

The Simple Truth Series #20

A His-Story Lesson

The Plan of God, from Eternity to Eternity.



Part 1. Before the world was.

*The Plan of God perfected in Eternity,
before Creation began.*

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'And expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.' Acts 18:26.

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Introduction

Hebrews 6:1-2. *‘Therefore **leaving** the **principles** of the **doctrine** of Christ, let us go **on** unto **perfection**; not laying again the **foundation** of **repentance** from dead works, and of **faith** toward God, Of the doctrine of **baptisms**, and the laying on of **hands**, and of **resurrection** of the dead, and of **eternal judgement**.’*

In Hebrews 6:1 Paul exhorted us to, *‘leave the principles, and not lay the foundation again.’* Principles are things you begin something with, they’re the *foundation* that higher things are built *upon*. When you first start school, you learn to read, write, and count. They are the principles of education, and everything else you will *ever* learn, is built upon them. And once you learn the principles, you have them for life, you never need to learn them again.

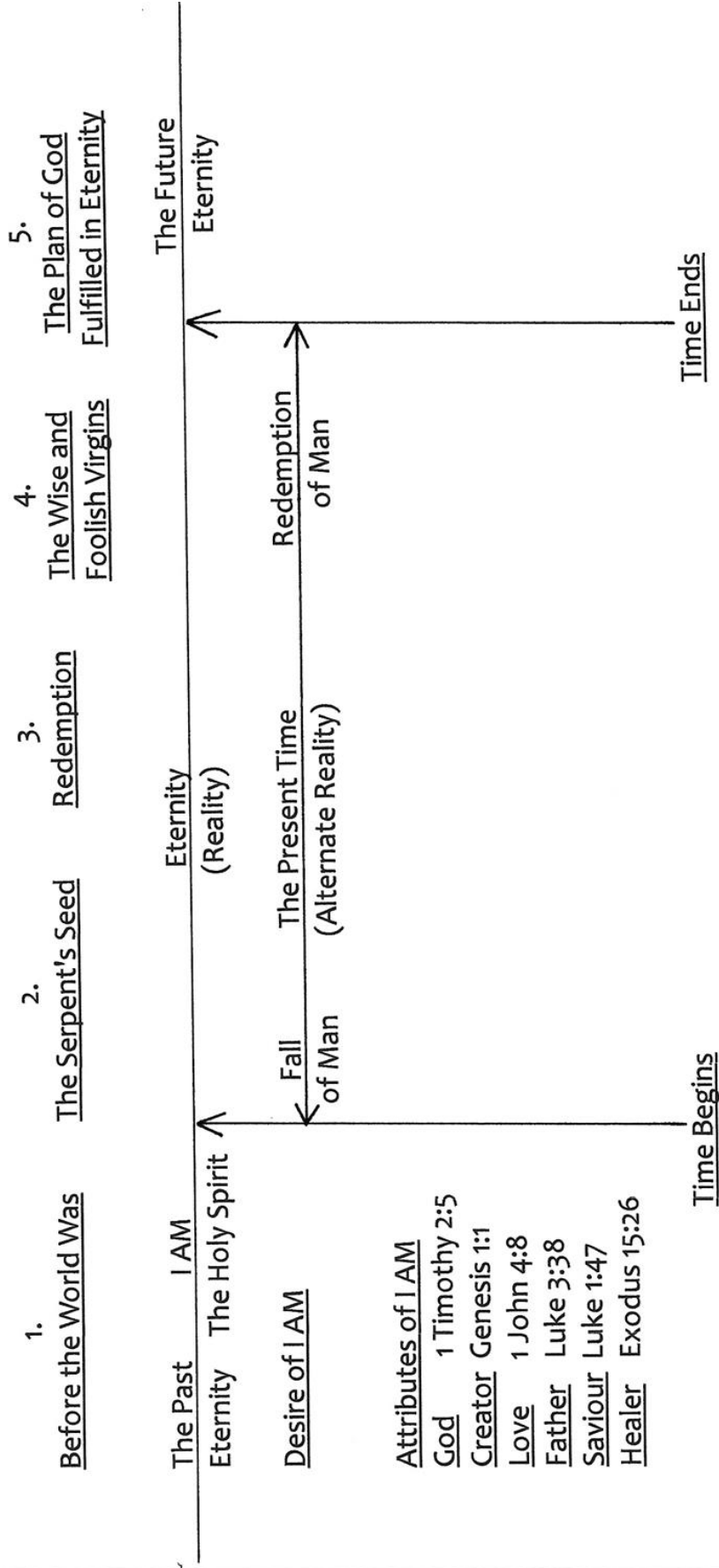
For us as Christians, Paul said the principles are; repentance, faith, baptism, the laying on of hands, resurrection, and judgement. So, once we’ve repented, been saved by faith, baptised, had hands laid on us, and basically understand the resurrection and the judgement, we don’t need to do them again. And as verse 1 tells us, we should leave these principles behind and, *‘go on unto perfection.’* We should go on to learn deeper things. That’s what we will do in this Series, we will look at things that give us a greater understanding of the Plan, and Purpose of God in Creation.

We’re going to have a History Lesson. But we are going to call our lesson, **A His-Story Lesson**, because that’s what History is about, it’s **His-Story**.

The chart on page five gives us a simple overview of the big picture. The Big Picture includes everything that ever has, and ever will, take place. It goes from the Past Eternity, through the Present Time, and into the Future Eternity. Of course, there is no such thing as a past or future eternity, but I am using these terms to illustrate the periods when events occurred.

You will notice that Israel is not represented there. Our His-Story Lesson only includes events relating to the Plan of God, and the fulfilment of that Plan, concerning the Gentile Nations, because the Lord deals with Israel in a completely separate manner, exclusive of us. So, Israel are a separate study within itself, and outside the scope of the present work.

A His Story Lesson



An overview of the His-Story Series.

Our His-Story lesson is broken down into 5 Major Themes;

Part 1. Before The World Was

This concerns the things that took place in Eternity, before Time began, with the Plan of God being formed and perfected in the mind of I AM.

Part 2. The Serpent's seed

Back in Eternity I AM chose to create a people for Himself. He wrote their names in the Lamb's Book of Life, and they became part of the Plan of God. But when Eve fornicated with the Serpent in Eden, Cain was born. Cain wasn't the son of Adam, he was the son of the Serpent. That's why the Lord told the Serpent, *"I will put enmity between thy seed (meaning the Serpent's descendants through Cain), and the Woman's seed."* (Meaning Adam's descendants). Enmity means Contention, dislike, or hatred.

Because Cain and the Serpent's descendants weren't in the Lamb's Book of Life, they weren't part of the Plan of God. So, there will always be enmity between them and Adam's Descendants, and the Enmity will come to a head at the end time, when the Serpent's seed form a World Government, with a Godless World Religion, and they create Satan's Eden, their world where everything is welcomed, except the Lord and those who are His.

Part 3. Redemption.

The Lord's Plan of Redemption began in Eternity, when He foresaw that He would be separated from those people whom He was creating for Himself. So, He wrote their names in the Lamb's Book of Life, and *'the Lamb was slain'* (Revelation 13:8), to begin the process of redemption. But the process of Redemption on earth began, when the Lord made coats of skins to cover Adam and Eve after they sinned. In doing that, He was giving them Hope, He was revealing to them that He was going to cover their sins, and restore them to Himself, by redeeming them.

Part 4. The Wise and Foolish Virgins

The Wise and Foolish Virgins are all pure, they aren't Serpent's Seed. Their names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. They all heard the Call of God, and responded to it. But five were foolish, they didn't go on to receive the Holy Spirit, and when the Church is Raptured, the Lord isn't going to take individuals from the earth, He is going to take His Spirit from the earth, and all who have the Holy Spirit will go in the Rapture. And the Foolish Virgins will learn how foolish they really were, when they find themselves left behind, to face the wrath of the Serpent's Seed.

Part 5. The Plan of God Fulfilled in Eternity

The Plan that I AM had in the Past Eternity, being fulfilled in the Future Eternity, the New Heavens, and the New Earth with the New Jerusalem on it; where I AM will live for Eternity with His New Creation; those whose Names were written in the Lamb's Book of Life, before Creation began.

A His Story Lesson

Part 1

Before the World was.

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before creation began.*

1.

Of time and eternity

The Book of Genesis begins with three words, 'In the beginning...' The same three words the Book of John begins with. In the beginning the Holy Spirit, I AM, was alone in Eternity. He is the only one who was privileged to view every single event that has ever happened, so only He has witnessed the Big Picture first hand. But here, we are going to consider Part 1 of the Big Picture. We're going to look at events that took place back in Eternity, before Time began, and we will consider *how* they are relevant to us who are living today in *time*.

As we can see from our chart, time had a beginning. And because time is a measure of existence it moves away from its beginning as it exists. And as it moves away, it leaves behind itself yesterdays that have been, there are todays that are now, and there are

tomorrows ahead, which are yet to come.

But Eternity had no beginning, and therefore it has no end. There are no yesterdays, todays, or tomorrows in Eternity, so time does not exist in Eternity, because there is no future, and there is no past. There is only the present. And in that present, you can go forward or you can go back, and it's still the present, because it's always the present in Eternity.

A good example of this is a story that's known as 'The silver dollar,' which happened in California, in 1899. At that time, a person who travelled around selling Bibles and Christian Literature was known as a Colporteur. In 1899 a Colporteur was walking down a street in Sacramento, California, when another 'man' stopped him, and suggested he take his Bibles and books, to a certain far-off valley, which he named. The Colporteur affirmed that he would, and as he continued on his way, he wondered how the other 'man' knew he was a Colporteur, because he was dressed just like everyone else.

Over time, he forgot about going to the valley, but every now and then, a voice seemed to remind him, and finally, after six months, he decided he must go. He travelled as far as he could by train and coach, and then had to walk, arriving at a wide river, across which was the valley. He was wondering how to get across, when he saw a boatman rowing over to him.

He climbed in the boat, and as they were travelling across, he asked the boatman how much it cost to be ferried over? "One dollar," was the reply. He found a silver dollar in his purse. It was brand new, 1899, but it had a scratch across the eagle, and when they reached the other side, he handed it to the boatman. "Be sure to stop at the first house up the valley," the boatman advised him, and he replied that he would.

When he walked toward the first house, the door burst open, and a boy and girl came running toward him yelling, "Do you have our Bible? Do you have our Bible?" "Yes, I have Bibles," he replied, and went with them to the house.

Their mother told the Colporteur her story. She said she was a widow, and had first prayed for a Bible six months earlier, (which was when he was stopped on the street). She had continued to pray for one, and that morning when she prayed, a Voice told her to go and look on her doorstep. On the doormat was a silver dollar, and she knew it was payment for her Bible. "How much are your Bibles?" she asked. "One dollar," he replied.

He gave her a Bible, and she handed him the dollar coin. The Colporteur sat looking at the coin in his hands. "What's the matter, is there something wrong with it?" she asked. There was nothing wrong with it, it was brand new, 1899, but it had a scratch across the eagle. "This is the same coin I gave to the boatman at the river less than half an hour ago," the Colporteur said, surprised. "There's no boatman on our river, there never has been," the widow replied, and they went over the events, and agreed, that God works in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform.

The point of that story for us, is that the Colporteur gave that dollar to the boatman at the river. The boatman was really an Angel who stepped into Eternity, went back

eight hours, and placed the dollar on the widow's doormat. The widow picked it up, and took it forward in time 8 1/2 hours, and gave it back to the Colporteur thirty minutes after he gave it to the boatman. You can do that in Eternity.

If your car is going to collide with another vehicle in ten seconds time, and you cry out "Lord, save me!" the Lord isn't restricted to those ten seconds to save you, the way we are. He has all of Eternity within those ten seconds to decide what to do. He can go forward in time, or he can go back in time, to save you, because He is not subject to time.

There was a Christian couple who were travelling in their car, when it was hit by another vehicle. It rolled over and over off the road, but inside the car it was happening in slow motion. The couple looked at each other as it rolled and laughed. It seemed hilarious to them, that they were rolling in such slow motion. The car was written off, but they were unharmed. Time and Eternity play by different rules.

We have a line on our chart which represents Eternity. Eternity always was, and it always will be, so Eternity is Reality. But, the first time the Lord spoke and said "*Let there be...*" something existed, which had never existed before. So, the clock started ticking, and Time began, with that event, because Time is a measure of *existence*. In order for Time to exist, something had to begin existing, that has never existed before, and, because Time began outside of Eternity, Time is now an Alternate Reality to Eternity.

The physical realm exists in time, but the Spiritual realm is timeless, because it is Eternal, and things that happen in time, do not affect anything that happens in Eternity. The Lord is the only Being who was not created. He had no beginning, and He has no end. Everything else was created, and had a beginning, so is subject to time.

2.

I AM that I AM

In John 4:24 we are told, '*God is a Spirit.*' He is the Holy Spirit, and back in Eternity, before Creation began, the Holy Spirit existed alone. He was I AM, the Self Existent One. In 1 Timothy 3:16, when Paul was talking about Jesus Christ, he said, '*And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest (or revealed) in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of Angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.*' The great I AM, the Holy Spirit, was now in a bodily form, as Jesus Christ, where He could be '*seen of Angels.*'

When He met Moses at the burning bush, He said, "*I have heard the cries of My people, and I am come down to deliver them, and I'm sending you.*" So, Moses asked, "*Who shall I say has sent me?*" He replied, "*I AM that I AM. Tell them I AM has sent you.*" I

AM, the One who existed alone in Eternity.

When the Lord Jesus told the Pharisees He had seen Abraham, they said, “*You aren’t even fifty years old, and you say you’ve seen Abraham?*” The Lord replied, “*Before Abraham was, I AM.*” He was the self-existent One, before He was Jesus Christ.

In Colossians 1:15, we are told Jesus is, ‘*... the image of the invisible God...*’ That’s why He could say, “*He who has seen Me, has seen the Father.*” And Paul told us, “*God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself.*” How much of God was in Jesus Christ? According to Colossians 2:9, ‘*in Him dwelleth **all** the fullness of the Godhead bodily.*’ Jesus Christ was *all* of God. He was I AM, the Holy Spirit, revealed in a bodily form where He could be seen by His creation, and seen by Angels.

But, back in Eternity, I AM was the Holy Spirit existing alone, and He had certain attributes within Himself. An attribute is an ability you have to enable you to do something.

He had the attribute to be **God**, because 1 Timothy 2:5 tells us, ‘*..there is One **God.***’ But He wasn’t God then, because God means, ‘An object of Worship,’ and He couldn’t be God, until something Worshipped Him.

He had the attribute to be a **Creator**, because Genesis 1:1 tells us, ‘*In the beginning God **created** the heaven and the earth,*’ But He wasn’t a Creator then, because He hadn’t Created anything yet.

He had the attribute to be **Love**, because 1 John 4:8 tells us, ‘*God is **Love.***’ But He wasn’t love then, because He hadn’t expressed love to anything.

He had the attribute to be a **Father**, because Luke 3:38 tells us of, ‘*Adam, which was the **son of God.***’ But He wasn’t a Father then, because He didn’t have any children.

He had the attribute to be a **Saviour**, because Luke 1:47 tells us of, ‘*God my **saviour.***’ But He wasn’t a Saviour then, because He hadn’t saved anyone.

He had the attribute to be a **Healer**, because Exodus 15:26 says, “*I am the LORD that **healeth** thee.*” But He wasn’t a Healer then, because He hadn’t healed anyone.

So, I AM had these attributes and many more within Himself. And He chose to create a people for Himself; a people who would share His existence, and bear His Name, to whom He could express all of His attributes, a people who would be *His* children.

3.

The Perfect Plan of God

Second Samuel 22:31 tells us, ‘*As for God, His way is perfect.*’ The reason *why* His way is so perfect, is because He never does anything without having a purpose for doing it; and a reason for doing it the way He does. He doesn’t have a single blade of grass

growing on a rock in the middle of the wilderness, without having a *purpose* for that *particular* blade of grass, to be growing on that *particular* rock, on that *particular* spot. There's a reason *why* it's there. It's part of the Plan of God, and within the Plan of God, everything is in harmony, and therefore perfect.

Because His way is perfect, when He decided to create these people, whom He would share His existence with, He didn't go about it haphazardly. He designed each one of them, exactly as He wanted them. Each one was a masterpiece, because they were going to be His Beloved. He chose their hair colour, their eye colour, their skin colour, their height, their build, and their looks, individually, and lovingly. Then He personally named each one of them, and He spoke their names softly to Himself in expectation.

I AM desired to spend Eternity with these people whom He was designing. But, because He is Omniscient (meaning He knows all things), He could for-see His Beloved, would sin in the Garden of Eden; and because He is Holy, and Righteous, that Sin would have to be punished; and the punishment for Sin is death, so He would lose them forever.

So, He had two choices; either lose them forever, or die their death, to pay the penalty for their sin. He chose to become one of them, and die their death for them, to pay the penalty for their sin, so He *could* spend Eternity with them, as He had planned. He would become their Sacrificial Lamb. And because of that, He made a Book. He called it the Lamb's Book of Life, and in it He wrote the names of every one of these people, whom He was designing, because He would Redeem them, so they could be the heirs of all that He was planning.

What can we do to make the Lord love us any more than He already does? Nothing! We aren't seeking His approval. We got His complete approval when He wrote our names in the Lamb's Book of Life. Because, once He did that, each one of us became a part of the Plan of God, and the Plan of God will never be complete without each one of us.

Ephesians 1:4-5, tells us, *'According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world (before Creation began), that we should be holy and without blame (perfect) before Him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His Will.'*

None of us are here by accident. Each one of us was born in a certain place, at a certain time, for a purpose. I AM designed us, created us, gave us life, and placed us here, because each one of us have a Ministry that will fulfil a part of the Plan of God, for the time and Age that we live in.

I had a dream in which I owned a large sprawling house, with rooms coming off it in all directions. I allowed many families and individuals to live in my house for free, and strangers wandered in and out of the house at will. But no-one looked after it. They left rubbish everywhere, and the children ran wild, breaking things. I tried to get people to help me clean up, but no-one was interested in doing it. I also asked for volunteers to help me fix some things that had been broken, but again, no-one would. I felt so

frustrated in the dream, that I finally expelled everyone from my home, and told them I would consider allowing them to return, on an individual basis, but there would be rules in future which they must abide by.

The dream recurred several times, and I felt it must be from the Lord, so I asked Him what it was about. "That's the House of God. *Freely you have received, freely give,*" He told me. We are happy to take what the Lord freely gives us, but we also have an obligation to give to Him as well.

William Branham was talking to a man who was dying. The man told him that the Lord had called him to do something when he was young, but he had been disobedient, and he hadn't done it. He asked Brother Branham to pray that the Lord would use his daughter to do it. But Brother Branham said no. He said that was for him to do, and no one else, and because he hadn't done it, it would remain undone.

Each one of us have a part of the Plan of God to fulfil for the time and place we were born into. And every part of the Lord's Plan, is an important part of His Plan, so, we must be faithful to fulfil it.

In Job 38:4,7. the Lord asked Job, "*Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth...When the morning stars sang together, and all the Sons of God shouted for Joy?*" Where were you? If we are a part of the Plan of God *today*, it's because we were a part of His Plan *then*. And we were there, rejoicing with the Sons of God, when He created our spirits; because the Lord said *all* the Sons of God were there. Every one of them whom He would ever create and give life to. Was Eve there? No. Because it said '*the Sons of God were shouting for joy.*' But Eve's spirit was a part of Adam's spirit at that time, and Eve was there *in* Adam.

4.

Made in the image of God

In Genesis 1:26 it says, "*Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.*" The part of Adam made in the image and likeness of God was His spirit, because, as John 4:24 revealed, '*God is a Spirit.*' Animals don't have a spirit, nor do plants, because only man was made in the '*image and likeness*' of his Creator, *as* a spirit.

When the Lord created Adam's body, He knew exactly what He wanted, because He had already designed Adam, back in Eternity. So, Adam's body was hand-made by the Lord, from the dust of the earth. Then the Lord placed that spirit, that He had created in His own likeness, into this body, and breathed into him the breath of life, and Adam became a living soul.

Now, let's look at Genesis 5:1-2. '*This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made He him; Male and female created He them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they*

were created.'

In the day when they were created, the Lord called *their* name Adam. Both of them were named Adam, because Eve was within Adam, she was a part of him.

Genesis Chapter 1, has the *order* of Creation. First the Lord said, "*Let there be this...*" Then He said, "*Let there be this...*" Then He said, "*Let there be this...*" But, Genesis Chapter 2, has the *events* of Creation. How the Words that the Lord had spoken, became a reality.

In Genesis 2:7, it says, '*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.*' Verse 8, tells us, '*And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there He put the man whom He had formed.*'

So now, I AM, had created the first of these beings whom He had designed back in Eternity. I AM and Adam fellowshiped together. They walked together, they talked together, they touched each other, they laughed together. And the desire that I AM had back in Eternity, to share His existence with another living creature, in a relationship of love, was now being fulfilled.

You would think, what more could anyone ever need, than to spend all day, every day, in the Lord's Presence? Well, the Lord didn't think it was enough for Adam. Verse 18 reads, '*And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.*' Now Verse 19, tells us, '*And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.*'

So now, the Lord is forming the animals and birds, from the dust of the earth, the same way He formed Adam, then He brought them to Adam to name them. He asked Adam, "What will you call this one?" "Monkey." "What about this one?" "Duck." "What about this one?" "Hedgehog." And it says, '*Whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.*'

So why did Adam get to name everything, when it was the Lord who created them? Because, as Psalm 115:16, informs us, '*The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's: but the earth hath He given to the children of men.*' All power in Heaven was the Lord's, but all power on earth was given to Adam, and he was to have dominion over it. So, he could name everything personally, because it was *his* domain.

Verse 20 tells us, '*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.*'

5.

A Helper fit for the Man

There wasn't found a helper fit for Adam, because the Lord knew that Adam didn't just need a horse, that he could ride, or a dog that would faithfully follow him wherever he went. Because Adam was made in the likeness of God, when Adam was alone, he would desire what I AM desired when He was alone, which was companionship, affection, and love. So, the Lord didn't create a new creature as a helper for Adam. Instead, as Adam was made in the image and likeness of God *for* God, so Adam's helper would be made in the image and likeness of Adam, *for* Adam.

1 Corinthians 11:7-9 tells us, *'For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man. For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.'*

Genesis 2:21-22. *'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.'*

So, the LORD took a part of Adam himself, his flesh and his bone, and He formed a female body from it. Then He took the feminine part of Adam's spirit out of him, and placed it within this body. And as Verses 23 and 24 tell us;

'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. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife and they shall be one flesh.'

When Adam was created, Eve was within him, so she was a part of him. And when Eve was separated from him, she was flesh of his flesh, bone of his bone, and spirit of his spirit, so she was *still* a part of Adam. That's why Adam said, *'They shall be one flesh.'*

The Lord's Plan was for all of those whom He had designed back in Eternity to be Created the same way Adam was. And there was going to be an Eve made *for* every Adam, *from* every Adam, and they would all live with the Lord in the Garden of Eden Eternally.

6.

Why the Lord hates Divorce

There's a lesson on Divorce for us here, so, let's look at Malachi 2:16. '*For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that He hateth putting away.*' Putting away, means Divorce.

The Lord hates Divorce because it separates an Adam from *his* Eve and puts them outside the Will of God. There are two reasons for this. The first one is a natural reason, found in the original Creation in Genesis. The second one is a Spiritual reason, found in the New Creation, after Calvary. So, we will look at both of them.

When the Lord created Adam, He took part of Adam, and made Eve's body, and they were separated, but they were still one, because Eve was flesh, bone, and spirit of Adam. The Lord was going to do that with every one of His sons. He was going to create Seth, and make another body from Seth's body, then put the feminine part of Seth's spirit within it, and she would be Seth's Eve.

But, if Adam divorced his Eve, and married Seth's Eve, he would be marrying someone who was *part of someone* else, because she was taken *from* someone else. She was flesh and bone of Seth, not flesh and bone of Adam. So, Adam would be joined to someone who wasn't a part of himself; and that would put Adam out of the *Will* of God, because that was outside the *Plan* of God.

The Lord's original Plan, was for an Eve to be made for every Adam, from every Adam. But when Eve was seduced by the Serpent, and bodies began being created by sex, they were born either male or female bodies. So, the Lord had to separate the spirits of the Sons of God which He had made, into masculine and feminine spirits, to place a single spirit within each individual body that was being born, whether male or female. And each one of those Adams were supposed to find their Eve, and be joined to her. Why do you think a spouse is known as 'the other half?' Because that's what they should be, the other half of their own spirit. There is an Eve for every Adam on earth.

I had a couple of friends who both grew up in small towns north of Auckland. Kaye went to stay with cousins in Auckland one weekend. They wanted to go to a well-known dancehall on Saturday night, so Kaye went with them, but she didn't dance, so she sat on a seat along one wall.

John also went to stay with a cousin in Auckland that weekend, and his cousin also wanted to go to that dancehall on Saturday night, so, John went with him. As they walked through the door, John looked across the hall and saw Kaye. He turned to his cousin and stated, "I'm going to marry that girl!" His cousin laughed and said, "You don't even know her!" "I know I don't," John replied, "But I just *know* I am going to marry *that* girl."

John and Kaye met that night, and they wrote to each other every day, and twice on

Saturday, and twice on Sunday for the next eighteen months, then they were married. What was it that John recognised when he saw Kaye? He recognised that she was a part of him. She was *his* Eve.

Unfortunately, most people don't wait to recognise the one who is spirit of their spirit, and many people get married for the wrong reasons. A lonely person will often marry the first person who pays them any attention, to end their loneliness. A woman who is insecure, and worries over everything, will marry a man who has money, because she feels that his wealth will give her the security she needs, so she doesn't have to always be worrying about tomorrow.

This world is full of people who are out of the Will of God, because they have married outside the Plan of God. But fortunately, all wrongs will be righted in the millennium, and every Adam will be united with their own Eve, if they haven't done so here and now.

The second reason why the Lord hates divorce, is Spiritual. When a couple get married, their union is a temporary type, '*until death us do part,*' of the Eternal Union between Jesus Christ and His Bride. When a person is saved, they become a New Creature, and they are part of the Body of Christ. We are flesh of His flesh, and bone of His bone, and He places His Holy Spirit within us. So, as Eve was the Bride of the first Adam, we are now the Holy Bride of the second Adam, Jesus Christ, for *Eternity*.

But, in typing the natural with the Spiritual, if a man can Divorce his wife, and become single again, and be remarried; then a saved person can separate themselves from Jesus Christ, and become unsaved again, which cannot happen. Once you have Eternal Life, you have it for Eternity, and you *are* Eternal, because the Holy Spirit, the Eternal One is living within you. And as Romans 8 asks, '*What can separate us from the love of Christ?*' Nothing, ever.

7.

Having the Free-will to choose

So, I AM designed these people whom He would share Eternity with. And as He had the *desire* to create them, out of *love*, so, He wanted them to be able to *choose* to *want* to be with Him, out of *love*. No reward if they did, or punishment if they didn't. And, the only way they could have the freedom to *choose* to live their lives *with* Him, was if they also had the freedom to *choose* to live their lives *without* Him. So, He gave us Free-will, so that all of the choices that we would make in our lives, could be made from the desire of our hearts.

He never shackled our legs. He never bound our hands. He never covered our eyes.

And He never closed our mouths. He let us go free, completely free. We can go anywhere we choose to go. We can do anything we choose to do. We can say anything we choose to say, and He will never stop us, because He will never interfere with our Free-will.

I can become a doctor, and save hundreds of lives, and the Lord won't stop me from doing that. I could also become a Serial killer, and murder hundreds of innocent people, and the Lord won't stop me from doing that either, because, having Free-will *allows* me to make that choice.

Having Free-will also allows us to make choices that take us out of the Will of God. I can make a choice that puts me in the wrong place at the wrong time, and I can be walking along a track, and be killed by a falling rock. Or, I could drive around a corner, and be killed by a drunk driver on the wrong side of the road.

Having Free-will means that accidents happen, and disasters happen. It also means that I can catch a disease off someone else that will eventually kill me. Not because it is the Will of God, but because having Free-will puts me at the mercy of my own wrong choices, and the wrong choices of others.

But we are told in Psalm 37:23, *'The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD.'* If we know the Lord intimately, and walk in the footsteps He has ordered for us, He will jealously guard and protect us. And as I am walking along that track, I will stop to tie my shoelace, and the rock will land harmlessly a metre in front of me. As I am driving around that corner, when the drunk is coming, I will get a puncture and pull off the road, just as the drunk sails harmlessly by.

The Lord knows and protects those who are His. That's what Romans 8:28 reveals to us; *'And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.'*

So, in Eternity I AM wanted someone who would love Him, because they chose to, out of the desire of their hearts. No reward if they did, or punishment if they didn't. Someone who would love Him, because they *could*. That was His desire.

In 1631, John Calvin and William Farel got themselves elected onto the Council that ruled Geneva, and they decided to make Geneva into a 'Christian' City. So, they banned card games, dice, gambling, dancing, excessive drinking, and all the other things the unconverted enjoyed. And they made Church attendance compulsory for everyone in the city. The people of Geneva ended up rioting, and Calvin and Farel were both banned from Geneva. That wasn't what I AM desired, back in Eternity. His desire was for love and affection.

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You shall love the Lord with all your heart

I have a couple of young friends named Albert and Rhoda. Before Albert and Rhoda were married, Albert would come home from work, shower and eat, and one of them would call the other. Then, they would talk all night long. And at five in the morning, Albert would say, "I'd better go now, because I have to go to work in an hour." So, he would sleep for an hour, then go to work.

And he did the same thing the next night, and the next, and the next, and he told me, "You can survive on one hours sleep at them kind of times." At what kind of times? The times when you are so in love with someone, that all you want to do is be with them. And if you can't be with them, then just talking to them, and hearing them speaking back to you personally is enough. That was I AM's desire. Someone who was so in love with Him, that all they desired was to be with Him, or just hear His Voice. Not someone who went to Fellowship because it was against the Law not to go.

In Luke chapter 10, we read where the Lord Jesus went to Mary and Martha's house. Martha was inside, cooking up a storm, while Mary was outside sitting at Jesus' feet, listening to Him. And, Martha came out complaining, "*Don't you care that my sister has left me to do all the work? Tell her to come and help me.*" Martha served the Lord, and she thought that's what everyone else should be doing, including Mary. But Mary didn't want to serve Him, she wanted to be *with* Him personally.

And Jesus *didn't* care, as He said, "*Mary has chosen that good part, and I won't take it away from her.*" Why wouldn't He take it away from her? Because she was fulfilling the desire He had as I AM, back in Eternity when He was alone. We have too much Theology, and not enough Kneeology. We listen to Sermons, and we think that's a substitute for talking to the Lord personally, and waiting on Him. But it isn't. We are Martha's too often, when the Lord wants Marys.

The most important part of our Christian Life is the time we personally spend alone with the Lord, in His Presence. That is the purpose for this whole universe, it's the purpose for creation, it's the purpose for Life itself. It was created as a place where I AM could spend Eternity with those whom He was designing.

We aren't just *something* to Him. We are *everything* to Him. We are the love of His life, and He should be the love of our lives. He wants us to be Marys, choosing to spend our time with Him, out of love and desire, the same way Albert and Rhoda chose to spend their time with each other out of love and affection. That was His purpose in creation, and that was His sole desire, when He was alone, in Eternity, before the World was made.

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