What God Could do Without Man's interferene - Flawless Perfection

- In the Beginning. . . . Gen 1:1-31
- God doing exactly as He planned.
- Everything doing God's Will
- Each day ended with: "it was good."
- At the end of the sixth day:
- Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day. <u>Gen 1:31</u>

The Far Reaching Curse

All Was very Good to Vanity of Vanity all is Vanity <u>Ecc. 1:2</u>

Crooked can't be made straight ... Lacking can't be numbered Ecc. 1:14-15

Whole Creation Groaning and Travailing. <u>Rom 8:22</u>

What Was Left

- Adam & Eve Powerless
- Present has been blighted
- Future here has become dismal
- No Dominion ... under curse
- Death an impending of doom.
- Although they did not immediately look to God for a solution... He had one

God's Eternal Purpose Revealed!

- God began to unveil the "manifold wisdom" of his "eternal purpose" "which he carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord." Eph. 3:10-11
- He told the serpent(Satan) that one would come of the woman's seed to "*bruise your head*."
- God had no intention of losing those who would love Him in spite of their sins.
- Later a much greater promise given to Abraham that through His seed great blessings would come

The Mighty Seed of the Woman

• In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. Jn. 1:1-3 • And the Word became 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. John 1:14

The Almighty Seed!

• But to the Son He says: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. 9 You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions. " Heb 1:8-9

The Almighty Seed!

• And: "You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. 11 They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; ... 12 But You are the same, And Your years will not fail." <u>Heb 1:10-11</u>

God Knew the Consequences

"through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned,"

"through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners."

But He had already prepared the solution!

through one man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life and "through the obedience of the one shall the many be made righteous." <u>Rom 5:12, 18-19.</u>

God Already Prepared!

• It was not after Adam and Eve ate of the tree.

- It was before Adam and Eve were even created and placed in the garden
- Before they were even <u>warned</u> about the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- God's eternal purpose and plan for the salvation of all sinners was made <u>before</u> God said "*Let their be light!*"
- They loved us before we were created and planned to pay the cost of our forgiveness before we sinned!

God's Eternal Purpose

- "according to the revelation of the mystery which hath been kept in silence through times eternal, but now is manifested." <u>Rom 16:25-26</u>
- "I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things hidden from the foundation of the world" Mt 13:35

The Plans devised in Eternity

- in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began, <u>Titus 1:2</u>
- who saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before times eternal, 2 Tim 1:9

The Plans devised in Eternity

• even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blemish before him in love: 5 having foreordained us unto adoption as sons through Jesus Christ unto himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, <u>Eph 1:4-5</u>

Paul's Inspired Exclamation of Praise!

- "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past tracing out!" Rom 11:33
- Adam and Eve had no plans
- God had thought out and prepared for it.
- Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever! Rev 5:13

The Eternal Purpose...

• Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, was this grace given, to preach unto the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to make all men see what is the dispensation of the mystery which for ages hath been hid in God who created all things; to the intent that now unto the principalities and the powers in the heavenly (places) might be made known through the church the manifold wisdom of God, Eph 3:8-10