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Revelation 12:10-12 (ESV)

**Would you be free from the burden of sin?  
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;  
Would you o'er evil a victory win?  
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.**

### ***Refrain:***

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In the blood of the Lamb;  
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**Would you be free from your passion and pride?  
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;  
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide;  
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Hebrews 9:22 (ESV)

As we approach Easter, we will be focusing on the blood of Jesus in the hymns we sing as His blood is what redeems us. By meditating on these hymns and the scriptures they are based upon, we will more fully grasp and appreciate the absolute wonder of the resurrection. A complete understanding of the horror of Christ's crucifixion increases our sense of awe at the glory of the torn veil and our resurrected Savior.

Blood was the basis of the sacrificial economy in the laws given by Moses.

*"Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering that is for the people and bring its blood inside the veil and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, sprinkling it over the mercy seat and in front of the mercy seat. Thus he shall make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleannesses of the people of Israel and because of their transgressions, all their sins. And so he shall do for the tent of meeting, which dwells with them in the midst of their uncleannesses.*

Leviticus 16:15-16 (ESV)

*For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.*

Leviticus 17:11 (ESV)

These passages (and many others) frame the scriptural doctrine of the blood of Jesus Christ as the true atonement for our sins on the same principles of the Old Covenant Dispensations given under the laws of Moses. Christ's blood, the life of his flesh, was shed for the propitiation (atonement) for the sins of the whole world.

*For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.*

Hebrews 9:24, 27-28 (ESV)

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