

LINCOLN COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

SERMON OUTLINE

May 13th, 2018

Colossians 1:26-27

- **RECAP:** Last week, we discussed the fact that God's will was a "mystery" to those previous to the advent of Christ. What does that mean?
- **"The mystery hidden for age and generations,"**
 - **Thesis:** God did reveal the Gospel in the Old Testament, and all the principles needed for salvation, but He deliberately was silent in the Old Testament about the exact time, method, and particulars of Christ's coming.
- New Testament Statements:
 - **Matt. 13:10-17**
 - **Romans 16:25-26**
 - **Ephesians 3:1-6**
- Old Testament Principles:
 - Repentance existed in the OT;
 - When we think of Old Testament forgiveness, we think that God only extended forgiveness after you sacrificed animals, or otherwise fulfill the requirement of the law. But God never intended the sacrificial system to REPLACE repentance. Instead, repentance was ALWAYS supposed to be part of your sacrifice, and before your sacrifice.
 - **Hosea 6:6**
 - **Psalm 60:6-8**
 - **Psalm 50:7-23**
 - Salvation existed in the OT;
 - **Genesis 3:15**
 - **Isaiah 53:1-6**
 - The Holy Spirit existed in the OT;
 - Specific purposes; **Exodus 31:1-3**
 - Filling and removing; **1st Sam. 16:13-14**
- **Why? Why would God not simply just write on the wall: This is how it's going to happen?**
 - Ultimately, for His glory.
 - Speculatively, human beings struggle with future events.
- **Application: We can trust that God saves and functions in the past as well as now, and in the future, according to His kindness toward us. It may not make sense to us always, but God wisely deals with fallible humans, in time, according to His grace.**