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15. The Eternal Purpose of God - (17-01-19)

The plan for our redemption was not an afterthought, a plan formulated after the fall of Adam. It was a revelation of “the mystery which hath been kept in silence through times eternal.” Romans 16:25, R. V. It was an unfolding of the principles that from eternal ages have been the foundation of God's throne. From the beginning, God and Christ knew of the apostasy of Satan, and of the fall of man through the deceptive power of the apostate. God did not ordain that sin should exist, but He foresaw its existence, and made provision to meet the terrible emergency. So great was His love for the world, that He covenanted to give His only-begotten Son, “that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3:16. DA 22.2

The purpose and plan of grace existed from all eternity. [1] Before the foundation of the world it was according to the determinate counsel of God that man should be created, endowed with power to do [choose] the divine will. But the defection of man, with all its consequences, was not hidden from the Omnipotent, and yet it did not deter him from carrying out his eternal purpose; [2] for the Lord would establish his throne in righteousness. [according to correct principles] God knows the end from the beginning; “known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.” Therefore redemption was not an afterthought—a plan formulated after the fall of Adam—but an eternal purpose [1] to be wrought out for the blessing not only of this atom of a world but for the good of all the worlds which God has created. ST April 25, 1892, par. 1

Purpose of grace existed from eternity. It was always the purpose to create man. Man's fall didn't prevent God's purpose because God would establish his [God's] throne in in righteousness anyway.

- What is his eternal purpose?

The creation of the worlds [nature], the mystery of the gospel, are for one purpose, to make manifest to all created intelligences, through nature and through Christ, the glories of the divine character. By the marvelous display of his love in giving “his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life,” the glory of God is revealed to lost humanity and to the intelligences of other worlds. The Lord of heaven and earth revealed his glory to Moses, when he offered his prayer to Jehovah in behalf of idolatrous Israel, and pleaded, “Show me thy glory.” And the Lord said: “I will make all my goodness to pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.... And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock.” “And the Lord descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. And the Lord passed by before

him, and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty.” Moses was hidden in the cleft of the rock when the glory of the Lord was revealed to him, and it is when we are hidden in Christ that we obtain some view of the majesty and love of God. ST April 25, 1892, par. 2

- Eternal purpose : to establish His throne in righteousness, to make manifest the glories of the divine character. It is not to rescue people, rescue people is what He would do if man failed. Example of mountain with a medical kit.
- If you say it's 'redemption': did He create human beings so that they could fall and He could save us?
- So 'eternal purpose' appears 3 times and I think it's different.
- Through parables (nature: where it says 'the creation of the worlds') He reveal His character to us.

Summary

- God wants to create a kingdom. As any person who wants to establish an empire, you have to have subjects and things. His eternal purpose = to create a kingdom, establish a home, community (depending on the context). If so, He's going to do it in a certain way: with being that are able to follow the rules. He creates the worlds with rules for the subjects to follow them. She doesn't give details on the rules but..
- If you give food to fish and they come but they're not obeying me but serving themselves.
- He can't or doesn't want to create the world in this false way.
- But there's a risk: no guarantee that they will do it. He is not only aware but He knows it's gonna happen. But she says He creates them anyway.
- He knows all (10000000) of them are gonna rebel, and He creates a plan to offer them a solution. And only 10 agree to the plan. What happens to the rest? Nothing good, but that's He has to pay so that His kingdom can be established in good principles (as she says 'in righteousness').

Let's link this with the Millerites

- 50000 people sign up, but 50 make it. It has to be that way so that He can establish His kingdom in righteousness. It gets so bad that He wants to establish it in righteousness, that everyone fails. By the time you get to 1850, 1863, 1911 no one is going to make it through. Not saying every single person is bad, but the church or movement fails.
- Can we say it fail if a special group or individual didn't? Yes. His purpose was to establish the kingdom of glory, and if it didn't get established, it must have failed.

- Is 46 says the proof of the true God: telling you the end from the beginning.
- History of Moses that fails [Millerites] and the 4th generation