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God Is Just

I often wondered why it took so long for Jesus to come as the Lamb of God. Why did it take four thousand years for Him to be born into the human race? Why wasn't the story that Adam and Eve sinned, and their firstborn child was Jesus? Why couldn't He just wave His hand and fix everything, or why would He even allow Satan to exist at all? These questions are all answered in the scripture, Malachi 3:6: *"For I am the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob."*

Even though His creation can change, God cannot change. Even though Adam chose to sin, God was unable to become unrighteous to bring Himself to a fallen mankind. He is bound by who He is; therefore, His only answer was to bring mankind back to Himself. He had to legally accomplish the impossible task of birthing Jesus into the human race. For God to birth an impossible child into the world, He first needed a man to do the same.

He stood behind Adam, looked into the future, and traced the lineage of man. Finally, He found a man who would be willing to believe and trust God in Abraham. As it says in Genesis 15:6, *"And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness."* It was only after it became impossible for Abraham to have children that God said, "Now have a son." This was necessary so that it would legally allow God to do the same with Jesus.

After the miracle birth of Isaac, God asked Abraham to take his son, now much older, up a mountain. Genesis 22:9: *"Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood."* God needed Abraham to be willing to sacrifice his son so that God could legally do the same with His.

Isaac willingly obeyed his father and yielded his life into his hands. Isaac wasn't forced to lie down on the altar; he chose to do so of his own free will. This was more than a foreshadowing of Christ and more than being a type of Christ. This action of a son's willing obedience legally allowed Jesus to do the same action for us. In fact, many scholars say that this location is the same area where Jesus died on the cross.

It was after this act that God speaks over Abraham about you and me and said: *"By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son— blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. In your seed all the nations of the Earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."* Genesis 22:16–18

The descendants mentioned here are not talking about Israel but are talking about every person who was born again. God could not change Himself to accept mankind as a fallen race. He could not wave His hand and fix everything as God, because He is bound by Himself. There is no shadow of turning in Him, allowing Him to accept darkness and sin. He is only righteous, and He is only love, and He is only just.

He had to legally find a way to create a new species, a new family called the children of God, with Jesus becoming the firstborn as He was raised from death to life, allowing us to also be raised from death to

life. I was asked one time, "Why is it that God sends people to hell?" My answer was "He doesn't." He is a judge and will tell you where you are going, but He is not the one who sends you to hell. It was Adam's sin that sent the entire human race down a road that leads to hell, and God has been doing everything possible and impossible to rescue us ever since.

We did not find God; He pursued us and moved mountains so we could see Him and love Him. The work of Christ isn't done yet—not until death is swallowed up and conquered. Jesus has yet to conquer the nations and to be established as the King of kings, which will be accomplished during the millennium. Then the final Adam will take His kingdom, which He legally purchased from the first Adam and conquered from Satan, and give it to His Father.

1 Corinthians 15:24–26: *"Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be destroyed is death."* Then the end comes to this universe, Earth, and mankind. In that moment, everything that was given to Adam will be born again, and we who remain with Him will spend forever in the new righteous universe and new Earth; always and forever walking in Him, completely of Jesus, the final Adam. There will be nothing left of the first Adam; it will be destroyed. Even the original Adam, who caused this whole mess, will be with us, but he too will be completely of Christ, as we will be.

You and I are a part of an amazing plan and mission to save the world. God hasn't left you out and isn't going to move on from you. Whatever your struggles and imperfections may be, He has included you in His vast, beautiful plan to touch our generation. Before the Earth was created, He saw you and knew that you would see His light and come into Him. He pursued you and has placed you into His design for this time. Rise up, seek His face, and allow the Helper, the Holy Spirit, to pray the perfect will through you. What an adventure!

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