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## Scripture

“Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day” (Genesis 1:3-5).

“And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night. He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day or the pillar of fire by night from before the people” (Exodus 13:21-22).

“But to you who fear My name  
The Sun of Righteousness shall arise  
With healing in His wings/rays;  
And you shall go out  
And grow fat like stall-fed calves” (Malachi 4:2).

Jesus said . . . , "It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven" (Matthew 26:64).

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it" (John 1:1-5)

"Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, 'I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life'" (John 8:12).

". . . and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength" (Revelation 1:13-16).

“And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire” (Revelation 20:15).



Man was born to know God.

Knowing Him is the greatest and highest privilege for man.

He is the light of the world.

Someone may ask, what is God like? What is the Father, Son and Holy Spirit like?

*He is the most wonderful, most beautiful Person in the universe.*

God has chosen to give Himself to mankind.  
He gives Himself through His Son Jesus  
Christ.

God has offered His glory to every person.

He and His glory are inexpressible.

His glory and light is so powerful, if someone  
receives Him, they will live forever.

God has chosen to give Himself in totality to  
every person, forever.

He has chosen to give every person the totali-  
ty of all that they are.

He has chosen to believe in every person, more  
than they can comprehend.

There is one choice He cannot and will not  
make for a person: the choice to believe in Him.



Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

He is God.

Those who know Jesus know God.

They have eternal life, which is knowing the only true God.

If they continue on with Jesus, they will live forever.

Outside of Jesus, there is nothing.

Apart from Jesus, someone can do nothing.

Without Jesus, someone has nothing. Even if they gain the whole world, they possess nothing.

Without Jesus, a person is spiritually dead. If they die without Jesus Christ, they go to eternal death.

Eternal life continues forever in heaven, a place of absolute glory.

Heaven is God's home, full of the glorious splendor of His majesty and infinitely more.

Those who know Jesus as Lord have the divine nature and life of God. They have the supernatural, abundant, zoe life. They have the Almighty God living in and through them – and all around them.

Those who know Jesus can accomplish things that will last forever. They can store up treasures in heaven, They can do even greater things than

Jesus did.

Eternal death continues forever in hell, the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

God's choices for mankind are unsearchable, infinite and eternal.

He has chosen to give Himself to mankind, for eternity.

He chose to give His Son to the world.

He has given to every person infinitely and eternally and in an infinite number of ways.

God is infinite, eternal and beyond human description.

If He offered Himself to a person for just one second, it would be the greatest offer ever made to them.

He has offered Himself to man for eternity, for an infinite number of moments.

As He gives in the spirit realm, so He gives in the natural realm.

In the natural, He has chosen to give to every person infinitely, eternally and in an infinite number of ways. How so?

In the natural, He gives every person their life, soul and everything good they have and receive.

He has given every person a soul that is priceless and eternal, made in His image and likeness.

He chose to give them faith, eternity in their heart and choice.

He sustains and keeps them alive, from conception to their final breath.

He does the same for every person they rely on, even for every person in the world.

A person makes millions of choices in their lifetime.

Everything a person does is by choice.

From their early years until they leave the earth, humans choose.

They choose what to do and not do, think and not think, and say and not say.

They choose their thoughts, beliefs, words, actions and infinitely more.

They choose what they do with their time and who to spend time with.

They choose what they want, need, desire, hope for and long for.

They choose what they get and give . . . and on and on.

God has made and makes choices for a person that are unsearchable, priceless, infinite, eternal and beyond comprehension.

There is one choice He cannot and will not make for them: the choice between Him and self.

God believes in you  
God and His Son Jesus believe in you.  
They do more than believe in you . . .  
We hide, but He calls out to us.  
We chose self instead of Him, but He already  
had a plan of salvation.  
All who look upon Him, live . . . forever.  
He's the God who heals you.  
He loves you with an everlasting love.  
His faithful love endures forever.  
He numbers your wanderings and sorrows.  
He collects your tears in a bottle. He records  
them all in His book.  
His thoughts toward you are thoughts of  
peace, to give you a future and a hope.  
When you call to Him, He shows you great  
and mighty things which you do not know.  
He rejoices over you with singing.  
Before a word is on your tongue, He knows it  
altogether.  
He's all around you.  
Everywhere you go, He's there.  
He's within you.  
He's laid His hand upon you.  
He's inscribed you on the palms of His hands.  
Not even a sparrow falls to the ground apart  
from His will.

The very hairs on your head are numbered.

He knows how many hairs you have. And every individual one is numbered.

He knows what you have need of before you ask.

Where two or more are gathered together in His name, He is there.

When you ask for the Holy Spirit, He gives Him to you.

If you choose Him, He prays to the Father to send you another Helper, the Holy Spirit.

He spoke these things that His joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

He died for you.

He died that you might live.

He shed His blood seven times for you.

He chose you before the foundation of the world.

He wrote your name in the book of life.

If you are His, He is with you always, even to the end of the age.

If He is your Lord, He lives with and in you, forever.

Genesis 3:8-9, Genesis 3:21, Numbers 21:8, Exodus 15:26, Psalm 100:5, Psalm 56:8, Psalm 139, Isaiah 49:16, Jeremiah 29:11, Jeremiah 31:3, Jeremiah 33:3, Zephaniah 3:17, Matthew 10:29, Matthew 10:30, Matthew 6:8, Matthew 18:20, John 14:16, Revelation 17:8, Matthew 28:20, John 15:11, John 14:16

God chose to give his Son to the world.  
God has chosen to give Himself to mankind.  
He chose to give His Son as a man on the earth.  
He chose to send his Son to die for the world.  
He's chosen to give his Holy Spirit to the world.

He's chosen to give his Son and the Holy Spirit to those who believe in Him, forever.

God has chosen to give every person their life, soul and everything good that they choose to receive.

Every person's most important choice is their decision between God or self.





## ONE

# Jesus, the Light of the World

"Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, 'I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life'" (John 8:12).

1. Jesus is the light of the world.
2. A follower of Jesus shall not walk in darkness.
3. His follower will have the light of life.

In the natural, God created the sun which gives life to all living things.

In the spiritual, when someone receives Jesus, they find eternal life.

They go from death to life, from darkness to light.

What is eternal life?

“And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent” (John 17:3).

### **Eternal, Everlasting life**

The eternal God offers every person eternal life.

Eternal life is knowing Him, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

It is also “the age to come” (Mark 10:30).

### **Eternal, Everlasting Life**

The same Greek word for “eternal” is also translated “everlasting.” That word is “aionion.”

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

The Greek words for “Eternal Life” – Zoe Aionion

Zoe – “life”

Aionion – “eternal, everlasting”

Zoe: the Divine Nature, the Life of God

Jesus used the word “zoe” for the life that God

offers.

He used this word many times.

What does it mean?

It is the divine, abundant life, which results from simply knowing God through Jesus.

### **Jesus Offers Abundant Life**

In the good shepherd passage, Jesus spoke further about the life He offers: "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly" (John 10:10).

The Amplified version says: "I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows]" (John 10:10).

### **Partakers of the Divine Nature**

Those who know Jesus are partakers of the divine nature.

". . . by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4).

## TWO

# The Glorious Splendor of His Majesty

### What is God like? What is Jesus like?

“On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, will I meditate” (Psalm 145:5).

“One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold/gaze at/see the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire/seek Him in His temple” (Psalm 27:4, various translations).

Some translations, in place of beauty, say “splendor, delightfulness, sweetness, perfections, graciousness, goodness.” For Lord, some translations are “Lord Jehovah, Jehovah, Yahweh.”

The Lord Jesus is indeed the most wonderful, most beautiful Person in the universe. His presence is . . . the glory of the Lord.

When we go deeper with Him in the power of the Holy Spirit, and we experience His presence and glory, He is the only One we will want.

And the Holy Spirit reveals who Jesus is. He's the savior. He's the Son of God. He's our master and friend. And infinitely more.

And He is the Lord God Almighty.

Yet, Jesus Himself said, "My Father . . . is greater than all," and "My Father is greater than I" (John 10:29, John 14:28).

It is an eternal mystery . . . the Father, Son and Holy Spirit . . . the trinity . . . one God . . . three Persons. They are one, yet they are separate and distinct Persons. The Holy Spirit reveals this mystery (Colossians 1:27, 1 Corinthians 2:10).

So when someone knows Jesus, they have a relationship with the Lord God Almighty. Knowing Him is the greatest and highest privilege for a human.

Another mystery is that it's up to a person what they do with that relationship. Why is it like that?

Because God made man into His image and likeness and gave us a free will (Genesis 1:27, 2:7). God cannot make anyone follow Him or do anything.

## THREE

# Jesus, the Exact Representation of God's Nature

“. . . His Son . . . [is] . . . the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person” (Hebrews 1:3).

The Lord Jesus cannot be expressed fully in words.

The same is true for the Father. His glory is so powerful and strong, no man can see Him and live (Exodus 33:20). He told Moses that he, Moses, cannot see His face, for no man can see Him and live.

God set up the perfect plan.

He sent His only Son to the earth to save and redeem mankind. He sent Jesus to offer life to the world.

Then, He sent the Holy Spirit, who is the Spirit of the Father and of Jesus Christ.

What a wonderful, perfect, glorious plan!

### **Jesus: the Exact Representation of God's Nature**

Again, when we try to "express" or "explain" Jesus Christ, there are no words to express Him fully, neither His Person nor His glory.

Jesus is an eternal revelation, just as the Father is an eternal revelation.

The New Testament letters are an attempt to "summarize" or "explain" Jesus Christ, our most holy faith, and much more.

A great concise summary is found in Hebrews 1:3.

Notice that there are two parts to the short "explanation: or "summary" of Jesus:

Jesus is:

1. The brightness of God's glory
2. The express image of God's person

Therefore, there is the glory of Jesus. And there is His Person.

The glory of Jesus Christ is inexpressible.

The Person of Jesus Christ is inexpressible.

## **Jesus, the Son of God**

He is the Son of God.

God so loved the world He gave His Son, that whoever believes in Him shall find eternal life.

Jesus spoke and taught very clearly about His Father and their relationship.

He will forever be the Son of God.

The Father even spoke from heaven, twice, audibly saying, "This is My Beloved Son."

Amen, and amen.

## **Jesus Christ, God Almighty**

Jesus Christ is also the Lord God Almighty.

The Holy Spirit reveals this wondrous, glorious, eternal revelation . . . that Jesus Christ is God.

This revelation is also beyond human words.

A great man of God (John Wesley) summarized Jesus in this way:

God came to earth as a man and justified Himself to the world.

## **God Loves the World**

Someone may ask, "Why is it all about Jesus?"

The answer is of course an eternal revelation and mystery.

God is love. Jesus is love.

God so loved the world . . .



He sent Jesus to save mankind . . . to die for the world.

The gospel is God's love story to and for the world.

The gospel is beyond human words or explanation.

What God the Father and His Son have done and are doing – and will do for eternity – is beyond human comprehension.

The revelation that God is one – the Father, Son and Holy Spirit – and yet they are separate and distinct Persons . . . is truly beyond our limited understanding.

He is beyond us . . . He is an eternal revelation.

### **Some Translations**

Some of the various translations of Hebrews 1:3 are below.

Some examples of translations include:

Jesus is the exact imprint of God's nature

He is the exact likeness of God's being.

### **Other translations:**

"He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature" (ESV).

"The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His nature" (Berean Study & others).

“His Son . . . [is] . . . the radiance of His glory and the exact expression of His substance” (Berean Literal).

“God's Son has all the brightness of God's own glory and is like him in every way” (Good News).

“Who being the brightness of his glory” (KJV)

“For he is the Brilliance of his glory” (Aramaic Bible)

“His Son is the reflection of God's glory” (GWT).

“He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact likeness of his being” (ISV).

“The Son is the radiance of his glory and the representation of his essence” (NET).

“He brightly reflects God's glory and is the exact representation of His being” (Weymouth).

God . . . has in these last days spoken to us by His Son . . . who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person (Hebrews 1:1-3).

## FOUR

# Jesus, the Image of the Invisible God

A famous summary of Jesus is in Colossians 1. It is a very anointed explanation of who Jesus is.

A highlight: Jesus is the image of the invisible God.

He is the visible representation of the unseen God.

God is so powerful, He Himself could not come to the earth to save man.

From the foundation of the world, He had the perfect plan: He would send His Son, who is the exact representation and image of Himself.

Jesus reveals in John 17 that He was with the Father before the world was.

**The Father Gave Jesus His glory,  
before the World was.**

Jesus is the lamb slain from the foundation of the world (Revelation 13:8).

14 Revelations of Jesus Christ in Colossians 1:15-20:

1. He is image of the unseen God.
2. He is the beginning of all creation.
3. He is the creator of all things in heaven.
4. He is the creator of all things on earth.
5. All things were created through Him and for Him.
6. He is before all things.
7. He is the sustainer of all things.
8. He is the head of the church.
9. He is the beginning.
10. He is the firstborn from the dead.
11. He has the preeminence in all things.
12. He is the reconciler of all things on earth.
13. He is the reconciler of all things in heaven.
14. He has made peace through the blood of His cross.

“He is the image of the invisible God” (Colossians 1:15).

Other translations:

“Christ is the visible image of the invisible God” (NLT).

“Christ is the visible representation of the invisible God” (Weymouth).

“He who is the image of The Unseen God” (Aramaic Plain).

“Christ is the visible likeness of the invisible God” (Good News).

“Christ is exactly like God, who cannot be seen” (CEV).

## FIVE

### **“The Glory of the Lord Shone around Them”**

“And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid” (Luke 2:9).

When Jesus was born, an angel of the Lord visited shepherds watching over their flock at night.

When the angel stood before them, the glory of the Lord shone around them.

The glory of the Lord is the Holy Spirit.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

“Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men! (Luke 2:13-14)

## SIX

# The Transfiguration

### “A Bright Cloud”

Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.'

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud,

saying, 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!' And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. But Jesus came and touched them and said, 'Arise, and do not be afraid.' When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, 'Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead' (Matthew 17:1-9).

"His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them" (Mark 9:3).

1. Jesus led them up on a high mountain (v. 1).
2. He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun. His clothes became white as the light (v. 2); His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them (Mark 9:3).
3. Moses and Elijah appeared to them (v. 3).
4. a bright cloud overshadowed them (v. 5).
5. God the Father spoke from out of the cloud (v. 5).
6. The Father said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" (v. 5).
7. When the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid (v. 6).



8. Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid" (v. 7).

9. When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only (v. 8).

10. Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead" (v. 10).

The bright cloud was the Holy Spirit.

The Father spoke from the bright cloud.

When we meet the Holy Spirit Himself, we are meeting the Father.

When we fellowship with the Holy Spirit, the Father speaks to us.

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of the Father, the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

## SEVEN

# **“Power Had Gone Out of Him”**

“the power of the Lord was present to heal them” (Luke 5:17)

The light and glory of God is the presence of God, the presence of Jesus Christ.  
His presence brings His power.

"And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, 'Who touched My clothes?'" (Mark 5:30).

"Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of ev-

ery town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them" (Luke 5:17).

### **The Presence and Power of God**

Jesus had the power of God.

Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:18).

Even though Jesus is and was God, He became a man. He was fully man and fully God.

"For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure" (John 3:34).

Other translation:

"The Son was sent to speak God's message, and he has been given the full power of God's Spirit" (CEV)

The power of God is for service: to do God's glorious work, including healings, miracles and more.

### **The Presence of God**

Jesus of course had the presence of God.

In fact, Jesus WAS and IS God!

Jesus, who is God, had the Holy Spirit, who is also God!

The presence of God is different from the power of God.

The presence of Jesus is with a believer all the time.

If they develop His presence, at times His power will come upon them for service.

As revealed in Luke 4, the power of God, the anointing brings glorious results, including the good news of salvation, healing, liberty, sight to the blind and infinitely more.

## EIGHT

# “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me”

Jesus' light and glory brings glorious results.  
Some of these results are revealed in Luke 4,  
when Jesus spoke about the Holy Spirit coming  
upon Him.

The results:

The Anointing

Good News of Salvation for the Poor, Humble  
and Afflicted

Healing for the Brokenhearted

Liberty to the Captives

Sight to the Blind

Liberty for those Oppressed

The Year of the Lord's Favor

A revelation is that Jesus became a man, and  
the Holy Spirit anointed Him.

God, the Holy Spirit, anointed God, Jesus

Christ.

Jesus became what we are, a human, so that we could become what He is . . . a son of God . . . a daughter of God . . . a child of God.

So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,  
Because He has anointed Me  
To preach the gospel to the poor;  
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,  
To proclaim liberty to the captives  
And recovery of sight to the blind,  
To set at liberty those who are oppressed;  
To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”

Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing” (Luke 4:16-21).

1. Spirit of the Lord came upon Jesus (v. 18a).
2. The Holy Spirit anointed Him (v. 18b).
3. To preach the gospel to the poor, humble and afflicted (v. 18c).
4. The Holy Spirit sent Jesus to heal the brokenhearted (v. 18d).

5. The Holy Spirit sent Jesus to proclaim liberty and release to the captives (v. 18e).

6. The Holy Spirit sent Jesus for recovery of sight to the blind (v. 18f).

7. The Holy Spirit sent Jesus to set at liberty those who are oppressed (v. 18g).

8. The Holy Spirit sent Jesus to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord (v. 19a).

### **The Spirit of the Lord**

"The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, . . ."

### **The Anointing**

"Because He has anointed Me, . . ."

### **Good News of Salvation for the Poor, Humble and Afflicted**

"To preach the gospel to the poor, humble and afflicted; . . ."

### **Healing for the Brokenhearted**

"He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted . . ."

### **Liberty to the Captives**

"To proclaim liberty and release to the captives . . ."

### **Sight to the Blind**

“And recovery of sight to the blind, . . .”

### **Liberty for Those Oppressed**

“To set at liberty those who are oppressed; . . .” (Luke 4:18)

### **The Year of the Lord’s Favor**

“To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.” Many translations: “the year of the Lord’s favor”; Amplified: “the day when salvation and the favor of God abound greatly.” (Luke 4:19)

The Spirit of the Lord brings seven glorious, eternal results:

The Anointing  
Good News of Salvation for the Poor, Humble  
and Afflicted  
Healing for the Brokenhearted  
Liberty to the Captives  
Sight to the Blind  
Liberty for those Oppressed  
The Year of the Lord’s Favor



## NINE

# How Can a Person Get the Light of the World?

**“How Much More will Your Heavenly Father  
Give the Holy Spirit”**

If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!” (Luke 11:13)

### **God is a Giving God**

If someone asks the Father for the Holy Spirit, the Father will give them their request.

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever – the Spirit of truth, whom the world

cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you (John 14:16-17).

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).

## TEN

# Seven Revelations of Jesus Christ in John 1

In John 1:1-5, there are seven revelations of Jesus Christ:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it (John 1:1-5).

Jesus is the:

1. Eternal word (v. 1)

2. Divine word (v. 2)
3. Creative word (v. 3)
4. Living word (v. 4)
5. Illuminating word (v. 4)
6. Revelation word (v. 5)
7. Saving word (v. 5)

## ELEVEN

# The Seven "I Am" Revelations in the Gospel of John

Jesus spoke seven (7) "I am" statements in the Gospel of John. There are also seven (7) miracles that each correspond with one of the "I am" statements. Jesus said:

- "I am the bread of life." (John 6:35, 41, 48, 51)
- "I am the light of the world." (John 8:12)
- "I am the door of the sheep." (John 10:7,9)
- "I am the good shepherd." (John 10:11, 14)
- "I am the resurrection and the life." (John 11:25)
- "I am the way, the truth, and the life." (John 14:6)
- "I am the true vine." (John 15:1, 5)
  
- "I am the bread of life." (John 6:35, 41, 48, 51)

John 6 – Jesus feeds the multitude with five loaves and two fish. Jesus is the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that Jesus gave is His flesh, which He gave for the life of the world. John 6:51

“I am the light of the world.” (John 8:12)

John 8 – Jesus forgives woman caught in adultery. Jesus and His light eliminates darkness and sin.

“I am the door of the sheep.” (John 10:7,9)

John 5 – man healed at the pool of Bethesda. Jesus said, “Rise, take up your bed and walk” (John 10:8) Jesus is the door to salvation, healing and eternally more.

“I am the good shepherd.” (John 10:11, 14)

John 6 – Jesus walks on the water. Then, in verse 21, “immediately the boat was at the land where they were going.” Jesus is the good shepherd who delivers us from storms and trouble.

“I am the resurrection and the life.” (John 11:25)

Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. Jesus raises us from the dead, giving us eternal life.

“I am the way, the truth, and the life.” (John 14:6)

John 4 – the nobleman's son healed. Jesus said, "Go your way, your son lives" in verse 50. Jesus is the way leading to truth and life and infinitely more.

"I am the true vine." (John 15:1, 5)

John 2 – Jesus turns water to wine. Jesus is the vine that produces the new wine of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is the vine, we are the branches that bear fruit.

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## TWELVE

### The Glory of Jesus

“And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was” (John 17:5).

Main points of John 17:1-5:

1. The hour had arrived. The hour of Jesus' passion, death, resurrection and ascension was close at hand.
2. The Father glorifies Jesus.
3. Jesus glorifies the Father.
4. The Father has given Jesus authority over all flesh.
5. Jesus gives eternal life to as many as the Father has given Him.
6. The Father has given the church, the saints, to Jesus.
7. Eternal life is knowing the Father, the only



true God, and Jesus Christ whom He has sent.

8. Jesus glorified the Father while on the earth as a man.

9. Jesus finished the work which the Father gave Him to do.

10. After Jesus' passion and resurrection, the Father glorified Jesus together with Himself, with the glory which Jesus had with the Father before the world was.

Jesus was with the Father before the world was.

Before the foundation of the world, Jesus was with the Father of glory.

Their relationship is . . . unspeakable . . . and too wonderful for us to understand.

The Holy Spirit reveals the mystery of the Father and His Son's relationship.

The Father loved Jesus before the foundation of the world.

The Father gave Jesus His glory.

The Father gave Jesus work to do on the earth as a man. Jesus did and finished that work.

The Father gave Jesus certain men out of the world.

The mystery is that the Father did these glorious things . . . before the foundation of the world.

Jesus is the lamb slain from the foundation of the world (Revelation 13:8).

The book of life was written before the foundation of the world (Revelation 17:8).

The kingdom for God's children was prepared before the foundation of the world (Matthew 25:34).

### **Eternal Mysteries**

Within these glorious truths and revelations, there are eternal mysteries.

Jesus was the lamb slain before the foundation of the world.

Yet, He of His own free will chose to fulfill the work His Father gave Him to do.

He fulfilled the ministry the Father gave Him to do.

He gave His men, His disciples, the words the Father had given Him. And He did eternally more.

He chose to suffer and die for the world.

The following is very holy, and eternally important: Jesus could have not died for the world.

He prayed three times that His Father might allow His passion not take place.

But He did fulfill His passion.

He shed His blood seven times for humanity.

He died for the life of the world.

Jesus was the lamb slain before the foundation of the world, to save and redeem mankind.

“Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power

to take it again. This command I have received from My Father" (John 10:17-18).

## THIRTEEN

### Jesus' Glory which the Father Gave Him

“That they may behold My glory which You have given Me” (John 17:24).

“Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world” (John 17:24).

#### **“My Glory which You have Given Me”**

Before the foundation of the world, the Father gave Jesus His glory.

Before the world was, Jesus was with the Father.

The Father and Jesus are one.  
God is a giving God. He gave His glory to Jesus.

**“You Loved Me before the  
Foundation of the World” (John 17:24)**

Before the world was, the Father loved Jesus.  
God is love.  
The Father loved Jesus.  
The Father gave Jesus His glory.

“All things have been delivered to Me by My Father” (Matthew 11:27).

“All things that the Father has are Mine” (John 16:15).

The Father has delivered, given and entrusted all things to His Son.  
The Father has given all things to His Son.  
The Father has given His glory to His Son.

**God is Love**

“God is love” (1 John 4:8)

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).

The gospel is one big love story.

God loves the world.

He loves the world so much, He sent His only Son to die for the world.

The gospel is . . . indescribable, marvelous, wonderful, inexpressible, unutterable, indefinable, ineffable, unimaginable, inconceivable, unthinkable, unheard of, beyond words, beyond description.

The gospel is . . . priceless, exceptional, inimitable, transcendent, unmatched, unparalleled, beyond compare, excellent, ideal, matchless, paramount, peerless, perfect, preeminent, second to none, sovereign, superior, supreme, surpassing, towering, ultimate, unequalled, unmatched, unrivalled, unsurpassable.

## FOURTEEN

# Jesus in His Glory

Jesus is alive.

Jesus is now in glory.

He is at the right hand of the Father's power.

He is in the Father's glory.

There are descriptions of Jesus in His glory in the Bible.

Some descriptions include: the Transfiguration; the second coming of Jesus Christ, in Matthew 24; and John's vision of Him, recorded in Revelation 1.

Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And be

hold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" (Matthew 17:1-5)

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory (Matthew 24:30).

. . . One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters . . . and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength (Revelation 1:13-16).



## FIFTEEN

# God Gave and Gives Jesus and the Holy Spirit

“. . . how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!” (Luke 11:13)

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).

“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever” (John 14:16).

God is a giving God.  
He gives beyond what we can comprehend.  
He gives abundantly, infinitely and eternally.

He gave His Son to the world.  
He gave and gives the Holy Spirit to the world.  
He is always giving.

### **He Gives in the Natural and Spiritual**

God gives all the time, both in the natural and spiritual worlds.

He gives to everyone, including those who do not believe in Him. He is even kind to the unthankful and evil (Luke 6:35).

Just as He is giving good things in the natural, He is always giving wonderful things in the spirit realm.

The tragedy is that most people do not receive His gifts in the spirit realm.

His greatest gift is His Son, Jesus Christ.

### **He Gives Every Good and Perfect Gift**

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights . . .” (James 1:17).

### **The Father of Glory**

“Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world” (John 17:24).

He is the Father of glory.  
He is "the Father of lights" (James 1:17).  
He gave His glory to His Son.  
Jesus is the light of the world.

"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!" (Luke 11:13)

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever – the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you (John 14:16-17).

## SIXTEEN

# Jesus Gives Us His Glory

“And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one” (John 17:22)

1. The Father gave Jesus glory.
2. Jesus gives us His glory.
3. Jesus gives us His glory, that we may be one, as the Jesus and His Father are one.

God gives.

Before the foundation of the world, He gave Jesus His glory.

Jesus has given His saints, the church, His glory.

He gives us His glory that we might be one, just as He and the Father are one.

## SEVENTEEN

### Five Glorious Revelations

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him (John 17:1-2).

The above Scripture and the summary below are too wonderful for us to comprehend.

1. “Glorify Your Son” (v. 1)
2. “that Your Son also may glorify You” (v. 1)
3. The Father has given Jesus authority over all flesh (v. 2).
4. Jesus gives eternal life to as many as the Fa-

ther has given Him (v. 2).

5. The Father has given Jesus the church, the saints, the children of God (v. 2).

## **God Gives**

### **Five Glorious, Eternal, Unspeakable Gives:**

1. The Father glorifies Jesus. The Father gives Jesus glory. For all eternity, the Father will give Jesus glory.

2. The Son glorifies the Father. Jesus gives glory to the Father. For all eternity, Jesus will give the Father glory.

3. The Father has given Jesus authority over all flesh.

4. Jesus gives eternal life to God's children.

5. The Father has given Jesus the church.

## EIGHTEEN

### **“Power and Great Glory”**

"Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory" (Matthew 24:30).

Jesus will return in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is God.

His presence is power and great glory.

### **“His Glory”**

“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All

the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left" (Matthew 25:31-33).

1. Jesus will come in His glory (v. 31).
2. All the holy angels will be with Him (v. 31).
3. He will sit on the throne of His glory (v. 31).
4. The nations will be gathered before Him (v. 32).
5. He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats (v. 32).
6. He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left (v. 33).

Jesus' glory.

Jesus Himself is . . . the glory of the Lord.

Jesus Christ is the Lord God Almighty.

His glory endures, lasts and continues forever.

### **"The Throne of His Glory"**

His throne is a throne of glory.

It is an eternal mystery: the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus Christ . . . He is the glory of the Lord.



## NINETEEN

# Jesus, the Revelation of God

It is simple – and yet an eternal mystery.

God is the perfect God and Father.

He loves the world so much, that gave His only Son to die for the world, to save mankind.

He gave everything to His Son Jesus Christ and exalted Him to be equal with Himself.

Jesus is the King of glory . . . the Son of Man . . . the Savior . . . the Son of God . . . and . . .

Jesus is the Lord God Almighty.

And “of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end . . .” (Isaiah 9:7).

### Jesus, the Perfect Son of God

Jesus is the perfect Son.

He gave Himself to the world to save mankind.

He came to earth and suffered and died for the life of the world.

He completed the work the Father gave Him to do.

Jesus has given everything to His people, the church, the saints (John 17:22 & more).

When someone goes to God the Father, He points to Jesus. Jesus said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6).

Jesus also said: ". . . that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father" (John 5:23).

When someone goes to Jesus, He says, "I and My Father are one" (John 10:30).

And Jesus points to the Father and says, "My Father . . . is greater than all" and "My Father is greater than I" (John 10:29, John 14:28).

## TWENTY

# An Eternal Revelation

The only true God is an eternal revelation.  
Those who find Him and make it to heaven  
will be in awe of Him, for eternity.

### **Eternal Life – Knowing Him**

Jesus offers eternal, everlasting life.  
What is eternal life?  
Jesus said, “And this is eternal life, that they  
may know You, the only true God, and Jesus  
Christ whom You have sent” (John 17:3).  
For all eternity, those in heaven will be in awe  
of the Father, His Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy  
Spirit.  
The only true God is so glorious and wonder-  
ful, human words cannot express Him.

## **Jesus said, "The Age to Come, Eternal Life"**

Jesus revealed that eternal life is also "the age to come" (Mark 10:30):

So Jesus answered and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time – houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions – and in the age to come, eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first" (Mark 10:29-30).

## **God is Eternity**

It is glorious that when someone knows Jesus as Lord and Savior, they are actually in "the age to come."

Though still on the earth and in a human body, they have the opportunity to experience and partake of eternity. How is this possible?

God is eternity. He is of course eternal. In fact, eternity exists in Him.

He is so giving and gracious, that when someone receives Jesus as Lord and Savior, they are immediately in "eternal life, the age to come." They begin the eternal journey of knowing Him.

## **Every Person Will Exist for Eternity**

Every person is an eternal being.

God made man into His own image and likeness.

The truth that man is the image of God is an eternal mystery and revelation.

God is eternal. Man is eternal.

God is a trinity. Man is a trinity.

Because man is made in God's image, he has the opportunity to know God – and infinitely, eternally more!

Those who know Jesus as Lord and Savior have eternal life and all it contains.

However, those apart from Jesus Christ are in eternal death.

When someone finds Jesus as Lord and Savior, they instantly move from eternal death to eternal life.

## **The New Life in Jesus**

The glorious new life in Jesus Christ is an eternal revelation of God.

As the New Testament reveals, believers are to continue on in this most holy faith our entire time on earth and for eternity.

In eternity, saints will continue: growing, worshiping, praying, ministering, learning, serving, knowing God . . . and infinitely, eternally more.

## **The New Life is Beyond Human Words**

The new life in Jesus is so glorious, it cannot be expressed in human words.

The entire New Testament is an attempt to put it into words.

Why can it not be expressed? Because God is so glorious and wonderful, He cannot be put into human words.

## **How Do We Meet the Real God?**

Perhaps the most important key to knowing God is meeting and knowing the Holy Spirit. He is God!

We get to go directly to Him. What a privilege it is to go directly to Him!

He is the Spirit of the Father and the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

Knowing Him is the greatest privilege a human can experience.

## **Angels**

The following is an example of how awesome our God is.

The only true God sits on the highest throne in the universe.

Around and above the throne, angels continually cry out: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come" . . .

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!"

They continually see new revelations of the Lord God Almighty.

We do not know how long the angels have been at the throne.

The earth is estimated to be more than 4.5 billion years old.

We do not know how long the angels have existed.

Nevertheless, the angels are continually seeing new revelations of the only true God. And they cry "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come" (Revelation 4:8) . . . "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!" (Isaiah 6:3).

## TWENTY-ONE

# Jesus, an Eternal Revelation

### **Jesus Christ is the Son of God and God**

Jesus Christ is the Son of God.  
And, Jesus is the Lord God Almighty.  
And, He is infinitely, eternally more. Amen!

The Holy Spirit reveals this eternal revelation and the mysteries therein.

The revelation of the only true God, the great God Jehovah, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is certainly the most important revelation in the universe.

Within that revelation, the revelation of Jesus is also the most important revelation in the universe.



A person's eternal destiny depends on their response to the only true God's offer of Himself through Jesus Christ.

God has offered the Lord Jesus to every person. It is the greatest and only offer to mankind.

God wants to save all people. He wants everyone to spend eternity with Him in heaven (2 Peter 3:9 & others).

The tragedy is that most people will not find Jesus as Lord and Savior.

If anyone says no to Jesus, God cannot do anything more for them.

God has done everything He can do to save mankind.

He sent His only Son to the earth to die for the world!

Jesus rose from the dead and lives forevermore.

God sent the Holy Spirit to the earth.

Jesus – the Lord God Almighty – is available to every person, all the time, everywhere they go, for all eternity!

What else could God do for mankind?

### **How Can Jesus be Both the Son of God and God?**

Who are we to question God?

One should never cross-question God Almighty.

We should honor and fear Him.

We should humble ourselves before Him.

We should be in awe of Him.

We should be in awe of His offer of Himself through Jesus!

### **Objections**

Some object and say, "Jesus cannot be both God and the Son of God . . ." and "Jesus was a man but he cannot be God also . . ." and other similar objections.

Those who object are a son. Every person on earth has parents.

And they also may be a father; they might have a child or children.

So, which are they, a son or a father? They are both.

And, they are many others things, potentially a: grandson, brother, grandfather, friend, nephew, uncle, citizen (of a place), professional, student, hobbyist, and many other "titles."

So it is with Jesus Christ. He has many, many names and titles.

How is it that man has numerous "titles?" Because God created man into His own image and likeness. God has many, many names, offices, titles and descriptions, and so it is with man.

### **God's Plan for Humanity**

God's plan for humanity is so glorious, human words cannot express it!

God's magnificent offers to mankind are beyond human comprehension!

He has offered Himself!

To every person!

All the time!

Everywhere they go!

For all eternity!

### **God's Offer to Mankind**

God's offer to mankind is priceless, infinite and eternal. Why?

Because HE is priceless, infinite and eternal, and infinitely, eternally more!

For all eternity, man will be in awe of Him and His offer to mankind.

### **Beyond Human Description**

Notice some of the ways His offer is described in the Bible:

"The glorious splendor of Your majesty" . . .  
"A treasure hidden in a field, which a man goes and digs up again and again" . . . "The riches of the glory of the mystery" . . . (Psalm 145:5, Matthew 13:44-46, Colossians 1:27).

What is the Father, His Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit like?

“On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, will I meditate” (Psalm 145:5).

One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold/gaze at/see the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire/seek Him in His temple (Psalm 27:4, various translations).

Some translations, in place of beauty, say “splendor, delightfulness, sweetness, perfection, graciousness, goodness.”

For Lord, some translations are “Lord Jehovah, Jehovah, Yahweh.”

The Father . . . the Lord Jesus . . . the Holy Spirit is indeed the most wonderful, most beautiful Person in the universe.

His presence is . . . the glory of the Lord.

When we go deeper with Him in the power of the Holy Spirit, and we experience His presence and glory, He is the only One we will want.

And the Holy Spirit reveals who Jesus is. He’s the savior. He’s the Son of God. He’s our master and friend. And infinitely more.

And He is the Lord God Almighty.

### **“My Father is Greater than I”**

Yet, Jesus Himself said, “My Father . . . is

greater than all," and "My Father is greater than I" (John 10:29, John 14:28).

It is an eternal mystery . . . the Father, Son and Holy Spirit . . . the trinity . . . one God . . . three Persons. They are one, yet they are separate and distinct Persons. The Holy Spirit reveals this mystery (Colossians 1:27, 1 Corinthians 2:10).

So when someone knows Jesus, they have a relationship with the Lord God Almighty. Knowing Him is the greatest and highest privilege for a human.

Another mystery is that it's up to a person what they do with that relationship. Why is it like that?

Because God made man into His image and likeness and gave us a free will (Genesis 1:27, 2:7). God cannot make anyone follow Him or do anything.

### **Priceless Results**

Within knowing Him, He offers priceless results found only in Him, some of which are below.

Experts have found more than 7,000 promises to mankind in the Bible.

But let's always remember: He Himself, His presence and His glory are the answer.

He is the answer: the only true God through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Everything a person wants, needs, desires and longs for, is found in Him.

When someone finds Him, all the things listed below are a natural result.

### **The Answer: Knowing Him**

The answer is going directly to Him, the one and only true God.

If someone goes to Him, with a repentant, humble spirit, and desires to meet Him, He will answer.

He will reveal Himself.

And that person will find the answer.

They will have the one and only thing, the thing that will last forever, that no one can ever take from them . . . knowing the only true God.

Sometimes, we do everything else except developing our relationship with Him.

We search the Bible, do ministry, learn, go to church, and so forth – and all those are good things.

But we might neglect the one and only thing – knowing Him!

The incredible truth is that He is merciful, gracious, patient, faithful and infinitely more.

When we come to Him, with a repentant heart, He receives us. Amen!

### **Some Results of Knowing Him . . .**

Just some of the priceless gifts and attributes He offers are:

Eternal, everlasting life

The divine nature  
Fullness of love  
Fullness of joy; joy unspeakable and full of  
glory  
Pleasures forevermore  
Perfect peace  
Blessed, favored and fortunate; happiness  
Faith  
Hope of glory  
Harmony  
Purpose  
Prosperity  
Divine health  
Living forever in glory and never seeing death  
and infinitely more.

## TWENTY-TWO

# The Name of Jesus

When God sent His Son to the earth, He made His Son's name very clear, obvious and definite.

God also made His thoughts about His Son very clear, obvious and definite.

He did not hide His Son's name.

And God the Father did not hide His thoughts about His Son.

## Jesus

The name "Jesus" in Hebrew literally means "God saves." The name "Jesus" in Hebrew is "Yeshua."

In the Old Testament, Yeshua was an alternative form of the name Yehoshua, Hebrew for Joshua (Numbers 13:16, 1 Chronicles 7:27).

Therefore, Jesus is the Greek form of the He-



brew name Joshua.

The name Yeshua is related to the Hebrew verb root "rescue" and one of its noun forms, yesua, "deliverance."

Yeshua in Greek is "Iesous," and in Latin is "Iesus." The name Jesus in English comes from Iesous and Iesus.

## Christ

In the New Testament, which was written in Greek, "Christ" in the Greek is the word "christos," which means "anointed."

In the Old Testament, which was written in Hebrew, the word for "Messiah" is "mashiach," which also means "anointed."

Therefore, the Greek word for Christ, "christos," is the Greek equivalent for the Hebrew word for Messiah, "mashiach."

Therefore, His name could properly be written and spoken as, "Jesus the Anointed One."

## TWENTY-THREE

# Heaven

### Scripture about Heaven and More

"Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" (Matthew 13:36-43).

"Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world' . . . Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels' . . . (Matthew 25:34,41).

"In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2).

"After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying:

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom,  
Thanksgiving and honor and power and  
might,

Be to our God forever and ever.

Amen.'

Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, 'Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?'

And I said to him, 'Sir, you know.'

So he said to me, 'These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters.

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes" (Revelation 7:9-17).

"And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.'

Then He who sat on the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.' And He said to me, 'Write, for these words are true and faithful.'

And He said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death' (Revelation 21:3-8).

And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree

were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever (Revelation 22:1-5).

**Descriptions of Heaven and the Only True God and Jesus Christ the Lord, by people who have been to heaven and returned.**

“They placed me at the feet of the most glorious Being I could ever imagine. A crown of pure light rested on His head, and hair as white as snow fell upon His shoulders. No words could begin to describe His splendor . . . I was totally overawed by Him. His goodness, tenderness, and love overwhelmed me. I bowed down.”<sup>1</sup>

-Marietta Davis

“He looked down at me. He had such beautiful eyes. I’ll never forget those eyes. They were so large and full of meaning – and kindness and forgiveness and compassion. Everything you would want to see in Jesus’ face was there.”<sup>2</sup>

-Lorraine Tutmarc

“I looked into Jesus’ eyes . . . they looked like wells of living love. It seemed as if one could see

a half mile deep into them, and the tender look of His love is indescribable. As I looked into His face and into His eyes, I fell at His feet."<sup>3</sup>

-Kenneth Hagin

"I felt I had everything I ever wanted to have. I was everything I had ever intended to be. I was arriving at where I had always dreamed of being."<sup>4</sup>

-Betty Malz

Eby calls his visit "unutterable . . . indescribable . . . spiritually resplendent . . . and most ecstatically moving."<sup>5</sup>

The scene was "gorgeously unsurpassable in its beauty," with the foliage having a radiance. It was a great outdoors of mountains, trees, flowers, music, and sweet smells. Forests of symmetrical trees unlike anything on earth covered the foothills on each side. Every tree was tall, graceful, perfect, unblemished . . . Rolling hills under cloudless skies seemed to stretch for miles. The skies were a new color, an iridescent white-gold light. The valley floor was gorgeous. Stately grasses with perfectly straight blades were mixed in with ultra-white, four-petalled flowers on stems two feet tall, with a touch of gold at the centers.<sup>6</sup>

-Richard Eby

She looked into his eyes, which were loving

and clear as blue water, yet piercing. It was like she was mirrored in his eyes . . . There was a heavenly illumination that made his hair light red, his eyes bluish and transparent, and his skin a light gold color . . . 'There is no way to describe his coloring. It is like another world's color. It's the Shekinah glory, iridescent golden light glowing through him.'<sup>7</sup>

-Valvita Jones

As he turned around, he saw Jesus Christ. The glory about Him moved toward Roberts and came upon him, engulfing him. Roberts fell to his knees, and tears began to stream from his eyes, running down his face. Jesus said, "I want to give you a tour through heaven, this place I have made for all who believe, because I love you so much."<sup>8</sup>

As he said this, tears again poured down Roberts' face. To Roberts, Jesus' presence is so tender that your joy turns to tears.

He said repeatedly, "I love my people so much. Why do people not take me at My word? Do they not know that I have all power in heaven and on earth to back up what I said? It is so easy. I made it so simple. If people would just take me at My word, I will do what I said."<sup>9</sup>

-Roberts Liardon

Richard saw a crystal city made entirely of glowing lights of different types. The lights

gave off rays of glory brighter than the sun. The whole city was filled with tall buildings . . . Some were round, and one was shaped like a diamond. There were choirs and angels singing from the heights. Richard still remembers weeping with adoration and joy at seeing and hearing these inexpressible things.<sup>10</sup>

Jesus walked onto the stage to thunderous praise, worship, and adoration. The Lord looked at people lovingly . . . 'You could feel the Shekinah glory love that came out of Him. It was awesome . . . words fail.'<sup>11</sup>

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-Richard Sigmund

Suddenly . . . there stood Jesus . . . glory and power billowed all around Him . . . His piercing eyes were beautiful . . . the tenderness in His eyes' is beyond a writer's description. The loveliness of the Blessed Savior was awe-inspiring and wonderful.<sup>12</sup>

-Mary Baxter

A voice said: "Come with me into the Throne Room where the secrets of the universe are kept!"<sup>13</sup>

Chrioni said to him: "You can never comprehend the depth of God's love because it is too great!"<sup>14</sup>

-Roland Buck



“Jesus spoke with a voice that relayed the same love his glance transmitted to me—such gentleness and tenderness. Once you hear it, you will never forget it.”<sup>15</sup>

-Gerald Landry

The light was so intense, he had to look away and keep looking down . . . He is so big – you can’t describe Him in a dimension . . . The form of God’s body is somewhat like energy and spirit. The power, the energy-like smoke of God, covers all around the chair of the throne itself . . . There was a massive amount of energy, power, smoke, and noise there.<sup>16</sup>

-Jesse Duplantis

Jesus was dressed in a white robe down to His feet, with a golden sash around His chest. His eyes were gleaming and welcoming. His hair was white as snow, thick, and hanging down below His shoulders . . . His face oozed with love that was tangible and real . . . His face is radiant and inviting.<sup>17</sup>

-Maurice Maelo

## TWENTY-FOUR

# Angels

Just like God and Jesus Himself, God's angels are staggering and mind-blowing in their glory.

The heavenly host of angels are fascinating, awe-inspiring, and almost unimaginable.

It's good to learn about the spirit realm and understand it. It's infinitely greater to experience it. Just one moment in His presence is greater than millions of years in the highest places anywhere else.

The battles in the spirit realm are between God's heavenly armies and the devil's armies. God's army has five divisions of angels. It's a mystery and a reality that man can enter the spirit realm, either on the good or the evil side.

## **The Angelic Beings**

### **The Five Divisions of the Heavenly Host**

Angels are mighty, glorious, fearsome beings who carry the glory of God with them. We see in the Bible that when allowed to see angels, humans are often very afraid and even fall down as though dead (see Luke 1:13, 1:30, 2:10, Revelation 1:17). The angels have to calm them down, "Do not be afraid . . ."

There are literally millions upon millions of angels and five classifications of angels. The five divisions are: Seraphims; Cherubims; Zoa, or Living Creatures; Archangels; and Angels.

All angels are connected to God's glory and carry His glory with them. They were created in heaven and are spirit beings; God's spirit forms their being.

Before the earth was created, angels were already in existence. In Job, the LORD speaks about the angels, referred to as "stars" and "the sons of God":

"Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy? (Job 38:4-7)

There are more than 300 references to angels in the Bible.

No one knows how many angels there are. In Revelation 5:11, John saw so many angels he could not count them, with his estimate being “100 million, and thousands upon thousands.”

<b>The Five Divisions of Angels</b>	
Seraphims	Isaiah 6:1-3
Cherubims	Gen. 3, Ezekiel 1
Zoa, Living Creatures	Revelation 4
Archangels	Luke 1, Daniel 10
Angels	LK 2, MT 4, LK 22

### **Seraphims**

The first division of angels we know about are the seraphims. They are awesome, holy, glorious beings that very few humans on earth have ever been allowed to see.

Isaiah saw them in a vision. He describes God’s throne and seraphim in Isaiah, chapter 6:

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet,

and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
The whole earth is full of His glory!”  
And the posts of the door were shaken by  
the voice of him who cried out, and the  
house was filled with smoke.

(Isaiah 6:1-4)

Seraphim are connected to God’s glory. Every time you see seraphs, you see a revelation of God’s glory.

God’s glory deals with who He is, His attributes.

His glory is also His tangible presence and glory. The Greek word for His “glory” is “doxa,” which is translated “brilliant luster, radiant splendor, and dazzling luster.”

Luster means “a gentle shine, radiance, brilliance, polish, and shimmer; a soft glow.”

The seraphims cry out “holy, holy, holy” continually because in heaven there is a continual revelation of God and His holiness. Heaven is a glorious place beyond human description.

## **Cherubims**

The second division of angels is the cherubims. Again, cherubims are fearsome, holy, magnificent beings that few humans have been granted to see.

The first three divisions of angels seem to be

connected to God's presence in heaven and worshipping God Almighty.

In Genesis 3:22-24, after man's fall, we read about God placing cherubim and a flaming sword to guard the way to the tree of life:

Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever" — therefore the Lord God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life (Genesis 3:22-24).

Ezekiel 1 contains one of the most detailed descriptions of cherubim. Ezekiel explains that the cherubim he saw had the appearance of bright fire, and out of the fire went lightning. In verse 6, we read: "they [the cherubim] sparkled like the color of burnished brass." Every cherub had four faces and four wings. On the right side, each had the face of a man and face of a lion. On the left side, each one had the face of an ox and an eagle. Their faces and wings stretched upward in worship.

In verse 13, we read:

As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches going back and forth among the living creatures. The fire was bright, and out of the fire went lightning. And the living creatures ran back and forth, in appearance like a flash of lightning (Ezekiel 1:13-14)

Satan was a cherub. Lucifer was “the anointed cherub” (Ezekiel 28:14), related to worship. His position had to do with God’s presence. He was in the midst of the very throne of heaven. Some translations are “you were anointed as a guardian cherub” (Ezekiel 28:14), protecting the very throne of heaven. Lucifer was walking up and down in the midst of the stones of fire in front of the throne.

Cherubims are connected to worship.

Remember that the apostle Paul wrote that he saw things that were so awesome he could not even write or talk about them.

### **Zoa, or Living Creatures**

Zoa are also called “living creatures” and “beasts.” Zoa is the Greek word, and it is translated living creatures.

Revelation 4 contains a glorious vision John had of Jehovah God Almighty, His throne, and the throne room of heaven. John saw zoa, or living creatures:

And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!" (Revelation 4:5-8)

John saw that "seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God" (v. 5). Therefore, zoa are connected to the work of the Holy Spirit and God's presence.

Another proof that zoa are connected to God's presence is that they are crying out "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty" to God Himself.

Zoa are the angels of revelation. They reveal to the heavens who God is. Two things speak of this: their eyes all around, and their cry in verse 8, "Who was and is and is to come."

Zoa are different from the cherubs, who are



also described as living creatures. All four of the zoa have different faces. The cherubims had four faces each. Also, zoa have six wings, while the seraphim have four.

The scripture does not tell us how many there are, in all.

### **Archangels**

There are two archangels: Michael and Gabriel. There were originally three. Lucifer was an archangel but fell. He rebelled and tried to overthrow God. This fact is central and fundamental to our understanding of the real war in the heavens and how we, as humans, fit into it.

Archangels stand and minister in God's presence. They announce the coming of the Lord. They are warring angels and are involved in warfare, which is their main role.

Paul writes about an archangel in 1 Thessalonians: "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first." 1 Thess. 4:16

The archangel Gabriel announced Jesus' first coming. He first appeared to Zacharias, father of John the Baptist, telling him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God," (Luke 1:19) and gave prophecy about John the Baptist. Later, Gabriel appeared to Mary to announce the coming of Jesus:

“Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”  
(Luke 1:30-33)

In the Book of Daniel, Chapter 10, we see arch-angels as warring angels, involved in warfare and protection:

But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia (Daniel 10:13).

Both Gabriel and Michael fought the prince of Persia in Daniel 10, and Michael came to assist him.

Michael is given the charge of protecting the nation of Israel, which is why Daniel, when writing to Israel, refers to Michael as “your prince” (Daniel 10:21).

Anything to do with the kingdom of Christ is the job of Gabriel.

## Angels, or Ministering Angels

The fifth division of angels are the common angels. There are different types of ministering angels, such as warring angels, worshiping angels, messenger angels, and so forth.

Common angels are connected to the church, the body of Christ on earth.

In the gospels, the events involving angels are all very, very significant and involve Jesus Christ.

Angels appeared to shepherds to announce the birth of Jesus Christ. First an angel of the Lord appeared and told them about the birth. Then, a multitude of the heavenly host appeared, praising God:

And suddenly there was with the angel a  
multitude of the heavenly host praising  
God and saying:  
"Glory to God in the highest,  
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"  
(Luke 2:13-14)

After Jesus fasted for 40 days and nights and was tempted by the devil, angels ministered to him: "Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him" (Matthew 4:11).

During one of Jesus' most painful, most difficult times, angels ministered to him. It was night he was betrayed before His crucifixion.

He prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane:

And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done." Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground (Luke 22:41-44).

Jesus spoke about "12 legions of angels" during his betrayal and arrest. As you recall, one of Jesus' followers took out a sword and tried to protect Jesus from the enemies, cutting off the ear of a high priest's servant. Jesus said:

"Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?" (Matthew 26:52-54)

A legion is a Roman military term for "at least 6,000." Jesus said "more than 12 legions." So, Jesus was referring to the fact that His Father,

God Almighty, could provide Jesus with more than 72,000 angels.

### **Some aspects of common angels**

Angels are without number. They are innumerable (Daniel 7:9).

Common angels look like man (Acts 1:10). They have a head, face, body, arms, legs and so forth. Yet, they are usually much bigger than humans, often seven to ten feet or taller.

Angels are holy (Mark 8:38).

Angels are powerful (Revelation 1:18).

Angels are wise (2 Samuel 14:20). There is nothing hid from their eyes about earthly matters.

Angels are obedient to the Lord (Psalms 103:20).

Angels are joyful (Luke 15:10).

Angels care for and protect young children and always see the face of the Father (Matthew 18:10).

Angels protect the saints (Psalms 34:7). Angels have their own will (Isaiah 14:12-14).

Angels are "ministering spirits sent forth to minister for heirs of salvation" (Hebrews 1:14). They "minister for," which is different from ministering to. The Holy Spirit ministers to us.

Angels desire to look into the things of salvation (1 Peter 1:12).

Angels:

Strengthen us during trials (Luke 22:43).  
Bring answers to prayers (Acts 10)  
Must not be worshiped or prayed to (Colossians 2:18).  
Need no rest (Revelation 4:8). They never sleep or slumber.

Can appear and disappear (Hebrews 13:2).  
Can speak (1 Corinthians 13:1).  
Wear white garments (John 20:12).  
Can eat (Genesis 18:8).  
Can cook (1 Kings 19:5-7).

### **The Work of Angels**

Angels guard gates (Revelation 21:12).  
Angels can sing and worship (Luke 2:13).  
Angels can direct preachers (Acts 27:23).  
Angels can appear in dreams (Matthew 1:20,24).

Angels can bind the devil (Revelation 20:1,2).  
In this passage, one angel will bind Satan.

Angels receive saints at death (Luke 16:22).  
Glory to God!

Angels impart the will of God. They clarify God's will to you. They can help you plan. They can lead you. They are very involved in bringing God's will into fulfillment (Acts 5:19).

An angel released Peter out of prison (Acts 12:7-9). Angels observe us (I Corinthians 4:9).

## TWENTY-FIVE

### The Restoration of Planet Earth

In Genesis 1:1, we read that God created the heavens and the earth. We saw that God's work is perfect.

Then, in Genesis 1:2, a very different scenario is presented. Genesis 1:2 in English and Hebrew:

The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. (Genesis 1:2)

Genesis 1:2 in Hebrew:

מוֹהַת יִנֵּף לַעֲדָשָׁחוּ, קִירוּ הַרוּצַ תְּרַסַּח הַתִּיָּה קָרְאָהוּ  
מִיָּמָה יִנֵּף לַעֲתַפְחַרְמֵ מִיְהוּלָא חוּרוּ

Transliteration to English:

*Veha'arets hayetah tohu vavohu vechoshech al-  
peney tehom veruach Elohim merachefet al-peney  
hamayim.*

Something happened between verses one and two. It's obvious, especially after analysis of the original Hebrew.

The earth is in desolation, ruin, and darkness.

In Genesis 1:2, the Hebrew word for "was" is "haye" or "hyeh," from the verb "to become." The translation in English could be "the earth became . . ."

The word for "without form" is "tohu," meaning "waste or desolation." Remember that Isaiah said that God formed the earth, not in vain.

The word for "void" is "bohu," which means "empty, in ruin."

So, in the literal Hebrew, Genesis 1:2 is: "the earth became wasted, in desolation, and empty and in ruin, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and . . ."

"The Spirit of God hovered [moved] upon [over] the face [surface] of the waters" (Genesis 1:2).

Something is very wrong.

What happened between verse 1 and 2 is a key to understanding the war in the heavenlies and the spirit realm and how it affects us in the natural realm.

## Light

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light



from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day. (Genesis 1:3-5)

Notice that in the creation account of Genesis 1, God used the word "Let," which is a word of permission: "Let there be light, let there be a firmament, let the water under the sky," and so forth. The account also uses phrases like "God divided," "God gathered," and "God set." All these words are words of permission, not words of creation like the word in Genesis 1:1, "bara," which means "creating something out of nothing."

What's the first thing God does, on the first day? He restores light. Yet, later on the fourth day, in Genesis 1:14-19, God created the sun.

If God restored light on the first day, and three days total pass before He restores the sun, the moon, and the stars, what created the light on that first day?

The answer is that the sun, moon, and stars had been in existence for billions of years already. God is restoring them.

## Heaven

According to the Bible, there are three heavens:

The first heaven is our atmosphere, the sky (see Genesis 1:8, below).

The second heaven is where Satan's principalities, powers, and some of his angels are (see Ephesians 6).

The third heaven is the eternal home of saints, commonly called "heaven." It's the place where the apostle Paul went, which he called the "third heaven," written about in 2 Corinthians 12:2.

The creation account continues:

"Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.  
(Genesis 1:6-8)

On the second day, God restored the first heaven, which is our atmosphere. When you look at the sky and stars, you're looking at the first heaven.

In verse 7, the Hebrew word for "made" is "asa," which means "to make, to mold, to form." God is "making, molding, and forming" the universe back into proper form.

### **Land and Sea**

Then God said, "Let the waters under the

heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good.  
(Genesis 1:9-10)

We see here that God restores the dry lands of the earth. Why did He have to do that? There was a flood before Adam was created. This is not the flood of Noah in Genesis 6, discussed in Chapter 12, page 109. Later we will learn more about this pre-Adamic flood.

### **Plants**

Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so.  
(Genesis 1:11)

On the third day, God restored plant life.

### **The Sun, Moon and Stars**

Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the firmament of

the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so. Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.  
(Genesis 1:14-19)

On the fourth day, God restored the sun, moon, and stars. Again the Hebrew word "asa," not "bara."

### **God Begins Creating**

After four days, the work of restoration seems to be complete. On the fifth, God began creating the living creatures. He started with the creatures and fish in the sea and the birds. On the sixth day, He created the land creatures, cattle, livestock, beasts of the earth, and everything that moves on the land.

Last, on the sixth day, He created man and woman. In Genesis 2:7, we see how He created man: "And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being."

## Job 9 and Genesis 1

Job is the oldest book in the Bible, written about 2200-1800 BC, during the time of the patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Job was written about 400 years before Genesis was written.

Job Chapter 9 has many similarities to Genesis 1. In Job 9:5-7, we read about God's anger, the destruction of the earth, and how the sun and stars did not shine:

He removes the mountains, and they do not know, When He overturns them in His anger; He shakes the earth out of its place, and its pillars tremble; He commands the sun, and it does not rise; He seals off the stars; . . .

(Job 9:5-7)

Then, starting in verse 8, we read about restoration, how God moved on the sea, and made the stars:

He alone spreads out the heavens, and treads on the waves of the sea; He made the Bear, Orion, and the Pleiades, and the chambers of the south; He does great things past finding out, yes, wonders without number.

(Job 9:8-10)

As we read earlier, in Genesis 1:3-19, God re-

stored the earth, including the land, sea, and stars. In Genesis 1:2, the Holy Spirit was “moving, hovering, brooding” over the waters.

It’s fascinating the Job then mentions three of the most well-known star constellations, even today, which are easily seen with the naked eye: Bear, or Ursa Major, the third-largest constellation, which contains the Big Dipper; Orion, one of the most obvious and recognizable constellations, located at the equator; and Pleiades, the most obvious star cluster in the night sky, part of the Taurus constellation.

## TWENTY-SIX

### The Natural Universe

The Earth

Our Solar System

The Sun

Our Galaxy

Key fact: 1.3 million earths could fit inside the sun.

The earth has existed for billions of years. We do not know how long the heavens have existed.

Remember that a billion is 999 million, plus another million. When we hear, "1 billion," the one (1) throws us a bit. The number "999 million" almost sounds bigger, though it's less.

Scientists estimate that the earth is about 4.5 billion years old.

Many people believe that the earth is only about 6,000 years old. However, as this book will present, the Bible confirms the scientific evidence that the earth is billions of years old, maybe older.

During that time, spirit and natural beings, creatures, and inhabitants have lived in the heavens and on the earth for ages and ages.

Mankind was created and placed on earth about 6,000 years ago.

It's all quite amazing. The true history, the reality of the present, and the prophesied future are more supernatural, stunning, and mystifying than anything we could dream up or imagine. Yet when we learn what God reveals through the Bible, we can understand it.

### **The Natural Universe**

First, let's look at the natural universe we live in, based on what brilliant modern science has been able to reveal. The general purpose is to try to explain, as simply as possible, the size of our planet, the solar system, our galaxy the Milky Way, and so forth.

Let's first deal with the sizes of these entities and not the speed at which everything is moving.

### **The Earth**

We humans are familiar with the earth and how big it is.

The earth is 7,900 miles in diameter (a line through its middle), or 12,700 km. The distance around the entire earth, it's circumference, is 24,900 miles, or about 40,000 kilometers. If someone drove a car at 60 mph nonstop around the earth, it would take about 17 days to complete the journey.

The earth weighs about 6 sextillion (1,000 tril-



lion) metric tons.

## The Solar System

Our Solar System consists of the sun, the nine planets, more than 707,000 minor planets, 3,400+ comets, natural satellites such as moons, and so forth.

Keep in mind that there are about 500 solar systems in our galaxy, the Milky Way, which is one of more than an estimated 100 billion galaxies in the universe. There are 10 billion observable galaxies, now that we have modern technology to see outer space.

## The Sun

In our solar system, the sun is so big that the earth and all the planets are very, very tiny objects compared to the sun, the one star in our system.

The familiar drawings and models that depict our solar system—with the sun and the nine planets and their orbit path in order—are not even close to accurate in scale.

On an accurate scale, the planets would be microscopic in size compared to the sun; you would not even be able to see them. The drawings are made with good intentions to show the placement of the planets and the orbits, but they in no way reveal the size and scope of the solar system and the sun.

How big is the sun?

The sun's diameter is 865,000 miles. It's circumference is 2,713,000 miles. Imagine trying to travel around the sun: the journey is almost 3 million miles. If someone drove a car 60 mph nonstop around the sun, it would take 1,884 days to make the trip. That's five (5) years.

The sun is so big that 1.3 MILLION earths could fit inside it. What's that again? 1.3 million earths could fit inside the sun.

The sun is staggeringly big.

How far away is the earth from the sun?

The earth is 96,000,000 (million) miles from the sun.

If someone drove a car nonstop at 60 mph (100 km/h) to the sun, it would take 177 years to get there.

The earth is quite heavy, right? As mentioned, the earth weighs 5.972 sextillion (1,000 trillion) metric TONS. Remember that a metric ton is 2,200 pounds. That earth weight figure expressed as a number is:

5,972,000,000,000,000,000,000 metric tons

So, how much does the sun weigh in comparison to our earth? The sun weighs 330,000 times more than the earth. That's almost something our minds cannot comprehend.

As many of us amateurs know, the sun is considered an ordinary star, one of between 100 and 400 billion stars in the Milky Way Galaxy

alone.

The Milky Way may possibly have as many as a trillion stars.

As mentioned, in addition to the Milky Way, there are 10 billion other observable galaxies.

It seems like every fact and statistic gets astronomically bigger.

## Our Galaxy

How about the Milky Way? Get ready for distances that make previous distances seem very short, if that is possible.

The Milky Way's diameter is between 100,000-180,000 light years.

One light year is 6 trillion miles. Let me repeat: just ONE light year is 6 trillion miles long. A "light year" is not a year as we know it. It's an astronomical distance of about 6 trillion miles/9 trillion km. A light year is equivalent to how far light travels in one year. It's a distance measurement just like an inch, a foot, a mile, etc. Distances in space are so large that scientists had to create a "light year" distance to keep the numbers at least manageable! So, instead of writing/saying "six trillion miles," which is 6,000,000,000,000 miles, they can write/say "one light year."

A trillion is 1,000 billions. So, imagine a billion, which as mentioned is 999 million plus another million. Then, multiply 1 billion by 1,000 to get 1 trillion.

The Milky Way's diameter is, on the LOW end, 100,000 LIGHT YEARS long, or 600,000 TRILLION miles long.

Again, these are numbers and distances that we really cannot comprehend.

### **Other Galaxies**

And, again, the Milky Way is just one of more than 10 billion observable galaxies in our universe. That's: 10,000,000,000 (billion) galaxies.

Every galaxy is estimated to have on average about 100 billion stars. That's: 100,000,000,000 stars per galaxy.

That means that there are as many as 1 billion trillion stars in the observable universe. A trillion is: 1,000,000,000,000.

Imagine a trillion, 1 billion times.

That number is: 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000.

We would agree that a million is a lot. It takes 1,000 millions to get to 1 billion. It takes 1,000 billions to get to 1 trillion.

Moreover, some scientists estimate there may be as many as 100-200 billion galaxies in the universe. And every galaxy has on average 100 billion stars. The billions and trillions of stars are all similar in size to our sun.

### **The Speed and Age of Space**

Yet, we are not even considering how fast all of this moving.

The earth is traveling through our Solar System at 67,000 miles per hour, or 108,000 km per hour. That's 18.5 miles per second or 30 km per second. The earth is rotating on its axis at about 1,000 miles per hour, or 1,600 km per hour.

The unbelievably large Milky Way Galaxy is moving also—at a speed that makes the earth's speed look slow. It's traveling through space at 373,000 miles per second, or 600,000 km per second. Yes, that's per second.

Scientists believe that the universe is expanding at the speed of light. In modern times, as we can see from these discoveries, astronomers and scientists have made incredible advancements in their study of outer space and the universe. Through their study of stars, they even estimate some star formations are more than 12 and 13 billion years old.

### **Some Basic Conclusions**

In reality, all of these staggering facts are way beyond our understanding.

What's a basic, obvious conclusion? We humans are a tiny speck of dust, on a speck of dust, which is traveling at 108,000 km per hour, in a solar system traveling through space at more than 600,000 kilometers per second, in a galaxy with more than 100 billion stars, alongside as many as 10 billion other galaxies and 1 billion trillion stars, and as many as 100-200 billion oth-

er galaxies.

Compared to all this, we are tiny, helpless beings in the universe.

The natural world and the truly incredible universe we now know exists present a logical deduction. If the natural world is that amazing, then the spiritual world must be also.

And it is. That's one of the purposes of this book—revealing the spirit realm. Every person is a spirit being and will exist forever. Every person can experience the spirit realm and will spend eternity in either heaven or hell.

After learning about the natural aspects of the universe, it's basic commonsense to realize there must be a Divine Creator who designed, planned, and created it. This book will hopefully help someone meet Him. Also, the content can help deal with and answer many of the difficult issues and questions we as little humans on this tiny earth face.

One of the keys to having a relationship with God is realizing how small we are—and how big God is.

## TWENTY-SEVEN

# The Tragedy

Simple and Easy . . . and Infinite, Eternal Mysteries

It is truly amazing that God has made knowing Him simple and easy.

At the same time, knowing Him is an eternal mystery.

And there are infinite, eternal mysteries surrounding knowing Him. Jesus spoke about the mysteries of the kingdom (MT 13:11).

It is so easy to know Him, we must become like a child. We simply humble ourselves before Him, ask Him into our life, and He receives us.

It is up to man how deep he or she goes with God.

So, if knowing Him is so glorious, and so easy, why is it that what we see in “the church” is so boring and seems so difficult?

### **Very Few Go Deep**

Few find the way that leads to life, Jesus Christ.

Very few go deep with God.

Very few actually find His presence and glory while they are on the earth.

Very few prove themselves worthy of His glorious presence and power.

Very few pay the price.

### **Jesus Spoke about the Few Three Times**

Jesus said, "Enter by the narrow gate . . . because narrow is the gate and constricted/difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it" (Matthew 7:13-14).

Jesus said, "'Many are called, few are chosen'" (Matthew 22:14).

Jesus said, "'The harvest is plentiful. The laborers are few'" (Matthew 9:37).

"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and constricted/difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it (Matthew 7:13-14).

### **Man Always Misses the Mark**

Man is imperfect, flawed and frail. Man al-



ways misses the mark of the high calling in God. We should never look at man as an example of knowing and walking with God.

We should look only to Jesus Christ, the author and finisher of our faith.

Most people who find Jesus Christ stay only the first of the four phases of walking with Him.

Most of the 2.3 billion Christians and Catholics are actually in dead religion, which has nothing to do with the new divine life in Jesus Christ – which is Jesus Christ in us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

### **Anyone Who Says No to Jesus . . .**

Being that His offer is so incredible, if anyone rejects His Son, God cannot do anything more for them.

He wants them to be His child and live forever in heaven. He is not willing that any perish but that all come to everlasting life.

God has done everything He can do to save mankind.

He gave His only Son Jesus to die for the world!

He has offered Himself.

He has offered all that is listed above.

He offers Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, and infinitely, eternally more.

### **God's Compassion for All People**

The fact that Jesus died for the world is more than enough to reveal God's divine, eternal compassion for all people.

Jesus has revealed in recent times more proof of His love and compassion for all, including those lost in hell.

### **Jesus Sheds Tears for the Lost**

In *A Divine Revelation of Hell*, by Mary Baxter, Jesus shed His tears numerous times for those lost in hell.

Yes, Jesus took Baxter to hell and to heaven, to reveal the places the saved and lost go after the earth life.

In the midst of their visits, after speaking to those lost in hell, Jesus shed tears of compassion. Jesus said to her:

"God, our Father, gave each one of us a will so that we could choose whether we would serve Him or Satan. You see, God did not make hell for His people. Satan deceives many into following him, but hell was made for Satan and his angels. It is not my desire, nor that of My Father, that anyone should perish." Tears of compassion ran down Jesus' cheeks.<sup>1</sup>

"Tears fell down Jesus' cheeks as they moved to the next pit" (p. 34).

## Jesus Will Have to Wipe Away His Own Tears

Jesus took a minister named Jesse Duplantis to heaven. While there, Jesus has revealed that He will shed tears when He has turn away those who do not make it to heaven. He said:

“The worst day of my life is yet to come . . . You know that scripture where I said I will wipe away all tears in heaven?”<sup>2</sup>

Jesus was referring to Revelation 21:4-5: “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.” Jesus said:

“Those include the tears in my eyes, Jesse. On that great Judgment Day, I will have to tell some of the creation I love to depart from me. I dread that day. I dread it! I dread it! Jesse, it’s final. I can’t change it. Tears flowed from my eyes the day my creation, Adam, fell. But I knew I would send myself. I had a chance to touch people. But that day is coming, and it’s final. Once it’s said, I can’t change it. I have to wipe the tears from my eyes. Tell them I’m coming, Jesse.”<sup>3</sup>

## TWENTY-EIGHT

# You are Eternal

You are the Image of God

(Some Scripture references are at the end of the chapter).

You are eternal.

You will exist for eternity.

Why? Because God made man into His own image and likeness.

God is eternity. He is of course eternal. Therefore, man is eternal.

God and His Son are light and glory. Their light is so powerful, every person they create will exist forever.

### **Eternal Life and Eternal Death**

Those who know Jesus have eternal life. If they

continue on with Him, they will live forever in heaven, God's home, a place of absolute glory.

Those who do not know Jesus Christ are spiritually dead. When they die, they will spend eternity in hell, the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels (Matthew 25:41).

### **Faith, Eternity, Value, Choice**

Every person lives by faith in God in the natural realm (Romans 12:3).

Every person's good gifts come down from God the Father (James 1:17).

Every person believes in intangible, spiritual things. They know there is more than the natural world. They have eternity in their heart (Ecclesiastes 3:11).

Everything a person does is by choice (Joshua 24:16).

Many object to the gospel because of suffering. Their objection reveals they believe in the value of a person. They are correct: man's soul is priceless (Matthew 16:26).

Man lives by faith. They have to.

Man believes in eternity. They naturally do.

Man lives by choice. They get to.

Man's most important choice is God or self.

Romans 12:3, Ecclesiastes 3:11, Genesis 1:27, 2:7, Matthew 16:26, Romans 1:20

Every person has faith in and relies on God all the time, from conception to their final breath (Isaiah 42:5, Job 12:10).

Everything a person does is by faith or fear.

Every person has either faith in God or faith in something else (Romans 12:3).

Every person believes in spiritual things, such as love and goodness. They rely on them.

Every person's good gifts come from God. Even if someone does not realize it, God gives them all the good and perfect things they have, both natural and spiritual (James 1:17).

Every person knows there is more than this earthly, natural life. They believe in spiritual things. This belief keeps them alive. God has put eternity in every man's heart (Ecclesiastes 3:11).

Everything a person does is by choice.

Man can choose because God made man into His image and likeness (Genesis 1:27, 2:7).

God chose to create them. He gave them their life, soul and everything good they have (Psalm 139:14). It is only reasonable that they give their life back to God (Romans 12:1).

Their most important choice is between God and self.

If they hear the gospel, their choice is between Jesus Christ and self.

Many object to the gospel because of suffering, the existence of hell and so forth. Their objection reveals that they believe in value, meaning, pur-

pose, good and more.

Their objection reveals they are made in God's image. God believes in value, meaning, good and more. He created and gives those things.

Most people want these things for themselves and others, not suffering.

A mystery and revelation is that those who suffer on the earth are more likely to make it to heaven.

## TWENTY-NINE

# The Choice

God has given every person a choice. The choice is between God and self.

This choice determines a person's eternal destiny: heaven or hell.

God created man into His own image and likeness. He gave man a free will.

The first person God created was given the choice. The two trees mentioned specifically in Genesis represented the choice between God and self.

Choosing God results in eternal life.

Choosing self results in eternal death.

Tragically, most of the 108 billion-plus people throughout history have chosen self. Those who choose self miss heaven.

Heaven is God's home, full of the glorious splendor of His majesty, and infinitely more.



Eternal death continues forever in hell, the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

Those in heaven will fellowship with God, with Jesus Christ, forever.

They will have and be everything they want, need, desire, long for and hope for.

They will have fullness of love, faith, joy, peace, happiness and infinitely more.

They will worship, serve and learn from the Father and Jesus, discover and experience the mysteries and secrets of the kingdom of heaven, minister to others, grow, and eternally more, forever.

They will live in mansions, walk on streets of gold and live in the spectacular beauty and majesty of heaven.

They will celebrate the Lord Jesus forever, praise and worship God, be in awe of their Father's glorious presence and home, and infinitely more.

Jesus will shepherd and feed them. He will lead them to living fountains of waters. The Holy Spirit will live within and with them, forever.

They will drink freely of the fountain of the water of life. They will eat delicious fruit from beautiful trees. They will enjoy the stunning beauty in heaven, of homes, buildings, mountains, hills, fields, trees, flowers, grass and more . . . and most of all, the Father God Almighty

and His Son Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

They will attend thrilling worship services. Their praise and worship will literally be collected and presented before God.

They will never hunger or thirst. They will never have sorrow, sadness or pain. God will wipe away all their tears. There will be no more death, sorrow or crying.

The unsaved, those who do not know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, whose names are not written in the Lamb's book of life, will spend eternity in hell, in the lake of fire.

They will be tormented with fire, brimstone and burning sulfur, forever. The smoke of their torment will ascend forever and ever. They have no rest day or night.

The lost souls in hell burn in fire forever. Their flesh literally burns and falls off their bodies. Worms and maggots crawl inside them.

Hell is a place of continual fire, torment, loud wailing, weeping, screaming, and gnashing of teeth.

The lost souls feel and know everything going on. They remember their life on earth and how they could have repented.

They suffer a literal eternal death. Human beings exist forever, because we are eternal beings, made in God's image. Their souls exist forever.

Jesus Christ spoke about hell often in the gospels, in: Matthew 5:22,29,30; 10:28; 11:23; 12:40;

16:18; 18:9; 23:15; 23:33; 25:41; Mark 9:44,46,48; and Luke 16:19-31.

Hell is currently located in the center of the earth.

At the end times, it will be thrown into the lake of fire.

In hell, a person has ALL their senses – sight, smell, hearing, taste, and touch – and all five are a lot stronger there. The spirit realm is on a much higher level than the natural realm.

Receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Receive the glorious Holy Spirit, who is the Spirit of the Father and of Jesus Christ. Spend eternity in heaven.

Genesis 1:27, Genesis 2:7, Genesis 2:15-17, Matthew 7:13-14, Matthew 25:41, John 14:2, Gospel of John, Revelation 4:14, Revelation 7:17, Revelation 13:11, Revelation 21, Revelation 20:15, Matthew 5:22,29,30; 10:28; 11:23; 12:40; 16:18; 18:9; 23:15; 23:33; 25:41; Mark 9:44,46,48; and Luke 16:19-31.

After Adam fell, God sent mighty, glorious cherubim and a flaming sword to protect the tree of life.

In that verse, cherubim is plural. We don't know how many cherubim were there. We just know it was more than one. Some believe it was two, just like the cherubim over the Ark of the Covenant.

Cherubim protect the glory of God. The cherubim and the sword protected the tree of life. Why? If Adam had eaten from it, he, and every person after him, would have lived forever on the earth as a sinner.

God in his unspeakable wisdom was protecting His peoples' salvation.

## THIRTY

# Salvation

Salvation is the greatest miracle.  
It's an eternal mystery and reality.  
It is also an eternal revelation.  
Why? Salvation is finding eternal life, which  
is knowing the only true God and Jesus Christ  
Whom He has sent.  
God Himself is a mystery and a reality.  
Knowing Him is an eternal revelation.

### **Instant, Lifelong and Eternal**

Salvation is both instant and lifelong – and  
eternal.  
How can it be both – and all three?  
With God, things are "both and," not "either  
or."  
God is so merciful, that when someone comes

to Jesus Christ and He becomes their Lord and Savior, they are saved, instantly. Amen!

At the same time, salvation is lifelong. We live out and work out our salvation our entire life.

And we realize salvation – and everything in our most holy faith – is a glorious mystery . . . the riches of the glory of the mystery, of Jesus Christ in us.

It is a mystery that God would allow us to know Him! What a privilege!

It is a mystery that He would allow us to become His children . . . and to receive the absolutely priceless, eternal gifts He offers.

It is a mystery that we partner with God: we work out our salvation . . . but it is God who works in us to will and to act according to His good purpose. He has given man a free will, and it is up to us how deep we go with Him; yet, He is one who works in us.

The reason we can be saved is a glorious mystery: that God would send Jesus to die for us! For all eternity, we will be in awe of the sacrifice of Jesus, which is the complete and total reason we can be saved.

Moreover, salvation is eternal. We enter into a glorious new life that lasts forever! He is our all in all, our everything. Knowing God is a glorious eternal revelation. In reality, everything from God is eternal.

## How to be Saved

It's simple.  
Receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior.  
Give him your heart and life.  
You're saved.  
It's instant.  
But it's also lifelong and eternal.  
If someone continues on with Jesus, they will  
live forever.

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:8-13).

There are four phases of knowing God:

1. Born again (John 3:3)
2. Born of water and the Spirit (John 3:5-8); the infilling of the Holy Spirit.
3. Drink living water, it becomes a fountain springing up into everlasting life (John 4:13-14); the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
4. Come to Jesus, drink the living water, believe in Him, rivers of living water will flow out of your innermost being (John 7:37-38); the anointing.



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