God Knew

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**Foundational Scripture:** Eph. 1:3-4

**Intro**:

* The Bible presents God, the creator and sustainer of all, as one who is omniscient. This is a quality that is absolutely exclusive to Him. He knows all things. There is nothing under heaven, nothing on earth and nothing under the earth that He doesn’t know about with respect to His expansive, unlimited, eternal knowledge. God’s omniscience is considered to be one of His greatest attributes not only because of His of the ability of knowing the future in its intricate details but also connecting it to the intricate details of the past and present. There are countless examples in the scriptures that we can turn to observe these connections but only one truly manifests the incredible extent of God’s all-knowing nature.

1. **The Plan of Salvation Fulfilled in Jesus**
   1. The biblical narrative paints a picture of God reconciling man back to Himself because of what happened in the Garden (Gen. 3). This plan, this concerted effort to reconcile man and His creator was firmly established by God with a specific pathway in mind.
   2. This pathway would be through Jesus, His only begotten Son (Eph. 1:3-4). God knew from the very beginning that it would be Jesus all along who would bring man back to state where everything was good.
   3. Numerous OT passages demonstrate the idea that someone would come and solve the problem of sin but not only that, they paint a picture of a God who knew that His Son, His only Son would be the one to do this very thing (Gen. 3:15; 22:1-18; 2 Sam. 7:8-16; Isa. 9:6-7; Ezek. 34:23-24; 37:24; Hos. 3:5; Mic. 5:2-4).
   4. As you read through the OT, one gets the picture that God intends to save, He intends to bless, He intends to solve the problem of sin. But the problem with this picture is that it begins to get seemingly tainted as you go from page to page in the OT.
   5. In Genesis, when God makes the promises to Abraham, promises for blessing, reconciliation and salvation, Abraham puts the promises in Jeopardy by making some foolish decisions (Gen. 12:10-20; 20:1-18). This idea of the people putting this plan of salvation in jeopardy continues throughout the OT.
   6. But despite all these things, God ensured that the plan of salvation and reconciliation was existent. The very people God was seeking to save repeatedly jeopardized the plan but He found away. One could easily look at the OT and come to the conclusion that God had plenty of excuses to abandon His plan altogether.
   7. If I was even given one opportunity, a way out of not having to sacrifice my son, my only son, I would take that way out. But God didn’t do that. He looked for every reason to ensure the plan was safe. He looked for every reason to offer His Son.
   8. When the people languished in Babylon for 70 years He ensured a remnant would come back. When they came back and their enemies did everything to prevent them from succeeding, God helped them. When the child was born and Herod sought to kill Him, God made sure He was protected.
   9. Every time it looked like the plan was bleak and that God had a way out, He found another way. There was nothing that would stop Him or could stop Him even though he knew it would be Jesus.

**Conclusion:** The greatest manifestation of God’s omniscience in the bible is seen the plan of salvation fulfilled in Christ (Eph. 1:3-4). That God knew from the beginning that Jesus would die and that He would find every which way to ensure it was executed to perfection not only manifests His omniscience but it also illustrates His love for us. This masterpiece of love shows us all how terrible sin is that God would go to such lengths to send Jesus, to allow Jesus to die for us despite everything that happened. Sin is so vile, so disgusting and so detrimental to our well-being that even though God had all the outs, He ensured that it would take place. If you have sin in your life, know that God purposed Christ’s death so that you can be saved.