

Lesson 2: Time Past

Introduction:

- God is eternal (was, is, and is to come)
 - God made time
 - Christ is the Alpha & the Omega
 - The Beginning and the Ending
- God has a purpose to fulfill in time
- God's eternal purpose is in Christ
 - The authority in heaven
 - The authority on earth

Preview:

- God's use of time to fulfill His eternal purpose in Christ to reconcile the earth
 1. Expressions of Time
 2. Why reconcile something you created?
 3. Israel

Sermon:

Expressions of Time

- Ephesians 2:11-13, 7

Why reconcile something God created?

- "reconcile" - implies estrangement, a relationship in need of restoration
 - Heavens and earth need reconciliation?
 - In what way?
 1. All things in heaven and earth are positions of authority
 2. Creatures occupy those positions of authority
 - The need for "reconciliation"?
 - Isa. 14:12-14
 - Ezekiel 28:11-19
 - Genesis 15 - "possessor of heaven and earth"
 - God's adversary desires and has a plan to be "like the Most High" which entails sitting on "thrones"
 - The greatest manifestation and representation of God's honor and glory are understood in that of authority, rulership, and dominion.
 - Satan seeks to be "like God"
 - In Ezekiel we see that he has a "multitude of...iniquities"
 - "sanctuaries" were in the heavenly places
 - This was soon after the "beginning", then God makes man and gives him

"dominion" on the earth

- Thus, the Adversary became "possessor of heaven and earth", not by creating them, but by usurping them.
 - Lord recognizes this during "temptations"
- Therefore, because of God's Adversary, Satan, and his iniquity and trafficking of that iniquity there is a need to "reconcile" both "heaven and earth" through the means of "redemption" of man.
 - In other words, "redeemed" man will be God's creatures to be the inheritance of God to "reconcile" "all things in heaven and on earth" "for Christ and by Christ".
- So we have seen the begetting of "iniquity" in the place of Satan's abode.
 - Let's see it in the place of man's abode
 - Genesis 3
 - Romans 5

Israel

- Genesis 12:1-3
 - Abraham, Isaac, Jacob
- Genesis 28:10-17
 - Jacob's realization
- 2 Samuel 7:10-17
 - David
- Romans 15:8-12
 - Christ
 - Luke 1:67-79
 - Matthew 3:1-2
 - 2 Parts
 1. Physical - dominion
 2. Spiritual - godliness

Conclusion:

- This kingdom "at hand" is a significant expression in which needs to be understood by some further things taught "in times past".
- Israel's history being the nation to carry out His reconciliation on the earth.