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Episode 8 - Unveiling the Divine Mysteries: Understanding Christ in the Old Testament

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In this illuminating episode, host Scott Stanley delves deep into understanding the divine nature and purpose of Jesus Christ, as depicted throughout the Bible. Scott challenges traditional teachings by exploring profound concepts, such as Christ being the wisdom of God, the significance of His anointing, and His eternal presence as outlined in Proverbs 8 and Revelation 13:8.

Through a comparative analysis of pivotal scripture passages, Scott uncovers the vital connection between the Old and New Testaments, illustrating how the God of Israel, who delivered the Ten Commandments, is none other than Jesus. He explains the necessity of Jesus' death in establishing the new covenant, emphasizing its role in overcoming iniquity and the works of the devil within believers.

Listeners are invited to explore the transformative power of understanding the cross, as Scott demonstrates its capacity to render the adversary's influence inactive and instills a deeper comprehension of Jesus' sacrificial act for humanity's redemption.

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Scriptures are transcribed directly with notations. Refer to KJV for verbatim wording.

Hi. I'm Scott Stanley. This podcast or videocast deals with understanding the Christ. I wanted to bring things out about the Son of God that when I was in the universal churches, I was never told these things. I never experienced the things I'm sharing with you in these videos... the fact that Paul would say in 1 Corinthians that Jesus is the wisdom of God, and we're preaching the wisdom of God in a mystery. Looking at Proverbs 8, we realize, well, this is about the wisdom of God, and the fact that wisdom or Christ was brought forth in eternity past.

That is a huge concept, and the fact that at his baptism, God said, *"You are my Son. This day have I begotten thee,"* anointing him as Christ... and realizing that Proverbs 8 states he was anointed from the foundation of the world, meaning that it was God's plan from the very beginning to anoint his Son, bring forth his Son, and anoint him. In Revelation 13:8, he was slain from the foundation of the world. So that was in the plan, too.

So looking at the Son of God, trying to get a better handle on his purpose... What was he doing when he came to this planet? Why would he become a man? Why are these things significant? Well, there are a couple of things I want to point out about him. For instance, where do you see him in the Old Testament? I want to read some verses to you that are really hard to refute, and we're just going to chain some things together here, also concerning why he died.

Why would he die? Why did God want this death? So the first verse, I want you to turn to, I'm just going to put this on the screen. The gospel of John, chapter 1. The first verse I want to read is verse 14.

Jhn 1:14 The Word (which we know is Christ) was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

But let's compare this to verse 18.

Jhn 1:18 No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, has declared him.

Now we have seen that Jesus is the Logos of God, John 1:1, and a logos is a concept. We see that he was the divine Logos, the divine concept of God, in the mind of God, which was brought forth in eternity past according to Proverbs 8. But here we see that he tabernacled among us, he dwelt among us, but no one has seen God at any time. Well, let's compare this to Exodus chapter 24, reading from verse 9.

Exo 24:9 Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel.

Exo 24:10 They saw the God of Israel: there was under his feet, as it were, a paved work of sapphire stone and, as it were, the body of heaven in his clearness.

Exo 24:11 Upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also, they saw God, and did eat and drink.

So is there a contradiction in the Bible? John 1:18, *No one has seen God at any time.* Exodus 24, *They saw the God of Israel.* Well, let's take another step with this. Turn to Psalms 68, reading from verse 8.

Psa 68:8 The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

So, who came down on Sinai to give the law? It was the God of Israel. They saw the God of Israel... *but no one has seen God at any time* (1Jn 4:12). So, how do we do this? How do we look at this? Who is the God of Israel? Well, there is a scripture. Let's look at the new covenant, Jeremiah 31, starting at verse 31.

Jer 31:31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, Jehovah, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

Jer 31:32 Not according to the covenant I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, and my covenant they broke, although I was a husband unto them, saith the LORD.

So this is an introduction to the new covenant. The point I want you to see here, *I'm going to make a new covenant, not like the one I made with them when I brought them out of Egypt.* Point: The very one who brought them out of Egypt and led them through

the wilderness is the same one who makes the new covenant. The guy who made the first covenant is the guy who made the second covenant, and the first covenant is defined in Deuteronomy 4:13.

Deu 4:13 And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, the ten commandments; and he wrote them upon the two tables of stone.

First covenant, the giving of the law. Here, the giving of the Ten Commandments. Who gave it? The God of Israel came down on Sinai. *They saw the God of Israel*. One more point you've got to see in order to pull this together. This is in Hebrews, chapter 9, starting at verse 16.

Heb 9:16 For where a testament (or a covenant) is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator (the one who gave it).

Heb 9:17 For a testament is of force after men are dead; otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator is living.

So, who came down on Sinai and gave the covenant? Whoever he was, he was going to have to die because, without the death of the testator, the covenant has no force. Who died? Well, the Son of God died. Jesus, the Anointed One, died.

So it's interesting in the gospel of John, chapter 1, the Son of God came to reveal the Father... but no one has seen God at any time. But the Son of God dwelt among us. He became flesh and dwelt among us. *They saw the God of Israel*. They ate with the God of Israel. The God of Israel came down on Sinai. The God of Israel gave the first and second covenants. The God of Israel had to give his life. The God of Israel is Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God.

This is key because we see him functioning in the Old Testament now. We know that he existed before he was born in Bethlehem. We know that. We know he was born in eternity. We're not denying he was divine. What we're saying is there's only one God, the Father, 1 Corinthians 8:6.

The Son of God came to declare his Father. In so doing, he dies on the cross. What was the purpose of his death? Titus 2:14, *He gave himself to deliver us from all iniquity*. This is

the purpose of his death. The new covenant, he's going to have to die, so that covenant will become solid, so it will be active. He's got to die.

Well, in that covenant, he is going to write his law on your heart. When you read that, it's actually on your inner man. He's going to put it in your heart, but *he is going to write this in your inner man, and you will, he says, keep his laws*. You will do this. Why? Because he's going to give you a deeper understanding by means of the cross.

Let me share a couple of more verses with you. Hebrews chapter 2, starting at verse 14.

Heb 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same (or flesh and blood, why?); so that through death he might destroy (that's actually to render inactive) him that has the strength of death. (Who is that?) The devil.

Now look at that again. In dying, he destroys or renders inactive the devil. Question: Do you think the devil is inactive? Look around the world. Is the devil inactive? Of course, he isn't. Does that mean Jesus's death didn't work? Of course it doesn't. Then what does it mean? That when he destroys the work of the devil, he destroys it in the person who believes and understands. There is something about the cross that, when we understand it, will render inactive the work of the devil in us individually.

It has to be in the guy who believes it. If you don't believe it, it makes no difference. If you're not told the true meaning of the cross, it's not going to have any effect on you. The cross will have an effect on the guy who understands it and believes it. Let's look at one more. 1 John, chapter 3, verse 8.

1Jn 3:8 He that commits sin is of the devil; for the devil sins from the beginning. For this purpose, the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Again, do you see the devil's works destroyed? No. But it can be destroyed in you, the individual who is coming to a deeper understanding of their Savior. The Savior is saving the guy who believes. His work will apply to those who believe. The kingdom of God is within you, so his work will work in you. No doubt, there is a power, an ability that will

happen to you when someone explains to you the meaning of the cross, and this is why Christ came.

The cross will destroy the works of the devil. Where do we see the devil? Remember Genesis 3? God spoke to Adam, but the devil spoke to Eve. The devil twisted the words God had spoken to Adam. Question: If God told Adam not to eat of the tree, who told Eve? Adam. Adam told Eve, "This is what God said." But the serpent spoke to Eve, not to Adam, and Eve was deceived by it.

So we see a picture. You've got to get the picture of what God is showing you. Adam is you, understanding what the will of God is. Eve is your emotional side. What do we mean, your emotional side? Your emotional side is the way you see people and the way you see yourself. Think about it. The way you see people and the way you see yourself. Satan speaks to your emotional side. He's not challenging what God told you to do. He's challenging you when you make an attempt to do it and stay in line with what God is teaching you.

So I can look at Genesis 3, and I can see that Adam and Eve, and that serpent are spiritual truths that are happening within me. Those things are taking place in us every day. You know the will of God, but the serpent will speak to your emotional side and turn you from doing what you know God would have you do. When Jesus died on the cross, he died to destroy the works of the devil. The works of the devil are seen in our iniquity. Iniquity is the thought you have before you sin.

Before Eve made a move for that tree, she was told a lie, and she believed the lie and acted on that lie. Thoughts produce feelings. Feelings move you to action. She sinned based on her thought, which was given to her by the adversary. Jesus died to redeem us from all iniquity. He died to render inactive the works of the devil.

When you understand the cross, which is what we're going to be getting into, when you understand the cross, then you're going to see how that can happen, and you're going to be able to apply that truth to your life so that you can overcome all iniquity, too.