



Grace Assembly Of God

Chapter-by-Chapter Bible Reading Devotional

Scripture: **Leviticus 17**

Title: **Lifeblood**

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Summary of Chapter: Chapter 17 marks a turning point. From here to Chapter 26 builds upon the sacrificial systems and rites, of the first 16 chapters, to a code for Holy Living. This Holiness Code would impact every area of the lives of God's people.

Key Verses (NLT):

How does it speak to me?

¹¹ for the life of the body is in its blood. I have given you the blood on the altar to purify you, making you right with the Lord. It is the blood, given in exchange for a life, that makes purification possible.

We know how precious blood is. It brings oxygen and nutrients to the organs in the body. For those suffering from blood disorders, blood transfusions can be a real lifesaver. Yet the Scriptures tell us that there is even more to this life in the blood – that there is spiritual benefit in the shedding of blood. The blood from the sacrifices has the ability to purify God's people. The sacrifice of a life was to be in exchange for another. Or more explicitly, the death of one makes way for the life of another. For the sinner to live another must be put to death in his/her place.

Years ago, when my grandmother had to undergo an operation there was a need for blood transfusions. I can't remember whether I volunteered or was volunteered (by my siblings!) but the nurse taking my blood was more concerned for me than for the blood. She looked at my scrawny frame with quiet suspicion and was only somewhat relieved when I told her I was a pastor.

Our Lord Jesus, dying on the cross, did not look like one who could save the world but (1 Peter 1:18 - 20) say otherwise: *¹⁸ For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. ¹⁹ It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. ²⁰ God chose him as your ransom long before the world began, but now in these last days he has been revealed for your sake.*

APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

- Adult:** What would you do differently today when you realize that the life you have is no longer your own but has been ransomed by the precious shed blood of Jesus, our Saviour?
- Youth:** If we could we always like to exchange something good for something better. Why would God want to exchange His perfectly obedient Son for sinners like us?
- Child:** Is there something that you really want right now? If you had to exchange your most precious and favourite thing for it, how would you feel? God loves you so much that He exchanged what was most precious to Him just for you.

PRAYER

- Praying Scripture:** Our Father, we can't thank You enough for sending Your Son as the perfect sacrifice once for all for our sakes. His shed blood cleansed our sins and made us righteous in Your sight. Never let us take for granted the great Divine Exchange that took place on the cross of Calvary – His death for our lives! Help us to now live unreservedly for Him.
- Thanksgiving Prayer:** I/We thank You for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)
- Intercessory Prayer:** I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)
- Salvation Prayer:** I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.