

THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE #1 THE BLOOD

2Co. 10³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: ⁴
(**For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal**, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) KJV

There are many weapons in the arsenal of the Christian warrior. We will examine them for the purpose of using them.

Rev. 12¹¹ And **they overcame him because of the blood** of the Lamb, ASV

The first weapon we can use is THE BLOOD OF JESUS.

I. THE BLOOD OF JESUS GIVES US THE BENEFIT OF A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

A. Our relationship is based upon being made
RIGHTEOUS.

Rev. 1 5....Unto him that loveth us, and loosed us from our sins by his blood; ASV

KJV says.....washed us from our sins in his own blood.

When the devil attacks he will attack your righteousness. The devil is the accuser of the brethren. We are free to fight him because we know we are clean!

B. Our relationship with God is based upon **GRACE.**

Eph 2 And you *did he make alive*, when ye were dead through your trespasses and sins,

Eph 2⁵ even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (**by grace have ye been saved**), ⁶and raised us up with him, and made us to sit with him in the heavenly *places*, in Christ Jesus:
ASV

C. Our relationship with God gives us **ACCESS.**

The devil wants to attack our righteousness, our position (grace), and our access. He will taunt us with words that questions or worthiness to come to God and call out to him. He tells us God will not hear us, that we cannot get to him.

The covering of the blood of Jesus guarantees our access.

Heb. 10 ¹⁹Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holy place by the blood of Jesus ASV

²²let us draw near with a true heart in fulness of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience: and having our body washed with pure water, ²³let us hold fast the confession of our hope that it waver not; for he is faithful that promised: ASV

Not only does the blood of Jesus give us a relationship with God that provides righteousness and grace but also...

II. THE BLOOD OF JESUS GIVES US THE BENEFIT OF AN ETERNAL COVENANT.

A. The benefit of ETERNAL LIFE

John 3 15 & 16 ... “that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life”. KJV

John 11 ²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. ²⁶ And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?” NKJ

Now and forever we have eternal life.

B. The benefit of ETERNAL REWARD.

1Pe. 1 ³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy begat us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴unto an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵who by the power of God are guarded through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ASV

C. The benefit of the ETERNAL CHARACTER OF GOD.

Nothing the Father, Son, or Holy Spirit says is a lie! God only speaks the truth. His eternal covenant is based on truth.

Heb. 10 ²³... for he is faithful that promised. ASV

Heb. 6 ¹⁷ Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. ¹⁸

God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which **it is impossible for God to lie**, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged. NIV

Don't allow to the devil to contest the promise God has made to you. What God has promised he will do!

III. THE BLOOD OF JESUS KEEPS US SAFE.

Job 1 ⁴ His sons used to take turns holding feasts in their homes, and they would invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. ⁵ When a period of feasting had run its course, Job would send and have them purified. **Early in the morning he would sacrifice a burnt offering for each of them,** thinking, "Perhaps my children have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." **This was Job's regular custom.**

Job by way of sacrifice was pleading the blood over his family. What effect did this have on his family?

¹⁰ **"Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has?** You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. ¹¹ But stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face." ¹² The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your hands, but **on the man himself do not lay a finger.**" NIV

Learn from Job that the blood keeps us

A. Safe from PREMATURE DEATH.

The devil could not take Job or his children's lives because the sacrifice had built a hedge around them!

The steps of a righteous man are ordered by the Lord. He knows our end from the beginning. **There are no accidents with God only appointments!**

B. Safe from DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY.

V 10 A hedge is around ...everything he has.

C. Safe from the DEVIL.

The devil could only touch by Job and what was his by God's permission.

The devil comes as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. 1Pe. 5:8.

There is a covering he cannot penetrate.

There is a line he cannot cross. It is the blood line.

Exo. 12¹³ Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you *are*. And **when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you** when I strike the land of Egypt. NKJ
Use this mighty weapon! Keep the benefit of the blood in your life.