

The following is the fifth installment in a continuation of Jon's sermons on the Passover/Our Lord's Supper.

JESUS IS THE FULFILLMENT OF ALL THINGS

A. God's firstborn, Israel, could not fulfill the Law and thus could not please a Holy Father.

1. Jeremiah 2:7 I brought you into the fruitful land to eat its fruit and its good things. But you came and defiled My land, and My inheritance you made an abomination.

2. Psalm 106:7-48 Our fathers in Egypt did not understand Your wonders; they did not remember Your abundant kindnesses, but rebelled by the sea, at the Red Sea. Nevertheless He saved them for the sake of His name, that He might make His power known. Thus He rebuked the Red Sea and it dried up, and He led them through the deeps, as through the wilderness. So He saved them from the hand of the one who hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy. The waters covered their adversaries; not one of them was left. Then they believed His words; they sang His praise. They quickly forgot His works; they did not wait for His counsel, but craved intensely in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert. So He gave them their request, but sent a wasting disease among them. When they became envious of Moses in the camp, and of Aaron, the holy one of the LORD, the earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and engulfed the company of Abiram. And a fire blazed up in their company; the flame consumed the wicked. They made a calf in Horeb and worshiped a molten image. Thus they exchanged their glory for the image of an ox that eats grass. They forgot God their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt, wonders in the land of Ham and awesome things by the Red Sea. Therefore He said that He would destroy them, had not Moses His chosen one stood in the breach before Him, to turn away His wrath from destroying them. Then they despised the pleasant land; they did not believe in His word, but grumbled in their tents; they did not listen to the voice of the LORD. Therefore He swore to them that He would cast them down in the wilderness, and that He would cast their seed among the nations and scatter them in the lands. They joined themselves also to Baal-peor, and ate sacrifices offered to the dead. Thus they provoked Him to anger with their deeds, and the plague broke out among them. Then Phinehas stood up and interposed, and so the plague was stayed. And it was reckoned to him for righteousness, to all generations forever. They also provoked Him to wrath at the waters of Meribah, so that it went hard with Moses on their account; because they were rebellious against His Spirit, he spoke rashly with his lips. They did not destroy the peoples, as the LORD commanded them, but they mingled with the nations and learned their practices, and served their idols, which became a snare to them. They even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the demons, and shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and their daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; and the land was

polluted with blood. Thus they became unclean in their practices, and played the harlot in their deeds. Therefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against His people and He abhorred His inheritance. Then He gave them into the hand of the nations, and those who hated them ruled over them. Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were subdued under their power. Many times He would deliver them; they, however, were rebellious in their counsel, and so sank down in their iniquity. Nevertheless He looked upon their distress when He heard their cry; and He remembered His covenant for their sake, and relented according to the greatness of His lovingkindness. He also made them objects of compassion in the presence of all their captors. Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the nations, to give thanks to Your holy name and glory in Your praise. Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting even to everlasting. And let all the people say, Amen. Praise the LORD!

a. God remembered! We forget, but God never forgets because He is faithful!

b. How God must grieve as He looks at us today as we, too, exchange the glory of God for an ox. This is not just talking about an animal but represents the gods we exchange for the one and only true God—shiny cars, large homes, professions, friends, popularity, comfort— We have lost a godly nation because of our preference for luxury, comfort, and entertainment. We have forsaken our God for ourselves. Yes, we who call ourselves Christians, who confess to love God, are traveling on the same path as the Israelites. So let us seriously consider the choices they made and the consequences that occurred because of those choices. They lost their land and their liberty and went back into slavery. Are we going to follow the ox that eats grass or the one and only true God? Fathers, what kind of foundation are you laying? Is your desire to follow God? Let us emulate the Puritans who dedicated themselves to reforming their own lives, their families, their churches, their workplaces, their community, their civil government, and in consequence the world according to God's Word. They passionately committed themselves to follow God sacrificially in every area of their lives, but to do this they first had to become Christian scholars. If we do not study God's Word—diligently study God's Word—our lives are no different than the unbeliever. Puritan Henry Smith says, We should set the Word of God always before us, like a rule, and believe nothing but that which it teacheth, love nothing but that which it prescribeth, hate nothing but that which it forbiddeth, do nothing but that which it commandeth. Cotton Mather so rightly states, Ignorance is the mother of heresy. So fathers, let me be frank, unless you are diligently studying the Word of God and building your home on this foundation of sacred scriptures, you, too, are sacrificing your children to Baal.

1. Colossians 1:21 And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds.

2. Ephesians 4:22-24 In reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of

God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth. **3**

1 Corinthians 2:16 For who has known the mind of the LORD, that he will instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 The weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.

3 John 8:31-47 So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. They answered Him, We are Abraham's descendants and have never yet been enslaved to anyone; how is it that You say, You will become free? Jesus answered them, Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. I know that you are Abraham's descendants; yet you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. I speak the things which I have seen with My Father; therefore you also do the things which you heard from your father. They answered and said to Him, Abraham is our father. Jesus said to them, If you are Abraham's children, do the deeds of Abraham. But as it is, you are seeking to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth, which I heard from God; this Abraham did not do. You are doing the deeds of your father. They said to Him, We were not born of fornication; we have one Father: God. Jesus said to them, If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and have come from God, for I have not even come on My own initiative, but He sent Me. Why do you not understand what I am saying? It is because you cannot hear My word. You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies. But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me. Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I speak truth, why do you not believe Me? He who is of God hears the words of God; for this reason you do not hear them, because you are not of God.

4 Proverbs 22:17-21 Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise, and apply your mind to my knowledge; for it will be pleasant if you keep them within you, that they may be ready on your lips. So that your trust may be in the LORD, I have taught you today, even you. Have I not written to you excellent things of counsels and knowledge, to make you know the certainty of the words of truth that you may correctly answer him who sent

you?

7. Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

8. Proverbs 9:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

9. 2 Timothy 3:16,17 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

10. Deuteronomy 13:14 Then you shall investigate and search out and inquire thoroughly

11. 1 Timothy 6:20 O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, avoiding worldly and empty chatter and the opposing arguments of what is falsely called knowledge.

12. Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

c. Knowledge is to think God's thoughts after Him. Our purpose is to glorify God and to fulfill our mandate to take dominion as covenant keepers.

1. 2 Corinthians 10:5 We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.

2. Genesis 1:26 Then God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the

sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.

3. Psalm 115:16 The heavens are the heavens of the LORD, but the earth He has given to the sons of men.

4. Psalm 8:4-9 What is man that You take thought of him, and the son of man that You care for him? Yet You have made him a little lower than God, and You crown him with glory and majesty!

You make him to rule over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens and the fish of the sea, whatever passes through the paths of the seas. O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

5. Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

d. Appallingly, the vast majority of churches in America have left the ancient path, consequently blending in with the world instead of being a light upon a hill, traveling, as it were, the same path as Israel. Wake up! Wake up! Men, wake up! We cannot change our nation but by changing ourselves, one man at a time, one family at a time. But let us also remember that Israel was not capable of fulfilling the Law, nor are we apart from God for Jesus was the fulfillment of the Law, and only through the indwelling of His Spirit can we walk victoriously. So unless we are born again, we cannot please God. Examine your hearts and fervently pray for reformation without tarry! The Puritans did not send their children to the mission field; they looked to reform their own hearts right at home and then in their church and then in their workplace and then in their community. Sadly, today, the love for the world is spreading thru Baal.

e. Fathers, let us not exemplify Hezekiah's selfish complacency, who responded to the consequence of his sin with Well, I don't have to worry about that because it is not going to happen in my lifetime.

1. 2 Kings 20:12-19 At that time Berodach-baladan a son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he heard that Hezekiah had been sick. Hezekiah listened to them, and

showed them all his treasure house, the silver and the gold and the spices and the precious oil and the house of his armor and all that was found in his treasuries. There was nothing in his house nor in all his dominion that Hezekiah did not show them. Then Isaiah the prophet came to King Hezekiah and said to him, ♦What did these men say, and from where have they come to you?♦ And Hezekiah said, ♦They have come from a far country, from Babylon.♦ He said, ♦What have they seen in your house?♦ So Hezekiah answered, ♦They have seen all that is in my house; there is nothing among my treasuries that I have not shown them.♦ Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, ♦Hear the word of the LORD. ♦Behold, the days are coming when all that is in your house, and all that your fathers have laid up in store to this day will be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left,♦ says the LORD. Some of your sons who shall issue from you, whom you will beget, will be taken away; and they will become officials in the palace of the king of Babylon.♦ Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, ♦The word of the LORD which you have spoken is good.♦ For he thought, ♦Is it not so, if there will be peace and truth in my days?♦♦

2.

Deuteronomy 4:25,26 ♦When you become the father of children and children♦s children and have remained long in the land, and act corruptly, and make an idol in the form of anything, and do that which is evil in the sight of the LORD your God so as to provoke Him to anger, I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that you will surely perish quickly from the land where you are going over the Jordan to possess it. You shall not live long on it, but will be utterly destroyed.♦

f.

I want to be like Abraham who looked for God♦s blessings for his children♦s children, knowing that through his descendants God was making a great nation, and through him all the families of the earth would be blessed. When I look down at my children, I want to know that my children remember God♦s goodness and faithfully fulfill His will through the power of His Holy Spirit. Fathers, do you possess this multigenerational vision? And, if so, are you ordering your lives accordingly? We must learn to live sacrificially! ♦

B.

God♦s firstborn Son, Jesus Christ, fulfilled the Law and was pleasing to His Holy Father, for Jesus is the fulfillment of all things!♦

1.

Matthew 5:17-18 ♦Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.♦

2.

Mark 1:14,15 ♦Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, ♦The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and

believe in the gospel.

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Romans 8:1-8 Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so, and those who are in the flesh cannot please

God.

a. This scripture is such an important one to impress upon our children. Before God places His Spirit in us, every one of us is not only hostile toward God but also totally unable to subject ourselves to the law of God. Neither we nor the Israelites could ever please God, yet God does not leave us in that despairing position but provides a solution to our dilemma by placing His beloved Son in each of His own His beloved Son in whom He is well-pleased. The requirement of the Law is fulfilled in us because Jesus turns our heart of stone into flesh and writes His laws upon our heart so that we not only desire to do His will but also are enabled to do so through the power of His Holy Spirit. Does that mean that we are perfect? Absolutely not, but our lives become devoted to God in such a marvelous way that we desire to be obedient and strive to be obedient and continually walk in a spirit of repentance. And praise God, through His generous gift of grace, there is now no condemnation for all those who are in Christ Jesus. Is your mind and heart set on the Spirit? If not, beseech the Lord to put His Spirit in you so that you may be set free from sin and death.

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b.

Mark 1:9-11 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Immediately coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opening, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him; and a voice came out of the heavens: You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased.

3.

1. The vast majority of mankind in their ignorance and arrogance believes that they are going to heaven because of their innate goodness. How foolishly deceived we are to think that we are good and that God will receive us based on our goodness. Remember, it is not in you I am well-pleased, but in You I am well-pleased. It is because of His Son in us, not because of who we are when we are born of the flesh, but who we are when we are born again of the Spirit.

A.

Romans 1:18,21 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in

unrighteousness. For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

B. John 3:5,6 Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

C. Jesus was ordained before the foundation of the world and came to fulfill the everlasting covenant. All things were created by Him and for Him and through Him for His glory and pleasure. Jesus is the fulfillment of all things (prophesized, typified, prefigured, and fulfilled on every page of scripture) in truth, in every word for He is the Word the very flesh and soul of it.

1. John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

2. Acts 15:18 KJV Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

a. From the beginning, God knows all His works! It is not that God changes; He is immutable! Things change because of the corruption of sin, but God never does. Men lie, they change their minds, they often say things that they do not mean and make promises they cannot keep, but we know that if God says it in His scripture, we can count on it. What a tremendous comfort to know that everything that God says is true. He never changes His mind. He always says what He means and keeps every promise.

3. Ephesians 3:9-11 KJV And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

4. Colossians 1:16,17 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities all things have

been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. ♦

5. John 6:62 ♦What then if you see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before? ♦

6. John 3:13 ♦No one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man. ♦

7. Ephesians 3:11 ♦This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord. ♦

8. 2 Corinthians 1:20-22 ♦For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes; therefore also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us. Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge. ♦

9. Romans 11:36 ♦For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen. ♦

10. Philippians 1:11 ♦Having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. ♦

11. Philippians 2:11 ♦And that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ♦

12. Ephesians 1:9-12 ♦He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him with a view in an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory. ♦

13. John 13:31 ♦Therefore when he [Judas] had gone out, Jesus said,

done no violence, nor was there any deceit in His mouth. But the LORD was pleased to crush Him, putting Him to grief; if He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, and the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand. As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be satisfied; by His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, as He will bear their iniquities. Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, and He will divide the booty with the strong; because He poured out Himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet He Himself bore the sin of many, and interceded for the transgressors.

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a. How can we read scriptures and walk as if there is no God? How can we read scripture and not tremble at His Word?

2.

John the Baptist rightly presented the Lamb of God to the world. John 1:29,35,36 The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as He walked, and said, Behold, the Lamb of God!

3.

Acts 17:2,3 And according to Paul's custom, he went to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and giving evidence that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead and saying, This Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you is the Christ.

4.

Acts 3:18 But the things which God announced beforehand by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled.

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God has fulfilled what He said would come to pass.

5.

Acts 8:32 Now the passage of Scripture which he was reading was this: He was led as a sheep to slaughter; and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so He does not open His mouth.

Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins. **3**

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Peter 1:20,21 **1** For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. **1**

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a. **1** God spoke. He declared it, and it came to pass! **1**

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Acts 2:22-28 **1** Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know **1** this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death. But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power. For David says of Him, **1** I saw the Lord always in my presence; for He is at my right hand, so that I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart was glad and my tongue exulted; moreover my flesh also will live in hope; because You will not abandon my soul to Hades, nor allow Your Holy One to undergo decay. You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of gladness with Your presence. **1**

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a. **1**

1 What a blessing to know that God will not abandon our soul to Hades, for it is impossible for His children to be held in the power of sin and death. Praise God! **1**

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b. **1**

1 But let us be certain of our calling that we walk in the power of His Spirit so that we are setting a righteous example for our children. What is your life displaying? Is it showing your children how to live a life of sin or how to be like Christ? For we are training our children to be obedient or disobedient to God in the way we train them to be obedient or disobedient to us. Remember Christ followed His Father implicitly in everything **1** even to the point of death. **1**

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1 Psalm 110:3 KJV **1** Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power **1**

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6. Hebrews 2:13 Behold, I and the children whom God has given Me.

7. Hebrews 2:17 Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

8. John 11:51,52 Now he did not say this on his own initiative, but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but in order that He might also gather together into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.

a. This is such a hope for us! Their intent was evil, yet God's plan went forward His will was done.

9. Galatians 4:6 Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba! Father!

a. Does your spirit cry, Abba! Father? Do you grieve because of the sins in your heart? Do you grieve because of the sins in your children's hearts? What kind of parent are you?