

Part 4 – Consecration: Ram of Consecration – Anointing with Blood

Exodus 29

19 And thou shalt take the other ram; and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram.

Let's remember, the *sin* offering was already given (bullock), so sin had already been atoned for. This ram was for a *burnt* offering, which symbolized the total devotion the priest was to have to serve (obey) God *from his heart*. And putting his hand on the head of the ram symbolically transferred this loyalty to the animal who was then given as a sacrifice to God, symbolizing how we must sacrifice the old man daily (Lk 9:23) if we are going to be totally devoted to God (YHVH). These sacrifices basically 'acted out' the process for how the Word of God and Holy Spirit concentrates God's priests *spiritually*. Therefore, they are extremely relevant to us today. Not that we are to perform them anymore (we aren't - Heb 10:10) but that, we are to study them *to help us understand the types we have been given for our edification* (1 Cor 10:11, Gal 3:24-25). And what we've learned so far is that sin must be atoned for first and foremost. So, when you approach your Heavenly Father in prayer (in Jesus' name, John 14:6), you need to repent of any sins you know of first and that repentance must be sincere (from the heart) because you cannot fool God; He can see into your heart (Ps 11:4, Jer 17:10). Now, it is not wrong to ask God to forgive you for *all* your sins, even the ones you don't know about, for as the Psalms says...

12 Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.

13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

Ps 19:12-20:1

While we all have a hard time seeing our own sins, the sacrifice Jesus Christ made on calvary covers *all* our sins (of our heart and our deeds) (Heb 8-10). Therefore, it is not wrong to ask for forgiveness for *all* our sins, so long as we are sincerely committed to studying God's Word and trying to clean our sins out (and keeping them out) instead of hardening our heart and refusing to face our sins. But we must be sincere about studying God's Word to understand what is right and wrong, and pray that God will continue to show us our faults as we continue to study His Word sincerely each day. No matter how long we've been a Christian, we still have sins we need to kick out (and keep out). David gave us a great example when he asked God *to create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me* (Ps 51:10-11). It's not wrong for us to pray the same thing, for this is truly what our Heavenly Father wants. God (YHVH) wants His Laws (Word) to be written in our 'inward parts', which is our heart and mind (Jer 31:33, Heb 8:10 and 10:16). Further, Ps 119:9 asks: *wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?* It then answers the question by stating: *by taking heed thereto according to thy word*. This is why Prov 16:6 then says that, *by mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil*. Well, we

cannot depart from evil *unless we know what it is*. So, we cannot stop sinning *unless we see our own sins*. And that's exactly what God has given us His Word for; and both the Old and New Testaments are still to be used for our edification and learning (1 Cor 10:11).

In Heb 4:12 Paul says (and he was speaking of the Old Testament) that, *the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart*. The word 'quick' here means 'to live' (#2198), which means God's Word is living and it is thus the only thing that can make our own soul (mind and spirit) come alive. This is why Hezekiah prayed for God to: *incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness. Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way* (Ps 119:36-37). He wanted God to teach Him how to live God's 'way'... which is the path of righteousness... which is also the path that leads to eternal life (Ps 119:105, Prov 2:9, Isa 26:7). So, these blood sacrifices teach us how to communicate with our Heavenly Father. They teach us how to have a (good) relationship with Him. They show us how we can approach Him in prayer and have our prayers answered. They teach us this relies very much on the sincerity of our heart – we must be repentant, humble and honest. The many prayers in the Bible (especially in the Old Testament) give us excellent examples to see how to pray to God. Not that we should mimic them exactly, but we should take note of *how* they approach God and communicated with Him. It was always done respectfully and in sincerity. You'll find they mirror what these blood sacrifices are teaching us.

And, of course, Jesus Christ also taught us 'how to pray' in Mth 6 and Lk 11. Jesus also points out another vital point in our approaching God and that is: we must not have any grudges against anyone else, for if we cannot (from the heart) truly forgive others, He won't forgive us (Mth 6:12-15, Lk 11:4). Why? Because we're being hypocrites! He explains this well in Mth 6:16-18, 7:1-5 and 19:21-35. So, to be consecrated by God (and you can *only* be cleansed by Him, John 15:3, 1 John 1:9, Eph 5:26-32) one must repent of their sins and learn how to do what is right *from the heart*. And, as we've learned before, doing what is right requires that we sacrifice the carnal side of us (the 'old man') each and every day (Lk 9:23) and strive hard (Lk 13:24) to obey God's Word *from the heart*. We must sacrifice the selfish, prideful, lustful part of us each day and learn to care about God and others more than our own 'hide'. As 1 John 4:20-21 says: *If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.* But love has been twisted to mean things it does not mean. So, we must learn what love really is (Rom 13:10) and how to really, truly 'love' others. This is exactly what God's Word helps us with.

Exodus 29

*20 Then shalt thou kill the ram, and take of his blood, and put it upon the **tip of the right ear** of Aaron, and upon the tip of the right ear of his sons, and upon the **thumb of their right hand**, and upon **the great toe of their right foot**, and sprinkle the blood upon the altar round about.*

21 And thou shalt take of the blood that is upon the altar, and of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon the garments of his sons with him: and he shall be hallowed, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him.

These verses cover a really unusual ritual, which was only done when consecrating the priests. Why would the blood of the burnt offering need to be put on the tip of the right ear, thumb of their right hand and on the toe of their right foot? This, of course, is symbolic for something, but what? First off, the right hand (or arm) is often used in the Bible to refer to *strength* and *power*. Consider scriptures such as Ex 15:6, Ps 17:7, 20:6, 48:10, 63:8, 10:1, Ecc 10:2, Isa 41:10,13, 48:13, 62:8, Mth 26:62, Acts 2:33 and 7:55-56 to see the symbolism. You can also do a word study on the words 'right hand' or 'right arm' and it will become quickly evident that the right hand (arm) is used for strength and power. This was because most people have always been right-handed. So, the right hand (and arm) was regarded as the 'power hand', simply because most people throughout the years have always been right-handed. This is not to disrespect people who are left-handed nor does it mean being left-handed is wrong. It's just an analogy. It really does not matter (spiritually) if you are right or left-handed but we must understand this analogy for the 'right' side of the body *because it symbolizes power and strength*. But why put the blood on the ear, thumb and toe? This too was symbolic.

Consider first: the blood on the ear... how many times does God's word call us to hear (listen) to Him?

*And said, If thou wilt diligently **hearken** to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.*

Ex 15:26

And the LORD said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever.

Ex 19:9

*And Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, **Hear, O Israel**, the statutes and judgments which I speak **in your ears this day**, that ye may learn them, and keep, and do them.*

Deut 5:1

*1 **Give ear**, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and **hear**, O earth, the words of my mouth.*

2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:

3 Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

Deut 32:1-4

These are just a few verses but there are many more scriptures where God (or His servants) called the people to *hear* Him. Yet, there were *many* times the people *willingly* did not hear...

42 And the LORD said unto me, Say unto them, Go not up, neither fight; for I am not among you; lest ye be smitten before your enemies.

*43 So I spake unto you; and **ye would not hear, but rebelled** against the commandment of the LORD, and went presumptuously up into the hill.*

Deut 1:42-43

***Hear**, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.*

Isa 1:2

*9 And he said, Go, and tell this people, **Hear** ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.*

*10 Make the heart of this people fat, and **make their ears heavy**, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.*

Isa 6:9-10

11 But ye are they that forsake the LORD, that forget my holy mountain, that prepare a table for that troop, and that furnish the drink offering unto that number.

*12 Therefore will I number you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter: because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spake, ye did not **hear**; but did evil before mine eyes, and did choose that wherein I delighted not.*

Isa 65:11-12

And God responded by calling His people (again) to ‘hear’ Him...

*7 **Hear**, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify against thee: I am God, even thy God.*

8 I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices or thy burnt offerings, to have been continually before me.

9 I will take no bullock out of thy house, nor he goats out of thy folds.

10 For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.

11 I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine.

12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.

13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High:

15 And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

Ps 50:7-15

It is due to a hardened heart that people refuse to hear God for He explained to Ezekiel...

*1 And he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee.
2 And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me.
3 And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day.
4 For they are impudent children and **stiffhearted**. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD.
5 And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them.
6 And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house.
7 And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they are most rebellious.*
Ezek 2:1-7

Not hearing God is clearly a sign of a rebellious heart. God confirms this again in Ezekiel...

*1 The word of the LORD also came unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of a rebellious house, which have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not: for they are a rebellious house.*
Ezek 12:1-2

This then is why Jesus taught in parables...

*13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.
14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:
15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.
16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.
17 For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.*
Matt 13:13-17

Those who were not hard hearted would draw near to Jesus to seek what the parables meant; such as His disciples did. But those with a hardened heart would just move along and go on with

their daily activities, not seeking any further meaning from Jesus's words (parables). It is the same today. Many people don't like to study God's Word because *they want to keep their sins*; their heart is stubborn and rebellious (2 Sam 15:23) and *they like it that way*. But, to those who are ready to repent and seek our Heavenly Father, Jesus simply said: *He that hath ears to hear, let him hear* (Matt 11:15). *This simply meant that those who are not hard hearted (rebellious) will hear and those who are still rebellious won't hear*. Jesus called people to repent and open their heart to the truth. His Holy Spirit *still* calls people to repent and open their heart to the truth, yet even today, as Paul explains in Heb 3-4. And Prov 1:5 tells us that *a wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels*.

So, the symbolism of the priest's ear being touched with blood of the sacrificial animal simply symbolizes that: all those who are going to be priests consecrated (cleaned) to serve in God's Kingdom (which is Jesus' Kingdom too) *must have the 'blood of Jesus Christ' on their ear*. This means *they must have the Holy Spirit of God* (which His flesh blood is symbolic of, Lev 17:10) *in their heart and mind* to help them 'hear what the Spirit' is saying. Otherwise, they will be of no use to God because their heart is hardened (stubborn and rebellious). And, 1 Sam 15:23 warns us that *rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry*. So, a hardened heart (rebellious and stubborn) is not compatible with being a priest of God. One must circumcise their heart of rebelliousness and stubbornness before they can be a priest of God today (1 Pt 2:9). We must truly 'hear' God's Word in order to be consecrated to serve Him. As Jesus said in John 13:8: *If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me*. He then explained how this cleansing truly happens in John 15:3 when He stated, *ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you*. In John 17:19, Jesus also says: *and for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth* and in Acts 26:18 He says that we are sanctified by *faith* in Him (Jesus). Therefore, believing the truth (the Word of God, the Bible) cleans our heart.

Now, why was the blood put on the **right thumb**? The thumb is the 'power finger' of the hand and our hands are what we utilize (aside from our brain) most when working. It's therefore symbolic of the *work* you do. But remember, the right hand is also used to describe power and strength, just as the right arm is. The Proverbs reveals the multitude ways the 'right hand' can be used in symbology...

Prov 1:23-25 speaks metaphorically of wisdom stretching out 'her hand' to people yet, no one will listen to her. Prov 3:27 tells us to *withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it*. Thus, the right hand is used to explain when people have the authority and/or ability to do something. Prov 12:24 says that *the hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute*. Again, the hand is used to explain authority and power. Prov 11:21 and 16:5 also explain how 'striking the hands' together (a handshake) signifies making 'pacts' or 'agreements' and warns that those who do so with evil intent will be punished. While it's good to promise to do something that's for the good by shaking hands, it is not to go do so for the purpose of doing evil. So, we see that the hand is used to symbolized making agreements (good or bad). Prov 31:19-20 also uses the hand to explain being a good worker and also to explain having compassion on those who are poor and needy. The Proverbs

brings a lot of light on how **our ‘hands’ symbolize our works**, which is also called our ‘fruits’ (Gal 5). Yet, this certainly is not the only place the Bible uses this analogy. The Psalms is also full of this analogy. For just one example (of many), in Ps 16:8 David says: *I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved*. David well knew that God (YHWH) was where He got his strength (physically and spiritually) from. David had a rough life during his early years yet God was always with Him, delivering David out of many troubling predicaments. Thus the right hand is also used for God’s strength, power and ability to help us.

Yet, the Old Testament certainly isn’t the only place this analogy is used. In John 10 Jesus said...

25 Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.

26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

*28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them **out of my hand**.*

*29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of **my Father's hand**.*

30 I and my Father are one.

John 10:25-30

Jesus uses the analogy that those who remain faithful to Him (His sheep) are in His ‘hand’ and no one can take them away from Him (pluck them out of His hand) because He is caring for their spiritual well-being (since they put their trust in Him). Further, He states His authority for being able to keep them ‘in His hand’ (which again, implies safety from deception/ falling to sin) comes from our Heavenly Father (YHWH) who ‘gave’ the sheep into Jesus’ hand, signifying the power (and authority) over all things being given to Jesus by God Himself (Matt 28:18). Further, we are told that, after Jesus rose from the dead and ascended to heaven, He is now sitting at the ‘right hand’ of God Himself (Acts 2:33, 7:55-56, Rom 8:34, Eph 1:20, Gal 3:1, Heb 1:3, 8:1, 10:12, 12:2, 1 Pt 3:22). This is a seat of power and authority (Mth 28:18), which is why He tells His faithful ‘sheep’ to go to His *right hand* when He returns to separate the good people from the bad people (Mth 25:33-34, 13:47-50). Further, Peter took the ‘right hand’ of a man who had been crippled from birth and lifted him up; and, in doing so, God healed him completely (Acts 3:6-8). But that’s not all. In Rev 1:16-20 we are told that Jesus had seven stars in His *right hand*, which are the ‘angels’ of the seven Churches. So, again we see that Jesus has full control, power and authority over the Body of Christ. So clearly, the hand is used to symbolically represent many things in the Bible and in the case we are studying (where the priests are being consecrated, which is to say *cleaned*), **the blood on the thumb of the right hand is symbolic of their service to God and to their fellow Israelites (their works to God and man), for the priests were to help bring the people to God by cleaning them and making atonement for them**. This indeed is what Jesus Christ does for us, as explained in Rom 8:22-39 (and elsewhere).

Now, what about **the blood on the right toe**? Our feet are what we walk with (obviously). And the toe is as important as the thumb. Without the toe we are basically crippled, not being able to walk even in a straight line. So, toes are incredibly important to our ability to move around, our freedom (so to speak). Thus, in order to keep people (such as prisoners) from running away (free), one's feet are put in chains. Thus, feet are also symbolic of freedom and power, which is why falling at one's feet is a sign of worshiping and submitting to them. Therefore, feet are used to metaphorically describe one's ability to be safe, free as well as authority and power. Consider the following usages of this analogy...

7 The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up.

8 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory [Ps 113]: for the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and he hath set the world upon them.

*9 He will **keep the feet of his saints**, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.*

1 Sam 2:7-9

33 God is my strength and power: and he maketh my way perfect.

*34 **He maketh my feet like hinds' feet:** and setteth me upon my high places.*

35 He teacheth my hands to war; so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

36 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy gentleness hath made me great.

*37 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me; so that **my feet did not slip.***

38 I have pursued mine enemies, and destroyed them; and turned not again until I had consumed them.

*39 And I have consumed them, and wounded them, that they could not arise: yea, **they are fallen under my feet.***

2 Sam 22:33-39

Mine eyes are ever toward the LORD; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Ps 25:15

Clearly, the Bible uses the keeping (protecting) of one's 'feet' or 'foot' as an analogy to protecting them in all that they do. This then is why...

1 And this is the blessing, wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death.

2 And he said, The LORD came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of saints: from his right hand went a fiery law for them.

*3 Yea, he loved the people; all his saints are **in thy hand:** and they sat down **at thy feet;** every one shall receive of thy words.*

4 Moses commanded us a law, even the inheritance of the congregation of Jacob.

Deut 33:1-4

When God gave Israel His Laws, they were 'at His feet' (at the bottom of the mountain). Remember too, how, even the elders of Israel only saw God's feet. Ex 24:10 told us that *they*

saw the God of Israel: and there was **under his feet** as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness.

Further, in Gen 3:15 God prophesied (promised): *And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel*. Jesus' feet (heel) would be bruised by Satan when He was crucified on the cross. Yet, Isa 53:10 says that, *it pleased the LORD to **bruise** him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, - why? Because... he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand*. The Psalms even prophesied of this in Ps 22:16: *For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: **they pierced my hands and my feet***. This shows, clearly, that hands and feet (specifically the right hand and foot) are used to symbolize power, strength. Indeed, Jesus was crucified and during the crucifixion, his hands and feet were nailed to the cross (Mth 27). We see in John 20 how, after Jesus rose from the dead, He told Thomas (who doubted He rose from the dead) to put his hands into Jesus' hands and his side to feel the scar marks that the crucifixion had left. But, that's not all. When Jesus sent His disciples out, He told them...

10 And he said unto them, In what place soever ye enter into an house, there abide till ye depart from that place.

*11 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, **shake off the dust under your feet** for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city.*

Mark 6:10-11

Shaking the dust-off one's feet was done to figuratively witness (testify) against someone, or even, (as in this case) a whole town. So again, feet are used metaphorically. But that's not all. There is yet another account in John which shows us the power of feet used metaphorically...

1 Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

2 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;

3 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;

4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.

*5 After that he poureth water into a bason, and **began to wash the disciples' feet**, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.*

6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.

*8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, **If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.***

9 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.

*10 Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not **save to wash his feet**, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.*

John 13:1-10

Back in those days they typically wore sandals and thus, feet got dirty (real dirty). Therefore, it was common to wash one's feet upon entering a house. However, it was *not* common for people of 'high position' to do the washing; it was always something servants did. Therefore, Jesus washing the disciples' feet was very unusual, which is why Peter protested about it. He did not want His 'master' to wash his feet because it's a humble thing to - only servants washed feet. Yet, Jesus was making a point and using feet to do it. *He set the example and wanted His disciples to follow it.* Jesus' point is that: the eternal government of God (the body of Christ) *does not function the way the world does.* Those who are in Jesus' government will truly be 'public servants'... they will not be arrogant, self-righteous hypocrites who look down upon the 'little people'. Those who serve in Jesus's government will 'wash' people's feet... not physically, but *spiritually*. How? *By the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost* (Titus 3:5). Jesus told us that *we are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you* (John 15:3). And our job, as priests of God (1 Pt 2:5-9), is to help spiritually clean others simply *by sharing the truth, when the opportunity arises. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil* (Eph 5:15-16). *Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man* (Col 4:5-6). We are also to help 'clean feet' by helping to edify each other. Eph 4:29 tell us to *let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.* Rom 14:19 further admonishes us to: *Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.* 1 Thess 5:11 also says to *comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.* These are way we are to spiritually 'clean' other people's 'feet'.

So again, feet are used metaphorically to explain things such as power, authority yet also humility and servitude. Therefore, the blood on the priest's right toe shows us that the priests of God need to have 'sure footing' when serving Him. They are to be at the feet of Christ (submissive and obedient) and striving to wash other's feet as Jesus commanded us. This is essentially the duty of the priesthood. And our 'feet' must be always on the right path in life. Meaning, the 'path' of our life must be in alignment with our Heavenly Father if we are going to serve Him. The 'path' is a way of life, or course of life. It can be bad or good but it's basically your character, integrity and the *general course of how you live your life*. Consider what we're advised about 'the path'...

Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Ps 16:11

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.

Ps 119:35

1 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;

2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; ...

...9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path.

Prov 2: 1-2, 9

I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths.

Prov 4:11

Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men.

Prov 4:14

Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.

Prov 4:26

Now, remember also that the blood and anointing oil was also to be sprinkled on Aaron (and his sons) garments...

Exodus 29

21 And thou shalt take of the blood that is upon the altar, and of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon the garments of his sons with him: and he shall be hallowed, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him.

Remember also that the priests clothes were to be made of fine linen and Rev 19:8 tells us that *the fine linen is the righteousness of saints*. It's only by the blood of Jesus Christ (which is His Holy Spirit) being sprinkled upon our hearts (that Ezek 36:25-27 and Heb 10:22 speak about) that cleanses us. It's only when we study God's Word and allow His Holy Spirit to help us understand it (so it changes the way we think and what we desire) that we can be spiritually cleansed. This is essentially what the garments being sprinkled with the blood and anointing oil teaches us.

So, the blood on the right ear, thumb and toe represents hearing God, our works in obeying God and the way we walk in this life – it's the general course of life we take. And, although our 'course' in life (path) can be good or evil, if we are going to serve our Heavenly Father, we must stick to the *right* path, which is Jesus Christ (the Word of God). We must believe in Jesus Christ and allow His blood to 'wash us' through studying His Word and allowing His Holy Spirit to change our heart to align with God's Word. We cannot have the 'blood' upon our 'ear, thumb or toe' if we do not have the Word of God and His Holy Spirit *within us* for, Jesus' physical blood symbolizes the Holy Spirit (Lev 17:10). We need God's Word, and His Holy Spirit within us, to help guide us in all aspects of life; from what we hear, believe, think, say and do... we are to follow the course (the path, the way) that God's Word lays out for us. And the only way we can do that successfully is to keep the blood of Jesus Christ 'on our heart'. Never forget what that means: *having His Word and His Holy Spirit within us*. And we keep the Holy Spirit within us when we study His Word diligently, sincerely and with perseverance (day in and day out) and allow the Holy Spirit to guide and change us. 1 John 3:18 advises, *let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but **in deed and in truth***. This is because *love is the fulfilling of the law* (Rom 13:10).

17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

18 For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men.

19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

Rom 14:17-19

We'll pick this up in part 5...

AMEN