

## CHAPTER 4

# The Blood of Jesus Christ— The Most Powerful of All Keys

“ANDREW, DO YOU KNOW what the devil fears the most?” the audible voice cutting through the silence asked while I lay prostrate on a small mat in the empty bedroom, my head feeling the cold concrete floor underneath it.

I was on a three-day fast, away by myself to seek God’s face as I prepared for an upcoming crusade in Mumias, Kenya.

I immediately stopped, and my eyes popped open. *Who is that? I’m here alone. Who’s that speaking to me*, I wondered.

I slowly lifted my head from the floor and looked around the room. I didn’t see anyone. Only my Bible and a glass of water were in the room with me. I thought, *Ha! That’s strange*.

No sooner had I started to pray again than the voice asked the second time, “Andrew, do you know what the devil fears the most?”

I started freaking out inside, knowing there wasn’t a soul around for miles. I thought, *This is either God, or I’m losing it. But it has only been a couple of days into my fast*.

I was still new to hearing God’s voice, and He had never outright talked to me like that in the past. I didn’t think it was the devil because the devil wasn’t going to tell me what he feared the most.

I put my head on the Bible and again started to pray. As soon as I uttered a word, the voice from its invisible source asked me a third time, “Andrew, do you know what the devil fears the most?”

At that point, I was reminded of the story of young Samuel when He heard God's voice for the first time. He went to Eli, the high priest, thinking it was Eli talking to him. Eli told him that when God called, he should say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." (See 1 Samuel 3:8–10.)

So, I responded, "Lord, the devil fears the name of Jesus Christ." Up until that time, I had cast out thousands of demons from people using the name of Jesus.

"Yes, but that's not what he fears the most," He responded.

"Well, he fears the Holy Spirit."

"Yes," He said, "He fears the Holy Spirit, but He's not what the devil fears the most."

I said, "Lord, he fears the Word of God."

"Yes, but it's not what he fears the most."

Then I ran out of answers. "Dear Lord, I don't know. What does that devil fear the most?"

"The devil fears the blood of Jesus Christ the most," He answered.

"Why does he fear the blood the most and not the name of Jesus, the Holy Spirit, or the Word of God?" I asked in curiosity.

In a gentle voice, He explained, "The devil fears the blood because the blood was the price that Jesus paid for you to be reunited with God, to become a son, a friend, an heir of God's, a joint heir with Christ and to be His bride and become the righteousness of God. He fears the blood the most because through Christ's shedding of it, the devil was defeated, and through the blood, you have unlimited access to the throne of God. Because of the blood, the name of Jesus Christ, the Word of God, and the Holy Spirit work based on what Jesus did when He shed His blood."

That afternoon, I had the privilege to listen to the audible voice of God for the first time as He revealed to me the power of the blood

of Jesus. Since then, I have witnessed mighty deliverances, healings, and miracles of thousands around the world through the power of the blood of Christ.

Let me illustrate the kingdom key of the blood of Christ further with the creative miracle story of my new liver. In March 2014, God did one of the most potent miracles I have ever witnessed.

My family and I had been in the mission field in Europe. During the previous September, it had rained every day for weeks, causing so much moisture. The condensation created black mold in the closets of our rented house in Sheffield, England. The symptoms first manifested in my wife through sores breaking out on her skin.

We sought medical help, but they couldn't do anything for her other than prescribe a cream to put on her skin. Interestingly, it happened just two weeks after I came back from one of the biggest events of its kind in Europe—the Burning Bush Festival in Romania. At this festival, many people were healed and set free, and many lives were committed to the Lord.

But before going to the event, the Lord had warned me by saying, “The enemy is going to come at you and your family with everything he's got, and when he does, I want you to know that I'm going to be with you, and I'm going to fight for you.”

Now my whole family was getting sick.

After seeking medical help and counsel from our spiritual covering, it was apparent we needed to get out of the house and find the right medical care to address the effects of the mold in our bodies. We miraculously canceled the twelve-month lease we had just signed. We gave away all of our stuff to charities except some clothes, family pictures, and books and came back to America to get treatment.

Upon returning, I thought my wife's symptoms seemed to be worse. Her skin was breaking out with more sores, which were now turning into cuts and bleeding.

When the doctor examined her, he said, "Well, since you all were exposed to the same mold, I want you all to get examined."

So, everybody got checked, and I found out I was worse off than my wife. All this time, God was sustaining me because my liver was in terrible condition. My eyes even looked yellowish from the extreme amount of bilirubin in my blood.

(MedlinePlus's article "Bilirubin in Urine" defines bilirubin as "... found in bile, a fluid in your liver that helps you digest food. If your liver is healthy, it will remove most of the bilirubin from your body. If your liver is damaged, bilirubin can leak into the blood and urine and cause the eyes to be yellow.")

My liver was now so jacked up and not working the way it was designed. The liver's primary function is to filter the blood to be used in the other parts of the body and detoxify the food we eat from any toxic substances.

The black mold had impacted my liver to the point that it didn't perform these necessary functions. The doctor put me on a detoxification regime and an antifungal diet, but halfway through that, I couldn't tolerate the medication anymore.

My liver couldn't handle all the stuff that was going through it. I couldn't tolerate the medication, so I called the doctor to let him know. He said that if I was feeling that way, then I needed to start reducing the dosage. The reduction of medication had no impact on the way I felt; I wasn't getting any better.

## GOD'S CREATIVE MIRACLE STRATEGY

I was very sick and spending most of my time in bed. One evening while I was laying down, gasping for air, barely able to talk

to God, I heard the Lord say to me, “Andrew, ask Me how I’m healing you?”

So I asked, “Holy Spirit, how are you healing my family and me?”

As clear as day, I heard the Holy Spirit say, “I want you to do communion. Anoint yourselves with oil and pray.” That was God’s healing strategy. I asked my wife Mona if we still had communion elements to do communion.

“No,” she said. “They’ve all been used.”

We postponed doing what God told us to do for our healing until we bought more communion elements. At that point, I was the only one in the family able to drive, but I couldn’t risk it because I was so drowsy and weak and not able to pay attention to the road.

*I’ll end up in an accident, I thought.*

So I delayed doing communion and anointing ourselves with oil, waiting for when I got better to go to the store. Instead, I got worse and worse. I was so sick, I could barely walk. Still, I needed to call my doctor.

I leaned against the wall as I walked down the stairs to the phone. Then I sat on the couch for a few minutes to catch my breath and rest for a bit to muster up enough energy to make it the rest of the way, which to me, seemed like a mile.

When I called the doctor, he said, “You need to stop everything, all of the medication you’re taking because your liver is failing. You can’t tolerate it. You need to stop.”

At this point, I could barely move. Moreover, I was gasping for air, and I could barely walk back to the couch.

As I reached the sofa to sit down, I heard the Holy Spirit say, “Andrew, you have the same access for yourself as you do for everybody else. Now, I want you to use it.” This time, He said, “I want you to come through the blood of Jesus into the throne room. Don’t ask for healing, but ask Me for a brand-new liver.”

I said to my wife, “At this point, it doesn’t matter what we use for communion. Unless God does a miracle, I’m dying. Get whatever oil, bread, or cracker you can find. If we don’t have juice, get water. We’re going to have communion right now. God gave me the instructions three weeks ago, and I’ve been waiting until after I buy the elements. Right now, we’re going to use what we have. It just comes down to us *obeying*.”

My wife brought me oil. It wasn’t the regular extra virgin anointing oil that we had used. I don’t remember if it was sesame oil or almond oil, but it was one of those oils used to cook our Asian dishes. We also didn’t use regular crackers either; it was our kids’ rice crackers.

My kids, my wife Mona, and I sat together as a family, and we took communion.

We anointed each other with oil, and we prayed. Moreover, I said a simple prayer: “Heavenly Father, I come to You through the blood of Jesus Christ, Your Son, asking You to take out this bad liver and replace it with a brand-spanking new one.”

That was my creative miracle prayer word for word. It was short and to the point, but it was a prayer full of faith, accessing it through the blood. The Holy Spirit answers and witnesses with and to the blood of Jesus.

And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one (1 John 5:8).

Where the blood is mentioned, honored, pleaded, and applied, the Spirit of God comes to witness, to give proof or evidence to the finished work of Christ through the blood. Moreover, He releases His miracle-working power.

I had never experienced anything like this before in my own body. Sure, I've seen many miracles while ministering in crusades and services, but I've never been this up close and personal.

I felt movement under my rib cage on my right side where my liver is located. When I looked to see what was happening, I saw something moving through my clothes. The divine operation was taking place. The Holy Spirit was taking out the sick liver and replacing it with a brand-spanking new one. A new one! I didn't feel any pain.

In amazement, I exclaimed, "Oh, look, Mona, look."

About an hour later, I was finally able to stand up and walk to the refrigerator to get a drink. Lo and behold, it was like I had never been sick.

I want to help you further establish your confidence and faith in the blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. So before I finish this story, let me answer some questions that people frequently ask:

### ➡ **What is applying, sprinkling, or pleading the blood?**

The life of Jesus is in His blood. We apply the blood of Jesus Christ by pleading, speaking, honoring, sprinkling, declaring, and singing the blood of Jesus in faith.

### ➡ **Why do we use or apply the blood?**

Here are a few Scriptures to rest our faith on and inform our application:

#### **A. The blood speaks both to God and the devil.**

and to Jesus, the Mediator of a new covenant [uniting God and man], and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks

[of mercy], a better *and* nobler *and* more gracious message than *the blood* of Abel [which cried out for vengeance] (Hebrews 12:24 AMP).

**B. We overcome the devil through the blood.**

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony . . . (Revelation 12:11).

**C. The blood witnesses with the Spirit and the water of the Word on Earth.**

For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one (1 John 5:7–8).

**D. Access God's throne and heaven's kingdom realities on Earth.**

And so, dear brothers, now we may walk right into the very Holy of Holies, where God is, because of the blood of Jesus. This is the fresh, new, life-giving way that Christ has opened up for us by tearing the curtain—his human body—to let us into the holy presence of God (Hebrews 10:19–20 TLB).

and once for all took blood into that inner room, the Holy of Holies, and sprinkled it on the mercy seat; but it was not the blood of goats and calves. No, he took his



own blood, and with it he, by himself, made sure of our eternal salvation (Hebrews 9:12 TLB).

whom God displayed publicly [before the eyes of the world] as a [life-giving] sacrifice of atonement *and* reconciliation (propitiation) by His blood [to be received] through faith . . . (Romans 3:25 AMP).

**E. We have redemption and forgiveness of our sins.**

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace (Ephesians 1:7).

And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission (Hebrews 9:22).

**F. We can access the blessings of the everlasting covenant in Christ.**

And now may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, equip you with all you need for doing his will. May he who became the great Shepherd of the sheep by an everlasting agreement between God and you, signed with his blood, produce in you through the power of Christ all that is pleasing to him (Hebrews 13:20–21 TLB).

When we use the blood of Jesus, we're involving the life of the triune God into our lives, worship, situation, circumstances, and prayers. We're reminding God that we're trusting in His love and mercy to save

and deliver us according to the finish work of Jesus Christ that He did in our name and in our place. We're declaring to Satan that *in Christ*, we defeated him and that he cannot touch us as long as we're under the blood of Jesus. We're also reminding ourselves of the foundation of our confidence in Christ.

➡ **As New Testament believers, is the blood for today?**

Yes, it is for today. Here is the command of the old contract:

For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you. And you shall observe this thing (the sprinkling of blood) as an ordinance for you and your sons forever (Exodus 12:23–24).

Here's why we use the blood as part of the new contract through Christ:

You [believers], like living stones, are being built up into a spiritual house for a holy *and* dedicated priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices [that are] acceptable *and* pleasing to God through Jesus Christ (1 Peter 2:5 AMP).

## HOW TO RELEASE THE POWER OF THE BLOOD IN YOUR LIFE

You release the power of God in and through the blood by speaking, singing, declaring, receiving, acknowledging, honoring, and trusting

the blood of Jesus to affect your sick body, marriage, finances, family, relationships, ministry, etc. There is no right or wrong way of using the blood. The only problem is that there is very little teaching and preaching on the blood today. Therefore, not many believers know the power of the blood. Those few who do, don't use it enough.

## WHEN AND HOW TO USE THE BLOOD

In the Old Testament, Israelites sprinkled the physical blood of animals for atonement of their sins and for protection. But as the New Testament priests serving under our High Priest Jesus, we may now sprinkle His blood for forgiveness, salvation, redemption, healing, protection, and victory!

Every situation where you sense you're under the attack of Satan or need special protection, breakthrough, victory, or miracle, that is the time to plead the blood of Jesus.

We take the blood in the spiritual realm and speak it, which is a form of intercessory prayer in songs, decrees, and petitions. When the Israelites sprinkled blood in Egypt, it brought deliverance to their households. When Rahab used the bloodline token, it brought deliverance to her. As mentioned in the last paragraph, the Old Testament high priests sprinkled animal blood for forgiveness of their sins; however, we offer spiritual sacrifices when we use the blood or any other kingdom key according to 1 Peter 2:5 (AMP):

You [believers], like living stones, are being built up into a spiritual house for a holy *and* dedicated priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices [that are] acceptable *and* pleasing to God through Jesus Christ.

Now let me share the rest of my miracle story of receiving my new liver. I was full of vigor and energy; I was a new person. I called the doctor the next day and scheduled a follow-up appointment.

When I walked into the room where the doctor was waiting for me, he stared at me with a mixture of puzzlement, disbelief, and amazement on his face. After several moments of silence, he asked in a soft voice, "What happened? What did you do?"

After I shared with him the details, he shook his head in disbelief, but he knew we were believers. "Whatever you did," he said, "keep doing it because it's working."

I had been on the verge of death, and now I was very much alive! He continued his examination of me and studied my eyes. "Wow, your eyes are perfect!" He checked my liver strength through muscle tests. It was perfect. No further tests were necessary. My liver was like that of a brand-new healthy baby. It was miraculous!

That was six years ago, and I am still going strong and am healthy today.

## NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD

It was all through the blood of Jesus Christ.

I wanted to share this miracle with you to illustrate the blood's power. You too can release and experience the wonders of God by your faith as you use the kingdom power key of the blood of Jesus to access heaven and its realities in your life daily.

Remember, all the power keys in your hands work and are useful because of the blood of Jesus. Of all the power tools at our disposal, none opens up heaven like the blood.

At my darkest moment, the Holy Spirit brought me back to this truth. He said, “Andrew, you have the same confidence and access for yourself as you have for everybody else when you minister to them. Now, come through the blood and receive.”

I encourage you to take to heart this kingdom key in your hands and begin to use it with faith to unlock heaven on Earth. It’s like putting a hammer in your hand to drive a nail into a piece of wood, and you believe the hammer can do that job. You may not be good at swinging so that you can drive the nail straight, but you know the tool in your hand can do it. You may need to learn to hit the nail on the head, but you have no doubt about the tool’s efficacy. So it is with the blood or any other tool we’re talking about in this book.

Do you need a miracle? Alternatively, do you need a breakthrough, a victory, or need a supernatural touch of God on your life, marriage, children, business, or whatever else you desire. Use the blood. Access your healing, your breakthrough, whatever it is you need. God can do it through the blood.

The Holy Spirit will always produce evidence of the blood. Why? Because it was the price that Jesus paid for your redemption and mine.

Every time we approach the throne, enter through the blood. God can’t hold back His promises. He grants us what has already been paid for by the blood. When we understand and unlock the power of and in the blood, then we can release God’s supernatural works daily.

The revelation of the blood of Jesus Christ, that it’s what the devil fears the most, opened a wealth of power in my life. It will do the same for you. Use it to defeat him and his works of wickedness, torment, and affliction in your life and that of others’ daily.

Now that you understand the importance of the blood of Jesus and the power it gives us in our life, let’s continue to the next chapter as I discuss the Holy Spirit key.