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We have been examining evidence pointing to the certainty of space travel on a scale far beyond the thought of the world scientists today; far beyond even the wildest imagination of science fiction writers; evidence pointing to space travel that is certain, sure, perfectly safe. Space travel planned by the Creator of the universe.

Looking at the universe about us, we have seen evidence of design and plan on the part of the Creator. Things are not left to chance. It is true there seems to be in this world evidence of interference, but there's a reason for that. There's a great enemy of God and man who is seeking to spoil the plan. But the plan moves on majestically.

The Creator who made this world and made this universe has not been satisfied to leave us without a revelation of His will. In the Scriptures we have seen evidence that the voice that speaks in nature is speaking through revelation. And He has condescended to give us in this Word the evidence of fulfilled prophecy.

Speaking in ages past, God has given great lines of prophecy, reaching down to our time. As we witness the fulfillment of these prophecies, we gather confidence that all He has foretold for the future will surely come to pass.

In all these plans in all the phases of the great plan, there is a central figure. That central figure is Jesus Christ. The Bible reveals Him as the Creator. He was the Word who was in the beginning with God. It was His hand that hung the worlds in space. And when sin and disobedience brought separation from God, when the plan of salvation was set up to restore man to fellowship with God, it was Jesus Christ, the Divine Son of God who took upon Himself the responsibility for that restoration. He was given by His Father the great work of mediator that is the go between, shall we say, between God and man, and between man and God.

In 1 Timothy 2:5, we are told that there is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus. To be the mediator between God and man, Christ must know God and must be able to represent man. He is eminently able to do both of these. As the mediator between God and man, He reveals God to us and represents man at the throne of the universe. As the result of the great plan of salvation, that fellowship between the Creator and man will eventually be restored.

I want you to notice a wonderful text; these were redeemed from among men:

“...These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goes...” Revelation 14:4.

Here is space travel all through the universe. As Christ, the King of kings goes from world to world and star to star and system to system all through the universe, there's a group who are going with Him, redeemed from among men. The fellowship that was marred and interrupted by sin is restored through Christ. Men are brought so close to God that they can accompany in His travels throughout the vast dominion. I think that's wonderful, don't you?

Through Christ as mediator, God has through these 6000 years of sin, been speaking to man, always seeking to point the way back, the way home. Are you listening? Are you listening as Christ speaks, revealing the plans of Heaven for this earth?

That revelation began just as soon as sin entered. In the Garden of Eden, we see God calling after man, and seeking to reveal His plans and purposes. A little later as Jude writes in the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> verses of his one chapter book, we hear Enoch, the seventh from Adam, testifying:

“...Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints...”  
Jude 14.

Yes, the final climax of history, the coming of Christ as King was opened to the vision of Enoch way back then before the flood. Then we hear Noah preaching about a coming flood. We see him building a great ship—the Ark. What does it all mean? Who's back of that? Let's go to a very interesting text. I want you to see who's back of these revelations, who's back of these prophecies, that speak:

“Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow”  
1 Peter 1:10–11.

These prophets that spoke in ancient times were speaking not of themselves. There was something in them that spoke through them. What was it? The spirit of Christ.

Yes, it was Jesus all the way down through who was calling men and seeking to reveal to them the purposes of the Father. In fact, we are told in Amos that God is seeking to do that at all times:

“Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but He reveals His secret unto His servants the prophets” Amos 3:7.

Through the prophet, Jesus is speaking. He spoke through Enoch. He spoke through Noah. And that’s why in Revelation 19:10, we’re told that the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

That’s why those who followed the instruction that came through the prophets all down through the ages, were blessed and were led out of confusion into clear knowledge in vision. And that’s why those who rejected the prophets met disaster, destruction, and death.

Let’s turn to Hebrews 11. I want you to notice that in these messages that Jesus was giving down through the ages, there was something that man was to do to show his faith in the instruction that came. While faith in Christ alone as Savior has always been the way to salvation, there has always been something for man to do. Not to earn merit. Not to earn salvation. But to express his faith in God’s Word and to lay hold of God’s plan.

“By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith” Hebrews 11:7.

Now you notice that this was righteousness by what? Faith. But did Noah do anything? Oh, yes. He built an ark. And every stroke of that hammer was an expression of his faith in Christ as Savior, his faith in Christ as mediator, his faith in Christ as the One who was speaking from Heaven, revealing the future.

Specifically, of course, the thing that Christ was revealing in Noah’s day was the coming what? The coming flood. Now Jesus sets forth the experience of Noah, and the days of Noah, as a type of things down here. In that wonderful 24<sup>th</sup> chapter of Matthew, which we studied in our last study, Christ seated on the Mt. of Olives refers to the days of Noah:

“But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be” Matthew 24:37.

Then He goes on to show how that back there, the multitudes turned from the message. They went on with their ordinary affairs—eating and drinking and marrying and giving in marriage—until the day that Noah entered into the Ark and knew not until the flood came and took them all away. So shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

As in Noah’s day, God did not leave the world without warning, He will not leave the world without warning today in these closing moments of human history when the

King is at the door. As in Noah's day, our salvation is wrapped up in listening to that message, and obeying it with all our hearts.

You can see the supreme importance of it. Back there in Noah's day the question was not men's ideas or opinions or philosophies. It wasn't a question of what church they belonged to. It was a question of whether they listened to the voice from Heaven speaking through the prophet, Noah; whether they listened to Jesus speaking through the prophet Noah, whether they listened to Jesus speaking through His appointed servants, and followed that message implicitly. That was the question. Salvation was wrapped up in that. Is that clear? And as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

We come down several hundred years later to the time when Sodom was carrying on its heaven-defying program of paganism, heathen indulgence of the lowest lust. We see Lot down there, righteous Lot, Peter called him, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked. To that servant of God, angel messengers are sent, warning him of the impending doom of that wicked city.

What does he do? He goes out and seeks to warn and plead. Does he get much response? No. We finally see him led by the angels with his wife and two daughters, fleeing from the doomed city. We see his wife turning back toward Sodom and becoming a pillar of salt. And finally, we hear the angel saying to Lot, "Run. Escape to the mountain lest you be consumed."

Where did salvation lie back then? Salvation was by faith, but faith expressed in doing exactly what the angel said. Faith expressed in leaving the thing that God said to leave and fleeing to the place that God said to flee to. Is that right? Jesus says:

"Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed"  
Luke 17:28–30.

When Christ comes, those who have listened to and followed His message for this hour will be saved as Lot was saved out of Sodom. But the great Godless world, rushing on its mad way of business, pleasure, and all the rest will be destroyed even as the inhabitants of Sodom were destroyed.

It means everything to know God's message for a given hour, and follow that with all the heart.

We come down to the days of the Exodus movement. We see Israel, the people of God, there in slavery in Egypt. We see Moses sent of God, a prophet coming and

telling those people that Heaven is interested in them, that God has planned a way of escape.

We come up to the very last night in Egypt, and what does God say? Take a lamb, slay it, and sprinkle the blood over the door and on the sides of the door. Tonight the angel of death is going to pass through Egypt, and the firstborn in every home is going to be slain in order that the back of opposition may be broken in Egypt, that Pharaoh may let God's people go. But every home where the blood is sprinkled will be safe.

What did the people of God do? Every heart that had faith expressed that faith by slaying the lamb and sprinkling the blood. We read, speaking of Moses:

“Through faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood,  
lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them”  
Hebrews 11:28.

Oh friends, did it make any difference whether they listened to the message from Heaven? Did it make any difference whether they listened to the testimony of Christ through the prophet? Did it make any difference whether they did something about it? Did it? It made all the difference in the world. There was life one way and death the other. The sprinkled blood showed their faith.

Today there is something that man may do—not to earn merit. Oh, no, but to express his faith in the message from Heaven, faith in the provision. Oh, how interested we should be to learn what that is.

Now there's no ark to build today. There's no lamb to slay today. But there's a message for this hour just as surely as God lives. And to learn that message and follow it means everything.

We come on down to the time of Jonah. We see a great city Nineveh over there, and it's going its way of sin. God, in mercy, reaches down to a man by the name of Jonah. And He says, Jonah, I want you to bear a message for Me to Nineveh. Jonah didn't want to go, but he finally went. And for 40 days, he preached to those people of Nineveh that God was going to destroy that city. And you remember that there came a great revival followed by a great reformation. The king of Nineveh put on sackcloth. He made a proclamation to the whole city, “Turn to God with all your hearts.” And that whole city turned to God. Read the story in the book of Jonah.

Oh friends, sometimes, thank God, men respond to Heaven's message. What was the result? God spared that city from destruction.

You can see it isn't just a dogmatic prediction of doom that God is interested in. What's His great purpose in revealing the future? It is that men may be saved from that

doom. Oh, yes. And today, God's purpose in revealing the truth of what is coming is that men may be saved.

Oh, He's long-suffering to us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Now finally, Christ Himself came. No longer speaking through prophets, Christ Himself, the greatest prophet of the ages, appeared. He appealed to the people of His generation to turn from sin and accept Heaven's plan. Was there a way to express faith in that message? Oh, yes. Peter and James and John and their brethren did, but the great multitudes rejected Him. He was nailed to the cross. And the nation that spilled His blood is still suffering the results of that rejection.

Those who listened to the message were saved. Those who rejected it were lost.

Now looking down to our own time, Christ, on the Mount of Olives, foretold that in this last generation, there would be a special preaching of the Gospel in connection with the coming kingdom. I read:

“And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come” Matthew 24:14.

Let's look at that verse, starting at the last part first. Then shall the end come. There is coming then, an end to this present world, this present age. There is coming an end to sin, to war, to disease, to strife. Just before the end, this Gospel of the Kingdom is to be preached where? In all the world. It is not merely a gospel. It is *the* Gospel, the everlasting Gospel. But it is the Gospel particularly and specifically of the Kingdom, the coming King that we studied in our last lesson. The King is coming to take charge of this world, to put an end to earth's confusion and trouble and sin. But the message of the King must precede the King. There must be a message to prepare men to let them know what is coming, as in the days of Noah.

Let's turn over to Revelation 14, and note this wonderful message which Heaven has revealed in these closing hours of human history:

“And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters” Revelation 14:6–7.

Here, you see, is the message. It announces impending doom. It announces imminent judgment. It is dealing with the closing up of things in this world. And it goes as Jesus said it would go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.

A world is to meet God in judgment. A world must be warned. And here is the messenger from Heaven, calling the attention of men to these solemn facts. Thank God, friends, He does not leave us without warning.

Now, I want to ask you something. If you were the Devil, what would you do about it? Would you not keep men so busy that they wouldn't have time to study this message? Wouldn't you try if you saw anyone studying it, to convince them that it could not be understood? And do you know this very book of Revelation in which this solemn message, the last message for the world is found has been declared by thousands of men, some of them Bible students, has been declared to be a sealed book, a book of mystery that nobody can understand? Yet the book itself is called by God, the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Think of it. Jesus sends a revelation to this world, and men stand up and say it cannot be understood. What a strange thing. And in this very book, the last chapter of it, the angel says:

“...Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand” Revelation 22:10.

The very Book that God said not to seal, men say seal. The very Book that God says is a revelation, men say is mysterious, and dark, and cannot be understood. I wonder who is behind that. It is the great enemy of God and man.

But that should only challenge you and me to the more earnest attention to this book, and specifically to this wonderful message found in the heart of it, chapter 14. This message, which I have just introduced, and which we shall more particularly study in our next lesson.

But oh, today, think of it, my friends, as we look right into this message. Here is the message for this hour. Here is the message that is to be to us what the Ark was in Noah's day; what that mountain of refuge was to Lot. Here is the message of deliverance and salvation. The everlasting Gospel, the good tidings that tell us that Christ is Creator, Christ is mediator, Christ as sacrifice, Christ as coming King. And in connection with this message, we shall find specific duties that are just as important for this generation as the building of the Ark was in the days of Noah.

Shall we study that together? Shall we let God bring us the light for this hour? And shall we, as we receive that light, respond with loving hearts?

In Hebrews 12:25, we have a most solemn exhortation from the apostle. Speaking of Jesus, this mediator through whom Heaven has been speaking through the ages past:

“See that ye refuse not Him that speaks...” Hebrews 12:25.

Oh, let us not turn away from Jesus as He speaks to us through His Word and through His testimony for this hour.

May we bow our heads in prayer? Precious Lord, we thank Thee for Jesus, Who made this world, and that has been speaking to human hearts down through the ages. We thank Thee, especially just now for the message for this hour, the testimony of Jesus to this last generation. With willing hearts, we would respond as little Samuel of old, Speak Lord, for Thy servant heareth.

Oh, keep us studying this message, and following through faith in the Savior every ray of light. We ask it in Jesus' name, amen.

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