

Unseen Realm: Session 24- God's Concealment of the Redemption Plan

*All Bible references are from NASB unless noted otherwise.

Isaiah 55:8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," declares the LORD. ⁹ "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts.

- God was at war with the enemies of Himself and His new creation, mankind. His plan of redemption needed to be clear enough for authentication, but obscure enough not to give away His purposes and plan.

What do we make of these statements?

Luke 2:49 And He said to them, "Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But **they did not understand** the statement which He had made to them.

Luke 9:44 "Let these words sink into your ears; for the Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men." ⁴⁵ But **they did not understand** this statement, and **it was concealed** from them so that they would not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask Him about this statement.

Luke 18:31 Then He took the twelve aside and said to them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things which are written through the prophets about the Son of Man will be accomplished. ³² "For He will be handed over to the Gentiles, and will be mocked and mistreated and spit upon, ³³ and after they have scourged Him, they will kill Him; and the third day He will rise again." ³⁴ But the **disciples understood none of these things**, and *the meaning of* this statement **was hidden from them**, and **they did not comprehend** the things that were said.

John 12:16 These things [triumphal entry] His **disciples did not understand** at the first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of Him, and that they had done these things to Him.

Mark 6:51 Then He got into the boat with them, and the wind stopped; and they were utterly astonished, ⁵² for they had not gained any insight from the *incident of* the loaves, but their heart was hardened.

Luke 24:25 And He said to them, "O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ "Was it not necessary for the Christ to **suffer** these things and to **enter into His glory**?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

Luke 24:44 Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

⁴⁵ Then He **opened their minds** to understand the Scriptures,

⁴⁶ and He said to them, "Thus **it is written**, that the Christ would suffer and **rise again from the dead the third day**,

1 Corinthians 15:3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He was **raised on the third day according to the Scriptures**,

Where is "it written" that the Messiah (Christ) would suffer and rise the third day?

What did the first recipients really know about the plan of redemption historically?

Genesis 3:15 God said to the serpent, "And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."

- This is considered the protoevangelium (first gospel hint). What would you know without the NT?

Genesis 5 genealogy list of names and their Hebrew meaning:

NAME	MEANING
Adam	Man
Seth	Appointed (Gen 4:25)
Enosh	Mortal (frail)
Kenan	Sorrow
Mahalalel	Blessed God
Jared	Come down
Enoch	Teaching (1 Enoch)
Methuselah	Coming Death
Lamech	Despairing
Noah	Rest (Gen 5:29)

**Man (is) appointed mortal sorrow (but the) blessed God (shall)
come down teaching (that His) coming death (shall bring the) despairing Rest.**

What can we learn from Genesis 22?

² He said, "Take now your son, **your only son, whom you love**, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt **offering** on one of the mountains of which I will 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 wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

⁴ On the **third day** Abraham raised his eyes and saw the place from a distance.

⁵ Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey, and I and the lad will go over there; and **we will worship and return to you.**"

⁶ Abraham **took the wood** of the burnt offering and **laid it on Isaac his son**, and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So the **two of them walked on together.**

⁷ Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." And he said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

⁸ Abraham said, "God will **provide for Himself the lamb** for the burnt offering, my son." So the **two of them walked on together.**

⁹ ¶ Then they came to the place of which God had told him; and Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood, and bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

¹⁰ Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

¹² He said, "Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not **withheld your son, your only son**, from Me."

¹³ Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind *him* a ram caught in the thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram and offered him up for a burnt offering in the place of his son.

¹⁴ Abraham called the name of that place The LORD Will Provide, as it is said to this day, **"In the mount of the LORD it will be provided."** (see note from the NET version)

NET VERSION NOTES:

The saying connected with these events has some ambiguity, which was probably intended. The Niphal verb could be translated (1) "in the mountain of the Lord it will be seen/provided" or (2) "in the mountain the Lord will appear."

1. Genesis 22:2, 12 has allusions to John 3:16 and Hebrews 10:14.
2. Genesis 22:3 shows that Abraham had grown into a man of faith and "rose up early in the morning".
3. Genesis 22:5 also shows that Abraham was a man of faith in that he was confident he would return with Isaac.
4. Genesis 22:6 makes it clear that Isaac was not a baby, but the Hebrew na'ar is used in 22:3 as a description of his "young men" or servants. The wood was placed on Isaac similar to how the wooden cross was placed on Jesus in John 19:17.
5. Isaac called out to his father, Abraham as did Jesus (Mark 14:36; Luke 22:42; 23:34)
6. Genesis 22:14 reveals that the name of the place is prophetic. The Hebrew word is a homonym which can mean either "it will be provided" or "it will be seen". Most likely it was meant to be a double entendre.
7. Genesis 22:9 reveals that Isaac voluntarily allowed himself to be bound and potentially killed. This is similar to Jesus voluntarily giving up His own life (John 10:18).
8. If we compare Hebrews 11:17 and Genesis 22:4 we learn that Isaac was returned to his father after 3 days.

^{ESV} **Hebrews 11:17** ¶ By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸ of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ¹⁹ He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

^{ESV} **1 Corinthians 2:6** Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷ But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸ **None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.**

^{ESV} **Colossians 2:13** And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and **put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.**

^{ESV} **Ephesians 3:8** To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the **plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God**, who created all things, ¹⁰ so that **through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.** ¹¹ This was according to the **eternal purpose** that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,

^{NLT} **1 Peter 1:10** This **salvation** was something even the prophets wanted to know more about when they prophesied about this **gracious salvation prepared for you.** ¹¹ They **wondered** what **time** or **situation** the Spirit of Christ within them was talking about when he told them in advance about Christ's **suffering** and his **great glory** afterward. ¹² They were told that their messages were not for themselves, but for you. And now this Good News has been announced to you by those who preached in the power of the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. It is all so wonderful that **even the angels are eagerly watching these things happen.**