"Coverage"

"The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt." (Exodus 12:13)

Life Blood

<u>John 6:53</u> – "So Jesus said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you."

Matthew 26:27-28 – (27) "And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink of it, all of you, (28) for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.""

Key Point: The Blood of Jesus is the Supreme Coverage

Grit & Grace

Genesis 15:3-6 — (3) "And Abram said, 'Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.' (4) And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: 'This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.' (5) And he brought him outside and said, 'Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.' (6) And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness."

Genesis 15:8-14 — (8) "But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' (9) He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.' (10) And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. (11) And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. (12) As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. (13) Then the LORD said to Abram, 'Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. (14) But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions."

The Blood Path

Genesis 15:17-18 – (17) "When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. (18) On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates..."

Response:

Enter God's Rest

"Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience." (Hebrews 4:11)

Let Love for God Motivate & Regulate Us

"For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised." (2 Corinthians 5:14-15)

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Do I tend to condemn myself and try to work harder only to condemn myself again?

What is 'the work' God requires of me? (John 6:29) Is there an erroneous grace which I must beware of?

(Jude 4; Rom. 6:1-3, 12-14; Gal. 5:13)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)