BLOOD ENOUGH

TEAM DEVOTIONAL

REVELATION 12:10-11

THEN I HEARD A LOUD VOICE IN HEAVEN SAY: "NOW HAVE COME THE SALVATION AND THE POWER AND THE KINGDOM OF OUR GOD, AND THE AUTHORITY OF HIS MESSIAH. FOR THE ACCUSER OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, WHO ACCUSES THEM BEFORE OUR GOD DAY AND NIGHT, HAS BEEN HURLED DOWN. THEY TRIUMPHED OVER HIM BY THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB AND BY THE WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY; THEY DID NOT LOVE THEIR LIVES SO MUCH AS TO SHRINK FROM DEATH.

THE ACCUSER WORKS DAY AND NIGHT TO REMIND US OF OUR SINS AND CONVINCE US THAT WE HAVE RUN OUT OF FORGIVENESS. ONCE WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS NO MORE MERCY, HIS WORK IS FINISHED. TEMPTATION WORKS, BUT HOPELESSNESS KILLS. TOO OFTEN, WE SEE BROTHERS AND SISTERS FALL AWAY BECAUSE THEY NO LONGER BELIEVE IN THE MYSTERY OF GRACE, THAT THERE TRULY IS A SACRIFICE STRONG ENOUGH TO ELIMINATE OUR DISEASE CALLED SIN. AND THANK GOD THERE IS. THANK GOD THE JUDGE, WHO HAS NO SIN HIMSELF, SAW FIT TO SEND HIS PERFECT SON TO BE CRUSHED TO DEATH BY THE WEIGHT OF EVERY SIN SO THAT, IN RETURN, WE COULD GAIN LIFE.

THOMAS WATTS, IN HIS HYMN, "FAITH IN CHRIST OUR SACRIFICE"

"NOT ALL THE BLOOD OF BEASTS ON JEWISH ALTARS SLAIN COULD GIVE THE GUILTY CONSCIENCE PEACE OR WASH AWAY THE STAIN. BUT CHRIST THE HEAVENLY LAMB TAKES ALL OUR SINS AWAY, A SACRIFICE OF NOBLER NAME AND RICHER BLOOD THAN THEY." HE CONTINUES, "MY SOUL LOOKS BACK TO SEE THE BURDENS THOU DIDST BEAR WHEN HANGING ON THE CURSED TREE, AND HOPES MY GUILT WAS THERE. BELIEVING, WE REJOICE TO SEE THE CURSE REMOVED; WE BLESS THE LAMB WITH CHEERFUL VOICE AND SING HIS BLEEDING LOVE."

WHEN THE ENEMY ACCUSES, WHICH HE WILL, WE CAN LOOK BACK TO THE CROSS AND SEE OUR GUILT AND SHAME ERASED. THE CROSS LEAVES NO QUESTION OF THE DEPTH OF GOD'S MERCY. THE WORK IS FINISHED, AND SIN IS FORGIVEN.