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Episode 26 - Water, Blood, Spirit — The Secret Symbols of Your Soul

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Scott Stanley explains three powerful symbols—water (our understanding), blood (the record of our soul), and spirit (the emotions we manifest)—and how they shape our actions and struggles.

The episode shows how Jesus, the Messiah, transforms our understanding and forgives our iniquity so we can change our spirit, overcome sin, and learn to live and walk in love.

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Hi, I'm Scott Stanley with DTG Ministries, and today we are going to get into some symbols that may seem difficult, but really it's just everyday life for every one of us. God has a way of putting symbols on things that just give us a depth of meaning that maybe we don't even think about these things.

Let me tell you the way humanity is. Let me tell you what has happened to us, to every person. When we're born into this world, there is given to us an understanding. That understanding comes from the world. It comes from our families. And eventually it is coming to us from our church. God has referred to understanding the symbol of that as water (Isa 55:10-11).

On this earth, we have heavenly water coming down from heaven, and we have earthly water. We have the sea, for instance. Water coming down from heaven is God's understanding. The seawater is saltwater. It's the way the world thinks. We cannot survive on seawater. We've got to have pure water. So when we're born into this world, we are not given pure water.

We have been given thoughts, again, from every nation, kindred, tongue, and people (Rev 5:9). The nations, the people of the world, kindred, the people in our families, language, the words they use to explain God and explain salvation, for instance, and people. The people represent the people in your church. So we all come into this world and are given an understanding.

Now, based on that understanding, we will do things to other people. We make a record of what we have done. What we have done creates guilt. What people have done to us can make us bitter and angry, resentful, and we make a record of those things. Now, there are things people have done to us that we just can't let go of. They've hurt us too badly. So we have this water, our understanding, but then we have the record that that water has helped us make.

See, based on how you understand, based on what you're thinking, you have said things, you have done things that create guilt. People have done things to you that create anger. You expose your nakedness when you act on your own. You show that you really are in darkness when you don't walk with the Lord, and you can't walk in love. You just can't forgive, you can't forget.

So we have water and the record. According to Leviticus 17, the record of the soul is seen in the blood (Lev 17:14). The blood is a symbol for the record we have made. Again, the record is in your mind. It's what you have done... You cannot let it go.

So here we have water and the record. The record is the blood. Now turn with me to 1 John 5. I want to start reading at verse 5.

1Jn 5:5 Who is he that overcomes the world, but he that believes Jesus is the Son of God? (Now that's foundational.)

1Jn 5:6 This is he that came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not in water only, but in the water and the blood. And it is the Spirit that bears witness, because the Spirit is the truth.

Now, I used to read that and think every bit of that just applies to God and Jesus. Well, it applies to all of us because your water, the understanding you're carrying, again, it's come from every nation, kindred tongue, and people. Your water causes you to act or think or do, and the result is the record, which is seen in the blood. The blood, Leviticus 17, is the soul. The difference between your soul and spirit, your soul is the record of who you are. So, I've got water, blood, where does the spirit come in? The spirit you manifest is your actions; it's your attitude created by the water and the blood.

Let me give you an example. Let's say that there's a womanizer; some man is a womanizer. And why is he? What's happening to him that he wants to be like that? Or flip it, you know, what about a woman who is a harlot? What makes her so? When she comes into the room, maybe she's dressed like a harlot. However, you imagine that. Why is she doing that? because she has an understanding that she has acted on and it has created guilt, anger, and so on. So, the spirit she's manifesting is a result of her water and blood.

There's nothing hard about this. It's just the way it is. It's just using these symbols. Maybe we've never used it like this. The way you've been raised to think and the record of your guilt and anger and so on creates the spirit that you manifest, and the spirit is the truth (1Jn 5:6). You cannot get around that. You're going to manifest your water and blood - symbols of understanding and soul... soul, the record of who you are. Your spirit will manifest the water and the blood. The spirit is the truth. You can't hide that... who you are.

So why is this significant? What does this have to do with Jesus and the people who overcome, who believe he is the Son of God, and that he came in the water and blood?

He came because of your water and blood. What do you mean? Well, it's your water and blood that create your spirit... your water. Jesus needs to change our understanding, our water, and he needs to give us a new record of who we are, hence, forgiveness.

Forgiveness for you and forgiveness for others. Being able to forgive yourself because of your guilt. Being able to forgive others so that you're not carrying anger and vengeance in your heart toward people.

So your water needs to be changed. Your blood needs to be changed. So what does he do? On the cross, *"Father, into your hands, I commit my spirit"* (Luk 6:46). Now, why would he say that? Why wouldn't he say I commit my soul? I commit my heart. Why does he say my spirit? Because there's one more thing about the spirit you need to understand.

Your spirit is your emotional side. Your emotional side is how you see yourself and how you see others. Think about it: How you see yourself and how you see others. *"Father, into your hands I commit my emotional side. I commit my spirit."* If God gives you a command, for instance, *"Don't eat from this tree."* What happens?

See, he gave that command to Adam. He never gave it to Eve. Eve hadn't even been created yet, if we're looking at creation. We see God giving the commandment to Adam. If Eve knew that commandment, it's because Adam told her. But who is it that spoke to Eve? Eve listened to the serpent. God was speaking to Adam. The serpent only spoke to Eve. Eve is the emotional side.

So God can give you a commandment, and you can have that understanding. But if your spirit isn't right, how you see a thing, you're not going to be able to keep that commandment. You're not going to be able to live in perfect harmony with God unless you commit to him how you see it.

Now, there's an example I've given, and it's probably in these Revelation studies I've done, and probably these videos, the videocast. But if you see someone, say a guy drops his wallet, and you go over and pick it up, and he's got \$200 in there. You know the Lord would have you give it back to him. The Lord would not have you take the money. The Lord would have you be honest about it. So that is the Adam side of you. You know what God wants. God has told you what he wants.

But you have an emotional side that listens to the author of iniquity, Satan, which is within you. And you may open that wallet and see the money and think to yourself, or Satan will speak to you, "Hey, I need this money. I need this money for my kids. My kids need clothing. My kids need food. We're short on funds this week." So the adversary begins to help you see that differently. God said, "Do this." The adversary will come at your spirit.

So that is why, on the cross, as Jesus is showing us how to die to self, *Father, into your hands, I commit my spirit*, it is your spirit that needs to be changed. First, you've got to think the way God thinks. Now, he's going to change your spirit by changing your water. He creates a new record for you. You're forgiven, and you're able to forgive others. That record is wiped away, and you'll have a new spirit to help lead you in your life.

Why is any of this significant? Because of Proverbs 18.

Pro 18:14 The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity...

Now, think about it. How you see it, how you see the issue, how you see the problem, will sustain your infirmity. If how you see it doesn't change, the infirmity will always be there. *The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity*. I was born into this world. I've been given an understanding. I've acted on that understanding, and I now have guilt and anger and so on. And my spirit, the way I see it, will sustain my problems.

The spirit needs to be changed. Hence, Messiah. Messiah comes into the picture. We need a Messiah, not so God can forgive us. We need a Messiah who can redeem us from the iniquity, the twisted thinking (Tit 2:14). We need our thinking straightened out so that we can be free to put away sin, to overcome all sin, and be redeemed from all iniquity. That's what your Messiah is to do.

So if we're understanding the Christ, we really need to understand what it is he's doing. What is he doing for us? Paying your debt? God says, *"I'm love. Love doesn't make a record."* Well, what's Messiah doing? Redeeming your iniquity. Your iniquity is wrapped up in those thoughts from every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.

There are places where the enemy, our enemy, is referred to as the nations, looking at it spiritually (Psa 110:1, 47:3). It isn't the literal, physical nation. It's what the nations say. It's what they have said about God that we've picked up on. Whether you're watching movies or TV, you know, whatever it is. Through your life, as a kid and so on, you're soaking up this stuff like a sponge, and you really don't know anything about God until you give your heart to the Lord and you begin to seek the Lord yourself. You're studying the Bible; you're seeking for people who know the truth.

Now you begin to get different answers, but you still have your record of guilt and anger toward others. The mere fact that somebody tells you, "Well, Jesus paid that sin debt for you," that doesn't help you to forgive somebody else for what they've done. They'll tell you it does. The truth of the matter is, people are still carrying that burden of iniquity.

Remember in the new covenant, Jeremiah 31:34, the Lord makes the statement that *I will pardon their iniquity, and their sins I'll remember no more*. Just think about that for a minute. If you can pardon a person their iniquity, then you cannot remember the sin. It's easier to forgive the sin. If somebody has done something to hurt you and you're able to go to the cross and look at that person and say, "Lord, they didn't know what they were doing..." and you begin to make an atonement for what they've done.

You begin to make an atonement for that iniquity. Then you can forget what they've done. Atonement, pardon the iniquity. Pardon the iniquity, and you'll remember their sin no more. That's God's promise to us. This is the purpose of Messiah.

What I want to do is, in the next few videos, however many it takes, I want to build on this, because this is really where the rubber hits the road.

What Jesus portrayed on the cross will help us with the water and the blood, and the spirit. *There are three that bear witness in this earth, the water, the blood, and the spirit* (1Jn 5:8) ... The understanding you have, the record you have made in your mind, and the spirit you're manifesting every day, to your family, to the people you work with, to your neighbors, to your kids.

Why are you manifesting this spirit at this given time? Why are you doing what you don't want to do, and you're not doing what you do want to do? There's a reason for that, and there is a way Messiah helps you.

Again, this is the ministry of your Messiah. Your Messiah is Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, whom God gave you so that you wouldn't perish. The idea is for us to overcome all iniquity and live and walk in love.