

The Blood of the Lamb is the Lamb Nature which overcomes

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Revelation 12.11: *And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.*

This Word was unlocked by the Holy Spirit who gave with it a vision.

The vision first:

Before me was the blackness of space stretching on forever. All the millions of worlds were out there. Then coming up from the bottom of the picture rising up and going out into all the universe was a kind of network, a matrix that resembled a large-mesh fishing net. But it wasn't a fishing net. It was a living thing. It was dark in colour but then I saw that inside of it there was a red colour. It was a network of veins. And it spread more and more, and I knew that it would go out to all the universe and to every world. It was the Blood of the Lamb. The diffusiveness of a Nature that would expand and permeate every part of Creation.

The Word:

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The orthodox view is something like: They got the victory through the blood shed at Calvary taking away sins, and by preaching the gospel even if they were martyred for doing so. As the Word opened before me it was all about the Blood of the Lamb. The Lamb is that nature of Jesus. That nature is in the Christ - head and body. The Life is in the

blood. Because that Blood of the Lord - Lamb's Blood - was poured out, it comes back to us and in our veins, so to speak, now flows Lamb's blood. ("Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood you have no life in you."). They overcame him, the savage hostile one - the fierce dragon - by having in them the Nature of the Lamb.

It was one Man who had, or rather was, the Nature of the Lamb, and by that He overcame. Now, it is He, the Overcomer, who infuses that Nature into us His children. He is the Overcomer in us. The Head and the Body of Christ is the Lamb. This Lamb principle, Lamb nature is now extended out more and more, and that Nature overcomes all hatred and violence and evil.

"...and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives even unto death." Here is the outworking of the Lamb Nature - in word and in deed. The testimony (witness) of the Lamb does not cry aloud in the street nor argue; it simply tells what it knows and what it has seen (see John 3.11). The Lamb if threatened gives in. It does not resist evil, even unto death. But how is it that something as weak as a lamb can overcome something as powerful as a dragon? To the natural mind it is surely foolishness. But herein is power because the Lamb Nature moves the hand of God. Martyrs aren't just people who die physically. Some are martyrs almost every day. "For thy sake we are killed all the day long. We are accounted as lambs to the slaughter." (Romans 8.36).

The Lord Jesus said: "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." The Lamb Nature is the nature of God in Jesus. From the beginning God Himself laid

down His life for the Creation. The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

An enlargement on the Word given:

The issue of the rulership of the universe is all about the nature of things. Whether you see the dragon as Satan or the fallen carnal mind or the Adam man makes little difference here. Wrap them all up and what you get is a particular nature - a fierce, self-centred malignant Nature.

We are saved from what we were by the infusion in us of a Nature that is contrary to what we were, and this new nature gaining the ascendancy.

This world and all worlds will be governed by the Lamb Nature. That is God's will and purpose and He will not fail. He will surely bring it to pass. The Lamb Nature is our calling, our destiny. That Nature typified by the Lamb is the sure way, the only way that allows the free hand, the full hand of God to be laid bare in a person's life and on behalf of a person. That man or woman in so being (a Lamb) is at once the Lion, just as the Lord Jesus is both the Lamb and Lion. But He, as we, is only the Lion because He is the Lamb - and not the other way round. We see in Rev.5.5,6: "...behold the Lion of the tribe of Judah, hath prevailed to open the book ...and I beheld and lo in the midst of the throne ...stood a Lamb as it had been slain.." The Lamb that becomes a Lion is still a Lamb. Yea, more, it is only a Lion because it is yet a Lamb.

This is the secret of God and of His Christ.

The Lamb releasing the power of God and in this is the Lion. "The Son can do nothing of Himself", but equally, the

Father does nothing by Himself except through the Son. "All things were made by Him; and without him was not anything made that was made" (Jn 1.3).

The Lord Jesus, God's Lamb from the foundation of the world, while on earth had all of God's power to raise the dead, heal the sick, cast out devils. He did none of it out from Himself. **The Lion shall lie down with the Lamb.** The Lion is always WITH the Lamb. The two sides of the one coin: the Lamb and the Lion. God's Christ.

We see now clearly that had the principalities and powers of this world known this hidden wisdom of God, they never would have crucified the Lord of Glory. Because the lamb-principle always overcomes evil in its principle. We need eyes to see this. Every time evil would crucify the Lamb, **the Lion lies not down.**

So you firstfruit Sons, fear not! Though you be living sacrifices as lambs, you shall reign with Him in power. "If we suffer with Him, we shall reign with Him". (2Tim2.12). The corollary of this is: If we do not suffer, we do not reign. No Lamb, no Lion. It is a high calling and a hard road, but keep it in perspective. "For all things are for your sake, that the grace may superabound ..because of this, we do not faint, but if indeed our outward man is being decayed, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For the lightness of our present affliction works out for us an eternal weight of glory, surpassing moment by surpassing moment; we not considering the things being seen, but the things not being seen; for the things being seen are not lasting but the things not being seen are everlasting.(2Cor4. 15-18).(Literal Gk.).