

WHO IS THE WORD OF GOD ABOUT?

The word of God is concerning the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God. (Rom 1: 1-4) The whole Bible is concerning God's glory and righteousness manifest in the Lord Jesus Christ in the salvation of his people. (Luke 24: 27, 44)

The Old Testament scriptures declare Christ is coming and will succeed. God told the devil that in the garden, "*And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*" (Gen 3: 15) The first blood shed after the fall declared Christ and the work Christ would accomplish, "*Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.*" (Ge 3:21) Christ was typified in Abel's lamb by whose blood Abel found acceptance with God. Christ is the Prophet like unto Moses. He is typified in the brazen serpent to whom the people looked and lived. Christ is the smitten Rock from whose stripes the water of life flows freely to his people. He is the Passover Lamb whose blood God sees and passes over his people. In all the ceremonies it is Christ glorified: in the Temple, the Lamb, the Blood, the Altar, the High Priest, and the Mercy Seat. The prophecies are all written concerning him and what he would fulfill. The Psalms are all written of him.

The New Testament begins declaring Christ in the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. We behold Christ made of a woman, made under the law. In Christ Jesus we behold God in human flesh in the manger, growing up and living amongst his people. We behold him calling his apostles and establishing his church. We behold him working physical miracles which picture the spiritual miracles he works in his people. Then we behold him laying down his life for his sheep on the cross, obtaining eternal redemption for us. Then the message of the epistles is that he is now reigning from God's right hand in his church, calling out his lost sheep through the gospel and he shall soon return. Together with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit, it is Christ sending his preachers; it is Christ preaching in the gospel; it is Christ calling out his people; it is Christ growing and preserving his people; it is Christ who will return when the last lost sheep is called out!

Concerning all sinners in Adam, the message of the book is, "*All flesh is grass.*" Christ said, "*The flesh profits nothing.*" We are law-breakers by Adam and by our own transgressions. Our nature is unholy by Adam's seed. Our flesh will not and cannot seek God; our flesh cannot understand the word of God or receive the good news therein. So when we read scripture, hear it putting you and me in the dust. Do not read it thinking God is telling us how we can have life by our hand. He is not.

Concerning God in Christ the message of the book is, "*Thy God reigneth.*" In eternity, God chose a people, giving the whole work of their salvation into the hands of his Son. Each of God's elect enter the world sinners so we had to have our sin put away by Christ. We had to be made righteousness for God to be just and justifier and for God to receive us and this was by Christ. God gave the whole work to Christ to accomplish. The message of the book is "*[Christ] shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.*" (Is 42: 4)