a mistake to say that the entire process of salvation was finished at that point. The sacrifice for sin was finished. The blood was spilled. The suffering was over. Now there is the priestly aspect of presenting the blood of the sacrifice to the Father. Right now salvation is still in process. You cannot look at

the world and say that the salvation of Christ is finished. There are too many unsaved people. Who provides the answer for them? We do, because once we receive Christ, we follow Him into the holy place, into the presence of the Father. The blood of Yeshua covers us and keeps us so that we are not destroyed in that process, but we are to be the ones who come before God voicing the word of reconciliation and claiming the reconciliation for the world. It is not that we make a new sacrifice. There is only one sacrifice: the blood of Yeshua. But the priestly presentation of that blood before the Father will not be completed until His enemies are made the footstool of His feet. This transpires in the presence of the Father as His priests present the offering on behalf of God's enemies.



We Are Deliverers—Not Judges

We read that we execute the judgments written (Psalm 149:5–9). Our interpretation of that is that we prophesy the judgments of God in the earth. But the Lord said to love our enemies (Luke 6:27). We do not destroy the enemies. We do not, in and of ourselves, bring the enemies into subjection. We bring the offering for them. On the cross Yeshua did not curse His enemies. He did not curse those who crucified Him. He did not say, “You rejected Me, and now you’re going to be judged!” He said, “Father, forgive them” (Luke 23:34). That is the heart of Christ presenting the sacrifice before the Father. “Father, forgive them. Take this sacrifice as an offering on their behalf and deliver them.” In the prophecy of restoration in Obadiah, who are the ones who ascend Mount Zion? The deliverers do, not the judges (Obadiah 1:21).

The only way we will be effective as His priesthood is if we are in the presence of God. We are enabled to enter His presence by the blood of Christ. But that blood is the sacrifice on behalf of the entire world. And as we enter into the Holy of Holies in this salvation, we are a part of the worship of service. We are a part of going in before the Father and presenting the word of reconciliation. We do not need to focus on all the details of what is happening in the world and

prophesy against them. The only way to change anything in this world is from the right hand of the Father. The Father will change it, and we are the ones to contend with Him to see the release for this age.

Why does Yeshua not come flying back to earth, rip off His cloak revealing the big letter “C,” be Super-Christ and say, “I have been away too long. The world needs me”? I think He is tremendously burdened about what is going on in the world today, but He knows that He is where He can do the most good. He is at the right hand of God, where He is most effective to see salvation ministered even to those who right now are His enemies. God swore by an oath, “YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK (Hebrews 7:17). If you are at My right hand, I will make these enemies a footstool for Your feet. I will make every knee bow (Philippians 2:9–11). And now Christ is looking for something from us. We must be in the presence of the Father. The blood of Christ is our protection so that we are not destroyed in that process, but we are to come boldly before the throne of grace (Hebrews 4:16, KJV). That is telling us how we are to come as these priests and approach the Father (Revelation 1:6).



We Must Be His Ambassadors

Those of us who are mature in revelation and understanding of the salvation granted to us must now take up the call. We need to come before the Father in the priesthood we have received by commission from Christ, in that Melchizedek covering, and say, “Here we are Father. We are presenting this offering of blood on behalf of all those in our generation who are the enemies of the cross of Christ, who stand against You, who stand against Your purpose,

who stand against Your will.” We do not know who will change. But one thing we do know: the sacrifice of His blood is enough, and we know that it is the provision He offered for every living being before the time of the cross, during the cross, and since the cross (1 Peter 1:18–20). It was the one sacrifice for all time. And we must present it before the Father in our generation. We must be His priests. We must be His ambassadors. He has given to us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, what is our cry? Are we crying for judgment? No, we cry, “Father, reconcile this world to Yourself.”

We should be consumed with this idea that we are ambassadors with the word of reconciliation. That word is not only a word of evangelism. It is a word before the Father declaring, “The blood sacrifice of Your Son will be effective for all those who dwell in the world in this generation.” If you really want to stop the evil in the world today, then believe for a mass reconciliation to the Father. That would stop every problem imaginable. Think about it. Think how effective reconciliation would be right now across the globe. Then differentiate that from saying, “We judge this; we judge that,” and trying to figure out what it is that you are judging: who is really at fault? And what do you do about people who are at fault but are driven by demonic power?



Our Reconciliation Can Solve the Biggest Problems

The apostle Paul is a perfect illustration of this. Saul of Tarsus (Paul) was an enemy of the Church. He was set to kill the believers (Acts 26:10). What if he were doing this in our day and age? How many sermons would be preached against him? How many prayers of judgment would be voiced? But all it took was one reconciliation to solve one of the biggest problems the Church at that time had to face (1 Corinthians 15:9–10). In a very real sense, Paul’s example illustrates the answer to every problem we face in the earth today. We struggle in not knowing

how to deal with current events. Should we get a team together and pore over newspapers and watch ten TV screens to monitor the news to determine what to prophesy about in the next service? How do we deal with the lack of morality, the new levels of wickedness in the earth, or the fact that our money is being stolen by thieves who do not care about anything but themselves? I think our prophecies of judgment against all that are not going to help much, mainly because there is too much likeness between our nature and the natures of those engaging in wickedness. But God makes it easy. He says, “Just be My priest.”

Look at what you were before you received His salvation. How did God take care of your problems and your issues when you were a force in this earth against Him and against His Kingdom? He took care of you by reconciling you through the blood of Yeshua. Now He has made you His ambassador of reconciliation to the world. Remember that His oath, His judgment, and His blessing are all wrapped up in the same package, and we cannot make the mistake of judging wrongly. In every situation we are looking for people to be reconciled to God. There is one simple thing He has charged us with, and that is to come into the Holy of Holies and exercise the ministry of reconciliation.



Touch the Power of God and Turn Him Loose

We need to get this idea that we are following in Yeshua's footsteps to be His priests. I completely understand the anxiousness we could have, the feeling that we should go out and do something, be part of an organization that is physically feeding, clothing, or housing people. I believe in supporting organizations that are helping people in this world. But the Lord is showing us how to touch all the world's problems. When we break through into the ministry of reconciliation, we will have touched the power of God and turned Him loose. That is what Yeshua is doing at the right hand of God. He is turning the Father loose on this age. He is the

authority. He is the Creator. He has all authority (Matthew 28:18). And if we want every problem dealt with, if we want every negative force dealt with, if we want all the wickedness dealt with, then we need to come boldly before His throne and say, “Father, reconcile them. Let the blood of Yeshua be the sacrifice in their lives that is acceptable to You. They are enemies now, but bring them to the footstool of Christ until they accept the sacrifice He made. You make them worthy. You save them. You deliver them. You release them. You change their nature into the nature that will serve You and bring about Your Kingdom in this earth.” If we could do that, we would see something turned loose in the world right now that has not been seen for hundreds, maybe thousands of years, where the real power of God, the Father Himself, is released into the earth. That is what we need.

God, turn loose Your power. Turn loose Your grace. Turn loose Your lovingkindness. Release your hesed, Lord, into this planet until everything is changed by Your presence, by Your Being. You so loved this world that You gave Your only begotten Son. And nothing of that love has changed, no matter what our opinion is of the world. You still love this world and You are still waiting for those who will stand up like Christ and say, “Father, forgive them. Lord, accept the sacrifice.” We are not going to have the attitude of Jonah who was bitter because God saved the people of Nineveh (Jonah 4:1). We are not going to be bitter when You save the whole world. Each one of us could say, “Those people were my enemies! You have no idea what terrible things they did to me!” He knows. And God took care of them in the best possible way. He reconciled them to Himself.



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