

An expression of love, Jesus as our High Priest

In becoming a reborn man I have needed to express the change that occurred in my heart. Replaced is the heart of self, selfishness or pain and accepted is a heart connected to the God of love! Jesus has opened a door for an exchange and I would like to share this for others to see.

It all starts with "for God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son". (John 3:16 Amp) This love nature of God is His most identifiable characteristic in His personality. We can see a glimpse of this love nature when man disobeyed Him in the Garden of Eden and broke his living connection or unity with Him. You see there are only two choices for man, he can either serve good or evil. Each of these choices has a companion, life with good or death with evil. (Deut 30:15 Amp) When man rejected God, He did not display any negative reaction like we would have in a similar situation of betrayal but instead showed only mercy towards the very man who broke His covenant. It was in this covenant where God gave the whole world to man and asked only in return that man not eat from the fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. (Gen 2: 16-17) Man despised (held in low regard) God's instruction and strived to promote himself just like Satan did. In this self-promotion Adam chose Satan's methods for provision over God's plans for man. This act transferred the lordship God bestowed upon man on earth over to a new connection with Satan as his lord and control. (2 Cor 4:4)

When man with God had earth's dominion we had the Garden of Eden but when Satan became the highest authority he operated earth according to his characteristics of hate. From that point forward Satan directed earth to reflect his nature... "to kill, steal and destroy". (John 10:10 Amp) This was the beginning of the curse for man and all because he gave up his Blessing of God. Man had exchanged God for Satan and now Satan was able to make man live under the ruler of someone who hated him.

Man took on his new master's sin nature and this corruption, rot or death prevented God from having a living connection with man. Everything was now at "an arm's length" between God and man since man had to remain behind a veil of innocent blood to have any connection with God at all. At that moment of his fall man realized he was unable to get released from his new God's control and man was bound to Satan's rule. In this God only displayed His love towards man and promised him that Satan's hold on him would be broken!

Let's look at some basic truths:

1. God is a loving God. Eph 2:4 Amp
2. God created man to have fellowship with Him Gen 3:8 Amp
3. Man will either serve God or Satan Deut 30:15 Amp
4. Man retains even in his cursed state the power of choice Deut 30:15 Amp

So man is spiritually dead, cursed and God is at arm's length. This moment is when rebellious man was shown his greatest mercy from God.

God Himself declared there would be one sent to provide a full restoration for man. In God's mercy man now had a promise that Satan's evil hold on him would be exchanged with God's expression of love/light/goodness! God was providing man the grace and mercy needed to be freed and Blessed even when he didn't deserve or earn it.

This began the journey where man and God passed through the Old Testament and we see the unveiling of His plan for us. God provided us with His Law which declares His promises for us as well as a structure to operate in this arm's length relationship of sin or death separation. God saw man's need to have a dedicated group of men to provide a service as mediators and called these people Priests. Jesus is the Highest or High Priest of this order and completed the highest act of mediation in which He completely removed the barrier between God and man. (Hebrews 4:14-16 Amp) Jesus' actions would fulfill God's promises that we were given

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so long ago and He did so willingly no matter what the cost to His person. (Genesis 3:1 Amp) Galatians 2:20 Amp says, "... the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me" ... this we will discuss further on.

In the beginning of our cursed relationship with God we had to use a blood covering of innocent animal blood to have any ability of connection. God Himself showed man how to apply it with the skin/blood of an animal (Genesis 3:21 Amp) and this became a part of His life. Adam taught his children all he had learned from God and most importantly the manner in which man could continue his connection with God. While Abel did follow this instruction Cain did not and instead purposed to serve God in his own way. When God spoke to Cain it is important to note that Cain did not wonder who was talking to him, he knew the voice of God. (Genesis 4:6-7 Amp) Even when God warned Cain of the danger that was before him Cain did not correct his path but instead became the first man to commit a murder. God in His love nature showed mercy towards Cain and even placed a sign of protection on him so that he would be protected from others that would find him in the future. You see, anybody could see the evil that was on him from his choices as sin always leaves an ugly mark on a man. (Genesis 4:15 Amp)

How does this relate to us? From the beginning Adam's guilt caused a spiritual death in him which then transferred a death nature into his blood. This then included with him all of his blood line the requirement to have an innocent blood covering of this death nature from the life of God. Any direct connection between death and life would have instantly destroyed man unless he could somehow again become alive. Another way of saying this for clarity is light and darkness cannot dwell in the same environment since light always consumes darkness.

God's plan of restoration was declared at the time of man's fall in the Garden of Eden but how was this possible since satan was man's lord? How could man place his lord satan under his feet? This was impossible because satan would never submit willingly to man and therefore man would never be free from satan's control. (Genesis 3:15 Amp)

The answer is when Mary received the spoken Word of God it carried within it the seed that was planted within Mary that formed Jesus. We now know God's plan for the birth of Jesus was that He would be conceived from the Word of God combined with the egg of the woman Mary. (Matt 1:20 Amp) You see it is the sperm that carries the blood. Therefore Jesus' blood was being formed from a woman's egg and God directly was without the death that was on Adam's blood line. Jesus was of pure or living blood just like Adam was in the beginning and therefore able to have a direct connection to God. Jesus being a living spirit was not under any curse or satan's lordship and did not have satan's corruption within Him.

It also means that when satan's hold was placed on Jesus due to our sins and He accepted this sin's requirement of death, it was really the innocent slain for His blood. Just like the animals of the Old Testament that provided a blood barrier for man's sin nature, Jesus was a sacrificial lamb. The difference between the previous animals and Jesus was that Jesus made the choice to be a sacrifice as a living spiritual being and therefore His death was made by a different class of being! Any death due to sin or the curse did not rightfully apply to a living spirit (one without sin) so therefore His death was unjust or illegally applied.

To expand for understanding, Jesus without any sin became open to satan's curse when He hung on a tree. (Galatians 3:13 Amp) This curse caused Him to die spiritually just like Adam did back in the garden. I like to note for myself; this spiritual death was the only moment of any reaction of pain from Jesus while He was tortured, He simply could not stand any separation from God! (Matt 27:46)

So God had found a willing living spirit man to become a sacrifice for the rest of mankind. The blood of animals was not sufficient to completely cleanse the sin nature of man and therefore needed to be repeated every year

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as a covering. When Jesus went to the cross to pay a sin debt with His blood it had the power to fully satisfy satan's claim on man once and for all.

Jesus then died physically and went to hell under the complete control of satan's lordship just like the rest of mankind. This ended when God judged Jesus as "NOT GUILTY" and stated any claim on Him by satan was not legal. Therefore Jesus' blood poured out due to this death in payment to satan could then be applied to any sin claim on mankind by satan and thereby had the ability to completely remove any barrier of sin between man and God.

I like to imagine this scene in Hell; satan was having a victory party due to his new control over Jesus when God, the judge, provided His ruling on Jesus. Remember this occurred while in the center of hell with the entire satanic horde watching and they all heard God speak His Blessing over Jesus. Just as it was heard in the Garden of Eden at the time of man's beginning, God spoke life and dominion into man and Jesus became the very first reborn man. (Acts 26:23) Jesus was made completely spiritually alive, restored to full life and was again able to have a living connection with God. (Rev 1:5 Amp)

To review; due to God's love for us He sent His only Son to pay this horrific price for us in multiple deaths. Jesus willingly poured out His life and bore the full weight of the sin causing our separation from God so we could be free of satan's control. God wanted us in His fellowship as His sons and daughters so He could love and Bless us! (Genesis 2:15 Amp) Jesus opened this door of exchange for us to be a part of the family of God and purposed His sacrifice as a covering for all of man's sin. Jesus' open door for us means we are able to choose not just a life path but life itself. Any man who accepts Jesus as their Lord can now be freed from sin and its mark. (Mark 16:15-16 Amp) Man has the ability given to him to have God's nature within him restored into full purified life and could again be in an unveiled personal connection with God Himself... a God of love, compassion, grace and mercy! (2 Cor 5:17 Amp)

I encourage you to now use the choice we have been offered on earth as to who is going to be our Lord. When we accept Jesus' Lordship in our life and answer the call of God to enter into His family we are accepting God's very love expression for us. We can be fully released from any sin consciousness in our lives and be released from satan's death nature, sin claim or the curse. (John 10:9-10 Amp) Jesus, just like God had promised, became the man who placed satan under His feet. Jesus became our Great Mediator and paid a price in full we could not for our freedom. Jesus wants to exchange our sin for His life just because He loves us!

Just like I have been able to receive the mercy heart of God, you can also be released from the pressure of satan in your life. God is showing His mercy right now and Jesus is willing to receive you in any state you are in. Accept the Word of God spoken here today with its available seed of rebirth for your new life. Use your power of choice to choose between life and death... blessing and cursing! You will receive a living peace with joy from the exchange of God's love and break off the evil bondage of satan's hate. Jesus promised us that His yoke is easy and His burden is light so answer God's call in your heart today accept Him as your Lord and Saviour. (Matthew 11:30 Amp)

Call for salvation