

The Word of God – 10

Ge 3:21 Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them. 22 Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”— 23 therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. 24 So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

We had seen last time that there are very significant things recorded in the foundational Scriptures that are essential for us to understand if we are to properly divide the Word of truth so that we may know what our purpose as Christians is and how this impacts what will happen to us in the future.

To begin, we will see that God provided ‘tunics of skin’ to clothe Adam and Eve’s nakedness from the loss of their covering of glory. Adam and the Woman had tried to do this using fig leaves, but there was nothing that they could do to replace that which remains the province of God.

For God to provide ‘tunics of skin’ animals had to be killed and their blood had to be shed. And what we see in this foundational type, is that God and God alone is able to provide the covering for that which is lost and that this covering is provided only by death and shed blood. That which God provides is that which God accepts.

And through death and shed blood we see what we have come to call ‘eternal’ salvation. That which we know to be the free gift of everlasting life.

This foundational type in Genesis Chapter 3 is then added to in Genesis Chapter 4 – *Ge 4:8 Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to*

pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.

In Cain and Abel, we see one brother killing another brother while they were in the field together. Cain here presents a picture, a type, of the nation of Israel who killed their Brother, the Christ when they were in the land together. But what is still seen through this type is death and shed blood, the death and shed blood of a Brother.

To this we can add another type, that of Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac –
Ge 22:2 *Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."* 3 *So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.*

There is so much we can say about this event, but to be brief so that we can follow the progression of the types, what we will note is, that here a father is to sacrifice the son whom he loves, and a ram is provided to be the substitutionary death for Isaac. Although from God's perspective, Isaac died. But again, there is still death and shed blood.

This is taken one step further in Exodus Chapter 12 – Ex 12:5 *Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats.* 6 *Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight.....* 12 *"For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.* 13 *Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.*

Again, death and shed blood. The death and shed blood of a lamb, a lamb for a household, a substitutionary death. And let's note, what is the ONLY thing God looked for? The blood. And all of this leads us to the Christ, the

Son whom His Father loves, the Brother to the Jewish people, the sacrificial, substitutionary, Lamb of God. And eternal salvation is provided by Christ's sacrifice on the cross by His death and shed blood. NOTHING else.

So, let's ask a question. All the Jews in Egypt on the night of the first Passover, were they eternally saved or not? Well, if we have followed what is taught in the types, the answer is obvious. Of course, they were, how could they not be? God had provided the substitute to die in the place of the firstborn, but from God's perspective the firstborn had died that night and He accepted the death and shed blood of the lambs He provided.

All Israel was saved that night and it was saved Israel that began the journey to the land of promise.

But some people find this difficult because of the way the majority of the Jewish people behaved on their journey to the promised land. 'How could those who are eternally saved behave like that?' The answer is really very simple. When God killed the animals for Adam and Eve, did they automatically lose their sin nature? NO. When the substitute ram was killed in Isaac's place, did he immediately lose his sin nature? NO. Did the death of the Passover lambs take away the sin nature of the Jews in Egypt? NO. When we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ did we lose our sin nature? NO. And if anyone has told you otherwise, they are a liar – 1 Jn 1:8 *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

But if we as eternally saved people are to fulfill God's purpose for us to rule, our sin nature has to be dealt with. So, how does that happen?

Next time if the Lord is willing.