

# On Eagles' Wings Pt 115

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*Don Courville emphasizes the importance of recognizing Jesus as the Lamb of God and the significance of His sacrifice for our salvation.*

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## Description

In this sermon, the speaker emphasizes the importance of relying on God and not trying to do things on our own. He highlights the significance of the resurrection as the victory march following Christ's crucifixion. The speaker encourages believers to behold the Lamb of God every day and to recognize the special day set aside for this purpose. He shares personal experiences of how God answers prayers and discusses the need for the blood of the Lamb to live victoriously. The sermon references Exodus 12 and the sacrifice of the lamb as a symbol of deliverance from bondage.

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## Transcript

Well, I'm glad to be back with you again today. It seems like a long time since I was back with you, even though it's just been a week. And a lot of things have happened since the last time I was with you.

Every day is filled with new opportunities, new things happen, new circumstances. A few weeks ago, I was up in the central part of Missouri, out east of Kansas City, and had a wonderful opportunity to spend a couple days with a brother and his church out there and share with them on a Wednesday night about the Lord Jesus Christ. And it's amazing the way God opens up doors as we are completely yielded to Him.

You know, the Lord wants us to enter into His rest. He wants us to be relaxed. He wants us to enjoy our Jesus.

Do you enjoy your Lord? There's no joy if you're out of fellowship with Him. There's no joy if you haven't been covered by the blood of the Lamb. Now, I know that today is a special day.

To me, every day is a special day. Every day is a resurrection day. Every day we're to behold the Lamb.

But I know it's a special day that God has wanted us to recognize. And I want to share with you some things today that God's been teaching me. I've been having a wonderful time with the Lord, getting into the Scriptures.

As a matter of fact, I've had trouble recording because I could hardly stop. I wanted to just keep going into the Scriptures and digging out the things that God has there and be taught by the Spirit of God. You know, He's a wonderful God.

He's a prayer-answering God. I was sharing with some friends a few weeks ago how God answered a prayer. And you might say it was a big prayer.

But we had a concern, we had a need, and we'd been laying it out to the Lord. And the need was our little five-year-old John Daniel needed eye surgery. One of his eyes crosses in, and we've prayed over him.

We've had him anointed with oil and prayed over by the elders, and still it's not changed. And so we had set up an appointment with the surgeon. And it come down to the final day that--and we've talked over this several months with him.

And the surgeon's seen him a couple, three times. And it come down to the final day where we had to get the blood work done and turn it in. And the Spirit of God said, No, cancel out.

And the reason the Lord told us that was because we did not have the money to do the surgery. We'd been believing God for the money, and we'd been told it cost possibly up to \$4,200. And the surgeon had encouraged us to go to the Lions Club and get help.

He said they help out in things like that, and that's fine. But God had told us, No, just wait on me. And so we called him up, and we canceled out.

And a few days later, I'd been out of town, and when I got back into town, I got in my van, and I drove home, and I didn't even notice anything unusual. And I got home, and I received a phone call from a man. And he said, Did you find anything in your van? I said, No.

He said, I may have done a very foolish thing. Would you go look and see if there's something in there? And so I did. I went out, and I looked in the van, and sure enough, there was an envelope right there on the console.

I hadn't even noticed it. And I opened it up and looked at it, and there was a check, a cashier's check, for \$5,150 to meet that need, plus the need of us having a baby. By the time you get this broadcast, we may have a new baby.

My wife is expecting any time now, and as of, what's today, the 15th? Today's the 15th. We haven't had the baby yet. But by the time this goes on the air, we may have another one.

Anyway, this man said that God had impressed on him very strongly to help us out with this need, and also to cover for the need of the baby. And boy, I was a-shouting and a-hollering around. Isn't it neat that God will meet your needs as you have them when you wait on Him? We've been pressured to go the ways of man so many times, but we're finding that it's so exciting and so peaceful to go with God.

He's a wonderful Lord. Well, I want to share some things with you from the Scriptures today. We can't talk about the Lord Jesus Christ too much.

Matter of fact, if you're not talking about the Lord Jesus Christ, you've got a problem. You've got a spiritual problem. There's sin in your life.

You may not be saved. Those that don't know Him don't talk about Him. Those that don't know Him don't love Him.

Those that don't know Him don't appreciate Him. He is life. The Lord Jesus Christ is my life.

And we are on the air to try to encourage you to know Jesus Christ as your Savior, and also to know the wonderful provision that He's given to you through the cross. I want to just share with you today about the Lamb. Behold the Lamb of God.

You know, John the Baptist said in John 129, he said, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. And he said it again down in verse 36, looking upon Jesus as He walked. He said, Behold the Lamb of God.

You know, the sinner of Passover, we call it Easter, really it's Passover, was the death of Christ. The shed blood of Jesus Christ is the sinner of everything. It's actually the sinner of Passover, the resurrection.

It's the sinner of all the teaching of the Old Testament leading up to this. And I'm going to share some things with you about that today. And many times we skip through the crucifixion and focus on the resurrection, and we miss out on the power of the resurrection by missing out on the blood of the Lamb.

This is why continually God has wanted man to behold the Lamb, and He doesn't want you to just take a glance at the Lamb. He wants you to gaze at the Lamb eternally. And He wants you to gaze at Him all through the day.

You keep your mind on the Lord, that will keep Him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee. Jesus said, Abide in Me. He said, You can't do anything without Me.

He said, I am the vine, you're the branches. He that abideth in Me, the same bringeth forth much fruit. For without Me you can do nothing.

When I was over in Turkey in 1967 and my friend Bill Stewart was discipling me, and I was memorizing that verse, when I was starting off, I would always forget the last part. Without Me you can do nothing. And just in the recent months, God has begun to bring home again to me how true that is.

I can't do anything without Him. And when I do something without Him, I am not abiding, and that is sin. So I want to just take you through the Scriptures today a little bit on the Lamb aspect, the slain Lamb of God, from the aspect of the resurrection being the culmination of the crucifixion of Christ.

The resurrection was the victory march, you might say. And for us, every day is a victory march as we get up and we go through the day. So behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away, takes away this heavy burden of sin and heavy burden of cares.

Every day He takes away whatever you need taken away that you might be free. And we won't understand the meaning of the power of the resurrection, I believe, until we understand the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, Revelation 13. Now to understand Calvary, we must understand Scripture.

You know, there are two things that are according to Scripture I want to share with you today. First is in 1 Corinthians 15.3, it says, Christ died for our sins according to the Scripture. And then the second thing is that He rose, He rose from the grave according to the Scripture.

Christ was buried and that He arose again the third day according to the Scripture, 1 Corinthians 15.4. I don't know how far we'll get. We'll just go as far as we can today. But 1 Corinthians 15.3, Christ died for our sins according to the Scripture.

Did you ever think about the Scripture? He died according to the Scripture. Now to understand and appreciate the Scripture, I find that it's helpful to understand how much we needed Jesus to die for us on the cross. You know, the Bible says in Romans 3.9, God wants you to understand that you are under sin.

As it is written, there's none righteous, no not one. I'm afraid many of us think that we are an exception. And what we have today, a lot of us have vain imaginations, thoughts that demons have put into our mind, that somehow or another I'm good enough to make it into heaven.

That my good works, somehow God is going to be pleased with what I've done. I want you to understand that if you're believing thoughts like that, you're in grave trouble, my friend. Because God says there's none righteous, no not one.

Now we need to understand our condition before we'll really appreciate the blood of Jesus Christ and just how precious that blood is. You won't appreciate Calvary until you understand just how bad a shape that you're in. If I might go on in a couple more Scriptures there.

It says there's none that understandeth, there's none that seeketh after God. This is God talking to you and me, my friend. He says they are all going out of the way.

They are together become unprofitable. There is none that doeth good, no not one. Now God's talking about your good works and my good works.

They're not going to get us to heaven. There's none that doeth good. Slipping on down to verse 20.

Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight. For by the law is the knowledge of sin. God gave us the law.

God gave us the Ten Commandments. God gave the Mosaic Law to show us that we're sinners. And if you caught up on the trap thinking that you can keep the law, you're going to be deceived.

And you are being deceived. You know you can't keep the Ten Commandments. People all over the place say, well I believe in the Ten Commandments.

Do you? I think one of these days I ought to take the Ten Commandments and take you down through and show you what they are and what Jesus talked about them. And we'll see if you're keeping the Ten Commandments. If you believe in them, then are you keeping them? When you get done, you'll see that you're not keeping them.

You're probably not keeping one of them. We must understand our condition before we'll really appreciate God's salvation. You know the Bible says, but we are all, there's that word again, all.

But we are all as an unclean thing. And all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags. And we do all fade as a leaf.

And our iniquities like the wind have taken us away. The iniquities is the self-will of our rebellious pride taking us away from God. That's what God thinks about us.

Let me continue on with what God says in Romans 3, 24. Now God says that we are being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Redemption, my friend, is free.

Except that it costs God. But it's free to you and I. All we have to do is accept the gift of His Son. The Bible says the wages of sin is death.

But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. So being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God had set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood. There again, it's His blood to declare His righteousness.

That's Christ's righteousness for the remission of sins that are passed through the forbearance of God to declare, I say it this time, His righteousness. That's Christ's righteousness, not yours, not mine. But God's declaring Christ's righteousness that He might be just, that God might be just and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

You will be justified. Your sins will be forgiven if you will trust the blood of Jesus Christ for your sins. If you're trusting yourself, God won't accept you.

Because He goes on to say, Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? Nay, but by the law of faith. You see, you're saved by faith.

For by grace you're saved through faith and that not of yourselves. It is a gift of God and not of works so that no man can boast. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

The deeds of the law just show you how bad a shape that you're in. So where are you at? Are you trusting in His blood? Is faith in His blood? This is why John the Baptist cried out, Behold the Lamb! What was it about the Lamb? Now, before we get to understanding the resurrection, we need to understand the Lamb. The Lamb was to be slain.

You know, from the Lamb that was slain in the garden, I believe personally that Adam and Eve had a Lamb slain for them. I don't have any way to back that up, really. That's just my personal belief, so don't go build a doctrine on it.

But I've got a basis of believing it. It's just my theory. But I believe that Christ shed a Lamb for Adam and Eve.

And all the way from that Lamb to Calvary, the picture was of blood being shed. Without the shedding of blood, there's no remission of sins. And so God shed blood.

And I believe Adam and Eve saw Him kill that animal. If it was a Lamb, they saw Him kill the animal. They saw the blood.

You know what? A lot of us are in the fig leaf business. And fig leaves don't cover very much. You ever try wearing one? Now, my folks have a fig tree in their backyard, and I know about fig trees and fig leaves.

I don't think I'd want to run around with a fig leaf suit on. It wouldn't take too much to get it ripped off. If you're in the fig leaf business, you're not covered.

Fig leaves don't cover sin. And if you go to Adam and Eve, they had a son. Matter of fact, they had Abel and Cain.

And God told them to bring an altar, an offering. And you know what? Abel brought a Lamb and sacrificed it. And God accepted it.

Who taught Abel to sacrifice a Lamb? You know, the Bible says in Hebrews 11-4, by faith he offered up that sacrifice. Where does faith come from? Faith comes, how? By hearing. He listened.

I believe he was taught to sacrifice a Lamb by his father. And his father had learned it from God. Cain was rebellious.

He was back in the fruit business again. Adam and Eve were in the fig leaf business, and Cain followed along. He says, I'm not going to do what God wants.

And so he brought some fruit. Fruit business doesn't cover sin. And so he got into trouble.

Actually, he was in the line of Satan. You know, the Bible says in Proverbs 25-14, a false gift is like a cloud without rain. He brought a false gift.

And if you come before God saying, God, I'm a pretty good guy. I don't kill, steal, I don't smoke, I don't sneak out at night and cheat on my wife and whatever. All those things are irrelevant to you getting saved.

God is looking to see if you're covered by the blood of the Lamb of Calvary. And you come on down to Noah. You know, when Noah hopped out of the ark, God had directed him to make a sacrifice, and he sacrificed of every clean animal, Genesis 8-20, and among the clean animals was a little lamb.

And if you look at Genesis 8-4, it says that the ark rested on the seventh month. The seventh month and the seventeenth day. That was a resurrection picture.

We're talking about the blood being sacrificed in relation to resurrection. And you know that later on, God changed that month, the seventh month, to be the first month. You go over to Exodus.

In chapter 12, God told Noah, or Moses, to change the date. And I don't have time to get off into it. It's really exciting.

But the lamb was important. In Genesis 22, of course, we have the lamb. One of my favorite resurrection passages, how God told Abraham to go and to sacrifice his son.

And one of the neat things about that, and you know the story, how God told him to do that, and he obeyed. He went all the way up, and they were going, and Isaac said, Where's the lamb? We've got everything we need, but where's the sacrifice? And Abraham said, My son, God will provide Himself a lamb for a burnt offering. So they went, both of them, together.

And that's Jehovah-Jireh. That's the first time Jehovah-Jireh, God will provide, is in Scripture. And actually what that is saying is that God would provide Himself as the lamb.

And if your Bible doesn't read clearly like that, you need to get a new Bible. Because a lot of these translations and these versions are out to destroy the lamb and the blood of Christ. Satan has been in the destroying of the Word of God business for a long time.

And now he's got us all divided in the church because we've got all these different translations. And if you go through there, you won't be able to find a powerful message on the blood of the lamb through a lot of

these translations. Or you just go, I was going to call them perversions, and some of them are very perverted.

Some of them are not as perverted as much. I don't know how much mud you like in your water before you drink it, but I don't like any in mine. We know that the King James, the 1611 version, is an uncorrupted version.

You can trust it. It may have some archaic words, but we can get over that. We can study and find out how they're pronounced correctly today.

Now, let's keep on going about the lamb. You know, in Exodus 12, when God told Moses to sacrifice the lamb. You know, they were in bondage and they were fixing to get out.

They'd gone through all this ordeal with Pharaoh. And now they're coming out. And He told them to sacrifice this lamb.

I want to share something very important with you about this chapter and about this aspect. And now you listen. If you're not sure of your salvation, if you're not sure that you'd go to heaven, if you're not sure that your sins are forgiven, you listen to this.

Because I may say something that will clarify some things for you and help you to see something that you need to see. God told them to take this lamb. And He told them that the lamb was to be according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for a house.

In verse 3 and verse 5, He said, Your lamb shall be without blemish. Whatever it is that covers sin, the sacrifice has to be without blemish. This is why you cannot offer up your good works to God as a sacrifice to cover for your sins because your good works are polluted.

God's not interested in your good works anyway. He's already provided that which is needed for your salvation. That was the Lamb of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, laying on Calvary, was the provision for your sin.

If you won't accept that provision, then God has no other offer. And He's sure not going to accept yours if you won't accept His. Now listen.

The lamb was to be without blemish. And the lamb was, He said in verse 6, You shall keep it up until the 14th day of the same month, and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. By the way, if you go back up to verse 2, there's where God changed the year.

He said, This month shall be unto you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year to you. God changed the time to center on Calvary.

All time is centered on Calvary. At His death, everything hinges on Calvary. Now, they took that lamb, and they killed it.

And they took the blood, and they put it in a bowl, and then they were to take some branches, and they were to dip it in the blood, and they were to put it on the side post and the beam across. And then the Lord said, The blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses, in verse 13, where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you when I smite the land.

And this day shall be unto you for a memorial, and you shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations. You shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever. Now, I want to share this with you.

This is what I want you to understand. The shed blood makes salvation possible, but the sprinkled blood makes salvation possessed. Just because they shed the blood of the lamb didn't mean that they were saved.

They had to apply the blood to the door post of their house. And just because the blood of Christ was shed for you, and just because you know that happened, just because you believe that is true, it doesn't make you saved. You have to apply the blood to your own life personally.

You have to come to a point to where you personally appropriate the sacrifice of Christ for yourself. And this is where conversion comes in. This is where being born again comes in.

But you have to somewhere in your life personally apply that to you to where you realize that you are lost in your sin, and that Jesus Christ died on the cross for you. He shed His blood for you. And you, by faith, appropriate and receive that sacrifice that He did for you of shedding His blood.

You receive that by faith, and then the Spirit of God comes into your heart and regenerates you. He saves you. You're born again.

He fills you. He cleanses you. You're forgiven.

You become a new creature in Christ, and the old things pass away. One of the reasons that so many of our churches are filled with people that their lives do not match their walk, they've got the talk, but they don't have the walk, is because they have never applied the sprinkled blood to their own hearts. They know about it.

They say, I've been baptized. I've been confirmed. I've been a member of the church.

I've walked an aisle. But until you apply the blood, you'll never be saved. This is why when Nicodemus came to Jesus, he didn't understand that the blood of all those lambs that he had seen, he was the priest, the high priest, all of that, he had never personally got the message that that blood was for his own personal sins.

And Jesus said, you must be born again. And it only happens by applying the blood. What are you resting on? Your good works? You'll burn in hell with your good works.

Are you resting on the fact of Christ's death? You'll burn in hell just because you believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross. The devil even believes, the Scripture says, and he's not saved. But the devil has never applied the blood.

And he's in the business of keeping you and you and you and all over the world. He's keeping whoever he can from applying the sprinkled blood to their lives. What are you resting on? The blood of Jesus Christ? Praise the Lord.

You will be saved if you are resting in the shed blood of Jesus Christ. You see, the resurrection of Christ, we make a big sentimental deal out of it. But unless the resurrection of Christ is a reality in your day-by-day experience, you come along on an Easter day, what we call it, and you make a big deal out of it, you're just going through ceremony.

You haven't entered into the resurrection life. You've never been born again. You see, in every house in Egypt, there was death.

Either the firstborn or a lamb. And the devil doesn't care what you do as long as you never apply the lamb. So when John the Baptist came along and he said, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

That's what he meant. Look at the Lamb. Look at the Lamb.

And keep looking at the Lamb. And many of you have trusted Christ as your Savior. You've applied the blood, but then you've gone away and you have quit looking at the Lamb.

And that's why this program on Eagle's Wings is here to help you get back to the Lamb of God. And that's revival. Revival is life in Jesus.

Revival means Jesus again. Let me encourage you to receive Jesus as your Lamb, slain from the foundation of the world. Let me encourage you to apply the blood.

You see, at Calvary, when Christ shed His blood, He broke the power of Satan over your life. He broke it. And you can live free from sin.

He struck out the handwriting of ordinances against you. And so you come before God and you say, God, thank You for the blood. And now I ask You to rebuke Satan from trying to hinder me from being saved, from trying to hinder me in serving You.

You use the blood day by day, all day long, to live victorious. Well, I've got to go. Our time is up.

Until next time, may God richly bless you, my friend. And remember that Jesus Christ is all you need, the blood of the Lamb. The Lord Jesus Christ is all you need.

Is it all you want? God bless you.

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