

THE SCARLET THREAD OF REDEMPTION

TEXT: Joshua 2: 1-18 +

By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace. (Hebrews 11: 31)

Rahab married **Salmon** and mothered **Boaz**, who fathered **Obed**, who fathered **Jesse**, who fathered **David!** Consider also **Tamar** the harlot, and **Ruth**, a heathen gentile. Surely He is the **God of forgiveness and the second chance!**

SCARLET typifies **SACRIFICE** on behalf of believers - the **COVENANT OF BLOOD REDEMPTION** woven throughout the Scriptures! It involves the **REAL war of the worlds!**

1. **THE “SCARLET THREAD”** is the history of **BLOOD SHED** for **SIN!** Why? (Leviticus 17: 11)

For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

A. Adam and Eve (Genesis 3: 21) Blood shed to provide a covering (atonement = grace)

B. Cain and Abel (Genesis 4: 3-5) Not the fruit of the hands, but blood! (Hebrews 9: 22)

And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

C. Abraham and Isaac (Genesis 22: 1-13) *God will provide Himself a Lamb!*

D. The Passover (Exodus 12: 1-13) **Deliverance!** *“Not looking for Hebrews... blood!”*

E. Moses Sprinkled the people with blood (Exodus 24: 8) A covenant of **Grace**, not works!

“There is a fountain, filled with blood...” (William Cowper)

F. The Tabernacle”

It's colors: **Purple** (Royalty), **Blue** (Heavenly), and **Scarlet** (Blood Redemption)

The **Hyssop** and **Scarlet** to dip the blood!

G. The Lord's Supper (Matthew 26: 27-28)

And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

H. On Golgotha, The **Lamb of God!** Hear the testimony of New Testament writers:

Paul (Ephesians 1: 7, 2: 13)

In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by

the blood of Christ.

Peter (1 Peter 1: 18-19)

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

John (Revelation 1: 5)

Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

2. THE THREE IMPERATIVES OF CHRIST'S BLOOD:

John McArthur's grave doctrinal error in claiming that the shedding of our Lord's blood was just a substitute word for "death"

A. **Innocent Blood!** (The Virgin Birth! Picture a sweet little lamb) **SUBSTITUTION!**

Not an offering of man's choosing: no hog, no skunk, no turnip! **PERFECT BLOOD!**

B. **Shed Blood:**

Old Testament: **ATONEMENT** (Salvation always by grace through faith in shed blood!)

New Testament: **REDEMPTION** (Purchased off the slave market of sin)

C. **Applied Blood:**

On the altar in Heaven (Hebrews 9: 24)

For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

On the altar of the Heart (Hebrews 9: 14)

How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

His Blood the agent of the New Birth (1 Peter 1: 18-19)

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

His Blood keeps on Cleansing! (1 John 1: 7)

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

"Are you washed In The Blood?" (Elisha Hoffman 1839-1929) *"Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?"*