



“God Knew Then What We Didn’t Know”

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“Working hard and still not measuring up!”

⁹ Well then, should we conclude that we Jews are better than others? No, not at all, for we have already shown that all people, whether Jews or Gentiles, are under the power of sin. ¹⁰ As the Scriptures say, “No one is righteous—not even one. ¹¹ No one is truly wise; no one is seeking God. ¹² All have turned away; all have become useless. No one does good, not a single one.” ¹³ “Their talk is foul, like the stench from an open grave. Their tongues are filled with lies.” “Snake venom drips from their lips.” ¹⁴ “Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness.” ¹⁵ “They rush to commit murder. ¹⁶ Destruction and misery always follow them. ¹⁷ They don’t know where to find peace.” ¹⁸ “They have no fear of God at all.” ¹⁹ Obviously, the law applies to those to whom it was given, for its purpose is to keep people from having excuses, and to show that the entire world is guilty before God. ²⁰ For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are. ²¹ But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. ²² We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. ²³ For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.

Romans 3:9–23 (NLT)

- All the **animal sacrifices** and **grain offerings** were unable to meet God’s required moral standard!
- Our standard of **RIGHTEOUSNESS** continually **clashes and falls short** of God’s standard!

Question: What can we do? **Cry out for some HELP!!!**

God HAD/HAS A Plan!

⁷ *The end of the world is coming soon. Therefore, be earnest and disciplined in your prayers. ⁸ Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.*

1 Peter 4:7–8 (NLT)

- ✓ God’s plan ...has always been to **fulfill ALL his promises**, sparing no cost!
- ✓ **God’s plan** ...has been to **make us one with himself**, as it was in the beginning!
- ✓ **God knew** ...what it would take **to make us right with him**, and he was willing to give us his son!

¹³ *Then Isaiah said, “Listen well, you royal family of David! Isn’t it enough to exhaust human patience? Must you exhaust the patience of my God as well?*

¹⁴ *All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means ‘God is with us’).*

Isaiah 7:13–14 (NLT)

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