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The Christian Shepherd: 2001, His Blood - My Walk

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“The priest shall take . . . of the blood of the trespass offering, and . . . put it upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot” (Lev. 14:14).

What must the leper who was to be cleansed from that dread disease have thought as he, with blood on his right ear, looked upon the blood that stained his right thumb and toe? Earlier, in Leviticus 13:45-46, we read the solemn results of that dread condition: “His clothes shall be rent, and his head bare, and he shall put a covering upon his upper lip, and shall cry, Unclean, unclean. All the days wherein the plague shall be in him he shall be defiled; he is unclean: he shall dwell alone; without the camp shall his habitation be.”

But now the happy day of cleansing had come—cleansing which included the application of blood from a slain lamb. From that time the blood was, in figure, to have its proper moral effect on all he heard, all he did and on every step he took.

How good if each considered, “If I could see that precious blood staining my foot, would I continue in the way I presently walk? If I could observe the stain of His precious blood upon my thumb, would I, in good conscience, continue what I am doing? Knowing that my ear is stained with the blood of my Saviour, can I comfortably continue listening to what I hear?” Oh! May our hearts be ever tender as to the infinite price He has paid to wash our sins away!

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