

## THE REVELATION OF GOD'S GRACE, Part 2

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INTRODUCTION [continuation of sermon of PM, Aug 23rd]

1. Rv 20:2-3 Satan prohibited from deceiving nations *any longer*
  - i. When was Satan bound? Satan will be released for a *short time*.
  - ii. What will he do then? v7-8 deceive nations as before
2. Spiritual warfare w/ *the world forces of this darkness* [Eph 6:12]. Overcome w/ "gospel love" - that we learn as a church.
3. We live during time when Satan is bound - fight expecting to overcome. We live in *the day of salvation* [2C 6:2].

### 1st: God Reveals Either His Redemptive Grace or Judicial Wrath to All Men

1. Common curse & common grace - Mat 5:44-45: under curse of death [1st death of this age]
2. Redemptive Grace: concerns 2nd death [Rv 20:14]. Eternal separation from God - Gn 1:2 - *formless, void, darkness* - eternal chaos coupled w/ the gnawing pain of conscience - revelation of wrath.
3. Rm 1:17-18 simultaneous revelation of redemptive grace & judicial wrath
  - i. v17 - *righteousness of God is revealed to faith* - Hab 2:4
  - ii. v18 - *wrath of God is revealed* - abandon to sexual sin -> moral insanity - haters of G [v30], storing up wrath: *the day of wrath* [R 2:5]
  - iii. Explain judicial wrath, warn of coming & call men to repentance to receive revelation of grace in gospel of Jesus Christ.
4. Since Fall: "Redemptive Religion": 1] Promised Seed; 2] Provision of Sacrifice; 3] Prospect of Sacred Soil; 4] Privilege of Sabbath: worship by the redeemed.

### 2nd: God Revealed His Redemptive Grace to One Family-Line in the OT

1. God gave Adam redemptive religion: call on His name - believing remnant from Adam to Abraham: promised seed & land - pictured resurrection life.
2. God revealed His name [YHWH] to Ab emancipated family - Ex 34:6-7
  - i. God reveals redemptive grace & judicial wrath - sovereign prerogative.

- ii. To His chosen people - revelation of grace. All others - wrath.

### 3rd: God Revealed Wrath to the Nations That Were Victimized by Satan

1. Adam spawned *seed of the woman* [believers in true God] & *seed of the serpent* [believers in false gods]. Not all of Ab's children were believers, yet were given revelation of God's grace -> a remnant of believers.
2. Outside Ab's family, nations were victimized by Satan who counterfeited redemptive religion - doctrines of demons & false religion to idols.
  - i. Envision the time of Noah & Flood. Overwhelming darkness.
  - Oii. Cf. Heavenly City Beijing - uncanny counterfeit worship
  - iii. Envision the time of Jesus - Gentiles [idolatry] & Jews [apostasy].
3. Yet - a remnant - looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

### 4th: Now God Reveals His Compassion and Grace to All Men in Jesus Christ

- 01. Isa 9:2 - Jesus = light in great darkness. YHWH come to save His people.
  - i. 1st coming = revelation of mercy in context of wrath
  - ii. 2nd coming = revelation of wrath in context of salvation
2. What is revealed in Jesus?
  - i. Tit 2:11 appearance of grace revealed to all men
  - ii. Tit 3:4 appearance of God's love to mankind
  - iii. 1T 4:10 mankind's only Savior - *especially of believers* - 2T 2:10
3. Those who do not receive the revelation of God's grace in Christ will receive the revelation of His wrath from Christ [2Th 1:8-9].

### Applic #1: Let Us Declare & Demonstrate Gospel Love to Men Under Wrath

1. Paul was eager to preach gospel b/c he saw evidence of wrath & knew of the coming day of wrath. In Rv we see cycles of intensifying wrath. At some point, the Church completes her witness & is then overcome: Satan's *short time*. Jesus returns to deliver Church & destroy enemies.
2. With the 1st coming of Jesus, we are now in a time in which we must declare & demonstrate saving grace - until He comes.