

Lesson 08

d) The Eternal Covenant

- As we have already said, God knew how everything would turn out before the creation of the world and the creation of his creatures, God is Omniscient. But God wanted to create free beings to live with them and he knew that they would sin and that He couldn't intervene.
- We saw that 1/3 of the angels, after the test of free will, fell together with Lucifer. There was no plan of salvation for the angels, because they lived directly with God.
- But God was going to create man, and He knew that man too would fall. Any free creature that God created would fall. But God loved man so much that, before creating him, he devised a plan to save him. God wanted to redeem man and undo everything he knew would happen.
- In 'past eternity', the most important thing for the human race happened, even before man was created. The Bible shows us that one of the persons of the Tri-Unity, God the Son, offered to do this redemption. God the Father accepted the offer and made the plan.
- When Jesus offered himself, an 'Eternal Covenant' was made. In heaven, in 'past eternity', an Covenant / Alliance was made between God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit; a Covenant in which they committed themselves to saving the man who was to be created.
- It is because of this Covenant that man is saved. It is this Covenant that is being put in place for man. Through the Bible God is informing us about this Covenant; the Bible is the book of the Covenant.
- Testament is a word for Covenant; that's why we have OT and NT. But it's only one Covenant, two steps of the same Covenant.
 - ⇒ **Isaiah 46:9~10.** God announces things from the beginning.
 - ⇒ **Micah 5:2;** Jesus, *'Whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting.'*
 - ⇒ **II Timothy 1:7~10.;** *'grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.'*
 - ⇒ **Titus 1:1~3.** *'eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began; V.3; but has in due times manifested...'*
 - ⇒ **I Peter 1:18~20.** The blood of Jesus was known before the foundation of the world but 'was manifest in these last times for you.'
- This happened when God said He would create man and save him. He knew that man would be lost, but Jesus said: *'I am here, O God, to do your will. Jesus didn't come into the world as a solution; Jesus is the solution before the foundation of the world.*
 - ⇒ **Psalms 40:6~8** Jesus words written in the Bible, which He said before the foundation of the world.
 - ⇒ **Hebrews 10** develops the theme of ⇒ **Psalms 40.**

- ⇒ **Hebrews 10:1~10.** for *it is not possible* that blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.
- ⇒ **John 1:29** but when John the Baptist saw Jesus Christ, in a nation where sin was resolved through death and the sacrifice of animals, of lambs, he said, '*Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!*'
- ⇒ **Revelation 13:8** '*the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*
- When man sinned, the sentence on him was death. However, sin contaminated man in such a way that his blood could not go to heaven to make atonement, in other words, to suffer the consequences of sin. Someone had to die in his place.
- It is through the blood that sins are remitted:
 - ⇒ **Hebrew 9:22** '*without shedding of blood there is no Remission (for the sin).*'
 - ⇒ **Leviticus 17:11** '*For it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul (for life).*'
 - ⇒ **Hebrew 9:11~12** the blood of Jesus before God '*having obtained eternal redemption for us.*'
 - ⇒ **Revelation 5:9~10;** Jesus have redeemed us to God by Your blood
 - ⇒ **Revelation 12:10~11;** we overcame the devil by the blood of the Lamb.
- Then the Lord Jesus offered himself as a substitute and said, '*Here I am, my God, to do your will.*'
- God's will is man's salvation. Jesus wanted to please the Father by becoming man and taking our sins upon himself
 - ⇒ **John 1:1~5 and 14** the Word became flesh. Jesus is the very Word of God.
 - ⇒ **Revelation 19:13** shows Jesus on his return, the Word of God.
 - ⇒ **Philippians 2:5~11** Jesus gave up his status as God and became man. He humbled himself and God exalted him above all.
 - ⇒ **Colossians 1:9~20** Jesus is our redemption. He is before all things and in Him all things subsist.
- This is the 'Eternal Covenant' that God is putting into history, that he is applying to those who believe. All those who believe in Jesus are part of this blood Covenant, '*The Covenant of the Lord Jesus*'.
- That's why, when Jesus instituted the supper, He said:
 - ⇒ **Luke 22:20** '*This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.*'
 - ⇒ **Matthew 26:28** '*this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.*'
 - ⇒ **I Corinthians 11:25;** '*This cup is the new covenant in My blood.*'