

THE KING AND HIS KINGDOM

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Introduction

We are told the Bible is the infallible word of God and that it is truth. However I had to come to a place in my life where I actually had to make the decision for myself as to whether I believe it or not.

I grew up in a Christian home and even after I found my wife in church I got divorced. I needed to find out why this happened. I read many books on marriages but did not find the answers I was looking for.

The chapters on marriage are where this book began. The chapters on marriage were researched over a long period and it is just the tip of the proverbial iceberg.

As I researched I found truth, peace, joy and the meaning of my existence.

All the other subjects in this book are a result of questions that I have asked God.

It is my prayer that this book will help the reader to get closer to our King.

To our King, who is the center of my life, be all the honour, glory and power!

Fore Word

Many hours of prayer and study have gone into producing this book. Giving the reader a short cut to many subjects.

Matthew 13: 16

But blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear.

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His Kingdom

Before time existed

In the distant past God was King. God is Spirit. God has the personality of a holy, righteous and creative King. He created for Himself a Kingdom using His word.

John 4:24 (KJV) God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.

John 1:1-3 (KJV) 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 anything made that was made.

God's Kingdom is a Spirit Kingdom

The Kingdom gets its attributes, life style and standards from the King. In order to understand the Kingdom better we need to first find out about the King. The Kingdom works very differently as opposed to democracy.

A King is born, He is not voted for

John 18:37 (KJV) Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a King then? Jesus answered, You say that I am a King. To this end was I born, and for this cause I came into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Every one that is of the truth hears my voice.

The Kings word is Law

Mark 13:31 (KJV) Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

Matthew 5:18 (KJV) For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

When we start reading the parables that Jesus spoke

We find that Jesus made this statement many times “The Kingdom....”. In the King James Version of the Bible we find that Jesus did this 158 times.

This Kingdom was spoken about by Daniel the Prophet

Daniel 2:44 (KJV) And in the days of these kings, the God of Heaven shall set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed. And the kingdom shall not be left to other peoples, but it shall crush and destroy all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

We find that Jesus keeps on referring to a Kingdom

Matthew 6:9-13 (MKJV) Therefore pray in this way: Our Father, who is in Heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we also forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil. For Yours is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever. Amen.

A King has to have a Kingdom (Domain)

Genesis 1:1 (KJV) In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

This is a Place or Territory that our King rules over

The Character, Nature and Personality of the King determines the Quality, Character, Nature and Personality of the Kingdom. This is very important as Jesus was telling us that our God is the King of the Universe. We often refer to God as the King of kings and the Lord of lords.

When God created the earth He had the objective of expanding His Kingdom in to every area, that is both the Spiritual and Physical world.

There are other dimensions that we do not see

This topic requires more investigation to do it justice.

He wanted to expand from the Spirit world to the Physical world and every other dimension that we may not even know about - from the unseen into the seen

John 1:1-4 (MKJV) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and without Him not even one thing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

He rules and has Dominion over everything

John 1:3 (MKJV) All things came into being through Him, and

without Him not even one thing came into being that has come into being.

Naturally everything belongs to Him

Psalms 24:1 (MKJV) The earth is Jehovah's, and the fullness of it; the world, and those who dwell in it.

God's plan was to have someone to rule on the Earth on His behalf

Genesis 1:28 (KJV) And God blessed them. And God said to them, Be fruitful, and multiply and fill the earth, and subdue it. And have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the heavens, and all animals that move upon the earth.

This person was to have the identical credentials as the King of kings

In order to have the identical credentials he had to be made in the Image of the King.

Genesis 1:26-27 (MKJV) 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 heavens, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over all that creeps on the earth. And God created man in His image; in the image of God He created him. He created them male and female.

This was important as he was to represent the King on earth

He would have to have the very life of the King breathed into him.

Genesis 2:7 (MKJV) And Jehovah God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

This was important as Adam needed this life to represent the Life of the King

Adam had to have the nature, likeness and abilities of the King.

This was so that he could rule in the King's stead demonstrating the King's power, authority and personality.

This was to demonstrate the Authority and Power and Personality of the King on Earth

For this Person to have the right to rule on Earth he had to be given Position.

Genesis 1:26 (MKJV) 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 heavens, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over all the creepers creeping on the earth.

This happened just as our King decided.

There is only one Arc Angel at this time, his name is Michael

This was not always the case. Gabriel is not called an arc angel in the Bible. Gabriel is referred to as a messenger. Lucifer was an Arc Angel second in charge in Heaven under our King. We find that Lucifer decided that he wanted to be God. The law of the universe is that nothing that is created can

be greater or higher than its creator. The result was that there was a war in Heaven. Because of this Lucifer and one third of the Angels he commanded were thrown out of Heaven. This left Lucifer with no position, power or authority. He lost his title of Arc angel and became a fallen cherub. At the time that Lucifer was in Heaven he was in charge of worship in heaven and he ruled over the earth. Lucifer had lost his position in heaven and on earth because he was jealous of God and wanted to be God.

Our King placed Adam in the Garden of Eden and gave him the right to rule over everything

Lucifer wanted the position, power and authority that God had given to Adam. This position, power and authority is dependent on the relationship between our King and us His creation. Adam only had this authority as long as he was in right standing with his Creator, our King. The deception that happened in the Garden of Eden went both ways. Lucifer did not get the power and authority that Adam had as he Lucifer was and is not in right standing with our King of Creation and the Universe. Lucifer understood that the King's Word is Law but still wanted to be God. This is why he devised a plan to elevate himself to a higher position. He could not deceive Adam as Adam was 'armed' with the word of God.

God had said to Adam

Genesis 2:17 (ESV) But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat of it: for in the day that you eat thereof you shall surely die.

God had told Adam not to eat from the tree of the Knowledge of good and evil

But after Adam had not found a helpmate for himself, the “loop hole” appeared. With the advent of Eve, Lucifer found the “soft spot” he thought he could use.

Genesis 2:20-23 (KJV) And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. 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. And Adam said, "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

How Lucifer deceived himself, thinking that he could take Adams position

Lucifer used the only weapon he had left, deception. He asked Eve questions that put her in a difficult place.

Genesis 3:1-7 (KJV) Now, the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, "You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die. And the serpent said unto the woman, You shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day you eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree

was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

Lucifer assumed Adams position on earth, but he had no power

He was never given any authority or power on earth after deceiving Eve and Adam.

We have however abdicated our authority to him (Lucifer)

We have assumed that Lucifer has power and authority over us and the planet and as a result we have allowed him to rob steal and kill. Simply put, to destroy what our Lord has for us. The only power and authority Lucifer has is that which we have allowed him to have.

Lucifer has no rights or authority and still needs to bow before our King

Philippians 2:5-11 (KJV) Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the

earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Note that in Philippians 2:11 'Every tongue will confess' this includes Satan (Lucifer).

This proves that ignorance is not bliss

For the Bible says that God's people are destroyed due to a lack of knowledge.

Hosea 4:6a (KJV) My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge:

We lack the Knowledge of the Truth of the Word of God

John 8:32 (MKJV) And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

We are taught that we will "Know the Truth and should we apply the Truth it will set us Free". The Problem with the Truth is that it usually hurts.

With the deception of Eve and the fall of man Adam lost his right standing with the King of Kings

Genesis 3:8-13 (KJV) And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where are you? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because

I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told you that you are naked? Have you eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded you that you should not eat? And the man said, The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, the serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

Jesus came to give us back what we have lost to Satan (Lucifer)

Romans 5:1-2 (KJV) Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Romans 5:5-21 (KJV) And hope makes not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commended his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. 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.

And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement. Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him

that was to come. But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) 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. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Jesus came to restore His Father, our Kings creation.
(Man)*

John 20:21-22 (KJV) Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be to you: as my Father has sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, Receive the Holy Ghost.

This word breathed in John 20:22 only appears in the Bible twice

The first time when God our King breathed life into Adam.

Genesis 2:7 (MKJV) And Jehovah God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

The second time

John 20:22 (MKJV) And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit.

Jesus came to give back to us the Authority and Power and Character of the King that originally belonged to us

We find in John 20:22 that Jesus breathed on the Apostles and said receive the Holy Ghost. This is the moment in time that our King once again established His authority on the earth. This was when He put His people back in charge of His Earthly Domain.

Ultimately the King's plan for the earth has not changed - He still wants us to rule on His behalf

Luke 24:49 (KJV) 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.

Joel 2:27-29 (MKJV) And you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed. 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.

Acts 2:1-4 (KJV) And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing

mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The King still has the same objective

Revelation 21:1-7 (KJV) And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 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. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is thirsty of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcomes shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Everything is still about the King, His Kingdom and the salvation of man

1 John 3:8 (KJV) He that committed sin is of the devil; for the devil sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

When we read the Bible we should have the following in the back of our minds, that God was and is first our King. He became our God when we accepted Him as our Savior. Everything in the Bible goes about The King, His Kingdom, the Cross of Salvation and His people.

With this in mind let us continue in our study of His Kingdom

We are taught how to approach the King and become part of this Kingdom. We are taught the constitution of Heaven (The Bible),

we are taught that there are keys of the Kingdom (Our King's Keys to life), we are taught about the currency of heaven (Faith), we are taught about the spirit world that we have become a part of. Simply put, we are taught how to be citizens of the Kingdom and how to behave as citizens of the Kingdom with all the rights and authority that goes with the citizenship of the Kingdom.

In the following chapters we will attempt to introduce you to the above mentioned. The idea is to help you get started in your relationship with our King. Please refer to the constitution of The Kingdom at all times as this is the basis of our relationship with our King (The Bible). There is so much more to the King and His Kingdom that we would be writing volumes to try and capture the tip of the iceberg of our King and His Kingdom.

It is all about the Condition of our Heart and our Need for God's Grace and love

Malachi 3:6 (MKJV) For I am Jehovah, I change not. Because of this you sons of Jacob are not destroyed.

This scripture in the Old Testament shows God's grace and love for us.

Mercy and Grace go hand in hand

Romans 6:23 (MKJV) For the wages of sin is death, but the gift (Mercy and Grace) of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mercy is God not giving to us what we deserve. (Death)

Grace is God giving us what we do not deserve. (Eternal life)

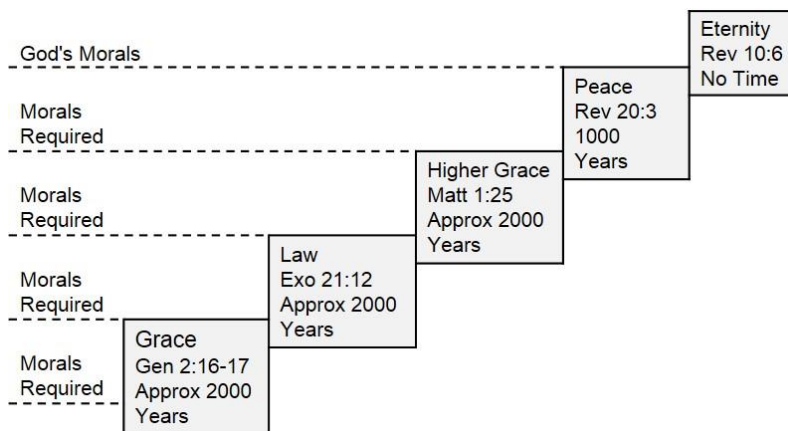
A gift is something that you receive without working for it.

A gift is normally given to you by someone who loves you and wants to do something special for you.

Genesis 8:21 (MKJV) And Jehovah smelled a sweet odour. And Jehovah said in His heart, I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, because the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth. And I will not again smite every living thing as I have done.

Again we see God's grace in the scripture above.

The Creation of the Bride of Christ



Under the first dispensation of grace Adam only had to keep one command

Genesis 2:16-17 (MKJV) And Jehovah God commanded the man, saying, You may freely eat of every tree in the garden, but you shall not eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. For in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.

Under the dispensation of Law, God gave Moses ten Commands (The 10 commandments)

Exodus 24:12 (MKJV) And Jehovah said to Moses, Come up to Me in the mountain, and be there. And I will give you tablets of stone, and the Law, and commandments which I have written, so that you may teach them.

With the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ, came the second dispensation of grace

Matthew 1:25 (MKJV) and did not know her until she bore her

son, the First-born. And he called His name JESUS.

This seems to be a higher form of grace as Jesus said

Matthew 5:17 (MKJV) Do not think that I have come to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I have not come to destroy but to fulfill.

The second dispensation of Grace has two commands – Jesus referred to this

Matthew 22:37-40 (MKJV) Jesus said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Jesus again made it simple with a new command that He gave

John 13:34 (MKJV) I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. As I have loved you, you should also love one another.

1 John 3:23 (MKJV) And this is His commandment, that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

Ultimately we are not able or capable of keeping the commands of God

By the grace of God, He then made a way where there was no way.

He allowed us into His Kingdom through His son Jesus. It now depends on who you know and His (Jesus) ability.

This in no way exonerates us from striving to live according to the simple commands that have been given to us. To love Him (God) and to love his creation (all the people).

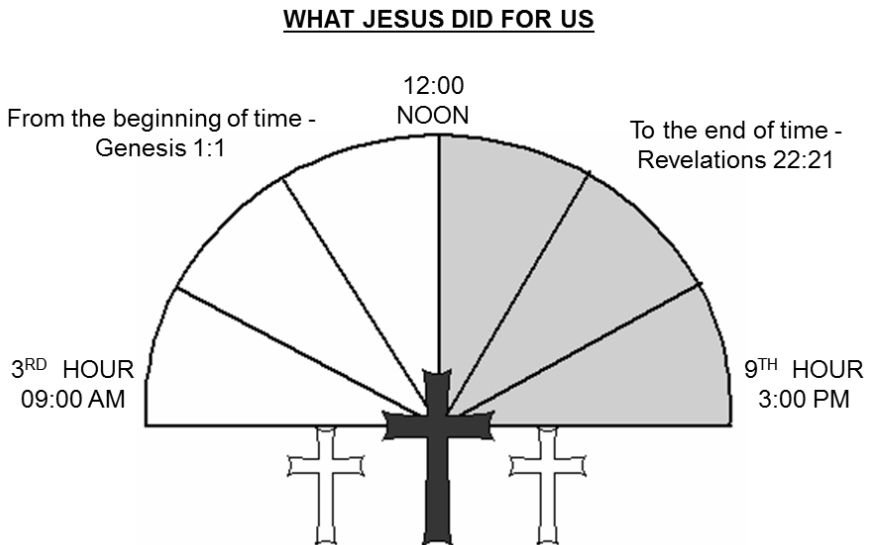
Jesus said

John 14:15 (MKJV) If you love Me, keep My commandments.

Grace (Unmerited Favour)

In order to understand the love, purity and holiness of our King
We will have to study the mercy and grace of our King.

It is Finished



Should we have a look at the diagram above you will see that there is 6 hours from when Jesus was placed on the cross to when Jesus was taken down from the cross. There is an hour for every 1000 years of history. When Jesus cried out that “**IT IS FINISHED**”,

It was the point that Jesus had paid for everything that we will ever require, everything from salvation, eternal life to healing and prosperity.

Absolutely everything that is and was required was done for us by Jesus, by the work of the cross. Isaiah lists most of the things that Jesus had accomplished for us

Isaiah 53:4-6 (MKJV) Surely He has borne our grief's, and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was on Him; and with His stripes we ourselves are healed. (Speaks in the present tense) All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, each one to his own way; and Jehovah has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

This is what Jesus did for us

From Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21, from the beginning of time to the end of time that includes us now - this means that all our sin from before we were born to after we die is already paid for. This means that all our sickness from before we were born to after we die is already paid for. This means that all our prosperity from before we were born to after we die is already paid for. This means that all our hopes from before we were born to after we die is already paid for. This means that all our spiritual needs and requirements from before we were born to after we die are already paid for.

All God requires from you is to accept His Son Jesus as Lord and Saviour

In other words God has already provided for everything that you could possibly need God's grace is all encompassing it reaches into every part of your life. There are other people that have taken the time to go into the depths of this study and have come up with scriptural proof after proof that this is God's stand point towards you.

God gives us the original picture of his provision for us right in the Garden of Eden

Should you go through the creation in Genesis, you will find that God had created everything that Adam needed before he created Adam. Yes I know you think that God did miss something; Eve. God did not miss a thing. When you do the study you will find that Eve was already in Adam. That is why God put Adam to sleep and He removed Eve out of Adam. God waited for the right time to present Eve to Adam.

In the same way God has already taken care of everything that you will ever need or want

Psalm 23:1-6 (MKJV) Jehovah is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table for me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of Jehovah forever.

Look in verse 5

You will see a table that is prepared for you. On this table is everything that you need. When can you have what is on this table? When you see it you can have it. To see what is on your table you will have to get to know Jesus as Your Redeemer. As soon as you and Jesus have connected, start to build your relationship with Him through prayer, fasting and studying His word.

For me Psalm 23 sums up the Bible

Take the time to do your own study of the subjects in this book or any other topic you would like to know more about.

Please understand that mercy and Grace is a Biblical life style and not just a subject

When you live in the Grace life style you will find that sin does not have power over you. Grace sets you free to live for Jesus and helps you overcome sin.

Know that God loves you more than you could possibly understand with your human mind

He wants you successful, more than you want to be successful.

Grace. Commandments. Laws. Love.

Let us look at the issues at hand. What is the truth, where do we find the balance? Ultimately what does GOD and the Bible say?

Some years ago I found myself in the middle of this great controversy between Law and Grace. On the one hand comments were made of: "I cannot have any thing to do with the law, I am under grace" and on the other end of the scale comments of (and this is scripture): "Do not insult the Spirit of Grace" (The last part of Hebrews 10:29).

The only way to find the truth is to research God's Big Book; yes I am speaking about the Bible. This is where you will always find truth. Spending many hours in prayer and having read many books on grace and the law, having asked many

people their opinion and doing as much research as possible, I have come to the following conclusion.

Most people say what they hear and don't have the foggiest idea of either the law or grace.

Right in the beginning in the Garden of Eden a "Command" was given (One command). God tells Adam not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil. One simple command! At this point there is no law just one Simple command. After the fall of Adam God speaks to the people and most of what God says is decreed. However there is no "cast in stone" laws as in the 10 Commandments. We find a period of grace for about the first 2000 years. Then comes Moses and God introduces the 10 commandments.

The so called Law is actually a two part "plan". Here we have once again "commandments" (Part one). Moses has not at this point brought or written the volumes of the law also called the Torah (Part two) these support the 10 commandments. The Torah has about 613 different laws. This is where it becomes very busy, but I am not going to get involved in the Mosaic Law etc. That is another study all on its own.

Can you imagine trying to remember all 613 laws, let alone trying to live by them?

Scripture teaches us that if we have failed in one law we have failed in all the law.

James 2:10 (MKJV) For whoever shall keep the whole Law and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

The law is in place for +/- 2000 years. Then in about another 2000 years again we find that God has provided a plan to salvage us from the consequences of the Law (Grace). God in His grace sends His only begotten Son to Calvary to die in our place and buy salvation for us from the Law and our sinful

selves. This is God's Spiritual Law and has nothing to do with the laws of the land you may find yourself living in.

Jesus makes a rather radical statement regarding the law.

Matthew 5:17-20 (MKJV) Do not think that I have come to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I have not come to destroy but to fulfill. For truly I say to you, Till the heaven and the earth pass away, not one jot or one tittle shall in any way pass from the Law until all is fulfilled. Therefore whoever shall relax one of these commandments, the least, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of Heaven. But whoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of Heaven. For I say to you that unless your righteousness shall exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall in no case enter into the kingdom of Heaven.

I urge you to lookup and read the whole of Matthew chapter 5. Please keep in mind that these are the words of Jesus, "God with us".

Some say that the law is for the Old Testament dispensation. Some say that grace is for the New Testament.

If the Law is not pertinent to us then why is it in the Bible? Why does Jesus refer to it? Why does Jesus then go on to say that we are more responsible? Why does Jesus extend the law until heaven and earth passes away? Why does Jesus say that unless our lifestyle of righteousness exceeds that of the Scribes and Pharisees that we shall in no case enter into the kingdom of Heaven?

Something interesting to note;

In the Arc of the Covenant you will find some things. One of the things you will find in Arc of the Covenant is the 10 commandments. These are covered with the Mercy Seat

(Grace). We see the commandments tempered by God's grace. Let's look at another statement Jesus made:-

Matthew 22:36 (MKJV) Master, which is the great commandment in the Law?

Notice 'the great commandment in the Law'.

Matthew 22:37-40 (MKJV) Jesus said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

I love the way it is put in the book of James.

James 2:8 (MKJV) If you fulfill the royal Law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself," you do well.

Here we find only two commandments again, also known as the Royal Law. Having looked at the way Jesus replied to the question I have to come to the conclusion that as far as Jesus is concerned it seems that commandments carry more "weight" than laws do although God does not make any difference between them. Jesus our Royal Grand Master makes things so simple for us; Jesus simplifies the whole of the Torah into two simple commands. (This is God's Grace at work, this is pure genius).

Then Jesus goes to the cross for us and He atones for us by paying with His Blood and dying on the Cross in our place. This is the grace of God at work. Without Jesus doing this for us we would have been lost for all eternity in the depths of hell.

Let us put grace into perspective. Please understand that I am all for grace. But I cannot agree that grace gives you license to sin. The example that was given to me, being that now that we live “under Grace” it is OK to sleep with girl next door and we are waxed with God or God is OK with this. God is not a God of lawlessness. Lucifer / Satan is the lawless god “seeking whom he may devour” Our lawful God does not go outside of His word, who came to save the world from the lawless god of this age. It seems that people are mixing up who they are serving and in the process are trying to put grace in the place of the Blood of Jesus!

Grace allows us to make mistakes. It takes our focus off the consequences of the law making the empowering of sin by the law of no consequence to us. This helps us to place our faith in Jesus the Christ who has paid for our mistakes on the cross and sets us free of the judgment of the law. Grace empowers us to continue in His love and ultimately overcome sin.

Love also covers our sin to a point.

1Peter 4:8 (MKJV) And above all things have fervent love to yourselves, for love will cover a multitude of sins.

Only the Blood of Jesus can deal with our sin.

1John 1:7 (MKJV) But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Only the Blood of Jesus can remove our transgressions as far as the East is from the West.

Psalms 103:12 (MKJV) As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Paul the Apostle put it this way:-

Romans 12:1 (MKJV) I beseech you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, pleasing to God, which is your reasonable service.

Note the requirements of this scripture is regarded as reasonable and not outstanding out or above average.

Jesus paid for all sin from Genesis to Revelations. Grace and the Blood of Jesus gives us access to God.

Hebrews 10:19 (MKJV) Therefore, brothers, having boldness to enter into the Holy of Holies by the blood of Jesus,

This access is made available to all. All we have to do is acknowledge and agree with God that we have sinned. By asking God to extend to us grace (His Loving Kindness) and forgive us using the Blood of Jesus to wash us clean, asking Jesus to become Lord of our lives.

This is unconditional and free, however it is not cheap. It cost Jesus to go to the cross on our behalf and pay the ultimate price of shedding His Blood and by dying an excruciating and humiliating death on our behalf. This is the ultimate act of grace.

We are warned not to insult the Spirit of Grace.

Hebrews 10:29 (MKJV) Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy of punishment, the one who has trampled the Son of God, and who has counted the blood of the covenant with which he was sanctified an unholy thing, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?

Hebrews 10:26-31(MKJV) For if we sin wilfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He who despised Moses' Law died without mercy on the word of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy of punishment, the one who has trampled the Son of God, and who has counted the

blood of the covenant with which he was sanctified an unholy thing, and has insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know Him who has said, "Vengeance belongs to Me, I will repay, says the Lord." And again, "The Lord shall judge His people." It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Most people have a problem with the time factor living under grace.

The issue we have is that we are living in "time". So how should we view grace and how do we place grace into our lives so as to help us with the issue of "time". We look at the following scripture that puts this all in perspective.

Titus chapter two (2) gives us the answer. Should you look at verse 11 through to 14 you will find that it is actually one sentence, although it is spread across 4 verses!

Titus 2:9-14 (MKJV) Slaves are to be obedient to their masters, to please them well in all things, not talking against, not stealing, but showing all good faith, so that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that having denied ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live discreetly, righteously and godly, in this present world, looking for the blessed hope, and the appearance of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity and purify to Himself a special people, zealous of good works.

Here things are put into perspective and in all the time frames (Past, Present and Future).

Verse 11 puts things from the past; (has appeared) to the present (that brings salvation) please note the comma after men!

Titus 2:11 (MKJV) For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,

We go on to Verse 12 we find ourselves in the present; we should live discreetly, righteously and Godly, in this present world at this moment (by Grace or graciously). Please note the comma after world!

Titus 2:12 (MKJV) teaching us that having denied ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live discreetly, righteously and godly, in this present world,

In verse 13 we move to the future; Looking for the blessed hope (grace), and the appearance please note the comma after Jesus Christ!

Titus 2:13 (MKJV) looking for the blessed hope, and the appearance of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ,

We need to understand that without grace it is impossible to approach God. God is awesome and cannot look at sin. That is why Jesus is the mediator as he became sin for us (grace in action). Perhaps we should have a look at mercy and grace and try to define them.

My Pastor puts it this way:-

Mercy is God not giving you what you deserve (death, hell and the grave) and Grace is God giving you what you do not deserve (Eternal life. Heaven, to be forever the focus of His love).

To try and summarize (Grace = unmerited favour).

Grace is God reaching out to us in spite of our sin and sinful lifestyles.

Grace is God making a plan to deal with our sin so that we can experience Him. Grace is God looking past our sin to reconcile us to Himself. Grace is God loving us with an everlasting love

and making space for us to fail. Grace is God wanting us to be the focus of His love in spite of us having failed Him.

Jesus said;

John 14:15 (MKJV) If you love Me, keep My commandments. (Jesus did not say the law He said commandments there are only two).

John 14:21 (MKJV) He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me. And he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will reveal Myself to him.

John 14:23 (MKJV) Jesus answered and said to him, If a man loves Me, he will keep My Word. And My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him.

Paul said

2 Timothy 1:13 (MKJV) Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

I found that:-

Grace makes things straightforward and simple. In the Garden of Eden there is only one command. When the law comes it complicates things.

Moses brings Ten Commandments and this expounded on and encompasses 613 laws. Royal Grace (Jesus) once again makes a grand appearance and takes all the 613 laws and the Ten (10) commandments and simplifies them into two royal commandments. About 2000 years, long before Moses and the law appeared there was one command. Now we have two commands. How can this be so wrong? How is loving God with all your heart, soul and mind wrong? How is loving your neighbour as yourself wrong? What is the big issue around these two commands or royal law if you will. Seems people will

allow Satan to confuse them to the point of self destruction. It makes me wonder if people know what they are fighting about.

Perhaps people should make plain what they are referring to when they make glib Law verses Grace Statements!

Are they referring to the command given to Adam?

Are they referring to the Ten Commandments?

Are they referring to 613 laws of the Torah?

Or are they referring to the Royal Law?

As for me and my house we will keep the Royal Law.

Love

God's Definition of love

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (KJV) Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not Love, I have become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have prophecies, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so as to move mountains, and do not have Love, I am nothing. And though I give out all my goods to feed the poor, and though I deliver my body to be burned, and have not Love, I am profited nothing. Love has patience, is kind; Love is not envious, is not vain, is not puffed up; does not behave indecently, does not seek her own, is not easily provoked, thinks no evil. Love does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices in the truth, quietly covers all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. But if there are prophecies, they will be abolished; if tongues, they shall cease; if knowledge, it will be abolished. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when the perfect thing comes, then that which is in part will be caused to cease. When I was an infant, I spoke as an infant, I thought as an infant, I reasoned as an infant. But when I became a man, I did away with the things of an infant. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall fully know even as I also am fully known. And now faith, hope, Love, these three remain; but the greatest of these is Love.

Love your neighbor

Matthew 5:43-48 (MKJV) You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But I say to you, Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who despitefully use you and persecute you, so that you may

become sons of your Father in Heaven. For He makes His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax-collectors do so? Therefore be perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect.

You cannot serve two masters

Matthew 6:24 (MKJV) No one can serve two masters. For either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon

All the law hangs on these two commands

Matthew 22:36-40 (MKJV) Master, which is the great commandment in the Law? Jesus said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Mark 12:28-31 (MKJV) And coming up one of the scribes heard them reasoning, knowing that He had answered them well, he asked Him, Which is the first commandment of all? And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." This is the first commandment. And the second is like this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

Love your enemies

Luke 6:27-38 (MKJV) But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you. And to him who strikes you on the one cheek, also offer the other. And to him who takes away your garment, do not forbid your tunic also. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from him who takes away your goods, do not ask them again. And as you desire that men should do to you, you do also to them likewise. For if you love those who love you, what thanks do you have? For sinners also love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks do you have? For sinners also do the same. And if you lend to those of whom you hope to receive, what thanks do you have? For sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return. And your reward shall be great, and you shall be the sons of the Highest. For He is kind to the unthankful and to the evil. Therefore be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you shall be forgiven. Give, and it shall be given to you, good measure pressed down and shaken together and running over, they shall give into your bosom. For with the same measure that you measure, it shall be measured to you again.

How will we know them?

John 13:34-35 (MKJV) I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. As I have loved you, you should also love one another. By this all shall know that you are My disciples, if you have love toward one another.

No greater love

John 15:7-27 (MKJV) If you abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, you shall ask what you will, and it shall be done to you. In this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, so you shall be My disciples. As the Father has loved Me, so I have loved you; continue in My love. If you keep My commandments, you shall abide in My love, even as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. I have spoken these things to you so that My joy might remain in you and your joy might be full. This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master does. But I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and ordained you that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatever you shall ask of the Father in My name, He may give it to you. These things I command you, that you love one another. If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. But because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, The servant is not greater than his master. If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they have kept My saying, they will also keep yours. But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have had sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. He who hates Me hates My Father also. If I had not done among them the works which no other did, they would not have had sin. But now they have both seen and hated Me and My Father. But that the Word might be fulfilled that is written in their Law, "They hated Me without a cause." And when the

Comforter has come, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He shall testify of Me. And you also shall bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

1 Corinthians 13:1-4 (MKJV) Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I have become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have prophecies, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so as to move mountains, and do not have charity, I am nothing. And though I give out all my goods to feed the poor, and though I deliver my body to be burned, and have not charity, I am profited nothing. Charity has patience, is kind; charity is not envious, is not vain, is not puffed up;

The Royal Law

James 2:8 (MKJV) If you fulfill the Royal Law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well.

What we have heard from the beginning

1 John 3:11 (MKJV) For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another;

How to Become a Citizen of His Kingdom

The first and most important steps to becoming a citizen of the Kingdom is to believe that God exists, that God raised Jesus from the dead and to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior

This can happen in many different ways. The way that you were taught, or the church you attended can influence the way it can happen. Perhaps there was an event that got your attention. How it happened is your testimony, the fact that it happened is very important.

Hebrews 11:6 (MKJV) But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

This is not impossible

Romans 12:3 (MKJV) For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God has dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Once you have realized that our King exists

You will find that you will start to search for Him. You have to accept God into your life or the correct term is to be born again. This does not connect you to any church. This makes you part of the family of God no matter where you live or what country you live in.

This is where God gives you the choice between life and death

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 (KJV) I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both you and your seed may live: That you may love the LORD your God, and that you may obey his voice, and that you may cleave unto him: for he is your life, and the length of your days: that you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

To be born again there is a few scriptures that you need to read and apply to your life

John 3:3 (KJV) Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee. Except a man is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.

This is a command from Jesus to be born again

John 3:7 (MKJV) Do not marvel that I said to you, You must be born again.

John 3:16 (MKJV) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son. That whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

We need to believe in Jesus so that we can have everlasting life

John 14:6 (MKJV) Jesus said unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes unto the Father, but by me.

Jesus is the "door way" to heaven and God the Father. There is

no other way to salvation.

Revelation 3:20 (KJV) Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hears my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will eat with him, and he with me.

Here Jesus knocks on the door of your heart

You need to respond, you have to open the door. Jesus is a perfect gentleman He will not break down the door. You have to open the door. You do this by inviting Jesus into your heart. Before you can invite Jesus in you have to repent and renounce the devil (Lucifer) and all his works.

John 8:44 (KJV) You are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

The devil (Lucifer) is the one who motivates us to do evil. Now to be born again we have to turn from our wicked ways repent and ask Jesus into our heart and lives. We cannot add onto what we already have. We have to repent of our sins and start out new, leaving our past behind.

A new start in the Kingdom of God

Romans 10:8-13 (MKJV) But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession

is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

We need to believe in our heart and call on the name of Jesus with our mouth. In verse 13 whosoever means; anyone who calls on the name of Jesus. Once you have asked Jesus into your life, Jesus undertakes to do some things for you.

Our sin removed as far as the east is from the west

Psalm 103:12 (MKJV) As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Hebrews 8:12 (MKJV) For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

God chooses to forget our sin and not to remember them no more

2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV) Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

In fact God takes our past and buries it and he makes us new

Hebrews 10:16 (MKJV) This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, said the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (MKJV) So that if anyone is in Christ, that one is a new creature; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

We need to ask God to teach us His word so that we might not sin against Him

Psalms 119:11 (KJV) Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

This is a process

In the same way as you have to teach a young child what is right and wrong, you have to learn what God's word teaches you. This has to do with the correct way to behave and relate to our King, it is not related to our sin as our sin has been dealt with.

To summarize

We need to make a decision. A decision is not a feeling it's an act of your will. We need to believe that God exists. We need to renounce the devil also known as Satan. We need to turn from our sin. We need to ask Jesus into our hearts.

Jesus takes our sin and removes it as far as the east is from the west to be remembered no more

Jesus also removes our past and makes us new. We together with God need to renew our minds that we might not sin against God. To become born again or to gain Salvation we need to pray out loud as suggested below:-

“Father God, I believe that You exist, that You raised Jesus

from the dead and that You are a rewarder of them that look for you. I acknowledge that I am a sinner. I ask you Jesus to forgive me now. I ask You Jesus to come and live in my heart. Satan, I renounce you and all your works and everything that belongs to you in Jesus Name. I command you to take everything that belongs to you and go back to hell with it. Jesus I promise to turn from my sin to the best of my ability and to follow You. Thank you that You died in my place on the cross. Please teach me Your word and fill me with Your Holy Spirit. I thank you for my salvation. Thank you Jesus that You now live in my heart. Thank you that my past, present and future has been dealt with and that You are making everything new for me. Amen”.

If you have just prayed as suggested

I would like to welcome you into the family of God. The next step is to get a Bible and to start reading it. I suggest that you start in the New Testament at the book of James or John.

Note

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Salvation the Greek word has various meanings denotes deliverance preservation salvation.

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There are many more scriptures related to salvation

This is for you to go and find out more about. This is just the beginning. You need to get involved in your local church or home group. There is a lot more to Christianity than just being born again.

What the Blood of Jesus Does

The Blood of Jesus

After having done extensive research of the scriptures and having read every scripture there is with the word blood in it, I find no reference to the Blood of Jesus protecting us from the attacks of Lucifer and his forces. This statement of 'pleading the blood over us' simply does not exist in scripture. The problem is that as soon as this statement is questioned, it seems that most people then get upset.

What protects us?

Ephesians 6:10-18 (MKJV) Finally, my brothers, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the world's rulers, of the darkness of this age, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Therefore take to yourselves the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Therefore stand, having your loins girded about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. Above all, take the shield of faith, with which you shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching to this very thing with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

What protects our things?

Malachi 3:10-11 (MKJV) Bring all the tithe into the storehouse,

so that there may be food in My house. And test Me now with this, says Jehovah of Hosts, to see if I will not open the windows of Heaven for you, and pour out a blessing for you, until there is not enough room. And I will rebuke your devourer, and he shall not decay the fruit of your ground against you; nor shall your vine miscarry against you in the field, says Jehovah of Hosts.

The Blood of Jesus does 9 different things or variations of those things

Listed below are the things that Blood does and most of the Scriptures that I looked up

1. *The Blood of Jesus has a Voice*

Hebrews 12:24 (MKJV) and to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.

2. *The Blood of Jesus Has Life*

Genesis 9:4 (MKJV) But you shall not eat of flesh with the life in it, or the blood of it.

Leviticus 17:11 (MKJV) For the life of the flesh is in the blood. And I have given it to you on the altar to make an atonement for your souls. For it is the blood that makes an atonement for the soul.

Deuteronomy 12:23 (MKJV) Only be sure that you do not eat the blood. For the blood *is* the life. And you may not eat the life with the flesh.

3. *The Blood of Jesus is a Sign or Mark*

Exodus 12:7 (MKJV) And they shall take some of the blood and strike on the two side posts and upon the upper door post of the houses in which they shall eat it.

Exodus 12:13 (MKJV) And the blood shall be a sign to you upon the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you. And the plague shall not be upon you for a destruction when I smite in the land of Egypt.

Exodus 12:22-23 (MKJV) And you shall take a bunch of hyssop and dip in the blood in the bowl, and strike the lintel and the doorposts with the blood in the bowl. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. For Jehovah will pass through to strike the Egyptians. And when He sees the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, Jehovah will pass over the door, and will not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you.

4. *The Blood of Jesus Part of the Sign of Consecration to God*

Exodus 29:20-21 (MKJV) Then you shall kill the ram, and take of its blood, and put *it* upon the tip of the ear of Aaron, and upon the tip of the right ear of his sons, and upon the thumb of their right hand, and upon the great toe of their right foot, and sprinkle the blood upon the altar all around. And you shall take *some* of the blood on the altar, and of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it on Aaron, and on his garments, and on his sons, and on the garments of his sons with him. And he shall be hallowed, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him.

Leviticus 8:23 (MKJV) And he killed it. And Moses took of the blood of it, and put it on the tip of Aaron's right ear, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot. 24 And he brought Aaron's sons, and Moses put the blood on the tip of their right ear, and on the thumbs of their right hands, and on the great toes of their right feet. And Moses sprinkled the blood on the altar all around.

Leviticus 8:30 (MKJV) And Moses took of the anointing oil, and of the blood which was on the altar, and sprinkled it on Aaron, and on his garments, and on his sons, and on his sons' garments with him. And he sanctified Aaron, his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him.

Leviticus 14:14, Leviticus 14:17, Leviticus 14:25, Leviticus 14:28

5. *The Blood of Jesus is used for Atonement
Cleans Sanctifies brings forgiveness and Peace*

(Sprinkled, Presented as a sin - Peace offering)

Exodus 30:10 (MKJV) And Aaron shall make an atonement upon the horns of it once in a year with the blood of the sin offerings of atonement. He shall make atonement on it once in the year throughout your generations. It is most holy to Jehovah.

Leviticus 12:7 (MKJV) And he shall offer it before Jehovah, and make an atonement for her. And she shall be cleansed from the issue of her blood. This is the law for her that has borne a male or a female.

Leviticus 16:18-19 (MKJV) And he shall go out to the altar that is before Jehovah and make an atonement for it. And he shall take some of the blood of the young bull, and of the blood of the goat, and put it on the horns of the altar all around. And he shall sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times and cleanse it, and hallow it from the uncleanness's of the sons of Israel.

Leviticus 17:11 (MKJV) For the life of the flesh is in the blood. And I have given it to you on the altar to make an atonement for your souls. For it is the blood that makes an atonement for the soul.

2 Chronicles 29:24 (MKJV) And the priest killed them, and they made atonement with their blood on the altar, to make atonement for all Israel. For the king commanded the burnt offering and the sin offering to be made for all Israel.

More scriptures for your reading:-

Zechariah 9:11, Matthew 26:28, Mark 14:24, Luke 22:20, 1 Corinthians 11:25, Hebrews 9:18-22, Hebrews 13:20, Exodus 24:6, Exodus 24:8, Leviticus 1:5, Leviticus 1:11, Leviticus 3:2, Leviticus 3:8, Leviticus 3:13, Leviticus 4:6, Leviticus 4:16-18, Leviticus 4:34, Leviticus 5:9, Leviticus 7:2, Leviticus 8:19, Leviticus 9:12, Leviticus 9:18, Leviticus 12:7, Leviticus 16:14-15, Leviticus 16:27, Leviticus 17:6, Numbers 18:17, Numbers 19:4, 2 Kings 16:13, 2 Kings 16:15, Ezekiel 43:18, Ezekiel 43:20, Hebrews 9:13, Hebrews 9:19&21, Hebrews 9:22, Hebrews 10:4, Hebrews 10:19, Hebrews 11:28, Hebrews 13:11-12, 1 John 1:7, Rev 1:5

6. *The Blood of Jesus Justifies Purchases Redeems (Buys)*

Psalms 72:14 (MKJV) He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence; and their blood shall be precious in His sight.

Acts 20:28 (MKJV) Therefore take heed to yourselves, and to all the flock in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to feed the church of God which He has purchased with His own blood.

Romans 5:9 (MKJV) Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

Ephesians 1:7 (MKJV) In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace,

Ephesians 2:13, Colossians 1:14, Colossians 1:20, Hebrews 9:12, Revelation 5:9

7. *The Blood of Jesus Overcomes*

Hebrews 2:14 (MKJV) Since then the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise partook of the same; that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death (that is, the Devil)

Revelation 12:11 (MKJV) And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb, and because of the word of their testimony. And they did not love their soul until death.

8. *The Blood of Jesus Used to Make Covenant*

Exodus 24:8 (MKJV) And Moses took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which Jehovah has made with you concerning all these words.

Zechariah 9:11 (MKJV) You also, by the blood of Your covenant I have freed Your prisoners out of the pit in which is no water.

Matthew 26:28 (MKJV) For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Mark 14:24 (MKJV) And He said to them, This is My blood of the New Covenant, which is poured out for many.

Luke 22:20, 1 Corinthians 11:25, Hebrews 9:18, Hebrews 9:20, Hebrews 13:20

9. *The Blood of Jesus is Precious*

Psalms 72:14 (MKJV) He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence; and their blood shall be precious in His sight.

1 Corinthians 11:27 (MKJV) So that whoever shall eat this bread and drink this cup of the Lord unworthily, he will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

The Full Amour of God

When we become part of the Kingdom of God we will find that we are involved in a war

However our King has provided us with the necessary protection and weapons we need.

Ephesians 6:10-18 (MKJV) Finally, my brothers, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the world's rulers, of the darkness of this age, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Therefore take to yourselves the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Therefore stand, having your loins girded about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness. and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. Above all, take the shield of faith, with which you shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching to this very thing with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

We however need to consult the constitution of the Kingdom to find out what our King has provided for us (Our Bible)

All too often we don't find out what we have in Jesus.

Hosea 4:6a (MKJV) My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

In Ephesians 6:13 we are told to take the full Armor and to apply it to ourselves

From Ephesians 6:14-18 we are given the 'parts' of the Armour. There are 7 'parts' in all:-

1. Our Loins girded about with the Belt of truth.
2. Put on the Breast Plate of Righteousness.
3. Our feet Shod with preparation of the Gospel of Peace.
4. Above all take the Shield of Faith that you will need to use when attacked.
5. The Helmet of Salvation.
6. The Sword of the Spirit (Holy Spirit) this is the Word of God.
7. The Lance of prayer, praying always.

Let us have a look at what Jesus is

1. Jesus is Truth.
2. Jesus is Righteousness.
3. Jesus is the Gospel of Peace.
4. Jesus is Faith.
5. Jesus is Salvation.
6. Jesus is the Sword of The Spirit.
7. Jesus is Prayer, the Word of God on our lips.

In short Jesus did the following

Colossians 2:13-15 (MKJV) And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, blotting

out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and has taken it out of the way, nailing it to the cross. Having stripped rulers and authorities, He made a show of them publicly, triumphing over them in it.

When we put the whole Armour of God on we look like Jesus

Lucifer does not know the difference between you and Jesus when you have the Armor of our Lord on.

There will always be those who have to find some argument

The question I am most asked, “How often do I have to put on the Armor?” I look at it this way. I get dressed at least once a day in the physical world. So I put the Armour on every day and sometimes more, should I require it or when I am attacked. This is not because the Armour fades, but more so that I am aware that I have the Armour on. This gives me more confidence in my relationship with our King. Recognize your enemy and check that you have the full Armour of God on.

A short testimony

Everyone that has put on the Full Armor of God and has kept on doing so seems to come back with a similar testimony; that they experience a greater sense of peace in spite of what is happening or what is going on around them.

Some supporting Scriptures

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (MKJV) For though walking about in flesh, we do not war according to flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly, but mighty through God to the pulling

down of strongholds, pulling down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought into the obedience of Christ;

Hebrews 4:12 (MKJV) For the Word of God is living and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing apart of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

1 Corinthians 16:13-14 (MKJV) Watch! Stand fast in the faith! Be men! Be strong! Let all your things be done in charity. (Love)

Romans 13:8-14 (MKJV) Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for he who loves another has fulfilled the Law. For: "Do not commit adultery; do not murder; do not steal; do not bear false witness; do not lust;" and if there is any other Commandment, it is summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love works no ill to its neighbor, therefore love is the fulfilling of the Law. This also, knowing the time, that it is already time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand; therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk becomingly, as in the day; not in carousing's and drinking; not in co-habitation and lustful acts; not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not take thought beforehand for the lusts of the flesh.

2 Corinthians 6:6 (MKJV) In pureness, in knowledge, in long-suffering, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in love unfeigned, 7 In the Word of Truth, in the power of God, through the weapons of righteousness on the right hand and on the left.

1Thessalonians 5:8 (MKJV) But let us, who are of the day, be calm, having put on the breastplate of faith and love and the hope of salvation for a helmet.

2 Chronicles 16:8-9a (MKJV) Were not the Cushites and the Libyans a huge army with many chariots and horsemen? Yet, because you relied on Jehovah, he delivered them into your hand. For the eyes of Jehovah run to and fro in all the whole earth to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is perfect toward Him.

Psalms 34:4-5 (MKJV) I sought Jehovah, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. They looked to Him, and were filled with light; and their faces were not ashamed.

Psalms 34:6-19 (MKJV) This poor man cried, and Jehovah heard, and saved him out of all his troubles. The Angel of Jehovah camps round about those who fear Him, and delivers them. Taste and see that Jehovah is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him. O fear Jehovah, His holy ones; for there is nothing lacking to those who fear Him. The young lions lack, and suffer hunger; but those who seek Jehovah shall not lack any good thing. Come, listen to me, my sons; I will teach you the fear of Jehovah. Who is the man that desires life, and loves days, that he may see good? Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. The eyes of Jehovah are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry. The face of Jehovah is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. The righteous cry, and Jehovah hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. Jehovah is near to the broken-hearted; and saves those who are of a contrite spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but Jehovah delivers him out of them all.

Psalms 125:1-2 (MKJV) They who trust in Jehovah shall be like Mount Zion; it is not shaken, but remains forever. As the mountains are all around Jerusalem, so Jehovah is all around His people from this time and forever.

Zechariah 2:5 (MKJV) And I, says Jehovah, will be to her a wall of fire all around, and will be the glory in her midst.

Luke 21:18 (MKJV) But there shall not a hair of your head perish.

Forgiveness

Unforgiveness the one sin that can prevent you from entering His Kingdom

We could not possibly speak about salvation without looking at forgiveness. In order to do this we have to look also at unforgiveness. This is the one sin that can have a tremendous impact on our lives should we decide to live in unforgiveness.

God cannot forgive us until we forgive, the issue is placed squarely in our hands

Mark 11:26 (MKJV) But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

A short testimony

A certain lady that I knew had her right leg messed up in an accident. She had a medical support that warped around her knee and then a support with metal hinges that was strapped over the medical support. The Lady also had a crutch. After speaking about unforgiveness, this lady approached me after the service. She made accusations against God our King and also how other people had hurt her. Some of the things that had happened to this lady; rape, sexual abuse, physical beatings, mental abuse, the list seemed endless. This resulted in the lady also blaming God our King as she thought that our Lord had caused this to happen to her. This resulted in her having lived in the place of unforgiveness.

The lady requested that I pray for her for her knee. I sensed that our Lord wanted her to deal with the unforgiveness. I requested that the lady make a list of all the people and the things that they had done. I offered to come back the following week and work through the list and help her to forgive the

people for the things that they had done to her. The next week when I arrived, the lady no longer needed the medical prostheses for her knee.

As she had made the list, then she proceeded on her own to forgive the people that had abused her. In the process the lady realized that Our Lord had nothing to do with what had happened to her. The lady asked God our King to forgive her for falsely accusing Him. The result was that the lady was totally healed with no one laying hands on her or praying for her. Alas 4 months later this lady went back to the place of unforgiveness. The result, she once again needed the prostheses that she had for her knee.

The point is that our Lord is not mocked

Galatians 6:7-8 (MKJV) Do not be deceived, God is not mocked. For whatever a man sows, that he also will reap. For he sowing to his flesh will reap corruption from the flesh. But he sowing to the Spirit will reap life everlasting from the Spirit.

Our Lord does not change and neither does His word.

Malachi 3:6 (MKJV) For I am Jehovah, I change not. Because of this you sons of Jacob are not destroyed.

Psalms 89:34 (MKJV) I will not break My covenant, nor change the thing that has gone out of My lips.

Should you take the time to find out what the Bible has to say about unforgiveness!

You will find that many of our problems stem from unforgiveness and disobedience to God's word.

What does our King require from us?

2 Chronicles 7:14 (MKJV) If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Our King is merciful and willing to forgive us

Psalms 86:5 (KJV) For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

God is making a new covenant with you

Jeremiah 31:33-34 (KJV) But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, said 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. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, said the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Matthew 18:21-22 (KJV) Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till even times? Jesus said unto him, I say not unto you, until seven times: but, until seventy times seven.

Mark 11:24-26 (KJV) Therefore I say unto you, What things so ever ye desire, when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you shall have them. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any: that your Father also which is in

heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

1 John 1:7-10 (KJV) But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleans us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

Water Baptism

Let us look at why we need to be baptized in water

This is how we bury the past and the old you and conform to the righteousness of Jesus.

Matthew 3:13-17 (KJV) Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of you, and you come to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becomes us to full fill all righteousness. Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Here we see that Jesus Christ Himself is baptized in water. Jesus is the example God gave us, if He was baptized then we should be also.

This is part of salvation

Mark 16:16 (KJV) He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Part of water baptism is recognizing the death of Jesus Christ

Romans 6:3 (KJV) Know you not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

Here we see everyone needs to be baptized

1 Corinthians 12:13 (KJV) For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

Galatians 3:27 (KJV) For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

We are buried with Jesus and raised with Jesus

Colossians 2:12 (KJV) Buried with him in baptism, wherein also you are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

1 Peter 3:21 (KJV) The like figure where unto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

With water baptism we identify with the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ

Matthew 28:19 (KJV) Go you therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

We must be born of water and the Spirit to enter the Kingdom of God

John 3:5 (KJV) Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee. Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Water baptism opens one of the ways to baptism in the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:38 (KJV) 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. Repenting and being baptized in water opens the way for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Please note

Being born of the Spirit and being baptized in the Holy Spirit are two different things - events as explained above.

The Person of the Holy Spirit

The Author of the Bible and the person that comes to live with us and to help us.

The Bible opens with Him

Genesis 1:1-2 (KJV) In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

The Bible closes with Him

Revelations 22:17 (KJV) 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.

The Holy Spirit gives life and causes things to happen

John 6:63 (KJV) It is the spirit that quickens; the flesh profits nothing: the words that I speak to you. They are Spirit, and they are life.

The Holy Spirit anoints your words and causes you to speak life into being

John 7:38-39 (KJV) He that believes on me as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spoke 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).

Jesus said

John 14:15-19 (KJV) If you love me. Keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it sees him not, neither knows him: but you know him; for he dwells with you. and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world sees me no more; but you see me: because I live, you shall live also.

John 14:26 (MKJV) But the Comforter, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance, whatever I have said to you.

Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to you, He is the one who baptizes you with the Holy Spirit

John 16:7-15 (KJV) 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 to you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin. Because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and you see me no more: Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it to you. All things that the Father has are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall show it to you.

God Promised Us His Holy Spirit

We Find the promise of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament in the book of Joel

Joel 2:28-29 (KJV) 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.

The promise was fulfilled

Acts 2:1-4 (KJV) And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Here we find that the evidence of being filled with the Holy Spirit is speaking in other tongues.

The promise is still for us to day

Acts 2:17-19 (KJV) And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: And I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

The promise is for everyone

Acts 2:39 (KJV) For the promise is to you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

The Bible says that many are called but few are chosen

Matthew 22:14 (KJV) For many are called, but few chosen.

You do not have to be chosen to be filled with the Holy Spirit

The only qualification you need to be filled with the Holy Spirit is to be born again, this applies also to the Gentiles.

Acts 2:44-46 (KJV) While Peter yet spoke these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God.

The following verse is to assure you that you won't get anything else except the Holy Spirit

Luke 11:11 (KJV) If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he asks a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

A gift is in our modern way of saying things, this is a present, something you did not work for

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are divided into three categories. The three categories are the vocal gifts, the revelation gifts and the power gifts. There are three revelation gifts, three vocal gifts and three power gifts.

THE REVELATION GIFTS

1. Word of Knowledge

Word of knowledge is exactly that. It is one word of the knowledge that God has. God has all knowledge in front of Him, all at once. He imparts the smallest portion of this knowledge to the person. The word of knowledge is for the present. It demonstrates that God has a personal interest in the person and or the situation.

Matthew 9:4-5 (MKJV) And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think you evil in your hearts? For whether it is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven you; or to say. Arise, and walk? But that you may know that the Son of man has power on earth to forgive sins.

2. Word of Wisdom

The word of wisdom works in the same way as the word of knowledge. The only difference is that it has to do with the future not the present.

Acts 21:10-11 (KJV) And as we tarried there many days, there came down from Judea a certain prophet, named Agabus. And

when he was come to us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owns this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.

3. Gift of Discernment

The gift of discernment is when the Holy Spirit allows you to see into the spirit world. This is good and evil. You can expect to see angels or a demon.

Matthew 17:1-9 (MKJV) And after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and brought them up to a high mountain apart. And He was transfigured before them. And His face shone as the sun, and His clothing was white as the light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah talking with Him. And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here. If You will, let us make here three tabernacles; one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah. While he yet spoke, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them. And behold a voice out of the cloud which said, This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, hear Him. And when the disciples heard, they fell on their face and were greatly terrified. And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise and do not be terrified. And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus alone. And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.

1Corinthians 12:8-10 (KJV) For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another *divers* kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues.

THE VOCAL GIFTS

1. Gift of Tongues

1 Corinthians 14:4 (KJV) He that speaks in an unknown tongue edifies himself; but he that prophesies edifies the church.

2. Gift of Interpretation of Tongues

1 Corinthians 14:5 (KJV) I would that you all spoke with tongues, but rather that you prophesied: for greater is he that prophesies than he that speaks with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.

1 Corinthians 14:13-15 (KJV) Wherefore let him that speaks in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret. For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

1 Corinthians 14:18-19 (KJV) I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than you all: Yet in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.

3. Gift of Prophecy

1 Corinthians 14:22-23 (KJV) Therefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serves not for them that believe not, but for them which believe. If therefore the whole church comes together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in

those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that you are mad?

How these gifts should be used

1 Corinthians 14:26-27 (KJV) How is it then, brethren? When you come together, every one of you has a Psalm, has a doctrine, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying. If any man speaks in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret.

1 Corinthians 14:39 (KJV) Therefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues. Let all things be done decently and in order.

THE POWER GIFTS

1. *Supernatural gift of Faith*

This is not normal day-to-day faith. This is supernatural faith imparted at the point of contact.

Acts 3:6-7 (KJV) Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have, give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and anklebones received strength.

The supernatural gift of faith in conjunction with one of the gifts of healing is working here.

2. Gifts of Healing

This is one of the more complex gifts. You'll note that it is the gifts (plural) of healings (plural), speaking of more than one. This results in different people being able to pray for different kinds of healings.

3. Working of Miracles

The difference between healing and miracles are:

1. Healing: has to do with mankind and the human body.
2. Miracles: has to do with nature and the environment. A classic example of the working of a miracle is when Jesus rebuked the storm.

Luke 8:24 (KJV) And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm.

Note

There are nine gifts of the Holy Spirit in all. Very seldom does one gift work independently by itself. More often than not we find two or three of the gifts working together. There is a lot more to the gifts of the Holy Spirit than what we have discussed. This however is to wet your appetites, to show you that there is more.

1 Corinthians 12:1-21 (KJV) 'Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. You know that you were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as you were led. Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking

by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these works that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? 1And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where is the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where is the smelling? But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. And if they were all one member, where were the body? But now are they many members, yet but one body. And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

1 Corinthians 12:27-31(KJV) Now you are the body of Christ, and members in particular. And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret? But covet

earnestly the best gifts: and yet show I to you a more excellent way.

God's Plan When He Calls You

The Servant of the Lord (God's Call)

God fights for you. God knows you, calls and separates you. God fills you with his word

Isaiah 49:1 (MKJV) Listen, O coastlands, to Me; and listen, lend your ear, peoples from afar; Jehovah has called Me from the womb; He has made mention of My name from My mother's bowels.

God fights with you. God prepares you. God cleans you up. God will give you rest

Isaiah 49:2 (KJV) He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he *hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver.

*Hid = Hebrew =prepare

God fights through you. You become God's servant. God will show Himself through You

Isaiah 49:3 (MKJV) and said to Me, You are My servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.

God looks for a warrior or fighting spirit in you

1 Kings 19:17 (MKJV) And it will be, whoever escapes the sword of Hazeal, Jehu will kill. And whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill.

God looks for people whose hearts are towards Him

1 Kings 19:18 (MKJV) Yet I have left seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth which has not kissed him.

God looks for a hard worker

1 Kings 19:19 (MKJV) And he left there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, and he was plowing; twelve pairs of oxen were before him, and he was with the twelfth. And Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle on him.

God is looking for a principled person

1 Kings 19:20 (MKJV) And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah, and said, Please, let me kiss my father and my mother, and I will follow you. And he said to him, Go back again, for what have I done to you?

God is looking for a person who knows how to give to God and take care of the people around him

1 Kings 19:21 (MKJV) And he turned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen and killed them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave it to the people, and they ate. And he arose and went after Elijah, and ministered to him.

THE JOURNEY OF PROGRESS YOU NEED TO TAKE TO FULFILL GOD'S PLAN FOR YOU

God's promise

Jeremiah 29:11 (MKJV) For I know the purposes which I am

purposing for you, says Jehovah; purposes of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

The example we have between Elijah and Elisha

2 Kings 2:1-14 (ESV) Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet." Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

This process is only a guideline of steps. All newborn Christians will go through a similar process. The unique plan that God has for your life requires a relationship with our King.

The process of coming out of Egypt

The place of deliverance from the world system

Exodus 6:1 (MKJV) And Jehovah said to Moses, Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh. For with a strong hand he shall let them go, and with a strong hand he shall drive them out of his land.

Exodus 6:6-8 (KJV) Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments: And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. And I will bring you in unto the land, concerning the which I did swear to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for an heritage: I am the LORD.

The Red Sea

The place where God cleans us up and introduces us to Jesus.

The 'Red Sea' represents the Blood of Jesus. The sea speaks of the Holy Spirit and the fact that the Israelites went across on dry land speaks of the person of the Holy Spirit being present. You will note that God drowned the whole Egyptian army, horses and chariots. This is God destroying the demons and sin from your past This is why you need to be baptized in water.

Gilgal - The place of going around in circles

The Israelites roamed around the desert.

Béthal - The place of decisions

Béthal means; The House of God. The place of wrestling with God. Your decision determines what will happen to you.

Jericho - The place of warfare against the devil

This is where the devil will throw everything he can at you.

The Jordan - Baptism of the Holy Spirit

The place where the supernatural is commonplace. It is the place of the double portion anointing. The place of walking in victory.

The Promised Land - This is the place where you have a working relationship with God

This is the place where you find the provision and the fulfilling

of the promises of God.

This is what God has in mind for you

Jeremiah 33:6 Behold, I will bring it health and healing, and I will heal them and will show them the riches of peace and truth. And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first. And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against Me; and I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned, and by which they have transgressed against Me. And it shall be to Me a name of joy, a praise and an honor before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do to them. And they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the riches that I bring to it.

The Voice of God

1 Kings 19: 11-12 (KJV) And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake: And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

Here God explains His voice. For most people it is like the voice of their conscience. God normally talks diagonally across your normal thoughts. It is not what you are currently thinking about but what cuts right across it. That is normally the voice of the Lord.

Preferably let God confirm what He is saying to you two or three times until you get to know God's voice and can respond immediately.

2 Corinthians 13:1(KJV) This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.

Faith

The definition of faith: (The Currency of the Kingdom)

Hebrews 11:1 (KJV) Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Here we see that faith should operate in the present and should have substance. Hope is in the future and we need some sort of evidence or action. This results in the fact that faith requires some sort of action.

How do we get Faith?

Romans 10:17 (KJV) So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

God's word gives us hope, it has substance and is the evidence required. Faith, like anything else needs to be worked on. It needs to be practiced and exercised. The old English proverb rings true, "Practice makes perfect." In order to have a healthy body you need to eat properly and exercise. The same is true about faith.

How should we live?

Matthews 4:4 (MKJV) But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.

Faith without works is dead

James 2:26 (MKJV) For as the body without the spirit is dead,

so faith without works is dead also.

There are different levels of faith; this is where we find the ladder of faith.

The Ladder of Faith

I	Simple Faith
II	Little/weak Faith
III	Temporary Faith
IV	Strong Faith
V	Great Faith
VI	Supernatural faith
VII	Faith of God

1. Simple Faith - The place of salvation - The first step of faith

This is the faith that moves you in your heart and brings you to the realization that you need God.

Hebrews 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.

Romans 12:3 (KJV) For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

The place or first time something happens with faith

Romans 10:10 (KJV) For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

2. Little Faith - This is where you learn to trust God

Matthews 6:30 (KJV) Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you. O you of little faith?

Matthews 8:26a (KJV) And he said unto them, Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?

3. Temporary Faith - This is where your faith is beginning to grow a little

This is the place where we try to make God's faith work in our own strength. This is where we seem to have faith, but when nothing seems to happen, our faith dwindles.

Genesis 16:1-2 (KJV) Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had a handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar. And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in to my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai.

Matthews 17:19-21 (KJV) Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say to you, If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you shall say unto this mountain. Remove hence to yonder place: and it shall remove;

and nothing shall be impossible to you. Howbeit this kind goes not out but by prayer and fasting.

4. *Strong Faith - This is where God tests us to see what we believe. Here we believe God's word in spite of what happens*

John 20:29 (KJV) Jesus saith to him, Thomas, because you have seen me, you have believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

Hebrews 11:7 (MKJV) By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

5. *Great Faith - Great faith is where we find that things begin to happen*

Matthews 15:27-28 (MKJV) And she said, True, O Lord; but even the little dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' tables.

Then Jesus answered and said to her, O woman, great is your faith! So be it to you even as you wish. And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

There is however a key to understanding great faith

Matthews 8: 5-10 (MKJV) And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came to him a centurion, beseeching him, And saying, Lord, my servant lies at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus said to him, I will come and heal him. The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof: but speak the word

only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goes; and to another, Come, and he comes; and to my servant, Do this, and he does it. When Jesus heard it, he marveled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say to you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

The Centurion understood the authority given to Jesus by God and the Holy Spirit. He realized that He (Jesus) had a boss and that He (Jesus) was the boss over others. He also realized that the scripture is true and that God has given us authority over the devil and all his power. Understanding this resulted in great faith.

6. *Supernatural Faith - This faith happens at the point of contact - This is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit*

1 Corinthians 12:9 a (MKJV) To another faith by the same Spirit;

This is when God's plan and your obedience in conjunction with the power of the Holy Spirit causes' supernatural things to happen

John 14:12 (KJV) Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also: and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

This faith is imparted at a specific point in time to prove that God loves you. Once the event has taken place this level of faith goes back to your day-to-day faith. However you will never return to the same level that you were at. You will always have more faith after such an event.

7. *Faith of God - The faith of God is when your faith has grown to the point where you can do the supernatural things at will*

Genesis 1:3 (KJV) And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

John 11:43 (KJV) And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

The ladder of faith is there to encourage you to persevere to the next level. No matter what level you are on God will always be waiting for you to take the next step.

The Good Fight of Faith

I was at home when the electricity went flat. Now by flat I mean there was electricity but it had no power, some things were working at about half speed. Some things just would not work. This was when our Lord spoke to me.

Why is it that God only respond to Faith with an Action?

While I contemplated this the Holy Spirit spoke. In the book of John we find that He (The Holy Spirit) teachers us, and He reminds us of things and truth.

John 14:26 (MKJV) But the Comforter, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance, whatever I have said to you.

God's word teaches us about the Good Fight of Faith

1Timothy 6:12a (MKJV) Fight the good fight for the faith.

Does Satan have faith?

Logically I asked if satan has faith. After all satan was anointed and he knows the Bible better than we do. This is where I find that we have not taken the time to check out our enemy. Let us go back to search God's word. What does God's word say? We know that before time began our Bible does not tell us much about satan and his relationship with God. There may have been a time when he did have a form and measure of faith. Then it hit me satan does not have faith in the way that we have anymore, all he might have had, is corrupt.

Ezekiel 28:12 (MKJV) Son of man, lift up a lament over the king of Tyre, and say to him, So says the Lord Jehovah: You seal the measure, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

Satan must have known about faith.

Ezekiel 28:17 (KJV) Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

All Satan has going for him is a little thing called Deception

The great deceiver has deceived himself in the process. Satan knows that we have faith.

Romans 12:3 (KJV) For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Satan uses deception to try to confuse, use and trap us (Seeking whom he [satan] may devour) This is when satan uses our hearts, emotions or senses and circumstances against us. In short our emotions. How did he destroy Adam and Eve's relationship with God in the Garden of Eden? He did this through deception. Satan got Eve to use her faith in reverse. He did this by putting Eve in a place of doubt. He asked "did God say?" He is still using the exact same tactic to day. Satan will ask you! "Are your finances flourishing? Well you see there is a recession in the whole world you know. How can God help your finances in this type of environment?" In response we need to ask ourselves "what did God say about

the situation” and “Do we have Faith?” to deal with the situation or issue.

Romans 12:3 Says that everyone has a measure of faith. That means that YOU have Faith.

How does Satan cause us to misuse our faith?

We can use faith in different ways depending on who we allow to influence us. Satan wants you to use your faith in the following ways.

By having a weak form of faith

This is when we allow doubt to affect our thinking. Satan is ready to help you by adding as much doubt as you might need to make your faith weak. We can cause our faith to idle. This is when we don't add action to our faith. Satan will cause you to procrastinate and will have so many other things for you to take care of. He will keep you busy and cause you to, “forget” or be too “tired” to get round to adding action. When this happens then you can be sure that you have engaged satan in the good fight of faith. There can only be one winner and it is most certainly not satan. No matter how bad you may mess up, your faith in God is not corrupt and therefore cannot fail. Only satan has corrupt faith (deception) you have the whole Bible (Truth). You may lose a round or two but keep on fighting.

We can even use faith in reverse.

This is when we agree with satan and our circumstances, that what we see in the physical world is the way it is. Satan likes to use “facts” to deceive us into using our faith in reverse. Satan causes us to believe the fact and not to believe the

truth.

Everything satan does brings bondage.

This is an easy way to see when satan has his hand in things. What does God say about the situation?

Jesus said

John 8:32 (ESV) And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Know the truth and apply the truth, and the truth will set you free from bondage.

Now to get what God said about your finances (or any other issue)

2 Corinthians 8:9 (MKJV) For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, for your sakes He became poor, in order that you might be made rich through His poverty.

Jesus has already done this for us.

In other words you should not be struggling with your finances. If you are struggling with finances then satan has lied to you and put a "false" fact in place to deceive you. There are many verses of scripture that we can refer to. We can use faith in the way that God has prescribed. Jesus has already put His faith on the line for you, now all you have to do is add you faith and action to His faith. This will help you to overcome satan in the area of finances. There isn't usually an instant results. Satan will fight you every step of the way, he will put many "false facts" in the way to try and get you to stop giving your tithe.

How do I put my Faith into Action with the measure of faith given to me?

We are told how all through the Bible. Tithe and break the curse.

Malachi 3:10 (MKJV) You are cursed with a curse; for you are robbing Me, the nation, all of it.

The opposite of robbing God, is to give to God. The opposite of the curse is blessing. When you tithe pray over it so that satan will know what you are doing. This will really get the good fight of faith going. First of all satan will keep on trying to deceive you telling you that things are not going to change. After all he is stubborn and relentless. By keeping on giving your tithe you are calling those things at are not as if they are. You are putting action together with your faith. This is not called the Good Fight of Faith for no reason. The only "good fights" I have had were the ones that I won. (I never had a "Good Fight" by losing). God has already declared that you have won. Part of winning this fight is having a good relationship with God. Determination and endurance is of the utmost importance. The refusal to give in or up is part of the key. Might I suggest it is one of the Keys of Heaven that God has promised to us! We need to fight deception with truth and active faith. (That is Faith in action) There are many situations that demand faith. To mention a few; sickness, relationships, finances etc. In order to get things done we have to use faith. Satan on the other hand uses deception. Our emotions are deceitful above all.

Jeremiah 17:9 (MKJV) The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?

However when the truth begins to be take hold of our hearts we win and we begin to love and worship the King of Kings.

But God came with your salvation in mind

Jeremiah 17:10 (KJV) I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings. (*That is action*)

Even in this murky place of our heart's, God is looking for something good in your heart, our faith in Him. God says that He knows our needs. He even knows before we pray. We can sit and cry about our situation, you know God can even sit and sympathize with you. God can even sit and cry with you. But He needs a faith response because satan does not have faith. God needs your faith to operate in order for Him to move on your behalf. This is a legal matter. If God had to respond to our emotions then he would be responding to the works of satan. This in effect would put satan "above" God. As satan would be lighting fires everywhere and God would be following satan around putting out the fires. God is King of the universe and everything in the universe. He does not submit to satan, he has to submit to God. God needs to distinguish between you responding, and Satan responding. That is why Jesus gave you His authority and power.

Luke 10:19 (KJV) 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.

The reason satan is so deceived, is because he doesn't know the difference between faith and your emotions. God responds to faith and not our emotions. If Satan could use faith he would use it to get back into heaven. I believe that the reason Satan is collecting as many souls as possible is to try and bribe his way back into heaven. How deceived Satan is. The only souls

that are worth anything to God are the ones that have chosen Jesus as Lord and Savior. Satan has no use for souls other than to try and bribe his way back into heaven.

In closing God is looking for evidence to add to His substance

Hebrews 11:1 (KJV) Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

God's promise is the substance and God's word (Scripture) with our faith in action is the evidence. Faith with action will produce evidence. The evidence is that truth is God and God is truth. Evidence is that God's word is truth and truth is God's word. There is no difference between God and His word. God looks for His image in you (evidence).

Hebrews 11:2 (KJV) For by it (God's Word) the elders obtained a good report.

There is no other way to get God's attention other than to respond to God's promises through active faith. That is faith with an action.

Hebrews 11:3 (KJV) Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Satan thinks he is God. When we do as he does we are elevating him trying to put him in God's place. This is the reason why we need to respond with an action through faith. This produce's evidence that proves that God is who He said He is. We need the evidence and we need to believe it. We do this by behaving in the same way Jesus behaves. This is the

evidence that God is looking for. The reason God is looking for this evidence is so that God can respond to us and meet our need.

What God Intended When He Created Marriage

Note:

Please remember that God intended that you should be happy. This includes the physical attraction that is required to get your emotions involved. Emotions don't affect God but they do affect you and the people around you. This is normal and should be part of your everyday life. Don't try to be too spiritual. God will help you to work this out as you go along in life. What God does not like is us using our emotions to hurt other people.

Part 1- The Origin of Man, Woman and Marriage

In order to understand marriage, we have to know where man, woman and ultimately marriage originally came from. To do this we have to consult the Bible as it is the only God given account of where we come from, and how marriage came about. We have to accept that God's word is true or else we will doubt whether the principals will work.

In Genesis chapter 1, we find a short description of how the earth and man was made.

Genesis 1:26-28 (MKJV) 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 heavens, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over all the creepers creeping on the earth. And God created man in His image; in the image of God He created him. He created them male and female. And God blessed them. And God said to them, Be fruitful, and multiply and fill the earth, and subdue it. And have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the heavens, and all animals that move upon the earth.

In Genesis chapter 2 we find a more detailed account of the creation of woman

Genesis 2:20-23 (MKJV) And Adam gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field. But there was not found a suitable helper for Adam. And Jehovah God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept. And He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh underneath. And Jehovah God made the rib (which He had taken from the man) into a woman. And He brought her to the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. She shall be called Woman because she was taken out of man.

Now when God made man the Hebrew word for 'make' means to squeeze or mold in to shape. When God made woman the Hebrew word 'make' is not the same as the one used when God made man. This word means to skillfully make. So a logical deduction is that a woman is a better-made 'product' than what a man is.

When God made man He gave man position, you can't rule over something unless you have position

The Hebrew word for rule is an all- encompassing word, which means:

To do the same as and better, to have dominion over, to possess, to govern, as in to make laws and regulations, to protect and provide for.

Something interesting to note, is that when God gave instructions He gave them to the man and not to the woman. That is why all through the Bible God blame's Adam for sinning and not Eve. The reason is God gave Adam His word, and He expected Adam to protect and teach Eve the word that God gave him. The reason Eve failed is because she was not sure of God's word,

if she was sure of God's word she would have been able to overcome the serpent. When God had made both man and woman, He created marriage. For He brought the woman to the man.

Note - The man was not running after the woman, nor was the woman running after the man

God introduced them to each other. The perfect match. When God made woman she was given influence. I will prove it to you; Eve said to Adam "eat" and he did. He did not even question her about the fruit. The woman's job is to help her husband.

Genesis 2:18 (MKJV) And Jehovah God said, It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.

The Hebrew word for husband means to "serve", and the Hebrew word for wife means "to help serve." The question then is. Who are we serving? If we are not serving God then we have a big problem because God created marriage and it can only work if God is involved in our marriage. If you are not sure whether you are serving God then let us make sure that you are.

If you are not sure then pray this prayer out loud

"Father God I am not sure that I am serving You, I want to make sure. I come to You in the Name of Jesus and I ask You to come live in my heart. I also ask You to forgive me my sin and I renounce satan and all his works in my life. Right now I make you Lord of my life and ask that You to lead and guide me. I thank You for coming into my heart and life in the name of Jesus. Teach me Your word and cause me to live by Your word."

When God made man, He made an incredible being.
Let's look at some of Adam's abilities

1. He had an incredible imagination. He was able to think up all the names for all of the animals. Just think. God had just created all the animals on earth, He brings them to Adam, Adam sees them for the first time and then he comes up with a name for each and every animal.
2. He had an incredible memory. After giving every animal its name he had total recall of each one. The Hebrew word for dominion means to do the same as and better. That means Adam could do the same and better. What an incredible being!

God gave Adam position and to woman He gave influence. God squeezed man in shape. Woman He skillfully made. Women are created with "A sixth sense" the Bible calls it "discernment." Women have the ability to "feel in the spirit world" e.g. Five people come to see you for the first time. After everybody has gone home your wife turns around and says: "I don't like that one person". These people were on their best behavior. They did nothing wrong; yet your wife does not like that one person. Why you ask? "I don't know, I just don't like him/her". Six months later you find out that, that person is not what they claimed to be. How did your wife know? She was created like that. To a man $1 + 1 = 2$ to a woman $1 + 1$ is not 2 until they can feel that it is 2.

Influence is more powerful than position

Now if you know this, it is much easier to understand women, and you should be a little more careful when dealing with a woman. The reason a woman is created like this is to protect her husband. A woman's main job is to protect her husband's

emotions. Sex is the seat or the heart of your emotions. That is why a man enters a woman sexually. That is why we are not created the other way around. This is why prostitutes are so mixed up emotionally. That is why God does not want us to have sexual relations outside of marriage. That is why homosexual behaviour is an abomination to God. The devil has set out to corrupt everything that God has made. Satan will try to corrupt you if you let him. The reason satan tries to corrupt everything God has made is that he has never and can never create anything. All he can do is try to corrupt that which God has made. Imagine living in this wonderful garden where there is no sickness, no pain where everything that is created obeys you. One wonders how man could have traded all that for one bite of the only forbidden fruit in that garden.

The Hebrew word for rib actually means part of the man's side. In fact Adam says so

Genesis 2:23a (MKJV) "this is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;..."

What an incredible statement. Another interesting fact was that Eve was taken out of Adam's side, not out of his front or back, or out of his legs or head. Eve was intended to walk with Adam, not in front or behind him, nor above or below him, but with him or next to him. So far scripture has given us a good idea of where we come from. There is so much more in Genesis chapter's 1 and 2, but that is for you to look up or leave, depending on how deep you want to go into this part of the study. For most of us to understand how it works will help us more, than to know all the facts. However, the more we understand the more we tend to want to know about a subject. But we have tried to give you all the principals' possible without being boring. One of our biggest problems in marriage is that we don't really know what we are supposed to do. Let's put it another way, we don't know what our 'job description' is. Having looked at the Hebrew word

we see that we are supposed to serve God. But how are we supposed to do this? In order to serve God we have to be born again. That means we accept Jesus as our Savior and Lord. If we have done that, we need to do what the word of God tells us to do. Most of us get our ideas of what we are supposed to do from our parents, "if it worked for dad it will work for me", most of us don't even realize that we use our parents as our role models. But if we are honest with ourselves we will see that this is why we act like we do. There are some of us that have decided that we will be different and have decided to follow another example. EG: Someone that we think is successful in their marriage; this could be an uncle or aunt or someone we admire. The question I would like to ask is, how do we know that this is right? Just because one seems to work better than the other does not mean that it is right?

The best example we have is Jesus

The Bible has all the answers. We just have to look for them. I have used Adam and Eve because it is the first marriage in the Bible and God instituted it before Lucifer could corrupt it. I believe it is the perfect marriage from God's point of view. I like to use examples from both the Old and New Testament. It shows that what Jesus said is true.

Matthew 5:17 (MKJV) Do not think that I have come to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I have not come to destroy but to fulfil.

The Old Testament is the physical demonstration of the spiritual things in the New Testament. We need to look at both to get things just right. They have to be in balance. One thing I would like to point out is that when God is the centre of your life He will give you your heart's desire. Every time God puts people together you will find that no one was running after the other.

It happened with Adam and Eve. It also happened with Isaac and Rebecca - Genesis 24

When God put Adam to sleep and made Eve out of his side He was doing something very prophetic. This is symbolical of Jesus, he is the groom and the church is His bride. The church was born out of his side on the cross. The Holy Spirit is very faithful in showing Jesus in symbols. Right through the Bible from Genesis to Revelations, Jesus is portrayed.

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Part 2 - What is Our Position and Job Description

In the Old Testament we find that God allowed a man either to be a priest, a prophet, or a king. If he was a king and tried to do the work of a prophet God punished him for it. This happened with King Saul. He was told by Samuel to go to the mountain and wait there. After seven days Samuel had not yet arrived and Saul took it on himself to make the offering to God. God then proceeded to make David king and Saul lost the kingdom. In the New Testament God changed all this and made it possible for one man to be a king, a prophet and a priest. One of the reasons that God limited men in the Old Testament to one position is to enable us to see the different 'job descriptions'. IE. we can see exactly what the work of a king is. All we have to do is go and read about all the kings in the Bible and soon a pattern will emerge. We could do the same with the prophets and priests. This has a lot to do with marriage.

Ezekiel 28:12-19 (KJV) Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O

covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and 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.

Keep in mind that the Old Testament is a physical reflection of the New Testament (Spiritual) realm.

Who is King, Prophet and Priest?

We have a very good example in Jesus. Before we get to Jesus there is one other being who also held the position of king, prophet and priest. His name is Lucifer. Before satan lost his position in heaven, he was a king, a prophet, and a priest. After God he was the most powerful being in heaven. Perhaps we should first tell you about Lucifer (Satan): who he was and is.

Lucifer, who is He?

We need to know who 'lucifer' or 'satan' is. The reason is that we will then understand why we have so many problems. Some of our problems are our own doing, but many of them are caused by satan and his followers. He was an arc angel, one of the most powerful beings in heaven.

Why are we spending so much time on who satan is?

The more we know about satan the more we will be able to 'see' when he is busy causing a problem. To know your enemy is a great advantage because then you will be able to, either stop him or change the situation depending on what is needed.

Most Bible students agree that this scripture is referring to the making of a pipe organ

Ezekiel 28:13 (MKJV) The workmanship of your tambourines and of your flutes was prepared in you in the day that you were created.

I know it seems weird to have an organ in your chest but we are dealing with the spirit world not the physical world. Anyone who is ordained by God to lead in music has to have prophetic abilities. Satan was in charge of the music and worship in heaven. He had to have prophetic insight to lead worship.

Only a priest has a sanctuary

Ezekiel 28:18 (MKJV) 'You have desecrated your sanctuaries.'

So we know that Lucifer was a priest. In the Old Testament kings had many possessions and traded. The result is that Lucifer must have been a king of some sorts.

A question that is often asked is - Verse 12 talks about the king of Tyre how do you know that this is Lucifer?

No king could possibly have all these attributes at the same time:

'Model of perfection',

'Full of wisdom',
'Perfect in beauty',
'Be in the garden of Eden',
'Wear precious stones',
'Be created',
'Be anointed',
'Be ordained',
'Be on God's Holy Mountain',
'Be able to walk among the fiery stones',
'Be blameless'.

The only being that could possibly have all this is an angel. The only angel that fits this description is Lucifer. His name 'Lucifer' means 'Light Holder' or 'Light Carrier.' If Jesus is the light then it means he actually carried Jesus. This is why he is so dangerous. Because his name means 'Light Holder' he has corrupted his name and used it to present himself as the angel of light.

The Bible warns us about the angel of light

2 Corinthians 11:14 (KJV) And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

Lucifer will do and say anything you want, so long as he can get his way in the end. He will even quote scripture

Matthew 4:5-6 (MKJV) Then the devil took him to the Holy City and had Him stand on the highest point of the temple.⁶ "If you are the Son of God," he said, "Throw yourself down. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

Now if the devil can use scripture, he can use anything! There seems to be only one test that is 'full-proof'

1 John 4:1-3 (MKJV) Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but try the spirits to see if they are of God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God; and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the antichrist you heard is coming, and even now is already in the world.

The devil is a dangerous being

He is the master of deception. And he will stop at nothing to destroy you. He needs to be recognized. He can and will hurt you if he can. But thank God for Jesus. Jesus came to earth as a man and He took on the devil and overcame him.

Colossians 2:15 (MKJV) Having stripped rulers and authorities, He made a show of them publicly, triumphing over them in it.

Because Jesus beat the devil so can you.

Ephesians 5:25 (MKJV) Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it.

In order to understand the above scripture we have to find out who Jesus was and what He did. We also have to know what position/s He had

Philippians 2:5-8 (KJV) Let this mind be in you, which was

also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

From the scripture above we see that Jesus is God and that He gave up being God and became as one of us, and more, that He was prepared to die for us. In doing this He was given by God three positions: King, Prophet and Priest. Let us return to where we left off about Jesus and His example of being King, Prophet and Priest. First we have to prove that Jesus was a King, Prophet and Priest.

Jesus is King

John 18:37 (MKJV) Pilate then said to Him, Are you a king then? Jesus answered, You say it that I am a king. To this end I was born, and for this cause I came into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.

Jesus is Prophet

Matthew 21:11 (MKJV) The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the Prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Jesus is Priest

Hebrews 5:10 (MKJV) being called by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek;

In order to be a King, Prophet and Priest we have to find out what a King does, what a Prophet does, and what a Priest does.

A King's work or job description is as follows

He has position.

He protects no matter what the cost.

He governs.

He makes laws (or rules).

He provides for no matter what the cost.

He passes judgment (Decides right from wrong).

A Prophet's work or job description is as follows

To give God's word without compromise (nothing more and nothing less).

He is God's rod of correction.

He must also encourage in the right direction.

He must never give up.

He must stand by God's word no matter what the cost to himself.

A Priest's work or job description is as follows

To reconcile to God (Unconditional forgiveness).

To love, without conditions.

To be dependable, irrespective of the cost.

To minister to the Lord.

To be a husband you have to be King, Prophet and Priest in your own home. That is the job description of a husband

Ephesians 5:25 (MKJV) Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it.

The issue is to know when to do what. The only way you will be able to do this is to be lead by the Spirit of God, trusting God to help you to decide what part of the job is necessary to do the job right.

So far we have covered the part that the husband plays in the marriage

The wife does not have a lot to do as regards the marriage. Her duty is to help her husband to do his job, to protect his emotions and to give him honour, respect and love.

Submission is a reaction

If the husband does his duty properly the wife will submit to him of her own free will. It will not be something he has to demand. There is a word of warning to a woman. If you should disobey your husband you are putting yourself in a place where he cannot protect you. The only time that you can go against his decision is when you know by the word of God that he is wrong. A wife who knows her place will not touch the position her husband holds as King, Prophet and Priest.

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Part 3 - When getting married

There are some things that you gain and you lose. These things could also be seen as rights and privileges. The only place that we are allowed to have sex is in marriage. The Bible is very clear on this. The reason for this is that sex outside of marriage causes most of the problems in marriage.

Sex outside of marriage leads to death.

Some of the Problems

Guilt

Fear

Infidelity

Possessiveness

Mistrust

Jealousy

Insecurity.

God however has a solution to your problem

If you have had sex outside of marriage and you are suffering from any of the associated problems. All you have to do is ask God and if necessary your spouse for forgiveness. When you get married you in fact not only give your love and emotions but also your body to your spouse.

You are not your own but belong to each other

1 Corinthians 7:3-5 (MKJV) Let the husband give to the wife proper kindness, and likewise the wife also to the husband.

The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband. And likewise also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife. Do not deprive one another, unless it is with consent for a time, so that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer. And come together again so that Satan does not tempt you for your incontinence.

The two become one flesh

Ephesians 5:31 (MKJV) "For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two of them shall be one flesh."

Divorce

One can hardly talk about marriage without looking at the cost

The result of a failed marriage will inevitably be divorce. The Bible says that God hates divorce.

The two biggest causes of divorce - Selfishness and not understanding the meaning of love and the commitment that goes with love

1 Corinthians 13:1-8 (MKJV) Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I have become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have prophecies, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so as to move mountains, and do not have charity, I am nothing. And though I give out all my goods to feed the poor, and though I deliver my body to be burned, and have not charity, I am profited nothing. Charity has patience, is kind; charity is not envious, is not vain, is not puffed up; does not behave indecently, does not seek her own, is not easily provoked, thinks no evil. Charity does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices in the truth, quietly covers all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Charity never fails. But if there are prophecies, they will be abolished; if tongues, they shall cease; if knowledge, it will be abolished.

Divorce results in

Hurt
Rejection
Inferiority complex
Fear

Guilt
Loneliness
Depression
Insecurity
Aggression
Poor self-image and a host of other problems.

The longer-term problems are

The breakdown of trust between people.
Financial problems.
Loss of security for the children involved.
Friendships are damaged or destroyed.
Women with children invariably don't get married again.
If they do there is strife between the children and former spouse.
There are also problems between the new spouse and the children.
These are some of the reasons why God hates divorce.

There are some things we need to know before we get divorced

First of all I in no way agree with divorce. We must look at divorce in relation to the Bible. There are only two reasons that we can use to get divorced.

The first is fornication - Adultery

Mark 10:11-12 (MKJV) And He said to them, Whoever shall put away his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. And if a woman shall put away her husband and marries to another, she commits adultery.

Matthew 19:9 (MKJV) And I say to you, Whoever shall put away his wife, except for fornication, and shall marry another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is put away

commits adultery.

Secondly, should one of the married couple become a Christian and the other spouse does not want to continue with the relationship (This reason is seldom if ever used)

1Corinthians 7:13-15 (MKJV) And the woman who has a husband who does not believe, if he is pleased to dwell with her, do not let her leave him. For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; else your children would be unclean, but now they are holy. But if the unbelieving one separates, let him be separated. A brother or a sister is not in bondage in such cases, but God has called us in peace.

What to do?

What to do should you land up being divorced The Bible says that if they should get divorced they should remain single and if anything remarry again. If one is divorced and it is not for one of the reasons stated above, then the Bible says that you are committing adultery every time you have sex with your new spouse, even if you are legally married according to the laws of the country. The laws of the country are not the issue here. It is the word of God that is the issue. If we are Christians then we are living under a higher requirement than the law of the country.

If the situation arises that you get divorced and marry a second time, and you get divorced again. To remarry your first spouse would not be permissible in the sight of God. You can only get married to the same person again if both have not had other sexual partners.

1Corinthians 7:10-11 (MKJV) And to the married I command

(not I, but the Lord), a woman not to be separated from her husband. But if she is indeed separated, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband. And a husband is not to leave his wife.

Who is free to get re-married?

If you are married and your spouse commits adultery and you get divorced. Then the innocent party is free to remarry someone else. The one that committed adultery is not free to get remarried. The scripture is very clear on divorce.

There is still one way around this situation

That is if you got divorced before you were born again then you can apply the following scripture.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (MKJV) So that if anyone is in Christ, that one is a new creature; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

It is God's wish that we are all happily married

The moral of the story is rather to wait and make sure that God has put you together. The scripture says - He that finds a wife finds a good thing.

Proverb 18:22 (MKJV) Whoever finds a wife finds good and gets favor from Jehovah.

Only God can give you a good spouse.

Sorting Out Issues

No matter how hard one tries there will always be issues and differences to sort out

God foresaw this and gave us guidelines to follow. The following is God's plan to help us sort things out and to help us to live in peace and harmony.

God shows us here how to become wise

Proverbs 19:20 (MKJV) Hear advice, and receive instruction, so that you may be wise in your latter end.

This is the prayer of Jesus for us. It is God's desire that we live in unity

John 17:21-23 (MKJV) that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be one in Us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. And I have given them the glory which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one, I in them, and You in Me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that You have sent Me and have loved them as You have loved Me.

Here we are shown not to jump to conclusions

Proverbs 3:30 (MKJV) Do not strive with a man without cause, if he has done you no harm.

Here we are shown exactly how to handle the situation

Matthew 18:15-17 (MKJV) But if your brother shall trespass against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. But if he will not hear you, take one or two more with you, so that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he neglects to hear the church, let him be to you as a heathen and a tax-collector.

Here we are shown that God expects us to sort out our issues with one another before we attempt to enter His presence

Matthew 5:23-24 (MKJV) Therefore if you offer your gift on the altar, and there remember that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

This is a warning from the Lord

Psalms 105:15 (MKJV) saying, Touch not my anointed, and do My prophets no harm.

This is the attitude that God requires from us

2 Timothy 2:24-25 (MKJV) But the servant of the Lord must not strive, but to be gentle to all, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those who oppose, if perhaps God will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth.

Here we find that it is of paramount importance to live in unity and in peace

Ephesians 4:2-3 (MKJV) with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

It is our responsibility to warn our brothers in order to keep the anointing

2 Thessalonians 3:14-15 (MKJV) And if anyone does not obey our word by this letter, mark that one and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. Yet do not count him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

If after having gone through the process of reconciliation and trying to establish peace and the man won't hear you, here is what you should do

Titus 3:9-11 (MKJV) But avoid foolish questions and genealogies and contentions, and strivings about the Law, for they are unprofitable and vain. After the first and second warning, reject a man of heresy, knowing that he who is such has been perverted, and sins, being self-condemned.

In trying to follow the principals we have just read, we should remember to always act in humility and love

Matthew 22:36-40 (MKJV) Master, which is the great commandment in the Law? Jesus said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul,

and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

If we operate in the love and the patience God requires, we will find that the following scripture is true

1 Peter 4:8 (MKJV) And above all things have fervent love to yourselves, for love will cover a multitude of sins.

Finances

God has a plan for you

	<i>10% in God's Kingdom</i>	
	Deu 14:22 Deu 26:1 Mal 3:10	
<i>INCOME AND TITHE GOD'S KINGDOM JER. 33:8-9 PROSPERITY</i>	<i>YOU</i>	<i>EXPENSES AND INTEREST THE COSMOS ISH. 24:1-23 POVERTY</i>
	<i>DECIDE</i>	
<i>ARE YOU WISE ENOUGH ?</i>	Deu 30:19-20 Lev 19:36 Rom 6:23	<i>IN WHAT KINGDOM IS YOUR FINANCE ?</i> 1 Kings 10:14
<i>1 Kings 4:29-31</i>	<i>10% in</i>	
<i>BLESSINGS PROMISED</i>	<i>Your Future</i>	<i>INTEREST</i>
Deu 15:6	Phil 2:12	Ex 22:25 Lev 25:35-37
Deu 28:12	Prov 13:11	Deu 23:19-20
	<i>MOTTO</i>	
	Dan. 3:16-18 Ex 14:14	

We will not bend, we will not bow, we will not burn

First and foremost, you get to decide

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 (MKJV) I call Heaven and earth to record today against you. I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing. Therefore, choose life, so that both you and your seed may live, so that you may love Jehovah your God, and that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him. For He is your life and the length of your days, so that you may dwell in the land which Jehovah swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give it to them.

God has a plan for you

Jeremiah 29:11 (KJV) For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Every person should have a unique relationship with God. This will result in God having a unique plan for you.

God's Kingdom

Jeremiah 33:6-9 (KJV) Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth. And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first. And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me. And it shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an honour before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them: and they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the prosperity that I procure unto it.

Income and tithe is part of the blessing of God

Expenses and interest is where the devil tries to rob you.

The Cosmos

Isaiah 24:1-12 (MKJV) Behold, Jehovah empties the land and makes it bare, and distorts its face, and scatters its inhabitants. And as it is with the people, so it shall be with the priest; as with the servant, so with the master; as with the handmaid, so it is with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the creditor, so with the debtor. The land shall be completely emptied, and utterly stripped; for Jehovah has spoken this Word.

The earth mourns and languishes; the world droops and languishes; the proud people of the earth droop. And the land is defiled under its people; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, and have broken the everlasting covenant.

Therefore the curse has devoured the earth, and they who dwell in it are deserted; therefore the people of the earth are burned, and few men left. The new wine mourns, the vine droops, all the merry-hearted sigh. The gladness of tambourines ceases, the noise of those who rejoice ends; the joy of the harp ceases. They shall not drink wine with a song; strong drink shall be bitter to those who drink it. The city of shame is broken down; every house is shut up so that no one may come in. A crying for wine is in the streets; all joy is darkened, the gladness in the land has gone. In the city is left desolation, and the gate is stricken with ruin.

We see that the cosmos is a place of destruction.

How wise are you?

1 Kings 4:29-31 (MKJV) And God gave Solomon exceeding great wisdom and understanding, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the seashore. And Solomon's wisdom was greater than the wisdom of all the sons of the east, and all the wisdom of Egypt.

For he was wiser than all men; than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol. And his fame was in all nations all around.

We can get a better idea of Solomon's wisdom. We know Solomon was the wisest man that ever lived. Daniel was 10 time wiser than all the wise men and Solomon was wiser than Daniel an estimated IQ of more than 1600.

In what kingdom are your finances?

1 Kings 10:14 (ESV) Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was 666 talents of gold.

Solomon is accepted to be the wisest man to have ever lived. Here the Holy Spirit shows us that in spite of all Solomon's wisdom his finances were not in God's Kingdom but in the world system (666 being the sign of the antichrist).

How to check in what kingdom your finances are

If you are paying more in interest than what you are giving to God, then your finances are in the wrong kingdom. You should be putting 10% (as a guideline) into God's Kingdom.

Why Tithe

Deuteronomy 14:22-29 (MKJV) "You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the LORD your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always. And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the LORD your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the LORD your God chooses, to set his name there, then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the LORD your God chooses and spend the money for whatever you desire--oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves. And you shall eat there before the LORD your God and rejoice, you and your household. And you shall not neglect the Levite who is within your towns, for he has no portion or inheritance with you. "At the end of every three years you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce in the same year and lay it up within your towns. And the Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance with you, and the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your towns, shall come and eat and be filled, that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands that you do.

First Fruit

It seems that we see First Fruit as another word for tithe or in the same category as tithe. Having done extensive research in this area I have to say that first fruit is different and separate from tithe. First fruit protects you work, job and business.

Deuteronomy 26:1-19 (MKJV) And it shall be, when you come into the land which Jehovah your God gives you for an

inheritance, and possess it, and live in it, you shall take of the first of all the fruit of the earth which you shall bring of your land that Jehovah your God gives you, and you shall put it in a basket, and shall go to the place which Jehovah your God shall choose to place His name there. And you shall go to the priest in those days, and say to him, I profess today to Jehovah your God that I have come into the land which Jehovah swore to our fathers to give us. And the priest shall take the basket out of your hand and set it down before the altar of Jehovah your God. And you shall speak and say before Jehovah your God, My father was a Syrian ready to perish. And he went down to Egypt, and stayed there with a few, and became there a nation, great, mighty, and many. And the Egyptians ill-treated us, and afflicted us, and laid hard bondage on us. And when we cried to Jehovah, the God of our fathers, Jehovah heard our voice and looked on our afflictions and our labour and our oppression. And Jehovah brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with fearful might, and with miracles and with wonders.

And He has brought us into this place, and has given us this land, a land that flows with milk and honey. And now, behold, I have brought the first fruits of the land which You, O Jehovah, have given me. And you shall set it before Jehovah your God, and worship before Jehovah your God. And you shall rejoice in all the good which Jehovah your God has given to you, and to your house; you, and the Levite, and the stranger in your midst. When you have made an end of tithing all the tithes of your increase the third year, the year of tithing, and have given it to the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow (that they may eat inside your gates and be filled), then you shall say before Jehovah your God, I have brought away the holy things out of my house, and also have given them to the Levite, and to the stranger, to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all Your commandments which You have commanded me. I have not broken Your commandments, neither have I forgotten. I have not eaten of it in my mourning,

neither have I put any of it away for unclean use, nor have I given of it for the dead. I have listened to the voice of Jehovah my God, and have done according to all that You have commanded me. Look down from Your holy dwelling, from Heaven, and bless Your people Israel and the land which You have given us, as You swore to our fathers, a land that flows with milk and honey. Today Jehovah your God has commanded you to do these statutes and judgments. You therefore shall keep and do them with all your heart and with all your soul. You have today said that Jehovah is your God, and that you would walk in His ways, and keep His statutes and His commandments and His judgments, and listen to His voice. And Jehovah has taken you today to be His peculiar people, as He has promised you, and to keep all His commandments, and to make you high above all nations which He has made, in praise and in name and in honour, and that you may be a holy people to Jehovah your God, even as He has spoken.

First Fruit is Calculated Differently to Tithe

After a long explanation and rather involved calculation received from the Rabbi first fruit calculates to 2.5 percent of you income and / or profit. I will use the following example:-

R 1000.00 that you have gained

First fruit is just that, FIRST

2.5 percent works out to R 25.00 from R 1000.00

R 1000.00

- R 25.00

Total R 975.00

Your tithe is now worked out on R 975.00 x 10% = R 97.50.
First Fruit and tithe together R 122.50.

Should you add both First fruit and Tithe together it works out to 12.25% of your income and / or profit. First fruit also goes to the same category of people as your tithe (See Deuteronomy 14:22 onwards).

If God can build His kingdom out of 12.25% then you should be building your future out of 12.25%.

We need to take care of our future

Philippians 2:12 (MKJV) Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, cultivate your own salvation with fear and trembling.

Should you decide to choose God and obey Him, God promises blessings

Proverbs 13:11 (MKJV) Wealth gotten by vanity shall be taken away, but he who gathers by hand shall increase.

God will bless you

Deuteronomy 15:6 (MKJV) For Jehovah your God blesses you as He promised you. And you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. And you shall reign over many nations, but they shall not reign over you.

God will open the windows of heaven for you

Deuteronomy 28:12 (MKJV) Jehovah shall open to you His

good treasure, the heaven to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. And you shall loan to many nations, and you shall not borrow.

What are the biblical laws about interest?

Exodus 22:25 (MKJV) If you lend money to one of My people who is poor beside you, you shall not be to him as a money-lender, neither shall you lay upon him interest.

How to take care of God's people

Leviticus 25:35-37 (MKJV) And if your brother has become poor, and his hand has failed with you, then you shall help him; yes, even if he is a stranger or a tenant, so that he may live with you. You shall take no interest from him, or increase. But you shall fear your God, so that your brother may live with you. You shall not give him your silver on interest, nor lend him your food for increase.

You must not charge interest from God's people or your family and friends

Deuteronomy 23:19-20 (MKJV) You shall not lend for interest to your brother, interest of silver, interest of food, interest of anything that is loaned on interest. You may lend on interest to a stranger, but you shall not lend on interest to your brother, so that Jehovah your God may bless you in all that you set your hand to in the land where you go to possess it.

God's command to us

Leviticus 19:36-37 (MKJV) You shall have just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin. I am Jehovah your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. And you shall

observe all My statutes and all My judgments, and do them. I am Jehovah.

Our pledge

Daniel 3:16-18 (MKJV) Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to return a word to you on this matter. If it is so that our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, then He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods nor worship the golden image which you have set up.

Our motto

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