

The Shedding Of Innocent Blood

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A. Prayer that is born out of a burden. . .

“And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, “Oh that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!” So God granted him what he requested.” (I Chronicles 4:9,10)

B. The “Oh” in the prayer of Jabez gives it burden. We know Him in willingness to answer prayer. We believe that God will end abortion in America.

C. Abortion is a civil rights issue: the unborn have no voice to protect their lives.

D. Surely blood requires blood in God’s judgment. God so highly values humanity that He protects it with His severe judgment. A day of reckoning is set if man does not obey Him.

Gen. 5: “ Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man’s brother I will require the life of man. 6 ‘Whoever sheds man’s blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man.’” (Gen. 9:5-6)

E. Where there is shedding of innocent blood there is no atonement for the land. There is a blood pollution problem on America’s soil. The most dangerous terrorist is not Islam but God. One of God’s names is the avenger of blood. Have you worshipped that God yet. He loves babies. Nothing can wash away our defilement except the blood of Jesus.

33 So you shall not pollute the land where you are; for blood defiles the land, and no atonement can be made for the land, for the blood that is shed on it, except by the blood of him who shed it. (Num. 35:33)

F. We need a clear doctrine on the issue of the shedding of innocent blood.

G. God raises up intercessors who stand before Him to stop God’s judgment. The intercession says God kill me before You kill them. We do not need intercessors to call down judgment, but those who cry for mercy. Judgment will come automatically because of sin unless the plea of mercy stops God by this in friendship with Him. We want to be intercessors for America as God’s friends who call God to remember and hold back His hand of judgment and show mercy.

Psalm 106: 23 “Therefore He said that He would destroy them, Had not Moses His chosen one stood before Him in the breach, to turn away His wrath, lest He destroy them.” (Ps. 106:23)

H. Blood pollution comes on the land when innocent blood is shed. That sacrificing of babies is fueling demonization of our nation. A day for reckoning is coming to the US without God’s mercy through intercessors and action to stop abortion.

Psalm 106: 37 They even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons, 38 and shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; and the land was polluted with blood & 40 Therefore the wrath of the LORD was kindled against His people, so that He abhorred His own inheritance. (Ps. 106:37-40)

I. The dream of the three veins of blood on America's soil: blood of Native Americans, slavery, abortion. This blood breaks God's heart. Abortion shatters a dream in God's heart. History is changed by one baby born after another.

J. The raising up of priestly ministry is to bring forth the blood of the Lamb on behalf of shed blood. Individual guilt and communal guilt must be atoned for. When the blood is shed by a national law then there is national guilt on us all.

Deut. 21: 1 "If anyone is found slain, lying in the field in the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess, and it is not known who killed him,

2 then your elders and your judges shall go out, and they shall measure the distance from the slain man to the surrounding cities.

3 And it shall be that the elders of the city nearest to the slain man will take a heifer which has not been worked and which has not pulled with a yoke. 4 The elders of that city shall bring the heifer down to a valley with flowing water, which is neither plowed nor sown, and they shall break the heifer's neck there in the alley. 5 Then the priests, the sons of Levi, shall come near, for the LORD your God has chosen them to minister to Him and to bless in the name of the LORD; by their word every controversy and every assault shall be settled. (Deut. 21:1-5)

K. We need a clear doctrine on the issue of shedding innocent blood.

2 Kings 21: 16 Manasseh shed very much innocent blood, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another, besides his sin by which he made Judah sin, in doing evil in the sight of the LORD. (2 Kings 21:16)

2 Kings 24: 4 For he (Manasseh) had filled Jerusalem with innocent blood, which the LORD would not pardon. (2 Kings 24:4)

L. Bob Jones told Lou that the US would not be forgiven for innocent blood.

M. Ruth Graham: "If God does not judge America He must apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah."

N. Lou says, "If God judges America then the Church will have to apologize to the US."

O. We build the tombs of the prophets and declare that we would not commit their sins. However, America builds memorials to Lincoln, Martin Luther King Jr. etc. We confess this yet our silence on abortion proves our guilt and our confession brings guilt on us.

Luke 11: 48 In fact, you bear witness that you approve the deeds of your fathers; for they indeed killed them, and you build their tombs. (Lk. 11:48)

Mt 23: 29 Because you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous, 30 and say, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.' (Mt. 23:29-30)

P. God has an issue with America related to abortion.

Mt. 23: 35 That on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. (Mt. 23:35)

Luke 11: 47 Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. 48 In fact, you bear witness that you approve the deeds of your fathers; for they indeed killed them, and you build their tombs. 49 Therefore the wisdom of God also said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and persecute,' 50 that the blood of all the prophets which was shed from the foundation of the world may be required of this generation. (Lk. 11:47-50)

Q. God's justice may be slow in the way it is meted out. However, suddenly in one generation the sins are required for the sins of past generations. Lincoln cried out that God's judgments would come to the US because of slavery, Lincoln understood the Civil War was God's judgment on the US.

Ge. 9: 6 "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man." (Gen. 9:6)

R. Civil War was the day for reckoning for the US for the bloodshed of slavery: 600,000 men died in the day of God's reckoning in the US for slavery. If we do not deal with this blood in the court of man then it will be dealt with in the court of God.

S. What will it mean for God to deal with us for the shed blood of 50 million babies: Allen Hood had a dream of his sons in military fatigues. IHOP's youth will not be at IHOP but will be in military uniforms in foreign nations. We must stop abortion in America to stop this.

II. THE DAY OF RECKONING IN THE SHEDDING OF INNOCENT BLOOD

A. There are times when God comes to deal with nations. He waits to judge some individuals but nations are not eternal so they are judged now. We inquire of the Lord for secrets to unlock justice. We must inquire of the Lord in His sanctuary.

B. Saul's house is his government that killed people unjustly. David understands that it is the day of reckoning for Saul's past sin.

2 Sam. 21: 1 Now there was a famine in the days of David for three years, year after year; and David inquired of the LORD. The LORD answered, "It is because of Saul and his bloodthirsty house, because he killed the Gibeonites." (2 Sam. 21:1)

C. The atonement of Num. 33 is referred to David.

2 Sam. 21: 2 So the king called the Gibeonites and spoke to them. Now the Gibeonites were not of the children of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites; the children of Israel had sworn protection to them, but Saul had sought to kill them in his zeal for the children of Israel and Judah. 3 Therefore David said to the Gibeonites, "What shall I do for you? And with what shall I make atonement, that you may bless the inheritance of the LORD?" (2 Sam. 21:2-3)

D. Intercessors, if we do not find favor before the Lord, our children will be hung before the Lord in death. We must get back into God's favor. Seven men of Saul's sons are hung before God. Why did not David kill an animal instead of humans? This is what happened in the Civil War retribution.

2 Sam. 21: 4 And the Gibeonites said to him, "We will have no silver or gold from Saul or from his house, nor shall you kill any man in Israel for us." So he said, "Whatever you say, I will do for you." 5 Then they answered the king, "As for the man who consumed us and plotted against us, that we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the territories of Israel, 6 let seven men of his descendants be delivered to us, and we will hang them before the LORD in Gibeah of Saul, whom the LORD chose." And the king said, "I will give them." (2 Sam. 21:4-6)

E. David's oath spared not because Mephibosheth deserved it but because God honored an oath.

2 Sam. 21: 7 The king spared Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, because of the LORD's oath that was between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul. (2 Sam. 21:7)

F. 2 Sam. 21: seven men had to pay the price of innocent bloodshed.

G. David delivered them to death "before the Lord." People must die if innocent blood is shed.

2 Sam. 21: 9 He delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them on the hill before the LORD. So they fell, all seven together, and were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first days, in the beginning of barley harvest. (2 Sam. 21:9)

H. Rizpah was an intercessor (like Abraham) in the day of reckoning. Day and night she fought off the birds like Abraham when he made covenant with God. David was not moved until he heard about Rizpah, the intercessor. Then God heard and healed the land because atonement had been made.

2 Sam 21: 10 Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth and spread it for herself on the rock, from the beginning of harvest until the later rains poured on them from heaven. And she did not allow the birds of the air to rest on them by day nor the beasts of the field by night. 11 And David was told what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done. 12 The David went and took the bones of Saul, and the bones of Jonathan his son, from the men of Jabesh Gilead who had stolen them from the street of Beth Shan, where the Philistines had hung them up, after the Philistines had struck down Saul in Gilboa. 13 So he brought up the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from there; and they

gathered the bones of those who had been hanged. 14 They buried the bones of Saul and Jonathan his own in the country of Benjamin in Zelah, in the tomb of Kish his father. So they performed all that the king commanded. And after that God heeded the prayer for the land. (2 Sam. 21:10-14)

I. Lou's dream: prayer movement will carry the mantle of Martin Luther King, Jr. for the unborn. The blood of the whip (slavery) must be atoned for by the blood of the sword (Civil War). We must start a Martin Luther King movement to stop abortion. We vow to never vote for a person who will uphold abortion. James Dobson made this vow in May 1990.

J. It is not enough that Jesus died. Someone must apply the blood of Jesus to the national sin of the US.

K. We are building a wall of intercession before God around the Supreme Court in Washington, DC.

L. Through Isaiah, God said He was tired of Israel's worship services and festivals because blood was on their hands.

M. Prayer is the most powerful dimension of social justice.

Hebrews 2:9-19; 4:14-16; 7:22, 24-25; 9:12-14, 22; 10:10, 12-14, 19-22; 12:24; 13:12