

Blot Me Out of the Book

Revelation 20 & Exodus 24, 32 | Pastor Bruce | Part 5, Book of Life Series | Hope City Church

CENTRAL QUESTION

Is your name covered by the blood, or only recorded in the book of deeds?

I. Everyone Will Stand Before God

Key Text: *Revelation 20:11-15*

- John, exiled on Patmos, receives a vision on the Lord's Day of a great white throne
- The dead, small and great, stand before God
- Books are opened: the book of deeds, where everything done, good or bad, is recorded
- Another book is opened: the Book of Life
- No one can balance good deeds against bad ones to come out even. What's recorded stands.
- If your name is in the Lamb's Book of Life, what you've done is covered by the blood

II. This Didn't Start in the New Testament

- The image of the Book of Life runs through the whole Bible, not just Revelation
- The Old Testament is full of types and shadows of Christ, of redemption, of restoration

III. Moses: A Type and Shadow of Christ

Key Text: *Exodus references, redemption from Egypt*

- Moses was a redeemer and deliverer, just as Christ is
- He delivered Israel out of bondage in Egypt, a picture of the bondage sin and addiction hold people in today
- Reference to Celebrate Recovery and the church's rehab ministry as a present-day picture of deliverance
- Moses led the people toward the Promised Land, a picture of heaven

IV. The Blood on the Doorpost

- Before the Red Sea crossing, God told Israel to put lamb's blood on their doorposts at Passover
- "When I see the blood, I will not come in" (paraphrased)
- Tied back to the Book of Life: if God sees the blood over your account, he does not judge you

V. Called Up the Mountain

Key Text: *Exodus 24:12*

- After the exodus and the plagues, God calls Moses up the mountain to receive the law
- Moses takes Joshua partway up; Aaron and Hur are left in charge of the people

- Moses goes into the cloud for 40 days
- God gives instructions for the tabernacle, the priesthood, and the Ten Commandments

VI. The People's Impatience: The Golden Calf

Key Text: *Exodus 32:1-6*

- After 40 days, the people grow impatient waiting for Moses and pressure Aaron to make them a god
- Aaron collects their gold earrings and fashions a calf
- Aaron builds an altar and proclaims a feast “to the LORD,” meaning they believed they were still worshiping God
- Point: people can be sincere and still be deceived, convinced they're following God while going their own way
- Brief present-day application: the same pattern shows up when people redefine God's order for their own lives and call it faithfulness

VII. Moses Intercedes for the People

Key Text: *Exodus 32:30-33*

- God tells Moses the people have corrupted themselves and says he will destroy them
- Moses goes back to God and pleads on the people's behalf, offering himself in their place
- “If you will forgive their sin... but if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book”
- Moses reasons that if God destroys the people, Egypt will say God delivered them only to kill them himself
- God's answer: whoever has sinned against him, he will blot out of his book
- Sin is defined simply as whatever separates a person from God

VIII. What Jesus Actually Did

- Moses offered to be blotted out, but he wasn't. Jesus was.
- Jesus said, “Put it all on me,” and took the sin, the stripes, the crown of thorns himself
- Because of that, whoever believes in him, though he were dead, yet shall he live
- Sermon closes with a call to walk daily with Christ, get accountability, and give your life to him now, since tomorrow isn't promised

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

1. What's the difference between the book of deeds and the Book of Life, based on this message?
2. The people at Sinai believed they were still worshiping God even while breaking his command. Where might that same kind of self-deception show up in a person's life today?
3. Moses offered to be blotted out of the book for the people's sake. How does that connect to what Jesus actually did?

4. This sermon defines sin simply as “whatever separates you from God.” How does that shape the way you think about your own choices?

5. The message mentions needing someone to hold you accountable in a daily walk with God. Who plays that role in your life right now?

Scripture References: Revelation 20:11-15 | Exodus 24:12 | Exodus 32:1-6, 30-33