Blood Cries from the Ground

The Significance of Blood · The Blood in Scripture

When Cain murdered Abel, God declared that Abel's blood cried from the ground. Blood has a voice—it testifies, it cries for justice, it speaks. The blood of martyrs throughout history cries to God for vindication. But the blood of Jesus speaks better things than the blood of Abel. Abel's blood cried for vengeance; Christ's blood speaks forgiveness. Abel's blood condemned his murderer; Christ's blood cleanses the guilty. The voice of Christ's blood drowns out the accusations of our sins, pleading mercy and reconciliation.

Key Verses

Genesis 4:10

And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

Hebrews 12:24

And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

Revelation 6:10

And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

Matthew 23:35

That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar.

Hebrews 11:4

By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

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