Chapter 5 - GOD'S PLAN OF REDEMPTION REVEALED

ALL GOD HAS DONE FOR HUMANITY FLOWS FROM HIS LOVE.

Many may think of the God of the OT as a grouchy, judgmental God, and when Jesus appeared He appeased the Father's anger. But that isn't true! The Father is as loving as the Son. *p. 87*

Because of God, the Father's love, He **sent** His Son.

Because of love, Jesus, the Son of God, humbled Himself, came to earth as one of us and sacrificed Himself on the cross that we could be redeemed to God. *p. 87*

THE PSALMS PRAISE GOD FOR HIS LOVE.

How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! Therefore, the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings (Ps. 36:7). *p. 88*

THE PROPHETS DECLARED GOD'S LOVE.

(7a) I will mention the loving-kindnesses of the Lord … (7c) According to the multitude of His loving-kindnesses (Is. 63:7a; c). *p. 88*

*The Lord has appeared of old to me saying: "Yes, I have loved you with an **everlasting** love; therefore, with lovingkindness I have drawn you" (Jer. 31:3).* *p. 88*

GOD'S VOW TO HIS PEOPLE

*I will betroth you to Me **forever**; Yes, I will betroth you to Me in **righteousness** and **justice**, in **lovingkindness** and **mercy**; 20 I will betroth you to Me in **faithfulness**, and you shall know the Lord (Hosea 2:19-20).* *p. 88-89*

- God commits to a **forever** love. He commits Himself to an eternal relationship.
- He vows to be **righteous** and **just.** This is commitment in the legal sense.
- He vows **love** and **mercy**. This is compassion for His people.
- He commits to **faithfulness.** This is a vow of covenant fidelity.

GOD FORGIVES

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name! 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: 3 Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases, (Ps. 103:2-3). *p. 89*

CONFESSION OF SIN NECESSARY

I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "*I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and **You** **forgave** the iniquity of my sin* (Ps 32:5). *p. 90*

He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy (Pro 28:13). *p. 90*

GOD IS MERCIFUL

Hear me, O Lord, for Your loving-kindness is good; turn to me according to the multitude of Your tender mercies (Ps. 69:16). *p. 90*

For You, Lord are good, and ready to forgive, and ***abundant*** ***in*** ***mercy*** *to all those who call upon You (Ps. 86:5).* *p. 90*

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children (Ps. 103:17). *p. 91*

GOD IS WORKING IN YOUR LIFE

It is God who arms me with strength and ***makes my way perfect*** *[complete] (Ps. 18:32).* *p. 92*

The Lord will ***perfect*** ***that which concerns me****; Your mercy, O Lord, endures forever; do not forsake the works of your hands (Ps. 138:8).* *p. 92*

I will go before you and ***make the crooked places straight****; I will break in pieces the gates of bronze and cut the bars of iron (Is. 45:2).* *p. 93*

Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low; the crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places smooth; (Is. 40:4). *p. 93*

GOD TEACHES AND GUIDES

I will bring the blind by a way they did not know; I will lead them in paths they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, and crooked places straight. These things I will do for them, and not forsake them. And ***I shall not leave them undone*** *(Is. 42:16).* *p. 93*

HE ESTABLISHES AND UPHOLDS

You have also given me the shield of your salvation; ***Your right hand has held me up.*** *Your gentleness has made me great.* *36* ***You*** ***enlarged*** ***my*** ***path*** ***under me, so my feet did not slip*** *(Ps. 18:35-36).* *p. 94*

The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, and He delights in his way. *24* *Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for* ***the LORD upholds him with His hand*** *(Ps. 37:23-24).* *p. 94*