

## The Secret of the Lord (Go To Meeting)

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The Secret of the Lord is based on what it says on Psa. 25:14; it says something very interesting and that's what we're going to focus our attention today.

Everything that comes before it and we're going to unpack some things that are in this verse, because it's just one short verse, but it says a lot. It hides a great deal of meaning that is throughout the Bible and it is very, very important for us to understand, especially as we are coming now toward the Passover season and Passover preparation, which we are now in. *We want to understand this!*

Psalm 25:14: "The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him, and He will show them His covenant."

In these verses it starts talking about the secret of the Lord and there is a requirement *that we would fear Him!* This fear is not just to be afraid, that's not what it means, **but it's:**

- to reverence Him
- to have that awe
- to have that amazement
- to have that fear to disobey
- to have that fear to go against what He says
  - ✓ because of His power
  - ✓ because of His love
  - ✓ because of His majesty

He says, "**The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him, and He will show them His covenant.**"

This word *secret* in v 14 where it says, "The secret of the Lord..."—the Hebrew is the word is 'sod,' and it means, the strong definition is:

*A session that is a company of persons in close deliberation by implication, intimacy. This is very important: intimacy, a consultation, a secret, assembly, council, inward, secret.*

It's coming together, it's something very, very private, very personal, very intimate. This is very important because that's what that word *secret* is, "The secret of the Lord **is with those who** fear Him, and **He will show them His covenant.**"

- What is that covenant?
- What is that covenant of God?

*Because it says that it's **His** covenant!* This is what we want to study today.

- What is that covenant?
- Is that the secret of the Lord?

We're going to pose it as a question, because it doesn't talk about the secret in the other verses that we're going to study today, but it does talk about this covenant, the Covenant of the Lord, the Covenant of God.

What is this covenant? *It is a covenant between God the Father and Jesus Christ; A covenant between Them.*

There are several points that we want to cover today, but there are *three main points* about this covenant between God the Father and Jesus Christ that we want to try to cover today, but first:

➤ **God the Father and Jesus Christ are two beings**

- we know They're one in spirit
- we know They're one in purpose
- we know They're one in unity, in perfect harmony

*in nature and everything that They do, but they are two beings!*

This is the first part, this is the first point about this covenant between God the Father and Jesus Christ. ***There is a covenant between Them.***

So, the very first thing that we have to understand is that there are *two* of Them and that They have made a covenant—God the Father and Jesus Christ.

Matt. 22—this is a passage that is very, very important when we are understanding what Jesus was telling the Pharisees here, and this same passage is in all three of the Synoptic Gospels; obviously a little bit different between Matthew and Mark and Luke, but we're going to look at two of them because it says additional things and it gives us some background, some context.

What God is driving here, what Jesus is driving in this passage is that ***God the Father and Jesus Christ are two beings!***

Mathew 22:34: "But after the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they came together *before* Him... [so, this is a Pharisee] ...And one of them, a doctor of the Law, questioned Him, tempting Him, and saying, 'Master, **which commandment is the great commandment** in the Law?' And Jesus said to him, **You shall love the**

**Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment**” (vs 34-38).

I want for us to pause here because the doctor of the Law asked Jesus: What’s the greatest commandment? He said that and then Jesus added the second one; He said:

Verse 39: “And *the second one is* like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets” (vs 39-40).

Let’s pause there because when we’re thinking about the secret of the Lord and when we’re talking about He will show them that fear Him, His covenant. What is this covenant? *It’s a covenant between God the Father and Jesus Christ!* They have made a covenant. But the very first aspect to understand is that they are two beings.

But when we talk about that covenant and we talk about that secret, we talk about a relationship, an intimate, close, deliberation.

What did Jesus just say here? He said the first and greatest commandment, which is a direct relationship: ***You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind!*** This is the first and greatest commandment; *it begins there!* Then we’re going to see how from that, and then *loving God first and loving our neighbor second!* Then what He goes on to say:

Verse 41: “While the Pharisees were assembled together, Jesus questioned them, saying, ‘What do you think concerning the Christ? Whose Son is He?’ They said to Him, ‘**The Son of David**’” (vs 41-42).

- Why did He ask them that question?
- What does this have to do with the commandments that He just talked about?
- *It was the Pharisees! It was the Jews!*

Verse 43: “He said to them, ‘How then does David in spirit call Him Lord, saying, “The LORD said to my Lord, ‘Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet’”? Therefore, if David calls Him Lord, how is He his Son?’” (vs 43-45).

This is something that we know and understand, but I want for us to pause and meditate on how important it is to understand this.

Verse 46: “And no one was able to answer Him a word, neither dared anyone from that day to question Him anymore.”

To not be seen as ignorant because they did not know. Either they did not know or they did not want to acknowledge who He was. But what He was saying is that ‘the LORD said to His Lord,’ and they knew that He was talking about the Messiah. *They knew that!*

They didn’t want to accept Him as the Messiah, but they knew that. They also changed that because it was Jehovah, Jehovah. Then they changed it to Jehovah Adonai, to change it because in their mind, in Judaism, there cannot be two; there can only be one.

The Shema is the first and most important thing. ‘Our one Lord is the Lord, the Lord’; we’re going to see that.

We’re going to go to Mark 12 next, but I just want for us to know and understand that He goes from talking about the love of God with all our heart, all mind, being and strength. Loving our neighbor, to the identity of the Messiah, the identity of Jesus Christ, Him revealing Himself on what He came to do, who He really was. Because He was talking about Himself, He said:

- How is it that He called Him Lord?
- How is He His Son?

Unless we understand that there are two, that there is God the Father and there is Jesus Christ, and that They were both Jehovah in the Old Testament, one is the Lord God and the other one is the Most High. Unless we understand that, we do not understand this. We do not understand how He is His Son, especially ***IF***, like the Jews, ***we reject Him!***

But it’s important to understand that and the transition from the greatest commandments to His very identity and what He was telling the Pharisees.

Mark is the same account, but it says some other different things. Mark 12 is a fascinating passage because it tells us all of these things and this is the beginning of understanding this Covenant of God showing us this covenant. Because the majority of Christianity does not understand this, does not understand that there’s God the Father and there’s Jesus Christ and yes, They have one Spirit and one love and ***they are one:***

- in the plan
- in agreement
- in perfection
- in all of these things

but they are not the same. Jesus Himself said, ‘The Father greater is than I.’

So, we know that there's two beings in the Godhead. And for us to understand that, it's absolutely wonderful, especially as we prepare for Passover, and we understand what Jesus did and what the Father did.

Knowing that these plans were planned way before the earth existed; that's part of the covenant. We're going to see that. This is the first point that ***God the Father and Jesus Christ are two beings!***

Mark 12:28: "And one of the scribes... [the other one describes Him as a Pharisee[ ...who had come up to Him, after hearing them reasoning together and perceiving that He answered them well, asked Him, 'Which is the first commandment of all?' Then Jesus answered him, 'The first of all the commandments is, "Hear, O Israel. Our one God is **the Lord, the Lord**"'" (vs 28-29). *That is the correct translation!*

It says, "...The Lord, the Lord..." *Jehovah, Jehovah!* That's what it says in *The Faithful Version*, you can read it and that's what it says.

**"...Our one God is the Lord, the Lord."** *There's two Jehovahs!* Even in that it's implicit.

**"...Our one God..."** because there is One, the Godhead is composed of two beings, **but they are one in unity!** They are **one in purpose!**

They are basically mirrors of each other. That's what Paul said in Hebrews, that Jesus was the exact image of His Father. That's what Jesus told His disciples, as well: 'If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father.' But They are **two** beings.

The first of all commandments is, **"...Our one God is the Lord, the Lord."** implicitly there; **there are two!**

Verse 30: "And **you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength....**"

***IF*** you do and God decides to call you because of that love—He already decided to call us—but we have to do that, ***THEN*** He will show us His covenant.

The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him. He will show them His covenant.

Verse 31: "And *the second is* like this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Verse 32: "Then the scribe said to Him, 'Right, Master. You have spoken according to Truth that God is one...'"

We don't know how sincerely he said or he was trying to bring Him down or something, saying God is one. I don't know if he believed in Him or not, but it says God is one and there is not another besides Him because that was Judaism.

There's only one God who is going to send the Messiah, but they didn't believe in Him. Then it says:

"...and there is not another besides Him; and to love Him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love *one's* neighbor as oneself, is more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices'" (vs 32-33).

He was saying the Truth; He was saying it even more completely! He was saying the right things. Again, we don't know the heart. Jesus could see the heart, but He says:

Verse 34: "And Jesus, seeing that he answered with understanding, said to him, 'You are not far from the Kingdom of God.' And no one dared to question Him anymore.

Again, we don't know. Maybe he was being sincere and he was loving Him that way, but in either way the answer, the words that he spoke were correct. They were right on. That's what Jesus told him.

Verse 34: "And Jesus, seeing that he answered with understanding, said to him, 'You are not far from the Kingdom of God.' And no one dared to question Him anymore. And *while* teaching in the temple, Jesus answered *and* said, 'How can the scribes say that the Christ is *the* Son of David?' For David himself said by the Holy Spirit, 'The Lord said to my Lord... [Jehovah said to my Jehovah; in the Greek it was 'Kurio Kurio'] ...Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet'" (vs 34-36).

That is saying again the same thing. Obviously, this is the same account, but what does it say?

Verse 37: "'Now then, *if* David himself called Him Lord, how can He be his Son?' And the whole multitude listened to Him eagerly."

The whole multitude listened to him eagerly. Why was David calling him Lord to the One Who was going to come, the Messiah? Why?

Verse 38: "And He said to them in His teaching, 'Beware of the scribes, who take pleasure in walking around in robes, and in salutations in the marketplaces, and in *the* chief seats in the synagogues and *the* chief places in the feasts; Who devour the houses of widows, and for a pretext make

long prayers. These shall receive *the* greater condemnation” (vs 38-40).

Today we could say, ‘Beware of all those YouTubers and all of these false prophets that are preaching lies!’

- **IF** it’s not according to the Word of God, *it is lies*
- **IF** they’re speaking according to the word of God, *that is good*

Sooner or later we’re going to be together in the Truth because the Truth is only one. There are a lot of religions and there’s a lot of preachers out there.

But Jesus said that the scribes were going to “...receive *the* greater condemnation” because they should have known better. But they didn’t know the foundational things; they have to be revealed.

We know that God the Father and Jesus Christ are two beings. We know that. We can see it in Gen. 1:26, and we can see it all over the Old Testament. They could see it better than anyone because they actually spoke the language; they actually spoke Hebrew.

They know and understand that the majority of the times when He says ‘God,’ as we read it in English, it is ‘Elohim,’ which is a plural word.

Genesis 1:26: “And God said, ‘Let **Us**...’ [plural] ... make man in **Our** image, after **Our** likeness...” *All of these are plural words!*

“...and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of heaven and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that crawls upon the earth” (v 26).

- we know that there is God the Father and there is Jesus Christ
- we know the Father and the Son
- we know the Son is seated at the right hand of the Father right now

*Those are facts!*

That they’re not a mystery, a trinity, a three in one, and They’re not just one like the Jews say. No, They are two. It’s so important that we meditate on that. How important and how valuable and how amazing it is that we know that. That we know that Jesus Christ came in the flesh and He was God. He was with God as it says in John 1:1. He gave His life, *His eternal life* for us and that He was dead. But the Father resurrected Him. This is so important!

Gen. 11 is another example of the plurality, and these are just a couple of examples that we can see in the English.

Like I said, this in the Hebrew is all over the place. If you have The Faithful Version online, you can double tap and you can see the translation. You can see the Hebrew words, and you can see that when it says God, the majority of those times it’s ‘Elohim’—plural!

Every Jew that speaks the Hebrew language knows and understands that it’s plural. Then they know and understand that it does say, ‘The Lord said to my Lord.’ But they couldn’t answer Him.

The Pharisees and the scribes, the ones that were supposed to be teaching the people, they didn’t understand that. They probably didn’t want to admit it. I don’t know how much they understood it. We don’t know.

Genesis 11:6—*this is in the Tower of Babel*: “And the LORD said, ‘Behold, the people *are* one and they all have one language. And this *is only the beginning of* what they will do—now nothing, which they have imagined to do, will be restrained from them.”

We’re kind of coming to that time now with artificial intelligence and robotics and the merging of these two and everything that’s going on.

Verse 7: “Come, let **Us** go down and there confuse their language, so that they cannot understand one another’s speech.”

What is He saying? *It’s ‘Us.’* This is plural. God is ‘Elohim.’ There’s not one only there’s God the Father and Jesus Christ. This is the very first aspect of this covenant. They have a covenant, but we have to first understand that there are two beings in the Godhead.

This is amazing when we think about it, of everything that, like, just that alone, that we can have a relationship with God the Father through Jesus Christ; because He gave His life.

As we prepare for Passover and understand to renew this covenant, we have to understand a second aspect of this, of the secret of the Lord, of this covenant that God is showing us.

It says, ‘The secret of the Lord is for those who fear Him, and He will show them His covenant.’

First aspect: ***God the Father and Jesus Christ are two beings!***

➤ **They have a covenant between Them that they are keeping**

They have a covenant, They agree upon this, and this was a long, long time ago.

Rev. 13 is talking about *the beast!* That's the context of the Scripture that we're going to read here in v 8. This is to illustrate that God the Father and Jesus Christ have a covenant between Them, that They are keeping them. This covenant is very, very old.

Revelation 13:8—*talking about the beast:* “And all who dwell on the earth will worship him... [the beast] ...whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain **from the foundation of the world.**”

***This was determined from the foundation of the world!*** So, this is a plan that was already established. But if He was going to be slain as He was planned ***before*** the foundation of the world, ***in*** the foundation of the world, ***from*** the foundation of the world, They had the Plan. ***He was going to be resurrected! He was going to be made the Firstborn!*** Obviously, we know this in retrospect, but there was one prophecy.

Let's go back to the beginning again; we're going to Genesis again,

So, it was planned from the foundation of the world, but then in here, right at the beginning, right in the Garden of Eden, it says:

Genesis 3:14: “And the LORD God said to the serpent, ‘Because you have done this you *are* cursed above all livestock, and above every animal of the field. You shall go upon your belly, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and **her Seed**; He will bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel’” (vs 14-15).

“...**her Seed**...” is capitalized because we know that the Savior was going to be born of a woman.

He said, “...He will bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel’ (v 15).

We know what that means. We know the bruising of the head of Satan is putting him down and locking him up in ‘the blackest darkness’ is reserved for him.

But we also know that it says, “...and you shall bruise His heel” (v 15). *That happened at the crucifixion!*

This was planned from the foundation of the earth. It is something amazing when we think about it, to think about that God the Father and Jesus Christ have a covenant between Them that they are keeping.

Luke 1:68—because this is part of that covenant that They will show us and that They are

showing us. Every time we're understanding a little bit more about that covenant, every time we're understanding more about God the Father and Jesus Christ and about our relationship to both of Them, and the full meaning of not only the Plan of Salvation for all mankind, but for us individually:

- in that secret
- in that intimacy
- in that consultation
- in that assembly
- in that council
- in that company of persons

***This is something very personal Because we also take part of this covenant!***

We know that there are several covenants in the Bible, many covenants that God has made with different people throughout history. We know He made a covenant with Abraham. He made a covenant even before that with Noah. He made different covenants with different people. But we're going to see that this covenant that He's talking about in Psa. 25 ***is the covenant.***

Luke 1:68: “Blessed be *the* Lord, the God of Israel, because He has visited and has worked redemption for His people, and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David” (vs 68-69).

So here's the answer. ***It's salvation!***

Verse 70: “Exactly as He spoke by *the* mouth of His Holy prophets **since the world began.**”

Did you catch that? ***Since the world began!*** He spoke that.

Verse 71: “Salvation from our enemies... [salvation from the accuser] ...and from *the* hand of all those who hate us... [Satan is the one that hates us most] ...to fulfill *the promise of mercy made* to our fathers, and to remember His Holy Covenant” (vs 71-72).

There's a Holy Covenant that at the beginning of the world, God knew that we were going to be susceptible to sin and that there was a possibility and that if that was the case, ***that Jesus Christ was going to give His life!***

One of them was going to have to die and the other one was going to resurrect Him. That's exactly what happened. ***This is since the world began and this is to fulfill that promise of mercy to remember His Holy Covenant!***

Verse 73: “*The* oath that He swore to Abraham our father; to grant us *that*, being saved from *the* hand of our enemies, **we might serve Him**

**without fear**” (vs 73-74). *The secret of the Lord is:*

- with those who fear Him
- with those who respect Him
- with those who honor Him
- with those who acknowledge Him
- with those who come close to Him
- with those who draw close to Him
  - ✓ to know Him
  - ✓ to understand Him

***That the closer we get to God, the more majestic everything becomes that we get to know about Him!***

Then it says that “...we might serve Him without fear, walking in Holiness and Righteousness before Him all the days of our lives” (vs 74-75).

But He remembered His Holy Covenant and we will see, because He had made other covenants with Noah and with others before He made that covenant with Abraham.

He remembered that covenant with Abraham, but there were other covenants. They have a covenant between Them.

Heb. 7—this is something that is so important that we understand and that we meditate on as we approach a Passover, because it is so critical to understand that because that will give us a different perspective on how we view not only the Passover but our own relationship with God the Father and with Jesus Christ.

We understand the magnitude in a greater light, a greater degree than before. The Everlasting Covenant. *Paul is talking about Jesus:*

Hebrews 7:21: “But He *was made a Priest* with *the* swearing of an oath by Him Who says concerning Him, **‘The Lord swore and will not revoke His Word,** “You *are* a Priest forever according to the order of Melchisedec.”

Melchizedek came to Abraham; He was with him; He broke the bread and water and ate with him. It was basically the Passover. He was the Bread and the Wine. He was made a priest with that swearing of that oath.

**“...‘The Lord swore and will not revoke His Word,** “You *are* a Priest forever according to the order of Melchisedec”” (v 21).

He doesn’t tell us when this happened. But it says in:

Verse 22: “By such a greater measure then, Jesus was made the Guarantor of a superior covenant.”

The Guarantor of a superior covenant to access to God the Father Himself; to access to both of Them. To access to God the Father through the blood of Jesus Christ.

That is important for us to understand. He’s explaining in here the duty of the priests, the early Levites, the early priests in Israel. But they have a covenant that they are keeping, because he explains in

Verse 23: “Now in the one case, there were many priests because they were not able to continue to *serve* by reason of death.” *Meaning they were all physical and they all died!*

Verse 24: “But in the other case, because He is living forever... [speaking about Jesus] ...**His priesthood never changes**”—*never changes!*

He was a priest according to the order of Melchizedek; *He was Melchizedek Himself!* We know that because it says:

Verse 3: “Without father, without mother, without genealogy; having neither beginning of days, nor end of life...”

We know that. That is an amazing thing that They have this covenant.

This is part of that secret of the Lord and that covenant that He will show to those who fear Him. That covenant that they had from the very beginning, from the foundation of the world.

Hebrews 13:20, where Paul says: “And *may* the God of peace, Who raised our Lord Jesus from among *the* dead.”

Here it really comes out Who is the God of peace. It’s God the Father because He raised our Lord Jesus from among the dead. Then it’s the clarifying who Jesus is:

“...that great Shepherd of the sheep—through *the* blood of *the* Everlasting Covenant, He is the blood of the Everlasting Covenant” (v 20). ***The covenant is forever!***

That covenant that He would die for humanity is what we become part of, but it started with Them! We have to understand, like I mentioned before, that it’s both of Them.

But also *They have that covenant that they are keeping.* That’s the second point. It’s amazing to understand that. That this is the Everlasting Covenant. This is the desire of Paul: that the God of peace—then he explained who the God of Peace is, who the Shepherd is, and through the blood of the Everlasting Covenant.

Verse 20: ““And *may* the God of peace... [v 21]: perfect you in every good work in order that you may do His will; accomplishing in you that which *is* well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to Whom *be the* glory into the ages of eternity Amen.” (vs 20-21).

This is amazing when we think about it. ***That the Great Shepherd of the sheep, through His own blood of the Everlasting Covenant***, he’s not referring to only the covenant with Abraham or with Noah, because the rainbow is a sign of the covenant that He made with Noah.

- He made a covenant with Abraham
- He made a covenant with Israel
- He made many covenants

But

- Which is *the Everlasting Covenant*?
- The only one for eternal salvation through the blood of God Himself?

***Because He was God, the Son of God, the Son of man!***

This is an amazing thing as we’re preparing for Passover to think about; ***this is an Everlasting Covenant!*** That’s what we are coming into!

Now we’re going to see the aspects of this covenant, because now we’ve talked about the parties of this covenant. We talked about God the Father and Jesus Christ. We talked about the fact that there’s a covenant that They are keeping.

What does this covenant involve? *This covenant involves **three major things**:*

### 1) **The Sacrifice of Jesus Christ for the Salvation of those who are God’s**

We know that this sacrifice was determined before the foundation of the earth; we read that. But we’re going to read a couple other Scriptures on this point, that this covenant involved the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for the salvation of those who are God’s.

So amazing when we think about the magnitude that is an Everlasting Covenant between God the Father and Jesus Christ, and even just the fact alone that we know Them.

What happens? *Mainstream Christianity believes in only one*, a Trinity, three in one. It’s a mystery. They profess Jesus, but they don’t talk about God the Father because they don’t know Him. But they don’t know Jesus either, because He was the God of the Old Testament, Whom the majority mainstream Christianity sets aside.

So, they don’t know who they’re worshipping or what they’re worshipping. It’s not to put them down. It’s just for us to realize how blessed we are. Not for anything that we have done, ***but how blessed we are to know God the Father and Jesus Christ and the access that we have to the Father through our Lord Jesus!***

More than that, a lot more than that. Not only that access, but that grace and the covenant that we have made with Them. We’re going to get to that, but first, it’s the covenant between Them that involved this sacrifice.

The first part of this covenant is that Jesus Christ was going to die to save all those who are God’s.

1-Peter 1:18: “Knowing that you were not redeemed by corruptible things, by silver or gold, from your futile way of living, inherited *by tradition* from *your* forefathers; but by *the* precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot; **Who truly was foreknown before the foundation of the world...**” (vs 18-20).

- In the other one it says, “...from the foundation of the world...”
- In this one it says even He, “...was foreknown before the foundation of the world...”

“...but was manifested in *these* last times for your sakes; *even for you* who through Him do believe in God, Who raised Him from *the* dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope might be in God” (vs 20-21).

- **IF** he did that
- **IF** he came through with the promise
- **IF** he came through with the plan
- **IF** every prophecy about Jesus Christ was fulfilled

*of those prophecies that were to be fulfilled in His first coming!* Obviously there’s more that are going to happen yet, *but*:

- **IF** every one of those promises, and they were promises, and there were over 300 of them

**THEN** *our faith and our hope is in God the Father*

And that is the most incredible thing, is the most incredible gift that we could have ever received: ***access to God the Father!***

It’s amazing to think about that, and to think that mainstream Christianity doesn’t know God. They don’t know the Father, they reject the Father, and the Jesus that they serve is a false Jesus.

Judaism is on the other side. They say that they know the Father, and they know God, the one

true God, but that was Jesus, also, and they rejected Him.

They rejected the Father because Jesus Christ very clearly said that ***'the One Who rejects Me rejects the Father,'*** Who sent Me, too. So, He's not the God of the Jews.

Yes, it is the God of Israel, but in Truth and in Spirit. He's still working with Israel primarily, that's how the Gospel is being preached to all the world, primarily through the descendants, the modern descendants of the children of Israel.

But it's an amazing thing that it says that he was foreknown before the foundation of the world.

So, the first part of this covenant is that one of them was going to die, and it was Jesus Christ.

Matt. 26—there's so much here; this is the ceremony of the Passover, and now this is happening. What was determined before the foundation of the world, when He was foreknown, when He was slain from the foundation of the world. This is now taking place:

Matthew 26:26: "And as they were eating, Jesus took the bread and blessed *it*; then He broke *it* and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is My body.'"

Can you imagine what was going through His mind? *He knew how long this has been in the plan, how long this has been in the making!*

Then His entire life up to that point, and then His entire ministry up to that point was about to conclude.

Can you imagine when He was saying these words? *When he said, 'Take, eat, this is my body, I'm giving my life for you,' and He hadn't given it, yet!*

Then it hit Him when He was praying on the mountain; it was like drops of blood. An amazing thing!

"... 'Take, eat; this is My body.' And He took the cup; and after giving thanks, He gave *it* to them, saying, 'All of you drink of it; for this is My blood, the *blood* of the New Covenant, which is poured out for many for *the* remission of sins'" (vs 26-28).

This is one of those parts of that covenant between God the Father and Jesus Christ. That Everlasting Covenant. This isn't the new one; that was an old one. But this is a central part of that plan, of that covenant between Them.

The one of Them was going to give His life, and the other One was going to resurrect Him. He

said, "... 'Take, eat; this is My body.' And He took the cup; and after giving thanks, He gave *it* to them, saying, 'All of you drink of it; for this is My blood, the *blood* of the New Covenant, which is poured out for many for *the* remission of sins. But I say to you, from this time forward I will not drink at all of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink *it* anew with you in the Kingdom of My Father'" (vs 26-29)—***because He knew that was also part of the plan.***

We already talked about God as the Father and Jesus Christ are two beings. We already read about They have a covenant between Them that They are keeping, because the plan of God has not been finished, yet.

This covenant now involves the first part is the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for the salvation of those who are God's.

Hebrews 12:22: "But you have come to Mount Zion, and to *the* city of *the* living God, heavenly Jerusalem; and to an innumerable company of angels, *to the* joyous festival gathering; and to *the* Church of *the* Firstborn... [because Jesus is the Firstborn, we are His Church] ...registered in *the* Book of Life in heaven; and to God, *the* Judge of all, and to *the* spirits of the just who have been perfected" (vs 22-23).

That's where we are coming to. We are coming to "...*the* joyous festival gathering..." It's going to be an amazing thing!

Verse 24: "And to Jesus, *the* Mediator of *the* New Covenant; and to sprinkling of *the* blood of *ratification*, proclaiming superior things than *that of* Abel."

It's the sprinkling of that blood. That blood ratified what they had agreed from the beginning. That is what God did. That's what the Father and Jesus Christ agreed from the beginning. That's what 'the Lord said to my Lord.' That's what happened. It's an amazing thing! And that's Who we're coming to.

We're coming to the Passover, and we're coming to that blood of Jesus Christ. God is inviting us into this covenant. We're going to talk about that later, because this is part of this whole thing. But the first point is that the sacrifice of Jesus Christ is the first aspect. It had to happen. He had to die.

Let's move on to the second part of this covenant, of these three major parts. Obviously, there's a lot more to this. But the second part that I want to talk about

## 2) The Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the Dead as the Promise of Eternal Life



That's part of the covenant. So, it's not only that one of Them was going to die, but that the other One was going to resurrect Him. That was the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead as promise of eternal life, as an example as an initiation of the birth of the children of God the Father.

Psa. 16—a prophecy here about Jesus. This is not only a Psalm of David, this is a secret treasure of David; *secret!* That's what we talked about; the secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him!

He will show them His covenant, that Everlasting Covenant that we read about. That blood of ratification is ratifying that that plan is going to get carried on.

That this is going to take place, And the first thing that had to happen was for Jesus to die and give His life for us, without having sinned at all and being the Perfect Example in His life.

Now, the second aspect is *the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead as the promise of eternal life!*

Psalm 16:7: "I will bless the LORD Who has given me counsel... [this is a secret treasure of David, the Lord has given Him counsel] ...my heart also instructs me in the nights."

To me it almost sounds like He instructs my heart in the night because He wasn't trusting himself, but God also instructs His heart in the night. And it says:

Verse 8: "I have set the LORD always before me. Because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved." *He knew who his God was!*

Then he prophesied, v 9: "Therefore, My heart is glad... [a prophecy by Jesus] ... and My glory rejoices; My flesh also shall rest in safety, for You will not abandon My soul to the grave...(vs 9-10).

Why? *Because they have this covenant from the beginning!* It's an amazing thing that they have this covenant. They had agreed what was going to happen. In hundreds of years, many hundreds of years before Jesus Christ even came on the earth, he said:

Verse 10: "For You will not abandon My soul to the grave; neither will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption"

That's exactly what happened. The Father, after three days and three nights, came and resurrected Jesus Christ.

Verse 11: "You will make known to Me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy. At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

That is the amazing thing! That is that secret of the Lord when He's showing His covenant, that He reveals it through these prophecies about Himself.

Now, more than 2,000 years after that, now we know it happened. It's true. God the Father kept His promise. He held His end of the bargain. He resurrected Jesus from the dead. He made Him sit at His right hand, and He gave him a name above all names, and there's so much more that we can say.

The apostles understood this, and they preached this. They were teaching the people the things that where we started, with the Pharisees, were like, 'How is David his son if he said the Lord said to my Lord?'

Well, Acts 2:29—and here Peter says: "Men and brethren, let me speak to you freely concerning the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn to him in an oath *that* from *the* fruit of his loins, as concerning *the* flesh, **He would raise up the Christ to sit upon his throne**; He foresaw *this* and spoke concerning the resurrection of Christ... [we just read about that] ... that **His soul was not left in the grave...** [tie in Psa. 16] ...**nor did his flesh see corruption**" (vs 29-31).

So, he's testifying, it's not only that Jesus was prophesied, it's not only that it happened, because it's in the Gospels, *it's that we understand it, and that He explained it, and He inspired Peter to say these words!* To say this, and it's amazing!

Verse 32: "This Jesus has God raised up... [God the Father] ...whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore, having been exalted by the right hand of God, and having received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father, He has poured out this that you are now seeing and hearing" (vs 32-33).

Pouring what? *His Holy Spirit to people that it would be in them like it had never been before this, not in this massive scale!*

A few select individuals did have it, David had it, He has got not to take it away from him, but it says this is what happened.

Then Peter explains, v 34, "For David has not ascended into the heavens, but he himself said, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand until I have made Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."'"

He's basically saying, okay, now we've read in Psalms the prophecy, we know in the Gospels, we didn't read it today, but we know in the Gospels that this took place, and now we see that the apostles were inspired to speak about that, and who it was, and why it happened, and it all has to do with this covenant, this second aspect, *the resurrection* of Jesus Christ from the dead as promise of eternal life.

Verse 36: "Therefore, let all *the* house of Israel know... [the ones that didn't know, those Pharisees and scribes] ...with full assurance that God has made this *same* Jesus, Whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

He was that Lord, "The Lord said to my Lord," and He is the Messiah, because that's what Christ means in the Hebrew for them. Lord and Christ, God and Savior, "...with full assurance..." This is something! Amazing!

Psa. 110 is where it is. It's amazing when we think about that covenant, and the fulfillment of that covenant, and everything that it implies between God the Father and Jesus Christ.

Not only the death of Jesus Christ, not only His life, His example, His death, **but the resurrection from the dead and what He is!**

Psalms 110:1: "The LORD said unto my Lord... [and it should be Jehovah or Yahweh twice, not Adonai] ...**'Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies as Your footstool.'**"

And then again, let's read v 4, which is what we read about in Hebrews:

Verse 4: "The LORD has sworn and will not repent..."

When did He swear that? *It doesn't tell us!* There are indications and there are things that talk about **the Everlasting Covenant He was laying before the foundation of the world!**

Verse 4: "The LORD has sworn and will not repent, **'You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.'**

*That is part of the promise!*

### 3) **Jesus Christ Would Reign on the Earth as King of kings and Lord of lords**

*So, these are three main aspects of the covenant:*

- He would die
- He would be resurrected, be raised as the Firstborn Son of God and sit at the Father's right hand
- the promise that Jesus Christ would reign on earth as King of kings and Lord of lords

Psa. 2—because this is what's happening right now. But this is also talking about that covenant.

Psalms 2:1: "Why do the nations rage and the people plot in vain?"

- that's what's happening right now
- that's the World Economic Forum
- that's all the elites
- that's what they're doing; they're raging
- the people are plotting in vain
- they're talking about:
  - ✓ artificial intelligence
  - ✓ robotics
  - ✓ transhumanism
  - ✓ post-humanism

***all of this stuff!***

Verse 2: "The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together... [that's what they were doing in Davos] ...against the LORD and against His Christ, saying:

We don't need them, we can do whatever we want. We can achieve immortality by ourselves. We have robots, technology, everything!

And yes, we are coming to that point as we read in Genesis. **'Nothing will be withheld from humanity.'**

"...the rulers take counsel together against the LORD and against His Christ, saying, 'Let us break Their bands asunder and cast away Their cords from us'" (vs 2-3).

- Who needs them?
- Who needs religion?
- Who needs God?
- Who needs an afterlife?
- We can create our own.

Verse 4: "He Who sits in the heavens laughs; the LORD scoffs at them"—**because it's nonsense!**

It's nonsense that we're going to "...cast away the cords..." **of the One Who made us in His very own image of God the Father and Jesus Christ!**

Verse 5: "Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and in His fury He terrifies them. **'Yea, I have set My King upon Zion, My Holy mountain. I will declare the decree of the LORD.'...**" (vs 5-7).

Who said that? **God the Father** about Jesus Christ!

*Then Jesus Christ is speaking:* "...He has said to Me... [this is Jesus speaking] ...**'You are My Son; this day I have begotten You'**" (v 7).

- it was prophesied
- it was part of that Everlasting Covenant.
- it was part of the agreement of what was going to happen

If Christ was slain from the foundation of the world, it was obviously planned that He would be born of a woman and live as a man.

But it says, and here it prophesies that the very day when Mary was impregnated by God the Father through the Holy Spirit, He says:

“...‘**You are My Son; this day I have begotten You.**’ Ask of Me, and I shall give the nations for Your inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for Your possession.: You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel” (vs 7-9). *That is prophesied: that has not happened, yet!*

Verse 10: “Now therefore, be wise, O kings; be admonished O judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear...” (vs 10-11).

Where we began; *the secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him!* He will show them His covenant.

“...and... [they will] ...rejoice with trembling” (v 11). *Trembling because it’s an amazing and powerful thing that we’re about to witness if we’re still here at the return of Christ.*

Verse 12: “Kiss the Son, lest He be angry and you perish in the way...”—*He’s going to be angry!*

We can read in Revelation about the ‘cups of the wrath of God.’

“...for His wrath can flame up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in Him” (v 12).

Those who come to Him, who are not thinking about ‘casting away their cords’ from them. *That’s what God wants! These are the promises!*

Heb. 1:8—more of these promises that Jesus Christ will reign on earth as King of kings and Lord of lords.

Hebrews 1:8: “But on the other hand, of the Son *He says*, ‘Your Throne, O God, is into the ages of eternity; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom. You loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; because of this, God, even Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness above Your companions’” (vs 8-9). *We know that’s talking about Christ.*

Verse 10: “And, ‘You, Lord, in the beginning did lay the foundation of the earth; and

the heavens are *the* works of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain *forever*; and *they* will all grow old like a garment, and You will roll them up like a covering...” (vs 10-12).

We know, because it says that everything is going to be burned away, burned up!

“...*they* will all grow old like a garment, and You will roll them up like a covering, and they shall be changed; but You are the same, and Your years will not end” (vs 11-12). *This is a promise!*

Dan. 2:44—where the promise is established clearly, very clearly. This is in the interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar’s dream. After he describes who is the head of gold, the chest and arms of silver, and then the bronze, the legs, and all of that, it says:

Daniel 2:44: “And in the days of these kings...”—*all the kings, all these kingdoms that have happened, all these empires throughout human history!*

“...the God of heaven shall set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed. And the Kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever” (v 44).

That’s how we know that *it hasn’t happened, yet! But it will happen!*

Psa. 45 is really what we were reading already in Hebrews. It’s really quoting from there, but let’s go direct to that to see a little bit more about this promise, this prophecy of the One Who is to come.

Psalm 45:1 *is a song of love*; “My heart overflows with a goodly matter; I speak of my works to the King; my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.” *It’s talking about Jesus Christ! Think about it.*

Verse 2: “You are more excellent than the children of men; grace is poured upon Your lips; therefore, God has blessed You forever.” *He’s a gracious God! A loving God!*

Verse 3: “Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O Mighty One... [He’s powerful, too] ... with Your glory and Your majesty. And ride victoriously in Your majesty in behalf of truth and meekness and righteousness; and let Your right hand teach You awesome things. Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the King’s enemies, whereby the people fall under You” (vs 3-5).

If we think about it, these are all prophecies. This is all talking about Jesus Christ and that promise that He would come and reign, that He will come and reign! *This has not yet happened!*

Verse 6: “Your Throne, O God, is forever

and ever; a scepter of justice is the scepter of Your Kingdom.”

Obviously, this encompasses the whole character of God. How amazing is this aspect of the covenant **that God the Father promised that Jesus will reign on the earth**, and He inspired it to be written from the Old Testament?

Verse 6: “Our Throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of justice is the scepter of Your Kingdom. You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore, God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness above Your fellows” (vs 6-7).

We read that; Paul understood that and he wrote it in Hebrews. That is what happened. That is the reality. That this is going to happen because of:

- that covenant
- that secret of the Lord

**that He will show us His covenant!**

In this third aspect, that Jesus Christ will reign. It’s amazing!

Revelation 19:11—*John writes*: “And I saw heaven open; and behold, a white horse; and He Who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness... [we saw that, the scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom] ...He does judge and make war.”

In righteousness, He judges and makes war because He’s righteous for Him to do this, because He paid the price. He overcame evil so that we could have a relationship with God the Father and with Him as our Lord and Master.

Verse 12: And His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on His head *were* many crowns; *and* He had a name written that no one knows except Him. And *He was* clothed with a garment dipped in blood...”(vs 12-13)

We think about the white garments of the saints, but His was dipped in blood, because He’s the blood avenger!

“...and **His name is The Word of God**” (v 13). *He was in the beginning with God and he was God* (John 1:1).

Verse 14: “And the armies in heaven were following Him on white horses; *and* they were clothed in fine linen, white and pure”—and that’s **us**, brethren!

That’s the Plan. That’s the amazing thing! *One of the amazing things about this covenant!* Not only that there would be a Savior and there would be a resurrection, **but there will be an everlasting**

**Kingdom under Jesus Christ!** That’s what it says!

Verse 15: “And out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He might smite the nations; and He shall shepherd them with an iron rod; and He treads the winepress of the fury and the wrath of the Almighty God.” *There’s a fury of the Almighty God, because:*

- they didn’t listen to His Son
- they still didn’t repent
- even with the plagues that He poured out on the earth
- even with the great signs and wonders
- even with the heaven’s rolling back as a scroll

**God the Father has fury!** He’s going to come! He’s going to execute judgment through His Son.

Verse 15: “And out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He might smite the nations; and He shall shepherd them with an iron rod; and He treads the winepress of the fury and the wrath of the Almighty God.”

**That is the third aspect of this covenant!**

Next time we’ll talk about *the rest of the story*. We talked about the covenant, **this secret of the Lord and this covenant that They are showing us**.

But the next time we’re going to talk about what They want for us and how They invite us into this covenant that was established before the foundation of the Earth, of this agreement between God the Father and Jesus Christ.

Today we have seen that. We have seen how God the Father and Jesus Christ are two beings in the Godhead, that They have a covenant between Them that They are keeping it and are not done, yet.

We have seen these three main aspects of the covenant:

- 1) the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for the salvation of everybody who repents and comes to God
- 2) the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead as the promise of eternal life for all who believe in Him
- 3) that the promise that Christ will come and He will reign on the earth as King of kings and Lord of lords

**This is God showing us His Covenant!**

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