

Redemption Through the Scriptures

Gaining a Clearer Picture of Christ and His Saving Work

#12 Determined to Share His Holiness

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The Pleasure of God's Redemptive Plan (11-14)

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"I want that!"

"I'll pay for that!"

"I'll enjoy that!"

The Pleasure (11-14)

God's plan is fulfilled in the church.

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Redemption's Purpose

"Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom (Christ) also we have **obtained our introduction by faith** into this grace in which we stand..." (Rom 5:1-2).

The beginning

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Redemption is the Starting Point

- Forgiveness and heaven are not the full goal.
- God intends us to increasingly be like Him while on earth.

The glory of redemption is found in the cross and its radiance leads us into conformity to Christ's image, "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Col 1:27).

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Created to Share God's Image

"God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them" (Genesis 1:27).

- Made in God's image (Gen 1:27).
- Fall corrupted holiness.
- Redemption restores holiness (a likeness) and a relationship with Him.



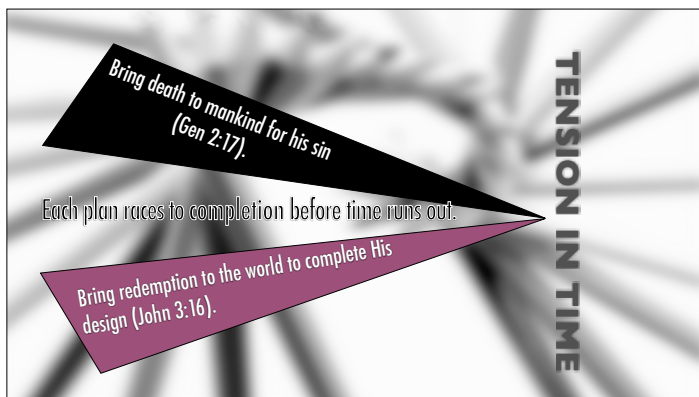
God's Original Plan

- Multiply image-bearers across the earth.
- Evangelism flows from God's desire to share Himself.
- Holiness = shared heart, mind, love with God.



Holiness & God's Presence

- Closeness requires holiness.
- Sin provokes God's wrath; holiness draws near to Him.
- The Old Testament system preserved nearness to God.





The Law & God's People

- OT pictures to live holy lives close to Him.
- Law enabled living near God.
- God called Israel "My people."
- Obedience brought blessing. but also, disobedience, discipline.
- He revealed His Name, Yahweh.



Listen to the Psalmist!

- "But My people did not listen to My voice; and Israel did not obey Me" (Psalm 81:11).
- "Oh that My people would listen to Me, that Israel would walk in My ways!" (Psalm 81:13).



Kings & Holiness

- Kings influenced national holiness.
- Good kings, like David, sought God.
- Evil kings led sin. "Abijam ... walked in all the sins of his father ...and his heart was not wholly devoted to the LORD his God, like the heart of his father David" (1 Kings 15:1-3)

The closer to God a person is, the more they can understand God and get involved in His plans.



The Prophets

- Holy prophets guided Israel.
- God worked through obedient servants.
- Even flawed servants like Samson were used by God.

"That you should remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles" (2 Pet 3:2).



The Levites

- Special calling to serve near God.
- Strict holiness expectations.
- Example: Phinehas' zeal (Num 25:11).

“Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned away My wrath from the sons of Israel, in that he was jealous with My jealousy among them, so that I did not destroy the sons of Israel in My jealousy” (Nu 25:11).



Discipline and the Captivity

- Israel was judged for disobedience.
- Exile proved God's discipline.
- Restoration after 70 years — God is patient and faithful.

“To fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its sabbaths. All the days of its desolation it kept sabbath until seventy years were complete. Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia--in order to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah--the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia...” (2 Chron 36:21-23).



New Covenant Holiness

- Renewed image through Christ (Col 3:10).
- Jesus our Advocate; Spirit sanctifies.
- Holiness is our calling (1 Pet 1:15-19).

“Have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him” (Col 3:10).



New Covenant Differences

“Knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ” (1 Peter 1:18-19).

- Redemption naturally fosters holy living.
- We were “redeemed from your futile way of life.”



Church Discipline

- God disciplines His children.
- Church leaders maintain her purity (Matt 18:15-20).
- 1 Cor 11:27-32; Acts 5:1-11 examples.

“God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?” (Heb 12:7).



Warnings in Revelation

- Blessings are linked to obedience.
- Christ disciplines the church 7 churches — Rev 2–3.
- Repentance restores blessing.

“Remember therefore from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you, and will remove your lampstand out of its place--unless you repent” (Revelation 2:5).



Living Sacrifice

- Holiness ≠ self-righteousness.
- Romans 12:1-2 — offer yourselves to God
- Holiness results in grateful devotion.

“...Present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect” (Rom 12:1-2).



Final Exhortation

- God made us holy, is making us holy, and will be completely holy (sanctified).
- Rev 22:11 — remain holy.
- Live near God; fulfill His purpose.
- Let this generation rise in holiness!

“Let the one who does wrong, still do wrong; and the one who is filthy, still be filthy; and let the one who is righteous, still practice righteousness; and the one who is holy, still keep himself holy” (Rev 22:11)

