Unlocking The Mystery

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INTRODUCTION

- He who lacks these qualities is blind and short-sighted, having forgotten the purification of his former sins.
- Redemption speaks of the reclaiming of something or the repossessing of something that was lost. Something valuable, usually through a purchase.
- I'm going to give you as much as I can the Cliff's Notes version of the Bible story. I want to help you to unlock the mystery.

1 Enmity, Blessing and the Schoolmaster

Genesis 3:15; Genesis 12; Exodus 24:10–11

- I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed. He shall bruise you on the head and you shall bruise him on the heel.
- This conflict between good and evil, the forces of Satan against the forces of righteousness. But ultimately, righteousness wins.
- Through your seed shall all the descendants of the earth be blessed. And I want you to focus on that word. Because the Bible is a story about blessedness.
- And they saw the God of Israel. And under his feet there appeared to be a pavement of sapphire as clear as the sky itself.

2 An Everlasting Throne, a New Covenant, an Enduring Kingdom

2 Samuel 7:12–13; Jeremiah 31:31–34; Daniel 2:44–45

- But not only is it Solomon, it is Jesus. An ultimate descendant of David who would set upon the throne of David perpetually.
- A new covenant is going to follow, where God would write his laws upon their hearts and upon their minds.
- God was going to establish his kingdom that would crush the others, and it would be an everlasting kingdom.

3 What These Texts Mean to the Redeemed

Matthew 5

- Sin that has alienated us from God has been removed by a tremendous and great sacrifice that God took thousands of years to prepare.
- The likes of you and me sinners can come into the presence of a holy God. And that's awesome.
- We have been shown the way to blessedness.

- And it's not circumstance dependent. It's not dependent upon everything in my life going exactly like I would want it to.

4 A Better Covenant and a High Priest

Ephesians 4

- It's a better covenant and acted upon better promises.
- The Christian has help and assistance at a moment's notice. We have relationship with a high priest.
- That's what it means that Jesus is sitting on David's throne. Everlasting king and priest who comes to the aid of his people.
- It's about changing who we are from the inside out.

5 An Enduring Kingdom and the Way of the Cross

Daniel 2; Revelation 21; Philippians 2:9

- Kingdoms of this world come and go, but Jesus' kingdom's still here.
- We're a part of something that can't be vanquished by any power in this world. Because our Savior is most powerful of all.
- And what about his suffering? Well, that explains our purpose. The way of the cross leads home.
- This portrait of Jesus on the cross is not just to be admired and appreciated. It is an example for us to follow and imitate in our lives.

6 How Do I Enter This Glorious Kingdom?

Colossians 1:12–14; Colossians 2:9–14

- We are those upon whom the ends of the ages have come.
- He delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption.
- Having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with him through faith in the working of God who raised him from the dead.
- Having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us and which was hostile to us, and he has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

THE CHALLENGE

Is there someone in this audience this morning who has not accessed what this whole story is really all about? Have you been buried with him in baptism and raised up with him?

MY NOTES