Text: Psalm 105:11-15

"HE SENT A MAN BEFORE HIM"

(I) THE MARVELOUS WORKS OF GOD INCLUDES A PROFOUND PLAN

1. A profound plan revealed to Abraham

- a) He would give to Abraham countless descendants (Genesis 15:5)
- b) He would give to his descendants the land of Canaan as an inheritance (Genesis 15:7)
- c) Description of the Promised Land (Genesis 15:18-21)

2. A Dark Side Revealed

- a) The descendants of Abraham will be strangers in a land that is not theirs (**Genesis 15:13**)
- b) They will be afflicted for four hundred years (**Genesis 15:13**)
- c) The nation that will afflict them will be judged (**Genesis 15:14**)
- d) They will leave that land with great possessions (Genesis 15:14)

(II) THE FULFILMENT OF THE PROFOUND PLAN OF GOD

The following features are to be noted:-

1. The element of Time

- a) Generation of Abraham
- b) Generation of Isaac
- c) Generation of Jacob
- d) Generation of the sons of Jacob
- e) Generation of Joseph

2. The element of Historical Circumstances

- a) Famine in the land of Canaan
- b) Finding food in Egypt

3. The element of special Divine protection

"Do not touch My anointed ones and do My prophets no harm." Psalm 105:15

4. The element of specific Individuals as God's special instruments

- a) Joseph sold as a slave to Egypt
- b) He rose to serve as the right hand man of Pharaoh
- c) He provided for the children of Israel

5. In the land of Egypt

- a) God's word was fulfilled
- b) The children of Israel became a multitude
- c) They were enslaved
- d) They would have to wait for the day of their redemption and release

(III) THE MARVELOUS WORKS OF GOD

- 1. God's Profound Plan in Place
- 2. His Divine at work
- 3. His Purposes would be fulfilled

(IV) OUR CHALLENGE

- 1. To know God's word better
- 2. To have a deeper faith in God AND His Word