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Pilgrim's in Process Psalm 39:12 "Hear my prayer, O Lord...for I am a 'pilgrim' with You..."

The following are Christmas meditations based on the narrative of Abraham offering Isaac in Genesis 22. This is the preaching series I am presently presenting at Bible Baptist in Shiremanstown. www.bcpa.org I will be sending along one more JCI before the end of December containing three poems I have just written focused on the narrative and it's prefiguring of the coming of God's Lamb, Jesus Christ. May your Christmas be filled with "glory to God and to the Lamb."

Christmas on Moriah – Genesis 22

The Christmas Question: “Where is the Lamb”

The Christmas Promise: “God will provide himself a lamb”

The Christmas Vision: “On the mountain of the Lord it will be seen”

Since the promise of Messiah first given in Eden, (Gen 3:15), the world waited for God's perfect sacrifice that would take our sins away. This question was asked century after century... “Where is the lamb?”

Where is the Lamb?

What truths emerge as the story unfolds?

Eden's Lamb...The Slaughtered Lamb Genesis 3:15 covers our nakedness and shame

Abel's Lamb... The Sacrificial Lamb Gen 4:1-12 provides acceptance

Abram's Lamb ... The Substitutionary Lamb Gen 22:1-14 takes Isaac's place

Moses' Lamb... The Saving Lamb Exo 12:1-13 ... mature, young, perfect, observed, slain at twilight

Isaiah's Lamb... The Sin-bearing Lamb Isa 52:12 - 53:12 rejected, dying, saving, rising, reigning

John's Lamb... The Sin-Removing Lamb John 1:29 "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world"

Paul's Lamb... The Sin-Cleansing Lamb Gal 3:13, Eph 1:7 Bearing our Curse, Shedding His blood

Peter's Lamb... The Spotless Lamb 1 Peter 1:18-20 Redeeming Sinners.

John's Lamb... The Sovereign Lamb Rev 5:1-14 The Lamb in the midst of the throne!

The book of Revelation contains the word "lamb" more than any other book of the Bible – more than Exodus, Leviticus, or Numbers. And all but one refer to Jesus Christ. He is called "Lamb" in this book more than "Jesus" and more than "Lord." It is the definitive title for Christ in this final capstone of all God's revelation. This title captures God's plan, holiness, justice, mercy, glory, and faithfulness to fulfill His promises.

Revelation 5:1-6

The scroll of promise in the Father's hand (this is the scroll that has its seals opened and God unveils His plan to judge the world and bring all His promises to pass) is sealed and no one in heaven or on earth, alive or dead, can open it, that is, bring God's promises to pass, to satisfy His justice and provide salvation to man. But John is told there is One who is worthy. Note the titles given to this One, and the description that follows. Consider the truths revealed in each one.

The Lion of the Tribe of Judah

The Root of David

A Lamb

Looking as if it had been slain

Standing in the center of the throne

Seven horns

Seven eyes

The Christmas Question... “Where is the lamb?”

The Christmas Promise... “God Himself will provide the lamb”

Compare Abraham's prophecy in Genesis 22:14 with John 8:56-58

Genesis 22:14 "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided" (the word "provided" in Hebrew is literally "yireh" meaning "seen".... **"On the mountain of the Lord it will be seen."**

John 8:56-58 "Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; ***he saw it and was glad.***"

Our God is a God who makes and keeps His promises.

“God will... God Himself will.... God Himself will provide the lamb”

Consider the unchanging nature of God’s promises because of His unchanging character and purpose.

Nu 23:19 “God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of Adam, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?”

Heb 6:13 When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself (Gen 22:15-17)

2 Cor 1:19-20 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by me and Silas and Timothy, was not "Yes" and "No," but ***in him it has always been "Yes."*** ***For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ.*** And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.

The Old Testament is an unfolding of God’s purpose revealed in His promises and unveiled as they are fulfilled in the coming of His holy Son.

Promise Gen 2:17 Death for sin

Promise Gen 3:15 The Woman’s Offspring... humanity, death, victory

Promise Gen 12:1-3 Universal blessing through Abraham’s seed

Promise Gen 49:10 Judah... David 2 Sam 7:14-16

Promise Micah 5:2 Isa 7:14 Isa 9:6-9 Isa 53:1-14 Psalm 22

The Christmas Promise on Moriah “God Himself will provide the lamb...”

Sovereignty: God will – nothing will overthrow His eternal promise

Source: God Himself will – God alone could and would provide the remedy

Substance: God will provide for Himself a lamb – God is the recipient of the sacrifice. It was for His justice, holiness, mercy

This glorious promise of eternal life through Christ’s sacrifice was promised

before any human ears were created to hear it!

It was a declared promise before time.

Titus 1:2 *God’s promise of eternal life predates time!*

Rev 13:8 *The Lamb slain from the creation of the world! This glorious promise included the death of Christ*

The Promise preceded the problem,

The Remedy preceded the ruin.

Discuss these amazing truths about God’s eternal promise in the Lamb!

His plan determined it,

His justice demanded it,

His mercy provided it,

His love promised it,

His faithfulness fulfilled it,

His sovereignty accomplished it!

“Glory to God in the highest.... On earth peace...good will toward men!”

Use Revelation chapter 5 as a basis for your praise and adoration of Christ our Lamb.

Suggested songs to sing or read:

Hallelujah what a Savior

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming

Who is He in yonder Stall

Remember, you are very special to us and we pray for you.

Living with leaving in view.... Jn 9:4 Ron & Val

Seeing The Invisible, embracing The Unapproachable, declaring The Unexplainable, changed by The Immutable, running after The Irresistible with inexhaustible joy in our inexpressible sorrows, spending our time on eternity, owning nothing yet possessing everything that matters and lasts. We are Pilgrims in Paradox. Welcome to THE JOURNEY.

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