

CREATION KNOWLEDGE VS REDEMPTIVE KNOWLEDGE AS “LIGHT” TO A LOST WORLD

Special Study

(Rom 3:26 KJV) “To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.”

THE MANY WHO HAVE NEVER HEARD THE GOSPEL

The “**Parable of the Sower**” addresses only those privileged to hear and receive or reject the gospel. See Matthew 13:1-23. It does not include the many in foreign lands who have never heard the gospel through evangelism. This often genders the question of their accountability to God, as the Great Creator and the Great Redeemer! We will try to address this very comprehensive subject in as few words as possible, without gendering more questions. Our first goal is to vindicate that God, as the Great Creator, is “just” toward everyone born of Adam. Our second goal is to vindicate God, as the Great Redeemer, who is a justifier of everyone born of Adam who receives the gospel.

(Rom 3:24 KJV) “Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:”

(Isa. 40:26 KJV) “Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.”

GOD REVEALED HIMSELF THROUGH HIS CREATION

The Apostle Paul, according to Romans 1:19-20, states that the revelation of the existence of God, as the Great Creator, is manifested through creation to everyone born of Adam. When overlaid with the Apostle Paul’s sermon on Mars Hill regarding the altar “To The Unknown God” in Acts 17:23-28, it becomes evident that everyone born of Adam, reaching the age of accountability, becomes responsible to seek after a knowledge of God, as the Great Creator.

Note: The age of accountability is subject to interpretation. Many accept 12 years, based on Christ standing in the temple at the age of 12. However, this age may vary in special circumstances. As for those in foreign lands, where many have never heard the gospel, there may be a different age of accountability. The Lord will be a righteous judge!

(Rom 1:20 KJV) “For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:”

God’s Revelation of Redemption

Note: The Lord God has also revealed Himself through redemption by providing Adam and Eve, after their fall in the Garden of Eden, with a blood sacrifice and coats of skins to hide their nakedness. This act by the Lord God foreshadowed His greater plan of redemption to be accomplished through the Person and Work of the Lord Jesus Christ, as the “Lamb of God,” on Mt. Calvary. Therefore, redemptive knowledge based on the “shedding of blood” was shared from the Garden of Eden, by Adam and Eve with their seed line and continued through the “Messianic Seed line” until the Flood of Noah. The

Messianic seed line and redemptive knowledge continued through Noah and his seed line to Abraham and his seed line. Following the Exodus of Abraham's seed line from Egyptian bondage under Moses into the wilderness, they became God's chosen people. They were formed as a nation under the Mosaic Covenant of the Law, which established a sacrificial system of the "shedding of blood" including a Tabernacle and Priesthood. Thereafter Israel entered the "Promised Land" wherein the sacrificial system and the Messianic seed line through the Tribe of Judah continued until the First Advent of Christ. Christ was the fulfillment of the Messianic seed line and His Work accomplished on Mt. Calvary became the light of redemption through the Gospel. Therefore the "**Scarlet Cord**" of redemption, as recorded in the Old Testament Scriptures, extended from the Garden of Eden down to the First Advent of Christ, where both Christ and the Gospel became the "light of the world."

GOD SEARCHES EVERYONE BORN OF ADAM BY HIS SPIRIT

We are assured through the Holy Scriptures that God, through His Spirit, as omnipotent, omnipresent and omniscient is able to search out the hearts and minds of everyone born of Adam. Through searching He acquires knowledge of anyone seeking to know God, as the Creator. He also searches them as to receiving the "light of knowledge" of God, as Redeemer, revealed in the gospel. **(Psa 119:130 KJV) "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple."**

Scriptural examples:

(1 Chr 28:9 KJV)... "for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.

(Psa 139:1 KJV) ... "O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me."

(Psa 139:2 KJV) "Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off."

(Acts 15:18 KJV) "Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world."

(Rev 2:23 KJV) ... "and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

GOD'S GREAT FOREKNOWLEDGE

Through His great foreknowledge, God foreknows if anyone, born of Adam, seeking knowledge of Him, as creator, will open their heart to Him, as the Great Redeemer. In the following Scripture it is evident those born of Adam must first believe God is the Creator before they will be able to seek knowledge of, as the Great Redeemer. **(Heb 11:6 KJV) "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."**

Note: This explains why nations accepting God, as the Great Creator, are considered as "enlightened" and therefore more receptive to God, as the Great Redeemer, through the gospel.

GOD REVEALS HIMSELF, AS THE GREAT REDEEMER

Anyone born of Adam, may rest assured that God, as the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, who so loved the world, according to John 3:16, and was not willing that any perish, according to 2 Peter 3:9, is more than willing to reveal Himself through the gospel.

(John 3:16 KJV) “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

(2 Pet 3:9 KJV) “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”

HOW GOD REVEALS HIMSELF THROUGH THE GOSPEL

Pray the “Lord of the Harvest” that He will Send Forth Laborers – Matt. 9:38

God, who accomplished redemption through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, has bestowed the title upon Him, as the “Lord of the Harvest.” As the “Lord of the Harvest” He faithfully sends forth laborers into the fields of the world to preach the gospel to anyone who will receive. This explains the great evangelistic and missionary endeavors around the World.

Please consider the succession of the following verses:

(Rom 10:14 KJV) “How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?”

(Rom 10:15 KJV) “And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!”

THE LORD, JESUS CHRIST - “THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD”

(John 8:12 KJV) “Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.”

The “Light” of Creation Knowledge

As the “Word” in John 1:1, He was the Great Creator in Genesis 1:1 and “lighteth” every man that “cometh into the world” with the light of “creation knowledge” manifested in creation.

The “Light” of Redemptive Knowledge

As the “Word made Flesh” in John 1:14 He became the Great Redeemer that cometh into the World and “lighteth” every man that will receive the gospel.

(John 1:9 KJV) “That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.”

(John 1:10 KJV) “He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.”