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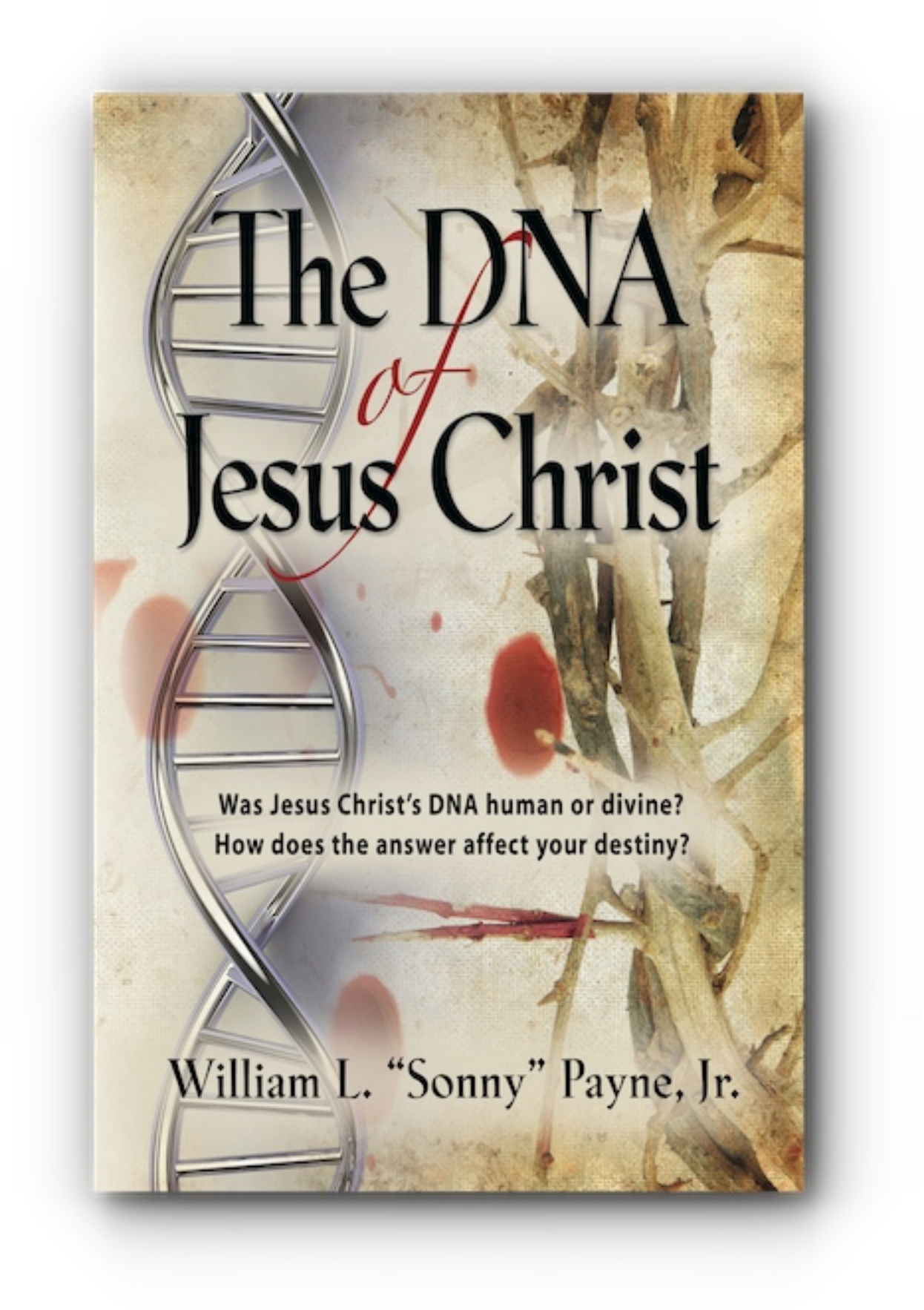
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## Chapter 5

# THE BLOOD CRIES OUT

*“For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.” (Leviticus 17:11 NKJ)*

Blood! It is the element in our bodies that gives physical life, but it is more than that. It is what makes you *you* through your DNA. Your DNA determines your genetic makeup: what you look like, your personality, the color of your hair, eyes, and even your intelligence. It can also be used to trace ancestry, convict criminals, and establish paternity. But what does our DNA have to do with our spiritual life and life after death? To understand this, we must focus on a most important aspect of life--blood covenanting. Every human being, whether they realize it or not, is in a blood covenant relationship with either God or Satan.

*“In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.” (I John 3:10 KJV)*

It is a known fact that the blood is the life and our heart, as the blood-fountain, is the very soul of our personality; therefore blood-transference is soul-transference and blood-sharing, whether human, or divine-human, brings about an inter-union of natures. That means a union of our human nature with God is the highest ultimate attainment we can reach as a human being. Even though blood covenanting has been practiced for centuries between two individuals or tribes (whether in the Middle East, Africa, Europe, or beyond), our Western culture



as a whole has never grasped nor understood its meaning or importance. That being the case, and since it affects not only our life on earth but our destiny after death, I will try to shed some light on this rite, not only between humans but most importantly between God and man.

We know that *blood represents life*; therefore the *giving of blood* represents *the giving of life*. The *receiving of blood* represents *the receiving of life*. Today, the giving of blood through a blood transfusion is a common practice to save another's life, but this is not the same as entering into a blood covenant relationship with someone else that requires each participating party giving of their blood to the other. The *commingling of blood* between two parties represents *the commingling of natures*. The covenanting parties, after cutting their wrists or some other part of their bodies, would *commingle their bloods*, typifying the *commingling of their natures*. These acts sealed what is known as a *strong blood covenant friendship*.

People enter into blood covenant unions for different reasons: to make peace, for protection, to demonstrate deep caring for one another, and to protect against danger. Whatever the reason, the blood covenant is the most sacred, enduring, and binding rite on earth.

Before the covenant was cut (Hebrew: *berith*, literally, *to cut*) the parties would write down the agreements that were to be kept, cut themselves, commingle their bloods, take some of the blood and drink it, smear some on their agreements, place the agreements in amulets, and wear them around their necks or some other part of their bodies for the duration of their lives as a reminder of their *strong blood covenant friendship*.

Once the blood covenant was completed, the parties slew an animal, divided it in half, placed the halves opposite one other, and walked between the pieces, pledging themselves to “life and to death”: life if they kept the covenant and death if they violated it. In other words, they were saying let what happened to the animal happen to me if I break the covenant. It was a “union in blood,” to *life* or to *death*. Once all was completed, they had a covenant meal together. The *inter-union* in blood solidified the *inter-communion* of fellowship. The covenant was more binding than their relationships with their natural brothers and sisters.

In the Middle East, a blood covenanting partner is referred to as “a friend that sticks closer than a brother” (by birth). Westerners have heard the saying “blood is thicker than water,” but the Middle East version is “blood is thicker than milk.”<sup>1</sup>

Middle Easterners call two children nursed at the same breast “milk brothers,” or “sucking brothers.” The ties of such children are very strong. A boy and girl with this relationship cannot marry, even though by birth they may have no family relationship. But those who taste each other's blood are in a surer covenant than those who taste the same milk.<sup>2</sup>

#### BORNEO BLOOD BROTHERHOOD

“This covenant of blood-friendship is found in different parts of Borneo. In the days of Mr. Ellis, the Rev. W. Medhurst, a missionary of the London Missionary Society in Java, described it, in reporting a visit made to the Dayaks of Borneo, by one of his assistants, together with a missionary of the Rhenish Missionary Society.

Telling of the kindly greeting given to these visitors at a place called Golong, he says that the natives wished to establish a fraternal agreement with the missionaries, on condition that the latter should teach them the ways of God. The travelers replied, that if the Dayaks became the disciples of Christ, they would be constituted the brethren of Christ without any formal compact. The Dayaks, however, insisted that the travelers should enter into a compact (with them), according to the custom of the country, by means of blood. The missionaries were startled at this, thinking that the Dayaks meant to murder them, and committed themselves to their Heavenly Father, praying that whether living or dying, they might lie at the feet of their Savior. It appears, however, that is the custom of the Dayaks, when they enter into a covenant, to draw a little blood from the arms of the covenanting parties, and having mixed it with water, each to drink, in this way, the blood of the other.

Mr. Barenstein (one of the missionaries) having consented (for both) to the ceremony, they all took off their coats, and two officers came forward with small knives, to take a little blood out of the arm of each of them (the two missionaries and two Dayak chiefs). This being mixed together in four glasses of water, they drank, severally, each from the glass of the other; after which they joined hands and kissed. The people then came forward, and made obeisance to the missionaries, as the friends of the Dayak King, crying out with loud voices, 'Let us be friends and brethren forever; and may God help the Dayaks to obtain the knowledge of God from the missionaries!' The two chiefs then said, 'Brethren, be not afraid to dwell with us, for we will do you no harm; and if others wish to hurt you, we will defend you with our life's blood, and die ourselves ere you be slain. God be witness, and this whole assembly be witness, that this is true.' Whereupon the whole company shouted. 'Balaak!' or 'Good, Be it so'.<sup>3</sup>

## BLOOD COVENANTING

Blood covenanting dates back to the time of Adam in the Garden of Eden; although the word *covenant* is not found in the Bible until Genesis 6:18 concerning Noah, we must remember that Adam was in covenant oneness with God before he sinned and violated God's Word by partaking of the forbidden fruit. We must also remember that God used animal skins to clothe Adam's and Eve's nakedness, signifying that an animal, or animals, had to be slain because of their sin. This was the beginning of blood covenant sacrifices; the innocent animal was slain and its blood poured out as a substitute to bring fallen man back into inter-union and inter-communion with Holy God. The animal had to be slain to get to its *life*, which is *the blood*. In the Garden of Eden, God instituted the rite of blood covenanting between Adam, his seed, and Himself. This is verified in Genesis, chapter 4, pertaining to Cain and Abel.

## THE RIGHT OFFERING

Cain and Abel were born unto Adam and Eve and were most certainly taught the ways of God. The Bible does not tell us how far from the Garden of Eden they lived, but its nearness would be a constant reminder of the cost their parents paid for their disobedience. God had determined, according to the Scriptures, a set time and place for Cain and Abel to offer sacrifices to maintain their blood covenant oneness with Him. Let us look at the account:

*"And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: but unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt*

*thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.”*  
(Genesis 4:3-7 KJV)

These scriptures give us insight into three important reasons why God did not accept Cain’s offering but accepted Abel’s:

1. The offerings were supposed to be sacrificial offerings, which required the slaying of the animal, and its blood (*life*) offered up to God for inter-union, and inter-communion, not a bloodless gift of the fruit of the ground. Abel’s offering of the *firstlings* of his flock and of the *fat* of the animal, was reflective of his love, devotion, and obedience to God, while Cain’s offering revealed his deep-seated rebellion against God. God gave him another chance to do right by bringing a blood sacrifice offering, but he did not.
2. Abel’s offering of the *fat* of his sacrifice lets us know it was a blood covenant offering, as is verified in Leviticus 3:14-17 regarding God’s instructions to Israel concerning sacrifices.
3. We also know the offerings were supposed to be sacrificial, according to Hebrews 11:4:

*“By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.”*  
(NKJ)

It was supposed to be a blood sacrifice which would allow Abel to be righteous in God’s eyes. This is only accomplished through blood covenanting. Also, Abel offered his sacrifice *by faith*. How did he know to offer it *by faith*? The Bible says, *“faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.”* (Hebrews 10:17 KJV) How did Abel hear the Word of God and know how to offer sacrifice? He learned from Adam; so did Cain, but Cain

chose not to offer a proper, acceptable sacrifice. Abel and Cain, with their contrasting spirits and attitudes, would be the first participants to set in motion the prophecy of “The Two Twofold Seeds” of Genesis 3:15. *“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head and you shall bruise His heel.”* (NKJ)

**The twofold seed of Satan:**

1. Demons, evil spirits, fallen angels who bear Satan’s nature (Matt. 25:41; Rev.12:3, 4, 7-9). (Wenham.)
2. Unredeemed men who bear Satan’s nature (Matt. 13:38b; John 8:38-44; I John 3:8, 10, 12).

**The twofold seed of the woman:**

1. The Lord Jesus Christ (Gal. 3:16; Rev. 12:1-5, 13; Heb. 2:14; I John 3:8).
2. Redeemed men who bear God’s nature (Rev. 12:5, 17; Matt. 13:38a; I John 3:1-2, 9-10a). (Calvin, Lange, Hamilton, etc.) 4

We know that the seed (sperm) comes from the man, not from the woman; but in this case the Seed is coming from Eve, which means there is going to be a supernatural, virgin birth of the coming Messiah.

Cain was in rebellion against God and in oneness with Satan. Filled with bitterness, hatred, and jealousy toward his brother because of Abel’s holy walk and obedience to God, Cain devised a plan to commit premeditated murder:

*“And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.”* (Genesis 4:8 KJV)

The cosmic rebellion of Satan and his angels now becomes an earthly rebellion with the fall of Adam and Eve. Satan now begins to use his new confederate, Cain, to carry out his diabolical scheme of murder to try to abort God's promise of a coming Redeemer. The murder of Abel set off the war between the "seed of the woman" and the "seed of the serpent." The blood and DNA of Abel was spilled upon the earth; and it was not only Abel's blood, but the blood of his progeny.

*"And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper? And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand." (Genesis 4:9-11 KJV)*

"Thy brother's blood" in Hebrew is *damey achikha*. It is plural and is translated as "thy brother's bloods." All the descendants that would have come from Abel's seed and bloodline were now cut off. Cain, in essence, committed multiple murders when he slew Abel.

Although Abel's blood was emptied from his body and poured out on the ground, it did not lose its vitality. The life that was in his blood was not destroyed, even though it was now separated from his body. God told Cain that the "voice of his brother's blood was crying up to Him from the ground." Even though Abel was dead physically, his blood was still living and had a voice. Why? Because *life is in the blood*.

#### LIVING BLOOD

Just like the story of Abel, other historical accounts document instances of murdered victims' blood crying out for revenge.

“There is a widespread belief that the blood of a murdered man will bear witness against the murderer by flowing afresh at his touch; the living blood crying out from the dead body, by divine consent, in testimony of crime against the Author of life.

Early in the sixteenth century during the rule of Christian of Denmark, who was called the ‘Nero of the North,’ several men had gathered in a tavern, and during the course of the evening, some of them began quarreling, a fight broke out, and someone was stabbed to death. Due to the number of people present, the murderer was unknown; but before the victim died he accused one of the king’s attendants of being his assailant. The attendant denied the accusation; so in order to find out the truth, the king gathered all the men who had been present at the tavern, had them stand around the corpse, and one at a time, place their right hand on the dead man’s chest and swear they had not killed him. One by one the men did so and no sign appeared against them. Finally, the only one left was the king’s attendant. Because he was so condemned in his own conscience, he first of all kissed the dead man’s feet. Then when he laid his hand upon the man’s chest, immediately blood gushed forth in abundance, both out of his wound and nostrils. Urged by this evident accusation, the murderer confessed, and by the king’s command was immediately beheaded.”<sup>5</sup>

#### THE RIGHTEOUS VINDICATED

From the time of Abel until today, righteous men and women have died for their faith in God. Ungodly men have strewn their blood from one end of the earth to the other in mocking rebellion against God Almighty. One day soon the court of heaven will be opened and God will sit in judgment upon the ungodly. Every murderer from Cain to today’s killer will stand before God to be tried. They will have no excuse because the blood of their victims will *cry out against them*.



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The Hamans, Hitlers, and Stalins of the world will be there. Today the voices of the blood and DNA of every aborted child are crying out to God for justice (fifty-five million in the United States alone) and will stand as a testimony against our Supreme, Federal, and State Courts and their judges, as well as judges and courts of other nations which have approved abortion. Every doctor and nurse, and every man and woman who has taken part in snuffing out the lives of these unborn infants and have not asked God for forgiveness and made Jesus Christ Savior and Lord of their lives, will give an account of their actions before their Maker. Yes, there is a Judgment Day. There is a payday.

*“For behold, the Lord is coming forth out of His place (heaven) to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; the earth also will disclose the blood shed upon her, and will no longer cover her slain and conceal her guilt.” (Isaiah 26:21 NKJ)*

The blood and DNA of every righteous person who has given their life for their faith in Jesus Christ will be a witness against their slayers. Revelation 6:9-10 speaks of this:

*“When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”*

### JERUSALEM CLEANSED

God is also going to purge the bloodstains from Jerusalem, Israel. For at least 3,500 years it has been a place of wars and contention. It was the capital city of King David and the kings of Judah. It was the city where King Solomon built a temple unto God who dwelt in the Holy of Holies above the Mercy

Seat. It was the place of our Savior, Jesus Christ's death, burial, and Resurrection. It was the city out of which went forth the gospel of salvation to the world by twelve Jewish Apostles. And it is the city to which our Savior, Jesus Christ, is going to return to set up His kingdom rule over the earth.

God chose Jerusalem for His habitation and gave it to the Jewish people as an everlasting possession through His blood covenants with Abraham, Moses, and Israel. Satan's purpose has been to try to destroy every semblance of God from the face of the earth. This includes Jerusalem, the state of Israel, and the Jewish people, as well as true followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. Many armies have marched against this holy city and razed it to the ground, but each time it has risen out of the dust as a testimony of God's covenant with Israel and His faithfulness as their Lord. God will one day soon cleanse His chosen city from all iniquity and bloodstains.

*"And it shall come to pass that he who is left in Zion and he who remains in Jerusalem will be called holy, everyone who is recorded among the living in Jerusalem. When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the blood of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and by the spirit of burning."*  
(Isaiah 4:3-4 NKJ)

#### ANGOLA PRISON

There are many instances where evil men and women who have committed murder and other heinous crimes have been changed by giving their lives to Jesus Christ. A good example of this is in Angola Prison in Louisiana. Dr. Ravi Zacharias, the great Christian Apologist and head of Ravi Zacharias International Ministries, wrote in his *Newsletter Update* of his September 22, 2012, experience of being invited to speak at Angola Prison a week after speaking at the United Nations. I

was so moved by his article and the hope it would give to others who might think there is no forgiveness for them because of their evil deeds, that I wanted to include it in my book. My wife and I have supported Dr. Zacharias' ministry for years, and I am so thankful for his work as he reaches out to the lost and intelligentsia of our generation, but most of all for his love for our Lord Jesus Christ. Here is Dr. Zacharias' firsthand account of his experience.

*"Angola prison is on the Mississippi line, sixty miles north of the city of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. It comprises 18,000 acres and covers some twenty-two square miles. It is larger than Manhattan Island. The total prison population is about 5,300, 85% of whom are on life without parole. They will never see freedom again. Among these are about forty-five on death row. Escape is almost impossible; a large pack of dogs, some part wolf and part dog, with a heightened sense of smell are used to track a prisoner down should any dare try. Until a few short years ago, it was known as the bloodiest prison in the country. When a prisoner was brought in, he was given a knife to protect himself while within the prison. Imagine that! Blood stains were visible on the prison floors and walls. The place was brutal and survival in the world of criminals was itself a battle. It is a place that takes days to process in one's thinking. It is a place where crime has opened the door and hope shuts it. But then came a deeply committed Christian warden who wanted to change the place and Angola Prison is now a place where 'Amazing Grace' can be and has been sung many times. How did this change come about? The new warden believed he had a call from God and his mission was to make a difference. Around this mission, he built his team. Now, instead of blood on the walls Scripture verses can be read on many walls and there are Bibles in many cells. Now one of the safest prisons in the country, no profanity is allowed by either staff or inmates. The power of the gospel to transform is so visible that even the secular state representatives recognize what has happened there. Listening to the*

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*prisoners leaves you deeply overwhelmed by how only God has changed these hearts. One of the men on our team remarked, 'If they would allow Bibles in our schools again, maybe we wouldn't need so many cells in our prisons.'*

*I spoke three times that day, to about one hundred inmates enrolled in a theological studies program, to the warden's key staff and chaplains, and finally, in the main auditorium, which was packed to capacity while the message was piped into every cell. At the invitation, many responded and gave their lives to Christ. It was the prisoners who led in the worship, providing the music and the singing...As I visited the execution room, I saw that even in the final moments of life, only the gospel can bring rescue to the forefront: In the room where the prisoner takes his last meal with the warden, the prisoners have painted two beautiful pieces; one is of Daniel kneeling in the lion's den, meaning, 'God can still rescue you'; the other is of Elijah riding on chariots of fire into the heavens, meaning, 'If you're not rescued here, you can meet him in heaven.' What hidden abilities God has imbedded even in those who have inherited and/or caused such extreme pain. Praying with some of them is an experience I will not forget. One mother called our office as I was literally on that twenty-mile road to the prison. Her son was serving a life sentence in Angola Prison and she wondered if I could speak to him. Just before I spoke the warden brought him to me and sat him in the front row, and I had the privilege of seeing him come to Christ.*

*As we flew back in that dark night, we were all profoundly moved and saw more clearly than ever how much our world is in need of the gospel message. Every day Angola continues to tug at my heart."*<sup>6</sup>

There is hope for the hopeless. If God can redeem these prisoners who have been condemned to life behind bars, He can redeem you.

## WHAT ABOUT YOUR FUTURE?

What is your spiritual position in life right now? Are you under Satan's control, or have you committed your life to Jesus Christ? Are you serving Satan and his kingdom or God and His kingdom? There is no middle ground. "Disobedience to the Gospel is promoted by the devil, who holds unbelievers in spiritual darkness and death."<sup>7</sup> Jesus' commission to the Apostle Paul was to go, not only to the Jews but also to the Gentiles, *"to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me."* (Acts 26:18)

Your blood is affected by your lifestyle and what you are devoted to. If you are part of God's kingdom and serving Him, it is reflected in your physical and spiritual being, plus it assures you of your future in heaven. People will know there is a difference in you. If you are part of Satan's kingdom, that will also be reflected in your physical and spiritual being. Your standards and lifestyle will reveal your allegiance to Satan. The Bible says the minds of unbelievers have been blinded by Satan to keep them from receiving God's Word that they might be saved.

*"But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age (Satan) has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them."* (II Corinthians 4:3-4 NKJ. Emphasis mine.)

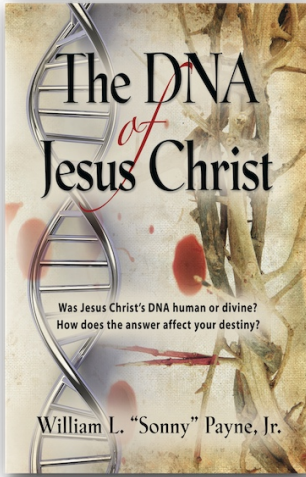
You do not have to continue living in darkness. You can even now be saved if you believe that Jesus Christ died for your sins, confess that you are a sinner and ask Him to come into your heart. He will not turn you away but will deliver you from the

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power of Satan and his kingdom, translating you into God's kingdom, giving you peace and making you a new person in Him. Colossians 1:12-14 says,

*"Giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins." (NKJ)*

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