



Lesson 4 – The Plan of Redemption

- 1) What plan was in place in case humanity fell into sin?

Zechariah 6:13 Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of _____ shall be between them both.

The Son of God, heaven's glorious Commander, was touched with pity for the fallen race. His heart was moved with infinite compassion as the woes of the lost world rose up before Him. But divine love had conceived a plan whereby man might be redeemed. The broken law of God demanded the life of the sinner. In all the universe there was but one who could, on behalf of man, satisfy its claims. Since the divine law is as sacred as God Himself, only one equal with God could make atonement for its transgression. None but Christ could redeem fallen man from the curse of the law and bring him again into harmony with Heaven. Christ would take upon Himself the guilt and shame of sin, sin so offensive to a holy God that it must separate the Father and His Son. Christ would reach to the depths of misery to rescue the ruined race.

- 2) What imagery is given to Jesus in Revelation?

Revelation 13:8 ... the _____ slain from the foundation of the world.

- 3) How much does God love you?

John 3:16 For God so _____ the world, that he _____ his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not _____, but have everlasting life.

Oh, the mystery of redemption! the love of God for a world that did not love Him! Who can know the depths of that love which "*passeth knowledge*"? Through endless ages immortal minds, seeking to comprehend the mystery of that incomprehensible love, will wonder and adore.

- 4) Who was in Christ?

2 Corinthians 5:19 To wit, that _____ was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

- 5) What are we called even though we fell?

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall _____; for we shall see him as he is.

Man had become so degraded by sin that it was impossible for him, in himself, to come into harmony with Him whose nature is purity and goodness. But Christ, after having redeemed man from the condemnation of the law, could impart divine power to unite with human effort.

- 6) Does Jesus understand our condition?

Hebrews 2:18 For in that he himself hath suffered being _____, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

The plan by which alone man's salvation could be secured, involved all heaven in its infinite sacrifice. The angels could not rejoice as Christ opened before them the plan of redemption, for they saw that man's salvation must cost their loved Commander unutterable woe. In grief and wonder they listened to His words as He told them how He must descend from heaven's purity and peace, its joy and glory and immortal life, and come in contact with the degradation of earth, to endure its sorrow, shame, and death.



He was to stand between the sinner and the penalty of sin; yet few would receive Him as the Son of God. He would leave His high position as the Majesty of heaven, appear upon earth and humble Himself as a man, and by His own experience become acquainted with the sorrows and temptations which man would have to endure.

7) What did Christ do for us?

Hebrews 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little _____ than the angels for the suffering of _____, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

When His mission as a teacher should be ended, He must be delivered into the hands of wicked men and be subjected to every insult and torture that Satan could inspire them to inflict. He must die the cruelest of deaths, lifted up between the heavens and the earth as a guilty sinner. He must pass long hours of agony so terrible that angels could not look upon it but would veil their faces from the sight. He must endure anguish of soul, the hiding of His Father's face, while the guilt of transgression, the weight of the sins of the whole world, should be upon Him.

8) What part did the angels have in Christ's earthly ministry?

Hebrews 1:14 Are they not all _____ spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

They would guard the subjects of grace from the power of evil angels and from the darkness constantly thrown around them by Satan.

When the angels should witness the agony and humiliation of their Lord, they would be filled with grief and indignation and would wish to deliver Him from His murderers; but they were not to interpose in order to prevent anything which they should behold. It was a part of the plan of redemption that Christ should suffer the scorn and abuse of wicked men, and He consented to all this when He became the Redeemer of man.

9) When was this plan first revealed to mankind?

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy _____, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

This sentence, uttered in the hearing of our first parents, was to them a promise. While it foretold war between man and Satan, it declared that the power of the great adversary would finally be broken. Adam and Eve stood as criminals before the righteous Judge, awaiting the sentence which transgression had incurred; but before they heard of the life of toil and sorrow which must be their portion, or of the decree that they must return to dust, they listened to words that could not fail to give them hope.

As the plan of salvation was more fully unfolded, Satan rejoiced with his angels that, having caused man's fall, he could bring down the Son of God from His exalted position. He declared that his plans had thus far been successful upon the earth, and that when Christ should take upon Himself human nature, He also might be overcome, and thus the redemption of the fallen race might be prevented.

10) What did Peter have to say about being overcome?

2 Peter 2:19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in _____.



11) What title did Satan receive when he overcame Adam and Eve?

2 Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this _____ hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Not only man but the earth had by sin come under the power of the wicked one and was to be restored by the plan of redemption.

by Jesus' sacrifice paying the penalty of sin, would not only redeem man, but recover the dominion which man had forfeited. All that was lost by the first Adam will be restored by the second.

12) What promises were given?

Micah 4:8 And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the _____ shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.

Ephesians 1:13-14 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the _____ of our _____ until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Isaiah 45:18 For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be _____: I am the LORD; and there is none else.

That purpose will be fulfilled, when, renewed by the power of God, and freed from sin and sorrow, it shall become the eternal abode of the redeemed.

13) What else did God promise?

Psalms 37:29 The righteous shall _____ the land, and dwell therein for ever.

Revelation 22:3-5 And there shall be no more _____: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their _____. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall _____ for ever and ever.

Adam, in his innocence, had enjoyed open communion with his Maker; but sin brought separation between God and man, and the atonement of Christ alone could span the abyss and make possible the communication of blessing or salvation from heaven to earth. Man was still cut off from direct approach to his Creator, but God would communicate with him through Christ and angels.

Thus, were revealed to Adam important events in the history of mankind, from the time when the divine sentence was pronounced in Eden, to the Flood, and onward to the first advent of the Son of God. He was shown that while the sacrifice of Christ would be of sufficient value to save the whole world, many would choose a life of sin rather than of repentance and obedience. Crime would increase through successive generations, and the curse of sin would rest more and more heavily upon the human race, upon the beasts, and upon the earth.



Yet Christ, true to the purpose for which He left heaven, would continue His interest in men, and still invite them to hide their weakness and deficiencies in Him. He would supply the needs of all who would come unto Him in faith. And there would ever be a few who would preserve the knowledge of God and would remain unsullied amid the prevailing iniquity.

14) What did God do for the first couple after the fall?

Genesis 3:21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

God showed them that a sacrifice must be made on their behalf and what it signified. Those skins were from the first sacrifice made at the gate of Eden. Christ's sacrifice must become our outer garment.

To Adam, the offering of the first sacrifice was a most painful ceremony. His hand must be raised to take life, which only God could give. It was the first time he had ever witnessed death, and he knew that had he been obedient to God, there would have been no death of man or beast. As he slew the innocent victim, he trembled at the thought that his sin must shed the blood of the spotless Lamb of God. This scene gave him a deeper and more vivid sense of the greatness of his transgression, which nothing but the death of God's dear Son could expiate.

15) What would the sacrifice of the Lamb ultimately do?

John 12:31-32 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will _____ all men unto me.

This not only signified Christ's death, but HOW he would die.

It was not for this alone that Christ came to the earth; it was not merely that the inhabitants of this little world might regard the law of God as it should be regarded; but it was to vindicate the character of God before the universe.

The great controversy begun in heaven was to be decided in the very world, on the very same field, that Satan claimed as his.

16) What did Jesus declare just before He died on Calvary's cross?

John 19:30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is _____: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

A shout of triumph rang through every world and through heaven itself. The great contest that had been so long in progress in this world was now decided, and Christ was conqueror. His death had answered the question whether the Father and the Son had sufficient love for man to exercise self-denial and a spirit of sacrifice. Satan had revealed his true character as a liar and a murderer. It was seen that the very same spirit with which he had ruled the children of men who were under his power, he would have manifested if permitted to control the intelligences of heaven. With one voice the loyal universe united in extolling the divine administration.

17) What did Paul tell us about sin?

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is _____); but the gift of God is _____ through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The very fact that Christ bore the penalty of man's transgression is a mighty argument to all created intelligences that the law is changeless; that God is righteous, merciful, and self-denying; and that infinite justice and mercy unite in the administration of His government.

Can you see God doesn't change?

Would you like to have a clean bill of health?

When is the time to trust God at His Word?