

GOD AND HIS FAITH ARE IN YOUR PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

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DAY 1 – GOD AND HIS FAITH ARE IN YOUR PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

God declared the end from the beginning. The Father is the Architect of the divine plan; Jesus is the Executer; the Holy Spirit is the Revealer. Research the Hebrew word for God—*Elohim*. God planned life. He is Life everlasting. He is our future.

STUDY IT

- I. God declared the end from the beginning.
 - “Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure” (Isaiah 46:9-10).
- II. The Father is the Architect of the divine plan; Jesus is the Executer; the Holy Spirit is the Revealer.
 - God, *Elohim*, is a plural word. *Elohim* is a triune being and encompasses the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
 - “In the beginning” (Genesis 1:1). God was there in the beginning. He has no beginning and no end.
 - All three members of the Godhead, *Elohim*—God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, were there at Creation.
 - The plan that Jesus would come to earth to be man’s Savior was formulated before the world began (2 Timothy 1:9).
 - The world was created by Jesus and for Jesus (John 1:3; Colossians 1:16).
 - In Jesus lies the power. He’s the power agent, the creative agent. The force of that power was faith.
 - God is outside of time, but Jesus came into time for us.
 - Jesus took on flesh; He became a man (John 1:1, 14).
- III. Research the Hebrew word *Elohim*.
 - The original Hebrew word for *God* in Genesis 1:1 is written אֱלֹהִים.
 - *Elohim* is used in the first chapter of Genesis 34 times.
 - *Elohim* is used in Scripture over 4,000 times.



- Paleo-Hebrew is an ancient form of Hebrew written with pictures.
- The first letter of *Elohim*, *aleph*, is pictured as an ox. It means “the strong leader, the first,” and points to God the Father.
 - The second letter of *Elohim*, *lamed*, is pictured as a shepherd’s staff. It means “the one with the voice of authority;” that is, the Son.
 - The third letter is *hey* pictured as a man with his hands raised. It represents the Holy Spirit.
 - The fourth letter is *yud* which is a picture of an arm.
 - The last letter of *Elohim* is *mem*, which is pictured as liquid, water.
- Paleo-Hebrew for *Elohim* means “God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit accomplished a divine deed that we behold, by separating the waters.”
- In the beginning, all three were working together in Creation.

IV. God planned life. He is Life everlasting. He is our future.

- God’s language, Hebrew, is written from the future to the present.
 - Even the language expresses that God is our future and there’s no sickness nor disease in it.
- “And in that day” (John 16:23). We are now in that day.
 - “Ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full” (John 16:24).
- Jesus asked, “Who will Christ be when He comes?” The son of David (Matthew 22:42).
 - The Syrophoenician woman reached across covenants and called Jesus, LORD, son of David (Matthew 15:22).
 - The centurion called Jesus, LORD, and said, “I recognize Your authority. Say the word, and my servant will be healed. I can command those soldiers and You can command this disease” (Matthew 8:8).

MAKE IT PERSONAL

God, by faith, knew you and planned for you before the foundation of the world. He is waiting for you to accept Him and His plan, and come into the fullness of life with Him.

Let’s pray:

“Heavenly Father, thank You for knowing me before You created the world. I’m so glad You have a plan for my life. I choose to know and live the plan You have for me, and I need Your help. Guide me each day to read Your WORD, hear Your voice and follow You to victory. Thank You, Sir. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.”



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DAY 2 – JESUS IS YOUR IDENTITY

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STUDY IT

- I. God is an infinite God; we are finite beings.
 - God knows the whole plan and how many in our families followed it.
 - Brother Copeland's mother, Aunt Barbara and another one of his mother's aunts would pray together.
 - Sometimes they would climb up on the windmill and shout to The LORD as loud as they could. Or sometimes they would go into the storm cellar and shout to The LORD. They loved God.
 - Brother Copeland's mother's appendix ruptured when she was 16. They didn't have the medical knowledge to take care of her; but her prayers kept her going to the age of 70.

- II. What a privilege it is to know and understand the laws of faith.
 - God has all of this planned (Jeremiah 29:11).
 - "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (that He planned before the foundation of the world). "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed (formed by pressure) to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren" (Romans 8:28-29).
 - We don't know what we shall be, but when we see Him, we will be like Him.
 - "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure" (1 John 3:2-3).



- III. Paul spent time with The LORD and received the revelations of God's plan for the ages and His plan for the Church.
- Paul said that Jesus Himself taught him.
 - "But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ" (Galatians 1:11-12).
 - The joining of Christ and the Church is a mystery.
 - "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church" (Ephesians 5:31-32).
 - The Son's relationship with the Father changed so He could cleave to us.
 - The mystery is: In order to redeem man, the Father and Jesus' relationship changed. That happened even before Adam was created.
- IV. Our identification should be with Jesus' death *and* resurrection.
- Our righteousness is in His Resurrection. We wouldn't be made righteous if Jesus had not risen from the dead.
 - Jesus became one of us. He was resurrected and seated at the right hand of the Father to make a future for us (Hebrews 1:3). We are there, also.
 - Physically, we are still here on earth in a corruptible body. Positionally, we are already in heaven seated with Christ (Ephesians 2:6).
 - We've been given a down payment of our covenant to take us to our future.
 - We will be conformed to the image of Christ, and we will have a glorified, spiritual, physical body.
 - We are to learn of Jesus; He is meek, gentle and kind. That's Jesus.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Find scriptures that show Jesus as meek, gentle and kind (hint: John 8:3-11—the account of the woman caught in adultery). We are to be like Jesus.

Write down one of the scriptures you have found and describe how His example can change you—if you let it.



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DAY 3 – AN EXACT IMAGE OF GOD

We were created in Christ Jesus, an exact image of Him. Moses spoke with God face to face, but he wanted to see God. Moses' meekness was the reason God called him. The devil would like to separate us from God. God's will was a mystery, a puzzle. Now through Jesus, His plan is known to us.

STUDY IT

- I. We were created in Christ Jesus, His workmanship, an exact image of Him (Ephesians 2:10).
 - We overcome evil by the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 12:11).
 - We have a covenant with God.
- II. Moses spoke with God face to face, but he wanted to see God.
 - God said, "I will let My goodness pass before you" (Exodus 33:19-23).
 - God placed Moses in the cleft of the rock where he could see God's back. In other words, God showed Moses His history beginning with the Creation.
 - Then, God took Moses out of his time, put him in our time and showed Moses His goodness.
- III. Moses' meekness was the reason God called him.
 - The first time the children of Israel needed water, he was to strike the rock. The second time he was to speak to the rock and get water.
 - This was supposed to be a picture to the children of Israel of Jesus, our Rock of salvation.
 - Moses disobeyed. He stepped out of his meekness. His punishment was severe. He was not allowed to lead the people into the Promised Land.
- IV. The devil would like to separate us from God.
 - "The thief comes but for to steal, kill and destroy" (John 10:10).
 - If he can steal The WORD, he can kill you; he can destroy your finances. You have to deal with the devil with the blood of Jesus. He's a legalist.
 - After Jesus' death, the devil thought he had defeated Him.



- “Had they known, they would never have crucified The LORD of glory” (1 Corinthians 2:8). The devil fell for that trap.
 - Jesus was literally in hell suffering more than anyone ever did or will.
 - The devil was really embarrassed when Jesus made him bow down, took away his keys, and made a public show of him and his defeat.
- V. God had the plan. It was a mystery, a puzzle.
- “In the beginning,” that’s one piece of the puzzle. Abraham, another piece. Moses, another piece. Jesus is in each piece.
 - Then, in the fullness of time, Jesus was born in Bethlehem.
 - Jesus died and was resurrected; and all who believe in Him are back to the image God created man to be.
 - Keep your faith in the original Jesus, not copies of Him. We retain that image by faith.
- VI. The mystery of God’s will is now known to us through Jesus (Ephesians 1:9-10).
- That statement (“in the dispensation of the fulness of times”) is so huge. Only God knows what all those times are.
 - “That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance” (Ephesians 1:10-11).
 - This is our inheritance from God.
 - You are the manifold wisdom of God according to the eternal purpose which is in Christ Jesus our LORD (Ephesians 3:9-11).
 - The entire fullness of times, dispensations, are all in Christ Jesus. You are in Him and He’s in you. It’s no longer a mystery.
 - We need to understand who Jesus is because we are His Body and the Spirit is indwelling all of us.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

When you were born again, you were re-created in the exact image of Jesus Christ. You are different. Read God’s WORD to learn how coming into God’s family should change your beliefs, thoughts, words and actions.

Write three differences that you notice in your new life in Christ Jesus.



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DAY 4 – GOD'S FAITH BRINGS THE FUTURE INTO THE PRESENT

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STUDY IT

- I. The Father and Jesus are sitting on their thrones in heaven.
 - Our position: We are seated in heavenly places with Jesus (Ephesians 2:6).
 - We have to use our faith to see ourselves seated there.
 - Brother Copeland heard Jesus say to the Father, "Father, Kenneth is using My Name." The Father said, "Amen. So be it."
 - It's a sweet thing when a born-again believer goes to heaven. We must be cautious not to grieve.
 - Don't start saying, "Why me?" The devil will steal your peace and break your heart.

- II. Brother Copeland struggled to believe that God forgave him for God's sake (Isaiah 43:25).
 - Kenneth said, "LORD, this must be wrong. You forgave me for *my* sake."
 - The LORD said, *No, it was for My sake. Do you want to remember bad things about your children? I don't either. I blotted out your sin, so let it be blotted out. Put Me in remembrance of My WORD. You have a clean slate, so fill it in by faith.*
 - Fill the slate with financial promises of BLESSING.
 - So much of the Body of Christ is suffering financially. The devil has taught that to be a good Christian, you must be poor.
 - The curse, including poverty, is not God's will.
 - Jesus became a curse for us and redeemed us from the curse of the law (Galatians 3:13).
 - "THE BLESSING of The LORD, it maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow with it" (Proverbs 10:22).



- III. Brother Copeland heard The LORD ask him to preach the Word of Faith until he was 120 years old.
 - He didn't answer right away. It took a process of meditating on God's WORD and listening to His Spirit.
 - When Brother Copeland was sure this was God's will for him, he announced his assignment; and he intends to preach faith until he reaches 120.

- IV. Faith is the evidence of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1).
 - "Things not seen" are in our future.
 - Learn how to use your faith to pull things from the past and future into your present.
 - Jesus said, "Abraham saw My day" (John 8:56). That meant that Abraham in the past saw Jesus in the future.
 - Jesus said, "Before Abraham was, I Am" (John 8:58). He brought the promises of the past into His present.
 - Our faith allows us to tap in to the promise of our future in heaven and bring it into the present.
 - We are seated with Him and we reign with Him.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

God knows everything. He knows the end from the beginning. He knows your past and your future, and He expects you to win.

Be encouraged in The LORD by meditating on God's future plan for you. By faith, bring that future into your present. God wants you healed, now! God wants you prosperous, now! God wants you to know Him, now!

Write down some things God's WORD says about your future, and begin believing those things are yours, now!



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DAY 5 – GOD KNOWS YOUR INDIVIDUAL PLAN, TRUST HIM FOR IT

God has given us promises in His WORD. Abraham had a promise that through his son, Isaac, all the nations of the world would be BLESSED. Jesus operated in faith, totally dependent on the Father.

STUDY IT

- I. God has given us promises in His WORD.
 - The fulfilment to the promise is already done. It was finished when Jesus took stripes on His back (Isaiah 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24).
 - It's up to us to receive God's WORD and His gift of healing.
 - It's possible to live without being sick, without even a headache.
 - Keep meditating on God's WORD until you see it as if you already have it.

- II. Abraham had a promise that through his son, Isaac, all the nations of the world would be BLESSED.
 - That's why Abraham could offer Isaac to The LORD, expecting him to be raised from the dead.
 - "By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure" (Hebrews 11:17-19).
 - Remind yourself that you are a seed of Abraham. See yourself righteous.
 - See yourself the way God planned for you to be.

- III. Jesus operated in faith, totally dependent on the Father.
 - Jesus only said what He heard His Father say and only did what He saw His Father do (John 12:49-50, 5:19-20).
 - The Hebrew word for faith, *emunah*, means "to securely rely and trust upon."
 - The first mention of faith in the Bible is the Hebrew word *emunah*, sometimes translated *trust*.



- “And he [Abraham] believed in The LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness” (Genesis 15:6).
- Faith is more than just knowing that God exists.
 - It’s knowing that He saves, redeems, He’s been here before me, He’ll be here after me, He always is, He always was, He has the plan, He knows the plan, and He’s guiding me in the plan.
- It’s not just a theological idea.
 - It’s an absolute expression of trust in His goodness and loyalty to His covenant.
- It’s saying, “I trust the One who is offering me this covenant.”
 - It’s trusting in God and in His image of you.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

God has an individual plan for you, and it’s up to you to find it. Where do you find it? In God’s WORD. Take time to seek God, His will and His plan for you. The Holy Spirit will help you. As you learn more and more, we would like to know how these things are changing your life. Share with us by [clicking here](#), or [contact us on Facebook™](#).

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