

"The Scheme Of Redemption From Adam To Moses"
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To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, (11)-According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1-The manifold wisdom of God was made known:

1-To the Jews by the preaching of Gospel.

2-To the Gentiles by the gospel- This is implied by "all" verse 9;

And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery which from the beginning of the world has been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ..

1-No sooner did God create man out of the pure love of the infinite heart, than man surrendered to the devil the vast dominion over which he had been made lord tenant.

1-Since that time the world has been under condemnation.

2-John 3:17; Jesus the way of escape;

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

2-The sin of Adam was a direct disobedience of "positive Divine law."

1-As a result of that sin he became an enemy of God by his own wicked works.

Colossians 1:21;

And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled.

5-The problem before God:

How could the divine law be upheld and the divine wisdom vindicated? It could only be done through an extraordinary manifestation of love. John 3:16

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4-The Patriarchal Dispensation: Sacrifice a positive institution;

1-The first sacrifice on record:

Genesis 4:3-4;

And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord. (4) - And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering: (5) - But unto Cain and his offering he had not respect.

2-Abel offered his sacrifice by faith:

Hebrews 11:4;

By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

Romans 10:17; How he got faith;

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

1-The purpose of sacrifice: Heb. 9:22.

And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

2-Because the sacrifice typified the shedding of Christ's blood it had to be a lamb with ut spot or blemish:

1-Peter 1:19-20;

But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: (20) - Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you.

1-Abel's sacrifice represented the shedding of blood-but Cain's sacrifice did not.