

# Eternal Purpose and Plan of God: Lesson 10

**Purposed** in eternity – **Predicted** in Eden – **Protected** through the flood – **Promised** in Canaan – **Preserved** throughout history – **Presented** in the fullness of time – **Provides**, in Christ Jesus and His church, redemption until the end of time. (Larry Deason)

We have followed the conflict between two seed lines, from God's promise in Genesis 3:15, to its fulfillment as we read in Ephesians 3:10,11; Galatians 3:16; 27-29; 4:1-6

Those who obey the truth of the gospel are now...

1. Abraham's seed.
2. Sons of God.

We are those who "call on the name of the Lord" Acts 2:21; 22:16; Gen 4:26

Can we be attracted to the daughters of men today?

Revelation 12:17 *Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.*

If the promise is fulfilled, how come the conflict continues?

1Timothy 6:12 *Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.*

See also: Ephesians 6:10-18; Philippians 3:12-14

The conflict in simple terms: FLESH V SPIRIT

Romans 7:9-8:11

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| Why did the law bring death if it was good?                  | 7:11    |
| What two laws does Paul describe that render him "wretched"? | 7:21-25 |
| What was Paul thankful about in such circumstances?          |         |
| How does he explain that in chapter 8?                       |         |

We have a choice, as did the sons of God who lived in the pre-flood world; as did God's son whom He called out of Egypt (Hosea 11:1). God still sees lack of faith and corruption among His sons. The difference now is that there is no excuse (Romans 1:18-23) because of the sacrifice of God's only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and intercession of the Spirit (Romans 8:26-30)

NEXT WEEK: Faith trusts the certainty of God's promise; hope waits for its full revealing. What has love got to do with it?