

THERE IS POWER, POWER, WONDER WORKING POWER

I love that old hymn we sang so often in the church I was raised in: Power In The Blood written by Lewis E. Jones in 1899 with the chorus that shouts “ There is Power, Power, Wonder Working Power, In the Blood of the Lamb”. The awesomeness of Jesus’ Great sacrifice on the Cross for our sin is not only the fact that He was willing to go through that horrendous trial, beating, scourging, and humiliation and then being nailed on the cross and put on display before an unworthy crowd of mockers and revilers, but all of that led to the shedding of His blood, His powerful blood. Much can be said about His crucifixion, death, burial and resurrection that testifies to the Glory of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. But about the Power of Jesus’ Blood, I believe is summarized in the passage found in Hebrews 4:14-16 that reads: (ESV)

“14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

You see, unless Jesus’ was tempted in every respect as we are tempted but without sin, then even though He might be willing to go to the cross and suffer during that week of Passover, His blood would not have been sufficient to cleanse us from our sin! So Jesus lived a sinless life for 33 years even though being tempted in every respect as we are. Hey! He was a guy (albeit fully God and fully man at the same time). That fact alone (me being a guy) boggles my mind that He could not yield to any of the temptations a guy goes through! Add to that all the restraint He showed – being able to command the wind and rain and the tempests of weather - when He was reviled and made fun of. What about as a carpenter’s son, hammering those crude nails with crude hammers and whacking his fingers from time to time..... No cuss words came out! Thirty three years!! No Sin!

The Old Testament animal sacrificial lamb had to be spotless..... from a strictly visual perspective. If there were no spot or wrinkles, then they could be sacrificed. Hmmm. So are those beautiful women and handsome men that parade the red carpets of our day - without spot or wrinkle - smiling because they are hoping to be found worthy of sacrifice for our sin? No, because we are all with sin, that’s why Jesus had to be our Sacrificial Lamb. The Celebs of the Red Carpet gang may appear spotless and without wrinkle on the outside, but inwardly..... ?

JESUS ALONE IS OUR SAVIOUR WHO WASHES AWAY ALL OUR SIN BECAUSE ONLY HIS BLOOD WAS SPOTLESS. HE IS OUR SACRIFICIAL LAMB THIS PASSOVER SEASON!!

Blessings this Passover Season:
Papa Paul