

INTRODUCTION TO CHAPTER THIRTY

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This book has now presented an introduction to a few of the astounding events which occurred during those first five days of Creation, and the first part of Day Six. The study will now focus on that which occurred during the latter part of Day Six of Creation. Let us not be satisfied with simply knowing that man was created at this time. Let us learn exactly what this man was meant to be.

This very important chapter begins with an introductory examination of the chemical makeup of the human body. It examines where the basic materials came from, of which man is made. But there is more. The discussion examines the true intent and purpose which God Almighty has for each and every human body which exists upon the face of this Earth.

Friend, have you ever felt empty inside? Have you ever wondered what your true purpose is here on this Earth? Have you wondered what direction you should go with your life? Above this, it must be asked, is our life really our own? If our life is not our own, then whose is it? In response to these crucial questions, one very important fact must be noted. According to the Word of God, every human was bought by the blood of Christ, as He shed His blood upon the cross of Calvary.

In all truth, our bodies are a type of vessel. These bodies are simply clay vessels. They were made to hold something. Let the truth be spoken plainly. According to the Word of God: Someone wants to dwell in your body. They want to possess your body. They do not want just part of you. They want all of you, complete, one-hundred percent. Only in such a state can they ever provide you with all of their benefits. The following chapter declares the truth on these matters, as it is clearly shown through the Word of God.

This chapter introduces a segment of that power which God bestows upon His people. It also warns the Reader about persons (or organizations) which entertain powers from another source. It appears that these people can often act as impostors of the true people of God. The Word of God labels one impostor as “the great whore.” This impostor is representing itself as the true bride of Christ, when in fact it is not. It appears that Satan is using the great whore and her abominations as a snare, or trap, to subtly turn as many people as possible onto that road which leads to eternal destruction.

As we proceed into this discussion, let us pay close attention to those things which are declared in the Word of God. May we pay heed to the invitation of the Master, that we may always be found in that true way which leads to eternal life. This chapter ends with a look back to the first people upon this Earth, Adam and Eve, and the garden of Eden. In relation to this garden, a special warning is given to mankind.

Chapter 30: CROWNING CREATION

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A SPECIAL CREATION

As the sixth day continued, “*God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.’*”

“*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.*”¹

Friend, think about it. Man was originally created in the very image and likeness of God. This is a very special position which is intended for mankind.² The implications will be examined soon, but first, let us look at the Creation of the basic human body. Then we will examine its intended purpose.

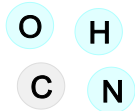
RAW MATERIALS



How did God create the first man? Of what materials was man made? Let us look to the Word of God for the most basic, yet the truest answer. It is written: “*And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.*”³ How much simpler can you get?

God the Father and His only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, made man out of the dust of the ground. The human body was created out of the materials which we commonly find in the surface region of the Earth. Let us now examine exactly what these material were.

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION



The human body consists primarily of the four basic elements called oxygen, hydrogen, carbon, and nitrogen. These four elements are often derived from the atmosphere and waters of the Earth by direct or indirect means. At the time of Creation, these four ‘building blocks’ were already in combination within the crustal materials of the Earth. Altogether, these four elements make up about 95 percent of the total human body weight.^{4 and 5}

The structural framework upon which the human body is built is composed of a series of bones called the skeleton. These bones are composed primarily of the elements calcium and phosphorus. Together, these elements make up about 3 percent of the total body weight.^{6 and 7}

The calcium in human bones is found within the crystalline compounds of calcium phosphate and calcium carbonate. To form strong, rigid bones of a particular shape, these compounds are bonded to a matrix made of protein.⁸

It is of interest to note that a human bone is about equal in strength to a comparably sized artificial 'bone' fabricated from cast iron. Yet the human bone, as God Almighty in His infinite wisdom created it, is considerably lighter in weight than would be a cast iron variety.⁹

STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS

To make the bones lightweight, yet very strong, God the Father chose lightweight materials for their construction. Calcium is a lightweight metallic element. It has a specific gravity of 1.54, making it much lighter than the 7.86 specific gravity of iron. Phosphorus also is relatively lightweight, with a specific gravity of only 2.34. It, too, is still much lighter than cast iron.

METAL

Calcium is classed as one of the alkaline earth metals. This element is highly reactive, and readily forms into a number of natural compounds. Interestingly enough, one of these natural compounds is calcium phosphate. This material has the chemical formula of $\text{Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$. Mined from the ground, it is commonly called rock phosphate.¹⁰

NONMETAL

Phosphorus is a nonmetallic element. Because it is such a highly reactive element, it is not found in the free state in nature. Most often, it is in the form of a phosphate. One common form is the rock phosphate mentioned above. It is a fact that phosphates are found in all fertile soils.¹¹ Friend, God the Father definitely knew what He was doing when He made man out of the dust of the Earth!

The remaining elements of the human body (after those listed above), in order of decreasing percentages are: potassium, sodium, magnesium, iron, zinc, and copper. There are also several trace elements such as: vanadium, chromium, silicon, and selenium.¹² All of these elements are commonly found in the materials located at the surface of this Earth.

HUMAN MOLECULES

The chemicals contained within the human body are divided into two main classes: those of organic nature, and those which are inorganic. The organic compounds are normally classed as those which contain water. It is claimed that water makes up about 60 percent of the total body weight. (Note: this 60% value may be slightly different in some source materials.) The inorganic compounds are normally classed as those which contain carbon. Included in the inorganic compounds are the carbohydrates, lipids, nucleic acids (which includes DNA and RNA), and proteins.¹³

Proteins make up a considerable part of the structure of the human body. As noted above, the framework upon which bones are built is a matrix of proteins. Altogether, proteins make up about 15 percent of the total body weight. The lipids, or fat cells, make up the bulk of the remaining body weight.¹⁴

THE PROCESS

As God the Father began to create man (by His Son Jesus Christ), it appears that He first made human bones. Once God had formed the numerous bones which compose the structural framework of the human body, there was yet much work to be done in order to complete the living soul. The individual bones had to be assembled to create the skeleton. Upon this skeleton, the remainder of the human body was built.

After the skeleton was completed, all of the individual organs of the body had to be created and set in place. During this special time, the extremely complex human eye was created.¹⁵ After all the organs were in place, then, the special outer wrappings of the body were formed. The following passage from the Word of God may be of some help. It should help give us some idea to the remainder of that process by which man was created, and the beauty of it.

The prophet of God proclaims: *“The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones, and caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry.*

“And the LORD said unto me, ‘Son of man, can these bones live?’ And I answered, ‘O Lord GOD, thou knowest.’

“Again the LORD said unto me, ‘Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, “O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: and I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.”’

“So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them.

“Then said the LORD unto me, ‘Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, “Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.”’

“So I prophesied as the LORD commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.”¹⁶

Isn't this beautiful! At the command of God, there stood many living people. Friend, can you look at a book of human anatomy, and then state that there is no God?¹⁷ Truly, how can anyone believe that we just happened by mere chance, and not at the guiding Hand of God?

FUNDAMENTAL PURPOSE



Why did God create man? Did God have a purpose for man, other than for him to be a steward of God's Creation? Let us examine the following passage of Scripture for any clues to help us answer these questions.

It is written: *“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, ‘I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.’*

“Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters,’ saith the Lord Almighty.”¹⁸

LOOK AGAIN

Friend, look again at the above passage of Scripture. God the Father actually wants to dwell in you, and walk in you. Indeed, you were created for this purpose. You were meant to be the very temple in which He lives! As He walks in you, at the very guiding of the Spirit of God, you will then be performing the works on this Earth that God the Father desires to have accomplished!

FURTHER CONFIRMATION

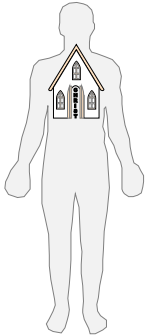
Today, we find many diverse beliefs in the religious world. These diverse beliefs are often based on just one passage of Scripture (or even on just part of a verse that is taken completely out of context). This has caused much confusion in the churches of today, and led many into false beliefs.

It is necessary that we search the whole Word of God for further confirmation on these matters regarding the true purpose for the human body. We do not want to build a belief on just one verse, therefore, let us look for further light in the Scriptures.

IT IS WRITTEN

The apostle Paul has written many books in the New Testament. In one of these books he proclaims: *“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.”¹⁹* Truly, these words are very clear.

The apostle Paul has written a great truth indeed, and also a very stern warning. Our body is the very temple of the Living God! We are warned not to defile or desecrate this temple in any way. Of a truth, there is much required of the people of God!²⁰



In another place it is written: “*What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*”²¹

Friend, let us consider the implications of this matter. Our body is the very temple of God, and the Spirit of God is to dwell in us. Also, it is stated that we are made to be the temple of the Holy Ghost. Let us not stop here! What more can we find on these matters in the Word of God?

FROM THE SOURCE

The Lord Jesus Christ proclaims: “*If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*”²² Here, in the words of Christ, we find that both the Father AND Christ will come to make their abode with those who keep His words. Those who are living in willing obedience to Christ, those who sincerely obey the complete Word of God, will truly have the Father and Christ dwelling within them.

In a state of true obedience to the Word of God, the individual has that honor of being the temple of God. They are united as one with God. In such a state, they are changed into the image and likeness of God. According to the Word of God, the way has been prepared for each individual to receive the fulness of the Living God, and that way is through Christ and the cross of Christ.²³

Friend, this is the intimate relationship which God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ desires with each individual. We are to be the very temple of God. God is to dwell within us, and walk in us. Friend, it is not simply a belief, or a mind thing, which is being spoken of. It is a life fully possessed by the Spirit of God, and manifesting those things which Christ manifest.

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

The Word of God instructs us to abide in Christ.²⁴ It commands us also to take up our cross daily, and follow Christ.²⁵ In relation to this, it is written: “*He that saith he abideth in him [Christ] ought himself also so to walk, even as he [Jesus] walked.*”²⁶

The Lord Jesus Christ proclaims: “*He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.*”²⁷ Friend, please read all of these words again.



Friend, what do all of the above statements from the Word of God truly mean? To what profound truth is the Word of God here leading? Are we truly to live the very life of Christ?²⁸ Furthermore, is there a special reward in the ‘here and now’ (while we are still on this Earth) for true obedience to God the Father, through the very power of Christ? In answer to these questions, let us continue deeper into the Word of God.

SURE COUNSEL

It is written: *“But without faith it is impossible to please God: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”*²⁹

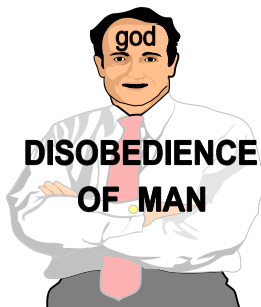
Friend, please take note. God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. If we are not diligent in our seeking of God, then we cannot expect any good reward from Him.³⁰ But to those who are diligent in their search for God, they shall receive that reward which they are seeking.³¹

The above principle from God’s Word is to all true-hearted seekers. It holds true throughout all of Scripture. In another place, the Lord God proclaims: *“And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.”*³²

If we search for God with only half a heart (or part of a heart), we will not find the true God and Father of all Heaven and Earth. Only when we give ourselves fully to this search, will we find God.

The apostle Paul clearly understood these principles when he gave the following instruction to Timothy, concerning the things of God. It is written: *“Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them...”*³³ Friend, think on these things. Please consider diligently these things. Give yourself wholly to the true way of God, for there is no other way which leads to eternal life.

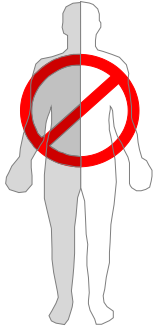
THINK ON THESE THINGS



Friend, if we claim that God the Father is truly God, are we not then required to obey Him? Are we doing things in a different manner than God the Father ordained them? If we are, then, in all essence, are we not declaring that we ourselves are now the important god? Are we not declaring that our wishes are more important than His?

If we willfully disobey the direct commands of God, are we not then, in all essence, declaring that we can do whatever we want, rather than what God wants? In such a state, are we not making a loud, and possibly arrogant statement that we do not have to obey God? In such a state, all of our religion is truly in vain.³⁴

TOTAL UNION



God does not want just a part of us. He does not want just half a heart, or half a mind, or half a life. He requires us to be either hot (fully doing His will), or cold (not dabbling in His things at all). In relation to this principle, the Lord Jesus Christ proclaims: *“I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.”*³⁵

God wants us completely. He must be able to fully possess us. Only in such a state can the true glory of God be manifest through us. Furthermore, because God is a Spirit,³⁶ He is able to completely examine us.³⁷ He knows if we have truly given our whole self to Him. He knows if we are His genuine child; or if we are only faking it, and fooling ourselves and others.

THE SEAL

Let us search out this matter further in the Word of God. It is only there that we may receive the truth on these matters. It is written: *“Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, ‘The Lord knoweth them that are his.’ And, ‘Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.’*

*“But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these [iniquities], he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.”*³⁸

The Lord truly knows who are His, and who are not His. He knows the difference between the wheat and the tares. He also knows the difference between the wheat itself, and the common chaff.

A PREPARED VESSEL



Friend, we are clay vessels. We were made to hold something. We are meant to contain the Spirit of God, and Christ. For this to happen, then anything that is not of the Spirit of God must be completely purged out of us.

We must be born again, as a cleansed vessel, in order to be prepared for the Master's use. We are called to repent, and fully turn away from our sins. We are commanded to turn away from the lusts and all the wicked ways of this world. We need to have our sins properly repented of and forgiven by God the Father, and washed away by the blood of the Lamb of God. We must be converted, and abiding in Christ, then walking in His ways. Only in such a state can we be fit for the Master's use. Friend, there is no other way!

IN RETURN

Peter and the other apostles spoke of the Holy Ghost, “*whom God hath given to them that obey him.*”³⁹ Friend, please note this, that the true Holy Ghost is ONLY given to those who obey God the Father.⁴⁰ The true Holy Ghost is not given to those who are walking in disobedience. If the disobedient are using some great power, we had better examine the true source of their great power! Let us examine this matter further through the Word of God.

THE IMPOSTERS

The Word of God speaks of the works which were manifested through the apostle Paul. After these miracles through Paul occurred, the Holy Scriptures record: “*Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, ‘We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.’ And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so.*

“*And the evil spirit answered and said, ‘Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?’ And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on the seven sons of Sceva, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.*

“*And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. And many that believed came, and confessed, and showed their deeds. Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.*”⁴¹

The enemies of Almighty God were busy trying to counterfeit the works of God, even in the time of the Apostle Paul. The next sections show a few imposters who were more successful!

THE SORCERER

There was a time when the church of God was receiving heavy persecution, and the children of God were scattered. Philip traveled to a certain city, and there found an imposter. The Word of God records: “*Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.*

“*Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. And there was great joy in that city.*

“*But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one: to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, ‘This man is the great power of God.’ And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.*”⁴²

THE SORCERESS

In Revelation chapter 17, the great whore is introduced. This whore has the following name written on her forehead: *“MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”*⁴³ This great whore, in prophetic language, represents a church system. This particular church system is the false bride of Christ. It is an imitation of the true bride of Christ. Historically, and as described in the remainder of Revelation chapter 17, the great whore appears to be none other than the complete system of the Roman Catholic Church.

The Word of God shows that, with the great whore: *“the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.”*⁴⁴ This great whore (spiritually called Babylon) is discussed further in Revelation chapter 18. It is declared to the great whore that her *“merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.”*⁴⁵

It appears (from the Word of God and from history) that by the use of sorceries, the great whore has deceived the nations, causing them to partake of the wine of her spiritual fornication. By the use of sorceries, the whore has deceived the people into believing that she possesses the true power of God!

THE MAGICIANS

When the children of Israel were in Egyptian bondage, there were powerful sorcerers and magicians living in the land.⁴⁶ These magicians were able to convert their rods into serpents.⁴⁷ They were able to turn water into blood.⁴⁸ (Does this sound like some of the sorceries of the whore?) The magicians could bring up frogs upon the land.⁴⁹ They truly were able to display a considerable amount of those things which commonly would be called “supernatural powers.”

But there came a time when the sorcerers and magicians could not imitate those things which God was doing through His servants. The servants of Satan (the magicians and sorcerers) began to admit defeat. They proclaimed even to Pharaoh of that power which was with Moses and Aaron: *“This is the finger of God!”*⁵⁰ Friend, there are many imitators this day and age. It appears that they greatly flourish in the atmosphere of spiritual darkness which is so prevalent today.

FAIR WARNING

The apostle Paul proclaims: *“Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.”*⁵¹ And so it is, even today! The true people of God shall suffer persecution at the hands of the evil ones. The intent of these evil ones is to seduce and deceive other people into paths which are contrary to the true way which God intended!⁵² These evil ones may also lie about those who are true to the way of God, speaking evil of them, that they may cause others to refrain from hearing the truth of God.

THE SON OF GOD

The Lord Jesus Christ forewarned of the day and age in which we now live. He clearly proclaims: *“Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, ‘I am Christ;’ and shall deceive many.”*⁵³ Please note: Christ clearly states that many shall come in His name proclaiming to be Christ. Yes, **many** shall come in His name! How many people do we find today who are calling themselves Christians, yet refuse to take up the cross of Christ daily (upon which the lusts of their flesh are crucified). How many neglect to follow in the very footsteps of the Lord Jesus Christ? How many are calling themselves Christians, but are not living as Jesus lived?

Looking into the *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*, we find that the word “Christ” means “anointed.” Indeed, the deceivers appear to be false ministers, who are claiming to be anointed by God, yet are giving a different message (or gospel) than Jesus gave.⁵⁴ These false ones are those who claim to be the true servants of God (and to be filled with His Spirit), but truly are not.⁵⁵

STRONG WARNING

Concerning the use of deceptive powers, the Lord Jesus Christ proclaims: *“For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.”*⁵⁶ Friend, how often do we see special powers being used by those who refuse to crucify the lusts of the flesh? What do we see in many popular preachers today? Are people being seduced into false doctrines by many deceivers? It appears that the false ones are counterfeiting those things which God has given to His obedient children! Indeed, to the true people of God are given many beautiful promises! Let us not ignore any of them!

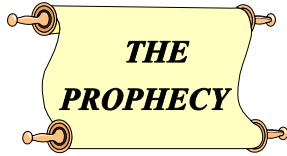
TRUE PROMISE

The Lord Jesus Christ proclaimed to his disciples: *“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.”*⁵⁷ *“For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.”*⁵⁸

THE APOSTLES

Once Jesus had died on the cross, was buried, risen again, and was received into Heaven; at that time was the power of the Holy Ghost once again given to His people in general. The apostles, after Christ was received into Heaven, had to wait to receive the Holy Ghost. But when it came, they were endued with power from on high.⁵⁹ It is written that *“with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus...”*⁶⁰ This power from on high is joined to that salvation which God the Father has prepared for those who love Him. Let us examine this matter further in the Word of God. Let us examine what God has truly meant for these clay vessels.

THE PROPHECY



Zacharias (the father of John the Baptist) was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying: *“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, and hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; as he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: that we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; to perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy*

*covenant; the oath which he sware to our father Abraham, that he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.”*⁶¹

CLOSER EXAMINATION

The above prophecy speaks of a great salvation from the Lord God, for His true people. These people will physically be saved from all bondage to their enemies, in the final end. The people of God will ultimately be saved from all those who hate and despise them for living the true life of Christ. When this destruction of all wicked yokes occurs, the people of God will ever after be able to fully serve Him in holiness and righteousness (in that manner in which they were originally meant to do), without any fear or hindrance of the wicked.

To accomplish this, God the Father (by the Lord Jesus Christ) shall utterly destroy the wicked ones that are in positions of power in this world. God will destroy any individual who is a “thorn in the side” to His true people. These enemies will be utterly destroyed by the power of God. They will be destroyed just as surely as Pharaoh of Egypt was destroyed in the days of Moses.⁶²

A GREAT GIFT

Concerning those things which the children of God are given through Christ, the apostle Paul writes: *“Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.*

*“For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?”*⁶³

Friend, let us diligently study the complete Word of God, so that we do not miss anything which God the Father truly has for His children. Let us not neglect any of the promises which God has given.

THE FULL PROMISE

When the apostle Peter was speaking to the children of Israel, he proclaimed: *“Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.”*⁶⁴

The promise of the Father (which is the gift of the powers of the Holy Ghost) was meant for these people whom Peter was speaking to, and for their children. But it was also *“to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.”* Friend, who are these *“all that are afar off”* ones? Who are the ones within this class of *“as many as the Lord our God shall call?”*

Friend, there is another promise which goes along with this. The Lord Jesus Christ proclaims: *“All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.”*⁶⁵ Friend, the Master calls out to you! Yes, today He is calling again!

THE MASTER CALLS

The Lord Jesus Christ clearly proclaims: *“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.”*⁶⁶

Again, the Master proclaims: *“And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. And I will give him the morning star. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.”*⁶⁷

Friend, do you have ears to hear? Do you hear the promise which the Master is making?⁶⁸

THE APOSTLE CALLS

The apostle Paul exhorts: *“Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called ‘Today;’ lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end...”*⁶⁹

Friend, what all is being spoken of here? What does it mean that we are made partakers of Christ? What is the full extent of all this? Are there any further clues in the Word of God? Let us examine another passage of Holy Scripture to see the words which are spoken to the people of God.

The apostle Paul writes: *“For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.”*⁷⁰

Please take note! Paul’s prayer is that *“ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.”* This is a very special prayer. Paul desires that all of God’s people would truly become filled with every spiritual gift which God the Father has for His people. But Paul does not stop here. He continues on with an enormous truth of that which God has in store for His people.

THE CONTINUATION

Paul continues: *“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.”*⁷¹ Whatever the people of God can even think or ask from the Father, He is still able to do far in excess of even these things!

Note that the above Scripture speaks of that power which works in the true children of God. What is this power which is given to the obedient children of God?⁷² What is this power from God which is able to do things which are far in excess of all things that we may ask or think?⁷³ (In relation to asking of God, and receiving, please read the following Scripture: James 4:1-10.)⁷⁴

TRUE DIRECTION

Let us search further into the Word of God. We have already seen that we must be in complete union with the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.⁷⁵ We know that our calling is to live the life of Christ (no matter what hardships we must go through in the process), and spread the true gospel of Christ. Let us now examine what further purpose God has intended for His obedient children.

The Lord Jesus Christ proclaims: *“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.*

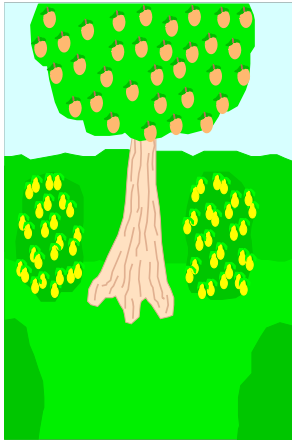
*“And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.”*⁷⁶ Friend, this is a great promise! This is a great honor from God the Father, spoken by the mouth of Jesus Christ!⁷⁷

Friend, as we close this chapter, remember always the instruction of the Word of God. Think on these words: *“Blessed are they that do his [God’s] commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.”*⁷⁸

BACK TO THE BEGINNING

In the beginning of the sixth day of Creation, God the Father and His beloved Son created Adam and Eve. But this is not all that God did on this sixth day. He also made these two people a very special place to live. Because Almighty God created man in His own image, this special dwelling place was also something that was very pleasing, even to the eyes of God the Father.

GARDEN OF EDEN



In the latter part of the sixth day of Creation, God planted the garden of Eden. In this garden, God Almighty placed the man whom He had created. This garden was very special, for “*out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food.*”⁷⁹ This garden was an exceptionally beautiful place. Notice that every tree which was there was pleasant to the sight. This beautiful garden also supplied all those special foods which were desirable and necessary to sustain the physical body of man.

In the midst of the garden of Eden was planted an extremely special tree! This tree was known as the tree of life. This particular tree was endowed with the power to cause all who partook of it to live forever.⁸⁰ In the midst of the garden was also another special tree. This tree was not so desirable. This particular tree was known as the tree of knowledge, both of good and evil.

THE WARNING

There is only one warning which is recorded in the Scriptures concerning the use of the garden of Eden. It is written: “*And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, ‘Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.’*”⁸¹ This command seems simple enough! Besides, there were so many other better trees from which to obtain food. In light of this, what then is such a small restriction placed upon the use of this magnificent garden of God?

Truly, it was such a small command of God. But note the dire consequences for disobedience to even such a small command. Indeed, disobedience to such a small command eventually effected all of mankind! Today, the Scripture shows that there is still a dire consequence for willful disobedience to God’s commands. But the way was made for mankind to regain that for which he was created. It can only be obtained by obedience to God the Father, through the very cross and power of Christ.

TWILIGHT OF THE SIXTH DAY

At the close of the sixth day of Creation, God the Father began to examine all of His work. As He looked upon all things, “*God saw every thing that He had made, and, behold, it was very good.*”⁸²

The Father was very pleased with all that He had made. It was pleasing in His sight, and it was also pleasing to His very Spirit. As yet, there was not any sin to be found in the whole of Creation. There was not sin anywhere to be found on the whole face of the Earth. All was in perfect union with that righteous Spirit of God the Father.

And a voice cries out: “*I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will show forth all thy marvellous works. I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High.*”⁸³ May these words forever resound in our hearts and minds. May we always walk in willing obedience to the most High God, to the very Father of all Creation. May we truly do those things which are pleasing in His sight, by the very power of the Christ of God.

Friend, so ends another Chapter in this FIRST EDITION of
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Friend, let us now continue onward to learn a few facts about how “*fearfully and wonderfully*” we are made. According to an article in the May/June, 1998, issue of *Mining Voice* (called: “Arsenic to Zinc: Our Life-giving Minerals,” by Mark J. Crawford, on page 24), “The human body is a tremendously complex machine that contains about 75 trillion cells, mile after mile of arteries and nerves, and millions of intricate biochemical reactions that are going on every second.” Indeed, all this is just a start at seeing how “*fearfully and wonderfully*” we are made.

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19. *The Holy Bible*, Book of I Corinthians, chapter 3, verses 16-17.

20. Concerning the matter of our body being the temple of God (and, as shown further on, the temple of the Holy Ghost), there is an important issue which must be addressed, and a warning given. As Jesus Christ warned the people of His day about the doctrine of the Pharisees, and its deception, so must the writer warn of that which he sees today.

There are certain religious groups (especially one in particular of which the writer is familiar) which have taken this issue of our bodies being the temple of God, to a point far beyond that which the Word of God ever intended. They have gone so far as to state (mainly in their private gatherings) that meat is toxic to the human body, and because this body is the temple of God, the eating of meat is harming the temple of God: therefore (they proclaim in private), meat eating is actually a sin. Friend, beware of these types of cult peoples: they are not following the true God shown throughout the Scriptures, nor are they following the Son of God, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The apostle Paul warned of those, in the latter days (those are our times now) who would depart from the faith, and follow seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. One of the doctrines of devils was commanding people not to eat meat. (For the full text of Paul’s warning, see – I Timothy 4:1-5) One of these types of religious groups touts its vegetarian ‘health message.’ It is almost as if its adherents worship their ‘health message’ more than they worship God. It appears to be one of those groups which (as the Word of God states) worships the creature more than the Creator (Romans 1:24-25). This type of religious group is so busy with their own ‘health message’ and their concern about the human body, that they are off on a totally different path, and are not even doing the work which the Lord Jesus Christ proclaimed for His people to be doing. They are not following the true message and gospel of the Lord Jesus. Indeed, it is a spiritually darkened time in which we live. Friend, please heed the warning. Beware of the snares.

It appears that the important thrust of the ‘health message’ churches is in what to eat and what to drink (and many other such like things). But what does the Word of God proclaim? It is written that “...*the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.*” (Romans 14:17) The true doctrine is not in food. It is not in a ‘health message.’ The true doctrine is in “*righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.*” Furthermore, it is written: “*Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink...*” (Colossians 2:16) Friend, let no one press upon you their ‘health message.’ Let no one force you into their church’s carnal dogma. Let the Word of God, in its uncorrupted form, be your true guide in all matters.

Friend, what did Jesus Christ eat? Did He eat meat? Did He eat fish? Did He eat lamb at the Passover? Did He use wine to one degree or another (but never was in a drunken state)? Indeed, let us be more Christ-like, and let us not follow the false doctrines of those who err from the true doctrine and faith of our blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ: who is the Captain of our salvation.

21. *The Holy Bible*, Book of I Corinthians, chapter 6, verses 19-20.

22. *The Holy Bible*, Book of John, chapter 14, verse 23.

23. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of Ephesians, chapter 3, verses 14-19.

24. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of John, chapter 15, verses 1-11.

25. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of Luke, chapter 9, verses 23-24.

26. *The Holy Bible*, Book of I John, chapter 2, verse 6.

27. *The Holy Bible*, Book of John, chapter 14, verse 21.

28. In answer to this question, let us turn to the *Holy Bible*, Book of Galations, chapter 2, verse 20. It declares: *“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”*
29. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Hebrews, chapter 11, verse 6.
30. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of James, chapter 1, verses 5-7.
31. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of Matthew, chapter 7, verses 7-12; and Book of Luke, chapter 11, verses 9-13.
32. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Jeremiah, chapter 29, verse 13.
33. *The Holy Bible*, Book of I Timothy, chapter 4, verse 15.
34. Let us look to the *Holy Bible*, the book of Matthew, chapter 15, verses 7-9. The Lord Jesus Christ is addressing the Pharisees of His day. He proclaimed: *“Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.”* It is recorded in another passage of Holy Scripture (in the book of Mark, chapter 7, verse 9): *“And he [Jesus] said unto them [the Pharisees], ‘Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.’”*
35. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Revelation, chapter 3, verses 15-16.
36. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of John, chapter 4, verses 22-24.
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50. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Exodus, chapter 8, verse 19.
51. *The Holy Bible*, Book of II Timothy, chapter 3, verses 12-13.

52. For an example of how evil and wicked these persons can be, let us turn to the Word of God. In the Book of Proverbs, chapter 4, verses 14-16, it is written: *“Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away. For they sleep not, except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall.”* This is shocking to know that there are people so maliciously evil, that they cannot sleep at night unless they have caused people to fall out of the true way of God! Such depravity of man, when the Spirit of God is not with them.
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68. The Word of God further proclaims in the Book of Jude, verses 24-25: *“Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever. Amen.”* It is through the power of Christ that we are kept from falling. It is by His power being manifest through us that we are presented faultless in the presence of God. It is by the very power of Christ and His life that we are able to truly overcome all the power of the Devil. The power of Christ truly is able to give us power over sin, and any hold that sin may have on our lives.
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74. *The Holy Bible*, Book of James, chapter 4, verses 1-10, declares: “*From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.*”
 “*Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, ‘The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?’ But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, ‘God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.’ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.*”
 For even further clarification of this matter, please read the following passage from the *Holy Bible*, Book of I John, chapter 4, verses 19-22. It is written: “*And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. (For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.) Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.*”
 On the other hand, if we are getting that which we pray for, while we are NOT walking in the true way of God, (in other words: if we have NOT crucified the flesh and its lust for the things of this world, and begun to walk upon that way of a complete life with Christ) then we had better ask who is answering our prayers. Please remember that during the temptation of Jesus Christ in the wilderness, Satan was promising Him all kinds of earthly powers and the carnal things which go with them. Satan still does the same thing today, and many turn into his path: the path which ultimately leads to eternal destruction.
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