
The Christian's Guide to a New Life

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1. Knowing God's Word

1. How God's Word Came to Us?

- i. Revelation of God's Word Deut 29:29
- ii. Inspiration of God's Word Is 59:21
- iii. Illumination of God's Word, Prov 6:23

"The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law. (Deuteronomy 29:29)

"As for Me," says the LORD, "this is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants' descendants," says the LORD, "from this time and forevermore." (Isaiah 59:21)

For the commandment is a lamp, And the law a light; Reproofs of instruction are the way of life, (Proverbs 6:23)

2. What God's Word Does?

- i. God's Word Convicts Neh 8:9
- ii. God's Word Corrects Ps 17:4
- iii. God's Word Cleanses Ps 119:9
- iv. God's Word Confirms Jn 8:31
- v. God's Word Equips Prov 22:21

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn nor weep." For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the Law. (Nehemiah 8:9)

Concerning the works of men, By the word of Your lips, I have kept away from the paths of the destroyer. (Psalm 17:4)

How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word. (Psalm 119:9)

Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. (John 8:31)

That I may make you know the certainty of the words of truth, That you may answer words of truth To those who send to you? (Prov 22:21)

3. How We Benefit from God's Word?

- i. We know God through His Word Dan 11:32
- ii. We know God's Will through His Word Ps 40:8

Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits. (Dan 11:32)

I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart." (Psalm 40:8)

4. What God's Word tells us about God's program

- i. God's work in the past Deut 32:7
- ii. God's work in our lives Ps 139:14

"Remember the days of old, Consider the years of many generations. Ask your father, and he will show you; Your elders, and they will tell you." Deut 32:7

I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. Psalm 139:14

5. What God's Word Tells us about God's Covenants?

- i. The Edenic Covenant Gen 2:15-17
- ii. The Adamic Covenant Gen 3:14-21
- iii. The Noahic Covenant Gen 9:1-19
- iv. The Abrahamic Covenant Gen 12:1-3
- v. The Mosaic Covenant Ex 19:5-8
- vi. The Palestinian Covenant Deut 29:10-15; 30:11-20
- vii. The Davidic Covenant 2 Sam 7:4-17
- viii. The New Covenant Jer 31:31-34

15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." (Gen 2:15-17)

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14 So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. 15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel." 16 To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception;

In pain you shall bring forth children; your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." 17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. 18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. 19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return." 20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. 21 Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them. (Gen 3:14-21)

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1 So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.[a] 2 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be on every beast of the earth, on every bird of the air, on all that move on the earth, and on all the fish of the sea. They are given into your hand. 3 Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs. 4 But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. 5 Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man’s brother I will require the life of man. 6 “Whoever sheds man’s blood, by man his blood shall be shed; for in the image of God He made man. 7 And as for you, be fruitful and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth and multiply in it.” 8 Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying: 9 “And as for Me, behold, I establish My covenant with you and with your descendants[b] after you, 10 and with every living creature that is with you: the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you, of all that go out of the ark, every beast of the earth. 11 Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” 12 And God said: “This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: 13 I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. 14 It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; 15 and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16 The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” 17 And God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Noah and His Sons

18 Now the sons of Noah who went out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And Ham was the father of Canaan. 19 These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated. (Gen 9:1-19)

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Promises to Abram: 1 Now the LORD had said to Abram:

“Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house, to a land that I will show you. 2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” (Gen 12;1-3)

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5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. 6 And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.”

7 So Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before them all these words which the LORD commanded him. 8 Then all the people answered together and said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do.” So Moses brought back the words of the people to the LORD. (Ex 19:5-8)

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10 “All of you stand today before the LORD your God: your leaders and your tribes and your elders and your officers, all the men of Israel, 11 your little ones and your wives—also the stranger who is in your camp, from the one who cuts your wood to the one who draws your water— 12 that you may enter into covenant with the LORD your God, and into His oath, which the LORD your God makes with you today, 13 that He may establish you today as a people for Himself, and that He may be God to you, just as He has spoken to you, and just as He has sworn to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

14 “I make this covenant and this oath, not with you alone, 15 but with him who stands here with us today before the LORD our God, as well as with him who is not here with us today

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11 “For this commandment which I command you today is not too mysterious for you, nor is it far off. 12 It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will ascend into heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ 13 Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will go over the sea for us and

bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ 14 But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it.

15 “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil, 16 in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the LORD your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess. 17 But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them, 18 I announce to you today that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to go in and possess. 19 I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; 20 that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.” Deut 29:10-15; 30:11-20

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4 But it happened that night that the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying, 5 “Go and tell My servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: “Would you build a house for Me to dwell in? 6 For I have not dwelt in a house since the time that I brought the children of Israel up from Egypt, even to this day, but have moved about in a tent and in a tabernacle. 7 Wherever I have moved about with all the children of Israel, have I ever spoken a word to anyone from the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, ‘Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?’” 8 Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts: “I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel. 9 And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who are on the earth. 10 Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously, 11 since the time that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel, and have caused you to rest from all your enemies. Also the LORD tells you that He will make you a house.

12 “When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. 15 But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. 16 And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you.[b] Your throne shall be established forever.””

17 According to all these words and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David. (2 Sam 7:4-17)

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31 “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— 32 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them,[a] says the LORD. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 34 No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.” Jer 31:31-34

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2. Understanding God’s Being

6. God the Father

- i. God the Father of All Mal 2:10
- ii. God the Father of Christ Matt 3:17
- iii. God the Father of Believers Rom 8:15

10 Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously with one another by profaning the covenant of the fathers? Mal 2:10

17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."
Matt 3:17

15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." Rom 8:15

7. The Son of God

- i. The Person of the Son of God Is 9:6
- ii. The earthly life of the Son of God John 10:10
- iii. The Ministry of the Son of God Mark 10:45

6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Is 9:6

10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. John 10:10

8. The Holy Spirit

- i. The Person of the Holy Spirit Eph 4:3
- ii. The work of the Holy Spirit in Salvation Titus 3:5
- iii. The work of the Holy Spirit in Christian Living I Cor 6:19

Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Eph 4:3

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, Titus 3:5

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? I Cor 6:19

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3. Beginning the New Life

9. Need for the New Life

- i. Holiness of God Is 6:3
- ii. Adam's Sin Gen 3:6, 7
- iii. Individual Sin Eccl 7:20

And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy *is* the LORD of hosts;
The whole earth *is* full of His glory!" Is 6:3

6 So when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. Gen 3:6, 7

20 For *there is* not a just man on earth who does good and does not sin. Eccl 7:20

10. Way to the New Life

- i. New Life: A free Gift Rom 6:23
- ii. New Life: Based on Christ's death Col 1:22

iii. Received by Faith Acts 16:31

23 For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Rom 6:23

22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight— Col 1:22

31 So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.” Acts 16:31

11. Results of the New Life

- i. Everlasting Life John 5:24
- ii. New Nature 2 Cor 5:17
- iii. Christ’s Righteousness Is 61:10
- iv. Placed into God’s Family 1 John 3:2
- v. Empowered by God Acts 1:8

24 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. John 5:24

17 Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 2 Cor 5:17

10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God;
For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
He has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
As a bridegroom decks *himself* with ornaments,
And as a bride adorns *herself* with her jewels. Is 61:10

2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 1 John 3:2

8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8

12. Assurance of the New Life

- i. Promise of God Titus 1:2
- ii. Witness of the Spirit 1 John 3:24
- iii. Changed Life 1 Cor 6:11

2 in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began, Titus 1:2

24 Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us. 1 John 3:24

11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God. 1 Cor 6:11

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4. Growing in the new Life

13. Bible Study

- i. Reading God's Word Neh 8:3
- ii. Memorizing God's Word Job 22:22
- iii. Meditating upon God's Word Josh 1:8
- iv. Obedience to God's Word Deut 31:12

3 Then he read from it in the open square that *was* in front of the Water Gate from morning until midday, before the men and women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people *were attentive* to the Book of the Law. Neh 8:3

22 Receive, please, instruction from His mouth, and lay up His words in your heart. Job 22:22

8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Josh 1:8

12 Gather the people together, men and women and little ones, and the stranger who *is* within your gates, that they may hear and that they may learn to fear the LORD your God and carefully observe all the words of this law, Deut 31:12

14. Prayer

- i. Praise Ps 150:1
- ii. Confession 1 John 1:9
- iii. Petition 1 Sam 1:17
- iv. Thanksgiving Phil 4:6
- v. Commitment Prov 16:3

1 Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty firmament! Ps 150:1

9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

17 Then Eli answered and said, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition which you have asked of Him." 1 Sam 1:17

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; Phil 4:6

3 Commit your works to the LORD, and your thoughts will be established. Prov 16:3

15. Stewardship

- i. Using Spiritual Gifts 1 Cor 12:1-10
- ii. Serving Gal 5:13
- iii. Giving 2 Cor 9:6-8

Spiritual Gifts: Unity in Diversity

1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: 2 You know that[a] you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. 3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

4 There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: 8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to

another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 1 Cor 12:1-10

13 For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not *use* liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. Gal 5:13

6 But this *I say*: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 *So let each one give* as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may have an abundance for every good work. 2 Cor 9:6-8

16. Worship

- i. Meaning of Worship 1 Chr 16:29
- ii. The expressions of Worship Heb 13:15
- iii. The reasons for Worship 2 Chr 7:3

29 Give to the LORD the glory *due* His name; Bring an offering, and come before Him. Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! 1 Chr 16:29

15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of *our* lips, giving thanks to His name. Heb 13:15

3 When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD on the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the LORD, saying: "For He is good, for His mercy endures forever." 2 Chr 7:3

17. Participation in the Local Church

- i. Definition of the Local Church Rom 16:5
- ii. Reasons for Participation in the Local Church Heb 10:25
- iii. Benefits of Participatin in the Local church Acts 2:42-47

5 Likewise *greet* the church that is in their house. Greet my beloved Epaphroditus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia to Christ. Rom 16:5

25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. Heb 10:25

42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. 44 Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, 45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. 46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church^[a] daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:42-47

18. Sharing our Faith

- i. Sharing our faith: Why? Matt 28:19
- ii. Sharing our faith: What? 1 Cor 15:3,4
- iii. Sharing our Faith : How? 1 Thess 1:5
- iv. Sharing our Faith: When? 2 Tim 4:2

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Matt 28:19

3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, 1 Cor 15:3,4

5 For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake. 1 Thess 1:5

2 Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 2 Tim 4:2

19. Walking in the Spirit

- i. Walking in the Spirit: Confession Ps 73:1
- ii. Walking in the Spirit: Yielding Rom 12:1
- iii. Walking in the Spirit: Filling Eph 5:18

1 Truly God *is* good to Israel, To such as are pure in heart. Ps 73:1

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. Rom 12:1

18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, Eph 5:18

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5. Facing Problems in New Life

20. Sin

- i. What sin is? Ps 51:2
- ii. What sin Does Is 59:2
- iii. What should be done about sin Ps 32:5

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. Ps 51:2

But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden *His* face from you, so that He will not hear. Is 59:2

5 I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah Ps 32:5

21. Temptation

- i. Temptation by the World 1 John 2:15
- ii. Temptation by the Flesh Mark 14:38
- iii. Temptation by Satan 1 Chr 21:1

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 1 John 2:15

38 Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak." Mark 14:38

1 Now Satan stood up against Israel, and moved David to number Israel. 1 Chr 21:1

22. Suffering

- i. Kinds of suffering 1 Pet 3:17
- ii. Purposes of suffering Job 2:7
- iii. Response to Suffering Job 1:21
- iv. Examples of suffering Jer 37:15

17 For *it is* better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. 1 Pet 3:17

7 So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job 2:7

21 And he said: “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD.” Job 1:21

15 Therefore the princes were angry with Jeremiah, and they struck him and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe. For they had made that the prison. Jer 37:15

23. Knowing the Will of God

- i. Knowing the will of God through the Scriptures 2 Kin 23:3
- ii. Knowing the will of God through prayer and fasting Dan 9:3,4
- iii. Knowing the will of God through submission to the Spirit Is 6:8
- iv. Knowing the will of God through circumstances and counsel Prov 24:6

3 Then the king stood by a pillar and made a covenant before the LORD, to follow the LORD and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes, with all *his* heart and all *his* soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people took a stand for the covenant. 2 Kin 23:3

3 Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes. 4 And I prayed to the LORD my God, and made confession, and said, “O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments, Dan 9:3,4

8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here *am* I! Send me.” Is 6:8

6 For by wise counsel you will wage your own war, and in a multitude of counselors *there is* safety. Prov 24:6

24. Doubt

- i. Occasions of Doubt Lam 5:20
- ii. Sources of Doubt Hab 1:2
- iii. Cure for Doubt 1 Kin 18:21

20 Why do You forget us forever, *and* forsake us for so long a time? Lam 5:20

The Prophet’s Question: 2 O LORD, how long shall I cry, and You will not hear? Even cry out to You, “Violence!” And You will not save. Hab 1:2

21 And Elijah came to all the people, and said, “How long will you falter between two opinions? If the LORD *is* God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.” But the people answered him not a word. 1 Kin 18:21

6. Recognizing God's Institutions

25. The family

- i. How the Family began Gen 2:18-25
- ii. Three essentials for a Christian Home Deut 6:4-9
- iii. The role of the wife 1 Pet 3:1-6
- iv. The role of the husband Col 3:19
- v. The role of Children Prov 1:8
- vi. The role of parents Eph 6:4
- vii. The prescription for rearing children Prov 22:6

18 And the LORD God said, "*It is* not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him." 19 Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought *them* to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that *was* its name. 20 So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.

21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. 22 Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

23 And Adam said: "This *is* now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man." 24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed. Gen 2:18-25

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4 "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD *is* one! 5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

6 "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. Deut 6:4-9

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1 Wives, likewise, *be* submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, 2 when they observe your chaste conduct *accompanied* by fear. 3 Do not let your adornment be *merely* outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on *fine* apparel— 4 rather *let it be* the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible *beauty* of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. 5 For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, 6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror. 1 Pet 3:1-6

Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them. Col 3:19

8 My son, hear the instruction of your father, and do not forsake the law of your mother; Prov 1:8

4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord. Eph 6:4

6 Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. Prov 22:6

26. Human Government

- i. The origin of Human Government Gen 9:5
- ii. The function of human government Rom 13:1-4
- iii. Our responsibility to human government 1 Pet 2:13

5 Surely for your lifeblood I will demand *a reckoning*; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man. Gen 9:5

Submit to Government: 1 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. 4 For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. Rom 13:1-4

13 Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, 1 Pet 2:13

27. Israel

- i. Slection of Israel Amos 3:2
- ii. History of Israel Ps 78:4
- iii. Purpose of Israel Deut 14:2
- iv. Government of Israel 1 Chr 28:4
- v. Worship by Israel Ps 29:2

2 "You only have I known of all the families of the earth; Therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities." Amos 3:2

4 We will not hide *them* from their children, telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and His strength and His wonderful works that He has done. Ps 78:4

2 For you *are* a holy people to the LORD your God, and the LORD has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples who *are* on the face of the earth. Deut 14:2

4 However the LORD God of Israel chose me above all the house of my father to be king over Israel forever, for He has chosen Judah *to be* the ruler. And of the house of Judah, the house of my father, and among the sons of my father, He was pleased with me to make *me* king over all Israel. 1 Chr 28:4

2 Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. Ps 29:2

28. The Church

- i. The meaning of the word Church Acts 7:38
- ii. The origin of the Church Matt 16:18
- iii. The purpose of the church Eph 3:21
- iv. The offices of the church 1 Tim 3:1-13
- v. The relationship of the Church to Christ Eph 5:25-29

38 "This is he who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the Angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and *with* our fathers, the one who received the living oracles to give to us, Acts 7:38

18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. Matt 16:18

21 to Him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Eph 3:21

1 This *is* a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop,^[a] he desires a good work. 2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; 3 not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money,^[b] but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous; 4 one who rules his own house well, having *his* children in submission with all reverence 5 (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?); 6 not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the *same* condemnation as the devil. 7 Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

Qualifications of Deacons: 8 Likewise deacons must be reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for money, 9 holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience. 10 But let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons, being found blameless. 11 Likewise, their wives must be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things. 12 Let deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. 13 For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus. 1 Tim 3:1-13

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. 28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord *does* the church. Eph 5:25-29
