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Crossgates AM Message

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***Unshakable***  
***Our Eternal Forgiveness***  
***Hebrews 12:24***

***Easter Sunday!***

***We are living in troubled times...***

***Never in America have the lines of demarcation been so clearly laid out...***

***There is a full-on assault against any type of Biblical morality...***

***For that matter this current assault is not simply against Biblical morality, it's against any type of historical morality at any time in history...***

***From INFLATION, to RELIGION, to SEXUAL ORIENTATION, our foundations in this nation are crumbling under our feet.***

***→ But we are here to help!***

***I want to make a BIG ASK...***

***If you would come back NEXT WEEK I have something I am going to give to you...***

***We have developed a 40-day devotion focused on 40 PROMISES by God...***

***Next week we are giving a free copy to everyone who comes...***

***We have also developed a class for new believers called "Discipleship 101"***

***That class will begin NEXT WEEK as well...***

***In this time of watching our nation come apart at the seams, we are all searching...***

***We are ALL searching for a firm foundation...***

***In this search for a firm foundation upon which to stand, we realize there is only one that can withstand any and every onslaught... and that is God's Unshakeable Kingdom!***

***Three weeks ago we began a series I've titled, "UNSHAKEABLE"...***

***As believers, we have become entitled to several UNSHAKEABLE benefits that will keep our feet on a firm, unshakeable foundation no matter how many tremors are shaking around us...***

***Hebrews 12:22–24 (ESV) — But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.***

***We are given in these verses the SEVEN privileges of being citizens of heaven...***

***→ Pic - Unshakable***



**Our focus today is on this SEVENTH part of our Unshakable Kingdom that we have come to in Jesus...**

**Hebrews 12:22,24a (ESV) — But you have come to Mount Zion and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.**

**We are going to walk through this passage together and see God’s amazing, eternal forgiveness He offers to us through the Blood of Jesus**

**→ The Blood – Blank**

The Blood	Abel	Jesus

**→ The Blood – The Voice 1**

The Blood	Abel	Jesus
The Voice		

**Hebrews 12:22,24a (ESV) — But you have come to Mount Zion and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.**

**I know on first look that this sounds kind of strange...**

**“... blood that speaks...”**

**But the truth is that our blood actually does speak!**

**Your blood tells hundreds of things about you...**

**It can tell doctors anything thing about you from infection all the way to your age...**

- Your blood can tell doctors your BIOLOGICAL age, not your CHRONOLOGICAL age...**
- A person’s chronological age may be 45, but their blood may tell doctors that their biological age is 38...**

**The Lord tells us in Scripture that life is in blood...**

**Leviticus 17:14a (ESV) — For the life of every creature is its blood: its blood is its life...**

**Blood is an integral part of life... In fact it is life...**

**Think about some of these facts...**

**It takes about 60 seconds for all the blood in your body to complete its journey.**

**It travels from your heart to your extremities and returns, there and back again.**

**The human body produces two million blood cells deep in its bone marrow per second and pumps 1500–2000 gallons per day.**

**Once formed, those red blood cells (RBCs) move into the bloodstream with white blood cells and platelets, all circulating through**

**Your body contains over 60,000 miles of arteries, veins, and capillaries.**

**This verse tells us that both the blood of Jesus and the blood of Abel speaks...**

**This raise some questions...**

**First, who is Abel and what did his blood say?**

**The Bible tells us that after the fall of mankind in the Garden of Eden, they were removed from Eden and the earth was under a curse...**

**Adam and Eve had a son and named him, Cain, the first person born on earth...**

**They next had a second son and named him Abel, the second person born on earth...**

**As Cain and Abel grew up they understood the need to worship God. He had given them clear instructions regarding the need for a sacrifice...**

**Let's read the story...**

**Genesis 4:3–7 (ESV) — In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.”**

**What would be Cain's choice?...**

**Let's listen...**

**Genesis 4:8–10 (ESV) — Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?” And the LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground.**

**Abel was the first human death on earth...**

**He was killed by his own brother, Cain...**

**All of us, like Abel, have fallen victim to the harshness of this evil world...**

- **Maybe you were bullied**
- **Made fun of (mocked)**
- **Maybe you were betrayed by someone close to you**
- **Maybe you've been targeted by some hateful group that are bent on your demise**
- **Maybe someone you love has rejected you**

**When someone tells me, "I've just always felt like I was different from everyone else."**

**I say, "Join the club! That is the feeling of everyone when we get honest."**

**This is why we so desperately want to find a group that we fit into...**

**Like Abel, everyone who has ever been a victim cries out the same thing...**

**→ The Blood – The Voice 2**

<b>The Blood</b>	<b>Abel</b>	<b>Jesus</b>
<b>The Voice</b>	<b>Justice</b>	

**Someone needs to pay!**

**But Jesus' blood speaks a BETTER WORD!**

**You see, there has not been one injustice anyone has ever faced that Jesus Himself did not also face...**

**Isaiah 53:3 (NLT) — He was despised and rejected— a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief... He was despised, and we did not care.**

**Shame – He was stripped and shamefully exposed before the people**

**Bullied – He was beaten, whipped almost to the point of death by the Roman soldiers...**

**Mockery – They pressed a crown made of sharp thorns onto his head, wrapped a purple robe around His blood-soaked body and then mockingly bowed before as they shouted, "Hail the king of the Jews"**

**Betrayal – He was betrayed into the hands of evil men by one of his closest friends**

**Rejection – His disciples, those closest to Him, all ran away in His hour of greatest need...**

**Abandoned – And in His moment of greatest need, when the weight of the sin of all mankind was heaped upon Him, His own Father turned away... "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"**

**There is no victim who has ever been more mistreated...**

**... no victim who could cry out against the injustice any louder...**

**But what was Jesus' cry?**

**→ The Blood – The Voice 3**

The Blood	Abel	Jesus
The Voice	Justice	Forgiveness

**Luke 23:34 (NLT) — Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.”**

**His blood cries out “FORGIVENESS!”**

**But there is a second thing we see in this passage...**

**→ The Blood – The Verdict 11**

The Blood	Abel	Jesus
The Voice	Justice	Forgiveness
The Verdict		

**Hebrews 12:22,24a (ESV) — But you have come to Mount Zion and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.**

**The cry of Abel’s blood reached the ears of God...**

**Genesis 4:10–11 (ESV) — And the LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground. And now you are cursed from the**

**ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand.**

**Here’s our problem...**

**On the one hand, we are all, in different measures, like Abel...**

**We’ve been the victim of hurt, shame, abandonment, etc...**

**However...**

**Like Cain, we too are all guilty!**

**We too have lashed out against others...**

**Romans 3:23 (ESV) — For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God**

**And like God’s judgment against Cain, He will judge all who are guilty!**

**Nahum 1:3 (NLT) — The LORD is slow to get angry, but his power is great, and he never lets the guilty go unpunished. He displays his power in the whirlwind and the storm. The billowing clouds are the dust beneath his feet.**

**So what is the verdict from Abel’s blood?**

**→ The Blood – The Verdict 21**

The Blood	Abel	Jesus
The Voice	Justice	Forgiveness
The Verdict	Guilty	

Romans 6:23a (ESV) — For the wages of sin is death ...

**But Jesus' blood speaks a BETTER WORD!**

Isaiah 53:6 (NLT) — All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all.

→ **The Blood - The Verdict 31**

The Blood	Abel	Jesus
The Voice	Justice	Forgiveness
The Verdict	Guilty	Grace

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT) — For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

There is a THIRD thing we see in this passage...

→ **The Blood - The Victory 1**

The Blood	Abel	Jesus
The Voice	Justice	Forgiveness
The Verdict	Guilty	Grace
The Victory		

Hebrews 12:22,24a (ESV) — But you have come to Mount Zion and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Genesis 4:10 (ESV) — And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground.

As Abel's blood was crying out, Cain received from the Lord the punishment his crime deserved...

Genesis 4:16 (ESV) — Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Cain was rejected by God because he rejected God's warning that sin was crouching at his door...

→ **The Blood - The Victory 2**

The Blood	Abel	Jesus
The Voice	Justice	Forgiveness
The Verdict	Guilty	Grace
The Victory	Banishment	

**The Bible declares that Cain’s banishment is the same punishment everyone will receive who has not entered God’s grace...**

**Listen to the word spoken against those who follow the way of Cain...**

**Jude 11a (ESV) — Woe to them! For they walked in the way of Cain and abandoned themselves for the sake of gain...**

**For the sake of getting what we want, living like we want, we go the way of Cain...**

**What will be the final result?**

**We are told that it is appointed for each of us to die and after our death comes judgment...**

**What is the judgment awaiting the followers of Cain?**

**Revelation 20:12 (ESV) — And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.**

**Revelation 20:15 (ESV) — And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.**

**But Jesus’ blood speaks a BETTER WORD!**

**Abel’s blood cried out for JUSTICE, but his offering to God spoke of his FAITH...**

**Hebrews 11:4 (ESV) — By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.**

**→ The Blood – The Victory 3**

<b>The Blood</b>	<b>Abel</b>	<b>Jesus</b>
<b>The Voice</b>	<b>Justice</b>	<b>Forgiveness</b>
<b>The Verdict</b>	<b>Guilty</b>	<b>Grace</b>
<b>The Victory</b>	<b>Banishment</b>	<b>Acceptance</b>

**Romans 6:23 (ESV) — For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Like Abel, God’s grace is released through faith...**

**Ephesians 2:8–9 (ESV) — For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.**

**John 1:12 (ESV) — But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,**

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