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God prepared His people in the Bible. God prepares us now too.

We have a role to do and that is our obedience and to be a follower of Jesus Christ because Jesus had fulfilled the Covenant of Works (His perfect obedience and without sin until nailed on the cross). Adam failed the Covenant of Works that is to obey when God asked Him to. But God was faithful, He didn’t leave Adam and all mankind to face His wrath and be doomed to eternal death and suffering. What follows are a series of God’s Covenant of Grace where God made His covenants to Noah, Abraham, Moses, David and finally the New Covenant of Grace which is Christ Himself who fulfilled all.

The Bible from Genesis in the Old Testament is about the story of how God redeemed His people, which is salvation in Jesus Christ. God’s eternal plan for salvation is fulfilled in time.

From Old Testament:

Genesis, Life of Moses, Joshua, Judges, History of Kings

Minor and Major Prophets, Psalm, Daniel

From New Testament:

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts of the Apostles

What do we know about Jesus Christ? Who is He? Are we ready if Jesus comes again?

If we start from the beginning of the bible, God told us that

\*\*Adam and Eve disobeyed God’s specific instruction and sinned against God, they cover themselves because they were ashamed and guilty.

From Genesis 3:6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it waspleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. 7Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

Genesis 3:15
And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise His heel.”

\*\*After Adam and Eve sinned, spiritual warfare was already said in the bible. Good vs. evil, Jesus Christ vs. satan. Satan tempted Adam and Eve. God promised Jesus Christ to bruise the head of satan and his followers, put an end to evil. At the end victory is fulfilled by Jesus Christ.

From Genesis 3:21 Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

\*\*When God made this tunics to cover Adam and Eve it was a symbol for the need of Jesus Christ to cover the sin of mankind so God’s wrath will not be upon mankind.

So the Covenant of Works that was given to Adam, he failed. It was Jesus who fulfilled the Covenant of Works by His full obedience to do Father’s will. The Covenant of Grace was enacted after the failure of Adam. What unfolded was a progression of covenants God made to Adam’s descendants as noted in the bible. Covenant is a promise made by God to man.

There are several covenants in the Bible, but five covenants are crucial for understanding the story of the Bible and God's redemptive plan: the Noahic Covenant, the Abrahamic Covenant, The Mosaic Covenant, the Davidic Covenant and the New Covenant.

To Noah: Covenant with all living creatures, God promises never again to destroy all life on Earth by flood and creates the rainbow as the sign of this "everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth".

To Abraham: God promised to make Abraham the father of a great people and said that Abraham and his descendants must obey God. In return God would guide them and protect them and give them the land of Israel.

To Moses: After travelling through the desert for nearly three months, the Israelites camped before Mount Sinai. There, God appeared to Moses and made an agreement or covenant with him. God declared that the Israelites were his own people and that they must listen to God and obey His laws.

To David: The royal covenant was made with David (2 Sam 7). It promised to establish his dynasty forever while acknowledging that its original royal-covenant promises had been given to the ancestor of the whole nation, Abraham.

Throughout the Old Testament we learned that despite the Covenants of Grace God made through Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, the Israelites, ultimately God’s people failed to obey God or cannot perfectly obey God.

Nevertheless, prophets talked about a day when God would once again create a new covenant, one that would completely restore all the broken covenants that came before it. God’s Son, Jesus Christ, fulfilled this new covenant.

We're told in the Bible that Christ will restore all creation so with the Covenant of Noah, God’s promise to not destroy fulfilled in Christ.

Christ is a descendant of Abraham, allowing him to fulfill the covenant God had with Abraham and his family.

We're also told Christ is the faithful Israelite who is able to truly obey the law which then fulfilled the Covenant to Moses.

Christ is the king from the line of David. He is the Righteous King that will forever rule, He will protect God’s people and fight against the ultimate enemy which is satan.

Christ fulfilled God's covenant with these people in the bible, thus restoring all the covenants in the Bible.

New Covenant in Jesus Christ is a new relationship between God and mankind mediated by Jesus upon sincere declaration that one believes in Jesus Christ as Lord and God.

Jesus who is from the descendant of Adam, Abraham, and David was superior to all because He was the Son of God. Those who believed in Jesus Christ, they have the faith; hence they received the blessing of salvation. This blessing was not just for the Jews but also the Gentiles. Those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. Abraham was blessed because of his faith in God. Those who are in faith will receive the covenant God made to Abraham of this blessing to all the nations.

Galatians 3:6-9

6just as Abraham “believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” 7Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. 8And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, “In you all the nations shall be blessed.” 9So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.

Jesus Christ fulfills the role of Prophet, High Priest and King.

Prophet:

God talked about Jesus Christ in the Old Testament and fulfilled in the New Testament that He is the Prophet, God’s Word in the flesh.

High Priest:

God also talked about Jesus Christ as the mediator, the true High Priest that will intercede for man’s sin.

King:

God talked about Jesus Christ in the Old Testament as the Messiah, the King to save the Israelites, God’s people that will forever rule His kingdom.

How was Jesus more clearly told in the New Testament:

Jesus’ genealogy from Adam, Abraham, David, the story of His birth from Virgin Mary and preparation for His ministry after He was baptized and tempted, all can be found in the New Testament.

God prepared John the Baptist, born 6 months before Jesus, to prepare the way. John the Baptist preached for the people to have repentance and to be ready for the coming of the Messiah, the King, promised by God in the Old Testament. John the Baptist baptized Jesus Christ, this to fulfill the law.

Prophet Isaiah in the Old Testament said that someone would prepare the way for Jesus Christ. In the New Testament it was proven that John the Baptist was the person prophesized by Isaiah and John the Baptist himself said the One who comes after him is mightier, referring to Jesus Christ.

Mark 1: 1-3 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the Prophets: “Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.” “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight.’ ”

Mark 1:7-8 And he preached, saying, “There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. 8I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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What have we learned from today’s lesson:

1. God’s Covenant of Works where Adam failed, Christ fulfilled.
2. God’s Covenant of Grace through Noah, Abraham, Moses, David all fulfilled by Christ. Christ is the New Covenant. Covenant of Grace granted to Adam’s descendants who by faith in Christ, are saved. Salvation is by grace through faith.
3. Jesus Himself is the Prophet because He is the Word that became flesh, He came to us.
4. Jesus Himself is the High Priest because He became the perfect sacrifice for the atonement of all man’s sins.
5. Jesus Himself is the Messiah, the King that will rule forever, New Heaven and New Earth, He protected us and defeated the enemy, satan.
6. The New Testament John the Baptist prepares the way, call for repentance and tell us to be ready.
7. The New Testament clearly said that Jesus will return and we are to be ready.

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Understand His Word in the Bible and obey His commandment which is to preach the gospel.

Matthew 28:18-20

18And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19Gotherefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.