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## Through the Cross Justice & Mercy

### I. In the Beginning ---

Genesis 1:31 (NIV®)

<sup>31</sup> God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning--the sixth day.

Genesis 3:1 (NIV®)

<sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "**Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'**"

Genesis 3:14-15 (NIV®)

<sup>14</sup> So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; **he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.**"

### A. Satan's Fall

Luke 10:18-19 (NIV®)

<sup>18</sup> He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup> I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

Ezekiel 28:12-17 (NIV®)

**"You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. <sup>13</sup> You were in Eden, the garden of God;** every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz and emerald, chrysolite, onyx and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. <sup>14</sup> You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. <sup>15</sup> You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you. <sup>16</sup> Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones. <sup>17</sup> Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth;

Romans 16:20 (NIV®)

<sup>20</sup> The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

### B. The Lesson Unfolds---the Books of Moses

#### 1. Exodus

Exodus 15:25 (NIV®)

<sup>25</sup> Then Moses cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became sweet.

Deuteronomy 21:23 (NIV®)

. . . because anyone who is hung on a tree is under God's curse.

Galatians 3:13 (NIV®)

<sup>13</sup> Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."

## 2. Leviticus

Leviticus 17:11 (NIV®)

<sup>11</sup> For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.

Hebrews 9:22 (NIV®)

<sup>22</sup> In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

## 3. Numbers

Numbers 9:1-2 (NIV®)

<sup>1</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses in the Desert of Sinai in the first month of the second year after they came out of Egypt. He said, <sup>2</sup> "Have the Israelites celebrate the Passover at the appointed time.

Matthew 26:1-2 (NIV®)

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, <sup>2</sup> "As you know, the Passover is two days away--and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified."

## 4. Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy 17:1 (NIV®)

<sup>1</sup> Do not sacrifice to the LORD your God an ox or a sheep that has any defect or flaw in it, for that would be detestable to him.

1 Peter 1:18-19 (NIV®)

<sup>18</sup> For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, <sup>19</sup> but with **the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.**

## C. Justice & Mercy

### 1. Justice

Genesis 4:9-10 (NIV®)

<sup>9</sup> Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" "I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?"

<sup>10</sup> The LORD said, "What have you done? Listen! **Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground.**

### 2. Mercy

Hebrews 12:24 (NIV®)

<sup>24</sup> to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and **to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.**

1 Peter 2:10 (NIV®)

<sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Ephesians 1:7 (NIV®)

<sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.

## Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your great love for us. In Your mercy You have made provision for our complete redemption. We come in humility to turn away from all ungodliness, to lay aside anything that is displeasing to You. Forgive us of our sins. Holy Spirit search our hearts, help us to see anything displeasing in Your sight. Today we receive Your great mercy and forgiveness. You have cleansed us and we are clean ---through the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

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