

# ALL THINGS BEGIN WITH GOD

## ***The Order He Created***

***The Totality of God Expressed—His Mission—His Desires—His Nature—His Character—His Heart***

***And “What is Man” in All This?—Becoming “Like Him”***

*“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that comes to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him”.*

Hebrews 11:6

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## **Introduction**

Just a note as to the purpose of this writing in the simplest terms I just want to help. Kingdom building is God's business, I am just one of the countless many putting the shoulder to the grinding stone and just wanting to do my part. Over the years this desire has taken on many tasks mainly as support for the men of God that I have been placed under. I have a willingness to do whatever is asked of me and that list has included everything from the most menial to heading up church departments and staff.

The word "Minister" simply means "Helper" and in that sense every saint is called to be a helper and minister to the needs of each other. That in a nutshell is where each of us finds valuable purpose in service to God. God needs no super heroes but He is looking for people willing to do whatever. From that point your talents and passions will make room for you and responsibilities added to make full the plans God intends for you. Everybody is different with different talent mixes but we all start from the same place.

I have always been very resistant to thinking of myself as anything other than just one privileged to be called into His Kingdom. I have never sought neither title nor recognition, and guess what? There is nothing neither official nor formal about me. All that is in the Lord's hands as my only goal is to simply keep things right between me and

my Savior. I am fully content with being a no-body as long as what ever I am doing is helping somebody.

Many, many years ago at the beginning of my journey God gave me a dream. I was standing near a very thick stone wall that was covering the entrance to another room. I noticed a small round hole through which I was able to look into the other room. My eyes bugged out as I was able to see that the other room contained a vast treasure of all sorts of golden items. Vessels of gold, jewels and coins just a massive collection of treasure.

Besides the material treasures the other room also was filled with a bright radiant light. The light was just there. There was no specific source of light like a candle but this radiant light just illuminated everything in the room. Then I heard a voice telling me I had the ability to transport myself through the wall and bring the treasures out.

My reaction was mixed I'm sorry to say. Of course there was a certain amount of ecstatic glee and excitement at the prospect. Then came the fear. I was supposed to just walk through a thick stone wall that only had one small opening. I was then struck with the thought what if I did indeed go through this wall but then did not have the ability to come back out. Hmm.

Sometimes it is just not easy to believe God. I can tell you now what this dream meant. The treasure is everything God. God's Word, God's

abundance, God's light, just all of God's riches. The thick wall is my flesh and all it's baggage. The small hole is my ability to perceive. I can see, I can recognize, I can understand the vast treasure of all that God is. Bringing the treasure out?

Now that has been my point of failure. Why? Because that thick wall is my flesh, my human weakness and all it's baggage. I suppose you can call this a confession. My natural disposition is very reserved and reticent. I am naturally very quiet and private. I have a very strong dislike for attention.

If God had not saved me and had other plans for me I promise you I would be a hermit living far away in some deep woods someplace. So this is what God is up against in dealing with me. Up to this point I have gotten by with support positions and even there I have felt in my heart I have been stretching myself beyond my comfort levels. So I have been in this kind of in between place of knowing God has called me for a purpose but only trying to get by with my perceptions without fully dealing with my baggage. So what is different now?

**1)** I retired and have the unencumbered free time to devote to Bible reading and study and digging out all that vast treasure and put it into writing in this book.

**2)** I always have been and always will be committed to keeping things right between God and me even if it has been somewhat of a compromise. Only now these treacherous times demand so much more and I am not going to just play. By the prophetic providence of God I

am called to share from His vast storehouse to meet the demands of this hour. A sharer of His Word and also whatever God places in my hands that is what I am willing to give. By His grace the wall will no longer come between Him and those to whom He will provide His riches.

**3)** While I do not like the spotlight nor do I possess speaking skills I find I am at least a little bit better at writing. Writing gives me the processing time to get my thoughts out. So here in my later years a new chapter begins with me giving you what I have also received from God. May God bless you with all things God.

## **Chapter 1 – All Things Begin With God**

This is not elementary grade school reading. My goal here is to confirm and reaffirm what I hope you the reader already know and understand. Then beyond that I also hope you can find laced within these pages the golden nuggets and precious gems that will fill in the gaps and strengthen your faith. I hope to answer the age-old questions we all ask when we have been looking to find the meaning of life with all its ups and downs and complexities.

Being Jesus is the Author and Finisher of our faith, the very best thing I could ever do is lead you into His arms with the prayer that He completes His perfect work in you and that you become the conqueror He wants us all to be.

I am organizing the information in this book in such a way so that you can see with perfect clarity from eternity past to eternity future – that God is in total control. What the human mind see as chaos, pain and suffering actually in reality serve a purpose and have all been planned for and have a place that fits into God's grand scheme.

No, right now we might not understand nor always like this mess we call life – but unspeakable joy is awaiting just over on the other side. So buckle up your seat belt and make yourself comfortable because we are going on a ride.

My prayer and hope for all of us is that in the next coming season – a time of tribulations- that is already proving and promising to be very challenging – that we all can come to a place where we can experience God like never before in all the history of mankind. This level of faith is going to have to be built up in us all so that we become solid and unmovable.

Think about this scenario, the day is rapidly approaching where humanity is literally going to be looking at Satan square in the eye. What will be your reaction? Are you going to soil yourself? Or are you going to let him know Jesus' work in me has made me more than a match for the likes of you. Everything that can be shaken will be shaken so it is going to go only one of two ways. Either we become immovable or we fall.

Prayerfully let the things I intend to bring out in this writing build you up. The work of God is capable in allowing you to become a mighty hero of faith and is completely within reach because it is His work not ours. We just have to let Him into our lives in such a way that He becomes free to set us free.

### **Consolation Before the Journey**

We find ourselves surrounded by some eight billion voices from the rest of humanity we share this earth with. The vast majority will never be heard by you or anyone else. Some other voices capture our attention through being experts, celebrities, friends, family or any

other trusted individual. The thing is hundreds of voices don't always contribute to clarity and more likely than not only add to our general confusion or in the least add a layer of distraction.

So I'm just going to offer some advice that will at least minimize the distraction. My main goal is to help you gain clarity – so in order to do this we first identify the clear goal – that being understanding God. Once the goal is in view then you can decide what is either needful to move towards that goal or what is a distraction.

### **Identifying the Goal – The Heart of God**

If I can offer insight into what I have learned over the years concerning what the Bible is really all about – all of it cover to cover – if you strip away the layers of history, law, prophecy, and narrative, the heartbeat of Scripture is surprisingly consistent from beginning to end:

#### **God's heart, in essence, is this:**

I made you, I want you, and I am making a way for you to dwell with Me.

You were created to share life with Me – under My authority, in My order, and in My goodness. Those who chose independence – that choice brought separation, corruption, and death. Yet I did not

abandon them. From the beginning, I set in motion a plan to restore what was lost - not just to recover you, but to transform you.

I am not merely calling you back to where you were – I am bringing you into something greater: a covenant relationship where you know Me, reflect Me, and belong to Me fully.

Through judgment, I remove what destroys you. Through mercy, I preserve what can be redeemed. Through covenant, I bind Myself to you. And through Christ, I make the way for you to become a new creation – clean, alive, and able to dwell with Me again.

In the end, this is where it is all going:

Not just forgiveness – but union.

Not just survival – but transformation.

Not just subjects – but a people who are Mine.

### **The Distractions**

And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: **But one thing is needful**: Luke 10:41-42

Do not be overwhelmed by many voices. At the center of it all is this: God is calling you to Himself. That is where Mary was – at Jesus feet

not at all paying attention to the hustle round about her. Hold to that, and you will not lose your way.

But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her. Luke 10:42

### **Choose the Good Parts – Ignore the Rest**

I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, **I shall not be moved**. Psalm 16:8

Set **Him** before you – and you will not be moved. Becoming unmovable where every voice is attempting exactly that – to move you towards whatever they are saying. The devil had some things to say – Eve moved as a result.

But God is all about restoration and transformation which becomes available by “Setting the Lord before you”. If He is the focus then everything else falls out of focus and distractions won’t move you.

That is where not only we find restoration but transformation as well. As we focus our eyes on beholding the Glory of the Lord – we become what He is.

But we all, with open face **beholding** as in a glass the glory of the Lord, **are changed into the same image** from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. 2Co 3:18

## **Dead to the World – Alive to Christ**

The news headlines, the celebrities, the experts even religious experts – all the other voices – if they are not pointing you directly into the heart of God – which again is the relationship He wants with YOU – then they are all distractions from the most needful part – sitting at His feet and beholding His glory. Let those voices die if need be so you can assure your permanent place at His feet.

## **Moving Forward to Behold the Glory of the Lord**

Let's start the journey... We start with the bedrock of God Himself and then move on to the foundation and then again on top of that we proceed with building our lives according to the blueprints. Just like every community has building codes and regulations that govern the putting up of structures. These codes and regulations are there to insure minimum standards so the structure being built can withstand the common so called "acts of God" such as hurricanes, tornadoes floods and earthquakes that come against it. It is no different in the Christian community. God is the bedrock, on top of Him comes the foundation which Jesus explained is the Word and our obedience to the Word determines our suitability and eternal future.

1Co 3:9-12 KJV For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, **ye are God's building.** (10) According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I

have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. (11) **For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.**

### **The Bedrock is God Himself**

Heb 11:6 KJV But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

This is what so amazing about the Word of God. This one verse is about thirty words and just reading it as is – it comes across as easy enough to understand.

Now just let me give you an example of how my perceptions work. Me looking through a small hole and seeing a vast illuminated treasure.

We are starting with God. First off “*God is*”. So what is God?

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, **invisible**, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Timothy 1:17

God is a **Spirit**... John 4:24

I’m starting with basics but the point is that God is an invisible Spirit.

Who also fills all space being omnipresent – everywhere at once. And yet He remains transcendent – He is still not limited or contained by space. He is also omniscient – meaning He knows all things and of course He is all powerful. So yes it takes faith to believe in such a Being. But it is exactly to those with faith to believe that He has rewards for.

Now back up and ask – Do you or I have the capacity to see an invisible Spirit that fill all space all at the same time? No we don't unless God chooses to show Himself to us. So God knowing that these created agents for reward need a way to perceive and 'see' Him – the invisible God chooses to – put on – manifest – make Himself known – or simply creates a means by which His created beings can see and understand Him.

Does that make sense? How can we ever even know He exists if it was impossible to see and understand Him? So rather than remain invisible – God ordained the means of visibility. And what was that?

Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: Colossians 1:15

So who is the "Who"? We know that Paul is talking about Jesus. The very first movement forward in making the Invisible Spirit to become knowable and visible was to ordain a singular, identifiable expression of Himself that would reflect the entirety of an omnipresent Spirit into a central, visible, knowable form.

Now that's a long highfalutin statement but in plain speak – God reveals Himself in the person whom we now understand to be Jesus. Through Jesus – created beings would be able to see and understand Him. The Apostle John also adds insight to this pre-creation planning for the agents of future reward in John 1.

### **The Intellect of God**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

Again we understand this passage is speaking of Jesus. The word "Word" is the Greek word "Logos" which means: something *said* including the **thought** – also **reasoning**, the mental faculty or **motive** - by extension a **computation**.

So we find in the beginning before creation God was reasoning and computing and giving thought to and being motivated to create a creation to whom He was planning to give rewards.

Now before I move along too far I want us to understand we are still talking about the One Invisible God. And John tells us that the Word (Jesus) "Was God". The same God not another but the robe by which creation can see and know Him.

If we think about the "Logos" – God's thoughts and reasonings – are your thoughts and reasonings not you? Or is some one else thinking in your brain? No, your thoughts are you. And God's thoughts are Him – "*The Word was God*". And in the beginning God was alone "*With*" His thoughts. So the word "*With*" doesn't imply a second being. The word "*With*" implies the one with which the invisible God reveals Himself to creation.

And this is where John continues:

The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. John 1:2-3

And further John confirms:

No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him. John 1:18

The invisible God became visible and Jesus is the express image of the One Invisible God and Jesus is the declaration of all that can be known of God.

So this is what an Invisible Spirit who fills all space did in His first action towards making Himself visible to these agents He is motivated to reward at some point in time. We don't need to make this complex.

At this point while here let me help you notice something. As we spoke of the heart of God being a desire to be in union with you. Notice He is not just calling you to go to Him. He made the first efforts to move towards you by transforming what He is into something you can relate to and understand. So this journey is being worked on from both ends. God towards you enabling you to go towards God.

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (**and we beheld his glory**, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John 1:14

He transformed Himself so we could "Behold His Glory". Beholding His glory transforms us to become what He always wanted us to be – "Like Him."

### **The Vessel of God**

Being it is impossible to comprehend the vastness of all space it is equally impossible to see it all at once. So by His divine wisdom He devised what we now understand to be the "*Image of the invisible God*" as a vessel so we come to understand His power, His will, and His character and nature.

Jesus is the vessel that represents the entirety of an Invisible Spirit that fills all space. The concept of Jesus as a vessel is confirmed in Revelations.

And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for **the glory of God has illuminated it**, and **its lamp** is the Lamb. Rev 21:23 NASB

So God is the universal source of light or in an understandable vernacular – God as the Invisible Spirit – is the universal source of intellect and wisdom and knowledge – The Lamb or Jesus is the lamp or vessel through which the intellect, wisdom, knowledge and will are transmitted to us created creatures.

God has demonstrated great effort already just to become visible and knowable. God is not the one to confuse matters by using human intellect and inventing lofty theological constructs.

God has already demonstrated a motivation at becoming known to the ones that are motivated to want to know Him and they are the ones He has rewards for.

And there we have it – three pages to demonstrate what I see in one verse. It's not easy being me. I'm going to do this book a little bit different from my others. While I tend to load up on scripture to let scripture speak for itself. This time around I'm just going to lay out all the information in my own words using scripture more as a highlight. Then at the end of each chapter I'll present all the supporting scripture for you to study yourself.

## **More on the Beginning**

I need us to think big picture. When I say big picture I want you to think eternity past to eternity future. I'm pretty sure that covers it all and is as big it gets. The Bible tells us God has always existed. He never had beginning and there never was a time when He did not exist. Nor will there ever be a time when He will cease to exist. So as far as God Himself is concerned there is no beginning. He always was and is the one and only one that is self-existent. John says "*In Him was life*" or He is the only one alive of His own accord.

## **The Time Line**

So we want to start a time line. Moses who wrote Gen. 1:1 starts with God who already created the angels and has been creating the heaven and earth. So Genesis does not go as far back as John 1:1. John begins with the Word, which is the Greek word Logos. So neither writer starts out at the time when there was only God alone with Himself before creation began. But between the two of them John gives us a bit more insight with the word "*Logos*" which in general is most often interpreted as the spoken word, but it goes deeper because it also can be understood to include the thought processes. As mentioned before one definition puts it this way: *the mental faculty of thinking, meditating, reasoning, and calculating.*

"*Jesus is the author*" doing the thinking, reasoning and calculating and "*He is the finisher*" who will "*Finish what he has begun*". So He is "*the beginning and the end*" and in between the beginning and the end He first planned and then executed His plans. Sensibly; unlike most people; God thinks before He speaks.

So the way I see John explaining the beginning is at point **(A)** God was alone before all creation began. Some time during that time period God was calculating out all the rest of eternity future. That my friend is a lot of planning, and yes His thoughts are higher than my thoughts. I only have to deal with what to wear and deal with the next 10-14 hours. Lord help us to not be so vain and small-minded. God knows everything. God controls everything.

Act 15:18 LITV All His works are known to God from eternity.

Isa 40:25-26 KJV To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One. (26) Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.

Isa 45:12 KJV I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.

Isa 45:18 KJV For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens;

God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.

For all that God deserves all the recognition due. All glory to God alone amen. So now let's see what we have on our timeline so far:

### **The Overall Timeline**

**A)** There is an eternity past with no beginning in which there was God alone and nothing else period. I know the human mind has a hard time rationalizing an eternity with no beginning. To help us understand just keep in mind that both time and space are inventions of God created only for this current universe. Remember this current universe had a beginning and will have an end so it is all temporary. The purpose of time is to measure out the allotted time for this period of creation. The purpose of space is simply a place to put all He has created. So to help us understand eternity we have to erase our concepts of time. Time is a limit but eternity has no limits and neither does God.

**B)** At some point there was a planning stage where God was still alone but now He was calculating and planning out the rest of eternity future.

**C)** At some point after the planning was there was a very first action done by God which came before the rest of the balance of creation was fully brought into existence. This we already saw was the point when

God put on visibility by putting everything He is into the singular vessel of Jesus.

**D)** At some point after the very first action there was a continuation of creation where God began executing all the designs of His plan. This is where John picks up with the Spoken Word Logos.

**(E)** The time period today is our current human existence which includes everything we now know and see. Within the pages of the Bible – it accounts for a duration of this time that is some 7000 years as far as scripture itself indicates. Human logic may seem fit to add millions and billions of years – that’s fine as only time itself will tell.

This 7000 years is subdivided into ages. Some people call these ages dispensations with 7 distinct time periods. They identified these time periods as a method to organize and understand the Bible better. Those people identify these distinct time periods as:

- 1) **Innocence**, the garden experience before the fall.
- 2) **Conscience**, from the fall till the flood.
- 3) **Human government**, from the time of Nimrod up until the Millennium begins and the world is governed by King Jesus. Some may differ on how this period is defined, but looking at the big picture, the nations began to take shape after the flood and have since been governed by human authority and intellect. That pattern continues until it is ultimately replaced by the direct rule of King Jesus.
- 4) **The time of Promise**, the patriarchal age from Abraham till Moses.

- 5) **The giving of the law**, from the Moses till the New Testament
- 6) **The Age of grace or Church age**, from the day of Pentecost till the rapture.
- 7) **The Millennium**, is a thousand year period from Jesus' second coming till the creation of the New Heaven and earth.

While these time periods are easily identified – some people say these "dispensations" demonstrate that God is dealing with different groups with different methods.

I'm the big picture guy – from eternity past to eternity future so while during certain time periods there are distinctions. The distinction isn't God changing course or methods. But rather He is maintaining faithfulness to His preordained course already set before all creation began – in spite of humanity veering and wandering off course and creating their own challenges to deal with. Humanity is dealing with its own consequences for its own actions during these 7000 years. God is simply preventing us from jumping off the cliff altogether in order to get us to those rewards He has waiting.

**(F)** Finally there will be an eternity future in which will be the New heaven and New earth and only God knows what else.

### **Setting the Stage With the Created Order**

**1)** During point '**A**' when God was alone there was no need for the spoken Word – which is the common definition of Logos – because

there was no one else to hear or listen. Nor did God have a visible image because there was no one else look and see Him. God is a Spirit and as such is invisible. Yet we know that that invisible Spirit has a will and acts and operates according to His will. If there were no angels nor mankind to interact with then being invisible would not be an issue. Only because of His plans to create beings that needed to both see and hear did the invisible God manifest a way to be seen and heard.

Again before creation began time and space did not exist as we understand it. God is eternal and there was no need to measure out a duration of time or quantity of space. This all was a very different existence that was experienced by God and God alone. **It was only after creation began that there was a need for time, space, and a way to be seen and understood became a necessity.** It is only after this point the Spoken Word would come into play.

**2)** God's creation as far as we can understand consists of distinct known realms which are the places into which God has assigned His creation to abide in.

**a)** The spiritual realm consisting of Heaven which is the abode of God and angelic beings etc; also known as the 3rd Heaven

**b)** The natural realm aka the heavens which is the rest of the universe that you and I can perceive with our natural senses.

c) The realm of separation – often referred to as hell, where both human souls and spiritual beings are separated as a result of being outside the will of God. Scripture indicates there are distinctions within this realm, though that is a subject for another time.

3) There certainly could be other realms but God tends to reveal things on a need to know basis so I will just work with what we know now. So from where we are now there is plenty to grasp in what we need to understand – while avoiding getting into areas of speculation.

### **Ready, Set, Go – and Creation begins...**

Joh 1:3 KJV All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

This is now the point where Moses picks up the narrative in Genesis 1:1. Again in order to make things clear we need to break things down and state the obvious in order to get to the things that are not quite obvious.

What is obvious? That **God executes and brings his plans out in stages. Not everything is yet finished.** Which I would say is a good thing because I would hate to think of our current existence as being final. What is not so obvious? The purpose for the stages of creation. Therein lies the actual mastery and infinite wisdom of God.

How do we even begin to understand God's mastery and wisdom? When scientists take on the study of any particular aspect of this universe they break things down into understandable bits of information and then they categorize and sub categorize and organize that information until they get to the place where they are comfortable that they know the "facts".

Well, sometimes yes and sometimes no all depending on how much guessing and supposing goes into their figuring. There is a lot they do know but there is way more they don't especially if they leave God out of the picture. Our goal is to understand God and His ways as much as humanly possible so to start on that journey we need to categorize what we know.

Of course the Bible is our starting point and foundation so we take from the Bible and begin one step at a time one scripture at a time "*Here a little, there a little*" and we rightly divide the Word of Truth into humanly understandable bits of truth that will lead us towards our goal.

### **Beginning with God's Existence**

Why did God do any of all of this? No, I am not a mind reader and I especially am not a God's mind reader; but I am observant and can put 2+2 together. So putting things together I will lay out what we do know.

I know it is common to address God by simply using the word God. However that word "God" really refers to what He is as the source of life and existence. Just like what we are is humans but we don't go around addressing each other as Mr. & Mrs. Human. We are addressed by our proper names.

The very word "God" literally means self-existent. He is alive of His own power. In Him is life. He is the one and only one who can be or become anything He wants to be. Hence He is the great "*I Am*" or He can be whatever He needs to be. He can fill in every blank and everything that needs to get done – He makes sure gets done. I guess when you fill all space that's just what you do.

He is complete and perfect all by Himself. He did not "**need**" to create all of this. **God does not operate out of a position of need.** He did not do any of this because He was in need. He did not do this because He was lonely being by Himself. Creation does not make Him any richer or greater in substance. **Nor does the work of creating make Him any poorer or use up and consume His substance.** God cannot be used up. So with this as a foundation we can at least partially summarize what we know:

**1)** What we humans need to understand is that **God did all this simply because He wanted to.** We saw in Hebrew's that He is purely motivated in wanting to reward those willing to diligently seek Him.

**2)** Understand that God does not operate from a position of need nor can God be tempted. God cannot be offered something to make Him richer. He already owns all that exists and **if He chose – there is more of all this - where all this came from.** So then **God cannot be bought, bribed or manipulated so His motives always remain pure.**

**3)** There is only one thing that motivates Him and that is very simply **He wants to share what He is with His creation.**

**4)** **God is totally unselfish and totally willing to give of Himself freely.**

**5)** With His goal of sharing Himself He became the Father of creation. This is why Jesus taught us to address God as our Father.

**6)** All creation is in debt to and in service to the will of the Father.

All the above is exactly why God is the one and only one worthy of all adoration and worship. Amen

### **The Essence of His Heart is to Bless YOU**

This right here is the very foundation of us learning to trust God completely. This understanding **IS A MUST.** You must know God as

unselfish and pure and willing to give to YOU, yes you, freely in order to ever really know God at all. We cannot understand God's existence by comparing His existence to ours because God is infinite and we are finite we are limited.

We can go on forever to make a feeble attempt at going through all the attributes of God; but being God is inexhaustible and I get tired fast I'll leave this right here. The above six points put us on the right path to understanding enough. God is self-existent and self-sufficient all by Himself. He does not need you; but He did all this because **He wants you.**

The real question now is do you want Him? And now we come full circle again back to Hebrews.

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of **them that diligently seek him.** Heb 11:6 KJV

The Father is motivated to bless – but those blessings go to the ones He began thinking about eons of ages ago – who are only now diligently seeking Him.

So we start with God and we know God has plans and goals. Then the invisible God who wants to be seen, heard and understood accomplishes this goal by putting on an image we now understand to

be Jesus and it is Jesus who is now speaking as He creates all things. Joh 1:3 KJV "*All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made*" So if we get back to our time line we know God created the heaven and the earth. The heaven and the earth are places. They occupy space and they are places that God makes habitable. Places where we can be sustained, survive and thrive. Next after the places of habitation were created God then populates these places first with the angelic beings and later with mankind.

In conclusion: "Before anything existed, God was. Before anything was made, God had already purposed. And before we ever sought Him, He had already determined to reward those who would seek Him."

As we move forward into the next chapter consider the following study as a resource to help clarify anything I've discussed.

## **Study Reference for Chapter 1 — *All Things Begin With God***

### **1. God — The Self-Existent Beginning of All Things**

Before anything was created, God alone existed. He is not part of creation—He is the source of it.

#### **Key Scriptures:**

- Exodus 3:14 — *"I AM THAT I AM"*
- Psalm 90:2 — *"From everlasting to everlasting, thou art God"*
- Revelation 1:8 — *"Alpha and Omega... the Almighty"*
- Acts 17:24–25 — God is not dependent on anything He created

#### **Summary Insight:**

God does not derive life—He **is life**. Everything else depends on Him.

### **2. The Nature of God — Invisible, Eternal Spirit**

God is not visible or limited like His creation. He exists beyond natural perception.

#### **Key Scriptures:**

- John 4:24 — *"God is a Spirit"*
- 1 Timothy 1:17 — Invisible, immortal, only wise God
- 1 Kings 8:27 — Heaven cannot contain Him
- Jeremiah 23:24 — God fills heaven and earth

### **Summary Insight:**

God is everywhere present, yet not confined by space. He is beyond creation, yet fully aware of it.

### **3. The Word (Logos) — God Revealing Himself**

God, who is invisible, chose to make Himself known. The “Word” is His expression—His thought, will, and revelation.

#### **Key Scriptures:**

- John 1:1–3 — The Word was God and created all things
- John 1:14 — The Word was made flesh
- Hebrews 1:1–3 — The express image of His person
- Colossians 1:16–17 — All things created by and for Him

### **Summary Insight:**

God’s Word is not separate from Him—it is **God expressing Himself** so He can be known.

### **4. Jesus Christ — The Visible Image of the Invisible God**

Jesus is the means by which the invisible God becomes visible and understandable to His creation.

#### **Key Scriptures:**

- Colossians 1:15 — Image of the invisible God
- John 1:18 — He has declared the Father

- 2 Corinthians 4:6 — Light of God revealed in Christ
- Hebrews 1:3 — The brightness of His glory

**Summary Insight:**

To know Jesus is to know God. He is the **perfect revelation** of God's nature, will, and character.

**5. Creation — All Things Made by God**

Everything that exists was created by God through His Word and according to His plan.

**Key Scriptures:**

- Genesis 1:1 — God created the heaven and the earth
- John 1:3 — All things made by Him
- Isaiah 45:12 — God stretched out the heavens
- Revelation 4:11 — All things created for His pleasure

**Summary Insight:**

Creation is not random—it is intentional, ordered, and purposeful.

**6. God's Eternal Purpose — Planned Before Creation**

God did not react to events—He planned all things before creation began.

**Key Scriptures:**

- Ephesians 1:4-5 — Chosen before the foundation of the world

- Ephesians 3:11 — Eternal purpose in Christ
- Acts 15:18 — Known unto God are all His works
- Isaiah 46:9–10 — Declares the end from the beginning

**Summary Insight:**

God’s plan spans eternity past to eternity future—nothing is outside His knowledge or control.

**7. God’s Motivation — Not Need, But Desire to Give**

God did not create out of need, but out of His desire to share and bless.

**Key Scriptures:**

- Acts 17:25 — Not served as though He needed anything
- James 1:17 — Every good gift comes from Him
- Romans 11:35–36 — All things are of Him and for Him
- Hebrews 11:6 — Rewarder of those who seek Him

**Summary Insight:**

God’s nature is to give. His desire is to share His life, His goodness, and His rewards.

**8. The Call to Faith — Our Response to God**

The foundation of our relationship with God is faith—believing who He is and seeking Him.

**Key Scriptures:**

- Hebrews 11:6 — Must believe that He is
- Jeremiah 29:13 — Seek Me and find Me
- Romans 10:17 — Faith comes by hearing the Word
- Deuteronomy 4:29 — Seek Him with all your heart

**Summary Insight:**

God has made Himself known—but it is up to each person to respond by faith.

**Closing Thought:**

Everything begins with God—

His existence, His will, His plan, and His desire to reveal Himself.

Before creation, He already purposed.

Before we sought Him, He already chose to be found.

And to those who respond in faith, He promises reward.

## **Chapter 2 – The Angelic Host – The First Created Moral Order**

Heb 1:14 KJV Are they not **all** ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

We will say what the Bible says and avoid guessing and supposition. We hear things about angels throughout our lives and because we do not know any better we will believe what we are told without a challenge.

What are angels? They are created beings created as ministering spirits. The word "ministering" literally means public servant. They serve both God and man. Man are the "the heirs of salvation".

Because they serve both God and man they have the ability to ascend up into heaven and also descend down to the earth. This is something flesh cannot do.

Angels are spirits similar to God; and being spirits they are normally invisible to humanity although they are always present and operating amongst us. At times and under the direction of God they also have the ability to appear in human form and communicate directly to us.

Most will say they have a hierarchy with higher and lower ranking angels. There are few specifics in the Bible but what I will say is that God created them; an innumerable number of them; and knowing God

as a God of order I can lean towards some structure or hierarchy in how they operate.

We know in the case of Lucifer the Bible says he was created perfect. Perfect not meaning perfect like God but perfect in the roles that angels were created to perform. **Angels were created to perform their tasks as servants perfectly in whatever that specific task may have been.**

We also know angels were created with a free will and exercised wisdom and understanding and have options for learning. If they did not have a free will it would have been impossible to go off course and choose a destiny outside of God's will. We also know they have curiosity and sought to look into what God was doing when He created man. Which also means they can ask questions and learn.

Besides the abilities to ascend and descend into heaven and manifest in visible form when directed; they also have supernatural powers. Two angels caused blindness and completely wiped the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah off the map. The Death angel killed all the firstborn of Egypt. On and on the bible mentions things like this.

I'm sure there is a great deal more that we do not know than what we do know. The life and existence of angels is vastly different than the life and existence of humanity. Angels were created. One moment they did not exist and the next moment they came into being fully functional and fully equipped to perform the task for which they were

created. They did not need to grow and mature. They just opened their eyes and were.

The Bible is completely silent on their social interactions with each other; other than Jesus saying there is no marriage nor giving in marriage in heaven which makes me think angels are gender-less even if they come across as masculine.

If the bible is silent then I will not speculate nor assign to angels characteristics that tend to come from the human imagination. Which includes any notions that it was angels that produced the giants spoken of in Genesis. If Jesus said they do not marry – then that is where I choose to leave it.

Something that caught my eye in the book of Hebrews is this verse:

Heb 1:5 KJV For unto which of the angels said he **at any time**, **Thou art my Son**, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

I have heard it said that angels are referred to as “sons of God,” and that is true in a certain sense. Scripture does use that term to describe angels as beings that originated from God.

However, Hebrews makes a critical distinction. God has never said to any angel, “Thou art my Son.” That declaration belongs uniquely to Jesus Christ.

So while angels may be called “sons” by virtue of their creation, they are not sons in the same way as Christ, nor in the same way as those who become heirs of salvation.

The word “son” carries the idea of bearing identity, inheritance, and relationship. Angels were not created to bear the family name in that covenant sense. That distinction belongs to Christ first, and then to those who are brought into that relationship through redemption.

So no—Jesus is not an angel, not even close. Hebrews makes that clear. And while angels may share a common origin in God, they do not share in this unique son-ship that defines both Christ and the heirs of salvation. “Angels may serve the house – but sons inherit it.”

Other than these things we know very little about their nature, character or habits. Lucifer is the only angel we have extensive information on and I would not want to mischaracterize any God fearing angel by comparing them to Lucifer.

All we can do is generalize by saying their roles as servants include worshiping God and running His errands. At times they are sent to impart wisdom or inform as with Daniel. At times they deliver messages from God as with Mary or Joseph. They are sent to protect or deliver as with Lot. They sometimes are sent to destroy as the death angel in Egypt. They are sent to hold back evil as the angel

Michael did with the prince of Persia. Then of course they are dispatched to execute judgment as in Sodom and Revelations.

Whenever they show up and speak; at least Gabriel that we know of; they do not like to be doubted. Gabriel caused Zacharias to become unable to speak temporarily until John the Baptist was born because Zacharias did not believe.

So angels are created beings and as mentioned they were created perfect to do their jobs as public servants perfectly. Out of the innumerable host of angels the Bible only mentions three by name, Michael, Gabriel and Lucifer. Lucifer's name was changed to Satan after he rebelled and the only other fallen angel named would be Legion. Beyond these things the Bible has little else to add.

We get glimpse into the life of angels by the tasks they performed peppered throughout scripture. I'll go ahead and mention one specific and very important distinction between angels and humanity. If you go ahead and read the first and second chapters of Hebrews what is strikingly different is that even though we were created after and lower than the angels the writer is emphasizing that the angels are servants and we are heirs.

You have to think about this. We humans are the heirs. We humans were promised dominion and an eternity as co-rulers with Jesus. Angels as powerful as they are; are servants to the heirs. Hebrews is very specific to point out we humans have promises that will make us

rulers over all God's creation including the angels. Right now during this current age angels do have tasks, roles and authorities as given by God. Until we humans come into our inheritance and fullness we will remain "*lower than the angel*".

However in the next age – some of what the angels have been doing will be handed over to humans. Notice what the Bible is saying, me paraphrasing, the world to come will not be governed by angels.

Heb 2:5 KJV For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak.

Heb 2:5 NLT And furthermore, it is not angels who will control the future world we are talking about.

This is an important point. Listen carefully, Humanity was created as heirs of a promise to come. That promise is to govern along side our God. Nowhere in the bible are angels given any promises of governing and as the verse above indicates they are specifically excluded from governing.

Ministers or helpers or servants yes; But decision makers? NO! I'm going to get back to this point later but I want to mention it here because it is one angel Lucifer who has decided he did not want to be a servant but rather he wants to be a decision maker. So in his twisted mind he thought he could steal a position as decision maker when he

visited Eve that fateful day. Well there are decision makers and then there is THE decision maker and we know how all that is going to go.

For many years there were specific verses in the book of Revelations that had me wondering. Follow along; the Apostle John was being given this guided tour of prophetic history being told many things by several angels. Then when it comes to the very end and the final judgment with the pouring out of the vials there is a specific angel.

### **Just a Glimpse Into an Heir – Living the Life**

Rev 15:6 KJV And **the seven angels** came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.

Rev 17:1 KJV And there came **one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me...**

**(1)** Rev 19:9-10 KJV And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. (10) And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: **I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren** that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

**(2)** Rev 22:8-9 KJV And I John saw these things, and heard

them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. (9) Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: **for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren** the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

All along John is having conversations with beings that he is describing as angels. Not once but twice John fell down to worship these angels. Something you would think John knew better not to do. What has always struck me is the response of the angel "I am of thy brethren".

The angel was explaining and describing himself of human origin who also worships God the same as John. It was only when I understood that when we human servants of God are finally in His presence that the promise of governing becomes a reality. At the moment John could only recognize him as an angel but the angel told him I was once a human but now I am living the promise and now am able to exercise power and authority.

So my takeaway at this point is that there is no physical distinction as far as appearance that makes them any different than any human. There are seraphim and cherubim that are described as having wings but no angel that ever communicated with man was ever described as having wings. But that's another discussion.

The word angel itself literally means messenger and peppered throughout scripture we can find that not only are angelic beings

referred to as angels but at times God Himself is referred to as the Angel of the Lord. Also the root of the word evangelist is angel. So the word angel itself is a generic term for any messenger regardless of origin.

So that one angel speaking to John demonstrated that we humans are going to be given the authority to do some major clean up work and I can't wait. As those passages in Revelations indicate it will not be us receiving the judgment of the vials it will be some of us who has already entered glory who will be doling out the judgments.

At some point after the angels were created God again moves forward with His plans to establish those beings to whom He plans to reward with blessings – so now He creates the earth. First the place and then the inhabitants later.

### **God's not the only one with plans**

But, but, but...

How art thou fallen from heaven, **O Lucifer**, son of the morning!  
how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the  
nations! (13) For **thou hast said in thine heart, I will** ascend  
into heaven, **I will** exalt my throne above the stars of God: **I**  
**will** sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of  
the north: (14) **I will** ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I**  
**will** be like the most High. Isa 14:12-14 KJV

There is no certainty with timing but we know James had something to say about how plans progress in order. In the case of plans that oppose God – those plans are called sin.

Sin starts as desire inside our own heart. At that point it's just a temptation being contained only in the heart. At the point when a temptation is acted upon – it is conceived and brought forth out of the heart and at that point it is sin. And sin being in opposition to God ends up in death.

But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. Jas 1:14-15 KJV

So again, this is how I see this – but while God is moving forward with plans for His creation – Lucifer is designing schemes of grandeur of his own including being like "*The Most High*". Hmm...

We have already seen that angels are designated as servants and beginning with one – he apparently wanted more than servitude and his own scheming begins in his own heart as it says: "*for thou has said in thine heart*".

This is now purely my own suppositions reading between the lines and continuing to piecing together a time line. But God answers Job and asks him these questions:

Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth?  
declare, if thou hast understanding. Job 38:4 KJV

When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God  
shouted for joy? Job 38:7 KJV

Remember God is moving forward with plans for a new creation. Again my suppositions but God may have been sharing these plans with the heavenly host. I'm looking at this as God is "laying the foundations of the earth" as a groundbreaking celebration. And at that time the "morning stars" and "**All**" "the sons of God" sang and shouted together. Lucifer was known as "the son of the morning" and an exalted angel.

So I don't find it a stretch that Lucifer was part of that celebration. Some say he was the choir director. The name 'Lucifer' is actually a Latin addition to the original text but his proper Hebrew language name was 'Haylel' which means 'Praise God'. And Haylel is where we derive the English word Hallelujah – which means "*highest praise to God*".

So at one point Lucifer was part of the party glorifying and praising God. Elsewhere in Ezekiel God is praising him back saying he "Was perfect in his ways" "Thou sealest up the sun, (he had it all) full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty." He was anointed and ordained as a cherub – a special class of protector angel. So we have this back and

forth praise fest going on. Until...

Eze 28:15 Thou *wast* perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found 'in' thee.

Eze 28:17 **Thine heart was lifted** up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness:

He was too much for himself and saw himself as worthy of exaltation and became prideful. So much so that his imaginations ran wild with thoughts of self exaltation even above God.

Thoughts can be kept to yourself and self contained and either dismissed or acted upon. As Lucifer was now hearing of God's plans for a "New Creature" called "Man" – to whom God was now planing to give "dominion" something broke in Lucifer and he chose to now act – to let his imagination "conceive" – "and bring forth death". And the rest is the history we are all dealing with. "Woe" is the word the angel of Revelations used.

Something to think about: Angels carry out commands—sons inherit the kingdom. The difference is not power, but promise. And the New Creature is the absolute perfect demonstration of this truth.

## **Study Reference for Chapter 2 — The Angelic Host: The First Created Moral Order**

### **1. Angels — Created Ministering Spirits**

Angels are created spiritual beings who serve God and carry out His will. They are not self-existent but were brought into being by God.

#### **Key Scriptures:**

- Hebrews 1:14 — Ministering spirits sent to serve heirs of salvation
- Psalm 104:4 — Angels as spirits and ministers
- Colossians 1:16 — All things, including thrones and dominions, created by Him

#### **Summary Insight:**

Angels exist to serve. Their purpose is rooted in obedience to God and support of His plan.

### **2. The Nature of Angels — Spiritual and Invisible**

Angels are spirit beings, normally unseen, yet capable of appearing in visible form when sent by God.

#### **Key Scriptures:**

- Genesis 18–19 — Angels appearing to Abraham and Lot
- Luke 1:26–38 — Gabriel appearing to Mary
- Hebrews 13:2 — Some have entertained angels unaware

#### **Summary Insight:**

Though invisible by nature, angels can interact directly with the physical world when directed by God.

### **3. The Number and Order of Angels**

Angels are vast in number and appear to function with order and

assigned roles.

**Key Scriptures:**

- Hebrews 12:22 — Innumerable company of angels
- Daniel 10:13 — Michael as a chief prince
- Jude 1:9 — Michael the archangel
- Luke 1:19 — Gabriel as a messenger

**Summary Insight:**

God is a God of order, and His angelic host reflects structure and purpose.

**4. Angels as the First Created Moral Order**

Angels existed before mankind and witnessed the early acts of creation.

**Key Scriptures:**

- Job 38:7 — Sons of God rejoicing at creation
- Colossians 1:16 — Angels included in created order

**Summary Insight:**

Angels were created before humanity and represent the first moral beings with awareness and responsibility.

**5. Free Will and the Fall of Angels**

Angels were created with the ability to choose, demonstrated by the rebellion of Lucifer and others.

Key Scriptures:

- Isaiah 14:12-14 — Lucifer's fall through pride
- Ezekiel 28:15-17 — Iniquity found in him
- Revelation 12:4 — Angels following in rebellion

**Summary Insight:**

Angelic rebellion shows that even created beings with great power are accountable to God's order.

## 6. **Sons of God — A Necessary Distinction**

Angels are sometimes called "sons of God" by creation, but not in the same sense as Christ or redeemed humanity.

### **Key Scriptures:**

- Job 1:6 — Sons of God presenting before the Lord
- Hebrews 1:5 — No angel called "My Son"
- Romans 8:14–17 — Believers as sons by adoption

### **Summary Insight:**

There are different kinds of sonship. Christ is unique, and believers share in His sonship through redemption – it's not the same with angels.

## 7. **Servants vs Heirs — A Defining Difference**

Angels serve, but believers are called to inherit.

### **Key Scriptures:**

- Hebrews 2:5 — World to come not subject to angels
- 1 Corinthians 6:3 — Believers will judge angels
- Galatians 4:7 — No longer servant, but son and heir

### **Summary Insight:**

Angels operate in service, while redeemed humanity is destined for inheritance and authority under Christ.

## 8. **The Role and Function of Angels**

Angels carry out God's will in many ways: delivering messages, protecting, and executing judgment.

### **Key Scriptures:**

- Daniel 10 — Angelic assistance and conflict

- Genesis 19 — Judgment on Sodom
- Exodus 12:23 — Judgment in Egypt

**Summary Insight:**

Angels are active participants in God’s administration, always operating under His command.

**9. Worship Belongs to God Alone**

Angels refuse worship and direct all honor to God.

**Key Scriptures:**

- Revelation 19:10 — “I am thy fellowservant... worship God”
- Revelation 22:8-9 — Worship redirected to God

**Summary Insight:**

Even the most powerful angels remain servants and never share in God’s glory.

**Closing Thought:**

Angels are mighty and faithful servants, created before man and operating in great power. But they were never promised the inheritance.

What serves today will not rule tomorrow – that promise belongs to the heirs.

### **Chapter 3 - Enter The New Creature – The Abject Poverty of Humanity**

That description doesn't sound encouraging does it? The human existence is polar opposite and vastly different from God who is self-existent perfect and complete. Or even the angels who are created complete and fully functional.

Our human reality is that we were created as mortal – capable of dying unless outside help provides everything we will ever need just to stay alive. Which is in stark contrast with God as mentioned who does nothing because He needs to. It is we humans that exist with needs from cradle to grave. This breaks down into three facts:

- 1) In order for us to have anything **we must go and get** what we want and need.
  
- 2) In order for us to have things **we have to use our energy and spend our time and substance.**
  
- 3) In order for us to want to use up our energy and resources **we have to be motivated.**

We have to be hungry enough to want to go get our food and on and on. If you think about all our needs and desires and what it takes to get what we want then you can understand **we are bottomless pits.**

We are born naked, blind and completely dependent. All we can do is cry and if someone is listening hopefully they will respond with needed sustenance. Most often momma is the one listening but these days that is no longer reliable or guaranteed. From the day we are born till the day we die our entire existence is a long list of needs and wants.

**So in short our existence is needs based and every single one those needs must be supplied from outside of ourselves.**

God created us this way on purpose. I'd like to clue you in now but then I'll run out of books to write. I need to leave some information for later.

We are needy gatherers. The exact opposite is true for God. He needs absolutely nothing from outside of Himself in order to exist. Do you see the difference between God and us? Everything we will ever have must come from outside of ourselves. Everything that God has which is all that exists came from inside Himself. I hope you can understand that.

**In essence God is a giver and we all including angels are all takers.** This one fact alone is a huge factor that reveals what really being "Like God" is all about.

Lucifer wants to be "Like God" but his intrinsic essence as a "taker" can only produce a god that is a "taker". And this is the pattern of essence that now permeates all his ways and transfers over to all

power hungry – whether – angels, principalities, rulers in high places, and humans whose mentality of being powerful is that they can take what they want.

**Becoming “like God” is a transformational process that changes us from being takers to becoming givers.** What I see in my Bible that just overwhelms me to no end is the fact that a path exists that God has ordained and blessed in fact that empowers us to be “Like Him” – to be “Like God”.

We touched on this in chapter one – sitting at His feet and making Him the sole source of learning. Beholding Him – we are transformed to become “Like Him”. we don’t have to steal it like the devil has been trying to usurp and steal.

Listen, nothing can take away anything from God so there is no threat of loss or damage to Him either in substance or position. He can always afford generosity with no thought for ever lacking. His position as the only ‘self existent’ can not be stolen. “God IS” and that is the way it will always be.

From the get go before any creation ever began – God has been first planning to be a giver of rewards. And since creation He has been giving of Himself endlessly – sustaining all that exists. He has been a sustainer of all things forever and beyond.

So for God – raising up “Givers” isn’t a threat – but an asset to help Him give away more of Himself. So this path is welcomed and blessed.

What is not blessed is a realm of “takers” because the evidence surrounds us that this is the source of all conflict that exists.

What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you? **You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it.** You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong – you want only what will give you pleasure. Jas 4:1-3 NLT

That realm is winding down and going to end. The sooner the better. “Even so come Lord Jesus”.

From where we are now – in the very least those of us who can at least acknowledge God as the source of all blessings and say thank you. That is the first step in the transformational process.

### **More on our current state**

Wrapped up together in our beings as being needy people, comes also the tools to achieve us getting what we want. Which is our intellect, physical strength and abilities. Finally nested deep inside of our

intellect and abilities is motivation. The Bible uses the words covet and lust to describe our longings, cravings and desires. It is then our longings, cravings and desires that can be understood as the things that motivate us and cause us to act. And as James said above motivations matter.

All men are created equal in the eyes of God. However motivation comes from deep inside our beings and separates and sorts us out as to what we actually end up doing with our lives. Even in the cases where individuals are limited in either abilities or intellect – motivation is extremely powerful and can bridge the gaps and can drive us to overcome and accomplish astonishing feats.

Unfortunately our motivation is also the realm where the Man Whisperer, the serpent spell caster, or just plain devil plays. Our motivations are the strings the devil pulls on to get his puppets to do his evil bidding. So then our needs based existence makes us vulnerable and subject to suggestion and open to short cuts. Our existence is a radical and absolute opposite existence from God's existence.

The Bible tells us God looks for and seeks individuals based on their motivations. God is looking for individuals whose longings, cravings, and desires are for truth and the ways of God.

All the while the devil is looking for people who want the short cuts to power, fame and riches. **So we see our needs get met by either**

**the devil or God depending on what we long for in our heart.**

Moving on.

Remember the devil's attacks against God were against His motivation and integrity. The devil lied to Eve by saying God was purposefully withholding something that would make her better. The devil tried to make God a liar by saying they would not die if they disobeyed.

Keep in mind false accusations usually indicate the motives of the accuser. It is the devil that wants to steal away our dominion. It is the devil that sought to destroy Eve's relationship with God and hence gain for himself the dominion of the earth. It is the accuser himself using lies against God as his means to gain control of the world.

These things are playing out before our eyes with a very divided society. One group accusing the other of the very same things the accusers are doing themselves. Enough said. It is God's good pleasure to give us the kingdom. God is Good! All the time!

### **The Foundation of the Earth**

Let's get back on track now taking a step back and look at what God did. Before creating the living beings and creatures God established order and boundaries throughout the universe. Separating light from darkness, establishing firmaments or boundaries between our sky and the heavens above, separating land from out of the seas. All this was to prepare a world that would be used as a habitation for all God's

created beings and creatures. So we see that creation was not all rolled out in one instantaneous moment but rather God did things in stages.

### **The purpose for the stages**

**Preparing a place for you stage 1)** Everything in its place within its boundaries.

Isa 45:18 KJV For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, **he formed it to be inhabited**: I am the LORD; and there is none else.

Notice the stages – God created the heavens, in the heavens He formed the earth, when He hovered over the earth – He established an order. He established the order with the express purpose to be inhabited.

God's establishing and bringing everything into order was done by establishing boundaries for all things living and otherwise. The boundaries separate light from darkness – day from night and so on. So separation is part of how God operates.

Time, space, and place are all boundaries. God's initial actions were to establish boundaries first before creating living things.

The Genesis story tells us God divided light from darkness and established firmaments. These firmaments are boundaries. God spoke and said sun, stars and moon stay here and do your job.

He said oceans stay here and lands stay there. He said heavens above stay there and sky below stay here. God created everything to stay put in its place in the first 4 days of creation. In those days God created places of habitation. First the sky and then the birds. First the seas and then the fish. First the dry land and then the creatures and critters.

Every living species has a place; a habitation specifically created to meet the needs of the creature: birds in the air, fish in the sea, beasts in the fields on and on. You cannot expect a fish to prosper very long on land nor can we expect land creatures to prosper very long if dumped into the depths of the sea. All creatures thrive and prosper with the blessing of God; "Be fruitful and multiply" when they are within the boundaries of their specific habitation.

Then when it came to the creation of man God created a special place different than the rest of the globe that we call Eden the garden of God which also had boundaries. It was only after everything was set and in order that God created man and placed him into the garden.

**Back up again and look at the big picture and Behold the Glory of God**

There is something incredibly profound about how God operates. You and I communicate using human language—spoken or written words. Human intellect speaks to human intellect.

But God communicates on a much higher level. When we begin to connect the dots, we realize that He is not only speaking through words – He is telling a story through everything He creates. The meaning is built into the creation itself.

Creation doesn't just exist – it speaks. It reveals His wisdom, His plan, and His forethought.

We use words to communicate. God uses everything He makes.

What we often call “types and shadows” are simply this – God using real things to point to greater things.

This pattern of speaking through creation becomes uniquely a God thing that becomes His signature of authenticity if you will.

Take the example of a lamb. In the early parts of Scripture, a lamb is used as a sacrifice – something innocent given so that another might live. At the time, in the human mind, it may have appeared to be simply an act of obedience to please God or a way to gain favor with Him.

But as the story unfolds, we come to understand that the lamb was never the final answer – it wasn't the dying of an animal that God was

pleased with or wanted. Rather the lamb was a temporary symbol pointing to something greater.

When John 1:29 declares Jesus as “the Lamb of God,” the picture becomes clear. What was always practice as a symbol in the past was now becoming the reality that God was actually communicating all along.

God didn’t just say what He was going to do – He showed it first. Long before the fulfillment came, He was already telling the story through what He created and established.

### **Clarifying Disclaimer**

Now when I look at creation and the symbolism I see – I’m sharing my take on the story that is being told. What I am not doing is presenting my take as infallible truth. Actually over the years my take has evolved and modified. What that means is that I’m always willing to be taught.

In general and not universally – my observation is – when an individual becomes an ‘expert’ they like to see themselves as authoritative and therefore unchallengeable.

Now when getting into areas of symbolism the sky is the limit. Anybody can say this means this and quite often many go that route. And many more use that route to create a sensationalism that sells their conclusions for a profit.

My approach to symbolism is to base it on what I already know to be a provable fact – and then simply use the symbolism as an additional layer of backup. And then only to demonstrate the depths of God’s wisdom from beginning to end. This becomes unique to God – to be able to weave threads into the fabric of creation as a signature declaring His glory.

I am able to speak with confidence not because I want to represent myself as any kind of authority – nope – His word is the authority. My confidence comes from the precept that God has ‘declared the end from the beginning’. So when I look at and speak of symbolism I see parameters – there must be a consistency that is identical from Genesis thru Revelations. Everything must line up from cover to cover.

Interestingly enough the first word of the Bible is “In” and the last word of the Bible is “Amen”. So combine the very first letter ‘I’ with the very last letter ‘N’ and we get the word ‘IN’. So in the way I operate all understanding comes from everything – not just a passage nor a chapter nor any set of passages or chapters – cover to cover

from I thru N everything must be consistent and woven together as the fabric of creation. This declares the Glory of God.

That right there demonstrates one mind – His mind – and in knowing His mind I speak with confidence. Not to say you need to know me but rather to say **WE** need to know Him.

So while I move forward with my take on the symbolism of creation that is beyond a purely scriptural word for word sense – comparing the consistency reinforces the message God has woven into creation.

One last thought – and just know God has corrected my thoughts – at the time of creation there were no people yet to have a purely written account of God’s handiwork. The communication was between God and the current Host of the heavens so the symbolism may have been part of their language that we are only trying to learn now. The truth is fixed – our understanding is what grows.

### **What the First Four Days of Creation Tells Us**

With the backdrop of Lucifer devising his own plans of grandeur – God is on top and already ahead of those schemes. Remember God is the original planner and foreknowledge is His ace planning strategy.

Before Lucifer even begins making any moves. While Lucifer is still singing in the choir along with all the other angels – God knows what is brewing in his heart and answers with the order being established within the first four days of creation.

Creation begins with chaos and darkness covering the earth. Why would a God that is the absolute definition of order begin with chaos? And why would the God who is “Light” “In whom there is no darkness at all” begin with darkness?

Beginning with chaos and darkness was a demonstration that God already knew what Lucifer’s effects on this earth would be if left unchecked. It was a silent way to symbolically say – Lucifer can try – but I the Lord am not finished yet – I’m just getting started.

Then with just three spoken words – “Let there be light” darkness was instantly overcome.

### **The First Day – Three Spoken Words**

And then shall that Wicked be revealed, **whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth**, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming. 2 Thess 2:8

Those first three words were already pointing forward to Jesus’ triumph over the “Wicked one” First in a type that foreshadows and then in the fullness of time – the final reality.

Joh 1:5 NLT The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

Now if God is Light – was God actually saying ‘Let there be Me’? When did “Me” actually show up?

The One who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. **He came into the very world He created**, but the world didn't recognize Him. Joh 1:9-10 NLT

In short God’s answer to whatever Lucifer was scheming was Jesus – first in symbolic type – later in fulfilled reality.

2Co 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Col 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath **translated** *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son:

The Second day God establishes firmaments. He is dividing, ordering, and assigning function. God is not just creating things – He is organizing them and giving them space – and part of giving them space is also giving them time as indicated by ‘first day, second day’ and so on.

So who is He assigning `time' and space to? What is God still speaking of? Light and darkness. Day and night. God is still symbolically speaking of durations of time when both darkness and light have separate places but coexist within the duration of "A Day".

First the night and then the day – equals one day. First the prince of darkness has his time – but that time ends when the Son arises. So again we see God using what He is creating as symbols of future real events.

Isa 60:2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: **but the LORD shall arise upon thee**, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

Pe 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, **until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:**

And when the "Day Star arise" – What star comes out during the day? Well the sun symbolically – but The Son in reality. And when He arises begins the third day.

### **The Starting Point for Being "Translated" – the Third Day**

And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered

together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good. Gen 1:9-10 KJV

We are talking about creation being a God thing in which He writes messages that indicate signatures of authenticity. Only God signs His masterpieces. Actually He is the only One who truly created real masterpieces that deserve signing.

What is the above passage showing us? Step back and examine the scenario. Where was the earth before it was raised to become "dry land"? The earth was under the abyss and under darkness. Or symbolically under the King of the abyss and his darkness.

What did God do to bring the 'dry land' out from under the current symbolic control of the King of the abyss and his darkness? He raised the 'dry land' out from under the waters. What becomes of the 'dry land'? It becomes the dwelling place for the "living creatures" God is going to create yet. First the place and then the inhabitants of that place.

Where does the symbolic "beast" representing Satan's dominion arise from? And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea Rev 13:1

Between the dry land and the sea God is showing us the two domains of the “living creatures” on land – and the satanic in the sea. Separation is God’s signature and separation is in order.

Now back up again – what are we witnessing here? When something is at **one point under water** – the symbolic place of Satan’s darkness and rule – **but then raised above the water** by God to come out of that domain – that my friend is called a baptism.

Act 22:16 And now why tarriest thou? **arise**, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

Col 2:12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also **ye are risen** with *him* through the faith of **the operation of God**, who hath raised him from the dead.

**Col 2:13** And you, **being dead in your sins** and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

Well my friend creation on the third day is showing us that Baptism is the operation of God that separates first the place and later the “living creatures” from the dead creatures. And that separation is the beginning of our translation “Into the kingdom of his dear Son”. The baptized are the “living creatures” God is moving forward to get that reward He is wanting to give away.

Mar 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

God wrote and revealed the entire Gospel of Jesus Christ's Triumph over Satan even before Satan made his first move in just seven verses of the creation story. Now you tell me Who creates masterpieces?

## **Study Reference for Chapter 3 — The New Creature: The Abject Poverty of Humanity**

### **1. God — The Source and Sustainer of All Life**

God alone is self-sufficient and the source of all that exists. Everything that lives depends on Him for life and continuation.

#### **Key Scriptures:**

- Acts 17:24–25 — God gives life, breath, and all things
- Colossians 1:16–17 — All things created by Him and held together by Him
- Romans 11:36 — All things are of Him, through Him, and to Him

#### **Summary Insight:**

God is the giver and sustainer. All creation depends on Him, while He depends on nothing.

### **2. Humanity — Dependent and in Need**

Human life is not self-sustaining. From beginning to end, mankind depends on provision from outside itself.

#### **Key Scriptures:**

- Genesis 2:7 — Man receives life from God
- Psalm 103:14–16 — Man's frailty and temporary nature
- Matthew 6:31–32 — Human needs require continual provision

#### **Summary Insight:**

Man lives in dependence. Every need must be met from outside himself.

### **3. Motivation and Desire — The Driver of Action**

Human behavior is driven by inner desires, which determine direction and outcome.

**Key Scriptures:**

- James 4:1-3 — Desires as the source of conflict
- James 1:14-15 — Desire leading to sin and death
- Psalm 37:4 — God shaping desires toward Himself

**Summary Insight:**

What we desire determines what we pursue, and ultimately what we become.

**4. God's Nature — The Giver**

God's nature is to give, not to take. All good things originate from Him.

**Key Scriptures:**

- James 1:17 — Every good gift comes from God
- John 3:16 — God gives out of love
- Acts 20:35 — It is more blessed to give than to receive

**Summary Insight:**

God's character is revealed through giving. His nature stands in contrast to need-driven humanity.

**5. Transformation — From Taker to Giver**

God's work in man transforms a need-driven life into one that reflects His giving nature.

**Key Scriptures:**

- 2 Corinthians 5:17 — New creature in Christ
- Ephesians 4:28 — From taking to giving
- Philippians 2:5-7 — Christ's example of self-giving

**Summary Insight:**

Transformation is not just receiving—it is becoming like God in nature and action.

## 6. God Establishes Order and Boundaries

Creation reveals that God brings order through separation, structure, and defined limits.

### **Key Scriptures:**

- Genesis 1:3–10 — Light, firmament, and land established
- Psalm 33:6–9 — Creation by the Word of God
- Jeremiah 5:22 — Boundaries set for the sea

### **Summary Insight:**

God creates order first, establishing boundaries so life can function and flourish.

## 7. Creation Prepared for Life

God prepared environments before placing living beings within them.

### **Key Scriptures:**

- Isaiah 45:18 — Earth formed to be inhabited
- Genesis 1:20–25 — Creatures placed in their environments
- Genesis 2:8 — Man placed in the garden

### **Summary Insight:**

God prepares before He places. Life thrives within the environment He establishes.

## 8. Creation Reveals God

The visible world communicates the invisible nature and wisdom of God.

### **Key Scriptures:**

- Psalm 19:1 — Creation declares God's glory
- Romans 1:20 — Invisible things understood by creation
- Hebrews 11:3 — Visible made from unseen

**Summary Insight:**

Creation is not silent—it reveals God’s character, wisdom, and plan.

**9. Light and Darkness — A Recurring Pattern**

From the beginning, God distinguishes light from darkness, establishing a pattern seen throughout Scripture.

**Key Scriptures:**

- Genesis 1:3–4 — Light divided from darkness
- John 1:5 — Light shines in darkness
- 2 Corinthians 4:6 — Light revealed in Christ

**Summary Insight:**

Light overcomes darkness. What begins in creation finds fulfillment in Christ.

**10. Separation — A Principle of God’s Work**

God consistently separates in order to define, protect, and establish purpose.

**Key Scriptures:**

- Genesis 1:4, 6–7 — God divides and separates
- Leviticus 20:26 — Called to be separate
- 2 Corinthians 6:17 — Come out and be separate

**Summary Insight:**

Separation is not division for its own sake—it establishes identity and purpose.

**11. From Death to Life — The Work of God**

God’s work brings life out of death and calls man into a new state of being.

**Key Scriptures:**

- Colossians 2:12–13 — Buried and raised with Christ
- Romans 6:4 — Walk in newness of life
- Acts 22:16 — Baptism and cleansing

**Summary Insight:**

God’s operation brings transformation—from death into life through His power.

**12. God’s Plan Revealed Over Time**

God reveals His purposes progressively, showing patterns first and fulfillment later.

**Key Scriptures:**

- Ephesians 1:9–10 — Mystery revealed in Christ
- Hebrews 10:1 — Shadow of things to come
- Colossians 2:16–17 — Shadow and substance

**Summary Insight:**

God reveals His plan step by step. What is shown early is fulfilled later.

**Closing Thought:** Man begins in need—dependent, searching, and empty. But God’s plan is not to leave man as a taker. Through His work, He transforms us into something new – a people who not only receive from Him, but reflect Him.

## Chapter 4 – The Fourth Day

After the foreshadowing Triumph of Jesus conquering darkness. God continues to use the objects He has created as symbols to represent a greater fulfillment in the future. Now His work continues with the establishment of the luminaries. Remember first He said “Let there be light” singular, and now He is saying “Let there be lights” plural. He also establishes the purpose for these “lights” – “To divide the day from the night”.

### **This is the Type Foreshadowing A Future Fulfillment**

Genesis 1:14 And God said, Let there be **lights** in the firmament of the heaven **to divide the day from the night;** and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

(15) And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

(16) And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.

(17) **And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,**

(18) And to rule over the day and over the night, and **to divide the light from the darkness:** and God saw that it was good.

(19) And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

**Are the ‘Lights’ natural, physical objects in the sky? Or people?**

Dan 12:3 And **they that be wise** shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness **as the stars for ever and ever.**

For I (Jesus) have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them... John 17:8

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word... John 17:20

Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men... **And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints,** for the work of the ministry, **for the edifying of the body of Christ:** Ephesians 4:8-12

Rev 1:16 And He had in his right hand **seven stars**... and His countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

Rev 1:20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand... **The seven stars are the angels (leaders)** of the seven churches...

1Th 5:5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

When these lesser luminaries finish giving their light and turn many to righteousness then The Greater Light will shine forever.

And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: **for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light** thereof. Revelation 21:23

Can you see the consistency from Genesis through Revelations. From the beginning thru to the end – “Declaring the end from the beginning” Isa 46:10.

God said “Let there be Light” and His operation of Baptism separated a place for the living (before the living were manifest yet to come on day 6) - “I go to prepare a place for you”. Joh 14:2 separated from the dead. The place is ordained even before we actually get there because it’s all the same to God – what He ordains beforehand is as good as already done. As far as God is concerned we are now seated in the heavens before the reality of actually being seated.

Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, **and made us sit together in heavenly places** in Christ Jesus: Ephesians 2:5-6

Then God said “Let there be lights” and they separated the light from the darkness. The ‘lights’ are the messengers chosen by God to continue to reflect the light of the “True Light” Jesus, through the word

He "gave them". They preached His truth and we who believe "Their word" are turned to righteousness and become "The children of the light" being separated from the children of the darkness.

Then when all earthly work is done – earth, sun, moon and stars have finished their course and give way to the One and only true source of all things and He remains eternal.

And all this in answer to, and in contrast to Lucifer – 'the light bearer' – a wannabe shooting star.

And he (Jesus)said unto them, **I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.** Luke 10:18

And **there fell a great star from heaven**, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; And the name of the star is called Wormwood... Revelation 8:10-11

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Revelation 12:9

So what have we seen being demonstrated? First with "Let there be light" - we see Christ's triumphant victory over death symbolized in baptism and Him separating a place for His living creatures to abide.

His New Creatures abide in what we know as The Church. A separated place "*in the world but not of the world*". The place ordained even before the actual New Creatures were formed on day six originally in Genesis. This also is a shadow that finds fulfillment on the sixth day known as the Millennium when 'The Son's of God are made manifest' with Christ at His second coming.

### **Day Six**

Day six is another place of 'beginning' something that represents something intended to be finished or fulfilled later on. Day six is when the "New Creature" – the One God created the place for – The Heir with dominion is finally unveiled.

The first couple were given dominion in the beginning as a type and shadow of what? He who actually owns that dominion. When does He actually come to rein with dominion? On the sixth day. In God's timeline of one thousand years equals one day - the six thousandth year begins the Millennium for the next thousand years – which then is the seventh day of rest before the eighth day beginning again the new creation cycle of a New Heaven and a New Earth.

First the Greater Light – Jesus – then the lesser lights – whomever He sends. To the lesser lights He ordains the administration of "*For the perfecting of the saints*" the children of the day, separating them from the children of the night.

So we have separating in stages, preparing places in stages and final fulfillment in stages, and all this creates a pattern.

Human temperament dislikes waiting for tomorrow what could have been done yesterday. We like instant gratification and instant results – but the One actually capable of instant – doesn't. The eternal One exercises extreme patience and faithfulness to His process. Which is a message within itself.

So just the first 19 verses of Genesis reveal a blueprint of what God is orchestrating and building towards. God starts with a blueprint and ends with The New Jerusalem. In between we have a God that is already demonstrating a level of control that is way past and beyond our comprehension. Creation is already telling His story of triumph and His story is His Glory.

### **Details Matter**

We see distinctions above and beyond the other creatures created on the sixth day in that God ordained us to have dominion over. That sixth day saw the creation of birds, fish, beasts, crawly things and man.

As mentioned to each of these sets of creatures God first ordained the place of their habitation as a place of blessing. Remain in that place and multiplying and fruitfulness is assured.

### **In the sea and in the air**

And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven... **And God blessed them,** saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. Genesis 1:20-22

### **On Dry Land**

**And God said, Let us make man in our image,** after our likeness: and **let them have dominion** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. (27) So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. (28) **And God blessed them,** and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply. Gen 1:26-29

### **On Dry land also but...**

And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, (1) cattle, and (2) creeping thing, and (3) beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good. Gen 1:24-25

But where is the blessing? These were not blessed independently – but who was blessed?

And God said, **Let us make man** in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the (1) fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the (2) cattle, and over all the earth, and over (3) every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. **And God blessed them**, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.  
Genesis 1:26-28

There is no direct mention of blessing upon cattle, beasts or creepy things. The blessing is upon man, with man having dominion over these creatures. So now the umbrella of covering is revealed – Man as the head over the creatures – so the creatures are blessed indirectly. As long as they remain under that order of dominion that is.

Look at the list of creatures again: (1) Cattle (2) Creeping things (3) Beasts of the earth. Look at the list of creatures under dominion: (1) Fish and fowl (2) Cattle (3) Every creeping thing

Where did the beasts go as far as blessings? Who was plotting his own plans of grandeur? Lucifer. Who then might not think he wants to be under the dominion of Man in order to receive blessings?

Now the serpent was more subtil **than any beast of the field** which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?  
Genesis 3:1

Yep. No yoke around my neck. My perfect self is going to show who has dominion over who. What was only plans in his mind are now put into action and he makes his move. Yep, no blessing for that beast.

Just to give you something to think about – the rest of the animals of Genesis are also representative of other entities. The beasts represent the third part of entities drawn away by that certain beast of the field. The other critters represent other groups that ultimately do come under dominion.

I think you have seen enough of Genesis for now and are familiar with the repercussions of that fateful day. The next chapter I'm going just go full bore into the question of "*What is Man*"? Now if you want to talk about blessings – this next chapter is going to just woop on that snake.

## **Study Reference for Chapter 4 — The Fourth Day: Lights, Order, and Witness**

### **1. The Lights — Appointed for Signs and Seasons**

God established the lights in the heavens to divide light from darkness and to mark time and purpose.

#### **Key Scriptures:**

- Genesis 1:14–18 — Lights for signs, seasons, days, and years
- Psalm 104:19 — Moon appointed for seasons
- Jeremiah 31:35 — Ordinances of sun, moon, and stars

#### **Summary Insight:**

God assigns purpose to creation. The lights establish order, time, and visible structure.

### **2. Light Bearers — Reflecting a Greater Light**

Scripture uses the language of light to describe those who reflect God’s truth and righteousness.

#### **Key Scriptures:**

- Daniel 12:3 — The wise shine as brightness and stars
- Matthew 5:14–16 — You are the light of the world
- Philippians 2:15 — Shine as lights in the world

#### **Summary Insight:**

God’s people are called to reflect His light. What is seen in creation is later seen in His people.

### **3. The Greater Light — Christ Revealed**

All lesser lights point toward the one true and eternal Light, Jesus Christ.

#### **Key Scriptures:**

- John 1:9 — The true Light that gives light to every man
- John 8:12 — I am the light of the world
- Revelation 21:23 — The Lamb is the light thereof

**Summary Insight:**

Christ is the source. All other light is derived and temporary.

**4. Light vs Darkness — Ongoing Separation**

God continues to distinguish between light and darkness, both physically and spiritually.

**Key Scriptures:**

- Genesis 1:4 — God divided the light from the darkness
- John 1:5 — Darkness cannot overcome the light
- 1 Thessalonians 5:5 — Children of light, not of darkness

**Summary Insight:**

Light and darkness remain distinct. God’s work separates and defines them.

**5. Witnesses — The Word Carried Forward**

God uses people as messengers to carry His light through His Word.

**Key Scriptures:**

- John 17:8 — Words given and received
- John 17:20 — Others believe through their word
- Ephesians 4:11-12 — Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers

**Summary Insight:**

God’s light is carried forward through those He sends. The message continues through faithful witnesses.

## 6. **God's Plan — Declared from Beginning to End**

God establishes patterns early that are fulfilled later in His plan.

Key Scriptures:

- Isaiah 46:10 — Declaring the end from the beginning
- Ecclesiastes 3:15 — God requires what is past
- Hebrews 10:1 — Shadow of things to come

### **Summary Insight:**

What God begins, He completes. Early patterns reveal later fulfillment.

## 7. **Time and Order — God's Structured Process**

God works in stages, assigning time and purpose within His creation.

### **Key Scriptures:**

- Genesis 1:19 — The fourth day completed
- 2 Peter 3:8 — A day with the Lord as a thousand years
- Galatians 4:4 — Fullness of time

### **Summary Insight:**

God is not rushed. He works according to His timing and brings fulfillment in stages.

## 8. **Dominion and Fulfillment — The Revealing of Man**

Man is created with dominion, pointing toward a future fulfillment under Christ.

### **Key Scriptures:**

- Genesis 1:26-28 — Dominion given to man
- Hebrews 2:6-8 — All things placed under him
- Romans 8:19 — Manifestation of the sons of God

**Summary Insight:**

What is given in the beginning is fulfilled later. Dominion points forward to a greater reality.

**9. Blessing and Order – Life Under Authority**

God’s blessing flows within the order He establishes.

**Key Scriptures:**

- Genesis 1:22 — Blessing on creatures of sea and air
- Genesis 1:28 — Blessing and dominion given to man
- Psalm 8:6–8 — Man given authority over creation

**Summary Insight:**

Blessing is connected to order. Life thrives when aligned with God’s design.

**Closing Thought:** God placed lights in the heavens to divide, to guide, and to mark His order. But those lights were never the end – only the witness. The true Light was always coming. And when He appears, all lesser lights give way to Him.

## Chapter 5 What is Man?

*"What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him? and that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him"? Job 7:17*

Now who was thinking I would quote Psalms 8 when asking this question – What is man? You see that question has been asked for a very long time. Ballpark guesstimates place Job at one thousand years before David and these two are just the ones who wrote that question down.

In all honest I would think at some time in every individuals life that sort of question pops into our mind. What is life about? Why are we here? What purpose does my life serve? Does anything ever get better? Right? Aren't we all there asking these same questions?

These questions are the same for everyone. The difference is in how we answer them.

The Bible actually records three people asking the same question – "What is man"? Job was the first in the verse above. At the time he was suffering under a trail that caused him to question just about everything and in his suffering the full context of his question frames it as why do you even bother with me – it would be better if you left me alone.

I loathe it; I would not live alway: **let me alone**; for my days

are vanity. What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him? and that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him? And that thou shouldest visit him every morning, and try him every moment?

**How long wilt thou not depart from me, nor let me alone...**

Job 7:16-19

This coming from a man that was described as "*Perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.*" Job 1:1 So the balance of the book has Job wrestling with his condition. After hearing from all his "friends" and getting laced into by God for two chapters of "correction" – Job pauses to reflect and states he is done complaining.

Then Job answered the LORD and said, "Behold, I am insignificant; what can I say in response to You? I put my hand on my mouth." Job 40:3-4

Just choosing to be silent wasn't enough for God so He continues with "correction" for another two chapters. And now Job has a different tune.

Then Job answered the LORD and said, "**I know that You can do all things, And that no plan is impossible for You... I will ask You, and You instruct me.**" "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear; But now my eye sees You; Therefore I retract, And **I repent, sitting on dust and ashes.**" Job 42:1-6

One moment we have Job asking God to please leave him alone. The pain and suffering of this needy human condition is real. And pain has an effect on what we think and say at times. What we may not normally say out loud while we are "Perfect and upright" - can get squeezed out when we are under pressure. That pressure we know came from the devil.

Then God put pressure on Job – a different kind of pressure though. The devil's pressure was to break Job. God's pressure was to make Job. That pressure was going to squeeze out what God was seeing in Job all along.

Some scholars estimate the God sat Job down and asked in the area of eighty questions. Job had questions and God answered with questions. Questions become the source of learning and our bottomless pit of endless needs naturally give way to endless questions. It's not the questioning that is wrong – there are no wrong questions. It's the answers that can be wrong.

Fortunately for Job, God's series of eighty questions gave him pause enough to regain perspective. Perspective comes from what you are looking at. At the moment Job was only looking at his loss and suffering so the questions and statements he was making came from his inner perspective – looking inward into the destitute reality of our nature.

To that perspective Job answered the first time with "Behold, **I am insignificant**". This is Truth – but half of the story. So Job gets grilled again until this response gets squeezed out. "**I know that You can do all things, And that no plan is impossible for You**". Bingo! The picture of what is man is completed.

Our insignificance must be tied to His totality.

At the point that, that light went off in Job's head – he was now in the position to receive double what he had before.

Just for contrast and balance we need to talk about Eliphaz. Because it wasn't just Job who asked the question "what is man"? Eliphaz asked it also.

What is man, that he should be clean? and he which is born of a woman, that he should be righteous? Job 15:14

Now when we compare these questions side by side we see perspective coming through. Look at how Job phrased the question.

What is man, that **thou** shouldest magnify him? and that **thou** shouldest set thine heart upon him? Job 7:17

Job's perspective included God in the picture. Eliphaz's question frames man's condition as a foregone conclusion. Man cannot be neither clean nor righteous because he is man. This is truth – but

again only half of the picture. Because Eliphaz didn't reference God in any way - either issue of being clean or righteous could not be answered for him. Because it is only God who does both - make us clean and imputes our righteousness.

At the end God says to Eliphaz, "My wrath is kindled against thee" and told to sacrifice and allow Job to pray for Him because God "accepts" Job. Right there Eliphaz gets taught his own lesson about being made 'clean' and imputed righteousness. The sacrifice made him clean and Job's prayer and right standing with God covered for Eliphaz.

And again that all points to the repeated theme of the umbrella covering - submitting to the one who is '**given**' authority over you. The reason they have been '**given**' authority is because they have been '**accepted**'.

The theme of being '**accepted**' is another thread woven throughout scripture and becomes central to understanding that there are acceptable mindsets, attitudes and perspectives and there are wrong mindsets, attitudes and perspective.

The Theme for humanity began with Adam being **given** dominion - the one beast didn't like that idea and moved in his own direction with other plans. So we see how that works out.

Now the picture between the two men asking the same question - "What is man" illustrates mindsets. Eliphaz just said man is nothing

and that will never change. Then even though God was angry saying: *“for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right”* God goes ahead and ‘cleans’ him up and spares Eliphaz from God’s anger. God is good that way.

Job’s mindset did include God but his suffering caused him to divert his eyes inwardly and of course inside we are empty and we can find no answers. And yet still again God steps in with answers even though He only asked questions. Those questions refocused Job’s eyes off himself and back onto God and that right there is the answer. Those questions allowed Job to see God.

I had only heard about You before, but now I have seen You with my own eyes. I take back everything I said, and I sit in dust and ashes to show my repentance. Job 42:5-6 NLT

### **Contrasting Mindsets**

The best way to illustrate a wrong mindset versus an ‘accepted’ mindset is to compare Cain and Job. Through both these men God shows us that a wrong mindset has consequences and an ‘accepted’ mindset has rewards. Job’s mindset has already been illustrated with his Bingo moment – “I am insignificant” - “but I know that You can do all things, And that no plan is impossible for You”

That Bingo moment set Job apart to be enabled to enter a priestly role.

...**"My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer on your behalf. I will not treat you as you deserve, for you have not spoken accurately about Me, as My servant Job has."** Job 42:8 NLT

### **In Contrast with Cain**

And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy **countenance fallen**? **If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted?** and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him. Genesis 4:6-7 KJV

Genesis 4:7 and Job 42:8 are connected by the Hebrew picture of a face being "lifted up" before God. In Cain's case, his countenance had fallen because his heart was not aligned with God, yet God mercifully told him that if he would do well, he would be "**accepted**" - literally lifted up and restored in favor.

In Job's case, after suffering and testing, God declared that He would "accept" Job - meaning He would lift up Job's face with honor and receive him favorably as an intercessor for others. Together these passages reveal that biblical acceptance is not merely tolerance, but restoration into right standing, where shame is removed and fellowship with God is renewed.

The contrast between Cain and Job deepens the picture. Cain stood at the doorway of restoration – God gave him council – but rather chose the path of sin, causing his fallen state to descend further into judgment and separation. Job, however, humbled himself before God and became a mediator for others, and his face was lifted up in vindication and peace.

One man resisted correction and remained cast down; the other endured being corrected and refinement and was exalted through acceptance before God.

One man rejected God’s council and killed his brother.

The other man endured God’s council and prayed for his brothers.

Both passages ultimately point toward a larger covenant principle found throughout Scripture: God desires to lift humanity from a fallen condition into restored fellowship with Himself. The lifting of the face represents favor, peace, and reconciliation in the presence of God but that restored fellowship has an exceedingly far greater purpose than personal redemption.

This purpose reaches its fullness in Christ, through whom mankind is finally accepted, lifted up, and brought boldly before the throne of grace – not just for ourselves to be accepted but for the express purpose of also entering the Royal Priesthood – to pray for nations.

Which now becomes the fullest expression of “What is man” – not as a question but in fullness “The Answer”. The answer to eliminate a devil who influences to kill brothers by becoming accepted and enabled to pray for brothers – bringing blessing instead of deserved consequences.

Hearing from and seeing God answers every question – and that goes back into the theme of keeping your eyes on God always. Like David did – who is the next person to ask the question: “What is man”.

I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, **I shall not be moved**. Psalm 16:8

David being a man after God’s own heart has the uttermost profound answer because he doesn’t frame the question of “What is man” in weakness as both Job and Eliphaz did. David – because his eyes were on God always – saw way beyond human weakness right into being crowned with glory and honor.

### **What is Man According to God**

Psa 8:1 To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm of David. O LORD our Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

Psa 8:2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

Psa 8:3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

Psa 8:4 **What is man, that thou art mindful of him?** and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Psa 8:5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

Psa 8:6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all *things* under his feet:

Psa 8:7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;

Psa 8:8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, *and whatsoever* passeth through the paths of the seas.

Psa 8:9 O LORD our Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in all the earth!

Hebrews 2:5-10 For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak. (6) But one in a certain place testified, saying, **What is man, that thou art mindful of him?** or the son of man, that thou visitest him? (7) Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst

him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: (8) Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him. (9) **But we see Jesus**, who was made a little lower than the angels **for the suffering of death**, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. (10) For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, **to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.**

Hebrews 2:14-15 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; **that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;** (15) And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

I set it all before your eyes because these passages give us the absolute quintessential answer as to why God ever bothered to create man in the first place. As I unpack these passages – I will be praying for you the reader – to see not only God in all His magnificent gestures of grace towards the “*insignificant*” – but also how the “insignificant” becomes ‘crowned with glory and honor’.

### **Our Resume` - Powers that Belong to the Insignificant**

David the man after God's own heart – found it. When he penned the words of the above psalm he connected the dots that completes the entire picture of God's purpose for man. The key is where we place our eyes. If we are like Eliphaz and can only see our desperate destitution as permanent state then we too are misunderstanding God's intentions for mankind.

David raises his eyes to see a magnificent God whose glory exceeds far above the heavens and that God was challenged by a wannabe god who chose to take his destiny into his own hands. Now this is a supposition but we need to ask the question and remember there are no wrong questions but to get the right answer we must ask God.

The question is **IF** upward mobility exists for angels what would the path look like that can indeed achieve a status of 'being like the Most High'. Now it is an established pattern that God ALWAYS either counsels or warns in some way BEFORE people or nations wander off into self destructive ways - just as He did with Cain, the pre-deluvian world, Israel and so on.

Again this is just a question but the first ten verses of Genesis reveal the triumph of Christ over darkness through the Gospel – while Lucifer is still singing in the choir. Could that have been a type of cosmic warning to Lucifer against what was in his heart and intending to do?

If God gave warning could that imply a solution to Lucifer's conflict

could have been possible? with doom averted agreeably? Well these are question for when we get to the other side. The point is that God is always just and fair and consistent.

Again I'll repeat nothing robs God. He can not be made less or poorer. His assets are without limits. He can afford incredible generosity and He is incredible in His generosity.

And that right there is the entire point as to why He was willing to create a destitute bottomless pit creature. (Humanity just in case you were wondering whom I'm referring to.) Just as a declaration that He is magnificent in generosity being willing and able to supply all our needs. And to boot He added a cherry on top – God has shown us the way ordained as the path to become "Like the Most High".

Now admittedly the current life in this current world is fraught with troubles from cradle to grave but that is because a certain someone decided to obey a certain someone else whose reputation as the "Destroyer" is well earned. She let the wild beast into our crystal house and history is what it is.

### **Getting rid of the Wild Beast**

Hebrews 2:14-15 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might **destroy** him that had the power of death, that is, **the devil.**

God really doesn't like a wild beast running through His creation any more than we would want a wild critters running through our homes. But God has this thing called love your enemies. He is not one to say do as I say and not as I do. He is the epitome of His own preaching and patience is most definitely His virtue.

We humans like instant gratification and nuclear options for dealing with our enemies and that is just not God's way. Watch and learn...

### **The Nuclear Code to Destroying the Devil**

"Forasmuch then as **the children are partakers** of flesh and blood, **he also himself likewise took part of the same.**" Heb 2:14

What is man, that thou art mindful of him? **AND** the son of man, that thou visitest him? Psa 8:4

These two verses tells me that "man" **and** the "son of man" (Jesus) own the same resume`. We (that is we who can receive this) and Jesus share the same mission. We are joined at the hips for the express purpose of "destroying the devil". Look at verse two:

Psa 8:2 ...that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

These three verses alone already define the specific mission God had in mind when creating the "New Creature". This "lower than the angels" created naked and void of any apparent assets creature – was created in reality – created with 'the right stuff'. Not in assets, personal abilities, nor personal wisdom, nothing at all coming from us in any way, shape or form can "destroy the devil". EXCEPT for one divinely appointed, magnificently profound and eternally effectual asset. And that is our 'partnership' with God Himself. That is the 'right stuff' to "*destroy*" the devil.

As I now move forward into the next chapter to describe 'Super powers' you never knew you had and the devil wishes you never know you have. Be prepared to "pick up your cross" to join our God in His mission to go nuclear on Satan's kingdom.

## **Study Reference for Chapter 5 — What Is Man?**

### **1. The Question of Man** — Humanity Viewed Through Different Eyes

The question “What is man?” reveals perspective. Some see only weakness and failure; others see God’s purpose and calling.

#### **Key Scriptures:**

- Job 7:17–19 — Job questions why God is mindful of man
- Job 15:14 — Eliphaz questions whether man can be clean or righteous
- Psalm 8:4–6 — David sees man crowned with glory and dominion
- Hebrews 2:6–10 — Humanity’s purpose fulfilled through Christ

#### **Summary Insight:**

The condition of man cannot be understood correctly apart from God. Human weakness is real, but so is God’s intention to raise humanity into glory through Christ.

### **2. Suffering, Correction, and Perspective**

Job’s suffering exposed the inward struggle of humanity, but God’s correction redirected Job’s eyes away from himself and back toward God.

#### **Key Scriptures:**

- Job 1:1 — Job described as upright and fearing God
- Job 40:3–5 — Job humbled before God

- Job 42:1–6 — Job repents after seeing God more clearly
- Romans 8:28 — God works through trials toward His purpose

**Summary Insight:**

The devil’s pressure seeks to destroy, but God’s correction seeks to refine. Trials often reveal where our focus truly rests.

3. God Answers Questions with Revelation

God did not directly explain Job’s suffering. Instead, He revealed His greatness through questions that restored perspective.

**Key Scriptures:**

- Job 38–41 — God questions Job concerning creation and wisdom
- Isaiah 55:8–9 — God’s thoughts are higher than man’s thoughts
- Romans 11:33–36 — God’s wisdom beyond human searching
- Psalm 46:10 — “Be still, and know that I am God”

**Summary Insight:**

The greatest answer to human confusion is not merely explanation, but seeing God rightly.

4. Acceptance Before God

Scripture presents acceptance as being lifted up into favor, fellowship, and right standing before God.

**Key Scriptures:**

- Genesis 4:6–7 — Cain warned that he could be accepted
- Job 42:8–9 — God accepts Job’s prayer on behalf of others

- Ephesians 1:6 — Accepted in the Beloved
- Romans 5:1-2 — Peace and access through Christ

**Summary Insight:**

Biblical acceptance is more than tolerance. It is restoration into fellowship and favor before God.

**5. Cain and Job — Contrasting Mindsets**

Cain resisted correction and descended further into separation. Job endured correction and was restored into intercession and blessing.

**Key Scriptures:**

- Genesis 4:3-8 — Cain rejects God’s counsel
- Job 42:7-10 — Job prays for his friends
- Proverbs 3:11-12 — God corrects those He loves
- James 1:20 — Man’s wrath does not produce God’s righteousness

**Summary Insight:**

One man rejected God’s counsel and harmed his brother. The other accepted God’s correction and prayed for his brothers.

**6. Dominion and Humanity’s Intended Glory**

David saw beyond human weakness into God’s original purpose for mankind — dominion, honor, and glory under God’s authority.

**Key Scriptures:**

- Psalm 8:1–9 — Man crowned with glory and honor
- Genesis 1:26–28 — Dominion given to mankind
- Hebrews 2:5–8 — The world to come not subjected to angels
- 1 Corinthians 15:27–28 — All things ultimately placed under Christ

**Summary Insight:**

Humanity was created with purpose and destiny, though that purpose is fully realized only through Christ.

**7. Jesus Christ — The Son of Man**

Jesus entered humanity’s condition in order to restore mankind’s intended purpose and defeat the power of death.

**Key Scriptures:**

- Hebrews 2:9–15 — Christ destroys the devil through death
- Philippians 2:5–11 — Christ humbles Himself and is exalted
- John 1:14 — The Word made flesh
- Colossians 2:14–15 — Christ triumphs over principalities and powers

**Summary Insight:**

Jesus became what we are so that redeemed humanity could become what God intended.

**8. Partnership with God — The Strength of the “Insignificant”**

Humanity’s strength is not found within itself, but through union and partnership with God.

**Key Scriptures:**

- John 15:5 — “Without me ye can do nothing”
- 2 Corinthians 12:9 — Strength made perfect in weakness
- Philippians 4:13 — Strength through Christ
- Romans 8:37 — More than conquerors through Him

**Summary Insight:**

The power to overcome darkness does not come from human ability, but from God working through yielded vessels.

**9. The Royal Priesthood — Intercession Instead of Destruction**

God’s purpose is not merely to save individuals, but to form a priesthood that brings blessing, reconciliation, and intercession.

**Key Scriptures:**

- 1 Peter 2:9 — A royal priesthood
- Revelation 1:5–6 — Kings and priests unto God
- Job 42:8 — Job intercedes for his friends
- Hebrews 4:14–16 — Bold access to the throne of grace

**Summary Insight:**

The restored man does not destroy his brothers — he prays for them.

**10. Keeping Our Eyes on God**

Perspective changes depending on where our eyes are fixed.

David’s confidence came from continually setting the Lord before

him.

Key Scriptures:

- Psalm 16:8 — “I have set the LORD always before me”
- Colossians 3:1–2 — Set your affection on things above
- Hebrews 12:2 — Looking unto Jesus
- Isaiah 26:3 — Perfect peace through steadfast focus

**Summary Insight:**

Looking inward produces despair. Looking unto God restores perspective, purpose, and peace.

**Closing Thought:**

“What is man?” cannot be answered by looking at man alone. The answer is found only when humanity is viewed in relationship to God’s purpose through Christ.

Man in himself is weak, needy, and temporary.

But joined to God through Christ, mankind is lifted up, accepted, crowned with glory, and brought into partnership with God’s eternal purpose.

The insignificant becomes powerful only through union with His totality.

## Chapter 6 Fix the eyes – See “THE” God

*“I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.*

***My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.”***

Psalm 121:1–2

There is a restoring power in lifting our eyes higher. Humanity naturally looks inward toward weakness, outward toward problems, or downward into fear, loss, and confusion. But throughout Scripture, God continually calls people to raise their eyes above the turmoil of the moment and look toward Him. Perspective changes everything.

When our eyes remain fixed only on ourselves, our limitations become glaringly obvious and overwhelming. And as matter of fact this fixation on ourselves and the exclusion of God is very real source of everything that has gone wrong with society from Lucifer on down.

But when we look higher, we begin to see God’s strength, His order, His purpose, and His ability to do what we cannot. The act of lifting our eyes toward God is more than optimism—it is the beginning of restoration, because every true answer begins when we stop measuring life by our insufficiency and start seeing all things through His totality.

## **God is NOT invisible**

But we see Jesus... Hebrews 2:9 KJV

Who is the image of the invisible God... Colossians 1:15 KJV

Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high. Hebrews 1:3 KJV

Hebrews 1:3 declares that after completing the work of redemption, Christ "*sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.*" This is more than a statement of location—it is the picture of completed victory, restored authority, and the highest position of acceptance before God.

Throughout Scripture, humanity is continually called to lift its eyes higher, away from fear, weakness, and earthly limitation, and fix them upon God. Christ seated at the right hand of God becomes the ultimate focal point of restored perspective.

Where Adam fell by turning his eyes toward the lower and forbidden, Christ overcame and was exalted to the highest place. Now believers are called to follow that same upward direction by setting their affection "on things above" and "looking unto Jesus," the author and finisher of our faith. True restoration begins when our eyes rise above ourselves and remain fixed on Him who is seated in glory.

And this is where our combined resume's converge. Being seated at the right hand is where He is now – but where He is we are also:

And hath raised us up together, and **made us sit together** in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: Ephesians 2:6

To him that overcometh will I grant to **sit with me** in my throne... Revelation 3:21

Remember God ordained dominion even before Adam was dug out of the ground. Every time God used the word "let" in creation – whatever it was that God was "letting" came to be without question or challenge. In short – paraphrasing "let" equals done.

So we were ordained dominion or a position of authority – not because we earned it but simply because God said so – "Let them have dominion". So mankind being established or "seated" in a position of authority is part and parcel of the original intentions of God. This is not something that can be erased just because a serpent enters the garden.

### **Didn't we lose dominion?**

Short term we relinquished control – and there is a difference between relinquished and lost. Long term – absolutely not – those verses above are the proof of a regained control.

So how do we explain this power shift? Something that is what it is does not stop being what it is simply because the environment changes around it. Water may freeze into ice or evaporate into vapor depending on the environment, but it never stops being water. The outward condition changes, but the inner substance remains the same. Likewise, God created humanity to be image bearers entrusted with dominion. That identity was authored by God Himself.

The fall did not erase what God created mankind to be. Instead, Satan changed the environment through fear, doubt, deception, and separation from God. Humanity began seeing itself differently. Adam and Eve suddenly saw themselves as naked, lacking, and ashamed, and so they hid from God.

Being nothing can change God in any way shape or form He can step into our environment, any environment and call us back – back into what He has authored us to be.

This is what the realm of darkness does – it changes the environment to obscure. Exactly like Night and Day. Night is an environment where light is obscured. And Day is an environment where the Source is up high blazing away.

So Satan's environment only effects our perceptions and our perceptions effect how we think and "as a man thinks so he is". And as long as the devil got you thinking the way he wants you to think – he

is a happy camper.

When man fell – it was a fall into an environment where Satan can continue to exert his influence. We fell out of the environment of a continual fellowship with God. However the fall did not erase humanity's identity as image bearers or completely revoke mankind's delegated dominion. Man still exercises dominion only now in a corrupted manner.

Instead, separation from God corrupted human perception, desires, and how we exercise authority. The position of the one created in his image remained unaltered and that has always been the basis of God's fidelity towards us. But we became spiritually disoriented within a fallen environment of darkness influenced by deception and death.

Man did not stop being God's image bearer after the fall; he stopped seeing and ruling rightly through union with God.

I said all that to say this – I just needed a runway for take off. YOU are a regent. A co-heir with Christ. Not a future event – It has always been. ALWAYS. Now getting your mind to believe and receive is another story. I'm just putting it out there and that is all I can do.

Getting back now to "What is man" as a co-heir with Christ. Christ we know had powers. Moving forward I will illuminate – illuminate to open your eyes – to shake off the heavy darkness of six thousand years of an evil environment. Moving forward to illuminate the exceedingly

great powers we have always possessed.

I mentioned with the creation of angels they just opened their eyes and were. They were created fully functional into the roles God created for them as servants – not having to grow and mature into adulthood like us humans.

Adam was also created as an adult and put right to work too. But again as mentioned Adam was given dominion while he was still mud in the pit. And again this is another type of foreshadowing. But the point is whatever it is in your mind that tells you that you don't deserve authority or you can't see yourself in authority. Well those 'perceptions' aren't coming from God.

Part of the issue may be how this corrupted world has corrupted our definition of what a true Godly authority is. I will get into the depths of what true Godly authority looks like in greater detail later. But something needs to be said now to at least feel an assurance.

Power in this world means control. Control can be used in a full spectrum of means. The means of control can range from very horrific to very passive. Even normal in the middle and average we tend to think of our bosses as bossy. So having a worldly authority tends to hold a negative image.

Godly authority as God designed it actually leads to "rest" because Godly authority isn't based on control. God who is the ultimate

Authority is a giver and being in authority under Him is being a conduit for His giving and this is what having dominion looks like. It is a flow of supply originating from God through you to the recipients.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

This now Let me just say it the way Frank wants to say it. Having authority and being in the line of dominion is a happy place of being able to give. And being in that happy place we come to rest. 'It is blessed to give'. Blessed means to be made happy. Dominion equals being happy – not because we are in control but because we have our place of rest.

So at least I'm hoping some fear is being cast out.

For now I just want to present what I call our 'Super Powers'.

Not at all because we are super but our powers connect us to the God who is exceedingly super. **The power is in the connection.** Make the connection and as Jesus said "Ye shall have power". Break or not even try to make the connection then everything will be as they always were—we remain insignificant. Life is always a matter of choices.

So no I'm not going to talk about supernatural – cast out demons – raise people from the dead powers. I'm going to talk about real powers. Real because they effect your life in real ways everyday. Real

because they put you into the hands of a real God who is the source of everything we could ever need. Real because once in His Hands His love will cast out all fears. Real because once all fears are cast out then all doubts go along with them. Real because once all doubts and fears are gone – then the pure in heart shall see God.

Seeing God then culminates in the ultimate fulfillment:

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, **we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.** 1 John 3:2

Whatever path the devil though was taking him to be “Like God” well that path is taking him to the lake of fire. Don’t be like the devil.

“**THE**” path is seeing Him as He is. **Again what our eyes see is connected to what we become.** Perception, perception, perception.

Scripture provides this continuous over and over connection that speaks of our eyes. Just a thought to ponder but they say a duckling is imprinted to think that the first thing it sees upon hatching is its parents. What was the very first thing humanity saw after listening to the serpent? Nakedness. Lack. Fear. Separation. Suddenly mankind saw itself differently and life certainly has been lived differently.

The serpent never laid a hand on Adam or Eve. He changed the

environment through deception. He introduced another interpretation of reality — one rooted in doubt, fear, self-consciousness, and distance from God. In many ways, it was like an enchantment over perception itself.

From that moment onward, humanity began viewing life through the lens of being lacking and in need instead of the fulness of all things being provided freely through fellowship with God. And what we continually look at shapes what we become. Fear shapes fearful people. Shame shapes hiding people. Darkness obscures identity.

This is why Scripture repeatedly calls us to lift our eyes higher and fix our gaze upon God. The battle has always involved perception, because perception influences agreement, and agreement influences transformation.

This is a true statement: Whatever captures our focus eventually influences our identity.

This is like a donkey in the way speaking. Hello! What our eyes are looking at are a direct connection to what we become. So if you are ready to 'become' Let's look at what the Word says we are.

### **Resume` Entry Number 1**

Remembering always that Jesus (the son of man) and man (the rest of

us) share the same exact resume` or job description and that job description begins at birth for all of us. What job can an infant do? Set your eyes upon this verse.

**Out of the mouth of babes** and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger. Psalms 8:2 KJV

What do all babies do best? Answer: **Cry**

What do all babies have to do to gain attention to get their insatiable needs met? Answer: **Cry**

What do babies have to do to let the world know something is wrong? Answer" **Cry**

What do babies have to do to make a connection to whomever is listening? Answer: **Cry**

I'm getting a chuckle here because this exceedingly simple job description begins at what babies do best. And God uses what babies do best as the means to effectually accomplish the most profound job in all the universe. What job is that? I'm glad you asked. Notice again at the above verse – look at "*thou ordained strength*". Strength is the energy to get jobs done and this strength as God defines it, is ordained of Him so it is a Godly job.

This skill set of crying actually gets two jobs done.

**First:** Crying makes the connection and remember **'The power is in**

## **the connection'.**

In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God:  
**he heard my voice** out of his temple, **and my cry came**  
**before him, even into his ears.** Psalms 18:6

**Second:** The ordained Godly job administers an ordained Godly purpose: "*because of thine enemies, **that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger***". Opening our mouth and crying – shuts the mouth of the enemy.

When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; **for God is for me.** Psalms 56:9

Having God be for you – can you think of anything more powerful?  
'*The power is in the connection*'.

The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them. Psalms 145:18-19

## **Super Power # 1**

So now we have identified an ordained strength – a super power if you will because it connects you to God. Nothing extraordinary because all humans crying from the first moment. The point is we all cry but not all cries are directed at God. **If we have to cry then let that crying do what God created crying for** – to "*still the enemy and the*

*avenger."*

At that point our tears are powerful and efficacious. So much so that God collects our tears and stores them in Heaven.

... put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book?  
Psalms 56:8

And when he had taken the book... and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. Revelation 5:8

If not now then certainly later your tears are being used 'fix' those unruly devils.

### **More about the Babes**

Again I'm chuckling because I like the imagery. God continually uses "babes" as a mean to confound the wise and put the devil in his place. This adds a layer of purpose to us being "New Creatures".

Luke 10:21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast **revealed them unto babes**: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight.

### **Things revealed to babes**

Isaiah 28:9-11 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? **them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.** (10) For precept must be upon **precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:** (11) For with stammering lips and another tongue **will he speak to this people.**

I have no expectation that my newborn is going to be presenting a college level thesis at their kindergarten graduation. Growing and learning takes time and God uses that time to “*speak*” to us through His Word. And even at that He speaks slowly presenting us with precept upon precept or *building blocks*. Babes play with building blocks. These books of mine represent forty plus years of me playing with building blocks.

So line by line, here a little, and there a little as we read and learn God teaches and makes us understand. Learning is a process where little pieces of knowledge build upon each other until the light goes off and we can say ‘Now I know’.

“Now I know” my **a b c** starts with first naming shapes and then associating those shapes with sounds. At that point then once we know the sounds of each letter we learn further to piece together the sounds until they form words. At that point we have learned to read and reading forms the basis of all continuing learning.

Now we are talking about learning about the Creator of all things

endued with all power and wisdom – He is a bit more to absorb. Nonetheless He created us with that capacity to utilize and as they say, 'learning is its own reward'.

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:" 1 Peter 2:2

"Then shall **"we know"**, **IF** we follow on to know the LORD..."  
Hosea 6:3

"But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." Proverbs 4:18

The perfect day is final graduation at the end of time when all creation is living under the Light of God with no sun, moon or stars – just the Lamb and those who chose to: learn of me... and ye shall find rest unto your souls. Matthew 11:29

Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. Isaiah 28:9

But to whom is this understanding given? To the babe. This is why Paul could write "when I am weak then I am strong." This is why he could forsake all his human training and upbringing as a Pharisee—count that as dung and embrace the foolishness of the cross. Because the foolishness of the cross brings us to all the fullness of God.

He knew it was far better to be a fool in the hands of God rather than alone in our own human wisdom and conceits. Paul embraced the super power of being a babe. Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength. Do we as humans have a lot to cry about? Oui!!! From cradle to grave—the never ending bottomless pit of needs - needs promised to be met by our Daddy. But the Word above also says "them that are weaned from milk, and drawn from the breasts." **More is given to those who seek more.** More comes to them who are no longer satisfied with milk and more is given to them who reject the comfort of the breasts. Putting milk and comfort behind we move towards maturity.

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. Revelation 21:7

God is running a fairly substantial enterprise – is this something He is going to hand off without there being merit found in the heir of all things? This is where that word “overcometh” fits in the equation. And this is where the individual desiring more needs to utilize the next super power.

## **Study Reference for Chapter 6 — Fix the Eyes — See “THE” God**

### **1. Lifting Our Eyes Higher — The Beginning of Restoration**

Throughout Scripture, God continually calls humanity to look upward toward Him rather than inward toward fear, weakness, or confusion.

#### **Key Scriptures:**

- Psalm 121:1-2 — “My help cometh from the LORD”
- Isaiah 45:22 — “Look unto me, and be ye saved”
- Hebrews 12:2 — “Looking unto Jesus”
- Colossians 3:1-2 — “Set your affection on things above”

#### **Summary Insight:**

Restoration begins when our perspective changes. What we look at shapes how we think, live, and become.

### **2. Jesus Christ — The Visible Revelation of God**

God is not unknowable or distant. He revealed Himself perfectly through Jesus Christ.

#### **Key Scriptures:**

- Hebrews 2:9 — “But we see Jesus”
- Colossians 1:15 — “The image of the invisible God”
- Hebrews 1:3 — “The express image of his person”
- John 14:9 — “He that hath seen me hath seen the Father”

#### **Summary Insight:**

Jesus is the visible expression of the invisible God. To fix our eyes on Christ is to see the heart, nature, and will of God.

### **3. Christ Exalted — Restored Authority and Dominion**

Christ seated at the right hand of God reveals completed victory,

restored authority, and mankind's intended destiny.

**Key Scriptures:**

- Hebrews 1:3 — "Sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high"
- Ephesians 2:6 — "Made us sit together in heavenly places"
- Revelation 3:21 — "Sit with me in my throne"
- Genesis 1:26 — "Let them have dominion"

**Summary Insight:**

Dominion was ordained by God from the beginning. Through Christ, humanity is called back into alignment with its original purpose.

**4. The Fall — A Corruption of Perception**

The serpent altered humanity's perception through fear, shame, doubt, and separation from God.

**Key Scriptures:**

- Genesis 3:7-10 — Adam and Eve hiding in fear
- Proverbs 23:7 — "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he"
- Romans 1:21 — Minds darkened apart from God
- 2 Corinthians 4:4 — Blinded minds

**Summary Insight:**

Man did not stop being God's image bearer after the fall; mankind stopped seeing rightly through fellowship with God.

**5. Darkness and Light — The Battle of Environments**

Darkness obscures identity while God's light restores clarity, truth, and life.

**Key Scriptures:**

- John 1:5 — "The light shineth in darkness"

- Isaiah 60:1–2 — “Arise, shine”
- Ephesians 5:8 — “Now are ye light in the Lord”
- Revelation 21:23 — “The Lamb is the light thereof”

**Summary Insight:**

Satan works through obscuring perception, but God restores vision by bringing us back into His light.

**6. Godly Authority — Dominion Through Giving**

True Godly authority is not rooted in control, but in serving, supplying, and giving.

**Key Scriptures:**

- Matthew 11:28–29 — “Ye shall find rest unto your souls”
- Acts 20:35 — “It is more blessed to give than to receive”
- Mark 10:42–45 — Servant leadership
- John 13:13–15 — Jesus washing the disciples’ feet

**Summary Insight:**

Godly dominion flows from God through us to others. True authority produces rest rather than oppression.

**7. The Power of Connection — Crying Unto God**

God ordained dependence upon Him as strength. The cry of faith connects us to divine help.

**Key Scriptures:**

- Psalm 8:2 — “Out of the mouth of babes... hast thou ordained strength”
- Psalm 18:6 — “I cried unto my God”
- Psalm 56:9 — “When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back”
- Psalm 145:18–19 — “He will hear their cry”

Summary Insight:

The power is in the connection. Crying unto God is not weakness —it is ordained strength.

## **8. Tears and Prayer — Heaven Receives Them**

God values the cries, tears, and prayers of His people.

### **Key Scriptures:**

- Psalm 56:8 — “Put thou my tears into thy bottle”
- Revelation 5:8 — “Golden vials full of odours”
- Revelation 8:3-4 — Prayers ascending before God
- Romans 8:15 — “Abba, Father”

### **Summary Insight:**

Nothing poured out before God is wasted. Heaven records the cries of those who call upon Him.

## **9. Babes and Learning — Spiritual Growth by Building Blocks**

God teaches His children gradually, line upon line and precept upon precept.

### **Key Scriptures:**

- Luke 10:21 — Truth revealed unto babes
- Isaiah 28:9-10 — “Precept upon precept”
- 1 Peter 2:2 — “Desire the sincere milk of the word”
- Hosea 6:3 — “Follow on to know the LORD”

### **Summary Insight:**

Spiritual understanding grows progressively. God patiently builds knowledge and maturity over time.

## **10. Weakness Becoming Strength**

God continually uses the humble and dependent to confound worldly wisdom and reveal His power.

Key Scriptures:

- 2 Corinthians 12:10 — “When I am weak, then am I strong”
- 1 Corinthians 1:27 — God choosing the foolish things
- Philippians 3:8 — Paul counting all things loss
- Matthew 18:3-4 — Becoming as little children

**Summary Insight:**

The kingdom of God belongs to those willing to become teachable, humble, and dependent like babes.

**11. Transformation Through Vision**

What captures our focus eventually influences our identity and transformation.

**Key Scriptures:**

- 1 John 3:2 — “We shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is”
- 2 Corinthians 3:18 — Changed by beholding His glory
- Romans 12:2 — Renewing of the mind
- Psalm 27:4 — Beholding the beauty of the LORD

**Summary Insight:**

Fear, shame, and darkness reshape identity negatively, but seeing God rightly transforms us into His likeness.

**12. The Perfect Day — Final Fulfillment in God’s Light**

The journey of learning and transformation culminates in eternal fellowship under the full light of God.

**Key Scriptures:**

- Proverbs 4:18 — “Shineth more and more unto the perfect day”
- Revelation 22:3-5 — “They shall see his face”

- Revelation 21:23 — “The Lamb is the light thereof”
- Matthew 11:29 — “Ye shall find rest unto your souls”

Summary Insight:

God’s purpose is complete restoration—creation fully living in His light, seeing Him clearly, and resting eternally in Him.

**Closing Thought:**

The battle has always involved perception.

What humanity lost in the garden was not God’s purpose, but clarity of vision through fellowship with Him. Scripture continually calls us to lift our eyes higher, fix them upon Christ, and follow on to know the Lord.

God does not begin with the strong, the self-sufficient, or the wise in their own eyes. He begins with babes — those willing to cry, willing to learn, willing to look higher, and willing to follow on to know Him. Little by little, line upon line, the light increases until the day comes when we shall see Him as He is and fully enter the rest prepared from the foundation of the world.

## Chapter 7 – Secret Super Power #2

I've edited the following passage to allow the flow to bring out the heart of what is being said.

But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? ...But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death... that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man... In bringing many sons unto glory... Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might **destroy him** that had the power of death, that is, **the devil**. Hebrews 2:6-14

### **Death was not the problem – It was incorporated as the Solution**

*"All babes cry – but God created that cry for a purpose. "To still the enemy". All men die – but death has a secret power the devil never knew about. The power of death is the power to destroy the devil. Both in Jesus' death and ours."*

Somehow I'm picking up the vibe that you might have questions. The right questions lead to the right answers. Remember God only used questions to lead Job to the right answer: "I know that You can do anything, and no one can stop You". Job 42:2 NLT

So allow me to piece together the precepts.

When Adam and Eve ate the fruit the expectation was for them to just drop and keel over on the spot. Hasn't that always been a question as to why they didn't die as God said they would? Scripture reveals that even death is a process that takes time.

What we understand about death is what we see, but that is only the final visible state of what dust is without the Spirit. God said 'man is but dust – from dust they were taken – and to dust they will return'. Jesus again said similarly "that which is flesh – is flesh". If all we were was only dusty flesh then just drop dead we all will.

### **But the power is in the connection.**

Was man created from dust – only to be dust? Nope. It says God breathed into man: "And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, **and breathed** into his nostrils the breath of life; and **man became** a living soul. Genesis 2:7 And there is the connection.

### **God breathes and we become**

The Hebrew word for 'breath' is '*nephach*' which means to '*puff*' or '*blow*'. The Greek equivalent to the Hebrew word '*naphach*' is the Greek word '*pnoe*' which also means '*breathed*'. In the Greek Scriptures there is a beautiful interconnection between the words for breath, spirit, inspiration, and the living soul itself.

In Genesis 2:7 it says that God breathed into man the “breath of life” — using the word *‘pnoe’*. This word carries the idea of breath proceeding outward like a blowing or exhalation. Man then “*became*” a living *‘soul’*, the word soul being *‘psuche’*.

This is important because Scripture does not merely say man received life as though life were an object placed into him. Rather, humanity became a living conscious being through what proceeded from God Himself. The divine breath produced awareness, consciousness, personality, and living existence.

The soul in this sense is the result of God sharing His life. Humanity lives because God continually gives “life, and breath, and all things” (Acts 17:25). Again pointing us to understand **the power is in the connection.**

These words are all again deeply tied to the biblical idea of Spirit. The Greek word *‘pneuma’* which means: *spirit, wind, or breath* — comes from the same family of thought as *pnoe*. Throughout Scripture breath, wind, and spirit continually overlap because **they all describe an invisible force** proceeding outward and producing movement and life.

Jesus Himself connected these ideas when He said, “The wind bloweth where it listeth” while speaking about the Spirit in John 3:8. The invisible movement of air became a picture of the invisible movement

of God.

This same thread extends directly into the inspiration of Scripture itself. Second Timothy 3:16 says that “All scripture is given by ***inspiration*** of God,” but the Greek word for ‘*inspiration*’ literally means “God-breathed” — *theopneustos*.

Just as God breathed into Adam and man became a living soul, God breathed through holy men and His living Word came forth. Scripture therefore is not merely information about God; it carries the breath of the One who spoke it.

This connection reaches even further when Jesus breathed upon His disciples and said, “Receive ye the Holy Ghost” (John 20:22). This was not random imagery. Christ was intentionally echoing Genesis. In the first creation God breathed into Adam and natural life awakened; in the new creation Christ breathed upon His disciples and spiritual life awakened.

The power was never in the dust – The power was always in the Breath.

The pattern remains the same from beginning to end: God breathes, life emerges. Humanity became a living soul because God shared something of Himself, and restoration comes when mankind once

again lives by every breath that proceeds from Him.

I couldn't tell you what the devil was expecting when he caused man to fall – I might guess he would have been happy to see them drop. Actually what scripture reveals is yes, death made it's entrance into the world but not as an instantaneous event.

It's more like the environment we already spoke about. The devil introduced an environment – doubt, fear and hiding that chokes us off slowly because those things cause separation from the connection. Which yes, will ultimately see our demise. But the connection came to our rescue.

### **Reconnecting to a God inspired environment**

While fellowship or our connection with God was direct in the beginning – the environment introduced by Satan didn't sever fellowship completely. All that did was then was to cause God to introduce a new environment of His own. What new environment?

I'm always glad when you ask questions. When God came looking for Adam – what was being introduced as new?

First off mercy. If you think about it up to this point no creature was out of line with God so no creature ever needed mercy. So while death was introduced into the world so was mercy.

Second: God introduce the Word with promises and God offered them council. The Word being inspired is an alternate source of breath. Not directly as was before – now the same breath of life was coming through a lifeline we now call our Bible.

Now the word that came to them came in the form of judgments as long as we can understand they are *His* judgments – which is His wisdom and love continuing to manifest in order to correct and restore

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Revelation 3:19

Third: Along with the judgments came also the promises.

I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and **her offspring**. He **will bruise your head**, and you will bruise his heel.” Genesis 3:15 WEB

Fourth: Her “offspring” we know to be Jesus the head crusher who did indeed crush Satan at Calvary. So with that promise in view God then introduced them to **the Blood** – animal sacrifices that pointed forward in type – to the Lamb slain. The ultimate restorer of all things. Not by just crushing the devil but destroying him.

So while the devil introduced the environment of sin and death – it is God who ultimately controls all environments – and He made sure His people would always be connected – through His mercy, His Word, His

correction and His Blood – snake or not – **the power is in the connection.**

Satan's goal was separation – God's answer was reconnection.

### **Repentance – Keeping the connection**

So what did man have to do to become recipients of these four remedies. God called into the place they were hiding but they had to respond. They had to respond and come out from hiding. This is now the definition of what we know as repentance.

Repentance is turning around from whatever direction you are going and heading towards the Voice of Him calling you. Repentance is the starting point leading to overcoming that involves a dying to self. Meaning we have a change of heart that doesn't hold onto invented images and coverings to hide our 'nakedness' or perceptions of being in need.

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Revelation 3:19

Repentance is enduring the "*rebuke and chastening*". And what did the first couple have to do as a token that their hearts were wanting to be made right? Well, what changed when they hid from God? What remedy did they invent to cover themselves while hiding? They invented this sewing together of fig leaves. But God did some sewing Himself and offered them animal skins. Which means they had to take

off their inventions and put on God's remedy.

### **Putting on God's remedy**

If we fast forward past the types and shadow imagery into fulfillment, that symbolism of covering become the real in Christ.

But **put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ...** Romans 13:14

And that ye **put on the new man**, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Ephesians 4:24 KJV

Where Satan's environment caused opened eyes to see nakedness and shame – God's restorative environment of mercy, the Word and the Blood ultimately actually take us even further than just being flesh on earth.

All that was said to say there are actually two types of death. Death in Satan's environment is both physical and spiritual ending up in a permanent separation from God.

God has a spiritual death through repentance – the dying to self – that turns us around to continue into the ultimate fulfillment of being "Like God" – He died – we die. So again our combined resume` comes into play.

### **Repentance is our Super Power #2**

Super power #1 is crying out to God and gets God involved in the outside situations of life. And now repentance is looking inward. God called to Adam "Where are you? Not because God didn't know but to give Adam the chance to think. One minute I'm out in paradise enjoying the blessings of God – the next minute I'm sewing fig leaves together and running into the bushes to hide from God. In essence God was asking Adam 'What is wrong with this picture?'

So repentance involves being reflective and thinking - seeing where we are wrong and asking for forgiveness and cleansing.

### **The Power of Dying and the Reward**

As humans with mortality we are going to die. If we have to die—then Jesus came to teach us that dying has both power and rewards. Always keep in mind we and Jesus have the same resume` and we are tied at the hip and unified.

#### **What power did Jesus' dying have?**

Hebrews 2:14-15 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; **that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;** (15) And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

## **What power and reward does our repentance or dying to self have?**

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, **that the body of sin might be destroyed**, that henceforth we should not serve sin. **For he that is dead is freed from sin**. Now if we be dead with Christ, **we believe that we shall also live with him**: Romans 6:6-8

### **“For he that is dead is freed from sin”**

Death destroys him that has the power of death. Demonstrated through both Christ's death (the atoning death) and our death to self, repentant death – being “Like Him”. “He that is dead is freed from sin.”

Satan gained an advantage over Eve because she was afraid of dying. That fear affected her actions. She doubted God and then disobeyed. The fear of dying is the power Satan uses to his advantage. Take that fear away and Satan loses that power.

Now as mentioned dying is inevitable. This flesh is going to die but Jesus came to give us a choice. Believe in Jesus and Jesus said you will never die. Remember Eve doubted God and disobeyed. Doubt is the opposite of having confidence. Placing our confidence in Jesus is placing our confidence in Him that has the power of eternal life.

Now just to be clear Jesus alone had to die in order to secure salvation for us. We are not required to die on a cross like He died. He died on the cross because that sacrifice required His blood to forever make us perfect. Again, His death alone is the atoning death.

Our blood is only good at keeping this flesh alive and nothing else. The only death that is absolutely required of us is when we die to self in repentance.

Us being wrong is no new revelation. God being perfect is no new revelation. But when we confess our wrongs to that perfect God—BOOM—that is the atomic blast that annihilates Satan's power over us. Satan thinks he is perfect and it is impossible for him to admit his wrongs and repent. Repentance is a super power gift that God makes available to creatures that are not perfect – you and me by the way.

The purpose of Jesus' death was to provide a corporate victory over Satan for all believers. We tap into that corporate victory by believing in Jesus and only need to live a repentant life for our own individual victories but the effectual power is the exact same – death destroys him that has the power of death. Repentance destroys the devil's workings in us - repentance destroys sin.

The carnal mind tends to think – I'm giving up something or losing something when we repent. The fact is that if we can repent then God is giving you something far greater – He is giving you a super power.

### **The Overall Picture**

If we can keep in mind this picture: God created a perfect paradise – perfect for mankind – complete and lacking nothing. Satan came along and introduced the counter environment of fear, doubt, seeing ourselves as naked or incomplete and shame which all led to hiding from God.

In Satan’s environment hiding from God was his goal because separation from the Source of Life is what kills us. Separation from our Breath of Life chokes us off from what makes us “living souls”.

While we are in a state of hiding we are for all practical purposes dying. Conscious but dying. Nonetheless God came walking into a corrupted – no longer paradise environment and called out to us. He calls but not all answer. To those who answer – God calls us to come out from hiding and to come into a new environment.

The new environment doesn’t at that point destroy Satan’s environment – he actually becomes the ‘god of this world’. Which is the world that continually perpetuates fear, nakedness, wanting, and running from God.

The new environment is isolated – “in the world but not of the world”. It is isolated **for** them that “Hear” His Voice and choose His remedies. His remedies in this isolated and separated environment are His Word with promises and The Blood.

These two remedies are the lifeline that keeps us breathing. They keep us alive and connected to the Source of Life our very Breath of Life.

This picture is painted over and over again throughout the entire Bible and can be summarized by the Apostle John's words:

He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them **gave he power to become the sons of God**, even to them that believe on his name: John 1:10-12

### **He Gives Us Power**

He gives us power to continue in a world that is incapable of knowing Him. Because for those in the world living in the continual state of hiding under the environment introduced by Satan – the god of this world – the prince of darkness – the king of the abyss – in this world of darkness and separation – darkness causes blindness.

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of **the glorious gospel** of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. 2 Corinthians 4:4

### **The Gospel *-IS-* the Power**

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for **it is the power of God** unto salvation to every one that believeth...

Romans 1:16

The Gospel as commanded by Jesus and told to us by Peter is found in Acts 2:38:

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:38

Hearing His Voice – we turn around and come out of hiding (repent)  
Obeying His Voice we are baptized – which is the point at which the Blood is applied. Which now brings us to yet another Super Power. The power to Live His Voice.

## **Study Reference for Chapter 7 — Secret Super Power #2**

Repentance — The Power of Dying That Leads to Life

### **1. Death Was Allowed Because God Would Turn It Into Victory**

What appeared to be Satan's greatest weapon became the very instrument God used to destroy him. Through Christ entering into flesh and death, the devil's power was broken. Death itself became transformed from merely an ending into a pathway toward deliverance, resurrection, and restoration.

#### **Key Scriptures:**

- Hebrews 2:14-15 — "That through death he might destroy him that had the power of death"
- 1 Corinthians 15:54-57 — "Death is swallowed up in victory"
- Romans 5:20 — "Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound"
- Genesis 50:20 — "Ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good"
- Revelation 1:18 — "I am he that liveth, and was dead"

### **2. Humanity Lives Because God Breathes**

Man was not created merely as dust, but as dust filled with the breath of God. Humanity became a living soul because life proceeded outward from God Himself. Scripture continually connects breath, spirit, life, inspiration, and God's sustaining presence.

### **Key Scriptures:**

- Genesis 2:7 — “God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life”
- Acts 17:25 — “He giveth to all life, and breath, and all things”
- Job 33:4 — “The breath of the Almighty hath given me life”
- John 6:63 — “The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life”
- Colossians 1:17 — “By him all things consist”

### **3. Scripture Is God-Breathed**

The same God who breathed life into Adam also breathed forth His Word through holy men. Scripture is therefore not merely information about God, but a living expression of His breath, wisdom, correction, and restoring power.

### **Key Scriptures:**

- 2 Timothy 3:16 — “All scripture is given by inspiration of God”
- 2 Peter 1:21 — “Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost”
- Hebrews 4:12 — “The word of God is quick, and powerful”
- Matthew 4:4 — “Man shall not live by bread alone”
- Psalm 119:105 — “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet”

### **4. Satan Introduced Separation — God Introduced Restoration**

The fall introduced fear, shame, hiding, and separation from God. Yet God immediately responded with mercy, promises, correction, and sacrificial covering. Even in judgment, God was establishing a pathway back to Himself.

### **Key Scriptures:**

- Genesis 3:8–9 — “Where art thou?”
- Genesis 3:15 — The promise of the woman’s seed
- Genesis 3:21 — God clothed them with skins
- Revelation 3:19 — “As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten”
- Psalm 103:8 — “The LORD is merciful and gracious”

### **5. Repentance Is Turning Toward the Voice of God**

Repentance is not merely feeling sorrow; it is responding to the Voice calling us out from hiding. It is a turning away from self-made coverings and returning toward the One who restores fellowship and life.

### **Key Scriptures:**

- Acts 3:19 — “Repent ye therefore, and be converted”
- Isaiah 55:7 — “Let the wicked forsake his way”
- Luke 15:17–20 — The prodigal son returning
- 1 John 1:9 — “If we confess our sins”
- Revelation 3:20 — “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock”

### **6. God Rejects Man’s Coverings but Provides His Own**

Adam and Eve attempted to cover themselves with fig leaves, but God replaced their coverings with His provision. This points forward to Christ, who alone can truly clothe humanity in righteousness.

### **Key Scriptures:**

- Genesis 3:7 — Fig leaves sewn together

- Genesis 3:21 — God made coats of skins
- Romans 13:14 — “Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ”
- Ephesians 4:24 — “Put on the new man”
- Isaiah 61:10 — “He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation”

## **7. There Are Two Kinds of Death**

Scripture presents both physical death and spiritual death. Satan’s kingdom produces separation from God leading unto destruction, while God calls believers into a death to self through repentance that leads unto eternal life.

### **Key Scriptures:**

- Romans 6:6–8 — “Our old man is crucified with him”
- Galatians 2:20 — “I am crucified with Christ”
- John 12:24 — “Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die”
- Matthew 16:24–25 — “Let him deny himself”
- Colossians 3:3 — “Ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ”

## **8. Repentance Destroys Satan’s Power**

Satan’s power operates through fear, guilt, deception, and bondage. Repentance breaks that power because confession and surrender bring the believer back into alignment with truth, mercy, and grace.

### **Key Scriptures:**

- Hebrews 2:15 — “Through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage”

- James 4:7 — “Resist the devil, and he will flee”
- 1 John 1:7 — “The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us”
- Romans 8:1 — “There is therefore now no condemnation”
- John 8:32 — “The truth shall make you free”

### **9. Christ’s Death Was the Atoning Death**

Jesus alone provided the sacrifice necessary for salvation. His blood secured eternal redemption once and for all. Believers do not repeat His atoning work but enter into its power through repentance, faith, and union with Him.

#### **Key Scriptures:**

- Hebrews 9:12 — “Having obtained eternal redemption”
- Hebrews 10:14 — “By one offering he hath perfected forever”
- John 19:30 — “It is finished”
- 1 Peter 1:18–19 — “Redeemed... with the precious blood of Christ”
- Ephesians 1:7 — “In whom we have redemption through his blood”

### **10. The Gospel Is the Power of God**

God calls humanity out from hiding through the Gospel. Through repentance, baptism, faith, and receiving the Holy Spirit, believers are reconnected to the Source of Life and empowered to walk in newness of life.

#### **Key Scriptures:**

- Romans 1:16 — “The gospel of Christ... is the power of God unto salvation”

- Acts 2:38 — “Repent, and be baptized”
- John 1:12 — “He gave power to become the sons of God”
- 2 Corinthians 4:4-6 — Light shining into darkness
- Titus 3:5 — “The washing of regeneration”

### **11. The Overall Picture — God Keeps the Connection Alive**

The Bible presents two opposing environments: Satan’s environment of fear, separation, blindness, and death; and God’s environment of mercy, truth, promises, blood, and life. Redemption is God continually calling humanity back into connection with Himself.

#### **Key Scriptures:**

- John 10:27 — “My sheep hear my voice”
- Colossians 1:13 — “Delivered us from the power of darkness”
- Psalm 36:9 — “With thee is the fountain of life”
- Deuteronomy 30:19-20 — “Choose life”
- Revelation 21:3-4 — God dwelling with His people forever

### **12. Anchor Thought of the Chapter**

Repentance is not weakness — it is a God-given super power. Satan’s kingdom survives through hiding, pride, fear, and separation. But when a person turns toward God, confesses truthfully, and dies to self, the power of darkness is broken and life flows once again from the Breath of God.

## Chapter 8 – But you shall Receive Power

### Let's split some atoms

The atomic bomb ended WWII and only God knows if it has prevented any global wars since. But the power of the very smallest particle was unleashed on an enemy and that enemy is no more. Us being absolutely insignificant and minuscule is giving us way too much credit. When you think about eternity and the glories of God—What is man that He is mindful of us?

If you look at Heb 2:14 there is a secret locked in there.

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; Hebrews 2:14

I know we have gone over that verse and we rejoice over the promise. In the context of the reality that "*through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil*" we understand that Jesus unleashed a force the devil never expected.

1 Corinthians 2:8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

Now remembering that our resume` is His resume` and visa versa and our repentance is equivalent to us dying. We being absolutely minuscule compared to the heavenly host but when we are broken—when we are split – what is inside of us comes out. The promises that God has invested in man are unleashed when man is broken.

The secret is that it is not our stature, size or abilities that has anything to do with unleashing power. What unleashes power is getting a faithful and just God into the mix and very simple just letting God be God. The power is in the connection.

An invisible atom when split unleashes untold power. A broken spirit falling before the God of Heaven unleashes His eternal power to forgive. Sin separates – forgiveness reconciles. Sin destroys - The power of God makes everything new. If the devil is banking on sin to win his war then a power infinitely and unimaginably greater is unleashed when a sinner falls before Our Lord and asks for forgiveness. It has been said the devil can not stand before a sinner on his knees.

Psalms 51:17-18 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. (18)  
Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

The thing about an atom splitting—it doesn't split alone. There is a chain reaction that gets all the other atoms around it to split too. It is

this mass reaction that causes the blast that levels cities flat. This is the same power worked in the early church and they turned the world upside-down while the church grew exponentially. Yep, repentance is the power of reconciliation—getting right with God. Being right with God opens up the doors of heaven and gives us access to the untold power of God. "Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion."

### **"Endued with Power"**

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: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, **until ye be endued with power from on high.**  
Luke 24:45-49

If we take a step back and observe Our God throughout the pages of scripture all I ever see is God enduing us with powers. When God said "Let us make man" and "Let them have dominion" - we were still mud in the pit. Those first words concerning man were promises of God's intentions. The story of mankind began with promises that God made with Himself - "Let us".

Nothing, nothing, nothing has slowed God down – take your eyes off the devil – he did nothing to slow God down. If it can be proper to compare God to an Abrams A1 tank that weighs an astonishing 68 tons – it is created to move forward over and through every imaginable obstacle.

God has been moving unstop-ably forward from “in the beginning was the Word” to the last “Amen” of Revelation. Again part of the transformational power is seeing God as He is. When we know who He is then we can answer the question of what is man and know who we are.

So Jesus opened their understanding and told them all about His mission. What Jesus accomplished on the cross was His half of the resume. What unfolded next with the outpouring of The Spirit came the power to finish the job.

### **The Promise made from the beginning**

And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but **wait for the promise** of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

Acts 1:4

From the very beginning, God’s purpose was never merely to rescue fallen man from destruction, but to restore humanity into union, dominion, sonship, and shared glory with Himself. The entire biblical

narrative is one continuous unfolding of “The Promise” — beginning in Genesis and reaching its fullness in Christ and ultimately in the revelation of the “Sons of God”.

The Promise first appears immediately after the fall. In the very moment Satan introduced sin, fear, separation, and death into the world, God answered with a prophetic declaration:

“I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and **her seed** (her offspring – Jesus) it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.” Genesis 3:15

This was more than a judgment against the serpent. It was the first unveiling of God’s redemptive plan. Humanity had fallen, yet from humanity itself would come One who would crush the serpent’s authority. The enemy would wound Him temporarily — “thou shalt bruise his heel” — but the final outcome would be total victory over Satan’s kingdom. From the beginning, God was already pointing toward Christ. The promise then narrows and becomes clearer through Abraham:

“And in thy seed (offspring) shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.” Genesis 22:18

Paul later explains that this "Seed" was ultimately Christ Himself:

"He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one...  
**which is Christ.**" Galatians 3:16

The promise was therefore was about God moving forward toward a restored humanity through a single promised Seed. Through Christ, blessing, life, reconciliation, and restored fellowship would flow back outward to all nations. What Adam lost through separation, Christ would restore through union.

Throughout the Old Testament the pattern continues unfolding through types, shadows, sacrifices, kings, covenants, prophets, and promises. Everything pointed toward God dwelling once again with man. The tabernacle, the temple, the priesthood, the sacrifices, the blood — all testified that God's ultimate intention was restoration of communion and shared life with His own. Then Christ arrived as the fulfillment of the entire arc:

"The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." John 1:14

God Himself entered humanity's condition. Jesus became the true Seed, the true Lamb, the true Temple, the true Son, and the true

Adam. Through His death He crushed the serpent's authority; through His resurrection He opened the way into new creation life. His work became the entry point for all believers: *"To them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name"*

Therefore if any man be in Christ, **he is a new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

But even Jesus' resurrection and ascension were not the end of the Promise but only the beginning for the Church now in a position to be "endued with power." Jesus then declared yet another stage of fulfillment:

"Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Acts 1:8

The promise Jesus gave in Acts 1:8 was not to create groups of people belonging to congregations. The Book of Acts immediately begins showing what being a "son of God" filled with power looks like when the Holy Spirit filled the early Church. The power of the Spirit manifested itself in boldness, transformation, miracles, unity, endurance, wisdom, conviction, and the spreading of the Gospel despite intense opposition.

Immediately after the Spirit was poured out at Pentecost, fearful disciples became bold witnesses. Peter, who previously denied Jesus before a servant girl, now stood publicly before thousands proclaiming Christ with authority and conviction:

“Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ...” Acts 2:38

The effect was powerful:

“Then they that gladly received his word were baptized... about three thousand souls.” Acts 2:41

The Spirit also manifested through deep unity and transformed community life among believers:

“And all that believed were together, and had all things common.” Acts 2:44

The early Church was not merely attending meetings – they had become spiritually alive and connected through the power of God working within them.

Miraculous signs also accompanied the Spirit's work. Peter and John healed the lame man at the temple gate:

"In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."  
Acts 3:6

The result was immediate:

"And immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength." Acts 3:7

This miracle caused amazement throughout Jerusalem and opened the door for the Gospel to be preached even further.

The power of the Spirit also gave believers courage in persecution. When threatened by authorities and commanded not to speak in Jesus' name, the disciples prayed for boldness rather than safety:

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness." Acts 4:31

The Spirit continually empowered ordinary believers beyond natural ability. Stephen, described as “full of faith and power,” performed great wonders and spoke with wisdom his opponents could not resist:

“And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.” Acts 6:10

Philip likewise preached with powerful results:

“Unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many... and many taken with palsies... were healed.” Acts 8:7

The Spirit also directed the Church supernaturally. Believers were guided where to go, where not to go, whom to minister to, and how to carry the Gospel outward:

“The Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.” Acts 13:2

Paul himself demonstrated the Spirit’s empowering repeatedly through endurance, miracles, discernment, and unwavering faith despite suffering:

“God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul.” Acts  
19:11

Yet the greatest manifestation of the Spirit’s power may not have been miracles alone, but transformed lives. Fearful people became courageous. Divided people became one body. Sinful people became holy. Hopeless people became joyful.

The Gospel spread across the known world not through political power or military force, but through Spirit-filled believers whose lives demonstrated the living presence of Christ within them.

The same Spirit that empowered the early Church was understood to be the continuing presence of God among His people — not merely helping them survive, but enabling them to reveal Christ to the world.

In short the power of the Spirit given to all believers is the power to become ‘The Sons of God.’ Not just as a titled position ‘a son’ but in all attributes of nature, character – resting in His power. The early Church demonstrated in all actions what it was like to be an Abrams A1 tank moving forward at full speed.

And for all that demonstrated power – that early Church age only represented a down payment towards an even greater and final

manifestation of God's presence as a permanent and final solution to all corruption. Speaking of the Spirit:

"Which is the earnest (down payment) of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession."

Ephesians 1:14

The Spirit within believers is therefore both present power and future promise. The same Breath of God that animated Adam, inspired Scripture, overshadowed Mary, raised Christ from the dead, and filled the early Church is now preparing a people for full transformation into the likeness of Christ Himself. Creation itself is waiting for this final unveiling:

"For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God." Romans 8:19

This is where the entire arc has always been heading. God's goal was never simply forgiven sinners escaping judgment. His purpose was a restored family bearing His image, sharing His life, walking in union with Him, and reigning with Christ in a renewed creation.

The Bible therefore begins with God breathing into man and ends with God dwelling fully among redeemed humanity:

“Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men.” Revelation 21:3

The Promise from Genesis to Revelation is the story of God restoring what was lost in Eden and bringing humanity into something even greater: mature sonship in Christ, eternal fellowship, and shared glory under the everlasting reign of God.

God has always had the entire picture in His mind. History has been the putting in place one piece of the puzzle at a time. Now it may be a ten billion piece puzzle which is beyond overwhelming for us. But the point is unless you actually know what the whole picture looks like – even one piece being put in the place it belongs is challenging. We need to see colors and patterns that match the picture – starting in a corner or edge and continually add and build till the puzzle is complete and the whole picture is finally complete. This is the story of the Bible – one person at a time – one generation at a time – one age at a time – all moving forward to complete the picture. And this is the picture:

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord,(we) **are changed into the same image from glory to**

**glory**, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. 2 Corinthians 3:18

It doesn't say from glory to disaster to glory again. The disaster is the result of opened eyes that see nakedness and shame. That is Satan's work. Take him out of the picture and frame your perspective only on the power that has always been there to utilize and utilize that power to make us what God has always intended. Then it's only Glory to Glory and to God be all the Glory Forever and Amen

Scripture reveals that Satan's greatest power was never true ownership over humanity, but the ability to keep mankind enslaved through fear — especially the fear of loss, suffering, rejection, and ultimately death itself.

"And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." Hebrews 2:15

But what happens when fear loses its grip? What happens when a believer truly understands that through Christ even death has been transformed into victory? If fear is the chain, then faith in God's promises is the hammer that breaks it.

The next step in understanding "What is man?" is discovering that much of Satan's influence survives only through fear and illusion.

Break the fear, and the power behind it begins collapsing. God's answer has never been merely survival, but transformation — bringing His people into a confidence so rooted in Him that even death itself no longer rules over them.

## **Study Reference for Chapter 8 – But you shall Receive Power**

### **The Promise, the Spirit, and the Manifestation of the Sons of God**

#### **1. God's Power Is Released Through Brokenness**

Throughout Scripture, God continually demonstrates that true power does not come through human strength, status, or ability, but through humility, surrender, repentance, and dependence upon Him. When man is broken before God, divine power is released through reconciliation and restored fellowship.

#### **Key Scriptures:**

- Hebrews 2:14 — "Through death he might destroy him that had the power of death"
- Psalm 51:17 — "A broken and a contrite heart"
- James 4:6 — "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble"
- 2 Corinthians 12:9 — "My strength is made perfect in weakness"
- Isaiah 57:15 — God dwells "with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit"

#### **2. Repentance Produces Spiritual Chain Reactions**

Just as one split atom produces a chain reaction, repentance and reconciliation with God spread life, transformation, conviction, and restoration outward into others. The early Church expanded because Spirit-filled believers carried contagious spiritual life.

#### **Key Scriptures:**

- Acts 2:41 — “About three thousand souls”
- Acts 2:47 — “The Lord added to the church daily”
- Acts 17:6 — “These that have turned the world upside down”
- Matthew 5:14–16 — “Ye are the light of the world”
- John 7:38 — “Rivers of living water”

### **3. God Has Always Been Enduing Humanity With Power**

From creation onward, God’s intention for mankind involved dominion, fellowship, sonship, and shared life with Himself. Humanity began as dust, yet God continually moved forward with promises concerning what mankind would become through union with Him.

#### **Key Scriptures:**

- Genesis 1:26 — “Let us make man”
- Genesis 1:28 — “Have dominion”
- Psalm 8:4–6 — “What is man?”
- Luke 24:49 — “Endued with power from on high”
- Philippians 1:6 — “He which hath begun a good work in you”

### **4. The Promise Began in Eden**

Immediately after the fall, God revealed the first prophetic promise of redemption through the coming Seed who would crush the serpent’s authority. This became the foundation of the entire biblical story.

#### **Key Scriptures:**

- Genesis 3:15 — The Seed of the woman
- Romans 16:20 — “Bruise Satan under your feet”

- 1 John 3:8 — “Destroy the works of the devil”
- Hebrews 2:14 — Destroying “him that had the power of death”
- Revelation 12:11 — Overcoming through the Lamb

#### **5. The Promise Continued Through Abraham and Christ**

The promise narrowed from humanity generally to Abraham’s Seed specifically, ultimately fulfilled in Christ. Through Him, blessing, reconciliation, restored fellowship, and new creation life flow outward to all nations.

#### **Key Scriptures:**

- Genesis 22:18 — “In thy seed shall all nations be blessed”
- Galatians 3:16 — “That seed... is Christ”
- John 1:14 — “The Word was made flesh”
- 2 Corinthians 5:17 — “A new creature”
- Colossians 1:27 — “Christ in you, the hope of glory”

#### **6. Christ Fulfilled the Promise and Opened the Way**

Jesus became the true Seed, the true Lamb, the true Temple, and the true Adam. Through His death and resurrection He defeated Satan’s authority and opened the way for mankind to enter new creation life.

#### **Key Scriptures:**

- John 19:30 — “It is finished”
- Hebrews 10:14 — “Perfected forever”
- 1 Corinthians 15:45 — “The last Adam”
- Colossians 2:15 — “Spoiled principalities and powers”
- John 1:12 — “Power to become the sons of God”

## **7. The Holy Spirit Empowers the Church**

The promise of the Spirit was the continuation of God's unfolding plan. The Spirit did not merely create religious gatherings, but transformed believers into living demonstrations of God's power, presence, and character.

### **Key Scriptures:**

- Acts 1:8 — "Ye shall receive power"
- Acts 2:4 — Filled with the Holy Ghost
- Acts 4:31 — "Spake the word of God with boldness"
- Acts 6:8-10 — Stephen "full of faith and power"
- Acts 19:11 — "Special miracles by the hands of Paul"

## **8. The Spirit Produces Transformation and Unity**

The greatest manifestation of the Spirit was transformed lives. Fearful people became bold, divided people became united, and ordinary believers became vessels through whom Christ continued revealing Himself to the world.

### **Key Scriptures:**

- Acts 2:44 — "Had all things common"
- Galatians 5:22-23 — The fruit of the Spirit
- Romans 5:5 — "The love of God shed abroad"
- Ephesians 4:3-6 — Unity of the Spirit
- 2 Corinthians 3:18 — "Changed into the same image"

## **9. The Spirit Is the Earnest of a Greater Fulfillment**

The Spirit within believers is both present power and future promise. What the Church experiences now is only the beginning

of a greater transformation still awaiting fulfillment in resurrection and glorified sonship.

**Key Scriptures:**

- Ephesians 1:14 — “The earnest of our inheritance”
- Romans 8:19 — “Manifestation of the sons of God”
- Romans 8:11 — “Quicken your mortal bodies”
- 1 John 3:2 — “We shall be like him”
- Philippians 3:21 — “Fashioned like unto his glorious body”

**10. God’s Goal Has Always Been Shared Glory and Fellowship**

From Genesis to Revelation, God’s purpose has been moving toward restored communion with humanity. Redemption is not merely escape from judgment, but participation in God’s life, likeness, kingdom, and eternal fellowship.

**Key Scriptures:**

- Revelation 21:3 — “The tabernacle of God is with men”
- John 17:22–23 — “That they may be one”
- Hebrews 2:10 — “Bringing many sons unto glory”
- Ephesians 2:6 — “Sit together in heavenly places”
- 2 Peter 1:4 — “Partakers of the divine nature”

**11. The Bible Is the Progressive Unfolding of One Picture**

History unfolds one generation, one covenant, and one stage at a time as God progressively restores humanity according to His original intention. Scripture presents a continuous movement from creation to consummation, all centered in Christ.

### **Key Scriptures:**

- Isaiah 46:10 — “Declaring the end from the beginning”
- Ecclesiastes 3:11 — “He hath made every thing beautiful in his time”
- Romans 11:36 — “Of him, and through him, and to him”
- Colossians 1:16-17 — “All things were created by him”
- Revelation 22:13 — “Alpha and Omega”

### **12.Anchor Thought of the Chapter**

The power promised by Christ is ultimately the power to become what God intended from the beginning — sons and daughters transformed into His likeness through union with Christ and the indwelling Holy Spirit. The Spirit is both the present manifestation of God’s life within His people and the earnest of the final glory still to come. From Genesis to Revelation, the story remains the same: God moving relentlessly forward to restore humanity into eternal fellowship, shared glory, and complete union with Himself.

## Chapter 9 – The Beginning of the end for the devil

Ephesians 2:16-22 And **that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:** (17) And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. (18) For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. (19) **Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;** (20) And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; (21) In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: (22) In whom **ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.**

In God's mind this was always the goal. This is the culmination of all God has invested of Himself into mankind. The New Jerusalem is both His and our reward. The reward He planned from the beginning for those who believe and diligently seek Him as told in Heb 11:6

"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

From where we are now that reward is very much closer than ever. The fact that I am writing is testimony that in the end "knowledge shall increase." That knowledge is God preparing His people for His soon return. It's not a matter of will an end time revival occur. I know because I was told it's coming. And beyond that now I see not just events in this world but also manifestations of the book of Acts Spirit at work in today's Church.

While miracles, signs and wonders are part of what God does according to His wisdom and power. Those things are not **THE** thing. The thing is reconciliation.

And all things are of God, who hath **reconciled us to himself** by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us **the ministry of reconciliation**; To wit, that God was in Christ, **reconciling the world unto himself**, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us **the word of reconciliation**.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19

Reconciliation is the power to reconnect. I don't know if you have noticed at all but this whole book is about reconnecting. Remember the power is in the connection?

Whatever it takes to keep the connection has always been God's primary focus all the way till Christ. And then whatever it takes became Christ dying for us.

...“that he might reconcile both unto God in one body **by the cross**, having slain the enmity thereby” Eph 2:16

Remember the enmity mentioned in Gen 3:15?

“And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”

Yeah – that enmity. Enmity means hostility. Hostility made us the enemies of God.

For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. Romans 5:10

What do you mean enemy? I was never an enemy of God, I’m as decent as anyone else. Admittedly that is strong wording to be an enemy of God. Perhaps not overtly and knowingly but there is a situation of possible un-witted participation.

And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in **your mind** by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled.

Colossians 1:21

Personally I appreciate the fact that wherever it is mentioned that we are enemies it also mentions reconciliation. The point is we don’t have to be overtly and purposefully hostile against God – all it takes is for

your mind to be a holding place for any idea or desire originating from Satan.

But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: Matthew 15:18-19

And again the Bible says hatred is like murder and lust is like adultery so just harboring those things in heart and mind make that individual an enemy. But not without the hope of reconciliation and making peace with God.

The greater point is that reconciliation was accomplished by the death of Christ ... "that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, **having slain the enmity thereby**" Eph 2:16

So again being joined at the hip with Jesus – He died – we die. We die through repentance. With His death the enmity was slain. With our death:

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, **that the body of sin might be destroyed**, that henceforth we should not serve sin. **For he that is dead is freed from sin.**

Romans 6:6-7

Our repentance and turning away from every influence of Satan destroys him. I love the imagery – amongst the brethren we are all

kind and forgiving but when that snake comes around we are allowed to go nuclear. Of course I'm talking about us choosing to destroy Satan in our own lives and not being a busybody in other peoples lives.

By one man sin entered, by one Man reconciliation was made and by all of us believers – let that snake be in a crowded elevator filled with stomping, high healed, snake hating ladies.

And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly.... Romans 16:20

### **Bruising Satan under your feet**

Now I want to look at the core of Satan's manipulations. If we consider the conversation with Eve and break down the implications we can see what Satan is reaching for when attempting to gain influence. It was God's word that said when you eat you shall surely die. My question at this point would be – would a creature that has never seen death or dying really understand what that meant? I honestly don't know if that can be answered. But Satan seemed to hone in on that quick enough by saying you shall not surely die. What was he seeing in her?

And deliver them who through **fear of death** were all their lifetime subject to bondage. Hebrews 2:15

This is a completely normal feeling for all of us to be afraid of something so final as death. I'm being speculative but it is not unreasonable that Satan saw the normal fear in her – knowing that when we are afraid of something we react. When Satan said you shall not surely die – he offered her an opportunity to react. Satan already brought into question God's integrity and motives. Basically calling God a liar who is withholding from her – and what was He withholding? The opportunity to be like the gods – *Do gods die?*

Satan played on her fear of dying and offered her an opportunity at immortality. This is the way I read it. So the foundation of Satan's influence is built upon fear. Then from there, there is a cascade of after effects.

If God is withholding what else am I missing out on? Turns into the fear of being denied and missing out. Which turns into vulnerability because you are always going to be looking for that edge and there will always be someone to tell you and then sell you the latest and greatest. This being exponentially compounded in persons that see themselves as naked and lacking.

Then what was a healthy respect for God now becomes an unhealthy being afraid of God – that causes hiding. Hiding behind wealth. Hiding behind prestige. Hiding behind all of the facades we erect to cover our mistakes. We might modernize our fig leaves but fig leaves they are.

The point is the very bottom line is that fear is the foundation for all of the above. And again we circle back to our Godly foundation - the one that sets us free from fear. And being freed from fear we then are also freed from Satan's power.

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage... For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted. Hebrews 2:14-18 (truncated for clarity)

We die – Jesus died. Jesus suffered with temptation – not wanting to die – asking three times to avoid that cup while sweating great drops of blood. Nonetheless He became our forerunner going ahead and showing us the grave is not the end of our story.

Fear entered humanity through separation from God, and from that moment forward Satan has continually worked through fear to maintain influence over mankind. Fear produces hiding, insecurity, striving, bondage, and ultimately death. But the Gospel reveals that God did not merely come to comfort fearful people — He came to completely overthrow the very power fear rests upon. Scripture says that Christ came to:

“Deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.” Hebrews 2:15

The greatest fear hanging over humanity has always been death itself. Death appears final. Death appears undefeated. Death appears to silence every dream, every hope, and every promise. Yet Satan never understood what God was preparing from the beginning.

From the beginning death was incorporated into the victory through the cross. Jesus entered directly into death itself and shattered its authority from within. What looked like defeat became the very instrument of victory.

This is why the resurrection stands at the center of the Christian faith. Jesus did not merely die — He rose again. The grave could not hold Him because life itself was dwelling within Him. And this victory was never meant to remain His alone. We are tied at the hip and share the same resume`

Through faith, believers become united with Christ in both His death and His resurrection. His victory becomes our victory. His life becomes our life. His assurance becomes our assurance. Paul understood how absolutely central this truth was when he declared:

If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain. 1 Corinthians 15:17

Without resurrection, fear still wins. Without resurrection, death remains unconquered. Without resurrection, Satan still holds mankind in bondage. But Christ *has* risen, and because He lives, those connected to Him no longer view death the same way. Jesus Himself said:

Because I live, ye shall live also. John 14:19

Christ died and rose again. We too may pass through death, yet we do so with the exact same confidence that resurrection and eternal life await all those joined to Him. This is why Paul could triumphantly proclaim:

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? 1  
Corinthians 15:55

Fear loses its power when the outcome is no longer uncertain. The foundation of Satan's kingdom depends entirely upon keeping humanity trapped in insecurity, separation, and dread. Attack the foundation and the kingdom falls.

But faith reconnects us to the One who already overcame every enemy. The closer we become anchored in Christ's victory, the more

fear begins collapsing under the weight of God's promises. This is why Scripture says:

Perfect love casteth out fear. 1 John 4:18

The love of God does not merely comfort frightened people; it matures them. Once fear no longer governs the heart, believers are free to move forward into confidence, trust, boldness, and spiritual maturity.

Fear keeps people hiding in the bushes of Eden. Love calls them back into fellowship. Fear keeps people protecting themselves. Love teaches them to surrender themselves. Fear keeps people enslaved to survival. Love transforms them into sons and daughters walking in the assurance of eternal life.

The removal of fear is therefore central to God's purpose — it is the beginning of maturity in the heirs of promise — the ones to be given dominion. Once we fully trust God's heart — remembering Satan attacked God's integrity and trustworthiness — our total confidence in Christ's victory over death — we are finally positioned to grow into fullness, sonship, likeness, and shared glory with Him.

The same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead now works within believers, moving them steadily from fear into faith, from bondage into liberty, and from glory to glory into the fullness of what God intended from the beginning.

### **Love – The Beginning of Perfection**

At the deepest level, the conflict between God's kingdom and Satan's kingdom is a conflict between fear and love. Fear became the foundation of Satan's influence from the very beginning. Satan's kingdom survives by keeping mankind trapped in all the insecurity fear creates.

God's solution to fear was not merely with commands, promises, or even power alone. God's solution to fear is God Himself who Himself "Is Love". And with the infilling of the Spirit – the solution is placed inside of us.

The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. Romans 5:5

This changes everything. Satan took control by introducing fear – God is destroying that control by introducing love. The Holy Spirit does not

merely give information about God – He transfers the very heart and nature of God into His people. This is why Scripture says:

Perfect love casteth out fear. 1 John 4:18

Fear and therefore Satan's kingdom cannot survive where the love of God becomes fully realized.

Hence the Royal Law:

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Matthew 22:37-39

Love is not only an inter relational – play nice together – way of living. Love is an efficacious power. Love is the completion of the nuclear code beginning with `crying out to God through to repentance – putting off everything the devil ever put on you – to “putting on Christ” and taking on His character and nature. His character and nature was a visible demonstration of what dominion looks like – not just over critters – but over all creation.

The issue facing us all is coming to the understanding that the bomb won't go off with bits and pieces of the code sort of, kind of put in

place in us and the Church in general. The power that God has invested in us is not power until it is used to its fullest potential.

Scientifically there is potential energy, which is energy that is stored – and there is kinetic energy, energy in action. Moving forward I'm going to point us in the direction of the kinetic side of things.

## **Study Reference for Chapter 9 – The Beginning of the End for the Devil**

### **Reconciliation, the Destruction of Fear, and the Triumph of Love**

#### **1. God’s Goal Has Always Been Reconciliation**

From the beginning, God’s purpose has been to restore humanity into fellowship, peace, and shared life with Himself. The cross was not merely an act of forgiveness, but the ultimate act of reconciliation — removing hostility and restoring access to the Father.

#### **Key Scriptures:**

- Ephesians 2:16–18 — “Having slain the enmity thereby”
- 2 Corinthians 5:18–19 — “The ministry of reconciliation”
- Romans 5:10 — “Reconciled to God by the death of his Son”
- Colossians 1:20–21 — “Making peace through the blood of his cross”
- John 17:21 — “That they all may be one”

#### **2. The Cross Destroyed the Enmity**

The enmity introduced in Eden through sin, fear, and separation was ultimately answered through Christ’s death. The hostility separating mankind from God was slain at the cross.

#### **Key Scriptures:**

- Genesis 3:15 — Enmity between the serpent and the Seed
- Ephesians 2:16 — “Having slain the enmity”
- Romans 8:7 — “The carnal mind is enmity against God”

- Hebrews 2:14 — “Destroy him that had the power of death”
- Colossians 2:14–15 — Christ triumphing over principalities and powers

### **3. Repentance Joins Believers to Christ’s Victory**

Believers participate in Christ’s victory through repentance and union with Him. Christ died physically; believers die spiritually to sin and self. Through repentance, the old man is crucified and Satan’s influence is progressively destroyed within the believer’s life.

#### **Key Scriptures:**

- Romans 6:6–7 — “Our old man is crucified with him”
- Galatians 2:20 — “I am crucified with Christ”
- Luke 9:23 — “Take up his cross daily”
- Acts 3:19 — “Repent ye therefore”
- James 4:7 — “Resist the devil, and he will flee”

### **4. Satan’s Kingdom Operates Through Fear**

Fear became one of Satan’s primary tools after the fall. Fear produces hiding, insecurity, striving, bondage, distrust, and separation from God. Fear is the foundation beneath Satan’s influence over humanity.

#### **Key Scriptures:**

- Hebrews 2:15 — “Through fear of death... subject to bondage”
- Genesis 3:10 — “I was afraid... and I hid myself”
- 2 Timothy 1:7 — “God hath not given us the spirit of fear”
- Psalm 56:3 — “What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee”

- Isaiah 41:10 — “Fear thou not; for I am with thee”

### **5. Fear Produces Bondage and Hiding**

Once fear enters the heart, people begin building coverings and facades to hide shame, insecurity, and perceived lack. Modern humanity still hides behind its own “fig leaves.”

#### **Key Scriptures:**

- Genesis 3:7–8 — Fig leaves and hiding
- John 3:19–20 — Men loving darkness rather than light
- Proverbs 28:13 — “He that covereth his sins”
- Psalm 32:3–5 — Freedom through confession
- Hebrews 4:13 — All things open before God

### **6. Christ Destroyed the Fear of Death**

The resurrection of Christ shattered death’s authority and removed Satan’s greatest weapon. Through union with Christ, believers no longer face death as final defeat, but as passage into eternal life.

#### **Key Scriptures:**

- Hebrews 2:14–15 — Deliverance from fear of death
- 1 Corinthians 15:17 — “If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain”
- John 14:19 — “Because I live, ye shall live also”
- 1 Corinthians 15:55–57 — “O death, where is thy sting?”
- Romans 8:11 — The Spirit quickening mortal bodies

### **7. Resurrection Is the Foundation of Christian Confidence**

Without resurrection, fear remains victorious. But because Christ

rose again, believers stand in assurance that death itself has been conquered.

**Key Scriptures:**

- 1 Corinthians 15:20–22 — Christ the firstfruits
- Philippians 3:10–11 — “The power of his resurrection”
- 2 Corinthians 4:14 — “He which raised up the Lord Jesus”
- 1 Thessalonians 4:14 — “God will bring with him”
- Revelation 1:18 — Christ holding the keys of death

**8. Perfect Love Casts Out Fear**

God’s answer to fear is not merely information or external command, but the impartation of His own love through the Holy Spirit. Love destroys the foundation upon which fear operates.

**Key Scriptures:**

- 1 John 4:18 — “Perfect love casteth out fear”
- Romans 5:5 — “The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts”
- John 13:34–35 — Love identifying Christ’s disciples
- Colossians 3:14 — “Charity... the bond of perfectness”
- 1 Corinthians 13:13 — “The greatest of these is charity”

**9. The Holy Spirit Transfers God’s Nature Into Believers**

The Holy Spirit does more than teach about God; He imparts God’s heart, character, and nature into believers, producing transformation from fear into faith and from selfishness into love.

**Key Scriptures:**

- Romans 8:14 — “Led by the Spirit of God”
- Galatians 5:22–23 — Fruit of the Spirit
- 2 Corinthians 3:18 — “Changed into the same image”
- Ezekiel 36:26–27 — A new heart and spirit
- John 14:16–17 — “He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you”

#### **10. Love Is the Royal Law and the Completion of Dominion**

Love is not merely moral behavior, but the very nature of God expressed through redeemed humanity. True dominion is demonstrated through God’s character operating within His people.

##### **Key Scriptures:**

- Matthew 22:37–39 — The greatest commandments
- Romans 13:10 — “Love is the fulfilling of the law”
- James 2:8 — “The royal law”
- 1 John 4:8 — “God is love”
- Genesis 1:26 — Dominion in God’s image

#### **11. God Is Moving His People From Potential Into Manifestation**

God has invested enormous spiritual potential within believers through Christ and the Spirit. The Christian life is not meant to remain dormant, but to move into active manifestation and mature expression.

##### **Key Scriptures:**

- Ephesians 3:20 — “Able to do exceeding abundantly”
- Philippians 2:13 — “God which worketh in you”

- Romans 8:19 — “Manifestation of the sons of God”
- James 1:22 — “Be ye doers of the word”
- John 14:12 — “Greater works than these shall he do”

## **12. Anchor Thought of the Chapter**

The beginning of the end for Satan began at the cross, where Christ destroyed the enmity, broke the fear of death, and opened the way for reconciliation with God. Satan’s kingdom stands upon fear, separation, insecurity, and bondage. God’s kingdom stands upon reconciliation, resurrection, sonship, and love. Through faith in Christ and the indwelling Holy Spirit, believers are progressively transformed from fearful hiding creatures into mature sons and daughters walking in confidence, liberty, dominion, and the perfect love of God.

## Chapter 10 – The Invisible Hands and THE END of Satan’s kingdom

And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

Daniel 2:44

*Thou sawest till that **a stone was cut out without hands,** which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. Daniel 2:34*

Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was **cut out of the mountain without hands,** and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

Daniel 2:45

In the last chapter we talked about destroying Satan’s influence first in our lives now. Daniel’s interpretation of the dream makes it perfectly clear that the destruction of Satan’s kingdom doesn’t end with us alone. Rather at that point in time God’s Kingdom becomes the Eternal Kingdom not only in Heaven but on this earth also. His Kingdom breaking in pieces until the earthy kingdoms: “became like the chaff of

the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them" Dan 2:35

Jesus referred to Himself as the "The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: **this is the Lord's doing**" Mat 21:42 then in verse 44: "And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder."

Falling on the stone is the brokenness produced by repentance – having the stone fall upon whomsoever gets the reward for rejecting Him – being ground to powder. When the nations of this world reject Him they get the same reward.

All this is "the Lord's doing" or being done by the invisible Hands of God. It's a God thing that will happen in Gods good timing.

The stone cut without hands in Daniel's vision was not merely a stone – it became a mountain that filled the whole earth. Daniel explains this mountain as the everlasting Kingdom established by the God of Heaven, a Kingdom that would ultimately crush and replace all earthly kingdoms. Currently on earth God's Kingdom is called the Church. Jesus said "upon this rock I will build my Church".

Can we say the Church now is a kingdom crushing entity? Nope, that's not what I would say. Now I would say the early Church of Acts demonstrated enough power to turn their world upside down. And I would also say just as Jesus showed us what dominion and head crushing looks like being our forerunner. That power pointed forward towards the end – at the time of the ten king confederacy.

At that time the Stone grows to become a Mountain filling the earth. In scripture mountains continually represent places of authority, dominion, worship, and the dwelling place of God Himself.

With that larger biblical picture in view, it becomes difficult not to see a connection to Mount Zion — not merely as an earthly location, but as the greater spiritual reality of God's Kingdom and presence among His people. Scripture progressively reveals Zion as the place of God's throne, the gathering place of His redeemed people, and ultimately the heavenly Jerusalem itself.

Psalm 2 also adds to the picture of the world rejecting God's rule and desiring to "break His bands" and "cast away His cords" referring to His authority and rule. Later in Daniel he talks about the 'abomination' referring to the one who heads up over the ten kings – he 'speaking great thing against' God.

Paul also in Thessalonians adds that this same “man of sin” will: “opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God”.

So all this accumulated rejection and opposition ends in wrath and vexation.

Then shall he speak unto them in **his wrath**, and vex them in **his sore displeasure**. Psalms 2:5

That wrath and displeasure becomes powder making time and again that Eternal Kingdom comes into view.

**Yet** have I set my king upon **my holy hill of Zion**. I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Psalms 2:6-7

That word “yet” means He – the King has always been there on Mount Zion – regardless and in spite of all the raging and imagining coming from all devils and kings alike. They can imagine He is not ruling but that is far as it goes. And God does laugh.

He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Psalms 2:4

Derision means God will openly mock and ridicule these defiant rulers. I personally appreciate the phrase "A vain thing" when referring to the heathen king's rage and imaginations in verse 1. "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?" Ending with a question mark tells me God is looking and saying 'Really?' Him knowing whatever they are plotting is never going to happen – because it is all "a vain thing".

If ever there was a day of vain things just look at our present world. Look at the incredible (I'll go ahead and say it) INSANITY of our so called woke elite. I am not trying to be unkind at all but really? Even beyond this gender swapping thing they encourage species swapping too. You want to be a cat – well meow to you. Really? I'm glad God is laughing because we are down here in befuddled amazement.

OK, back on topic. God names His Holy Mountain as Zion which is not exclusive to a geographic location but rather Zion is the spiritual reality of God ruling amongst His people.

The stone "cut without hands" points directly to Christ and through Christ His Church continues growing like the mountain in Daniel's vision until it fills the whole earth. What Daniel saw in shadow unfolds more fully through the revelation of spiritual Zion.

But ye are come unto mount **Sion**, and unto **the city of the**

**living God, the heavenly Jerusalem**, (*what Zion is*) and to an innumerable company of angels, **To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven**, (*who Zion is*) and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,  
Hebrews 12:22-23

The writer of Hebrews not only defines *what* Zion is but also *who* Zion is and together (joined at the hip with the same resume` ) Jesus the Stone and Zion His Church are destined to do some crushing. Crushing for all who ever rejected Him but for those who place their trust in Him:

Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. **Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.** Psalms 2:12

**But as many as received him**, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: **Which were born**, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but **of God**. John 1:12-13

"Which were Born" "Of God" – born of the invisible Hands of God by faith in the operation of God.

In whom also ye are circumcised with **the circumcision made**

**without hands**, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses Colossians 2:11-13

What began as symbolic type with God raising up land from beneath the dark sea – becomes God raising up Mount Zion through baptism. What began with a promise of head crushing in Eden moves towards a Kingdom filling the whole earth.

This is the continual forward movement of God's purpose from Genesis to Revelation. God dwelling with His people on the earth He created – not being rejected – rather now His rule is established openly, and His Kingdom becoming the final and everlasting dominion over all creation. Amen, Amen and to God be all the glory, Amen. *“Even so come Lord Jesus.”*

**“Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them”**

And **in the midst** of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man...Revelation 1:13

**In my right hand,** and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars **are the angels** (leaders) **of the seven churches:** and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest **are the seven churches.** Revelation 1:20

At minimum Jesus in the midst of two or three defines a church. I'm not going to touch any symbolism at all – just going to highlight the obvious. “The heavenly Jerusalem” “which are written in heaven” being seated with Him “in heavenly places” means that the Church is not always what we can see with our eyes. Yet always the ones that do not yet appear but will appear when He appears. I am almost sounding like Paul. Not intentional - but Paul and myself keep good company.

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 1 John 3:2

John also doesn't mince words with an admonishment which in my language says 'Don't fool yourself'. Being “sons of God” carries responsibilities.

And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure... Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil... For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, **that he might destroy the works of the**

**devil...** In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, **neither he that loveth not his brother**. For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. 1 John 3:3-11 (truncated for clarity)

The Word speaks for itself and I'll leave it right there. (for now)

The greater point and getting back to the definition of Church is that even though these eyes do not see Him – He is in the midst of His Church. And within the letters to the leadership of the churches on earth (plural) Jesus starts off by confirming exactly this.

...These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks.  
Revelation 2:1

Actually Jesus also confirms something else – He holds the seven stars (leaders) in His right hand. In other words they are established in a position of authority and accountable to Jesus regardless of their apparent imperfections.

While we look for 'perfect' churches – **Jesus still operates amongst the imperfect**. This is the glaringly obvious message found in His letters to the churches. In the normal way of thinking – a perfect God really should keep a shorter leash on the variables. But then again look at Israel – God sojourned with them but still it says "Every man did that which seemed right in his own eyes". Actually that statement

is repeated more than once in the Old Testament and has always got me asking how could this be? And again what becomes apparent throughout scripture is that our **God while being perfect always has and always will operated amongst the imperfect.** That is up until the day of our final redemption when we 'being like Him' are finally perfect. (by His definitions)

So God hasn't changed His method of operation. Which then makes me conclude there is no leash other than a voluntary willingness to love God by obeying God. God has not ever forced His will on either man or devils. He tells us what is expected – yes. He tells us the consequences – yes. **But obedience is always in our own power.**

This becomes the over arching message not only to the churches, plural, on earth – but from cover to cover – all peoples of all generations – God's primary expectation and desire for mankind is to love Him willingly and freely. And what also becomes glaringly obvious is that degrees of love by individuals find degrees of closeness to God's presence in their lives – now and into eternity.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. 2 Corinthians 4:7

...every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. 1 Corinthians 3:8

...for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will

dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and **I will receive you**, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.  
2 Corinthians 6:15-18

Earthen vessels we all are – from the very least and including those that call themselves learned leaders. Every last one of us are accountable to God for our own labors and each will receive our own rewards. In the mean time – God dwells with us and God walks with us – calling and instructing us to separate from unclean things - and our final hope is to be received as sons and daughters into His glory.

### **Jesus' instructions to the Leaders**

Throughout the letters to the seven churches, Jesus repeatedly declares, "I know thy works". The Book of Revelation, revealing the overarching message that nothing within His churches escapes His sight. He knows their faithfulness, failures, sacrifices, endurance, motives, compromises, sufferings, and spiritual condition.

To Ephesus He says, "I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience"; to Smyrna, "I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty"; to Pergamos, "I know thy works, and where thou dwellest"; to Thyatira, "I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works"; to Sardis, "I know thy works, that thou

hast a name that thou livest, and art dead"; to Philadelphia, simply, "I know thy works"; and to Laodicea, "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot."

In every case Jesus evaluates not merely doctrine or outward appearance, but **the actual fruit** being produced in their lives. Their "works" speak of the visible evidence and outward fruit of spiritual life. Their "labour" speaks of sacrificial toil and perseverance even unto weariness. And their "service" speaks of ministry flowing outward toward others through love, care, and faithfulness. Together these expressions reveal that Christ measures His churches not by reputation alone, but **by what genuinely flows from the heart.**

Some churches were suffering yet spiritually rich, some active yet lacking love, some appearing alive while inwardly dead, and some weak yet faithful. The consistent testimony of these letters is that Jesus walks among imperfect churches, fully aware of both strengths and failures, continually calling His people upward into deeper love, faithfulness, obedience, and communion with Him.

Here in the Book of Revelation I'm no longer looking for types, shadows nor symbolism. I'm looking for the real, the fulfillment and the fulness – the culminations and the consequences of 'every man's works', every institution's works and every devil's works. The balance of the Book does exactly that.

God putting His house in order starts with letters to His churches – plural. While Christ is one and His Body is one, the Book of Revelation reveals

an important distinction between the Church in its present earthly condition and the Church in its final perfected state.

The Church is ultimately revealed as one glorious Bride descending from heaven, "prepared as a bride adorned for her husband," and identified as "the bride, the Lamb's wife" Book of Revelation 21:2,9-10. Yet before that final unveiling, Jesus addresses seven individual churches on earth, each with differing strengths, weaknesses, levels of faithfulness, maturity, love, endurance, compromise, and spiritual perception.

This reveals that the one true Church presently exists in a scattered and developing condition while moving toward its ultimate unity and perfection in Christ. Some churches were suffering yet spiritually rich, some doctrinally sound yet lacking first love, some compromised by the surrounding world, some possessing only a little strength yet remaining faithful, and some appearing alive while inwardly dead. All this again echoing "Every man doing that which is right in his own sight."

Yet remarkably Jesus still walks among all seven lampstands. If we want to call our groups churches that is fine. But the standard remains unified and identified as the One coming down from Heaven. On earth now Jesus does not deny because of imperfection, nor does He excuse their failures. Instead He corrects, warns, encourages, and calls each church to overcome.

The seven churches therefore form a composite picture of the Church age itself — imperfect yet still belonging to Christ, flawed yet still under His oversight, incomplete yet still being refined. The unity of the Church does not presently mean uniform perfection in manifestation, but rather a shared relationship to Christ who alone is the Head.

Just because we can create and belong to institutions doesn't eliminate the real Headship of Christ nor the possibility of judgment and removal.

I... will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. Revelation 2:5

Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and **I will give unto every one of you according to your works.**  
Revelation 2:22-23

If anything calling an institution a church only makes that institution more accountable because Jesus is walking amongst us searching every intent and motivation and His judgments begin within those institutions.

The Church on earth is still in process; the Church descending from heaven is complete. As Paul wrote, Christ is bringing forth "a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing" Ephesians 5:27. Until that final day, the letters to the seven churches testify that Jesus continues to walk among imperfect people, patiently working toward the full redemption and perfection of His one eternal Bride.

### **Jesus' Promises to the "Hearers"**

After a direct letter being directed to the leadership of the churches there comes also another separate set of promises being directed to "Those with ears to hear". To them there are no calls to repent and no warnings of judgment. A separate set of promises for a people who already have made separation a priority.

For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

1 Corinthians 11:31-32

When we isolate the promises, they form a very beautiful picture of what God's intentions are for all of us: "He that hath an ear, let him hear."

"To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God." Revelation 2:7

“He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.”  
Revelation 2:11

“To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden  
manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a  
new name written...” Revelation 2:17

“And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the  
end, to him will I give power over the nations.” Revelation  
2:26

“And I will give him the morning star.” Revelation 2:28

“He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white  
raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of  
life... Revelation 3:5

“Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my  
God...” Revelation 3:12

“...and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the  
name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem...”  
Revelation 3:12

“To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my  
throne...” Revelation 3:21

The ones who truly hear are the ones who respond, overcome, and inherit the promises. If you notice there are other voices, other prophetesses, other apostles, other synagogues and other doctrines and motivations working in the “churches” . These specifically are what the individual ‘hearer’ needs to see and overcome. Even being within the walls of an imperfect ‘church’ the universal call is always to hear what the Spirit is saying and overcome regardless.

“My sheep hear my voice...” John 10:27

...The sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And **a stranger will they not follow**, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. John 10:4-5

### **The Third Message**

This is just an aside but within my habit of stepping back and looking at the big picture. The region of those seven churches was the evangelical hub of the Roman empire. Therefore the teachings going on in those churches effected the teachings throughout the empire.

...So that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks. Acts 19:10

We know both Paul and John were heavily involved in the evangelism and establishing of these churches. By the time of the writing of Revelations all the Apostles were gone save John. John was now exiled to the remote island of Patmos. With the authoritative voices almost all gone the other voices were taking advantage. This John was aware of and being addressed in his Epistles – John 1, 2, 3.

Now John was old and exiled and his given role as protector of the flock was coming to an end with his own passing. My take is that all this creeping in of the wolves weighed heavily on John's mind and may have been a distraction. For even John himself "turned to see the voice that spake with me." If John had to turn to see then at the moment he may not have been focused on what Jesus wanted him to be focused on. So here we see that not even the great Apostle John was above being '*turned*' when needed.

Then upon turning he sees the splendor, majesty and glory of Our Lord. Then upon turning the right hand that was holding the stars was now also holding him. Then upon turning – seeing Him puts everything into the right perspective and order. Then upon turning the invisible hands become visible. And His hands upon us is **THE** connection of all connections.

And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And **he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not;** I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of

hell and of death. Revelation 1:17-18

### **“Fear Not” – The Universal Message**

“Fear Not” - Back to the message for all of us. The message that destroys the influence of Satan in our lives. The message that even John had to hear. The message that began John's vision to know the rest of history and the message that allowed John the honor and privilege to be the very first one to witness *“The holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.”* Rev. 21:2

The last of the Apostles was the very first one to see the finished work of Christ in completion. And John then left his testimony in the form of the Book of Revelations as a witness to all of us that a very real God is very much in control of all things *‘out of control’* and every promise made will be a promise kept. And that we all should “Fear Not” - not as those who will be crushed but as those who will be participating in the crushing.

The great conflict from Genesis to Revelation has always centered around one thing — whose voice will mankind hear and follow. In Eden another voice entered the garden, and through that voice came fear, separation, confusion, death, and the continual wandering of mankind away from the presence of God. Yet from that same moment forward, God Himself continued calling, speaking, warning, inviting, restoring, and gathering a people unto Himself.

From Adam hearing the voice of God in the garden... to Abraham obeying the voice he could not yet fully see... to Israel hearing from the mountain... to the prophets crying aloud... to Christ declaring, "My sheep hear my voice"... the entire story of redemption becomes the story of God calling humanity back into communion with Himself.

The Book of Revelation brings that long journey to its final conclusion. After all the wars, kingdoms, deceptions, judgments, churches, overcomes, and final victories — the last invitation of scripture is still a voice calling:

"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come." Revelation 22:17

The final victory is not merely the destruction of Satan's kingdom, but the full restoration of hearing, knowing, loving, and responding to the voice of God without fear, distance, or separation ever again. The next chapter therefore turns toward this central thread woven throughout all scripture: Hearing His Voice.

## **Study Reference for Chapter 10 — The Invisible Hands and the End of Satan’s Kingdom**

This chapter develops several interconnected themes: Christ the Stone, Zion and the Kingdom of God, the Church as God’s present dwelling place, the destruction of Satan’s kingdom, Christ walking among imperfect churches, and the call to hear and overcome.

### **1. The Stone Cut Without Hands — Christ and the Eternal Kingdom**

Daniel’s vision reveals a Kingdom not built by human strength or earthly power. The “stone cut without hands” points directly to Christ and to a Kingdom established by God Himself. Unlike earthly empires that rise and fall, Christ’s Kingdom grows until it fills the whole earth.

#### **Key Scriptures:**

- Daniel 2:34-35 — The stone destroys the image and becomes a great mountain
- Daniel 2:44-45 — God establishes an everlasting Kingdom
- Matthew 21:42-44 — Christ the rejected cornerstone
- Acts 4:11-12 — Jesus the rejected stone
- Peter 2:6-8 — Christ the chief cornerstone and stumbling stone

#### **Core Thought:**

What begins as a stone becomes a mountain. What began with Christ’s first coming culminates in His visible everlasting dominion over all creation.

## **2. Mountains and Zion — The Dwelling Place of God**

Throughout Scripture mountains symbolize authority, worship, government, and divine presence. Zion progressively unfolds from an earthly hill into the spiritual reality of God dwelling among His redeemed people.

### **Key Scriptures:**

- Psalms 2:6 — “My holy hill of Zion”
- Psalm 48:1-2 — Mount Zion, the city of the great King
- Isaiah 2:2-3 — The mountain of the Lord exalted
- Hebrews 12:22-24 — Heavenly Zion and New Jerusalem
- Revelation 14:1 — The Lamb standing on Mount Zion
- Revelation 21:2 — New Jerusalem descending from heaven

### **Core Thought:**

Zion is both what God builds and who God gathers. The heavenly Jerusalem is populated by redeemed people joined together in Christ.

## **3. The Church — God Dwelling Among Imperfect People**

One of the clearest themes in the letters to the seven churches is that Jesus walks among imperfect churches without abandoning His authority or His standards. He corrects, warns, encourages, and calls His people upward.

### **Key Scriptures:**

- Revelation 1:12-13 — Christ walking among the lampstands
- Revelation 1:20 — The lampstands are the churches
- Revelation 2-3 — Christ’s letters to the churches

- Corinthians 6:16-18 — “I will dwell in them”
- Ephesians 5:25-27 — Christ preparing a glorious church
- Corinthians 3:16-17 — The temple of God

**Core Thought:**

The Church on earth is still in process; the Church descending from heaven is complete. Christ presently walks among imperfect people while preparing His perfected Bride.

**4. “I Know Thy Works” — Christ’s Evaluation of His Churches**

Jesus repeatedly declares that He knows the works of His churches. Nothing escapes His sight: motives, sacrifices, compromises, endurance, and love.

**Key Scriptures:**

- Revelation 2:2 — “I know thy works, and thy labour”
- Romans 2:6 — God renders according to deeds
- Corinthians 3:13 — Every man’s work tested by fire
- Timothy 2:19 — “The Lord knoweth them that are his”

**Core Thought:**

Christ evaluates reality, not reputation. He measures what truly flows from the heart.

**5. The Call to Hear and Overcome**

Each church receives a message, but another voice speaks beyond the leadership directly to “him that hath an ear.” The promises belong to those who hear, obey, overcome, and remain faithful regardless of surrounding compromise.

**Key Scriptures:**

- Revelation 2:7 — Tree of life
- Revelation 2:11 — Victory over the second death
- Revelation 2:17 — Hidden manna and a new name
- Revelation 2:26-28 — Authority over nations and the morning star
- Revelation 3:5 — White raiment and name in the Book of Life
- Revelation 3:12 — Pillar in God's temple
- Revelation 3:21 — Sitting with Christ in His throne

**Supporting Scriptures:**

- Gospel of John 10:4-5 — Sheep know His voice
- John 10:27 — "My sheep hear my voice"
- First Epistle of John 5:4-5 — Faith overcomes the world

**Core Thought:**

The true hearers are the true overcomers. The Spirit continually calls believers to separate from false voices and remain aligned with Christ.

**6. The Invisible Hands of God**

A repeated thread throughout the chapter is that God's Kingdom advances "without hands" — not through earthly force but through divine operation. Salvation, circumcision of heart, resurrection life, and the growth of Zion are all works of God Himself.

**Key Scriptures:**

- Colossians 2:11-13 — Circumcision made without hands
- John 1:12-13 — Born of God

- Ephesians 2:4-6 — Raised up together with Christ
- Zechariah 4:6 — “Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit”
- Corinthians 4:7 — Treasure in earthen vessels

**Core Thought:**

The Kingdom of God advances by invisible hands working through yielded hearts.

**7. Fear Not — The Universal Message**

At the center of Revelation stands the risen Christ holding the keys of death and hell. The message to John becomes the message to every believer: “Fear not.”

Key Scriptures:

- Revelation 1:17-18 — “Fear not; I am the first and the last”
- Luke 12:32 — “Fear not, little flock”
- Isaiah 41:10 — “Fear thou not; for I am with thee”
- Timothy 1:7 — God has not given us the spirit of fear
- John 4:18 — Perfect love casts out fear

**Core Thought:**

Fear is foundational to Satan’s kingdom; confidence in Christ is foundational to God’s Kingdom. The voice of Christ continually calls His people out of fear into trust, obedience, and victory.

**8. The Final Consummation — The Kingdom Filling the Earth**

The chapter ends where Scripture itself ends: God dwelling openly with His people in an everlasting Kingdom. The crushing of rebellion gives way to eternal communion and divine order fully established.

**Key Scriptures:**

- Revelation 21:1-4 — God dwelling with His people
- Revelation 22:1-5 — River of life and eternal reign
- Corinthians 15:24-28 — All enemies subdued under Christ
- Habakkuk 2:14 — Earth filled with God's glory
- Isaiah 9:7 — Increase of His government without end

**Core Thought:**

The story of Scripture moves from Eden lost to New Jerusalem revealed — from separation to God dwelling eternally among His redeemed people.

## Chapter 11 – Hearing His Voice

*“See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven: Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear” Hebrews 12:25-28*

From Adam down throughout history nearly every book of the Bible we find God speaking and certain ones answering. Answering has always been a good thing – and refusing? Well then the intensified voice of the shaking of the earth may gather the proper notice. If the voice of crumbling and shattered stability doesn't get our attention well then at that point removal is the final solution.

If you are reading this book then my assumption is that you are listening. As long as this Church age is continuing then my hope is that churches are listening because as mentioned judgment begins at the house of God. So if churches are not listening – then there is an example of the great Ephesus – the first church in the list which was

threatened with removal. If Ephesus was not immune nor exempt then neither is any other 'non-listening' church.

Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

Revelation 2:5

I'm fairly confident at this point having read thus far that it is clear that voices matter. The passage above in Hebrews holds three very important nuggets that form foundational truths aimed at this specific purpose – the establishment of *"a kingdom which cannot be moved."*

It is that Kingdom we find in the closing pages of Revelations. It is the Kingdom without end – The Kingdom in which dwelleth righteousness – The Kingdom in which God is dwelling with His people in an unbroken relationship – The Kingdom in which there is only one King ruling with eternal authority.

### ***"Him that Speaketh from Heaven"***

That King began creation and that King will rule creation without challenge. It is that King that spoke all things into existence and set all things in order under His rule and eternal authority.

Now you would think this all is a simple enough premise that it would be universally understood and accepted – but is it? Is the Kings Lordship universally recognized and accepted? Obviously not as sad as

it is to have to say. And this is because there are other voices in this picture that are attempting to set themselves up to be creators of their own destiny. So again voices matter because the voice you follow leads to the destiny *that voice* is capable of creating by it's own power.

This now identifies the universal conflict that faces all humanity. By One Voice all that exists came to be and is set in order. Being in order means we are within the realm of Life – for God is Life eternal. The word '*God*' means: self existent or the one who exists by His own power.

Then by one voice Death entered into God's ordered creation. Being only a created creature he only exists by the will of God. Therefor all his imaginings and scheming is going to end the second God says it's over.

The problem for humanity is that there are vast segments of our society that have bought into Satan's delusions – demonstrated by leading lives that manifest a spirit that says 'I'll do it my way.'" That is the essence of Satan's nature – imaging he can live forever doing his own thing.

Imagining you can defy God is the very most futile and vain path because honestly there is no such thing at least long term. God's order includes a space for night and a space for day – temporarily until the age of endless Day is ushered in.

All Satan's efforts are contained within firmaments or within the boundaries of an allotted time. Or in other words he has been trapped in a cage until his number is up. The thing is that demons and Satan actually know they have only an allotted time.

"And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us **before the time?**" Matthew 8:29

"The devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because **he knoweth that he hath but a short time.**" Revelation 12:12

The writers of the New Testament word being trapped within boundaries like this:

"And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath **reserved in everlasting chains under darkness** unto the judgment of the great day." Jude 1:6

"For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into **chains of darkness**, to be reserved unto judgment..." 2 Peter 2:4

God said "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven **to divide** the day from the night" and it is so. Evil only exists in the absence of light. God Himself is Light as the source of eternal wisdom and in this current existence of the repeated cycling of night and day serves a

purpose of dividing "children of the day" from the "children of the night".

The children of the night are they that choose to enter Satan's cage. They enter his delusion and then enter into his destiny. They "love darkness" because they love doing it their way.

And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God. John 3:19-21

Adam and Eve entered Satan's cage and would have died except for the Voice that called out to them. They came to the Light and changed course by obeying that Voice.

From that day forward humanity has been dividing itself into either "children of the light" or "children of the night" all based on whose voice they obey.

Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, **his servants ye are to whom ye obey**; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? Romans 6:16

When Satan chose to follow a course based on his own delusion he instantly sealed his own destiny being “reserved” unto judgment. His final judgment will be:

“And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone...” Revelation 20:10

I know we as humans tend to like instant retribution and instantly dealing with evil. The issue is *instant* to a human who only lives eighty years and *instant* to an eternal being takes on a different meaning. Time really doesn’t mean anything at all to God other than time itself being a trap to contain and hold.

For the devil and his there is no escape from the container - “everlasting chains under darkness” so in God’s perspective - that is all the instant retribution He needs.

For humanity God ordained a choice – that choice is a gift. The gift of being able to escape darkness by coming to the Light and we come to the Light by hearing His Voice and doing His truth.

We own Bibles and that alone is a great part of the gift to humanity. That is a part of being able to come to the Light and do His truth. The Bible already contains everything we need to know about what we need to do in order to escape the corruption of a dying world. I’ll get into specifics as we go along. But for now let me wrap this chapter up by saying:

God's Voice always leads toward eternal Life.

Satan's voice always leads toward eternal separation from the Source of Life.

God's Voice always calls toward Life, Light, Truth, Order, Peace, Restoration, and eternal fellowship with Himself. His Voice gathers, heals, restores, builds, and leads upward into an everlasting Kingdom that cannot be moved.

The devil's voice always pulls toward darkness, separation, disorder, delusion, bondage, fear, self-will, and ultimately death. His voice scatters, corrupts, accuses, deceives, and leads downward into a collapsing kingdom already reserved unto judgment.

One Voice created all things and sustains all things by truth. The other voice can only imitate, distort, and temporarily corrupt what God has made. One Voice leads into freedom because it leads into harmony with eternal reality. The other voice leads into bondage because rebellion against reality can only end in ruin.

From the garden until this present hour humanity continues to answer one voice or the other.

The Voice of God still calls:

“Come unto the light.”

“Come unto me.”

“He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.”

And those who hear His Voice and follow Him step out of darkness and into Life everlasting.

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:  
And I give unto them eternal life...” John 10:27-28

Hearing God’s Voice was never meant to end with simple acknowledgment. Truth must become response. Light must become direction. From the very beginning those who truly heard God were identified by obedience flowing from faith. Noah built. Abraham departed. Moses returned to Egypt. The prophets spoke. The disciples followed. Hearing without responding leaves truth standing outside the door. The purpose of hearing His Voice is transformation — stepping out of darkness and walking in the order, life, and the character of God Himself. The next question therefore becomes: What does it actually mean to “do His truth”? What is the Gospel really calling humanity to? In the next chapter we will begin examining the foundations of

salvation, sanctification, obedience, faith, repentance, and what it truly means to walk as children of Light.

## **Study Reference for Chapter 11 — Hearing His Voice**

### **1. God's Voice Established Creation and Order**

From the very beginning God created through His Voice. All creation came into existence through His command and remains sustained by His authority and wisdom.

#### **Key Scriptures:**

- Genesis 1:3 — "And God said, Let there be light"
- Psalm 33:6 — "By the word of the LORD were the heavens made"
- John 1:1-3 — "All things were made by him"
- Hebrews 1:3 — "Upholding all things by the word of his power"

#### **Summary Insight:**

Creation itself exists because God spoke. His Voice establishes order, life, truth, and purpose. Everything aligned with His Voice remains within the realm of life.

### **2. Humanity Is Defined by the Voice It Follows**

Throughout Scripture humanity divides itself according to whose voice it obeys. Obedience reveals spiritual alignment.

#### **Key Scriptures:**

- Genesis 3:17 — "Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife"
- Romans 6:16 — "His servants ye are to whom ye obey"
- John 10:27 — "My sheep hear my voice"
- John 8:47 — "He that is of God heareth God's words"

### **Summary Insight:**

Every human life is shaped by the source it listens to. God's Voice leads toward life and truth. Satan's voice leads toward separation and corruption.

### **3. Satan's Kingdom Operates Within Temporary Boundaries**

Though evil appears powerful, Scripture repeatedly shows Satan and demons functioning within divinely limited boundaries and appointed times.

#### **Key Scriptures:**

- Matthew 8:29 — "Art thou come hither to torment us before the time?"
- Revelation 12:12 — "He knoweth that he hath but a short time"
- Jude 1:6 — "Reserved in everlasting chains"
- 2 Peter 2:4 — "Reserved unto judgment"

### **Summary Insight:**

Satan is not equal to God. Evil exists only temporarily within boundaries permitted by God until final judgment removes all rebellion permanently.

### **4. Light and Darkness Reveal Two Spiritual Kingdoms**

Scripture consistently contrasts light and darkness as opposing spiritual conditions and destinies.

#### **Key Scriptures:**

- Genesis 1:4 — "God divided the light from the darkness"

- John 3:19-21 — “Men loved darkness rather than light”
- Ephesians 5:8 — “Now are ye light in the Lord”
- 1 Thessalonians 5:5 — “Ye are all the children of light”

**Summary Insight:**

Light represents truth, life, order, and fellowship with God. Darkness represents deception, separation, rebellion, and death.

**5. God Continually Calls Humanity Out of Darkness**

Even after humanity entered corruption through sin, God continued calling mankind back toward Himself.

**Key Scriptures:**

- Genesis 3:9 — “Where art thou?”
- Isaiah 55:3 — “Incline your ear, and come unto me”
- Matthew 11:28 — “Come unto me”
- Revelation 22:17 — “The Spirit and the bride say, Come”

**Summary Insight:**

From Eden until the final invitation in Revelation, God continually calls humanity toward restoration, truth, and eternal life.

**6. Hearing Must Lead to Response**

True hearing is not passive acknowledgment but active obedience flowing from faith.

**Key Scriptures:**

- Hebrews 12:25 — “See that ye refuse not him that speaketh”
- James 1:22 — “Be ye doers of the word”

- Luke 11:28 — “Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it”
- John 10:27-28 — “My sheep hear my voice... and they follow me”

### **Summary Insight:**

Those who truly hear God’s Voice respond by following Him. Hearing and obedience together lead into life everlasting.

### **Closing Thought**

From the beginning creation has revolved around voices. One Voice creates, restores, gathers, heals, and leads into eternal life. The other voice deceives, scatters, corrupts, and leads toward judgment and separation. Every person ultimately answers one voice or the other. The great question of life is not merely what we hear — but which voice we choose to follow.

## Chapter 12 – Doing His Truth

*But **he that doeth truth** cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God. John 3:21*

Another plain English version says it this way: "But those who do what is right come to the light so others can see that they are doing what God wants." John 3:21 NLT. This doing truth is what then sets us apart as luminaries "so others can see." Or as Daniel said:

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. Daniel 12:3

Doing truth adds us into the ranks of the heavenly witness. Being "wrought in God" is the final connection - remembering that the power is in the connection - where we are forsaking our dead works and entering into the finished works of God. Just for contrast and to make the distinction we should note Peter's words:

For the time past of our life may suffice us to have **wrought the will of the Gentiles**, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: 1 Peter 4:3

Leaving those things in the past and now doing the works of God is the very definition of entering His rest.

For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. Hebrews 4:10-11

**For unto us was the gospel preached**, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. **For we which have believed do enter into rest...** Hebrews 4:2-3

Rest is being in a state where God is the only Voice that guides our every action. Because being in that state is a restoration to the original relationship where we are connected to every blessing that makes us complete and whole – wanting nothing.

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 2 Peter 1:3-4

Partaking of His divine nature is the ultimate of all connections. And as the writer of Hebrews has told us that connection to His divine nature

is achieved by believing in and obeying the Gospel. "The gospel was preached" - "we which have believed do enter into rest".

Rest is restoration to perfect harmony and unity with the Creator. Rest is being unmovable and uninfluenced by any other voice. Rest places us into the unshakable providence of God. Rest places us into the ever growing Stone that pulverizes Satan's kingdom into oblivion. Rest assures our place into the Eternal Kingdom. So let us labor to enter into that rest.

The devil draws everything into obscurity and darkness and his own - even presenting themselves as angels of light - do the same. Listening to men is one thing - determining with whose voice they are speaking with is another. Regardless of thousands of years of countless wolves, false prophets, false apostles, and the just plain ignorant - their work as perpetrators of darkness ends when Light enters.

As we saw in Jesus' letters to the "churches" - churches can be filled with deviant doctrines and activities that can ultimately warrant removal. "Depart from me" are not words we want to hear. I know those words are not what I want to hear. To the end of not hearing those words and rather hearing "well done" my labors have been motivated to do well.

As the title of the book is "All things begin with God" and the order He created. Within that order we find that restoration into God's order has always been Jesus. From the "Lamb slain from the foundation of the

world” – the blood and skins being first in ‘*type*’ applied to the first couple and then afterwards to all having faith in God. Until the “fullness of time” passed and the True Living Lamb came into this world. Then again “Let there be Light” began a whole new day. First prophesied:

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. Isaiah 9:2

Then in the fulness of time the Promise came to be.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. John 1:1-5

That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. John 1:9-13

The power to become a child of God is not wrought by the will of any man and certainly not any devil. It is only wrought by the will of God and the will of God was fully revealed by Jesus Christ.

No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, **he hath declared him.**  
John 1:18

Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? **he that hath seen me hath seen the Father...** John 14:8-9

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: **Who is the image of the invisible God**, the firstborn of every creature: Colossians 1:13-15

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of **Christ, who is the image of God**, should shine unto them. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of **the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.** 2 Corinthians 4:4, 6

For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.  
Colossians 2:9

Because all redemption flows through Christ, we must clearly understand who Christ is. I'm letting scripture speak for itself without having to write another book. If we let these verses suffice then to start off any voice saying anything different than what these verses say - which is there is only One Person that manifests or makes known all the power, nature, character and will of the One True invisible God. Or very simply there is only One God and His saving name is Jesus.

Putting aside philosophies that try to explain the distinctions between Body, Spirit and Holy Spirit - a better labor is to simple agree with Jesus when he says:

I and my Father are one. John 10:30

...Even as we are one: John 17:22

If there was even one scripture that says 'we are three' or even remotely close we would have to at least pause for consideration. Focusing on distinctions would then force us to consider this question: Are you more than one person because you have a body, a spirit and are a soul? Again at this point I'm not wanting to write another book - books on the Oneness of God exist - refer to them. All I am saying now is just let the Great I Am be whatever He wants to be.

Jesus is not another God representing another will. Jesus is THE God fully representing Himself as the Author and finisher of our faith. And with that Jesus left us with a Gospel to obey if we want to be separated from darkness and “translated into the Kingdom of the Son.” The key word is *translated* because this is what makes it a God thing.

Man can feign religiosity and create “a form of godliness” but the power is in nothing outward. The power is in God’s ability to translate or transform from one kingdom – the kingdom of darkness – into His Kingdom. From the kingdom that has no power outside of deception into the Kingdom endowed with all power for all eternity.

With Adam and Eve – God formed a humanity whose heart was originally dust as the raw material. Now God is forming a people from broken persons who know the devil is a liar and submitting that brokenness to the will of God. “Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.” Starting with dust produces one results and starting with brokenness has the added ingredient to devil proof a new result.

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**; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty

for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified. And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations. Isaiah 61:1-4

This is the passage that Jesus quoted from when He taught in the synagogue at Nazareth, only He stopped at the words "To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD." The rest of that passage points forward to a later time yet coming during the Millennial reign. He concluded by saying "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears." Luke 4:21

Quoting those words and declaring them fulfilled meant only one thing to the spirits in the room. It meant it was the beginning of the end for the kingdom of darkness and they all responded by attempting to kill Jesus.

Jesus went on to fulfill His mission and secured the Gospel into the fully capable Apostles He chose and plainly declared that all who come to believe in Jesus come by believing the word of the Apostles. Jesus praying said this:

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me **through their word**. John 17:20

Cutting to the chase and bypassing thousands of years filled with other voices we now come to the solid bedrock foundation established not by any man but by God Himself. Prayerfully take to heart the Word that translates us into His Kingdom.

### **The Gospel from Cover to Cover**

From the very beginning the Bible reveals one simple truth - God desires mankind to live in fellowship with Him under His life, wisdom, and order. Everything God created was originally good, complete, and functioning in harmony with His Voice. There was no fear, no shame, no corruption, nor death because humanity was living connected to the Source of Life Himself. God spoke, creation answered, and all things remained in order because all things remained under His authority.

And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good... Genesis 1:31

Then another voice entered the picture. Satan introduced the lie that mankind could live independently from God and still possess life. At the center of the temptation in Eden was the idea of self-rule - "ye shall be as gods." The moment Adam and Eve obeyed the wrong voice, separation entered. Shame entered. Fear entered. Death entered. Humanity stepped outside the order of Life and into corruption. Yet even in judgment God immediately revealed the first glimpse of

redemption when He clothed Adam and Eve through the death of another. Blood was shed so the guilty could be covered.

Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them. Genesis 3:21

And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. Hebrews 9:22

From that point forward the entire Bible becomes the story of God calling mankind back to Himself. Abel approached God through sacrifice. Noah found grace in a corrupt world. Abraham walked by faith and entered God's promises. Israel was delivered from Egypt by the blood of the Passover lamb. Every step forward was teaching the same lesson: sinful man cannot restore himself, but God Himself would provide a way back into His presence.

The Passover gives one of the clearest pictures of salvation. The lamb had to die, but the lamb merely dying was not enough. The blood had to be personally applied to the household. God said, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you." Judgment was escaped through applied blood. Then Israel passed through the Red Sea and came out separated from Egypt unto God. Paul later calls this a type of baptism. Blood, water, separation from the old life, and entrance into a new relationship with God all appear together in the Exodus story.

## **The Blood**

And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it... And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. Exodus 12:7,13

## **The Water**

And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. Exodus 14:22

## **The Spirit**

And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them: Exodus 14:19

Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; **And were all baptized** unto Moses **in the cloud and in the sea**; 1 Corinthians 10:1-2

The tabernacle and priesthood continued teaching these same truths. A priest could not casually walk into God's presence however he pleased. There had to be washing. There had to be blood. There had to be cleansing and consecration. God was teaching humanity that access back into His presence required purification and reconciliation. The tabernacle was a giant living picture showing that sinful man needed a mediator and a lawful way back to God.

And Aaron and his sons thou shalt bring unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shalt wash them with water.

Exodus 29:4

And thou shalt take of the blood that is upon the altar, and of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon the garments of his sons with him: and he shall be hallowed, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him. Exodus 29:21

For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul. Leviticus 17:11

When these things were all in place, the priests regularly entered the first room as they performed their religious duties. But only the high priest ever entered the Most Holy Place, and only once

a year. And he always offered blood for His own sins and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance. By these regulations the Holy Spirit revealed that the entrance to the Most Holy Place was not freely open as long as the Tabernacle and the system it represented were still in use. This is an illustration pointing to the present time. For the gifts and sacrifices that the priests offer are not able to cleanse the consciences of the people who bring them. For that old system deals only with food and drink and various cleansing ceremonies - physical regulations that were in effect only until a better system could be established. Hebrews 9:6-10 NLT

The prophets then began revealing that God's final solution would not merely clean the outside of man, but transform the inside. Jeremiah spoke of a day when God's law would be written within the heart. Ezekiel spoke of clean water, a new spirit, and a new heart. God was preparing humanity to understand that redemption was not simply religious activity - it was the restoration of man himself from the inside out.

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: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: 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. Jeremiah 31:31-33

Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. Ezekiel 36:25-27

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. Joel 2:28-29

All of these pictures, sacrifices, washings, and promises ultimately point to Jesus Christ. He did not come merely to improve the old fallen order. He came to begin a new creation. Adam brought sin and death into the world through disobedience. Christ came as the faithful and obedient Man who succeeded where Adam failed. This is why Scripture calls Jesus "the last Adam." He became the new Head of a restored humanity.

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.... And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. John 1:14,16

Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. Romans 5:18

And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him (Jesus) to be the head over all things to the church. Eph 1:22

But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end. Hebrews 3:6

At the cross the entire story reaches its center point. Jesus shed His Blood once for all. The veil separating sinful man from God was torn open. The barrier between God and man was removed through His sacrifice. Scripture plainly says we are "justified by his blood." Forgiveness, reconciliation, and peace with God are all grounded in what Jesus accomplished at Calvary. Salvation is not built upon human goodness. It rests entirely upon the Blood of Christ.

Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no

difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation **through faith in his blood**, to declare his righteousness **for the remission of sins** that are past, through the forbearance of God; Romans 3:22-25

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Hebrews 10:19-22

(speaking of Jesus) Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And **he is the head of the body, the church:** who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; And, having made peace through **the blood** of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. And you,

that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight: If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from **the hope of the gospel**, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister; Colossians 1:15-23

### **Obeying the Gospel**

The New Testament consistently tells us how to obey the Gospel which seals our covenant becoming united with Christ Himself. Romans 5:9 states that believers are "justified by his blood." Historically Jesus shed His blood once at Calvary. Yet all believers from every generation who have any intentions towards salvation must access that blood. That Blood must be applied in order for our sins to be remitted or removed. That Blood must be applied in order for justification to take place.

Very plainly and to the point – if the Blood is not applied there exists no remission and no justification and no covenant standing. In short ye are yet in your sins. So we must then ask an important question: When is that Blood personally applied?

The Bible identifies the exact moment we come into contact with the Blood. Romans 6 explains that believers are “baptized into his death.” He died at Calvary that is when He shed His Blood. So then there must be a way for all believers of all generations to gain access to the Blood.

And Peter makes that connection that provides access to the Blood in Acts 2:38. Peter connects repentance and baptism with “the remission of sins.” Hebrews says “without shedding of blood is no remission.” These passages converge into one covenant movement. The Blood is the legal ground for justification declaring us innocent. But justification is secured by obedience and entered through us uniting with Christ’s Blood in His death, burial, and resurrection – which is the Gospel.

Moreover, brethren, **I declare unto you the gospel** which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; **By which also ye are saved**, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that **which I also received**, how that **Christ died** for our sins according to the scriptures; And that **he was buried**, and that **he rose again** the third day according to the scriptures: 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

This is exactly why Peter answered the crowd’s question “What must we do?” the way He did. In obedience to Jesus’ command to preach

the Gospel to every creature. The Gospel Jesus taught the Apostles was now put into practice.

Then Peter said unto them, Repent (*our death*), and be baptized (*our burial*) every one of you **in the name of Jesus Christ** (*taking on His identity*) for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. (*our resurrection*) Acts 2:38

If you remember at the beginning of this book we discussed "What is man?" - we share the same resume` with Jesus - what He does we do. In doing what He does we then also gain the same reward. What began on the Day of Pentecost finds ultimate fulfillment when the Church is united with Christ first in Heaven but also in His returning to rule this earth. These following Him are the redeemed and becoming the redeemed has been explained above is by obeying the Gospel.

And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, **having his Father's name written in their foreheads.** (*taken on His identity*) And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, **which were redeemed from the earth.** (*justified - being declared innocent*) These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. (justification is

pretty powerful!) **These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.** (*what He does – we do*) These were redeemed from among men, (*having repented – **we die**, been baptized **are buried** and filled with the Holy Spirit - **rise to be with Him forevermore***) being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: **for they are without fault before the throne of God.** Revelation 14:1-5

Remember the Stone being “cut out” of the mountain without Hands?

Thou sawest till that a stone was **cut out without hands...**  
Daniel 2:34

Remember the “Stone” that the builders rejected?

Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, **the same is become the head** of the corner: **this is the Lord's doing**, and it is marvellous in our eyes? Matthew 21:42

Know ye not that we also are stones joined to Him?

You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but He was chosen by God for great honor. And you are living stones that God is building into His spiritual temple... 1 Peter 2:4-5 NLT

And that Temple becomes: “the stone that smote the image **became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.**” Daniel 2:35 KJV

This is where we are going but this is where we begin – the Spiritual cutting:

In whom also ye are circumcised with **the circumcision made without hands**, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: **Buried with him in baptism**, wherein also ye are risen with him **through the faith of the operation of God**, who hath raised him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses. Colossians 2:11-13

Joining Him in His death equals joining Him in His victory. Remember I stated at the beginning of this book that the first ten verses of Genesis describe a baptism? Baptism is not random.

Baptism is deliverance from beneath the depths and control of darkness with dry land appearing upon which God then says "Let there be Light." The declaration of "Light" is a declaration of victory over darkness. Baptism is day one of your journey into victory where both sin and death are conquered.

Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up

from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, **that the body of sin might be destroyed**, that henceforth we should not serve sin. **For he that is dead is freed from sin.** Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; **death hath no more dominion over him.** Romans 6:3-9

Faith believes and must become obedience. Obedience calls for **Repentance** which turns us around. **Baptism** identifies us with the covenant death event where the Blood was originally shed. **The Spirit seals** the believer as belonging to God. These are not separate events in God's eyes but these three agree in one and form the event that connect the believer with the Blood, Christ and our destiny. Calvary was one event that began three days in the grave. Three days in the grave and the wicked found redemption.

He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. **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. Isaiah 53:8-9

Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, **what shall we do?** Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and **be baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ **for the remission of sins**, and **ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you**, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. Acts 2:37-39

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost. Titus 3:5

Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Romans 6:3-5

Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins and the

uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Colossians 2:12-13

And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord. Acts 22:16

John gathers these truths together by saying there are “three that bear witness, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood.” The Blood removes guilt by providing justification. The water marks the turning point of repentance into obedience of “faith in His Blood” into a new life. The Spirit gives life and bears witness that we belong to God. These three work together as one united testimony established by God Himself.

This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, **the Spirit, and the water, and the blood:** and these three agree in one. If we receive the witness of men, **the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God** which he hath testified of his Son. **He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself:** he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. 1 John 5:6-10

How much more **shall the blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, **purge your conscience** from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might **receive the promise** of eternal inheritance. Hebrews 9:14-15

In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, **ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise**, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:13-14

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but **ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.** The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Romans 8:15-16

This also explains the significance of baptism "in Jesus' Name." In Scripture a name represents authority, ownership, covenant standing, and revealed identity. The Apostles consistently baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus because they understood that all saving authority had been vested in Him. Baptism in His Name therefore signified transfer of allegiance, covenant identification, and entrance under His

Lordship. The believer is not merely washed externally, but claimed by the One whose Blood speaks on his behalf.

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and **be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ** for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:38

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:12

Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days. Acts 10:47-48

For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Galatians 3:26-27

Even the creation of Eve was pointing forward to Christ and His people. As Adam slept, his side was opened, and from his side came his bride. Jesus, the last Adam, entered death and His side was pierced, bringing forth blood and water. From Adam's side came a bride in innocence. From Christ's side comes a bride through

redemption by the cost of His sacrifice. From the very beginning God was quietly revealing the story of redemption.

And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.  
Genesis 2:21-22

But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out **blood and water**. (the elements of redemption) John 19:34

For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.  
Ephesians 5:30-32

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. Revelation 19:7

The Bible finally ends where it began: with God dwelling openly among His people. Revelation describes the New Jerusalem descending as a prepared Bride. The curse is gone. Death is gone. Separation is gone.

God and redeemed humanity dwell together forever. What Adam lost in Eden is fully restored in Christ - only now eternally secured and unable to be corrupted again.

He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it. Isaiah 25:8

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? 1 Corinthians 15:53-55

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. Revelation 21:2-4

And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever. Revelation 22:3-5

The entire Bible therefore tells one continuous story. God created mankind for fellowship with Himself. Sin brought separation and death. Through sacrifice, promise, prophecy, and ultimately Jesus Christ, God made a way back into His presence. Every sacrifice, every washing, every covenant, every priest, every prophecy, and every promise points toward this one great purpose - God restoring humanity back into eternal union with Himself through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. John 14:6

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:17-19

To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Colossians 1:27

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Revelation 22:17

What was recorded in the Gospels, Acts and the Epistles was recorded by the chosen men of God – the Luminaries ordained and put in place to “divide the light from the darkness.” Again what was established in the beginning as types and shadows finds fulfillment through Christ. You might take issue with me and my presentations – but as long as what I’m saying is no different than what Jesus would say then your issues are not with me but with Him.

### **What Jesus Taught – The Apostles Received and Again Taught**

For **I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me**; and they have received them... John 17:8

**I have given them thy word**; and the world hath hated them... John 17:14

Neither pray I for these alone, but **for them also which shall believe on me through their word**; That they all may be

**one...** John 17:20-21

There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. Ephesians 4:4-6

What should be noted is that Jesus tells us that His message originates with God Himself. Then Jesus taught the Apostles and the Apostles left us a record through the New Testament writings to reach all those who would come to "believe" in every generation thereafter. This follows the pattern of God being the source of "Light" with Jesus being the "Lamp" or vessel through whom the "Light" shines.

And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illuminated it, and its lamp is the Lamb. Revelation 21:23 NASB

Only we are not at that point yet so we still in need of the Luminaries aka the Apostles to "divide the day from the night". Genesis 1:14

### **Jesus Teaching the Gospel – Eternal Life Through Him**

#### **Jesus Taught Repentance:**

From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for

the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Matthew 4:17

### **Jesus sent His Disciples out Teaching Repentance:**

And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two... And they went out, and preached that men should repent. Mark 6:7, 12

### **Jesus taught about being Born Again of water and Spirit**

Jesus taught Nicodemus that entering the Kingdom requires a spiritual birth:

“Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” - “Except a man be **born of water** and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.” - “That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is **born of the Spirit** is spirit.” John 3:3-7

This is one of the foundational passages connecting salvation directly to water and the Spirit.

### **Jesus and His Disciples Baptized:**

After these things came Jesus and his disciples into the land of Judaea; and there he tarried with them, and baptized. John 3:22

When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John, (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,) John 4:1-2

### **Jesus commanded Baptism:**

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you... Matthew 28:19-20

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. Mark 16:15-16

And said unto them... that repentance and remission of sins (baptism) should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. Luke 24:46-47

### **Jesus Teaching About the Holy Spirit - Rivers of Living Water**

#### **Living Water:**

To the Samaritan woman Jesus said: (edited)

“If thou knewest the gift of God...” “he would have given thee living water.” “The water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.” John 4:10-14

The “living water” later becomes clearly identified with the Spirit.

“If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.” “He that believeth on me... out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.” John 7:37-39

Then John explains:

“But this spake he of the Spirit, which **they that believe on him should receive...**” v 39

This directly connects believing the Gospel with receiving the Spirit.

**Jesus promises the indwelling Spirit / Comforter:**

“And he shall give you another Comforter...” “for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.” “I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.” John 14:16-18

Notice how Jesus identifies Himself with the Spirit dwelling within believers.

“We will come unto him, and make our abode with him.”

John 14:23

The indwelling Spirit is also presented as God Himself dwelling within the believer. Again agreeing with John 17:

“That they all may be one; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us”... Joh 17:21

### **Jesus connects Life directly to the Spirit:**

“It is the spirit that quickeneth;(makes alive) the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.” John 6:51-63

This passage is extremely important because Jesus shows that His words are not merely information — they carry spiritual Life.

The Spirit always points back to Christ.

“When the Comforter is come... he shall testify of me.” John  
15:26

Later Jesus explains why His departure is necessary:

Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go  
away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto  
you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. John 16:7

Remember earlier Jesus said He was currently dwelling with them but  
later He will be dwelling in them. As a man Jesus was not omnipresent  
and could only be in one place at a time. After Jesus’ ascension and  
return to Heaven He could once again be omnipresent to dwell within  
all believers.

**Jesus Tells us the Promise of the Father is the Spirit:**

And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but  
tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power  
from on high. Luke 24:49

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come

upon you... Acts 1:8

Power to be witnesses, power over the devil, sin and death. And power to live an overcoming life destined for dominion. What Jesus taught - the Apostles and the early Church lived in fulness.

And by the hands of the Apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people... And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women. Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one. Acts 5:12-16

The Gospel message and the empowering Spirit go together. Jesus commands them to wait for the promise of the Father:

“Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you”... Luke 24:49

Then:

“ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you...” Acts 1:4-8

What needs to be noted is that Jesus refers to the receiving of the Spirit as being a Promise of the Father. Remember Jesus said He gave the disciples the Father’s words.

“For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them”... John 17:8

So Jesus and the Apostles were not creating something brand new or disconnected from God’s order all along. The “Promise of the Holy Spirit” was the fulfillment of a long prophetic thread running from the Old Testament through the teachings of Christ Himself and on to the Apostles.

What happened at Pentecost was not merely an isolated spiritual experience. It was presented as:

- the fulfillment of prophecy,
- the arrival of the New Covenant,
- the beginning of God dwelling within His people,
- and the continuation of the Gospel Jesus spent three and a half years already preaching.

## **Peter's Declaration in Acts**

Peter says:

“Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” Acts 2:38-39

Then:

“For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off...”

That phrase “the promise” reaches backwards into the prophets and forwards into the Church.

### **Old Testament Promises of the Spirit**

#### **1. Joel's Prophecy — Directly Quoted by Peter**

Peter explicitly says Pentecost fulfills this:

“And it shall come to pass afterward, that **I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh...**” Joel 2:28-29

Peter quotes this in Acts 2:16-21 - this is foundational because:

- God's Spirit would no longer rest only on select prophets, priests, or kings.
- The Spirit would be poured broadly upon sons, daughters, servants, old and young.

This marked a massive covenant transition and expansion that expands the "Stone" into becoming a "Mountain". All cut without hands as the signature of God.

## **2. Ezekiel – The New Heart and New Spirit**

One of the clearest New Covenant promises:

"A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you..."

Then:

"And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes..." Ezekiel 36:26-27

This is extremely important because: the Spirit is tied directly to inner transformation, covenant obedience, and restored relationship with God. The law written externally would become life working internally.

### **3. Jeremiah – The New Covenant**

Though the Spirit is not named directly here, the promise is internalized relationship:

“I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts...” Jeremiah 31:31-34

This becomes connected with the Spirit in the New Testament because the Spirit is the One writing God’s life and ways upon the heart.

### **4. Isaiah – The Spirit Poured Out**

“I will pour water upon him that is thirsty... I will pour my spirit upon thy seed...” Isaiah 44:3

“Until the spirit be poured upon us from on high...” Isaiah 32:15

Notice the same imagery Jesus used with the Samaritan woman and in His declaration on the Feast day.

In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and

cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) John 7:37-39 KJV

The pouring out of the Spirit is associated with restoration and fruitfulness.

### **Jesus Confirming the Promise**

The Old Testament promises move directly into Christ's teachings.

#### **1. The Promise of the Father**

Jesus says: "behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you..." Luke 24:49

This language directly connects Pentecost back to the prophetic promises.

#### **2. Acts 1:4-5**

Before ascending:

"wait for the promise of the Father..."

Then He identifies it:

“ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost...”

So Jesus Himself defines Pentecost as the fulfillment of “the promise.”

### **3. John’s Gospel – Living Water**

Jesus says:

“If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink...”

Then John explains:

“this spake he of the Spirit...” John 7:37-39

This ties together:

- Isaiah’s water imagery,
- Joel’s outpouring,
- Ezekiel’s inner transformation,
- and the New Covenant.

### **Paul Explains the Fulfillment**

Paul later identifies the Spirit as the evidence of covenant fulfillment.

“that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles...”

Then:

“that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.” Galatians 3:13-14

This is huge. Paul connects:

- Abrahamic promise,
- Christ’s redemption,
- Gentile inclusion,
- and receiving the Spirit.

The Spirit becomes the living evidence that the covenant promises are active.

“after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise.” Ephesians 1:13-14

### **The Larger Picture**

Under the Old Covenant:

- God dwelt among His people externally,

- in the tabernacle,
- in the temple,
- in the cloud,
- in the fire,
- through the priesthood and prophets.

Under the New Covenant:

- God dwells within His people by the Spirit.

So Pentecost was not merely “power for ministry” and a temporary phenomenon. It was God beginning the promised indwelling presence foretold by the prophets that finds its ultimate fulfillment in establishing the Kingdom without end.

“The Promise of the Holy Spirit was the fulfillment of God’s ancient promise to dwell within His people, write His ways upon their hearts, pour out His Life upon all flesh, and gather a people joined to Him through Christ.” What began at Pentecost culminates in the Bride coming down out of Heaven.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be

with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. Revelation 21:2-4 KJV

Ephesians 2:16-22 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby... . (19) Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God... (21) In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: (22) In whom **ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.**

When Solomon built the first Temple in his day the stones being used were worked and formed in the quarry where they were dug.

The house, while it was being built, was built of stone finished at the quarry, and neither hammer, nor axe, nor any iron tool was heard in the house while it was being built. 1 Kings 6:7 NASB

Likewise the Lively Stones used for God's habitation are formed and made ready on this earth because Heaven is not a place for the sound of a hammer or ax. Heaven is a place for the assembly of Stones already made complete and we are made complete by Faith in Jesus and the operations of God. The operation of God is made without

hands or human intellect and efforts. The Gospel message is the operation of God – cover to cover

Everything we have covered in this chapter can be reduced to one simple truth: God Himself provided every step necessary to restore mankind back into fellowship with Himself. The Gospel is not man's search for God. It is God's provision for man.

From the first promise in Eden to the final invitation in Revelation, the story never changes. God calls, God provides, God redeems, God transforms, and God ultimately dwells with His people forever. All things begin with God.

Yet obeying the Gospel is not the end of the journey. Repentance, baptism, and the infilling of the Holy Spirit are not the finish line - they are the beginning. They are the doorway into a new life. Just as Israel passed through the Red Sea only to begin a journey with God, and just as a child is born into the world only to begin growing and maturing, so the believer enters the Kingdom to learn how to walk with God day by day.

The Gospel brings us into covenant relationship, but God's purpose is not merely to save us from something. His purpose is to transform us into something. He desires a people who not only bear His Name, but also reflect His nature. The same Spirit that brings new birth now begins the lifelong work of sanctification - teaching us to hear His

voice, follow His leading, overcome the flesh, and grow into the image of Jesus Christ.

Having entered the Kingdom, the question now becomes: How then shall we live?

That is where we turn next.

### **Chapter 13 - Living the New Life**

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, **the tabernacle of God is with men**, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: **for the**

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I'm starting this chapter off with the same passages I ended the last chapter with because the Bible begins with God planning out eternity future and ends with God beginning a new eternity future. The new eternity begins with a new order in which "*The former things are passed away*".

"The former things" are the things that caused "tears", "death", "sorrow", "crying" and "pain". One entity – namely Satan introduced those things into God's perfect order because he moved. He himself was at one time deemed as "perfect", that is until – 'until iniquity was found in him'. He moved from being in the place God ordained for him as the anointed cherub.

Ezekiel 28:13-19 tells us his story of descent. Where he was upon the Holy Mountain of God and because of his iniquity he was "cast out" from the Mountain top and cast down first to 'the ground'. Elsewhere Isaiah tells us - "Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to **the sides of the pit**" Isaiah 14:15 So from the mountain top down to hell - is his his story of descent

Man's story is the story of ascent. Man was dug from the ground - we were dug "from the sides of the pit." And from that pit we were ordained a destiny to have a dominion that culminates in being lifted into the heavens to stand beside the Lamb as His Bride. This to testify of God's immense greatness.

Satan made accusations saying God is a liar and God is purposefully withholding. Well when I read the back of the Book those accusations have been eternally laid to rest along with the "former things". The back of the Book tells me God can take mud and form a Bride fit for the Lamb and the Lamb is not insulted. Now you tell me what that says about God?

Now here is the kicker that just boggles the mind. Ezekiel starts off his narrative about Satan as being a "lamentation". A lamentation is the mourning and weeping that occurs at funerals. Satan's decent first onto the ground and later into hell is all a funeral dirge.

Satan's funeral is going on along side of our creation - our ascent - first from the earth - and later into Heaven. In effect we are passing

each other – him on his way down and we on our way up – and x marks the spot.

### **X Marks the Fork in the Road**

Both Ezekiel and Isaiah have something to say about this fork in the road, let's see if you can catch it.

...I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth **in the sight of all them that behold thee.** All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more. Ezekiel 28:18-19 KJV

Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. **They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee,** and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners? Isaiah 14:15-17 KJV

The fork in the road is being in the place where we see Satan for what he is. The destroyer of cities, kingdoms and world. He is the abomination that causes desolation. He is the source of all the "former things" that have caused sorrow, pain and death. Seeing this he becomes "a terror" to be shunned in the same way animals have a terror of humans and flee from us.

“Looking narrowly” at him means to be in amazement and studying him, trying to process what we see. Herein is the problem. Some see the glitz, the glamore, the celebrity, the power and the prestige and only seeing that side some are attracted and become held in what becomes a prison formed by our own wants and desires. We keep ourselves ensnared and trapped by the lures he sets before our eyes and we keep biting. The worm fishes for men and he is good at it.

Satan was unable to control his desires which included wanting to be like God and honestly that desire is really the goal for all of us. The problem for Satan is twofold. First, Lucifer was in the presence of God beholding His glory. The problem is Lucifer defined glory by all the exterior attributes of God – the glitz, the glamore, the celebrity, the power and the prestige without ever truly knowing the heart of God in His true nature as love. Being love - God is a giver and sustainer.

The second problem is Satan then chose to take his destiny into his own hands and act in opposition to God. God is Life so acting in opposition to Life is the same as placing a noose around your neck and cutting off your own oxygen. Hence the decent downward from God’s presence down into his own death in hell.

God describes Satan’s inability to control his desires in this way:

...Therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee... Ezekiel 28:18 KJV

God is describing what became Satan's burning desires "a fire from the midst of thee". Every single living creature has desires and wants, from God Himself, to every angel, to every human and every other critter and creature. With critters the desire is as simple as wanting to eat. From there the more complex the being – the more complex the desires and wants. The issue is not letting the desire burn out of control and devour us. And Boom! This is the entire object lesson for all moral agents in heaven and earth.

It is not that God is restricting nor withholding any one from having wants or desires - God created us with both – God has wants and desires. Not in the sense of being at all needy but purely in the sense of what pleases Him as a giver and sustainer.

The object lesson we all need to learn is how to control our desires to operate within the boundaries of God's order. Satan failed and he becomes the visual object lesson and we seeing him and "beholding him" and "narrowly looking at him" need to rightly conclude in our own hearts and agree with God that "thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more." Terror means one to be shunned. Seeing him on his way down to 'being no more' is our visual clue that again reinforces the idea that where we set our eyes matters but the conclusions we draw from what we are looking at matters more. Jesus said:

And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Luke 10:18-19

Satan's fall to earth was described by the angel as "woe". On earth Satan has opportunity to present himself as an alternative to God and he uses all the shiny lures of an outward glory. But from the same earth God formed man to have dominion – Adam failed because of a shiny lure. Jesus did not fail – He saw the devil as falling – and He then enabled us who see Jesus as the conqueror to have the power to do some stomping. I say let's dance hard and long!

### **Where we place our eyes matters**

Now with this backdrop we can move forward. Where we place our eyes matters. As we have seen setting our eyes on Jesus has a lifting effect and we become "Like Him." Seeing Satan for what he is means having eyes that see past the exterior glitz and prestige and realizing where that lifestyle ends up.

We are in the world and our attention is the primary mission of everyone else in this world who has something to sell. Our attention is the supreme focus of every advertiser, politician and devil alike.

Politicians want to get elected. Advertisers and those they represent want to make a buck. And Satan wants to be God. Of the three who do you think is going to present the biggest and shiniest lure of all?

And what is Satan's lure?

But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of **his own**

**lust**, and enticed. James 1:14

It's there, it is in your heart and mind. You are thinking about it – you want it. You want that. You have already made a decision so then how hard does the devil really have to work to get you to bite? We are inundated in a world of sensationalism – appealing to the senses. The point is it is our senses, our desires and our wants already exist within us – and we are already motivated to pursue – and the devil is quick to tempt us with our own desires. The problem is within ourselves we don't always have the comprehension to understand where 'wanting that' is going to end up.

This includes the devil who really wanted a good thing in wanting to be like God but his methods got him in trouble. Wanting something is one thing but stealing it is something else. The bottom line is controlling our desires to stay in the lane and not fly off the cliff.

It becomes obvious that Satan flew off the cliff by not remaining submitted to God. Submission are the lines and guardrails on the road that keeps everyone safe. The very first guardrail is simply asking.

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

James 1:5

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. From whence come

wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.  
James 3:17 – 4:1-3

God gives to all men liberally – what He gives leads to being peaceable, gentle, merciful and all the rest of the Fruits of the Spirit. In other words God gives us liberally the attributes that make us like Him. What becomes evident is the devil never asked and we who don't obtain – don't obtain because we are asking for the wrong things. What things? The former things – all the things originating with the devil and still working at snaring our own lusts. All our own unbridled desires and wants that as James said create a war within ourselves. Sometimes we convince ourselves we have to have certain things. Sometimes wanting to be a kitten puts you at odds with your own conscience and the society around you. Then in continuing to want to be a kitten we kill our conscience and label everyone with sensibility as intolerant and unloving. At the end of the day you may be happily purring along but you have damned your soul.

I picked an extreme that unfortunately is not that extreme these days. But the same pattern exists even if we want a juicy steak. The doctors are telling you your arteries are clogged – your family is telling you steak is a bad choice. For you to get that steak you have to silence all the voices telling you no. It is the mental gymnastics of silencing the

voices and justifying your reasons for wanting that steak that is *'the war within your members.'* You are in effect killing your own conscience – the one God gave you that says 'you know better'.

### **Knowing Better isn't about do and don't – It's about Becoming**

If you are of the mindset that serving God is only about thou shalt and thou shalt not. Only about what we can and can't do. Only about staying out of hell. Then you will find it difficult to achieve "*the power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy.*"

This is a fairly long book and I've said a whole lot of things and it could be the overriding message got lost in the forest of words. So I'm going to say it right now in the simplest terms possible. The message of the entire Bible is first an answer to Satan's accusations against God that He is a liar and is holding out. Then beyond that the message of the Bible for anyone who wants to be like God – this is how to accomplish that – how to become "like God".

Nothing in the Bible says don't do that – don't be like God. And let me quickly qualify that - we can never **be** God as an independent source of life and existence. But we can be like God under His authority just as it says in Genesis to be created in "His image and **likeness**".

Everything in the Bible is an invitation upwards to go as far and high as your heart desires but that path upwards requires the elimination of

the "former things" or everything that is going downwards into oblivion. And that is the power Jesus gives – "*the power to tread on serpents and scorpions*" – it is the power to say no to the shiny lures even if the shiny lures are really very appealing to everything within you – either that steak or wanting to be a kitten.

The answer to being able to say no – when no needs to be said - is as James advised - getting God's wisdom within you so you can know the trajectory. Is this taking me up? Or is this taking me down? God's wisdom becomes an ally to your conscience and allows your conscience to win the war rather than being killed by self indulgence.

You would think a simple thing like knowing the difference between up and down would be easy - right? But a person pointing up in China and a person pointing up in the USA are pointing in opposite directions. If we were off this planet and floating in space what direction would be up? So 'up' is defined by knowing your current relative position and orientation in relation to an intended direction.

Spiritually the intended direction and destination is heaven which in general is considered up. And the unintended direction and destination is hell which is generally considered down. However we must know our current position and orientation in relation to a standard. A standard is like the sign in the road that says this way is North and this way is South.

Our standard is Jesus Christ who is "The Way" to get to the Father. Technically all I need to say is be like Jesus and you will be happily on your merry way. Unfortunately our human intellect never seems to appreciate simple answers. I'm thinking because hooks are barbed and designed to penetrate deeper in one direction only - with removal being more painful being pulled backwards - we then prefer to leave the hook in place and pretend its not there.

But that is what repentance is all about. True repentance isn't just ignoring the problem like it's not there. Sometimes true repentance is feeling the pain from removing the hooks. Ouch! God can and does forgive – over and over again. The invitation and opportunity to move upwards is always there. But hooks have strings and the strings are held by devils and the devils are going down. So true repentance is making the decision what direction do I want to go and honestly dealing with whatever pain may come from removing the hooks. Aren't we saved when we obey the Gospel? Yes, absolutely. But does that mean the devil stops his work? If there was nothing the devil could do to keep you from heaven then he'd be wasting his precious short time. It's exactly because the devil knows you can trip just one last time and decide not to get up again that he keeps working.

His grace is sufficient and always there for all the times you need to get up again. But at some time rather than using grace as a crutch or excuse we need to realize that grace is also there not just get up but also move up higher beyond any devil's reach.

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, **Teaching us** that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. Titus 2:11-14

Grace didn't only bring salvation – Grace teaches. Grace was never an excuse to stay the same. If God wanted us to stay the same He could have just let us be. But again God wants us to be like Him and in being like Him we - “deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.” Then moving upward beyond hooks, darts or harpoons – we place ourselves in His hands that “he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.”

Purification means getting all the hooks out. Getting any connection to any devil severed to the point of being able to stand and say the exact same thing Jesus said:

...The ruler of this world approaches. **He has no power over Me**, but I will do what the Father requires of Me... John 14:30-31 NLT

Too many teach grace as a crutch rather than grace being the power to tread over serpents. If I were a snake boots would be something I

would avoid at all cost. Yes the Gospel saves but the Gospel also puts boots on our feet.

And your **feet shod with** the preparation of **the Gospel** of peace; Ephesians 6:15

It's the Gospel of peace between each other and God but it's also heavy boots looking for snakes to crush.

And the God of **peace** shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The **grace** of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen. Romans 16:20

Peace and grace means someone needs to be cleaning some snake from under their shoes.

So again serving God was never about do and don't. Serving God has always been about having dominion over the beasts including snakes. And this becomes the reason why we either do or don't. Holiness and righteousness are empowerment to move upward and this is the proper mindset and orientation for "Living the New Life."

Again just to be clear not wanting you to miss the forest for all the trees. Grace is never about staying the same or worse reveling in the same because you think grace gives us a license. Buzzer sounds – errrr – wrong answer. The New Testament teaches an even higher morality than the Old testament and that is because believers are now filled with the Holy Ghost transforming our hearts directly.

The infilling of the Holy Ghost gives us a direct connection (and as always the power is in the connection) – the Spirit convicts of sin, reveals truth, glorifies Christ, and guides believers. The Holy Spirit is described as a Comforter or as some translations say a helper. Either way the literal translation is *'one who comes along side'*. Meaning we are not alone in this battle – just keep getting up.

So for those advocating live as you please let this passage be clear – if you think your direction is upward these activities are pointing elsewhere.

Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these;  
Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry,  
witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions,  
heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such  
like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in  
time past, that **they which do such things shall not inherit  
the kingdom of God.** Galatians 5:19-21

I know there are a few King James English words mixed in there but that list can be summarized like this: The works of the flesh are what happens when self sits on the throne instead of God. They are the attitudes and actions that flow from living independently of God's Spirit and God's order.

God will not be mocked. God has done everything to help us – but you have to want to be helped.

### **Keep in Step with the Spirit**

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. Galatians 5:16

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Galatians 5:22-25

Now all this is just words on a page and as you can see I can put lots of word on lots of pages. As a matter of fact lots of people have put lots of words on lots of pages throughout many centuries. And yet the issues persist and devils run rampant. The problem is not in the words and certainly not for a lack of words. The problem is "faith without works is dead."

I have on my bookshelf a set of books called The Encyclopedia of American Religions by J. Gordon Melton. It is a breakdown of the basic tenants of literally thousands of "Churches". People hear the Word of God howbeit yes filtered through human intellect. Regardless as we saw with the churches of Revelations it's not necessarily the leaders of the churches who are 100% dependable. Yet it is always Jesus walking

in the midst and knocking on the door of our hearts asking us to open up to Him. Why? So that He can come in and share a meal and some fellowship.

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne... Revelation 3:20-21

That is very down to earth practical. I was raised a Catholic and those nuns spoke of this person called Jesus who went everywhere doing all sorts of miracles. They also said He would go up to complete strangers and say follow me – and they did. I was like wow! Being born in Brooklyn following a stranger was a highly unlikely response by me. But I did ask myself that question often. What would I do if a person I knew to be Jesus and not some freak - said follow me. At that time I had no answer but the seed was planted. I often wanted to ask the nuns where is Jesus today? – where are all the miracles? But experience told me a bothered nun was hard on the backside so my questions remained in my heart for many a year as a seed awaiting to come to life.

I'm not going to go into my whole testimony but that seed planted when I was just eight years old was Jesus knocking on my heart and He waited until I was ready to open up. What I'm saying seed can get planted anytime, anywhere, by anybody. God is always waiting – but we have to stop and open the door. That takes conscious effort.

Walking in the Spirit takes conscious effort that is down to earth practical. Not just sit on the pew Sunday effort. But Monday thru Saturday everyday effort. I could scour the Bible and exhaustively list every do and don't and that is the way many groups tend to operate. While others put everything under one umbrella and say God is love as if that means everything goes.

Hello Heaven to earth – This is Heaven – do you hear me earth? We can justify any position at all and say 'This is my mountain and here I'll stand.' OK Fine. Jesus said He was not here to condemn anybody – right? But that was said knowing the world is already condemned so no further condemnation was warranted. When Jesus shows John that He is walking in the midst of "churches" – Heaven to earth – Jesus knows every last detail of what is going on. To Him that has 'eyes of fire' there is nothing He doesn't see and what follows throughout the rest of the book is happening to people who think they can hide – 'Hide us they cry'. Well the eyes of fire become the flames of judgment. Why I'm going in this direction I don't know. I suppose someone someplace needs to hear this so I pray these words reach the intended persons needing to hear this.

What I intended to convey is the fact that God is actually down to earth and practical. That whole scene where Jesus is knocking waiting for an individual to open so that He can come in, sit down and share a meal sounds exactly like what He did when he walked the countryside of Israel. He sat down and ate with publicans and sinners. He sat down with Mary and Martha. On and on...

Over and over sitting down and sharing a meal was the very core of His ministry. Why? Sitting down and sharing a meal is intimate and personal. People can look into each others eyes. They can see the inflections as they speak along with the added gestures of hands and face. There is a greater depth of communication transpiring that words alone can not convey. There is a greater depth of communication transpiring beyond mere words - heart speaking to heart. In many ways the meal becomes less about the food and more about the fellowship.

Fellowship means the time to study and become comfortable with each other and connect. And here we are again – the power is in the connection.

My eight year old self was yearning for a connection – I wanted Him to approach me and say “Follow me”. Granted it took fifteen years of knocking before I slowed down enough to open. But look at the conversations we’ve had – four books and counting worth of studying each other.

These books are me documenting what I’ve learned of Him but during these forty seven years He has let me know a few things about myself. That has never been a pretty picture. But He is still on the other side of the table – still answering questions – still willing to walk along side of me – still willing to comfort and be my helper. I’ve been broken enough times – plenty times – and each time He was taking a hook out of my flesh.

So I'm not going to talk about do and don't – I'm going to say stop – open the door- just start talking – ask the questions – **and listen**. He is going to speak through His written word – through sermons and studies. Through anybody really – even a donkey if need be. It's that still small voice that nudges your conscience or stirs you heart. If you are like me He will be holding a mirror up so you can see yourself as you are – ouch – while asking – Where are you? Not because He doesn't know – but because sometimes a reality check is in order.

This chapter was supposed to be about "Living the New Life". It didn't take the direction of dogmatic rules and regulations. I suppose the New Life is best achieved when we listen. There are buried nuggets in this chapter hoping you are paying attention. Because that is exactly what living a victorious life is all about – learning to pay attention to the Voice of the Spirit which is hardly ever audible.

## **Epilogue**

First off let me thank you. If you have read this far whether you know it or not we have journeyed together from the beginning of known time to the culmination of current history in the coming down of the New Jerusalem. For taking that journey with me – I thank you.

I realize this book has ended in a seemingly abrupt way – but at this point let me ask – what really could I have said more? I covered the fact that God is the source of all things and created order in the universe. I covered that more than just fellowship or friendship – man was created for union with God and given a dominion even before he was dug out of the ground.

Did history have an apparent glitch? Yes, when someone else thought they could be God and convinced others, both angels and humanity that the possibility was plausible. Did God blink? Not a single drop of sweat. Victory was already built into creation with “The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.” That victory was already charted within the first ten verses of the Bible as the symbolic triumph of Light over darkness. Regardless of the devils plans – history has moved forward according to every prophetic mile marker. No slowing down - no stopping.

Did Adam fall? Yes, but that opened the door for something that was never needed before. Something the devil never saw coming. Man fell but that only allowed God to open up His arsenal and bring out mercy and the Blood. If I were the devil I would have quit right then and there. What point is there in making man sin if God is only going to forgive them and still make promises of dominion? Well there might be a reason the devil is portrayed as being red – apparently he likes to embarrass himself over and over again.

Has history had it's ups and downs? Yes there have been cycles of ups and downs. But again this was understood by God. Symbolically again the cycling of night and day shows that there is a limit to darkness and as soon as light shows up darkness disappears. This cycling continues right up to the very end and then the ushering in of endless day. So yes evil is a thing, but the promise is – evil is not forever.

God has kept all of His promises alive through the covenants He has made. Whether it was certain individuals or certain nations – the covenants kept the promises coming. The covenants pointed forward to Christ – that promise came. Christ came and made covenant with believers in Him. He left and another promise came. The promise of the Father being the infilling of the Holy Ghost. That promise is here now but again points forward to another promise. The final redemption of our bodies at which point we believers who have entered covenant by obeying the Gospel will be given immortality and forever be with the Lord.

What history tells me is that God is unstoppable. Not everybody understands this and again yes, darkness still envelops too many minds. And again – not forever. Right now my hope is that you the reader has come to understand this. Getting back to the idea of union with God it's really about getting onboard the unstoppable destiny God ordained for the believer. That destiny is 100% assured as long as our connection – our union with God remains unbroken.

We can be as broken and destitute as can be but connect that brokenness and destitution to God and Heaven's doors swing open and all the host are rejoicing. Why? Because the impossible became possible. We who are for all practical purposes are dust – have ascended into the realm of eternity to live with God forever. All that being achieve through the mercy and Blood being unleashed by a clueless beast who is only going to get redder once he hits the flames of his destiny.

Unbroken union is what sanctification is all about. Sanctification is a separation from what will be "the former things". Yes, right now they are *'a thing'*. So separations from the things that are slated to be "former things" assures that you will not also be a "former thing". Personally I really seek simplicity and the above is about as simple a breakdown of what it means to purify ourselves from all the filthiness of the world.

Unbroken union with God means an unbroken union with a God that is holy, righteous, loving, merciful, truthful, pure, pure, pure. Oh and did I mention pure? When we were created in His image and likeness it meant we created with all the above attributes. The devil broke that original union and all the ugliness of an evil world flooded in. A pursuit of holiness is eliminating all the connections to that ugliness and reconnecting to **HIM and everything He is**. Holiness is seeing Him as He is and becoming like Him in nature and character. Jesus is the living standard and model of what we ought to be. We have His word and we have a living representative to shape our lives.

This is why we need to open the door – let Him in and sit down to a long chats. Because He alone knows all the hidden intentions and motives of our heart. Yes, He sees your heart with everything in it. Things you don't even know – He knows. The word 'overcoming' is in there for a reason. Long chats are the first steps at overcoming because in those chats you are going to have to face yourself as God sees you. Oh yes – ouch – those hooks need to come out. This is what mercy and the Blood are for - so yes God is here to walk along side of us and be our helper – our power to overcome.

Again for the guy that loves simplicity even if I write long books – the entire essence of this book can be summarized in these four themes:

- God created us for union with Himself.
- Redemption restores that union.
- Sanctification protects that union.
- Eternity perfects that union.

Keep the union unbroken – and I'll see you on the other side. May the Lord shine upon you continually to light the path to endless day.  
Amen.