***GOD, HISTORY or Finding your fulfillment***

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***His World, His Purpose, His Plan***

**I THE PREPARATION - HIS WORLD** – Isa 46:10- I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.

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		1. Definition mid-14c., *mediatour*, "one who intervenes between two parties (especially to seek to effect a reconciliation) <https://www.etymonline.com/>
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The means to the end

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Christianity is born

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Kingdom as a concept not an operation

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The owners prerogative

Redeem & seek and save what was lost (Gen 1:26)

The Re’s of God

Government interference

Why they cannot stand or last

Freedom equals submission

Enemies of the State

Independence/My truth

* + - * 1. The end to the means

Jesus as the gateway to eternity now inithe earth

Through him

Seven I am’s

Restores Access to the actionizer

Restoration of the 1st Adam

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 **Restoration / HELPER /**

1. Holy Spirit - God’s Secretary of State – power reinstated
	* 1. Definition D 1300, *gouernour*, personal keeper, protector, guide <https://www.etymonline.com/>
		2. Implements God’s word
			1. Creation - actionizer
			2. Presence in humanity
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	1. **The power of the ambassador**
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 **Not for a religion but for his kingdom**

 **All are searching – Luke 17:17**

* 1. **Who’s choice was it anyway?**

 **All were in Christ before foundation of world – Eph 1:4**

 **You did not chose me, I chose you – John 17:**

* 1. **Born Again – Acknowledgement of Christ – Eze 36:23-32**

 **Navigation system**

**Holy Spirit**

 **Teacher, guide – John 14:26**

 **Language of the kingdom – Eph 1:13**

* 1. **Principals required**

 **Seek him and his government alignment-Matt 6:33**

1. **The value of HisStory**

**Started with His world, to our world. His purpose to our purpose. His plan to our plan. Resulting into his kingdom restored -**

* 1. **The Re’s of God:**
		1. **Restore, Renew, Return, Reconcile, Rejoice, Reward, Recover, Redeem, Repent Regenerate**
	2. **The end speaks –**

**Isa 46:10- I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please**

**Ecc 7:8 Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof and the patienct in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.**

**INTRODUCTION**

***The King and his kingdom***

There once was a King of an invisible kingdom that lived in a far country. The royal family included his son and his Secretary of State. The King was the Father, the son was his heir and his Secretary of State was in charge of foreign affairs. These three functioned as one unit. His kingdom was fully operational comprised of a staff, army, a hierarchical structure with governing laws and principles to sustain it. There was no other kingdom like it, as its King was eternal and everlasting and could never be replaced. One day the King decided he wanted to replicate his invisible kingdom by extending it into a faraway country. The royal family was all there when the King decreed his plan. They all talked thoroughly through the plan and every contingency that would be needed for the plan to be fulfilled. One of the first steps was given to the royal son whereby he was appointed the responsibility of all the offspring. The Secretary of State was to be the one to maintain the unity and integrity of the mind of the king in the extended country. So, the King created a habitable country he called earth and from those elements he made man. This man would now have the King’s mind as well as being endowed with dominion and authority in the earth; duplicating the operation of the Fathers kingdom. The King walked and talked with the man and gave him responsibilities and one command to adhere to. Their relationship was pure and unobstructed; they were one. To complete the process the King made a woman from a part of the man so they would procreate to rule and reign in the far country as his offspring. Now the Father’s world, purpose and plan had been fully executed in the kingdom and as the plan unfolds we can see the Fathers intentions.

As the man was learning and following the ways of his King, he broke the one command he was given through entertaining a foreign voice. That voice came from a former staff member of the King’s invisible kingdom, who we will call the stalker, an enemy of the state. He wanted to control the earth and the man. He waited for an opportune time to approach the man which caused a breach in the mans relationship with the Father. To maintain the integrity of the kingdom plan, the Father had to withdraw his Secretary of State from the man and forced the man out of his garden. The man has no more internal connection with the King and has become a hostage of the stalker. His stalker, now turned kidnapper, embraced the man into his kingdom. The man knew something had changed but did not truly grasp the entirety of the new kingdom he was now a part of. To provide a little backstory, the stalker, who originally lived in the invisible kingdom and held a very close position in the cabinet of the King, had been kicked out due to his insubordination. To get back at the King he illegally orchestrated the man’s abduction in a very cunning and deceitful manner and seduced and reduced him into his state in the kingdom of darkness. The kidnapper had nothing to offer the man but a life of labor and suffering with no hope, no future, and no plans to ever return him back to his King.

**Falling in love with the captor**

When the man was lured away from his home with no natural way of getting back to his original kingdom, he has no other recourse but to move forward or die. All the man new at this point was that he no longer walked and talked with the King so the man and his wife adjusted and adopted the behaviors and culture of his new kingdom. In today’s environment we call this Stockholm Syndrome. It is defined as the physiological condition of a victim who identifies with and empathizes with their captor. I will explain more later in a future chapter.

Immediately, the King announced his contingency recovery plan, as he knew that giving the man free will could evolve into this situation. Without haste, the king decreed to send his first born, royal son to get his man back. So, the royal son left his Fathers kingdom to find the man. The royal son went so far as to strip himself of his status in his Fathers invisible kingdom and went down to the far country where the man was. He knew just where to find the man and found him fishing on the sea. He asked the man, have you caught any fish and the man said no and pulled his boat into the shore. Then the royal son asked him, how did you get here? The man said, what do you mean, I was born in this country along with all the others you see around me. Our population keeps growing every day. The man further stated that in our country we must make our own living, get our own food, water and provide our own shelter. Everything we need we must work for. It’s hard but we all have become use to it, so who are you?

The royal son said I am from a royal family, from another far away kingdom and I have come to tell you that, it this country of your birth, this not where you are from! You are an heir to the throne of the kingdom I am from, and I have come to find you and reunite you with your real royal family. The man said this place is all I have known, why do you say that? The royal son said, you were taken hostage from our family long before you can remember. Your captor did not request a ransom for you, rather he kidnapped you and took you for his own and raised you up under his kingdom. Because of your blindness or lack of knowledge of the past event you have no idea that your identity has been hijacked. Our father has sent me to find you and tell you that you are of royal descent and to free you from your captor. Our DNA matches. We are of the same blood line which makes us inheritors of his kingdom. Even though your captor did not ask for a ransom, I know what it will take and will pay the penalty required to free you from his bondage. I hope you see how much you mean to me.

In our country you have royal status. You have access to everything our King has. You will never want for anything and he will always be by your side. The man said, how can this be? My current situation isn’t so bad. I have a way to make a living, I am use to navigating around the wars, mistreatment, anger, drunkenness, reckless behaviors and manipulations that others constantly are involved in. I help anyone who is in trouble or has a need. There are also other good people like me who will do anything to help me when I need it. That being said, I am not sure why I need to be a part of this royal family you speak of. The royal son said, “I know, this is hard for you to understand however, I promise you that when you choose to join me in our home kingdom you will see that what I am telling you is true. You will see that you are of the same image and likeness of our Father, but you must choose to come with me, I will not take you hostage or force you. I am telling you the truth but you have to trust me.

**The Kingdom revealed**

So, the man, chose to leave with the royal son to this new kingdom. As the man was departing from his old country, he met with a lot of opposition from his current family. They said he was crazy and foolish to follow someone to a place he had never experienced before. They pleaded with him and tried to stop him, but they were unsuccessful because he had made up his mind.

When the man and the royal son arrived in the new kingdom, the man was amazed. His initial introduction of the kingdom was overwhelming, he felt immediately at peace. He did not see any poor or destitute people. He did not see fighting and arguments and wars among the people. He saw that all the people that accepted and lived in this kingdom had everything in common including their wealth. There was no lack seen at all. So the man asked the royal son, when do we go fishing to get dinner? And the royal son said to him, you don’t have to work to get it, its already provided us, we just ask the King using my name and I will get you what you need. This is how we operate in our king’s kingdom. Then, the man said I left everything and brought nothing with me. I only have the clothes on my back, so what will I do for clothing? The royal son responded, you don’t have to worry about that either, our father will take care of it. Lastly, the man requested something to drink and the royal son called for someone to bring him as much water as he needed and replied, all of this is already provided for you. All you must do is learn to adapt to your new kingdom by seeking and adhering to the kingdom’s operation. By your willful acknowledgement to join me in this kingdom, you now have rights and privileges as a citizen with official immigration papers to obtain full access to all it has to offer. There are many benefits yet for you to discover that cannot be exhausted in one day. I know it is overwhelming, but it will soon be your natural way of life.

Our Kings plan was for me to pay the ransome for you to get you back so you would again be with him when I present you to him as a citizen of his kingdom. All of this is to reintroduce you to the life that you once had and not aware of because your captor stole your identity illegally and made it his own . You are now a joint-heir of the invisible kingdom along with me. Now my assignment is completed here on earth. I have to go back to our king and will not be with you physically any longer. However, I am leaving you my name as it will be the key to accessing the King and his kingdom benefits. He has put my name above every other name in creation for you and his citizens to invoke his power and presence in your earthly circumstances. Lastly, he has provided you with his Secretary of State to be your personal guide to live not only with you but in you and will teach and answer all questions you have about the kingdom. What the king likes and dislikes and how to use diplomacy to impact relations with other in the earth. He will show you how to speak the language of your home country, show you it’s operation, how to love others, how to be in right alignment with our government and be your comforter in all times of trouble. All of this is freely given to you, so you can navigate freely, knowing you are fully covered and secured by his government. Don’t allow your past to haunt you. You are now in a protected status. Our father has a host of staff in his realm that he has made available to you for your protection and nothing by any means will harm you. This is our father’s promise. Additionally, please know that you have been given an assignment to fulfill now. Receiving his citizenship is just the beginning, The king has also given you an assignment that his Secretary of State will be responsible in helping you in that process, but you must work together with him as everything he speaks comes directly from me and our Father, for we are all one. Do not fear or think you must earn this. It has been freely given to you as a citizen of his kingdom for all eternity. Your job is to learn it’s operation and fullfill your purpose in carrying out his plan in his world.

This allegory in it’s entirety is the sum total of God’s World, His Purpose and His Plan for humanity. Here, God is represented as the King, Jesus is the royal son who came to earth to redeem and provide the ransom for Fathers children. Man is represented as God creation. Holy Spirit is represented as God’s Secretary of State who is in charge of commissioning God’s power to guide, teach and lead his citizens to become diplomats in the extended kingdom. Lastly, Satan is represented as the stalker, hostage taker and kidnapper. The enemy of the State.

God’s original plan is the extension and establishment of his heavenly kingdom on the earth through his creation. He extended himself in the form of his son and his Spirit into the earth realm to defend, protect and preserve his posterity. Walk with me as we revisit the scriptures from his perspective, from his purpose and plan. Once we understand his purpose and plans it will assuredly pave the way to bring more revelation to our purpose in the fulfillment of his plans verses our plans to fulfill his purpose.

**HIS WORLD**

If you are anything like me, sometime when you read a book you skip over the introduction, preface, or forward to get to the heart of the book. If you are one of those people, I urge you to go back and read it first before you jump into the heart of the book. Perspective is everything. The vantage point from which we view something has a serious impact on our perception. We get our perspective from ours and others experiences, ideas, debates, historical events, analyst and the list goes on. Our posture, position and attitude play an important role in our ability to perceive correctly. We all bring our own truth to the table of opinions. If our posture, position, and attitude is doubt, disbelief or skepticism to any concept then our perspective won’t change.

I remember taking my son to our first professional baseball game at White Sox stadium in Chicago. His baseball training camp team had tickets for all the participants and their families. This was not just an event, for me, because I played softball throughout college and loved baseball. So we went with great expectation of being in the atmosphere with other fans and of course the game. As we entered the stadium, I pulled out our tickets and saw that we were in row 12, section 500. I was like wow these will be great seats, row 12. Little did we know that the row number did not mean a good seat it was the section number that positioned us to see the game from the best vantage point. As we continued to climb the steep stairs up and up, I realized that our view was not going to be great at all. When we sat down we could not distinguish the players and could hardly read their numbers. I mean how was I going to see the “Big Hurt” Frank Thomas up close but that was not going to happen. I chalked that experience up as a wash and made up my mind that I never had to go to another professional baseball game again, not that it was a bad experience, rather it was too much work to watch in the comfort of my own home which was the next best option.

That all changed when I received an invitation to attend another game at White Sox Stadium. My first inclination was to reject the invitation because I had already ‘been there done that”. However, my friend said to me come on, I want to show you an experience you have not seen before. We had been given Corporate Sky Box seats. Still unimpressed, I said to myself, it might be nice, but I don’t think it is going to change my perspective and worth all that time again, but I said yes. My goodness this was a whole different experience from my first experience walking in the parking lot of 7 thousand spaces, traveling up, Lord knows, how many steeps stairs, just to not have an acceptable view of the game. This time when I went in, I was directed to go to a special parking area close to the building for sky box attendees. Additionally, there was an elevator to get to the floor my seat was on. The box seat was in an air conditioned private unit and the food was top notch and endless. I had no idea that this type of experience was available. I was at the same field, watching the same players and yet because I accepted the invitation to go back and experience it from another vantage point, it opened up a whole new world for me and my perspective made a tremendous shift.

You may say well, daah, who doesn’t not know about Sky Box tickets and the amenities they have, well I was not aware. No one that was apart of my friends and family had every had this experience that I was made aware of so it was new to me. We make assumptions that everyone is knowledgeable about the simple things but that is not true as we only know what we have been exposed to, until we find that there is more to know in that same experience. This holds true concerning the Bible. One would assume that all Christians read the Bible but what I have found is that we do more listening than actual personal reading and study. Moreover, when we do actually study we often study to support what we already know. Whether you are a believer or not in Jesus and the kingdom he came to represent, do not do a disservice to yourself by not revisiting what you think you already understand, there might just be a hidden elevator and a closer parking space that leads you to a dimension in your experience that enlightens your understanding of the kingdom of God. He has the ultimate sky box seat from which we are able to sit at his feet and experience and see more than we would ever be able to do on our own.

If I had stuck with my perspective from the first game sitting in the nosebleed section and declining the second invitation, I would have missed knowing there was a much better way to experience the game. I also realized that it would be more expensive to continue to get those kinds of seats but if that is what gave me the best experience, it would be worth it every time. Actually it was not the seat that changed my mind but knowing that having access to the seat changed the game for me.

It cost to seek, to search, to pursue understanding. The question we have to ask is, are we willing to open ourself up to a new perspective or remain satisfied with what we think we know. I’m saying this to demonstrate that often the way we are introduced to something can have an everlasting impression. However, we must remain open to see the same situation from another perspective to get a better understanding before we make a final determination or assessment of it’s value In doing so, we may find that the things that we once held sacred and received as facts will now have to bow before the truth we have received. Being amenable is the key to get to true understanding. As the bible says

*He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live.****5****Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.****6****Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee.****7****Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding – Proverbs 4:4-7*

**THE ESTATE PLANNER**

Everything starts in the mind; even in the mind of God. The paradox of this book is how to know the history of someone who is the first and eternal being in the universe. When it comes to knowing his mind, is it possible for anyone to attempt to impart such understanding? Where is the data? All throughout the bible it records historical events but it does not explain how they happened. As a human, we can only fill in the unexplainable gaps with our limited knowledge or dismiss the event as false. However, God has left clues within his words in the Bible that will lead us to more answers and the only way to find them is by seeking him. I am not attempting to be God, nor saying that I have exhausted every answer one could possibly have, as we are the creature not the creator. I believe he reveals himself by rolling back the curtain of eternity to give his citizens insight into his mind for the fulfillment of his purposes. Deuteronomy 29:29 says it clearly.

The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

To get a glimpse of his mind is to view him as the master Estate Planner. Once we acknowledge him as creator believing he is the legal owner of everything we can branch off from there. The everything that he owns he calls his kingdom. A great man of God, Dr Myles Munroe, cited the best definition of the kingdom of God stating, “The kingdom of God is the governing influence of a king over his territory impacting it with his personal will purpose and intent producing a culture with values, morals and a life style that reflects the kings desires and nature for his citizens”. That being said and in alignment with scripture we can visualize him as the master estate planner.

So let’s look at what makes him a master estate planner. He must have assets an extensive area of land (the universe) that has a landowner (Haggai 2:8, PS 50:10-12, Ps 24:1, Co 1:17, Ps 115:16, 1 Peter 4:10) *God’s Estate planning definition* is the preparation of tasks that serve to manage his asset base to ensure it’s inheritors are the recipients of said estate as deemed by the planner. The *planning* includes the settlement(to give or leave by will or the handing down) of assets to one’s heirs. Most *estate* plans are set up with the help of an attorney experienced in *estate* law (1 John 2:1). Wills are another aspect of ones’ estate plan. They deal with the pay out of the assets at ones’ death (John 14:25) as well as includes other directives like power of attorney, health care decisions, beneficiaries, as well as testator, guardian, and executor. (1Tim 2:5, Heb 9:15). All of which he fulfills.

In order for us to understand God’s history we have to see it from his perspective as the master estate planner of the world he created. The idea here is that God preplanned His estate from His mind. In His wisdom He pre-solved every possibility, dotted every “I” and crossed every “T” before he gave it physical formation with his words. As much as we may want to question his decisions or any other creator’s decision of why they made a product. The answers will always remain in their will and purpose. We can alter the product but the product will always be able to perform its creators purpose. We will explore this later when we discuss what he did before the foundation of the world.

Let me say it this way. If I were to ask you, when did your life start, what would you say? Most of us would respond with the day we are born.  Others would say when my parent(s) found out they were pregnant. I submit to you that although those responses are acceptable, neither of those answers are fully correct.  In the perfect world that God created, the answer is, we started out as an idea in our parent’s mind. From that idea a plan for our life was formulated.  We did not just arrive in this world by accident, regardless of what you were told or may think regarding the circumstances of your birth.

The idea was not just to have a boy or girl, it was to provide and prepare for life.  A life that would demonstrate the love and affection toward you by your parents putting their plans into action.  Their planning included providing the right nutrients to help you develop in the womb, taking proper vitamins etc, how they get to this hospital when labor starts, preparing your room  with all the things you need to be cared for properly.  Nurturing you to navigate within the world from how to eat, love, give, walk, talk and behave.  Showing you that if you followed their instructions nothing would be impossible for you to accomplish and they would do all they could to protect you..

 After all that, wisdom advised your parents to create a plan that would cover how they would respond if you chose to become disobedient.  They knew that since you would be born with free will, which would require a disciplinary plan to be in place.  It was never their intention for you to choose to follow the instructions from another voice other than theirs.  Your free will automatically offered a threat to the life’s plan they had prepared.  The thought of your rebellion or requesting emancipation never entered their minds.   So, a deterrent had to be put into place.  Something severe enough so as to keep you on the path and plan they established.  This idea of inflicting punishment was not made from anger but out of love (Prov 16:4).  Free will has consequences and we will talk about this more in later chapters, but we must know that when we don’t choose, we are choosing an the impacts of those non choices will become evident.

The ideas in their imagination had now been resolved and their approach agreed upon.   Now it was time to implement the plan and your parents announced their attentions to bring the actual psychical life forth and they became pregnant. The parallel being, that much thought went into God’s preparing for humanities existence. Ephesians 1:4 tells us that we were in Christ before the foundation of the world. He then singled out one of the nine planets, the earth, to be the place to plant his future family. How is that for planning! In the remaining chapters of this book I will set the frame work for God’s HiStory of his world, his purpose and his plan which started from eternity and ending in eternity.

In summary, we have outlined God as master Estate Planner and visualizing his perspective like newly weds planning for their children. Now that I have given you a conceptualization of his plan, we can take those mental images as a part of the big picture of his purpose. This will frame our ideology, which will impact our theology and philosophy infiltrating our mentality and attitude toward the Kingdom of God. We cannot go into his realm with our ideas. Everything must be driven from his perspective if our goal is to be accurate in our assessment for his construct of our lives. Honestly, to say that we can reconstruct his world and plan would be like a baby coming out of it’s mother’s womb and telling her how and why they came into existence while advising her of the plan for their life. Humanity has no capacity to conceive of God’s kingdom by themselves. We need to know his word so we can know the person.

***HOW WE THINK***

We have been given a mind to think, to reason things out in a logical format. This can be a positive and a negative trait. Positive in terms of our ability to extract more out of a subject and negative in that we overthink or conclude with our best thinking on a matter. Man does not just conclude on something it is driven from the base or core of their thoughts. Most of our core thoughts come from external experiences. God says to put line upon line and precept upon precept. Today, we don’t use the term precept very often we talk in terms of concepts being a formulation of ideas. In God’s world His concepts come from his precepts. So what are precepts? The word precept means “take beforehand” which can be translated as the original thought from his mind. So God established precepts, his original thoughts about his kingdom and he had them written in the scriptures so that we would not build new precepts, concepts, ideas, philosophies, mentalities or attitudes in addition to what he has already stated. The reason for this was to ensure we utilize the same foundation for obtaining his truth that would become our truth.

Here is an example of a precept that was established in western culture. When the United States of America decided to break away from the tyranny of England and form their own nation, here is what their original thought was when they established their constitution,

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

That precept was penned into their constitution by the founding fathers, whether their full intentions were to see all men equal or not, nevertheless this is how it was written. The goal to ensure that there would be no disparity between humanity (at least those whom they called human) in their new contry. Their desire was to rid themselves from the oppression of the British government which birthed their concept and idea of freedom. So they all agreed and the constitution was established.

Somehow later in the country’s development, division entered with a plan to exploit other humans, depending on ones view of what a human was at that time, and slavery was adopted in this new world. Slavery is the antithesis of equality. This now challenged the original precept of equality of men and instituted a system where freedom was to rule, the “unalienable rights” for some now became privileges based on another’s determination. So a new foundation, precept was established in the country which changed the precept of freedom and almost 250 years later they are still in process of rectifying the original precept.

So how does this relate to the bible? To show us the importance of precepts and how they set the stage for the development of our thinking. Everything begins and end with our mind. When new information comes in our mind looks looks for a file in our brain that has previous information and or experience. If an experience or file is found, without further or deeper investigation, we launch our conclusions from that platform. No matter how limited the information is, if it sounds plausible we run with it. Right wrong or indifferent, we will go with what we “know” or follow the most credible evidence we can conceive in our mind based on its moral beliefs. This can lead to great error and deception because as finite beings we have not experienced, read, had personal involvement nor expertise to all things concerning life on or out of this planet. Therefore, if our concepts concerning God, are limited due to the application of our facts that make up our truth, that were not fully vetted based on his precepts our entire understanding of his world, purpose and plan are off course. As citizens of the kingdom we can no longer afford to be inerrant with God’s plan as he has already spoken his precepts in the scriptures. Our job is to trust that what he has spoken is the truth and not to be changed or challenged. Knowing that truth does not have an expiration. God’s words never become old fashion or out of date. Why, because he is the originator or it all. As the scriptures say in Romans 3:4 “…let God be true but every man a liar…

**Setting the table**

So, we have read that it is of the utmost importance to hold true to the precepts/original ideas God set forth so we can accurately interpret, first, his role and secondly our role in his kingdom. Since we believe he is the creator and ruler of all things then we have to step out of our finite understanding and into his mind through his lenses. We did not precede him, he proceeded us. No matter who you are, reading this book, you are influenced by the culture from which you were raised or currently live in and therefore your context of a given situation will be dominated by those experiences. You must have an open mind to walk in someone else’s shoes to understand what their motivation is. If you have ever experienced living in a different culture, you know that everything you do does not necessarily translate from one culture to another. You find that some things are permissible in the new culture that would never be tolerated and vice versa. Therefore, to communicate correctly in a new culture, the concepts of that culture cannot be ignored you must become emersed into it. As the scripture you must be born again, to see the kingdom of God, but we will get into that later. If within your new culture they drive on the left hand side of the road and your experience has been with driving on the right hand side then you will have to adjust and relearn the mechanics from their perspective. You don’t get to drive on the right-hand side because it is comfortable for you. You have to adapt, otherwise you will cause an accident and potentially put yourself and others’ lives in danger, all because of your unwillingness to adjust.

In God’s realm, his kingdom, he has established has an operation. His realm is not a bunch of cumulus clouds where thundering and lightening comes from. It’s a realm that has functionality, hierarchy, roles and positions and creatures who carryout and support his plans. It is invisible to us and hard to fathom as our nature is to believe what we can see and doubt what we cannot. This is one thing our captor made sure we became cognizant of. The closest structure of how the operation of a king and his kingdom can be depicted is through a absolute monarchical structure. In that structure they have a king or Queen, who is in the position as the sovereign (divine ruler) of the government. They have absolute authority over the countries they rule. They have Secretary of States who are handpicked by the king who are sent to foreign territories to establish and transform the colony into the image and likeness of the home country. They have a protocol that is to be followed when the king travels to the territory that includes official communications that are sent to the colony long in advance of the king or queens arrival. Their position can only be inherited by their offspring. The crown jewels never belong to the sitting king or queen, they belong to the sovereign nation. Note, man does not have original thought, and with this construct God was attempting to reveal to man how he wanted his divine kingdom to rule and reign in the world. The people of antiquity had the revelation but failed again in the execution of who was to be in that sovereign position.

So we must keep in mind to understand his realm is outside of our natural capabilities to conceive, just like, how a sperm and an egg create a human, or knowing the day a human is conceived, the day they will be born or will die, or how a planet can come into existence with a built in ecological system that sustains itself. All of this is unfathomable to our minds, which proves there is something greater outside of our human existence. Only our creator, the original scientist, who’s words contained the biological nucleus that began and sustains all things can explain and reveal to humanity what he wants us to know. Since he is outside of our world our scientist inside the earth have made their life’s goal to unpack what has already begun in God’s realm. This is why their outcomes are called theories. They are just educated guesses because the original biology did not come from within the earth but from without the earth. Honestly the proof that we have scientist solidifies the fact that there is a God. So how do we get behind the scenes, if it were, to understand his realm as that is where his precepts/original ideas can be found.

**INSIGHT TO HIS WORLD**

The question becomes what can we know about a world that none of us can physically step in and out of at any time to report on? I always wondered what happened before the earth was. I asked God the question why didn’t you start the bible with the operation in your heavenly realm? It would appear to me that if he had of started there, it would have made things possibly a little clearer. In his own way, he lead me back to a couple of scriptures the evolved around seeking him. It is easy to read a book from cover to cover and obtain the story line and outcomes. I don’t want to oversimplify it but it’s like “Where’s Waldo” the great picture hunt most of us seen in magazines, well I am dating myself, as in today’s environment, there are probably virtual magazine representations of this in the form of an online game. Nevertheless, the object was to search the crowded page(s) of items to find Waldo. The ones who would not give up and continue to look at every single object, among hundreds, would eventually find him, but the ones who did not want to invest that much time, gave it a glance, made excuses, or moved on to other puzzles that were easier to feel successful at. So, it is with God. His desire is for us to seek him out utilizing the scriptures. To use and understand his words within their cultural context and definitions to get the pure meaning and translation. Let me say here understanding God is not just an intellectual engagement of the study of the bible. It is to be used in conjunction of being in relationship with him so that he can tell us the spirit of what he is saying so interpretation is accurate. Like lawyers practice in the justice system; there is the law but they also argue the spirit of the law as apart of their defense. I will let you look more into that yourself. Nevertheless. seeking is an arduous process, but very profitable to those that persevere.

Being the thorough God he is, he left us clues to his realm, but they are hidden in plain sight. The reason we overlook the clues is because of what I talked about earlier, we see and interpret things out of our own experience and education, that honestly is not that comprehensive. We are not that smart in an of ourselves. What I am about to show you is the result of a word study that helped me close the gap in my understanding of the timing of things and how that timing impacted my interpretation of the scriptures. Here are some phrases from the scriptures that provides us more revelation into his realm. I am only going to provide you an example of one of the below phrases, that reveal his world before the earth was. You can do research on the remaining, you will be amazed and it will cause you to study more.

\* before the foundation of the world

\* from the foundation of the world​

\* before ordained

\* ancient times

\* afore prepared unto glory​

\* before the world began​

\* in the beginning​

\*  from the beginning of creation

The first example is Ephesians 1:4 “According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love” I had read that scripture and quoted it many times, but the words, “before the foundation of the world”, had never jumped out at me. I just put this scripture into the predestination bucket and left it there. However, when taking those words into consideration it made me ask the question why God would influence the writer to use that phrase. From that question several things became impressed upon my thoughts. One, that humanity was on God’s mind before he physically created the earth, i.e. man predates earth. That is kind of awesome to think about. Secondly, this positioned humanity in Jesus, impregnated, as if it were, predestined to have his DNA, which is why we can call him Father. Thirdly, it pre-solved how mankind could be redeemed by Jesus because he was our original owner, parent, legal guardian. Whether we like it or not all of humanity carries his DNA which are our identifying marks. However, we can reject and become emancipated from our parents by our own will. Keeping in mind that never releases them from being your biological heritage. His DNA is in the blood and the blood is where life is. The proof that Jesus was with God before creation of man can be found here in Proverbs 8:23-3

**23**I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.

**24**When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no

fountains abounding with water. **25**Before the mountains were settled, before

 the hills was I brought forth: **26**While as yet he had not made the earth, nor

 the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. **27**When he prepared

the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:

**28**When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains

 of the deep: **29**When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should

not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:

 **30**Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight,

rejoicing always before him;

In looking up the definition of the phrase set up from everlasting, I found that everlasting is defined in Hebrew as perpetual, continuous existence. I was so literal in my reading and understanding that if Jesus name was not spoken or written in the Old Testament that he did not come about until the story of the immaculate conception of Mary. My mind was affixed on “my truth” that he was not born yet. Having found this scripture it made we revisit other scriptures namely Genesis 1:26 when God said let us make man in our image and in our likeness. My question became who was the “US”? Again in “my truth” if Jesus’ name was not spoken of or referred to as Jesus then he was not in the Old Testament.

What I found is that sprinkled throughout the scriptures, and not in chronological order, God uses words to give us insight to his realm but if we don’t inspect or dissect the words we will miss their intended meaning. We must remember that accurate interpretation must come from the original language that was written. Am I suggesting that everyone become a scholar of Hebrew and Greek, no. It is not a requirement, but it won’t hurt us as part of our seeking. The scripture in 2 Timothy 2:15 that says to study to show thyself approved and in Matthew 6:33 that says seek ye first the kingdom of God was not written to those in leadership, rather to everyone who desires to know him. God has given us spiritual and natural tools to find him. Whether through worship, prayer, reading his work and revelation, his Spirit speaks to us and leads us into all his truth. Don’t just rely upon the many online speakers, study aids, educational degrees and reference materials that bring light and illumination to our understanding, he has to be apart of the equation. All we must do is to utilize them. Take the time to study out the other phrases I outlined above and see how he will reveal himself to you so that your understanding becomes more fruitful.

**Heaven Fractured**

Before we close this chapter we must talk about a main event that occurred before the earth was. No, it is not dinosaurs, nor where did God come from but the antagonist in his story, Satan. It is his inception that led to his deception of himself and now has become problematic for humanity. How could and would God conceive the idea of something with diabolical character in his world. Moreover,as a part of our insufficient catalogue of data, when we come in contact with this story of Satan we automatically deduce that since God created all things, and the devil is an evil thing, therefore God must be evil. Or is he? No, God is not evil, nor did he create evil. His precept of free will is the catalyst of evil in that free will makes evil possible. Granting man free will was his greatest act of love because in his wisdom he knew that opening that capability for us to choose could have outcomes he did not desire. Being the creator that he is he built into his purpose and plan how to circumvent these affects.

Let me explain, Satan is evil but he was not created evil, just like man was not created evil. However, the outcomes that we have seen over millennia ares showing us the opposite of what God said was good from the beginning. Often we adopt a mentality that if a thing causes bad outcomes, then the goodness of the thing can become questionable despite the original prototypes purpose and impact it aids in the advancement of society, i.e. technology, art, science, media etc. It is imperative that we keep in mind it is not the thing that creates evil rather the manipulation of the thing. All things created in God’s realm has a divine purpose for his world. Those purposes were never meant to become distorted but because of Free Will, it opened the door to make evil possible. As a good father he provided a path with boundaries and guard rails believing that man would choose his plans over ours. We must remember that free will is not free, if choice is taken away. If we had no free will, we would be robots and today we would call it artificial intelligence; neither of which God desired for his creation. Free will is the embodiment of the real love God has for his creation despite knowing it’s potential abuse.

**Satan’s beginning**

However, the last piece of heavens realm I want to highlight is about God’s antagonist, Satan. Where did this serpent come from, who created him and who let him into God’s perfect garden? Initially, when I was taught the bible, I did not question what I was told, I just believed it, even if detailed explanations were left out. As I got older my curiosity wanted answers. All throughout my personal and academic studies in Seminary, I still did not find the answer to those questions and at the same time I did not allow these unanswered questions to hinder my belief in God. I planted my feet and moved forward with what I knew and believed and kept it moving. About seven years ago I stumbled upon a teaching from Dr. Paula A Price about Satan’s origin that I had never heard. What I experienced in that teaching was like stumbling across a shade tree and a breeze in the middle of a hot desert. So, I was provoked to study more and God brought three passages of scripture that spoke of Satan’s origin that I had never placed together. As a side note, I must mention that this does not negate other teachings on this subject, as they all were building block of my theology to get me to this place I am sharing with you. However, I have found that if that revelation is not followed up with a personal commitment to study, then the revelation will not become imprinted in ones mind to promote spiritual growth. Which is why I mentioning the scripture earlier that references our command to study to show ourselves approved unto God not men. **If we are honest with ourselves, most of our spiritual understanding is made up of what we have heard and not what we have studied.** It is made up of what we can believe is true and not what is God’s truth. I know I am painting a broad brush so if that is not your story don’t be offended. If it is your story, we still have an opportunity to get understanding.

**Satan’s rise and fall**

The scriptures that present us with Satan’s beginnings, character, motivation, and plight are as follows. In Isaiah 14:12-17 it speaks of Satan being cast out of heaven for his rebellion desiring to be like God. Ezekiel 28:13-19 it speaks of the close seat that Satan, formerly Lucifer, held next to God in heaven and how his pride became his demise. Revelation 12:4 it speaks to a war in heaven where Satan fought with God’s angels, and was cast to the earth while taking 1/3 of the angels with him. Luke 10:18 telling his disciples stating that he saw Satan fall like lightening from heaven. Gen 1:2 which references God reference to what he saw when he was creating the earth.

What I am proposing here is that all of the events in the scriptures I previously mentioned took place or references things that occurred in God’s realm and not on earth. There is an operation of heaven, consisting of a King who created divine creatures. Those creatures are the makeup of his staff and structure. They are called angels with varying roles, i.e. Warrior angels like Michael and Messenger angels like Gabriel, seraphim angels who are part human in form and cherubs other celestial beings. Lucifer wwas one of those angels that held a position. His name means light bearer. He obviously had position and access to God to see and hear some of the inner conversations concerning God’s plan for the earth and humanity. Somewhere in that process pride rose up and he plotted to unseat God, i.e. that same spirit that entered Judas with Jesus and Annanias and Sapphira when they lied to the Holy Ghost. The operation of heaven must have been very awesome for him to conceive a coup attempt against the government of God. This became proof to me that there were things going on in heaven besides the Godhead sitting in the Throne room waiting for the time he was to tell Jesus to go and retrieve his children. Then I read in Rev12 about the war in heaven and Satan taking 1/3 of the angels with them being cast to the earth. I was perplexed relating this to a pre earth event until I studied Gen 1:2.

It was in studying the Hebrew words in this verse that brought out imagery that speaks to the pre-earth atmospheric conditions when God spoke the earth into existence. In that verse, the writer seem used terminology that was very descriptive and distinct but if we are not careful we just look over some important details. He used the words, being void, without form, dark and a deep watery abyss. The implication is that there was something previously in God’s realm that he was going to use to form the earth. If there was nothing but God’s presence, why would he not say, God looked out into space and said…let there be. As I broke down the Hebrew definitions in parenthesis of the bolded words from Gen 1:2, it would read like this.

The **earth** (land, country, ground) was without **form**(formlessness,

confusion, unreality, place of chaos), and **void** (empty); and **darkness**

(misery, destruction, death, ignorance, sorrow, wickedness) *was* on

the **face** (*in the presence of*) of the **deep** (abyss-as a surging mass of water). ​ And the **Spirit** (Wind/Breath) of God was **hovering** (brooding – think deeply

about something that makes one unhappy) over the **face** (*In the presence of*)

of the **waters** (*Urine, semen – piss*).​

Wow, this is a gamechanger from how one would read it from their own culture and language. That earth appears to have all the aspects that represent Satan after being cast to the earth. In heaven his name and character represented light and now he is darkness. In heaven he was in peace and now chaos. He went from the presence of God and now a part of a watery existence of feces. And then in Genesis 1:3 God said let there be light. Light on what? Light to dispel the darkness which was existent in the stratosphere. I did not make up these definitions, therefore the scriptures reveal that God created the earth within this atmospheric confusion where Satan was cast to which enabled him to be a spirit in the earth realm when God finished. After having studied this, I had a question I presented to God and asked, why didn’t you annihilate Satan for this rebellion? Couldn’t you continue your plan without his presence? Seeing that within 3 chapters in the book he caused a division between you and mankind? God’s answer to me was, no, because everything I create is eternal. He pre-solved all of this prior to the earth’s creation. There are two places of eternity, one being heaven and the other hell. In his original plans heaven was for those who acknowledge Jesus as Lord and live for him and the other as hell, for the devil and those who reject him Matt 25:41. All of his plans are eternal, and he committed to them from the beginning regardless of our choices. He upholds his world by his words.

Now, this is where the remaining scriptures in Rev 12 and Luke 10 come into play.

If Revelation 12 is an eschatological event that propelled Satan out of heaven for the last time, then how do we explain the atmospheric conditions of the stratosphere of heaven when God created the earth in the beginning. Secondly, why would Jesus make a pre earth statement to the 70 disciples he had sent out to various cities to preach after they reported to him the authority they experienced over demons. At this point Jesus interjects what he experienced in seeing Satan fall from heaven. If Satan’s fall from heaven was a future event (Rev 12), what value does it bring in this context. It becomes apparent that Jesus is trying to confirm who he is by telling them what he witnessed. As I said earlier, the events of scripture are not necessarily written in chronological order and only through careful seeking and revelation can these happenings be understood. You don’t have to take my word for it, study and seek revelation, just don’t hold on to the truth that you have heard and not studied for yourself. Lastly, it is my hope that these scripture references fill in any major gaps in your understanding as they did mine which assured me that God never changed his mind or altered his plans for humanity.

Stockholm Syndrome

With Satan’s fall to earth this opened more questions for me. So, I asked God how is it that man is unaware of our captivity under Satan’s rule, and he likened it to a worldly concept called Stockholm Syndrome. His reply to my questions stated, “when I created man with my hands from the dust, he was nothing more than a body. However, when I breathed my breath, my lifeforce, my Spirit was placed into man he became a living soul. My breath was not just wind or air rather the same breath used to speak the universe into existence, it brought forth life. This time with man, I put my identifying markers in him, which included my intellect, my mind, my thoughts, my desires and at the same time gave him free will. Man was full of me and we were one. I did not have to teach him evil or advise him regarding the subject as it was unnecessary as long as we were one. Essentially man was not aware that he had free will because he found no occasion to exercise it. In my sovereignty it was my decision that as long as we were one there would be no need to explain what was not being experienced. I know my creation and the mind that I gave them and too much information would work against them. Remembering this is not about their plans but my plan. The inflection point was would man maintain that oneness, or would he exercise his free will?” I said, ok I can understand that however who or how would man exercise his free will, when there was no one else on the planet but the three of you. God said, “who told you that the only humans spoke on the earth, all life was my creation and part of man’s dominion authority is exercised by being able to speak to it and it speak back. Do you recall the scripture in Romans (8:19) that says that creation is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God. This implies that creation has eyes. The scripture in (Deut. 20:8), when God told Moses to speak to the rock in front of the people so it would give water This implies creation has ears. The scripture (Luke 19:40) where Jesus tells the Pharisees that he will not shut up his disciples because if he did the stones would cry out. This implies that creation can speak. Lastly, the scripture in (Deut. 30:19) where God says he will call heaven and earth as a witness against us. Therefore, the creation he made can communicate with one another.” He reminded me that communication in his kingdom domain is different than the earth.

Lastly, when he cast Satan to the earth, he became an illegal spirit with no power or authority because he was stripped of all his heavenly qualities and had not earthly body. Nevertheless, Satan’s mission was still the same, to have power over all creation. Having been in close position with God, in his former estate, he knew God’s operation and stance on loyalty. His mastermind figured out that for him to be legal in the earth he had to gain access to a body, so he manipulated the serpent to use his body to communicate with the woman. How do we know this? Because the serpent was cursed for his actions just as the man and woman. Because of this treason by the woman and the man they now have opened their lives to another kingdom they were unaware of. The kingdom of darkness, evil had now come upon them. Everything about them changed, their eyesight, emotions, demeanor, and their character. I believe at that instance; the Holy Spirit left their bodies and God’s light left them. Satan is celebrating now because he believes he has the whole world at his behest as man is now castrated from God, just like he was, which makes him king over mankind. He now holds the power and control of the destiny of man except for the fact that God had already pre-solved how he would legally get man back which will be discussed in later chapters.

Continuing with how this Stockholm Syndrome works, now that man has been taken captive under this new authority, God’s is no longer his guide or confident. I don’t honestly believe that man understood the gravity of his situation at the time however he carried on with his life and did not look back. Thekingdom of darkness now filled man and man’s heart became hardened against God. As mankind began to populate in the earth it became very apparent the darkness and depravity man was operating under. The impacts of Satan’s illegal authority was in full affect because we see the first murder occurring with the first family of the earth. Satan’s spiritual authority over mankind’s soul offers a clear picture of how man never fought back against his captor. As time went on more and more sinister behavior was occurring in the earth as we see in Gen 6:5-6 “And God saw the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.” To explain this spiritual syndrome a little better is to think about how we as humans adjust to physical darkness with our eyes. For example, on any given day as the sun starts to go down and the light silently creeping out of a room, the day transitions to the evening. It happens very subtly, almost undetectable because we have an innate response in our bodies that tells our eyes to adjust the darker it gets. For example, when you have been sitting in a room doing homework or working in the daylight and as the day goes on the light gets dimmer in the room and someone comes in and says why is it so dark in here? How can you see? Our typical response is that we can see fine, and we tell the person that you are the one that needs all that light. Is the person right who is sitting in the dark or have they just adjusted to the darkness so much so that the light has lost it’s significance and value to them. They don’t know it, but they are putting unnecessary strain on their eyes which in turn makes it harder for them to focus and creates negative impacts on their brains even though they can still function. The same holds true for the grip Satan has on our lives. The longer that grip of darkness shrouds our minds, the dimmer our light gets, and we adjust and learn to navigate within it giving us that Stockholm Syndrome affect, not seeing the full impact of our situation despite others who are constantly telling us to turn the lights on. This is a picture of the sheer state of depravity man is in today without God. Totally estranged from God, captivated by the darkness they have lived in for so long. Which is why one of the names of Jesus is the light of the world. Matthew 4:16 confirms this as it says, The people which sat in darkness saw great light, and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.” This was in regard to Jesus beginning to start his ministry on earth as he was that great light. He would be the pathway for man’s redemption to be loosed from the grips of Satan if they believed. (SEE Appendix B.) Another confirming scripture is found in 2 Tim 2:26 And *that* they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will. And a third scripture Colossians 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated un into the kingdom of his dear son. It is hard for man to fathom that he is not in control of himself. We just outlined from the scripture it’s confirmation, we now have to believe it. Man is not okay without God.

**The sovereignty of God**

The effects of Adam’s treason continued to grow and grow until God said enough and brought the flood to destroy all but 8 people and representatives of the animal kingdom to begin again. This action was not a display of God changing his mind about man, nor doing it over, rather the showing of his sovereignty over his earth and his creation. Up to this point mankind had never experienced such an event like this. If God had never shown himself with this level of authority over all creation, we would never believe his promises of how he would move heaven and earth on our behalf as well as how he would bring his plan to completion at the end of the age. Understanding sovereignty is not a concept that we utilize much in the western world as we live in a Democratic system that never allows anyone to have that much control over us, or so we think. When we try to apply our human mind to how and why God moves the way he did or does we are quietly saying that we know more than he does. But how can we the creation advise the creator on his actions. As the scripture says in Isa 55:8-9

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.**9**For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Does this make God egocentric, a control freak, bi-polar or a narcissist? No, as the authority of the creator, they have the right to establish the purpose, use and definition of their creation. This is why every product that we purchase has an instruction manual. Within that manual, the manufacturer outlines what the product is capable of, it’s maintenance schedule, and it parts. It’s guarantees and warrantees exercise the authority over how things will be handled in case of malfunction. Any distortion, misuse, abuse of the product will not be tolerated and the guarantee and or warrantee may be denied. They have a right to assess the use and pass judgement on it’s misuse and or abuse. This is what sovereignty is, the creator having authority over what he created.

When we look at most of the sovereign acts of God, i.e. allowing Satan to be in the earth, Cain to kill Able, the people of Babel to attempt to build a tower to heaven, the flooding of the earth and destroying all but 8 people and a segment of the animal kingdom. Sending destruction to Sodom and Gomorrah, allowing innocent children die and mothers mourn so that Moses and Jesus life could be spared. Allowing Satan to try Job, and Joseph to be put in a pit by his brothers. The opening of the red sea, the walls of Jerrico falling down, his command for the destruction of life of those who were not a part of his covenant, the swallowing of his own prophet by a big fish for 3 days, allowing his servants Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to go into the fiery furnace, and Daniel to be put into the lion’s den. These are just a microcosm of his sovereign acts God demonstrated after man rejected him in the garden Our human minds want to ask why did those actions have to be handled in that manner, wasn’t there a better way? As I said earlier, he will use any imperfection, mistake, mishap, or even our willful sin to complete his purpose to providing man with proof of his authority and power to ensure us that he is for us not against us because we are his plan.

These acts are not just isolated incidences for us to memorize and internalize for our knowledge rather to gain insight to the Fathers external and eternal plans which often conflict with our human sentiments. Some of his sovereign acts will not make sense in the time they are committed but will provide a launching point later in our reading of scripture to make connections in the consistency of his character. For example, did he need to flood the earth? We ask what was his point? That was such a harsh thing to kill all those people. But what if he chose that sovereign act because he wanted humanity to know the full capability of his power as a reference point. Not to make man fearful, but to reverence his authority and trust in his promises. We don’t like to stop and consider what had to die so that God’s plan lived. We often allow those acts to present a dilemma, a bittersweet victory or possibly seen as evil, arrogant, and non-loving actions. The result is a distortion of our understanding of him. This would lead to one allowing their emotions to take on a mentality that becomes for or against God. Humans are a complex people, because when his sovereign act calls for God to step in and grant us victory, we take the win but when a situation comes about that appears to be devastating to an individual or others’ lives we question his action. If we are not careful, we take sides allowing our sentiments to prevail over his purposes. Our flesh always wants to find another way for everyone to win and no one to lose.

What we must learn is that in the submission process it requires us to follow and trust him. Submission is not what we do when we agree, submission demonstrates a character trait of the one who has committed to submit to the King. This does not mean God does not care about our feelings, as the scripture says he is near the brokenhearted. Again, his goal(s) is tied up with fulfilling his purposes as our sovereign king. The point being is that we need to understand him, rather than just hearing a message that will inspire us. I’m not saying that inspiration is not good rather, our focus should be more on the messenger’s purpose, what his sovereign will is in each situation. We should look to understand the Father through his eyes by asking him, what am I supposed to learn, see and or do with this information. It is summed up in John 17:3 when Jesus said, “And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou has sent”. This solidifies why we can have hope and trust in the scriptures as the master estate planner thoroughly planned for our future with him long before he created the earth. Humanity was set up for success despite any possible outcome that could occur. This is the good news of why the kingdom had to come on earth so that God could reveal his love, for his creation even though we were not looking for it

HIS PURPOSE - Jesus

The birth of the Airplane – It was miraculous that the Wright brothers discovered how to make a plane and then fly it in the sky way above the earth. This was a great addition to humankinds’ ability to travel at faster speeds, over mountainous terrain, vast seas. Gaining the ability to travel to international destinations that exposed and united the world to other cultures and nations. Before their invention there was only one way to travel internationally, and it was by boat. This new way provided so many physical, financial and global opportunities of access to goods and services and the hotel and entertainment industries that one could only experience on television. Wow, what a phenomenal invention by those brothers. Initially personal travel was only available to a certain class of people who could pay the price and later it was made more accessible so more people could take advantage of seeing the world. So what should man do now to get more people to fly, go and tell others to come to North Caroline and shake hands with the Wright Brothers? Should we tell them to celebrate the wings of the plane that keep it balanced, or the engine, that causes the plane to fly, or the black box that can track the plane in case of an accident. No, we celebrate the fact that because of their commitment and dedication to perfecting their invention we can now fly to the destination of our choice. We acknowledge them for their contribution because If it had not been for them, we would not have access. They have done their job and now we need to take advantage of the new pathway and get to our new destination. The plane gives us new freedom we never had. Without the plane, we would be limited in our world communications, personal relationships and experience of the land, animals and culture that God has placed in the earth. What does this have to do with God’s purpose. Purpose has to do with the why of things. What was God’s purpose for the earth and secondly, placing man in it? If we don’t understand the why’s, then we will fill in the gaps with our individual thoughts and create chaos and confusion. I don’t assume that I have been given all the answers to why God did what he did but I have taken clues from his word to offer his perspective on his purpose. But this chapter will focus on why Jesus had to come to the earth. Jesus is not the answer, but Jesus is the way to get to our desired destination. The kingdom is the answer and I will explain as we go along.

Now that the invisible kingdom had been seemingly fractured from Satan’s rebellion in heaven and his hijacking of humanity on earth, God’s original plan is still in force. As we progress, we will see that with God and in life, when things occur that may seem to thwart his original idea, it does not mean he changes his original plan. He sticks to it. He made a promise to himself and humanity in Isaiah 46:10-11 stating “Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, **My counsel shall stand** and **I will do all my pleasure**…**I have purposed it, I will do it**. This premise keeps us knowing that despite what happens he will use any imperfection, mistake, mishap, or even our willful sin to complete his purpose. If he was not committed to his purpose, none of what I’m writing and what you’re reading would matter. God stands behind his word!

**THE BLUPRINT**

As we discussed earlier through one of God’s sovereign acts, he flooded the earth due to the depravity of his creation and kept a remnant of his creation, Noah and his family and a subsection of the animal kingdom and shut them in an Ark to preserve them for his plan. He established himself through Abraham and his descendants to create a chosen nation of people that would be in covenant with him. This people would be the examples of the invisible God and his kingdom on earth via a blood covenant. He made promises to him, namely that through him, and his seed, all the families of the earth will be blessed. This blessing was the place where God not only was speaking to Abraham’s physical seed through birth but also set the table for any seed that would come under the governance of his covenant promise. Furthermore, what he is really establishing is a spiritual blueprint. Blueprints establish the height, width, doors, windows and walls that ensure that the integrity of what is being built will be able to withstand the planned functionality and usability. Basically, confirming the building will be fit for what is going to be accomplished in it. What we find in the Old Testament, was God actually constructing a spiritual dwelling that he eventually would inhabit in man. Showing us his access point, as well as what his kingdom will have to offer once we enter in.

To prepare his chosen people to understand his blueprint, he worked with his leaders to set up a governing structure to be followed that included leadership roles, laws and a sacrificial system. This laid down the foundation of who he is, what he desires and why he can be trusted. The carrying out of these laws and rituals, was not to be seen to conjure up, pacify or placate him, rather it was a demonstration of their commitment and reverence to him as their God by following his commands. Commitment always requires sacrifice. Ask any professional, no one who gets to the peak of their performance gets there without sacrifice and that sacrifice is a continuation throughout one’s career. This is God forging the path of his purpose for mankind to commit their ways to him as he has to us.

One of the paradoxes of God is that he created mankind to be like himself. In doing so man was to use that dominion power he was granted to keep things in order in the earth. Ps 115:16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lords, but the earth hath he given to the children of men. We have been given a responsibility in our planet to reveal his blueprint in our lives. As a demonstration of his power, God had to lead his people from his realm of heaven to train and test their loyalty. He never withdrew his precept of free will, so the possibility of man’s rejection is ever present of his guidance. Nevertheless, God never fears potential consequences because he backs up his words and therefore cannot fail. So God started with a promise in his covenant Abraham. His covenant was not based on man’s ability, but it was based on his word alone. Abraham being the Father of this new nation would begin to walk in the covenant and raised up his offspring to follow. The chosen nation, people of God has now been launched. So as Abraham followed so did his family learning submit to this invisible God.

**RELIGIOUS WORMS**

Fast forward, God performed powerful miracles before the eyes of the people to demonstrate he not only has the power but the authority to back up his claims as their God. Words without a power base behind it will only be words. Therefore, these acts were also a show of his undeniable love, trust, and commitment to them. Over time their free will creeps in, and their thoughts and intentions become distorted driving a wedge between what God’s wants and their personal desires. An example of this is when God gave them 10 commandments. These were to be their governing principals in obedience to God and between themselves. The first five showed how to treat him and the second 5 directed toward how to treat each other. The provisioning of the law could not fix their problems but was a mirror to show them their error. To make this clearer, think about when you look into a mirror. The mirror exposes the fact that you may not have washed your face, as it is showing slobber on your cheeks. The mirror only exposes a problem but cannot fix it. That is what the law does, it exposes. So the law was given and received by the people to show them their error against God and each other. Years down the road, a faction of God’s chosen leaders, the rabbis thought it would be good to add another 613 ordinances, called the mitzvot. Those 613 additional ordinances were not just made-up laws rather, it was a compilation of all the other commands God had expressed as to how they should carry themselves, i.e dietary laws, business dealings, handling the poor, festivals and feast, prophecy etc. . This was the first step Gods chosen people made in adding to what he had already spoken. Their intentions were good, but not of God. Note, God did not keep them from implementing their plans. He remained focused on his plan.

In tandem with all of this, God also established his leaders, the Prophets as his spokespersons. Since his Spirit was no longer in man, his Spirit would come upon man to give them a voice to speak and to do special miracles. These were not just any words but words from him that spoke of what was to come, what direction to take, how to prepare, along with various signs and wonders. The things they spoke and manifested were of things they had no knowledge of and or could perform without divine instruction and intervention. Again, this was to prove his nature and character among his people and how we would use them. He also set up judges to govern his people accordingly. This is all a part of the establishing of his governmental blueprint.

Operating under his government was a part of his extension plan to get earth to operate like heaven. Their adherence to his structure would provide victory and relief from any ails a society would have but it would require one thing, submission. God being very patient spent many years demonstrating to his chosen people, his consistency, and their ability to trust him. This governing process was not a dictatorship, a democracy, nor communist, rather sovereign rule. The peoples’ free will was always intact giving them the autonomy to follow or disobey the words of his prophets. God clearly demonstrated the consequences good and bad of their actions when needed. I know there are some out there who feel that God establishing consequences is a dictator move but it’s not. Liken it to this. You are the most winningest coach on earth in a given sport everyone knows you have tirelessly adapted and adopted varying coaching strategies over the years concluding with a more perfect construct of training that has consistently produced the highest honors for your players and teams. As the coach, you provide guidelines referencing the pretraining regiment which required the participants to meet with you daily. The daily regiment was not something that the player controlled, it remained in the hands of the coach. The player’s responsibility was to show up to every session. Sometimes, it would be early morning practice, multiple day practices and personal practices on their own. Their workouts were very painstaking workouts as their total being, body, soul and mind belonged to the coach. During the preseason workouts, vomiting may have become a part of the player experience. Some players needed to rid themselves of the impurities so they could fulfill their purpose on the team. Vomiting can be a result of a lot of things but mostly a rejection from within the body of the wrong fluids and food that has been ingested. Those toxins must be cleaned out from the body and replaced with new eating and drinking habits that will support optimum performance. The purpose is to ready the players for competition physically, mentally and emotionally as the ensuing battles will require everything they have. Contrary to our belief, victory is not sweatless, it becomes sweet after the sweat.

The victories of God’s chosen people experienced were accredited to their invisible God through the following of the words spoken by his prophets and judges. However, victories can be short lived, especially when the regiment changes. When the people lessen the requirements and or back off from the restrictions originally established. It makes room for defeat. Once again, the people had another addition to God’s blueprint. They desired a physical King, a person to be named leader over them, so they went to the Prophet and made their request known. Scripture tells us that this request was a result of them looking around at other kingdoms who had a visible king and they wanted to look like them. This was a serious request, as it was in resemblance to what Adam did in the garden. This was another act of treason by the people of God. This time man did not entertain another voice rather he requested another man, presumably one who could be lead by God and fulfill their desire to look like everyone else. They did not see it as a rejection of God but an enhancement to what he already established with them. Again, this was not God’s blueprint, but he acquiesced. Oh, how we still see this today. This is why the scriptures say to walk by faith and not by sight. What we see through our physical eyes will distort what God has placed in our spiritual heart. We must remember that we are spiritual beings having an earthly experience, not human beings having a spiritual experience. Until we learn this, our actions will lead to our demise, delays and or potential withdrawal from God.

I mention these two instances. as there were many others, of his chosen people to provide clarity how we think our followship is actually fellowship. Our plans no matter how noble and helpful they may seem will always come up short against his perfect plans. We are not on the same level and therefore not in a position to tweak, twist, nip, clip or modify what the God of the universe has already said. Our human intentions, although they are good ideas, will alter our path in obtaining his intended results. It’s like shooting a basketball in a hoop, a correct shot must have some trajectory on it and aimed at the basket so that it will go above the rim and into the net. Whereas that same shot having no trajectory will either hit the rim or fall short of the intended goal. As believers today, it’s not good enough to just shoot the shot at the basket, we need to make the goal as he intends.

Speaking of trajectory, these two events, the adding to his laws and the request for a visible king became the basis for the many downfalls in their future regarding their relationship with God. Through their many failures, successes, wins and losses, disappointments and discouragements, his chosen people continued to wrestle. Was this because God’s standards and expectations were too high or was it to demonstrate to us today, that man was always be deficient and devoid of his ability to meet God’s standard on his own? This is not a failure of God rather apart of his plan still unfolding for mankind.

**A NEW SCHOOL OF THOUGHT**

After a period of 400 years with no messages from the Prophets, the next prophet his people hear from is John the Baptist. With God’s chosen people fully steeped into their religion and traditions following the blueprint God had laid down, they come in contact with John the Baptist. He comes preaching what is perceived as a new school of thought, repentance and the coming of the kingdom of God. Schools of thought were normal in that time. They are defined as someone who has an expert philosophy on a given subject matter. That philosophy is taught to others with the intent to obtain followers. Johns’ role was to prepare the way for Jesus who would be the king the chosen people were looking for but in order to be received into his kingdom they had to prepare by repenting of their sin and being baptized. John’s message was so compelling that people were coming from all around the area to him and adopting his school of thought and submitting to his baptism. This had provoked the Jewish leaders because his message was a threat to their school of thought which focused on Abraham as their father, Moses was their law giver. Their school of thought was they had no sin and not in need to repent of anything. They felt that as a people they were already cleansed through their rituals, celebrations, and festivals and moreover their annual day of atonement where the priest went in before God and absolved them of all their wrongs. So, this baptism, cleansing was in defiance of their standards. What John’s baptism of repentance was trying to show them is that everyone personally must take responsibility for their sin and be cleaned.

Their prophets spoke accurately concerning the coming king but the interpretation was distorted as they did not understand the main door of the blueprint. I feel like they envisioned the door of the bludprint to be tall and wide enough to fit a king on a horse coming through it resembling power and authority and not a small door that a lamb would come through. They were stuck in their mindset that this king that was to come sole purpose was to take over and destroy the Romans so that they would no longer be under their rule. They thought the Romans were their only enemy. When God’s objective for this coming king was to rule and reign through the redemption, restoration and reconciliation of mankind back to him. God’s picture was a much grander and robust plan that would free everyone from the spiritual bondage they were under from their captor Satan. Being in bondage or under the control of another kingdom was never their understanding during this time period. They even argued with Jesus about this later in the NT (John 8:33-44) when Jesus told them that he came to set them free.

**Missing the Message**

It is now time for God to take the next step and pull out the blueprint and review it with his people, so they can prepare to enter into the kingdom of his Father. God’s plan was to reveal the true access point, the door of entry that everyone must go through to get to the Father. They did not realize that the blueprint was a template and not the content. For the Jews to understand they would need to go back and review what had been being spoken by their prophets but instead they held tight to their own understanding and therefore missed the message. As the scriptures said, seeing they cannot see and hearing they cannot hear because their hearts are hardened. Often, we get locked into pride which keeps us from advancing because we don’t want to be wrong or go against the crowd. We want to keep the status quo because it is easier. So we fight for the stance where pride and arrogance sit, with the end result being a delay to our own personal freedom. So, they still sit today believing that this concept of repentance to gain access into this kingdom is absurd.

Is it possible that today’s construct of Christianity has taken on this same attitude? With all denominations believing in the same king and yet separated by our religious traditions and rituals. Have we not done the same thing as the chosen people of God? Overtime, they broke off from each other and created religious sects that catered to their liking, like the Pharisee’s, Sadducee’s, Essene’s, Zealots. Each of these groups had attracted people with their school of thought that focused with their ideologies and philosophies of what God wanted from them. Could the church too be missing the message of God’s purpose?

**Selling Jesus**

The process to complete the structure God was building from the blueprint had to be fulfilled. That fulfillment was always about God getting back what was illegally taken from him at the fall of man. He always had a plan of restoration, redemption and reconciliation to be implemented from the beginning. Now is the time for the implementation as the need for restoration is visible by the degeneration, decline, erosion and depravity of man. Over the course of 4000 years man continually demonstrated that he could not meet God’s standards without him.

Now this king that was to come, would be the embodiment of the promise the Father spoke after man’s fall. This king would be the one to begin the process of mans deliverance from his enemies. But he had to come the way God intended to ensure there would be no more failed attempts by man in keeping his connection with the Father. He came in the form of human flesh and present himself a sacrifice for man by paying the spiritual price to redeem him. In undertaking this process Jesus made it spiritually legal for man to be reconnected to the Father. To accomplish this, he embodied two roles as the son of man (Luke 19:10) and as the son of God (1 John 3:8). As the son of man, he put on flesh to pay the spiritual penalty for sin so eternal death would no longer reign over humanity. Secondly as the son of God, to exercise his power and authority over Satan to annihilate his rule over mankind. This work is what makes him King of kings and Lord of lords.

To legally begin this process Jesus had to enter the earth as a human. This time God gained legal access into mankind with Mary’s permission as opposed to the illegal access Satan used by deceiving Adam to gain access. Both Adam’s birth and Jesus birth were miraculous as neither of them were conceived from a natural standpoint. Adam being made by God and Jesus by the Holy Spirit. This is why Jesus could be called the last Adam. He would do what the first Adam could not. Jesus could now finish the business God desired. Fast forward, he came with the same school of thought as John the Baptist; the message of the kingdom of God. Of all the things we preached today on all our media platforms and pulpits are in reference to, healing, prosperity, faith, grace, the cross, giftings etc., Jesus did not preach those things. Those things are by products of being in his kingdom. This is proven by the scriptures. Matt 4:17 scriptures says that “from this time on Jesus began to preach the kingdom of God”. In Acts 1:3 in talking with his disciples after his resurrection and before he ascended to heaven over the course of 40 days he spent “speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.” This is important for us to see today. His first and last instructions tell us a lot. One must read closely in the gospel, the audience Jesus was speaking to, that would clarify, if he was teaching his disciples, preaching to the masses or crowds or talking to an individual etc..

My point being that this gospel of the kingdom is what was preached, Jesus did not preach himself, he made it known that he was the access point from the Father who’s kingdom he was given rule over. The kingdom was the selling feature of the early church. There are many references of Paul preaching the kingdom as well as making it clear that no one can get there unless they come by Jesus. He was the earthly example set to demonstrate how we operate within the kingdom. So what is the kingdom? Dr Myles Munroe put it very succinctly, “the kingdom is the governing influence of a king over his territory impacting it with his personal will, purpose and intent producing a culture, values, morals and a lifestyle that reflects the kings desires and nature for his citizens.” If we hold to this definition this is what Jesus role encompasses. He is here for more than our salvation. In my upbringing Jesus was the answer and I needed to come to Jesus so that I could be saved from hell. So I did. It was not until much later in my life did I find out that entering the door and making him Lord was just the first step. Afterall I was under the impression once you are saved you are always saved therefore I’m in. I am not trying to start a debate here, but that saying alone said to me that I did not need to do anything else because I did my part through confession and by being baptized. What I am trying to show here is that the messages and manner in which we were introduced to Jesus matters. Again this is not a debate on once saved always rather once saved, what is next. Maybe in our alter calls or invitations at the end of our services should say come to the kingdom and not just come to Jesus. You can tell me that if I have Jesus and that I am in the kingdom but if no one instructs me what to do in this new kingdom, I will be stuck sitting with my salvation waiting for Jesus’ return.

Another question I needed to ask the Lord is when did the church stop preaching the kingdom and start preaching salvation through Jesus Christ. I am not saying the message is wrong but maybe the method. When we make Jesus the focal point in our evangelistic movements, to the world he becomes just another deity in the list of pantheons. Every other religion has a deity a man or an image that they reverence. From their standpoint he is perceived no different than their gods, i.e. Mohammed, Baha‘u’llah, Buddha, Vishnu, Bhrama, Shiva, or The kami. They do not see any difference because their gods promise them something as well. So all religions are fighting for their deity. This is the reason religions don’t work, they all look alike. A question I have is, it possible that the early church leaders took on the name Christians from the pagans in Antioch so they could have a name for themselves? Previous to the name Christians they were call “the people of the way”(Acts 19:2, 9) Kind of smells just like what the religious Jews did when they wanted to look like everyone else. They asked for a king and the early church took on a name that Jesus never spoke of. As citizens in the kingdom of God we are the redeemed of God, brought back from a death sentence. Rescued from eternal damnation. Guaranteed eternal life with our Father, through the work of our savior Jesus Christ. That is who we are! We are a part of the kingdom of the most high God, a realm of authority that makes it different.

I want to go back a minute on a subject I touched on earlier in this chapter regarding what Jesus preached. In my opinion much of what we hear in our pulpits today is not the kingdom Jesus preached. From my standpoint our delivery comes across appealing to the world’s view and needs, i.e. healing, prosperity, faith, grace, love, giftings, peace etc. Let me explain, these are byproducts of the kingdom which the world is after however if they are not preached in the context of the kingdom, it profits the man and the church nothing. Let’s face it those in our churches today are mostly comprised of current believers especially in these post pandemic years. People are clamoring for messages in podcasts, and all the other social media devices in hopes of finding an easy way to obtain whatever they are desiring. We have done this in the church as well peddling message of prosperity and peace and love with compassion and comparison to the world and not in context of the kingdom. When one preaches these topics in the context of the kingdom they will take on a different meaning and delineate the truth from the lies that are being propagated out of some of our pulpits and social media outlets causing believer to become indifferent about God. They are following the prescription given by the church leaders and yet they are not seeing the results. Why because those by products come with more than a confession or a decree.

Everyone wants healing inside or outside of the kingdom, however God appropriated healing in the kingdom for his people so that they can carry out his plan for their life. Everyone wants prosperity inside and outside of the kingdom, however in the kingdom prosperity is a commonwealth system where we ask for what we need and it will be disburse to us for the fulfillment of his plans in the earth, not our empire. Everyone wants love inside and outside of the kingdom, however the love in context with the kingdom has obligations; Jesus said, if you love me keep my commandments. Additionally, kingdom love convicts us but does not condone our behavior. Jesus loved Saul, who was killing the very people Jesus died for and yet he still revealed himself to him. Never did he condone Sauls actions, but Saul was converted by his love and changed his ways. Everybody desires grace, or a second chance inside and outside of the kingdom, however, grace in the kingdom was granted to man as God’s ability and divine influence upon man to carry out his purpose. Everyone wants to have giftings inside and outside of the kingdom, however in the kingdom they are to be used to display the nature and character of God toward the unbelieving. Lastly, everyone wants to exercise faith to believe or as the world calls it manifesting our desires, inside and outside the kingdom, however faith was never to be used outside of God because it is the only things that the scripture says pleases him (Heb 11:6). In my first book “From Faith to Faith, the faith that separates God from other gods”. God gave me an acronym for Faith, Full Assurance in The Holy Ghost. Utilizing that expression separates the kingdom of God from other kingdoms in that no other religion or kingdom suggest the nature of a Holy Ghost thereby negating their common use of the word faith. As it belong to the citizens of the kingdom of God.

HIS PLAN – The Holy Spirit

You are in your senior year of high school, and you plan to go on to college to become an engineer. You have been sending out letters to colleges for acceptance. You chose a particular school because they had the top science and technology labs, living facilities and renown faculty from every corner of the earth. Finally, the school confirms your acceptance into their program. You are so excited! You tell all your friends and family you were accepted to the program. You frame your letter because you are so humbled the school accepted you as you thought you were not good enough for their standards. You move to campus and are ready to start your first semester. You get up and you walk over to your framed acceptance letter, and you weep over it because of the opportunity it has provided you. You have three classes on your first day, but you did not attend because you were still celebrating your acceptance. The next day the same thing occurs, you don’t go to class, but you are just overwhelmed with being accepted and the stigma, the prestige, the company it puts you in sets you apart of everyone else. You attend campus events, sit in the student lounge, walk around campus, and tell everyone you meet you’ve been accepted. It is now 6 weeks later, and you receive a letter from the administration office to meet with your advisor to discuss why you have not attended any of your classes. At the meeting the administrator says I heard that you have been walking around campus telling all the other students that you were accepted but you have not attended any classes yet. We thank you for your excitement, but you are here to attend class. The student says my goal since I was little was to get accepted into this school The advisor says and it happened, but now the work starts. You were accepted into the school to learn and develop the necessary training that would make you a renowned engineer. You must take advantage of the access you were given to get your degree that will enable you to fulfill your purpose. Your failure to attend class will not make you eligible for graduation if you don’t put yourself in a position to learn. The teaching staff and your advisor is here to come along side you to help you in any way, but you must keep your advisor involved with any questions or decisions you may have. The school has done all it can in accepting you into the program. The only way for you to get the degree will be from your compliance, participation, and completion of the established standards of this university. Now lets get started.

Now that the king of the kingdom has left the planet and gone back to his home country with the Father, the Holy Spirit takes the reigns in the planet. The blue print revealed the door and now it is the Holy Ghost job situate the furniture. He too was sent by the Father just as Jesus was but this time the Holy Spirit was coming back to take up residence again in man. This is not his grand entrance but a re-entry in man. In this dispensation, he no longer comes upon man to exercise God’s power he is designated to live inside man. Why? Because man cannot attain the restorative nature God intends by himself, we need his divine power to get there which is the role of the Holy Ghost. What was done through one man, Jesus Christ as he walked the earth, will now be carried out by the power of the Holy Spirit. God has gone mobile with the entrance of the Holy Ghost in man.

As we know Jesus started this movement and preached the kingdom. On of his strategic moves was when he chose to meet with Nicodemus. Nicodemus was held in high regard among the Pharisee’s and Sanhedrin, as he was the premier in understanding the laws of God, a teacher of teachers if it were. This meeting would not only answer Nicodemus questions, but the intent was that he would believe and not doubt and go back and tell his brethren to repent and believe this gospel. Nevertheless their discussion was very fruitful in that Jesus gave him a breakdown of his message of the kingdom. He told Nicodemus two things, one, he must be born again to see the kingdom of God and two he must be born of water and the spirit in order to enter into the kingdom of God. Meaning, just like natural birth, the baby has sat in darkness a great while in the womb of its mother. In that place everything is opaque and dark but there will come a time when the baby goes through a transition to a new realm. When they awaken into their new world their eyes open to the light. They can now see things they never seen before. He went further to explain we must be born of water; emersed and cleansed of the old man in baptism and born again with the Spirit of God and with fire. We must have a spiritual rebirth to our original parentage of Jesus Christ so we can be restored into his kingdom. So just as God breathed in man, his breath of life in Gen 2:7 without man’s consent and he became a living soul, now God obtains mans consent, by way of Jesus who breathed on his disciples in John 20:22 and then onto the 120 in the upper room in Acts 1:5-2:4 and said receive the Holy Spirit and man became a living god. Fully equipped with everything he needs to take up the original plan God set forth before the earth was.

**Who is the Holy Ghost**

The Greek meaning of Holy Spirit is parakletos[[1]](#footnote-2) meaning Comforter, Counsellor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, Standby. If receiving Jesus was the end all then why do, we need a person of the Holy Spirit to be in us. Apparently, there is more for us to accomplish as citizens of the kingdom. We must see our new birth as a spiritual transaction, as nothing changed on our outside but we were changed on our inside. We now house Jesus within us but our soul is still knit to the old nature.

With the Holy Spirit now living in us, his role is to lead us into the truth of who we really our and the purpose that God intended for us, not to control us. Jesus said he would not leave us comfortless and that his presence that once stood next to man will no reside in man. This was to comfort the disciples and man to know that even though we cannot see him he is walking in us through the Spirit sent from the Father. When we look at what his role defines it becomes very clear those roles are there to take us somewhere. We know Jesus paved the path for us to get to heaven and now we must enter the next phase of our salvation the restoration of our soul. Jesus did not come just to get us back to heaven he came so that we can be restored back to the Fathers original purpose and his redemption paved the way for that to happen. We can’t become someone who we never knew by ourselves. Man would not know where to begin, so we need help, we need a counselor, and advocate that would aid us in this process. We will have to learn how to live with him. What good is help if you do not take advantage of it. It’s like a wife who went grocery shopping and comes home and enters the house with several bags of groceries. All her teenage children and husband are in the living room and turn and look at her while she is carrying the groceries in and say hey and go back to what they were doing. She goes back to the garage to get more groceries, and no one comes to help her. She is furious and gets all the groceries in and then lays into her family about them not helping her. Her children and husbands’ response to her was, well you did not ask for help. With the Holy Spirit being our helper, then we must ask for help, not just on the hard things but everything. Afterall, he lives in us and sees all our struggles, as in the last example, but he will not intrude unless he is invited. He is a gentlemen and abiding by the governing principles Jesus set up when he said ask and you will receive.

Let me give you an example. When a new citizen leaves his home country to live in another country they must resign themselves of their former country by turning in all the credentials associated with the old country and receive a new set of identification credentials associated with the new country once authorized. There is a whole process one has to go through to become a citizen in a new country. They must complete the immigration process to be granted citizenship status. They will need a sponsor (Jesus) who confirms who they are (to the Father) . The Father accepts their petition because of the appointment the petitioner made to allow Jesus to be Lord. After seeing the match of the biometrics of Jesus blood intermingled with theirs no further medical exam or interview is required. All the Father needed to see was the blood. Now they have been accepted by the Father and free to live and work in his kingdom. One thing I did not mention is in this present world system during this process there is a requirement of passing a naturalization basic test. The test is comprised of an oral, written vocabulary, basic government structure, geography, and history of the country. In God’s kingdom he lets us work through the discovery of our new kingdom after our entry into the kingdom. The test is in our conversion from the old man into the new man.

Now that we have entered through the door, we must learn the constitution, the governing principles that have been established to be productive citizens. Remember the model prayer Jesus spoke to the disciples when they asked him to teach them how to pray, he said “thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven”. We must understand what it truly means to know what his kingdom represents so his will can be done. We can’t know Jesus’ will is until we have read his testament. Until we get immersed into it we will gain more understanding that will impact our effectiveness in his kingdom.

**Seeking**

This process is in alignment with Matthew 6:33 when Jesus said “Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added to you.” This is the kingdom immigration criteria we are responsible for. We must seek, explore, study, diligently pursue, search out, hunt for, look for and become passionate about the kingdom we now are a part of. While seeking the kingdom we will inevitably run in to the government’s expectation or laws and standards that we are held to. It is not a free for all, God has a governing system to be obeyed like any established kingdom. There is a lot to seek out and experience. There are a lot of philosophies out there trying to deter, dissuade, and distract us from receiving the words spoken in the bible, his constitution. Do not let others get you hung up on the ethnicity of Jesus or who the writers of the Bible were, they are not what is on trial, but the words with in it are.

Now the Holy Spirit is here to help us through this process by following his teaching and guidance it will lead us to life and peace joy. He can teach us, but we must give way, grant access for his guidance. What good is a helper if we don’t let him help us? What good is it to have someone come along side of us and we push them away? What good is it to be with someone we chose and don’t involve them in our life. Jesus told us in John 14:26

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send.

in my name, he shall **teach you all things**, and **bring all things to your remembrance**, whatsoever I have said unto you.

A teacher is one who imparts instruction, instills doctrine, holds written or spoken conversations with others to instruct them. – blb.org (strongs G1321).

Being a teacher, the Holy Spirit will not be able to fulfill his purpose if we are not putting ourselves in position to hear or read the word and work with him. The message must be received before it can come out. He will not override our will; it must be our choice. God is leaving it up to us to choose the life purpose he wants us to live in his kingdom and the Holy Spirit is the vehicle to get that done.

Inclusive with our acceptance in the kingdom the plan is that we not only have legal right to be a part of it but we have an assignment to fulfill and that is to be an ambassador. Ambassadors are necessary to reach God goal of extending his kingdom in the earth. Our acceptance into the kingdom was never just about us. It was about God’s eternal plan by giving us individual purpose in his earth. No matter what purpose he has given us, being a home care giver, janitor, architect, scientist or lawyer, we are to be ambassadors in those roles. It is not about the high positions of the world but for all of man to impact the marketplace for his purpose no matter what job we have. This is his global mission.

**Righteousness**

This was a word that I never clearly understood growing up in church. Many used the word and with every leader it had bits and pieces of the same definition but still not consistent. What stuck with me the most was the definition of being in right standing with God. That translated to me to be perfect without sin. Now I understand the definition means to be in alignment with the government of God. Why the government? We in the book of Isaiah chapt 9 the prophet spoke of the Messiah to come and said that the government will be upon his shoulders…. This is the government I am speaking about, Jesus came with the government of God to rule and reign as King. Those who believe that there is no law that citizens are held accountable to may need to rethink their position. No king or kingdom has ever been established without laws. They are governing principles for the citizens to abide by for their own protection. When we hear law we immediately think of rules and regulations. Jesus said that he came not to destroy the law but to fulfill it. That statement does not mean there is no more law, it is simply saying that he is the true enforcer of the law which is why he judge us in the end (2 Tim 4:1). The Apostle Paul also spoke of the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus. Again, when we teach concepts in the church if we don’t relate them to their operation within the kingdom, the true meanings have great potential to become distorted.

I’ve heard many sermons covering Matt 6:33 to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added to you. Most of the time the emphasis is on seeking the kingdom and the other half of the time the focus was on getting the things you desire. I honestly believe that if you ask the majority of Christians what does righteousness mean, they will not be able to clearly define it. Try it and see for yourself. I may be the missing ingredient as to why we are not receiving the “things” the scripture says we can have.

**Receive Power**

In the world, power, is one of the key desires that every man seeks to obtain. There is not one person who is not seeking it on some level. We can accredit that to our captor. It was one of his three main character traits he passed down to man after the fall (power, sex and money). Unfortunately we have seen those three character flaws take down mighty men of God. Those incidences were not God’s fault nor does it show a flaw in man. As you are finding out, our past alignment with Satan is responsible for implanting those thoughts however, man is responsible for his own acts through his free will. Nevertheless, I find it interesting when the Bible tells us of how we can obtain power, confusion, bewilderment, and just plain doubt comes to the surface in man. Power untapped and power unrestrained is very dangerous in it’s impact on our lives and others. If it remains untapped one will never know the benefits and capabilities that they are missing. If it is tapped with no restraint or accountability, great damage will occur. The power we have been given through the Holy Spirit must be constrained so that it helps and not harms us or others.

This power that the bible speaks of by the Holy Spirit is demonstrated in various forms all throughout the New Testament as miracles, prophecy, speaking in tongues, healings etc.. There is a doctrine called cessationism that believes that the use and propagation of supernatural giftings as mentioned above were of the Apostolic Age and ceased with no relevance today. I don’t understand how we believe the power of the Holy Spirit parted the Red Sea, the River Jordan, bring down the walls of Jerrico, put money in a fishes mouth and other miracles and now we put limitations on his abilities. The book of Acts is the blue print of the church that Jesus was after, they exhibited the dominion authority and rule of his citizens in the earth. The apostles were the examples of the Holy Spirits embodiment of power within them to extend and expand the kingdom of God on the earth. Their message followed with the demonstration of power presenting the kingdom of God in full measure. It appears that because of the misuse and abuse of power that has gone on in the history of the church that it is easier not to deny it but to place it in the past leaving no discussion for its use today,

**Repentance and conversion**

When you become a citizen of a new country you cannot and should not expect that you can keep the values of your old country as you no longer live there, i.e. old things must pass away. The laws are different, the language is different, the food is different, the value system is different, the life is different. The only thing we bring to the table in the new country is our mind. That mind has spent many years adapting to the dictates, habits, attitudes, culture of the old country. It will be inevitable that one will have to change/renew their mind. Repentance is mission one, so that total restoration of the kingdom can come on earth as it is in heaven. That is what Jesus told the disciples to pray. How can his kingdom come or will be done if he does not have people to reproduce his kingdom life. We must be transformed. It appears to me that believers are waiting for Jesus to return to earth without consideration that we may be the reason for his delay. He did not place us in the earth just to physically die, rather to fullfill his purpose, to be an extension of him and his kingdom. In the book of Acts 3:17-21 we see what must happen before Jesus’ return,

**17**And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers.**18**But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.**19Repent** ye therefore, **and** **be** **converted**, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.**20**And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:**21**Whom the heaven must receive until the times of **restitution of all things,** which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

Two key words in verse 19 repent AND be converted. These two things are necessary for the restitution/restoration to be completed. When we accepted Jesus, we repented of our sin and now we are left with responsibility to be converted. The old man must be renewed in the spirit of his mind so that he can come into alignment with the kingdom.. This is where the conversion process begins. To convert means to “turn to, to cause to return, to bring back” (blb.org- Strongs G1994). It is not a repentance as repentance is a 180 degree turn whereas conversion is a 360 degree turn into a totally new spiritual being. The challenge here is that since we were under the effects of spiritual Stockholm syndrome we never knew what our original state was supposed to be. Maybe this is why we find it easy to hold on to the past, we are somewhat scared of the new person we were to be. It is a true faith move to go to another country and only having your memory of things that don’t work in that new country. The first thing required is a change of our mind. No one can convert until they change their mind. You will not successfully convert your eating or exercise habits successfully until you change your mind about food and exercise. You must adapt to the new lifestyle changes that are required. If not, you will eventually go back to your old way. You cannot live in both worlds and sustain a healthy body. This holds true for our spiritual body, as we were enslaved to sin and now we are free. That freedom now must be used to unlearn the habits, appetites and desires and choosing to relearn his righteous way.

Most often in the western culture, the church emphasis changes in behavior which is part of the conversion process however I feel that it comes off as the great suggestion. It appears that believers are not making the total connection to the importance of their conversion as much as they believe that their acknowledgement of Jesus Christ is their key to eternity. In my experience we just try to do our best by our own definitions with the thought we will be accepted based on our merits. The scripture specifically says in Eph 5:27 that Jesus is coming for a church without spot or wrinkle. Spots represent ethical flaws. In 2 Peter 2:13 the same definition of spot is used pertaining to believers who did not convert. It says they shall receive the reward of the unrighteous in verse 13. In Corinthians 6:9-10 states know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Paul also warns us in Heb 3:13 that believers’ hearts can become hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. That same sin that can beset us meaning its ability to hinder or counteract us from becoming God’s model kingdom citizens, thus delaying the restoration of the kingdom within us. God and creation is waiting on us.

**AMBASSADORS – EFFECTIVE KINGDOM CITIZENS**

We can compare his disbursement of the new kingdom citizens like the assigning of ambassadors to different countries. In a democratic government there are two main offices that impact the assignment and the oversight of ambassadors. Those offices are the President and the Secretary of State. The role of the President is to make the official assignment of the ambassadors to foreign territories. That position is the only one who can hire or fire them from their post as they are at will employees. The role of the Secretary of State is chief diplomat, advisor of foreign affairs and immigration. Ambassadors come underneath the State Department which the Secretary oversees. As the chief diplomat, they advise the President of the status of the ambassador’s impact within their territory. The ambassador’s main responsibility is to promote foreign policy in their jurisdiction, managing international relations between the home country and where they are established.

In our example the President is Jesus, and the Secretary of State is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit oversees the mobilization of Jesus’s citizens in the earth. As a part of the God head, his main responsibility is to make productive citizens of the kingdom by teaching and guiding those that will follow. He teaches them the language, culture, behaviors of their home country and emphasizes that their opinion on any given subject must resemble that of the home country. Additionally, they are supplied with living quarters, food, clothing, and protection by the home country. They have daily calls with home country to obtain the necessary information needed regarding their territory, as well as other domestic and foreign affairs that require focus and attention.

In order for believers to be mobilized we have to be taught and guided. After having been enslaved by our captor our previous way of life must be changed. We are now new creatures in a kingdom and under a king that cannot be compared to our previous captor. We must learn how to walk, talk, live, love, give all over again as the principles of darkness are in total opposition to those of the light. There is no automatic pass to ambassadorship. One must become bound to Christ as the Apostle Paul spoke of.

In a true kingdom structure, you live by the king’s orders, and you have no opinions. You don’t negotiate with the king. This is a foreign concept to those in the western world because we don’t live under kingdom rulership. We live in a democracy, where freedom reigns. Having the ability to vote in and out leaders, free speech, right to vote etc. which makes understanding how to live under the sovereign rule complex. Nevertheless, we are reminded in scripture that the Kings goals is to conquer territories outside of his home country through us so his kingdom can come on earth. The goal is to duplicate the home country’s language, values, characteristics, and culture in the new territory.

**COMMUNICATION**

Now we see that the role of the Holy Spirit is much more expansive than a feeling, a jerk, a buck, a shout or a silent partner of the trinity. The Holy Spirit is a person and has feelings just as Jesus, displayed. We are told not to greve him. His grief comes from our rejection of his leadership. Like Jesus, he does not condemn us but waits and hope we will engage with him so we can be fruitful and advance the kingdom. His restoration plan for humanity almost makes it look like the Old Testament was never needed. However, that is not true. What God did in the OT was to draw out the blueprint for his operation with mankind, to show his love and commitment to us. To get us to choose the door and enter in allowing the Holy Spirit to convert our soul. The end result being restored to the nature and character he set forth in Gen 1:26-28

For all of this to occur we must activate the power that was given to us. The gift of the Holy Spirit comes with a lot of controversy in application. Nevertheless, a gift given only indicates that it has been placed in the hands of the receiver, but does not indicate that it has been opened. There must be evidence of the gift in use and operation. When Jesus blew on his disciples, he told them to receive the Holy Spirit. There was something more they needed to fulfil their purpose. Later in the book of Acts that same Spirit was poured out in the upper room on all the 120 attendees and the evidence of their receipt of the gift was speaking in tongues, a new language that was foreign to them. I am not going to go into the details of the difference of them speaking in a known or unknown language. That argument is a distraction that attempts to diminish the supernatural power that is granted to us to communicate with our heavenly headquarters. Satan is the author of confusion and I believe that this power of speaking in another language be it earthly or heavenly it is available for those who choose to believe it is possible. Since Jesus told Nicodemus that we must be born again to enter this new kingdom, why would a new language be inappropriate.. A child learns to speak from listening to their parents. We don’t come into the kingdom not speaking to each other, there has to be a communication channel that goes beyond our natural mind. Remember faith is the currency of heaven, it is all supernatural. If try to use our best thinking to get there we never will. Saying all this to say that when you enter the kingdoms you learn to speak and understand the home countries language as that is what you are a part of. You automatically become bilingual. But that is enough about that.

Our reception of the gift of the Holy Spirit has to become activated because it is a gift that was given by God so to dismiss it would not be in our best interest. Scripture tells us in James and every good and perfect give comes from the father. So it is imperative that we put him to use. Acts 1:8 says but ye shall receive power, after the Holy Spirit has come upon you and ye shall be my witnesses in all the world. When Peter went out to preach in Acts 2:38 he preached the message of repentance and baptized the people and told them to receive the gift of the holy spirit. The Greek word for power is dynamis, where we get the word dynamite from. In action dynamite has the power to change the configuration of anything. This is supernatural power that performs miracles, is greater than the power that riches and wealth provide in the world, it is basically strength and ability that is resident in us. So we now have to choose to open the gift to take advantage of it. It’s like purchasing a new car, once all the paper work is signed your evidence is not only the signed paper and a new car loan, but the most notable evidence is your possession of the keys. Those keys will be the access to igniting the power of the engine of your new car to get it moving. Our ability to speak a new language is based on our desire to receive what Jesus said we could have. Did you know ceive is a real word that we don’t use any longer. It means to “get”[[2]](#endnote-2), and the prefix re means “again”. We are basically getting again, receiving, what we originally had from the beginning in Adam.

For me the entirety of the work of the Holy Spirit revolves around from what I call the Re’s of God, meaning the reestablishment of man to his original intended purpose

RE BORN – To re enter - John 3:3, 2 Cor 5:17, Eze 36:26-27

RE CEIVE – To regain, bring back - John 14:3, 20:22, Acts 1:8, 2:38

RE NEW – To go back to the original design - Eph 4:23, Rom 12:3, 2 Cor 5:17

RE CONCILE – To make friendly - 2 Cor 5:18, 20, Rom 5:10

RE PENT – Rethink - Matt 4:17

RE STORE – To build up again - Joel 2:25, Acts 1:6

RE JOICE – To be joy again-John 14:28

RE COVER – To get again, rescue, deliver - Mark 16:17-18

*This capstone of the Holy Ghost is to ensure we are fruitful in the kingdom. Where the fulfillment of God plan can be realized as the earth is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God and God is waiting for a church that does not have a spot or wrinkle. Will you choose to allow the Holy Spirit to manifest God’s plan through you. This is his desire and should be our heart’s desire.* As Secretary of State he is in charge of foreign affairs and since heaven is foreign to us we need his guidance to be in alignment with the government of God.

**Not my world**

The Bible was not written to be like every other book. One to be read and quoted, rather one to be read and lived out. It is an instruction manual for everything pertaining to life. It is not a rule book, but a guidebook. It provides us with direction, correction, and instruction for everything pertaining to life. Once we receive the full counsel of the Lord we will learn how to walk right, live right and love right. We all carry an individual responsibility to living it, that we will one day have to answer to. We should never be wise in our own eyes to think we have the full understanding of who God is. The scripture tells us that all the things he ever did and said could not be contained in the book. Reading the scriptures is just the first step, but revelation comes by his spirit based on his world, plans and purposes. He is the author of life. We must be careful to know that it is easy to displace our thoughts and emotions over his desires. As humans we must remember we are coming to his table with our opinions regarding a world we did not create, or with a plan that encompasses all of creation or having a purpose that could be fulfilled by our capabilities.

What I have attempted to do in the book is to pass along the revelation God gave me about his world, his purpose and his plans. To reverse engineer the gospel we have been preaching. To highlight every aspect from beginning to end of our salvation through his eyes. From my perspective, the eyes of the church today reveal somewhat of a disconnect in our understanding and interpretation of his words. I believe this resulted in having a bottom up approach to understanding God. What I mean by this is learning the scriptures looking from earth to heaven as opposed to from heaven to earth. Again, it is all about perspective. Perspective can bring more depth and breath to a situation. It is easy to maintain our views and opinions of the way we were indoctrinated in something. It does not require us to revisit or question as we have accepted it as truth, but we are lacking understanding. I am not changing the truth of his words, rather changing the optics for further investigation and clarity. God bless all those who have gone before us in teaching this gospel of the kingdom but now it is our responsibility to continue to move his message forward. The gospel does not change but his revelation, his unveiling of the scriptures will change in our hearts as we seek him to bring us closer to him. I say this because there appears to be a lack of unity, conformity and most importantly total transformation of citizens duplicating his kingdom. We must not get stuck with what we have heard but continue to seek revelation by his Spirit of what we have learned to bring more richness, power and authority to our teaching.

I pray the revelation you get from this book how God showed me through showing me how the earthly concept of Stockholm Syndrome equates to mankind’s relationship with our captor Satan. Knowing we are born into the earth with a sin nature and how that automatically, without our choice, gave us a new constitution to follow. That constitution gave us a sentence of eternal death, exposure to sickness and disease, an anti God/independent disposition, and a self-made man classification. This captivity keeps man blinded to our original creator and his inheritance that demanded our creator to send Jesus to come down from heaven to rescue so we could opt out the eternal judgement death had over us. We were powerless to alter that constitution we were born into because we were unaware of our spiritual history that brough it to bear. Without knowing our history, we set ourselves to live in a false narrative about our lives and their beginnings. When we talk to people everyone has a story of their beginnings, but I find it interesting that everyone’s narrative starts with them and not their creator, even if it is not the God we serve through Jesus Christ. This supports that all of humanity is all about himself and his own self actualization.

Hopefully with this revelation you can see the impacts that Satan has on our life. How the need to understand the gospel of the kingdom of God and what his original mission To provide a last example of this would be likened to a child whose mother had him in her teens and she gave him up for adoption. The child grew up in a foster care system that was abusive where now as an adult, blames his mother for abandoning him. The majority of his life, he hated her for that, he could not understand who and why someone would do that. Nevertheless, he took his life into his hands and made something of his self. Years had gone by, and the mother somehow tracked down her son and contacted him to meet with her. He rejected the offer to meet because of his anger and never gave her a chance to reveal he side of his story. He had determined in his heart that she was evil and not worthy of being heard. This led to the son never knowing that she was kicked out of her home for becoming pregnant and went wherever she could hoping to keep him with her. She tried to get a job and go to school but she was too ill during her pregnancy to continue, so her only hope was to put him up for adoption so that he could live. That even at the diagnosis from her doctors that she could die having him, she never wanted to risk his life but sacrificed hers. Despite the prognosis of the doctors, she did live and had always planned to find her son. However, the son would never know the plight of his mother and what she sacrificed so he could live. He missed out on the love she had to give him all because he would not allow himself to see her life from her perspective.

Could we be operating just like this son who would not hear his mother’s perspective on what her reasoning was in giving him up? When we have a made-up mind that we already know the answers without revisiting with the Holy Spirit of his purpose and plans could we be missing out on valuable insight to why things are not working as they should in our lives and in our ministries. I have been in the ministry now for over 25+ years and when push comes to shove, if I am honest, I am still uncovering the mysteries of scripture. I had never been content holding on to what I have been told by faith. It was not because I was critical or unbelieving. I know that faith implies that one would never have all the answers but one thing I did know was that there were more answers to be found that what I heard on Sunday morning. I wanted to understand how the devil got on the earth. I wanted to know when hell was created. I wanted to understand where and how evil came into being. I wanted to know why Adam never asked to come back into the garden. I wanted to know what Jesus set me free from because I did not believe I was ever in bondage to anyone. What I have learned is that I had to go to God with these hard questions that were never answered from the pulpits I had been in.

Once we accept that we are a people that were spiritually kidnapped and raised by the first identity thief we will recognize that we have never known our true spiritual identity. It’s like going to a medical doctor for the first time. They ask you to fill out a sheet that asks about your family’s medical history of illnesses, whether stroke, heart, cancer etc. They do this because natural medicine has found that through your DNA there is coding inherited from your biological history that can have a propensity to produce the same illnesses in you. If you are having symptoms of those illnesses and even if you are not, they can be proactive in diagnosing you to take precautions to hopefully avoid those same sicknesses and diseases coming upon you. When you don’t know you families’ medical history then you will be subjects to random test and medications and many alterations to narrow down what is causing your issues. In summary what this tells us is that it is best to know your family medical history as it pertains to your future personal health. How much more is knowing our spiritual medical history. That being said, our spiritual history from the bible tells us we were initially encoded with God’s DNA that is pure and untainted. A genetic code that would cause us to live eternally. However there came a point that our ancestors picked up a virus that brought physical death to us. The doctors, knowing this history, advised us that the only way we could live eternally would be to have someone donate their blood and life so we could live and be free from the deadly virus.

After salvation the Holy Spirit job is to show us how to live now that we were set free from that infectious disease that was designed to kill us eternally. His role in our lives is to show us how to use this freedom to fulfill the purpose God had intended. To guide us to understanding why we are here by reintroducing us to our original status in the kingdom. Helping us to understand how to walk as new creatures in this existence of bringing heaven to earth. Being a walking example of the gospel of the kingdom in our loving, living, and giving. Loosing ourselves of the philosophies and thoughts of this world and adopting new principals of governance and laws that will sustain us on this earth as citizens of the kingdom.

So what shall we say to these things? We must know that our God is so awesome that he continues to reveal himself to his creation. When others provide a different perspective to what we have known, before we criticize or dismiss it as heresy, we should investigate based on his words. Joshua told us to meditate on the word, Timothy told us to study the word, Paul told us to renew our minds and Jesus told us to ask, seek and knock. Those directives were not aimed or limited to leaders alone rather to all his citizens in the kingdom of God. Why? Because God wants to be known. This is how relationship and revelation are achieved. He is not obligated to reveal himself to those who are not seeking him and you can rest assure that when you seek him you will find him. He gave us that promise. It is my prayer that you use this book as a tool to enhance you journey with the Lord to bring us all together in the unity of the faith. Amen.

**APPENDIX A**

**SCRIPTURES THAT SPEAK TO THINGS THAT OCCURRED BEFORE EARTH**

God ordained us to walk in good works before creation.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus unto good works**, which God hath **before ordained** that we should walk in them.

Jesus was with God in the beginning

Proverbs 8:23-31 **I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning**, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water.

Jesus already knows who will make it into heaven

Revelation 17:8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life **from the foundation of the world**, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

Jesus was slain before the earth was

Rev 13:8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall see him, whose names are not written in the book of life of **the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world**

Mankind predated the earth and was given purpose

1 Peter 1:9 who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us **in Christ Jesus before the world began**,

God declaring before creation that he would do what he said

Isa 46:10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and **from ancient times the things that are not yet done**, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure

Jesus knew before the foundation of the world what was to occur and what he would have to do

1Peter 1:19-20 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. Who verily **was foreordained before the foundation of the world**, but was manifest in these last times for you,

Acts 4:27-28 For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, For to do whatsoever thy hand and they counsel determined before to be done.

The devil sinned from the beginning of time

1 John 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for **the devil sinneth from the beginning**. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

The devil was a liar from the beginning

John 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. **He was a murderer from the beginning**, and **abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him**. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for **he is a liar, and the father of it**

Jesus knew Judas would betray him

John 6:64 But there are some of you that believe not. For **Jesus knew from the beginning** who they were that believed not, and who should betray him

Divorce is not God’s will

Matthew 19:8 He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but **from the beginning it was not so**.

We were chosen in Christ

Ephesians 1:4 According as he hath **chosen us in him before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Everything in the unseen realm was created by God

Rom 1:20 For the invisible things of him **from the creation of the world** are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

Affliction will come to the earth like never before

Mark 13:19 For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not **from the beginning** of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.

God hid his wisdom of his plans in the beginning

 1 Corinthians 2:7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the  wisdom, which God **ordained before the world** unto our glory

We have been predestined with an inheritance

Eph 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, **being predestinated** according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

Jesus was glorified in heaven with the Father –

John 17:5 - And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee **before the world was**

**APPENDIX B**

**Scriptures that prove we were in captivity to Satan - Stockholm Syndrome -**

John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me **shall not walk in darkness**, but shall have the light of life.

John 12:46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me **should not abide in darkness.**

Acts 26:18 To open their eyes, and to **turn them from darkness to light**, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Eph 5:8 For ye were sometimes **darkness**, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

Matt 4:17

Col 1:13 Who hath delivered us **from the power of darkness**, and hath translated un into the kingdom of his dear son. It is hard for man to fathom that he is not in control of himself

1 Peter 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath **called you out of darkness** into his marvellous light:

2 Tim 2:26 And *that* they may recover themselves **out of the snare of the devil**, who are taken captive by him at his will

1. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. https://www.wordreference.com/definition/-ceive-#:~:text=%2Dceive%2D%2C%20root.,%2C%20perceive%2C%20receive%2C%20transceiver. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)