## **HOW THE SCRIPTURES TESTIFY OF JESUS CHRIST!**

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All the Scriptures from <u>Genesis</u> right through to <u>Revelation</u> testify of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the focus of all the Bible writers as being the Divine person whom the Godhead has chosen to directly communicate with mankind after sin entered the world.

(In the following New Testament passages the term "the scriptures" applies to what we today traditionally call "the Old Testament" writings.)

Jesus has left us in no doubt that the Scriptures testify or witness concerning him.
 John 5:39: - "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."

He told the Jews who rejected him, that Moses wrote of him. John 5:46: - "For had ye believed **Moses**, ye would have believed me: **for he wrote of me.**"

Jesus after his resurrection from the dead founded his disciple's faith as being the true Christ, by showing them that he had fulfilled the prophecies of the Scriptures, concerning the prophesied Messiah.
 <u>Luke 24:25 - 27: - "Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself."</u>

<u>Luke 24:44 - 46: -</u> "And he said unto them, These [are] the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and [in] the prophets, and [in] the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, and said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day."

- The apostle Paul preached from the Scriptures concerning Jesus being the fulfillment of the prophecies relating to the Christ of Bible prophesy.
  - Acts 17:1 3: "Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews: And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures, opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ."

<u>Acts 28:23: -</u> "And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into [his] lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, **persuading them concerning Jesus**, **both out of the law of Moses**, **and [out of] the prophets**, **from morning till evening**."

- The gospel worker Apollos proved Jesus to be the Christ from the Scriptures.
   Acts 18:28: "For he mightily convinced the Jews, [and that] publicly, showing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ."
- The prophets of old testified concerning the sufferings and future glory of Christ in their writings.
  1 Peter 1:10 & 11: "Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace [that should come] unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow."

## JESUS FULFILLED BIBLE PROPHECY: -

With many of the world's religions a so called "greater master" or "guru" has arisen out of the blue, without any predictive prophecies concerning their rising, so that people are left without any objective standard by which to verify if they have been sent by God or not. But Christianity is totally different, because the writers of the Scriptures many hundreds of years before the 1st Advent of Jesus, gave many detailed prophecies concerning the coming Messiah, which Jesus fulfilled in his life, death and resurrection. This gives any honest person an objective basis to assess Jesus' claims to being the true Christ who was sent by God.

BIBLE PROPHECY	FULFILLED IN CHRIST.
Genesis 49:8 - 10: - "Judah, thou [art he] whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand [shall be] in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee. Judah [is] a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him [shall] the gathering of the people [be]."	Hebrews 7:14: - "For [it is] evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood."
Isaiah 7:14: - "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."	Matthew 1:18, 22 & 23: - "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."
Micah 5:2: - "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, [though] thou be little among the thousands of Judah, [yet] out of	Matthew 2:1: - "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king,

thee shall he come forth unto me [that is] to be ruler in behold, there came wise men from the east to Israel; whose goings forth [have been] from of old, from Jerusalem." everlasting." Hosea 11:1: - "When Israel [was] a child, then I loved Matthew 2:13 - 15: - "And when they were departed, him, and called my son out of Egypt." behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son." Jeremiah 31:15: - "Thus saith the LORD; A voice was Matthew 2:16 - 18: - "Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and heard in Ramah, lamentation, [and] bitter weeping; Rahel weeping for her children refused to be comforted sent forth, and slew all the children that were in for her children, because they [were] not." Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping [for] her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not."

<u>Isaiah 40:3:</u> "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

Malachi 3:1: - "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts."

<u>Isaiah 61:1 & 2: -</u> "The spirit of the Lord GOD [is] upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to [them that are] bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn."

Mark 1:1 - 4: - "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins."

<u>Luke 4:16 - 21: -</u> "And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, **The Spirit of the Lord [is] upon me, because he hath anointed me** 

to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord. And he closed the book, and he gave [it] again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears." Isaiah 9:1 & 2: - "Nevertheless the dimness [shall] not Matthew 4:12 - 16: - "Now when Jesus had heard that [be] such as [was] in her vexation, when at the first he John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee; And lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, Naphtali, and afterward did more grievously afflict [her which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of by] the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the Zabulon and Nephthalim: That it might be fulfilled nations. The people that walked in darkness have seen which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, [by] the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of death, upon them hath the light shined." the Gentiles; The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up." Isaiah 53:4: - "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and Matthew 8:16 & 17: - "When the even was come, they carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: smitten of God, and afflicted." and he cast out the spirits with [his] word, and healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare [our] sicknesses." <u>Isaiah 42:1 - 3: -</u> "Behold my servant, whom I uphold; Matthew 12:15 - 21: - "But when Jesus knew [it], he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes mine elect, [in whom] my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the followed him, and he healed them all; And charged them Gentiles. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice that they should not make him known: That it might be to be heard in the street. A bruised reed shall he not fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, break, and the smoking flax shall he not guench: he saying, Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; shall bring forth judgment unto truth." my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall show judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets. A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory. And in his name shall the Gentiles trust." Psalms 78:2: - "I will open my mouth in a parable: I will Matthew 13:34 & 35: - "All these things spake Jesus utter dark sayings of old:" unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable

	spake he not unto them: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world."
Zechariah 9:9: - "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he [is] just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass."	John 12:12 - 15: - "On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed [is] the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord. And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written, Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt."
Psalms 41:9: - "Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up [his] heel against me."  Zechariah 11:12: - "And I said unto them, If ye think good, give [me] my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty [pieces] of silver."	Matthew 26:14 & 15: - "Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, and said [unto them], What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver."
Isaiah 50:6: - "I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting."	Matthew 26:67 & 68: - "Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote [him] with the palms of their hands, saying, Prophesy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee?"
Zechariah 11:13: - "And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty [pieces] of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD."	Matthew 27:3 - 10: - "Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What [is that] to us? see thou [to that]. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value; And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me."
<u>Isaiah 53:7: -</u> "He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to	Matthew 27:12 - "And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing."

the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth."	
<u>Isaiah 53:5:</u> "But he [was] wounded for our transgressions, [he was] bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace [was] upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."	John 19:1: - "Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged [him]."
Psalms 69:21: - "They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink."	Matthew 27:34: - "They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted [thereof], he would not drink."
Psalms 22:18: - "They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture."	Matthew 27:35: - "And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots."
Isaiah 53:12: - "Therefore will I divide him [a portion] with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."	Mark 15:27 & 28: - "And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left. And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors."
Psalms 22:7 & 8: - "All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, [saying], He trusted on the LORD [that] he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him."	Matthew 27:41 - 43: - "Likewise also the chief priests mocking [him], with the scribes and elders, said, He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God."
Psalms 22:1: - "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? [why art thou so] far from helping me, [and from] the words of my roaring?"	Matthew 27:46: - "And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"
Psalms 34:20: - "He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken."	John 19:31 - 33 & 36: - "The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and [that] they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when

	they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken."
Zechariah 12:10: - "And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for [his] only [son], and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for [his] firstborn."	John 19:34 & 37: - "But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced."
Isaiah 53:9: - "And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither [was any] deceit in his mouth."	Matthew 27:57 - 60: - "When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed."
Psalms 16:10: - "For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption."  Psalms 2:7: - "I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou [art] my Son; this day have I begotten thee."	Acts 2:29 - 32: - "Men [and] brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses."
	Acts 13:32 & 33: - "And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers, God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee."
Psalms 110:1: - "The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool."	Mark 16:19: - "So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God."

Without the testimony of the Scriptures (that is the Old Testament writings), we cannot establish Jesus to be the true Christ. But, because we have such an abundant weight of evidence contained in the fulfilled prophecies of the Scriptures, truly Jesus is <u>THE CHRIST</u>.

## THE PROPHESIED MISSION OF CHRIST: -

The Psalmist prophesied centuries before the birth of Jesus, what was to be the Messiah's attitude to his
doing God's will, and his relationship to God's Law. The following passage is a prophecy little studied by
many Christians, but it is one that yields a clear understanding of what was to be the Messiah's relationship
to God's holy Law when he should come to this world.

<u>Psalm 40:6 - 10: -</u> "Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required. **Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book [it is] written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law [is] within my heart. I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest. I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart;** I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation."

Paul interprets this prophecy concerning Christ for us in the book of Hebrews.

Hebrews 10:5 - 9: - "Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: in burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second."

NOTE: - Several important points can be drawn from these passages in Psalms & Hebrews: -

1. Jesus came to do his Father's will, which in <a href="Psalm 40:8">Psalm 40:8</a> is recorded as having God's Law in the heart. <a href="John 4:34">John 4:34</a>: - "Jesus saith unto them, <a href="My meat is to do the will of him that sent me">My meat is to do the will of him that sent me</a>, and to finish his work."

<u>John 15:10: -</u> "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; **even as I have kept my Father's commandments,** and abide in his love."

2. In <u>Hebrews 10:8 & 9</u>, Jesus came to take away the first things mentioned in the <u>Psalms</u> – the Sacrifices, Offerings, Burnt Offerings and Sin Offerings, which were offered by the law; so that he could establish the second thing mentioned in the prophecy, that is God's will.

And as we have just seen in <u>Point 1</u>, God's will is his Law being written in the heart, which of course is a fulfilment of the New Covenant promise as recorded by the prophet Jeremiah.

<u>Jeremiah 31:31 & 33:</u> - "Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, **that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:** ... But this [shall be] the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, **I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts;** and will be their God, and they shall be my people."

3. The Sacrifices, Offerings, Burnt Offerings and Sin Offerings, which were offered **by the law** in <u>Hebrews 10:8</u>, of course were written and commanded by the Law of Moses, and **NOT** by the Law of 10 Commandments.

<u>2 Chronicles 23:18: -</u> "Also Jehoiada appointed the offices of the house of the Lord by the hand of the priests the Levites, whom David had distributed in the house of the Lord, **to offer the burnt offerings of the Lord, as it is written in the law of Moses,** with rejoicing and with singing, as it was ordained by David."

<u>Ezra 3:2: -</u> "Then stood up Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the God of Israel, **to offer burnt offerings thereon, as it is written in the law of Moses** the man of God."

As we have already read in <u>Hebrews 10:8 & 9</u>, all these sacrificial offerings and ceremonies that were commanded by the Law of Moses, Jesus took away or abolished by his death upon the cross. He did this so that he might establish God's will – that is, God's Law being written within the hearts and minds of his people. The prophet Daniel recorded these same truths concerning the mission of the coming Messiah, several hundred years before Jesus was born into this world. The prophet recorded the angel Gabriel as teaching him that the Messiah when he should come would bring in everlasting righteousness, and he was to cause the sacrifices and oblations to cease.

<u>Daniel 9:24 - 27: -</u> "Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, **and to bring in everlasting righteousness**, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. Know therefore and understand, [that] from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto **the Messiah the Prince** [shall be] seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And after threescore and two weeks **shall Messiah be cut off**, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof [shall be] with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. **And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease**, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make [it] desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."

The above prophecy concerning the Messiah bringing in everlasting righteousness, when we compare this truth with other statements from the Psalmist and the prophet Isaiah, we find abundant evidence that Christ by his life and death established the everlasting claims of God's standard of Righteousness – his holy Law of Ten Commandments.

All ten of God's holy and just Commandments **ARE** God's standard of everlasting righteousness. <u>Psalms 119:142: -</u> "**Thy righteousness [is] an everlasting righteousness,** and thy law [is] the truth."

Psalm 119:172: - "My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments [are] righteousness."

<u>Isaiah 51:6 - 8: -</u> "Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: **for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment,** and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, **and my righteousness shall not be abolished.** Hearken unto me, **ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart [is] my law;** fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revillings. For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and

the worm shall eat them like wool: **but my righteousness shall be for ever**, and my salvation from generation to generation."

## A FEW EXTRA COMMENTS MAY BE HELPFUL: -

- In <u>Psalms 40:9</u> it was predicted that the Messiah would preach righteousness in the great congregation.
   Jesus' whole <u>Sermon on the Mount</u> was a fulfilment of this prophecy, where he did indeed preach more fully and clearly God's standard of righteousness to his disciples and to the multitudes that heard him.
- In <u>Psalms 40:10</u> it is stated concerning the Messiah that, "I have not hid **thy righteousness within my** heart".
  - Comparing Psalms 40:8 with Psalms 40:10, we find that God's righteousness = having God's law within the heart.

Do we truly understand the mission of the Christ to this world? And how it has been fulfilled in the life and death of Jesus Christ? Far from the death of Jesus abolishing God's Law of Ten Commandments, his death has established them as eternally binding upon all mankind. To believe otherwise concerning the Messiah, is to have a complete misunderstanding of the prophecies relating to the Messiah, and how our Lord Jesus Christ fulfilled them.

Matthew 5:17 & 18: - "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."