

Christ In The Wilderness
“The Lamb Of God”
Exodus 11-12

Introduction:

1. Tonight - As We Get Back Into:
 - Our Series On:
 - Christ In The Old Testament:
 - Let's First Open Our Bibles To:
 - John 5:39 - Where Jesus Himself:
 - Tells Us To Do What We Are Doing In This Series!
 - John 5:39 - “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me!”
 - Of Course - The “Scriptures” That Jesus Was Referring To:
 - Was The Old Testament Scripture:
 - Since - At That Time:
 - It Was All The Scripture They Had!
2. And So - As We “Search The Old Testament”:
 - We Will Find Christ!
 - Even If We Find Him:
 - In Different Ways & In Different Forms!
 - So Far - We Have Seen:
 - How Christ Appeared In The Old Testament:
 - In His Own Person!
 - Sometimes He Appeared:
 - As A Man - To Men:
 - In Some Preincarnate Body!
 - This Was True For Adam & Eve, Abraham & Jacob, And Even Joshua!
 - Other Times - He Appeared:
 - As A Messenger - In Some Form:
 - As The Angel Of The Lord:
 - In Order To Bring A Special Message To Man!
 - And - This Was True For Hagar, Abraham, Moses, Gideon, And Even The Parents Of Samson!
 - Whenever Christ Appears:
 - In His Own Person:
 - It Reveals His Preexistence:
 - As Well As His Nature:
 - As God!
3. But - There Are Other Ways:
 - That Christ Appears In The Old Testament As Well!
 - Remember - Jesus Said That:
 - The Scriptures “Testify” Of Him!
 - That Is - They Don't Just Reveal Him:
 - In His Person!
 - They Also Are A Witness About Him:
 - And His Character!
 - And So - We Can Learn A Lot About Christ:
 - Through The Different:
 - Pictures & Patterns:
 - That We Find In The Old Testament!
 - Head With Me Now To:
 - Colossians 2:16-17 - Where The Apostle Paul:
 - Tells Us - “Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath [days]: / Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body [is] of Christ!”
4. Here - Paul Is Warning Believers:
 - To Not Let Anyone Convince You:
 - That More Needs To Be Done:

- In Order For You To Be Saved:
 - Than Just Faith Alone In Christ!
- And - In 2:16 - He Describes:
 - Five Old Testament Religious Institutions:
 - That Were Given By The Lord & Were To Be Observed By The Jews!
 - There Were Laws & Rules About:
 - Eating & Drinking!
 - Holy Days & Festivals!
 - And - As Far As They Went:
 - They Were "Holy & Just & Good!" (Romans 7:12)
- 5. But, None Of These External, Religious Observances:
 - Were Ever Even Designed:
 - To Be The Measurement Or The Means:
 - Of Your Relationship With God!
 - So - What Were They For?
 - Colossians 2:17 - They Were:
 - "A Shadow Of Things To Come, But The Body Is Of Christ!"
 - This Is What All Of Those Old Testament Rituals & Regulations Were All About!
 - They Were But "Shadows!"
 - Now - A Shadow:
 - Is Not An Object Itself!
 - It Is Just A Dim Outline & A Faint Resemblance Of An Object:
 - That Is Standing In Front Of A Light!
 - But - As The Light Changes:
 - So Does The Shadow!
 - **IE:** Hawaii Is The Only State In The US Where It Is Possible For You To Not Have A Shadow!
 - Twice A Year - When The Sun Reaches High Noon - Known In Hawaii As "Lahaina Noon!"
 - All Shadows Disappear! They're Gone!
- 6. And This Is What All Of Those:
 - Old Testament Ceremonial Laws & Observances:
 - Were All About!
 - They Were Just Fleeting Shadows Of A More Enduring Object!
 - Or - Rather - The Most Enduring Object! The Lord Jesus Christ!
 - This Is Why Paul Adds:
 - In 2:17 - "But The Body Is Of Christ!"
 - This Means That:
 - The Meat Regulations:
 - Were But Shadows Of:
 - Christ & His Word:
 - Which Is The Real Meat Of His People!
 - Matthew 4:4 - "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God!"
 - The Drink Regulations:
 - Were But Shadows Of:
 - Christ & His Fellowship:
 - Which Alone Will Quench The Thirst Of His People!
 - John 6:55-56 - "For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. / He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him!"
 - The Holy Days:
 - Were But Shadows Of:
 - Christ & His Joy:
 - Which Is A "Joy No Man Taketh From You!" (John 16:22)
 - The New Moons:
 - Were But Shadows Of:
 - Christ & The Change:
 - Which He Alone Can Make In Your Heart!
 - A "Circumcision Made Without Hands!" (2:11)

- The Sabbaths:
 - Were But Shadows Of:
 - The Rest That Christ Offers:
 - To Anyone Who Will Come To Him In Faith!
 - Matthew 11:28-29 - "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. / Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls!"

7. So Now - In Christ:

- You Are Free To Enjoy:
 - All Of These - Without The Use Of:
 - Those Old Shadows!
 - And Since The High Noon Of The Coming Of Christ - All These Shadows:
 - Have All But Disappeared!
- So Now - In Christ:
 - Every Meat Is Clean:
 - And Every Day Is Holy!
 - And You Are Free:
 - To Love Christ & To Live For Christ With All Your Heart!

8. But - Not Only Are:

- The Old Testament Rites & Rituals:
 - Shadows Of Christ!
 - This Can Be Expanded To:
 - Other People & Events & Objects:
 - As Well!
 - These Shadows Can Be Considered:
 - "Prophecies By Picture!"
 - And Even - Object Lessons:
 - That Point To & Teach About:
 - Christ! They:
 - "Testify" Of Him!

9. Another Way That The Old Testament:

- Tells Us About Christ:
 - Is Through What Is Known As:
 - "Types!"
 - In Romans 5:14 - We Are Told That:
 - "Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come!"
 - "Figure" - Translation Of Greek - "Tupos":
 - Or "Type" - Which Is A:
 - A Shape & Pattern:
 - That Finds Itself Complete:
 - In The "Antitype" That Is To Come - Christ!
- There Is Some Overlap:
 - Between Old Testament Types Of Christ:
 - And Old Testament Shadows!
 - But - For The Most Part:
 - Types Link:
 - Common Characteristics:
 - Between Biblical Persons Or Events!
 - And - Shadows Connect:
 - Common Themes:
 - Between Biblical Persons Or Events!
 - But - In Every Case:
 - The Body That Casts The Shadow - And:
 - The Antitype That Fulfills The Type:
 - Is Greater:
 - In Its Extent & In Its Effect!

- This Is Why:

- In Some Ways:
 - King Solomon Can Be Considered:
 - A Type Of Christ!
 - But - When Jesus Came, He Could Say:
 - “A Greater Than Solomon Is Here!”
 - This Is Also Why:
 - In Some Ways:
 - Jonah Can Be Considered:
 - A Type Of Christ!
 - But - When Jesus Came, He Could Say:
 - “A Greater Than Jonas Is Here!”
10. Well - For The Next 5 Or 6 Weeks:
- We Will Focus On:
 - Some Of The Types & Shadows Of Christ:
 - That Are Revealed To Us:
 - When The Children Of Israel:
 - Were Wandering Through The Wilderness!
 - From Their Redemption:
 - From The Land Of Egypt - Even To:
 - Their Reward:
 - Of The Promised Land!
 - To Be Sure - There Are Others That We Could Look At!
 - But - These Types & Shadows:
 - Will Be Object Lessons:
 - That Will Teach Us More About:
 - The Person & Purpose Of Christ:
 - When He Was To Come!
11. And - The First Way:
- We See Christ In The Wilderness:
 - Is Actually - Just Before:
 - The Children Of Israel Went Into:
 - The Wilderness:
 - In Exodus 11-12!
 - And - This History:
 - Of The Redemption Of The Children Of Israel:
 - Becomes A Prophecy:
 - About The Person & Purpose:
 - Of Jesus Christ - When He Would Come As:
 - The Great Passover Lamb!
 - Even As John The Baptist:
 - Pointed Out In John 1:29:
 - “The Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world!”
 - So - Lets Turn Now Together:
 - To Exodus 11-12 - Where:
 - Moses Calls On The People:
 - To Prepare Themselves For:
 - The Tenth & Final Plague:
 - That The Lord Is About To Bring Upon The People Of Egypt:
 - So That Pharaoh Might “Let His People Go!”
 - Let’s Read Together:
 - Exodus 11-12!
 - Now - In This Chapter:
 - We Learn Two Important Things:
 - About The Passover Lamb!

* First:

1. *The Need For The Passover Lamb!*

- Back In 11:4-7:

- There Were Two Main Reasons:
 - For The Children Of Israel:
 - To Sacrifice A Lamb!
- To Save Them:
 - From Certain Death!
 - Because - As The Lord Told Moses:
 - In 11:4-5 - "About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt: / And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die!"
 - But - God Gave The Families Of His People:
 - A Means To Escape:
 - This Fate!
 - Also - The Passover Lamb Was Needed:
- To Separate Them:
 - From The Unbelieving Egyptians:
 - Who Were In Opposition To:
 - The Will & Word Of God!
 - So - In 11:7 - The Lord Says:
 - "That ye may know how that the LORD doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel!"
 - And - This Separation:
 - Would Be For The Benefit & Blessing:
 - Of Those Who Believed:
 - In God's Word & Obeyed!
- And - Their Need:
 - For The Passover Lamb:
 - Is Just A Pattern & Picture Of:
 - Our Own Need:
 - For A Passover Lamb!
 - A Lamb That Would:
 - Save Us - Not Just From:
 - Physical Death - But From:
 - The Spiritual & Eternal Death We Deserve:
 - Because Of Our Sin!
 - But - Even More - We Need:
 - A Lamb That Would:
 - Separate Us - From The Curse Of This World:
 - In Order To Enjoy:
 - The Benefits & Blessings Of Being Part Of The Family Of God!
 - So - The Passover Lamb:
 - Is A Type Of:
 - Jesus Christ Himself - And Teaches Us:
 - About His Purpose:
 - To Redeem Us!
 - Even As We Are Told In:
 - Titus 2:14 - "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works!"
 - So - As The Final Passover Lamb:
 - Jesus Saves Us:
 - From Our Sin - And:
 - Jesus Separates Us:
 - Unto Himself!

* But Then - We Can Also See:

2. ***The Nature Of The Passover Lamb!***

- In Exodus 12 - We Learn That:
 - Not Just Any Lamb Would Do!
 - It Had To Be:
- A Special Lamb!

- It Had To Be Selected:
 - In A Special Way!
 - 12:3 - “Every Man A Lamb” & “A Lamb For An House!”
 - But - That Lamb Had To Be:
 - 12:5 - A “Lamb Without Blemish!”
- Only This Kind Of Lamb:
 - Would Qualify To Be:
 - A Passover Lamb:
 - That Would Save & Sanctify The People!
 - It Also Had To Be:
- A Sacrificed Lamb!
 - And - It Had To Be Sacrificed:
 - In A Certain Way!
 - 12:6-8 - “And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. / And they shall take of the blood, and strike [it] on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. / And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; [and] with bitter [herbs] they shall eat it!”
 - So - The Blood Of The Lamb:
 - Had To Be Shed - And:
 - The Body Of The Lamb:
 - Had To Be Consumed!
 - And - When This Sacrifice Was Made:
 - The Blood Itself:
 - Became Their Salvation!
 - As We Read In 12:13 - “And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye [are]: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you!”
 - And Then - The Body:
 - Became Their Strength:
 - To Help Them On Their Journey From Egypt:
 - The Very Next Day!
- And - Doesn’t The Nature:
 - Of Those Passover Lambs:
 - Point To The Nature:
 - Of Christ Himself:
 - As The “Lamb Of God!”
 - He Was God’s Special Lamb!
 - So That - Peter Could Say:
 - In 1 Peter 1:19 - “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, [as] silver and gold, from your vain conversation [received] by tradition from your fathers; / But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot!”
 - And In This Way:
 - Christ Was Also:
 - God’s Sacrificial Lamb!
- So - The Passover Lamb:
 - Is A Type Of:
 - Jesus Christ Himself - And Teaches Us:
 - About His Person:
 - As Our Redeemer!
 - So - As The “Lamb Of God Which Taketh Away The Sin Of The World!”
 - The Blood Of Jesus - Shed At His Death:
 - Saves Us & Cleanses Us:
 - From All Of Our Sin! (1 John 1:7)
 - And - The Body Of Jesus - Restored At His Resurrection:
 - Strengthens Us - To Walk With Him & Live For Him:
 - All The Days Of Our Lives:
 - In The Wilderness Of This World!

Conclusion:

1. There Are Certainly More Parallels:
 - Between The Lamb Of The Passover:
 - And The Lamb Of God!
2. But - The Great Passover:
 - That Took Place In Exodus:
 - Is Just One Type & Shadow:
 - Of Even Better Things To Come!
 - Christ - In Both His Person & Purpose:
 - Is That Better Thing!
 - Because - Though Their Passover Lamb:
 - Redeemed Them:
 - From Slavery To Human Masters!
 - Our Passover Lamb:
 - Redeems Us From:
 - Our Slavery To Sin!
 - And So - We Need To Keep Looking To Him:
 - As The True Lamb Of God!

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