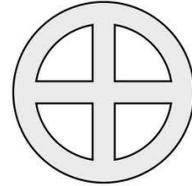
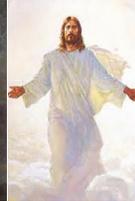


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“Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest.” -Mathew-11:28)

Worship the True God

God placed man (Adam) under law, as an indispensable condition of his very existence. He was a subject of the divine government (God’s kingdom), and there can be no government without law. God might have created man without the power to transgress his law; he might have withheld the hand of Adam from touching the forbidden fruit; but in that case man would have been, not a free moral agent, but a mere automaton. **Without freedom of choice, his obedience would not have been voluntary, but forced.** There could have been no development of character. Such a course would have been contrary to God’s plan in dealing with the inhabitants of other worlds. It would have been unworthy of man as an intelligent being, and would have sustained satan’s charge of God’s arbitrary rule.

. Adam had enjoyed the companionship of God and of holy angels. He had looked upon the glory of the Creator. After his transgression, the robe of light (glory of God) which had enshrouded them, now disappeared. The warning given to our first parents – “In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die” (Gen.2:17) - did not imply that they were to die on the very day when they partook of the forbidden fruit. But on that day the irrevocable sentence would be pronounced. Immortality was promised them on condition of obedience; by transgression they would forfeit eternal life. That very day they would be doomed to death

The garden of Eden remained upon the earth long after man had become an outcast from its pleasant paths (Gen.4:16). The fallen race were long permitted to gaze upon the home of innocence, their entrance barred only by the watching angels. At the cherubim – guarded gate of paradise the divine glory was revealed (Ex.25:22, Ps.80:1, Isa.37:16). Hither came Adam and his sons (first worshipers) to worship God. Here they renewed their vows of obedience to that law the transgression of which had banished them from Eden. Here their altars were reared, and their offerings presented. It was here that Cain and Abel had brought their sacrifices, and God had condescended to communicate with them. Adam to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos; then began men to call upon the name of Jehovah” (Gen.4:26).

Adam, in his innocence, had enjoyed open communion with his Maker; but sin brought separation between God and man, and the atonement of Christ alone could span the abyss, and make possible the communication of blessing or salvation from heaven to earth. Man was still cut off from direct approach to his Creator, but God would communicate with him through Christ and angels.

In Old Testament era, the sacrificial offerings were ordained by God to be to man a perpetual reminder and a penitential acknowledgment of his sin, and a confession of his faith in the promised Redeemer for redemption. They were intended to impress upon the fallen race the solemn truth that it was sin that caused death. As Adam (man) slew the innocent victim, he trembled at the thought that his sin must shed the blood of the spotless Lamb of God. Without shedding of blood there could be no remission of sin; and people were to show their faith in the blood of Christ as the promised atonement, by offering the (firstlings of the flock) Lamb in sacrifice. Besides this, the first-fruits of the earth were to be presented before the Lord as a thank offering.

It had been difficult even for the angels to grasp the mystery of redemption, - to comprehend that the Commander of heaven, the Son of God, must die for guilty man. When the command was given to Abraham to offer up his son, the interest of all heavenly beings was enlisted. With intense earnestness they watched each step in the fulfillment of this command. When to Issac's question, "Where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?" Abraham made answer, "God will provide himself a lamb;" and when the father's hand was stayed as he was about to slay his son, and the ram which God had provided was offered in the place of Issac, - the light was shed upon the mystery of redemption, and even the angels understood more clearly the wonderful provision that God had made for man's salvation (1. Peter 1:12). As Adam's transgression had brought wretchedness and death, so the sacrifice of Christ would bring life and immortality.

Luke 4:8, Mathew 8:34 –Jesus answered, "The Scripture says, worship the Lord your God and serve only him!".

Revelation - 19:10 - I (John) fell down at his (angel's) feet to worship (angel), but he (angel) said to me (John), "Don't do it! I am a fellow servant of yours and your brothers, all those who hold to the truth that Jesus revealed, worship God!". For the truth that Jesus revealed is what inspires the prophets.

John – 4:23,24 - "But the time is coming and is already here, when by the power of God's Spirit people will worship the Father as he really is, offering him the true worship that he wants. God is Spirit, and only by the power of his Spirit can people worship him as he really is."

1 Corinthians 1-13 - Christ has been divided into groups! Was it Paul who died on the cross for you? Were you baptized as Paul's disciples?

2 Corinthians 11:14 – Well, no wonder! Even Satan can disguise himself to look like an angel of light! So it is no great thing if his servants disguise themselves to look like servants of righteousness. In the end they will get exactly what their actions deserve.

Mathew – 21:13 – "It is written in the Scriptures that God said, "My Temple will be called a house of prayer, but you are making it a hideout of thieves!".

Mathew – 21:22 – If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

John – 8:47 – He who comes from God listens to God's words.

Psalms - 95:6 Come, let us bow down and worship him; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!