

Lesson 10

The Gospel: God's Fulfillment

Introduction: Over the past 9 lessons, we have seen God work in some really amazing ways. It's also been very clear that the reason for this isn't that He is just "showing off," but it's because of Who He is and what His heart is like. As you know, 1 John 4 says that GOD IS LOVE. We also know that God created mankind with the ability and for the purpose of having a relationship with him.

Therefore, we know the number one reason why God works in such amazing ways is for the purpose of revealing Himself and His heart to mankind. Without these amazing manifestations of His character and His attributes, mankind would never be able to come to know God on our own. Once again, today's lesson on God's provision of the Deliverer is another clear manifestation of God working in such clear and obvious ways in order to make Himself and His heart known all the more.

God promised Mary a son.

- **Read Luke 1:26-38.**

God continues to reveal His sovereignty and supremacy. Remember **2 Timothy 1:9** and the fact that God's eternal plan of redemption was on His heart before time began? From that time until now,

Like all the rest of the people whom God chose to use in the carrying out of His plan, Mary also fit the description of **Genesis 8:21**, that “every thought and intent of the heart was only evil from childhood.” Therefore, we know that like all the rest, she was simply chosen by God and His grace. One proof we have that Mary herself recognized her own sinfulness was the fact that she refers to God as “her Savior” in the Magnificat.

Obviously, Mary recognized her own need of a Savior and was looking forward to the promised coming Deliverer in faith. After believing Gabriel’s message to her, Mary then went to see her cousin Elizabeth in order to rejoice together regarding this great news.

- **Read Luke 1:39-45.**

Now listen to Mary’s response.

- **Read Luke 1:46-55.**

In listening to Mary’s response here, her view of God and the things that she says about Him were all based upon her hearing of these same stories that we have been looking at that have been recorded and preserved in the Old Testament.

Again, it’s His grace, mercy, love, forgiveness, compassion, and the fact that He brings down the proud, but exalts the lowly. But even that

is with the purpose of showing their need for HIM. This is the heart and glory of God.

Her response also is proof that God's revelation of HIMSELF has been His intended purpose in recording and preserving these accounts of His interaction with Israel through the years.

We saw that Gabriel told Mary she was to name her son "Jesus," which means "Jehovah is the Savior." Again, God was making the fact of what He was doing extremely clear and obvious, for He WANTS mankind to know the truth and trust Him.

He was making it absolutely clear Who this child of Mary was going to be, that He was truly going to be the long awaited promised One! He was also faithfully fulfilling the plan that began in His heart before the foundations of the earth and that He promised in **Genesis 3:15**, and to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, and through various prophets.

Jesus would be both God and man.

Back in verse 32, Gabriel told Mary that "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest." God was making it clear that Mary's son would not only be her son, but that He would also be the true Son of God. Another truth that we need to keep in mind is that this event, the coming birth of Jesus the Deliverer, was the ultimate purpose for which all previous events had been fulfilled or carried out.

- **Read Colossians 1:16.**

“All things were created BY Him and FOR Him.” From **Genesis 1** to this passage in **Luke 1**, the stage had been prepared or set for the Son of God to come and reveal the grace of the Godhead. In verses 34-35, Gabriel also told Mary that it would be the Holy Spirit Who would perform this miracle of her, a virgin becoming pregnant. In order for Jesus to be able to come and die for the sin of others, He would have to be born without His own. Meaning, He would have to be born without a sin nature. Otherwise, He, too, would have needed a Savior and could not be our Savior.

Because God Himself was His Father and not “Adam,” Jesus would not inherit Adam’s sinfulness. He would be born with the same character as God – holy and without sin.

Discussion:

Remember- Bottom line, God so wants people to know Him and believe the truth that He works in undeniable ways to prove that it’s truly of Him.

1. Name some other instances where we’ve seen Him work in such undeniable ways.

<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

The Deliverer would be Jesus, the Christ.

- **Read Matthew 1:1.**

Jesus was appointed by God the Father to be the Christ. “Christ” is a Greek word that means “anointed one.” It is the Greek translation of the word “Messiah.” We know Jesus Christ was anointed or set apart by God for three specific duties. He would be God’s final Prophet, Priest, and King.

- As Prophet

- **Read Deuteronomy 18:15.**

This is an example of “general prophecy.” It had application to the situation at hand in which it was given, but its ultimate fulfillment would be found in Christ.

The role of prophets in the Old Testament were to proclaim the truth that God revealed to them as messages or warnings for Israel and their surrounding nations.

We know that Jesus Himself is the way, the TRUTH, and the life. As The Truth, Jesus Himself is the ultimate fulfillment of all prophets and prophecy.

- As Priest

- **Read Psalm 110:4.**

The physical picture we have of the Old Testament priests was one of mediation. They performed sacrifices on behalf of the people and their duties included the carrying out of a representation of Israel's fellowship and communion with God within the holy place.

Jesus, as our High Priest, is not only the High Priest and mediator between us and God, but He's also the sacrifice that has restored us once and for all to oneness with God, thereby making it possible for us to personally enjoy our own fellowship and communion with God.

- **Read Hebrews 10:1-12.**

- As King
- **Read Isaiah 9:6-7.**

Jesus would also be God's final King to rule over Israel and whole world. God had promised King David that there would always be one of his descendants upon the throne in Israel. Jesus, as a descendant of David, is the ultimate fulfillment of that promise. He is called King of kings and Lord of lords! The Christ was to be born in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies.

We will now look at a chart of the Old Testament prophecies about the coming Deliverer. There are many other Old Testament prophecies about the Deliverer. The ones on this chart have been chosen because they record some of the more significant details concerning the Christ, from His birth to His resurrection.

Old Testament Messianic Prophecies Literally Fulfilled by Jesus of Nazareth

Prophecies Concerning His Birth	Prophecy	Fulfillment
Born of the Seed of Woman	Gen. 3: 15	Ca. 4:4
Born of a Virgin	Isa. 7:14	Matthew 1:18, 24, 25
Son of God	Psalms 2:7	Matthew 3:17
Seed of Abraham	Gen. 22:18	Matthew 1:1
Son of Isaac	Gen. 21:12	Luke 3:23, 34
Son of Jacob	Nm. 24:17	Luke 3:23, 34
Tribe of Judah	Gen. 49:10	Luke 3:23, 33
Family Line of Jesse	Isa. 11:1	Luke 3:23, 32
House of David	Jeremiah 23:5	Luke 3:23, 31
Born at Bethlehem	Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:1
Presented with Gifts	Psalms 72:10	Matthew 2:1, 11
Herod Kills Children	Jeremiah 31:15	Matthew 2:16
Prophecies Concerning His Nature	Prophecy	Fulfillment
His Pre-Existence	Micah 5:2	Col. 1:17; John 17:5
He Shall Be Called Lord	Psalms 110:1	Matthew 22:43-45
Shall Be Immanuel	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:23
Shall Be a Prophet	Deuteronomy 18:18	Matthew 21:11
Priest	Psalms 110:4	Hebrews 3:1
Judge	Isaiah 33:22	John 5:30
King	Psalms 2:6	Matthew 27:37
Special Anointing of Holy Spirit	Isaiah 11:2	Matthew 3:16-17
His Zeal for God	Psalms 69:9	John 2:15-16
Prophecies Concerning His Ministry	Prophecy	Fulfillment
Preceded by a Messenger	Isaiah 40:3	Matthew 3:1-2
Ministry Began in Galilee	Isaiah 9:1	Matthew 4:12, 13, 17
Ministry of Miracles	Isaiah 35:5-6	Matthew 9:35
Teacher of Parables	Psalms 78:2	Matthew 13:34
He Was to Enter the Temple	Mal. 3:1	Matthew 21:12
He Was to Enter Jerusalem on a Donkey	Zechariah 9:9	Luke 19:35-37
Stone of Stumbling to Jews	Psalms 118:22	1 Peter 2:7
Light to Gentiles	Isaiah 60:3	Acts 13:47-48
Prophecies Concerning Events After His Burial	Prophecy	Fulfillment
Resurrection	Psalms 16:10	Acts 2:31
Ascension	Psalms 68:18	Acts 1:9
Session	Psalms 110:1	Hebrews 1:3
Prophecies Fulfilled in One Day	Prophecy	Fulfillment
Betrayed by a Friend	Psalms 41:9	Matthew 10:4
Sold For 30 Pieces of Silver	Zechariah 11:12	Matthew 26:15
Money to Be Thrown into God's House	Zechariah 11:13	Matthew 27:5
Price Given for Potter's Field	Zechariah 11:13	Matthew 27:7
Forsaken by His Disciples	Zechariah 13:7	Mark 14:50
Accused By False Witnesses	Psalms 35:11	Matthew 26:59-60
Silent Before Accusers	Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 27:12
Wounded and Bruised	Isaiah 53:5	Matthew 27:26
Smitten and Spit Upon	Isaiah 50:6	Matthew 26:67
Mocked	Psalms 22:7-8	Matthew 27:29
Fell Under the Cross	Psalms 109:24-25	John 19:17
Hands and Feet Pierced	Psalms 22:16	Luke 23:33
Crucified with Thieves	Isaiah 53:12	Matthew 27:38
Prophecies Fulfilled in One Day (Continued)	Prophecy	Fulfillment
Crucified with Thieves	Isaiah 53:12	Matthew 27:38
Made Intercession for His Persecutors	Isaiah 53:12	Luke 23:34
Rejected by His Own Countrymen	Isaiah 53:3	John 7:5, 48
Hated Without a Cause	Psalms 69:4	John 15:25
Friends Stood Afar Off	Psalms 38:11	Luke 23:49
People Shook Their Heads	Psalms 109:25	Matthew 27:39
Stared Upon	Psalms 22:17	Luke 23:35
Garments Parted and Lots Cast	Psalms 22:18	John 19:23-24
To Suffer Thirst	Psalms 69:21	John 19:28
Gall and Vinegar Offered to Him	Psalms 69:21	Matthew 27:34
His Forsaken Cry	Psalms 22:1	Matthew 27:46
Committed Himself to God	Psalms 31:5	Luke 23:46
Bones Not Broken	Psalms 34:20	John 19:33
Hearbroken	Psalms 22:14	John 19:34
His Side Pierced	Zechariah 12:10	John 19:34
Darkness Over the Land	Amos 8:9	Matthew 27:45
Buried in a Rich Man's Tomb	Isaiah 53:9	Matthew 27:57-60

Chart Source: <https://www.christsavesministries.org/prophecy/chart/>

Basically there are three types of Messianic prophecy.

The first type we've already mentioned with **Deuteronomy 18:15** as an example. It is general in nature, had direct application to the situation at hand, but its ultimate fulfillment will be found in Christ.

The second type is direct prophecy that speaks specifically of the future Messiah and is more personal in nature. **Isaiah 7:14** is an example of this.

The third type is prophecy that is a New Testament application of the Old Testament. **Matthew 2:15** and **Hosea 11:1** exemplify this. Hosea gives no indication of specific prediction, but Matthew applies it to the Messiah.

Lastly, I think it's also important to keep in mind that Messianic prophecy is not a bunch of independent statements. It is a series of promises. There is really only one "Messianic promise," which is then unfolded and elaborated on throughout the Old Testament. It is one promise developed in a progressive series of revelations rather than several disjointed predictions.

The progression to the Messianic promise, then, has at the same time both a narrowing aspect and an enlarging aspect. It narrows in the sense that as it progresses, it becomes more and more specific as to whom the Messiah is; it begins broad as

simply “The seed of the woman.” It enlarges in the sense that, as it progresses, there is a broadening of the scope of His role and work.

“Everything centers in Christ and radiates from Him to the bounds of God’s created universe. Union with Christ is the heart of all the revealed thoughts of God concerning man and man’s relationship with God.” T. Austin Spark

With Christ, as with His many other promises, God fulfills His word. Nothing He says echoes back without accomplishing what He desires. Because God has continually been trustworthy, we can reflect on past faithfulness as our foundation for trusting Him today. He completes His promises.

For a deeper study of the Gospel in the larger context of Scripture, check out lesson 30 in the full Knowing God book.