

CHART: MYSTERY OF HIS WILL

A LESSON FOR THE AGES

1. The Mystery of His Will

- a. Eph 1:9-10 - 'fullness of times' vs. beginning - 'in one all things... in him'
 - i. *"both"* - things which are in heaven + things which are on earth
 - ii. Col 1:16 - "things created... in heaven ... in earth"
 - iii. Eph 1:19-23 - raised to heavenly places ... above all things..
 - iv. His purpose concerns the redemption of all things.
- b. In Christ -
 - i. Rom 3:24 - justified freely by his grace through the redemption in Christ
 - ii. Eph 1:13 - In whom ye were sealed after ye believed the gospel ye heard
 - iii. Col 1:20 - he reconciled all things unto himself - 2 Cor 5:17-18
- c. Was a Mystery
 - i. 2 Tim 1:9-10 - his purpose and grace ... before the world began, but now...
 - ii. 1 Cor 2:7-8 - "ordained before the world" concerning the cross
 - iii. Rom 16:25 - the rev of the mystery kept secret

2. His Will Already Known

- a. *Acts 3:18-21* - "things he shewed... since the world began"
 - i. Christ fulfilled what the prophets said about his suffering - Acts 3:18
 - ii. 'Moses truly said' - Acts 3:22
 - iii. 'ye are the children of the prophets... covenant' - Acts 3:25
- b. God had given Adam dominion: separated Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Israel
 - i. The law was given for blessing and atonement to/through Israel
 - ii. Israel failed to reap the blessing through the law
 - iii. Christ would come to redeem Israel and give a new covenant - Luke 1:68-70
- c. His will concerned a dominion on earth - through one nation - by his law.
- d. But now the mystery concerns all things (+heaven), one body, by his grace.

3. Why It Matters

- a. Eph 5:17 - "be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is"
- b. If we are looking for what is to be fulfilled, we are not looking at what is revealed
- c. If we don't understand his will for the ages, we won't understand his silence/peace
- d. If we don't see the operation of God by his grace, we will mess salvation
- e. Christ, dominion, powers, thrones not mystery, but how all things would be in Christ