

Memory Verse

1 Corinthians 11:26

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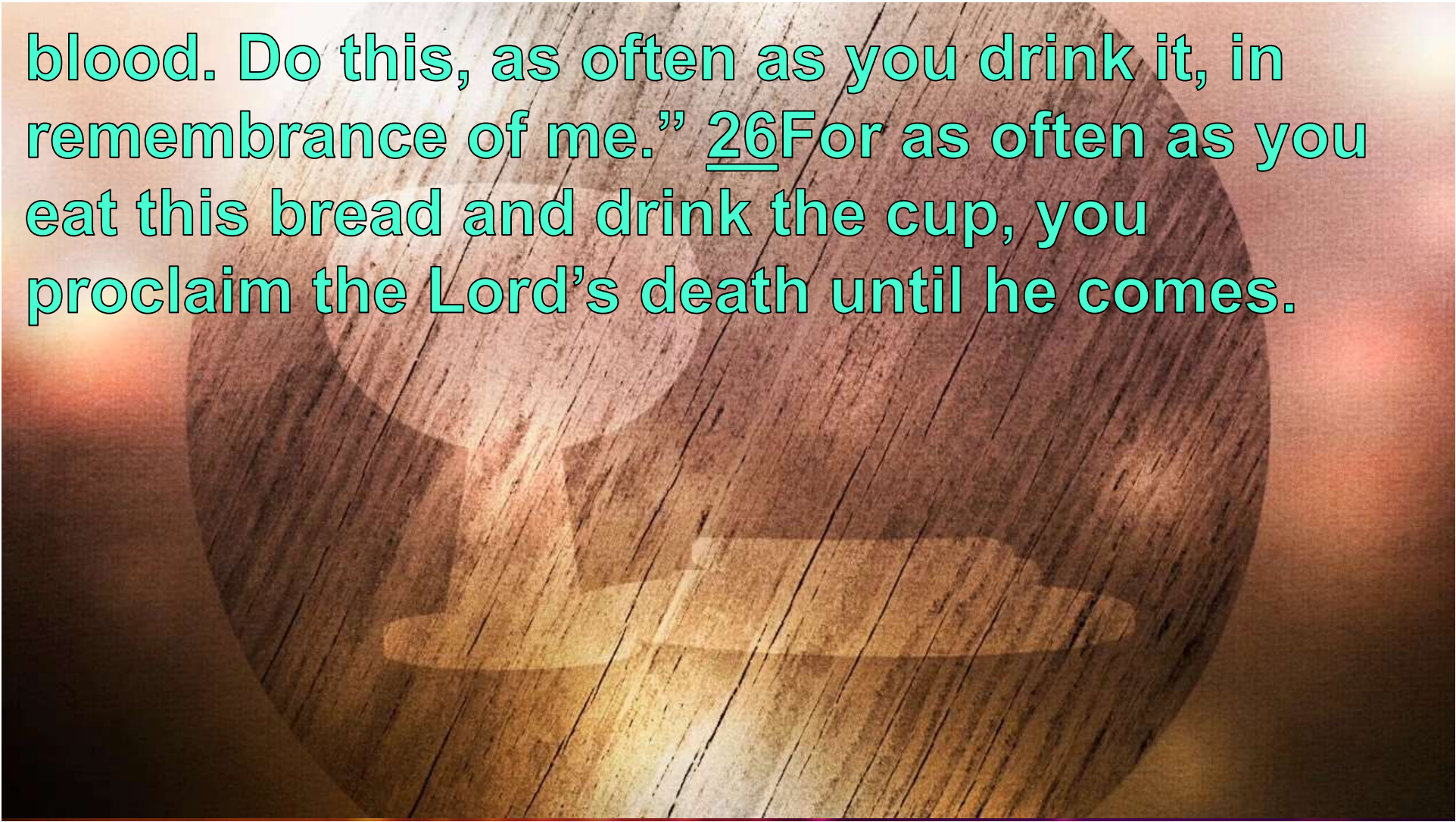


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Communion and the Cross

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, 24and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” 25In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my



blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” 26For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

A. 11:23-24 – His Broken Body

These verses quote what Jesus said in the Gospels, and what He did. We often think that His body was broken *only on the cross*. It was, but there was much more to it than that.

Isaiah 52:13-14.

Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted.

14As many were astonished at you - his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind...

A. 11:23-24 – His Broken Body

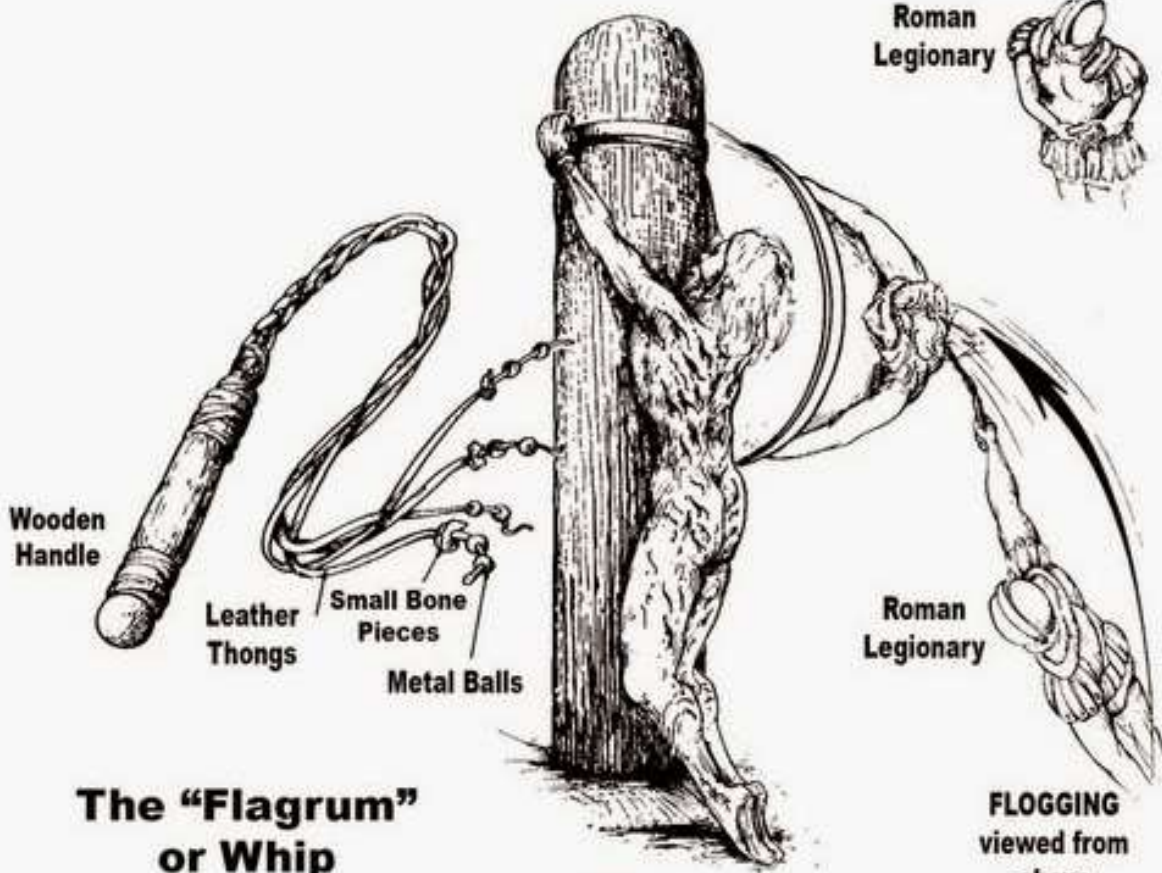
The broken body of Jesus was prophesied in the Old Testament. This is one text, and you can *continue reading Isaiah 53* about His broken body, *given as a sacrificial offering for the sins of Israel and the nations*. These verses say His appearance or His physical body was *marred or beaten so much*, He didn't even look human.



A. 11:23-24 – His Broken Body

The word "*flogged*" in the ESV, is better translated "*scourged*," as in the KJV, NKJV and NASB. I want to remind us of what physically took place during a Roman scourging. This is a *summary*...



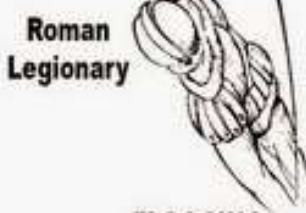


**The "Flagrum"
or Whip**

**The
Victim**

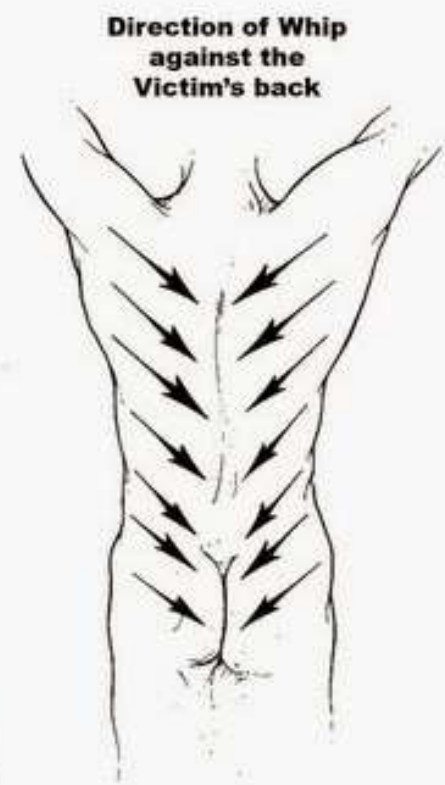


**Roman
Legionary**



**Roman
Legionary**

**FLOGGING
viewed from
above**



**Direction of Whip
against the
Victim's back**

**Direction of the
Whip Marks**







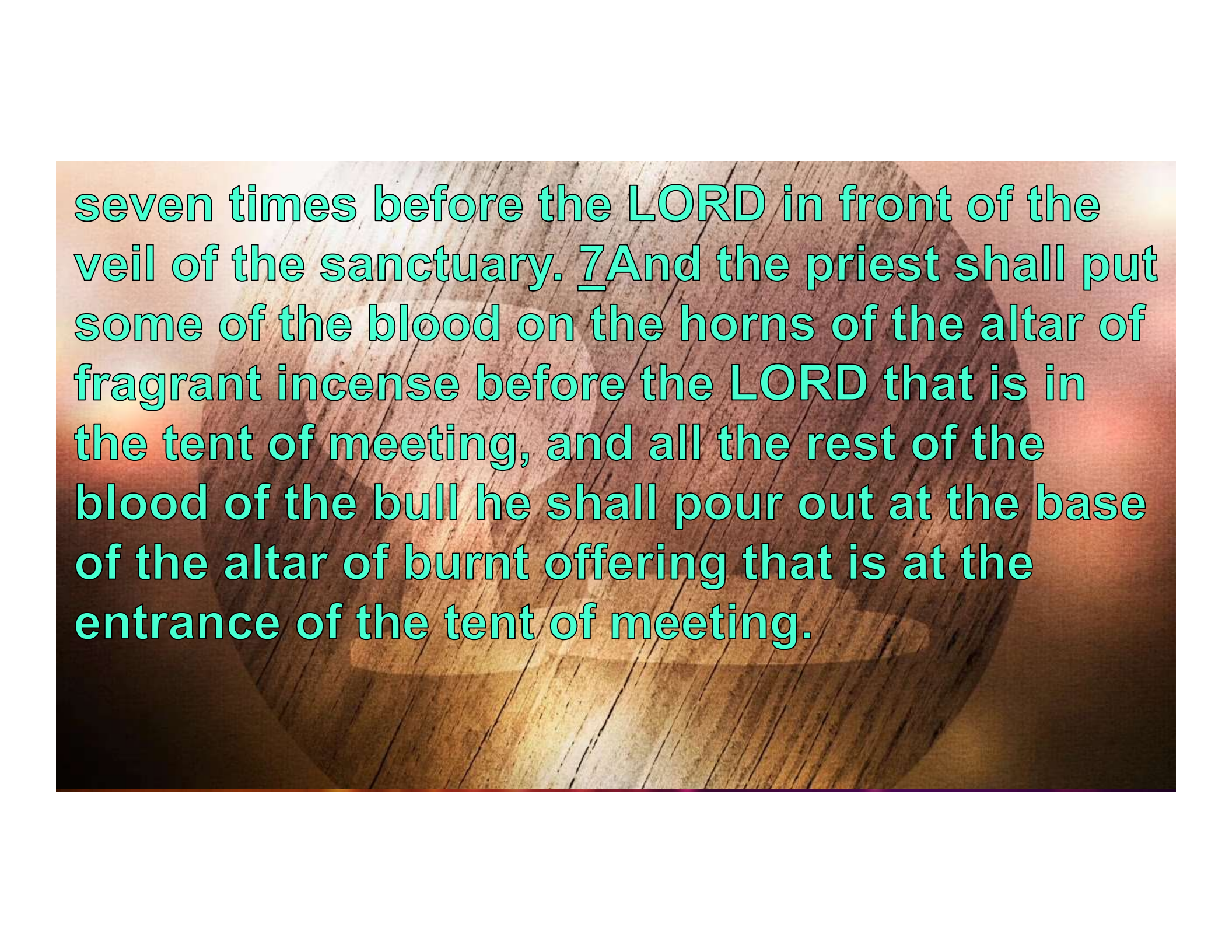
B. 11:25 – His Shed Blood



Leviticus 4:1-7

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
2“Speak to the people of Israel, saying, If anyone sins unintentionally in any of the LORD’s commandments about things not to be done, and does any one of them, 3if it is the anointed priest who sins, thus bringing guilt on the people, then he shall offer for the sin that he has committed a bull from the

herd without blemish to the LORD for a sin offering. 4He shall bring the bull to the entrance of the tent of meeting before the LORD and lay his hand on the head of the bull and kill the bull before the LORD. 5And the anointed priest shall take some of the blood of the bull and bring it into the tent of meeting, 6and the priest shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle part of the blood



seven times before the LORD in front of the veil of the sanctuary. 7And the priest shall put some of the blood on the horns of the altar of fragrant incense before the LORD that is in the tent of meeting, and all the rest of the blood of the bull he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering that is at the entrance of the tent of meeting.

B. 11:25 – His Shed Blood

The rest of the chapter gives additional situations for *sacrifices* and the blood. This is one example of *blood being connected to sacrifice*, because the life of the flesh is in the blood: *Leviticus 17:11*, and *without the shedding of blood, there is no remission or forgiveness of sin: Hebrews 9:22*. There is *nothing magical or mystical about the blood of Jesus*. His blood was just like ours...

1 Peter 1:17-19

And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, 18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

C. 11:26 – His Church Body

When we partake of Communion, or the Lord's Supper, we declare His death! That is the connection between Communion and the Cross. Every time we, or another church anywhere in the world partakes of the bread and the cup, we remember His death on our behalf. This is why it is **crucial** for us to understand the broken body and shed blood of Jesus and what it means Biblically!

C. 11:26 – His Church Body

Why did Jesus die?

***He died for our
sins.***

C. 11:26 – His Church Body

He is holy, we are not. He is perfect, we are not. He is sinless, we are not. He is pure, we are not. He is righteous, we are not. We have all lied, cheated, stolen, blasphemed, are guilty of idolatry, and more. His holiness demanded a sacrifice, shown in the Garden of Eden. His love provided one way, through the broken body and shed blood of Jesus the Messiah.

C. 11:26 – His Church Body

Just knowing that Jesus died on the cross for your sin is not enough. Even the *devil and his demons* know Jesus died for sinners. We are responsible to turn away from our sin and turn to Him by faith alone! If you are not a Christian, *God commands you to repent and believe in Jesus.*

A circular wooden plaque with a natural wood grain texture. In the center, there is a dark silhouette of a chalice. Below the chalice, the word "Communion" is written in a white, elegant cursive script. The plaque is set against a dark, warm-toned background with a subtle gradient.

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