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Bible Reader: Tom Freed

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The Fulfillment of God's Promise: Faith, Law, and Salvation Through Christ

Summary of Transcript (0:04 - 32:52)

Scripture Reading:

1st Scripture Reading (0:04 - 0:28), Tom Freed

- (0:02 - 0:24) - **Reading from Romans 7:15-19**
 - The speaker reads from Romans 7:15-19, describing the inner conflict between doing what one desires and what one hates.
 - The passage reflects the struggle between wanting to do good but being drawn to sin.

Summary

Preacher: Steve Cain

1. (0:25 - 1:08) - **Reflections on Sin and the Law**

- The speaker continues reading, highlighting the acknowledgment of the law's goodness and the role of sin within individuals.
- Sin is portrayed as dwelling in the flesh, contrasting with the desire to do good.

2. (1:10 - 2:04) - **Introducing the Lesson**

- The speaker warns that the lesson will be more theological than usual, implying it may be challenging but important.
- A connection is drawn between recognizing God's will and the songs sung earlier, which reflect the theme of God's plan.

3. (2:07 - 3:29) - **Prayer and Introduction to God's Will**

- The speaker leads a prayer, expressing gratitude for the opportunity to gather and asking for guidance to align with God's will.
- The speaker then discusses how God's desire from creation was to bring people to Him, referencing passages from Romans, Galatians, and Ephesians.
- God's plan for humanity was set before creation, and it continues to be fulfilled.

4. (3:29 - 4:18) - **God's Plans Before Creation**

- The speaker encourages the audience to refresh their minds on what God intended before creating the heavens and the earth.
- God's plan existed before creation, and His will is being accomplished on earth as it is in heaven.
- God's word will not return void, meaning His plans are and will be fulfilled, including on the Day of Judgment.

5. (4:19 - 6:06) - **Ephesians 1:3-10: God's Intentions**

- The speaker reads from Ephesians 1:3-10, noting how God has blessed us with spiritual blessings in Christ.
- God's plan is for believers to be holy and blameless through Christ, who was chosen before the creation of the world.
- Through Christ, believers are adopted as sons and receive redemption and forgiveness of sins through His blood.
- The mystery of God's will has been revealed, and in Christ, all things in heaven and on earth will be united.

6. (6:08 - 7:29) - **Reflection on God's Accomplishments Through Jesus**

- The speaker emphasizes that God's plan is for us to be righteous, holy, and blameless through Jesus.
- They raise questions about how God has accomplished His plan before and after Jesus' death on the cross.
- The speaker expresses a desire to present this information clearly, hoping the audience can comprehend God's plan.

7. (7:29 - 8:29) - **The Role of the Law in Condemnation**

- The speaker begins discussing how all people are sinners and in need of salvation, which is revealed through the law.
- Paul teaches that the law condemns us by making us aware of sin. For example, without the law, Paul would not know that coveting is sinful.
- The law identifies sinful behaviors such as jealousy and envy, condemning those who practice them.

8. (8:29 - 10:03) - **The Law of Sin and Death: Adam and Eve**

- The speaker reflects on the origin of the law of sin and death, tracing it back to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.
- God's command not to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil introduced the law, and violating it brought death.
- This law of sin and death has persisted throughout humanity's history, even after Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden.

9. (10:04 - 11:02) - **Noah and God's Law After the Flood**

- After the flood, God set forth a law for mankind, beginning with Noah and his family.
- The speaker explains that after Noah left the ark, God established laws regarding how humans should live, including prohibitions against murder.
- In Genesis 9, God instructs Noah and his descendants about what they can eat and sets a law about the sanctity of life.

10. (11:02 - 12:17) - **Prohibitions Given to Noah**

- The speaker elaborates on the prohibitions from Genesis 9, including not eating meat with blood and not shedding human blood.
- God makes it clear that humans are made in His image, and anyone who sheds another person's blood will face consequences.
- These laws were to be observed by all of humanity, starting from Noah's descendants.

11. (12:18 - 13:38) - **Noah's Laws and Their Application to Mankind**

- The speaker lists additional laws given to Noah, prohibiting idolatry, cursing God, murder, adultery, fornication, and theft.
- These laws were established for mankind from Noah's day onward and were used to judge human behavior.
- Violating these laws made people guilty of sin, subject to condemnation and punishment.

12. (13:39 - 15:11) - **The Law of Moses and Its Role in Identifying Transgressions**

- The speaker explains that later, the law of Moses was added to further define transgressions.
- The law served as a guide to help people understand what God wanted to prohibit, further clarifying what constituted sin.
- Violating these laws made people sinful, and sin cannot enter heaven, leading to mankind's ongoing struggle with sin.

13. (15:13 - 16:03) - **Romans 8: Freedom from the Law's Condemnation**

- The speaker turns to Romans 8, which discusses how believers can be free from the condemnation of the law through Christ.

- In Christ, there is no condemnation because the law of the Spirit sets believers free from the law of sin and death.
- Jesus, in the likeness of sinful man, became a sin offering, fulfilling the righteous requirements of the law.

14. (16:04 - 16:52) - **Understanding the Role of Jesus in God's Plan**

- The speaker reflects on how Jesus' role in fulfilling the law brings about freedom from sin.
- The history of Israel, the law, and humanity's struggles with sin help us understand how God accomplished His plan through Jesus.
- The speaker sets up the conclusion that will explore these ideas further, hoping for clarity in their explanation.

15. (16:53 - 17:29) - **Salvation Through Christ Alone**

- The speaker emphasizes that no one can enter heaven or be counted as sinless without coming to God through Jesus Christ.
- Only Christians, those who are baptized into Christ, will be credited with righteousness and allowed into heaven.

16. (17:31 - 18:18) - **God's Promises to Abraham**

- The speaker reflects on Abraham's journey and his faith in God's promises.
- God made three key promises to Abraham: giving him land, making him the father of a great nation, and blessing the world through his seed.
- Abraham trusted God and followed Him, though initially, he didn't fully comply with God's command to leave his family behind.

17. (18:19 - 19:09) - **Lot's Presence as a Violation of God's Command**

- Although Abraham was told to leave his extended family behind, he took his nephew Lot with him, which was a violation of God's instructions.
- Tensions arose between Lot's herdsmen and Abraham's herdsmen, leading to their eventual separation.

18. (19:10 - 20:18) - **Abraham's Concerns and God's Promise of a Child**

- Abraham was concerned about not having any children, as his wife Sarah was barren.
- Sarah suggested that Abraham have a child with her handmaiden, Hagar, but God made it clear that the child of promise would come through Sarah.
- Angels visited Abraham and confirmed that Sarah, despite her old age, would bear a child.

19. (20:19 - 21:13) - **God's Promise of Isaac**

- Despite Abraham and Sarah's advanced age, God assured them that they would have a son, Isaac, who would be the child of promise.
- Abraham believed God, and his faith was credited to him as righteousness.

20. (21:16 - 22:51) - **Faith and the Child of Promise**

- Abraham's faith in God's promise was crucial and marked the beginning of a deeper understanding of faith.
- Sarah gave birth to Isaac, the promised child, and Abraham sent Hagar and her son away, as Isaac was the child through whom God's covenant would continue.

21. (22:52 - 24:15) - **God's Covenant with Abraham and Circumcision**

- God sealed His covenant with Abraham, reiterating that the world would be blessed through his seed.
- The speaker discusses how circumcision became a symbol of this covenant, but notes that the nation of Israel misunderstood its significance, focusing too much on circumcision as the key to the covenant.

22. (24:16 - 25:00) - **The Law of Moses and Its Role**

- The speaker explains that the law of Moses, which was given 450 years after Abraham, further complicated the understanding of God's promise.
- The law was not directly related to God's covenant with Abraham about blessing the world, but it became a point of focus for Israel.

23. (25:01 - 26:23) - **Jesus Fulfills the Law**

- Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham, and through faith in Jesus, people can escape the condemnation of the law.
- Jesus, being sinless, was crucified, becoming a curse for humanity by dying on the cross, fulfilling the law and offering freedom from it.

24. (26:24 - 27:46) - **Baptism and Union with Christ**

- The speaker references Romans 6, explaining that through baptism, believers are united with Christ in His death and resurrection.
- Just as Christ was raised from the dead, believers rise from baptism to live a new life, free from the law's condemnation.

25. (27:47 - 29:38) - **Freedom from Sin and Becoming Slaves to Righteousness**

- Baptism symbolizes dying to sin and rising to live in righteousness. Believers are no longer slaves to sin but become slaves to righteousness.
- The law condemned people to sin, but through obedience to Christ, they are set free from sin and given the opportunity to live a righteous life.

26. (29:39 - 31:14) - **The Need for Sin Expungement**

- The speaker emphasizes that every person is under sin and needs to have their sins forgiven, or "expunged," through Christ.

- Baptism offers the expungement of sins, and upon rising from the "watery grave," believers walk in newness of life, free from the law's condemnation.

27. (31:15 - 32:52) - **The Offer of Salvation and Freedom from Condemnation**

- Jesus offers forgiveness of sins and freedom from the law's condemnation to all who come to Him.
- The speaker invites anyone who has not yet had their sins forgiven to take the opportunity to accept Jesus and be baptized, as everything is ready for their decision.