

LET THE BLOOD FLOW HEBREWS 9:16-28

TODAY IT IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE A LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT. IN ADDITION THERE ARE OTHER DOCUMENTS TO HAVE SUCH AS A POWER OF ATTORNEY; POWER TO MAKE MEDICAL DECISIONS; POWER TO CONTINUE OR NOT ALLOW LIFE SUPPORT WHEN YOU ARE SICK, etc.

IN THE OLD DAYS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT IT WAS ALSO UNDERSTOOD THAT A WILL WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO PASS ON TO YOUR HEIRS YOUR WORLDLY GOODS YOU LEFT BEHIND WHEN YOU DIED. THAT IS WHY THIS BIBLE TEXT STARTS OFF TALKING ABOUT A WILL. IT MAKES THE POINT THAT A WILL IS NEVER ENFORCED UNTIL THE PERSON DIES (VS 17). IT GOES ON TO COMPARE THE BLOOD SACRIFICES OF THE O.T. WITH THE BLOOD SACRIFICE OF JESUS CHRIST. THE DIFFERENCE IS CHRIST SACRIFICE WAS A ONCE AND FOR ALL BLOOD SACRIFICE SO WE DO NOT NEED TO KEEP DOING ANIMAL SACRIFICES ANY LONGER AS DID THE O.T. PEOPLE IN THE TIME OF MOSES AND AARON.

TWO VITAL POINTS ARE MADE HERE. 1ST WITHOUT THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD THERE IS NO FORGIVENESS OF SIN. 2ND JESUS CHRIST SACRIFICED HIMSELF ONCE AND FOR ALL AS THE FINAL SOLUTION FOR SIN. I LIKE TO SAY THAT THE BLOOD OF CHRIST IS SUFFICIENT FOR ALL MY PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE SINS. I AM READY FOR HIS 2ND COMING SO I CAN GREET HIM WITH MY FAITH AS HE BRINGS SALVATION TO ITS FULL AND COMPLETE END. THAT IS THE GOOD NEWS.

TOMMY NEIMAN IS AN EMT, A CHAPLAIN AND ORDAINED MINISTER. HE WROTE A BOOK CALLED, "SIRENS FOR THE CROSS" HE TELLS A STORY ABOUT HIS ROOKIE YEAR WHEN THEY RECEIVED A CALL MERELY SAYING, "A WOMAN BLEEDING" WHEN THEY ARRIVED ON THE SCENE THAT IS WHAT THEY FOUND. EXCEPT THE WOMAN BLEEDING WAS BEING HELD IN THE ARMS OF A HUGE MAN SOME 300 POUNDS. THE WOMAN HAD RECEIVED MANY STAB WOUNDS AND WAS BLEEDING TO DEATH BUT THE MAN WOULD NOT LET ANYONE TAKE HER FROM HIM. HE WAS MENTALLY INCOMPLETE AND KEPT REPEATING THE WORDS, "LET THE BLOOD FLOW" OVER AND OVER, AGAIN AND AGAIN HE SAID, "LET THE BLOOD FLOW" NO ONE KNOWS WHY BUT IT MADE SENSE TO PASTOR NEIMAN. THE POLICE ARRIVED AND WERE ABLE TO SUBDUE THE MAN AND THE WOMAN WAS SAVED BY THE PARAMEDICS. HOWEVER THAT HAUNTING CHANT BY THE MAN STRUCK A CORD WITH THE PASTOR AS IT DOES WITH US. IF THERE IS NO FORGIVENESS W/O THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD THEN WE SAY ABOUT JESUS ON THE CROSS, "LET THE BLOOD FLOW" IF THAT IS WHAT IT TAKES FOR ME TO GET INTO HEAVEN THEN "LET THE BLOOD FLOW" IF GOD'S BLOOD MUST BE SHED AND ALL I NEED TO DO IS HAVE FAITH IN THAT SHED BLOOD TO GET TO HEAVEN THEN I AGREE, "LET THE BLOOD FLOW"

PREPARE FOR COMMUNION BY FAITH THAT THE BLOOD HAS FLOWED AND WE DECLARE OUR FAITH BY RECEIVING THIS REPRESENTATION OF THE BLOOD AND WE AGREE WITH THE WORDS OF THAT DEMENTED MAN, "LET THE BLOOD FLOW."