

THE GREATEST OF THESE

IS LOVE # 2



INTRODUCTION

- **There is so very much to share about God's love and care for each one of us;**
- **So I will divide this presentation into three parts (Study #2, 3, & 4) to make each section build on top of the last —
Like a transparency overlay.**
- **I pray this will help you vividly visualize God's incredible plan to save this world, and you!**



Last Study Review

We Learned:

- 1. That the God of the Bible Is Alive, and has been from eternity past to eternity future. Isa. 46:9, 10**
- 2. That He Created Us, Loves Us, Even though many choose to follow ungodliness, He still Wants to be with Us, And chooses to be with His People throughout their lives and wonderings through the Old Testament;**
- 3. And again chooses to Seek and to Save that which is lost as our Messiah; Lives with us, gives us an example, Died to Redeem us to Harmony with His Heavenly Father;**
- 4. Gives us Prophecy to let us know where we are in earth's history; and Science thousands of years before our time.**
- 5. Most of All, He Gives Us a Perfect Law & Handbook (The Bible) how to live successfully with God & Man.**

BRIDGE TO UNDERSTANDING MORE



In The Beginning God. . . . (Family Name)
Created The Heavens & the Earth
Genesis 1:1

- **I Am A Creationist Without Any Excuse!**
- **There is Phenomenal Evidence of Intelligent Design (Sir Isaac Newton)**
- **Science Now Believes That There Had to be Divine Intervention in Order for Earth to Exist. – Called the ‘God Factor’ SETI [Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence]; Wall Street Journal, December 25, 2014**

**The Beloved Disciple John, Shows the Relationship
Between
God the Father & God the Son**

In the beginning [same beginning] was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. [2] The same was in the beginning with God. [3] *All Things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.* [14] And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten* of the Father,) full of grace and truth. * John 1:1-3; 14; 3:16-17



Who Dwelt Among Us?

The Word—Jesus, The Christ

“By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded and it stood fast.”

Psalms 33:6 & 9

Wonderful Father/Son Relationship

The Father Delights In The Son's Accomplishments

Again, We Read

“For by him were all things created, that are in heaven and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, dominions, principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him [17] And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. [19] For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell.” Colossians 1:16,17 vs. 19

**It Is Important to Understand Why God
the Father has Such a Vested Interest in
US**

**His Dearly Beloved Son
Created Marvelously
His
Father's
Grandchildren!!**



It Should Also Help Us Understand

**Why God the Son—Jesus—The ‘Messiah’ has such influence
upon His Father—[Our Father]**

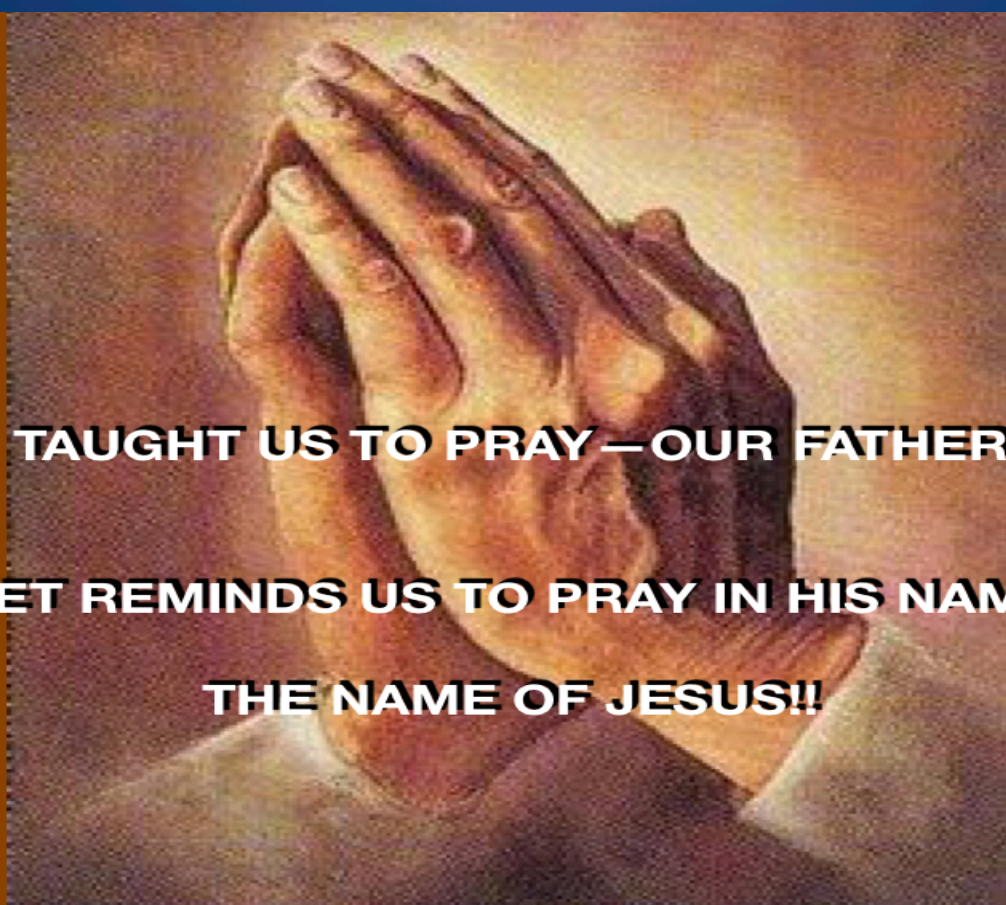
Always bringing our attention to His Father!!

Matthew 6:9-13; The Lord’s Prayer:

**But equally as important, the Father asks us to include His
Son!**

**We are encouraged to Pray in Jesus Name [John 14:13,14;
15:16; 16:23,24; Acts 4:12]**

**In the Name of Jesus
There is Power with the Father**



TAUGHT US TO PRAY — OUR FATHER

YET REMINDS US TO PRAY IN HIS NAME

THE NAME OF JESUS!!

Literal Days of Creation

Genesis 1, & 2:1-3

- 1st Day—Light; Divided Evening/Morning
- 2nd Day—Firmament [Air]
- 3rd Day—Dry Land/Seas/Vegetation/Trees
- 4th Day—Sun/Moon/Stars
- 5th Day—Fowl & Fish
- 6th Day—Animals & Mankind -Adam & Eve
- 7th Day—Sabbath
- Clearly the “evening and the morning “ makes a literal day!

GEN. 1 & 2:1-3 Portraits of God’s Love

Plan of Salvation-Everlasting Gospel

7 Literal Days

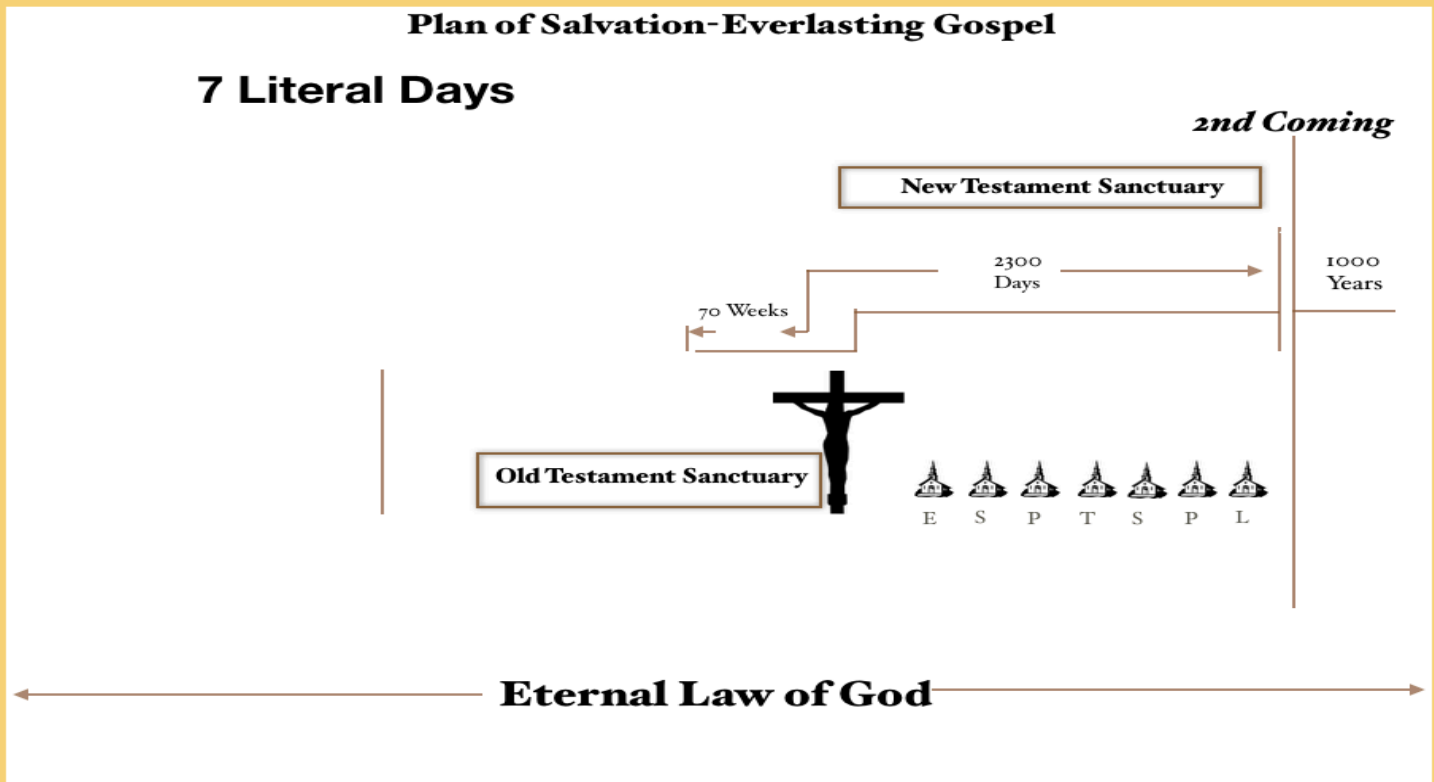
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There Was A Very Special Creation

Let us make man in Our Image —
Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7.

And God Said, Let us make man in our
image, after our likeness: . . .vs.
27 ..male and female created he them.

2:7 And the Lord God formed man of the
dust of the ground and breathed into
his nostrils the breath of life; and man
became a living soul.

[We Should do all to Maintain the Image of God—to Exonerate His
Name in All That We Do]



**Created to Procreate Perfection
for
Eternity!!
[Very Strong & Perfect DNA]**



CREATED PERFECTION

Placed in the Garden of Eden

- **Genesis 1:31; 2:15**
- **To Dress the Garden/Take Care of It**
- **Beautiful Gems; Gen. 2:11, 12**
- **Enjoy the Animals. Genesis 2:19**
- **Face to Face Relationship with Their Maker. Gen. 1:28**
- **Glorious Music & Amazing Worship. Job 38:6,7**
- **Made us Spectacularly!! Genesis 1:31**
- **He first loved Us. 1 John 4:19**

Yet, True Love Requires Freedom of Choice

**Which means there had to be
CHOICE**

The Beginning of Good & Evil in This World!

**We will Discover the Origin of Evil in the
Universe in Study #3**

**So Choice Could Only Be Found
In One Place**

At The

**Tree of Knowledge of
GOOD & EVIL**

- Time Frame Between Creation & the Next Saga
of Mankind
Might have been Substantial—at Least Clearly
Several Years
- They became very Comfortable & Secure
in their Eden Home



EVE WAS DRAWN AWAY!

- Drawn away from that which was given to her to protect her.
- Wondered away from the Familiar Sounds.
- Might have hesitated as she found herself alone,
- But what was there to worry about!?!
- Yet, only when she was alone could she be Confronted. (there is strength in unity-not so easily taken advantage of) Eccl. 4:9-10, 12.

Seductively –Who Shows Up!

Genesis 3:1-14

The Serpent In The Tree!!

What Tree?

The Tree of Knowledge of

Good and Evil!

Temptation is not Sin

- **But if we stay around it, it becomes familiar; If we enter into conversation, flirt with it, desire it,**
- **lust for it,**
- **It now has power over us.**

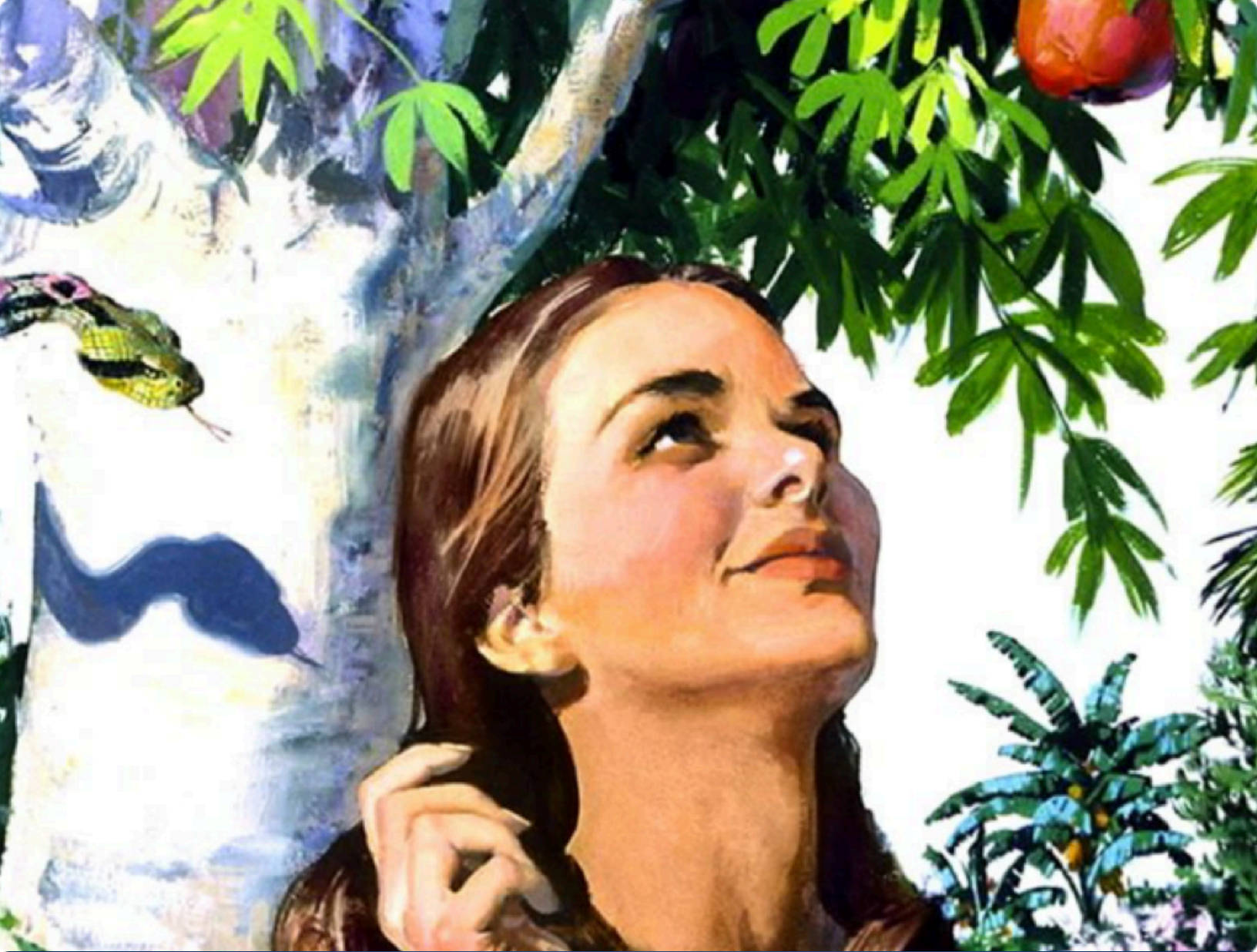
James 1:14-15 [lust/desire=covet]

This is Sin—Transgression of the Law 1 John 3:4

The “Serpent” Speaks

- “Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?
- And the Woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:
- But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die:” Genesis 3:1-3

Cunningly, the Serpent spoke words to Eve that made her feel that she needed to correct him—thus she readily enters into a conversation with the Serpent.



The Serpent Replies

- And the serpent said unto the woman, ye shall not surely die: (contradiction of what God said)
- For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil!

The Woman Responds

- “And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.]” (Wait a minute—I thought she was alone)

[This Was The First “Medium” Verbally Speaking] Through another entity

- The Serpent Presents Himself Through A Magnificently Gorgeous Flying Creature.
- Eve Feels Exhilarated!
- Euphoria Sets In --Becomes Enamored.
- Sees the Fruit is Good to Eat & Thinks it can Make her Wise, & Tries It! (same manner/or intro as the drug pusher)
- Runs Back to Adam (which was in the Garden with her).
- Adam Knew That This was The Fruit Forbidden in Genesis 2:16, But can't compute living without Eve.
- As he ate, the Glory of Their Perfect Robes were Fading!



First Medium

Results

- **And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked;
[This appeared to them to be shameful]**
- **and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. Vs. 7**

The Son Immediately Enters the Presence of His Father

**Why did He go to His Father—
To Offer His Life For Ours!!**

[19] [Because] with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: [20] Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times

FOR YOU. 1 Peter 1:19-20

Eph. 3:11; Eph. 1:4, 5

- **Unless there was an immediate substitute for sin in our world—Adam & Eve would have suffered the consequences immediately!**
- **Christ's Love for Us sends Him on a Mission to look for us, Draw us back, Comfort us, Protect us, Love us!! Psalms 37:23-24**

So God Searches

- **“And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.” Genesis 3:7-8**
- **“And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?” (Isaiah 59:2)**

A photograph of a man and a woman in a forest. The man is in the foreground, shirtless, looking towards the right. The woman is behind him, also shirtless, with long dark hair. In the background, a figure in a white robe stands on a path, looking towards the camera. The scene is lit with warm, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset.

God Searches!!

And This Was His Answer!

- “I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.
- And he said, who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?
- The Man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree and I did eat.
- And the Lord said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.”



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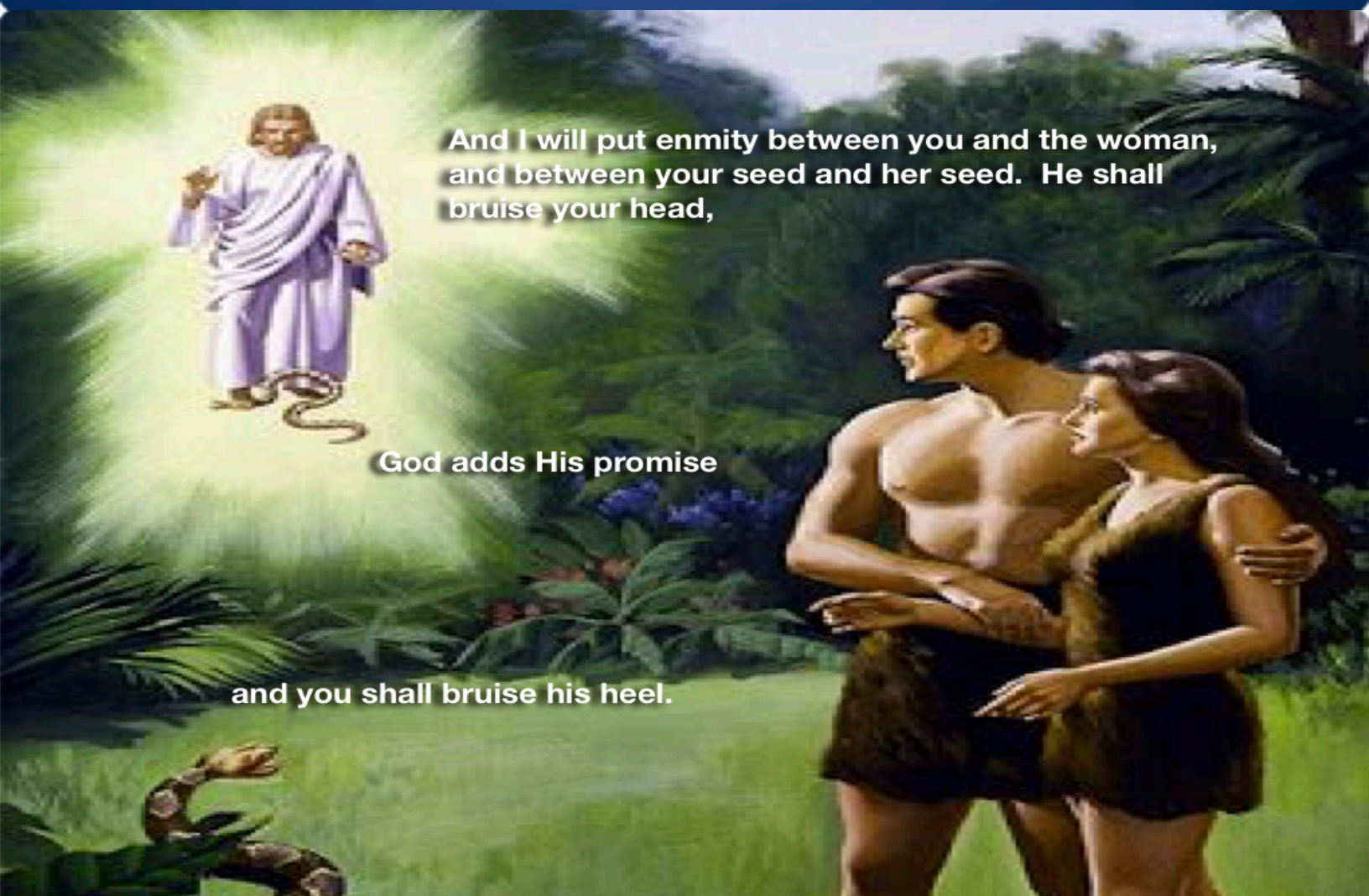
God turns to the Serpent

- **“Because thou has done this, thou art cursed above all cattle and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go; and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:”**

God continues to speak to the serpent vs. 15

“And I will put enmity [severe disgust, revulsion, profound disapproval, offensive distaste] **between ‘you’ and the woman, and between ‘your ‘seed [the ability to produce evil] and her seed; it [her seed] shall bruise ‘your’ head [a deadly wound], and ‘you’ shall bruise his heel.”**

All Understood This As The Promise of A Savior; A Messiah



And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He shall bruise your head,

God adds His promise

and you shall bruise his heel.

God Wants Us Back!!

The Father Gives His Son to the Human Race So that we might be saved.

Why would God the Father Not come for us himself?

Because the Son created us and the Son plead to redeem us and not let us go.

Mark 14:24-25

God the Father Adds His Promise!!

For [I] God, So Loved the World, that [I] Gave [My] Only Begotten Son, That Whosoever Believeth in Him Should not Perish, but Have Everlasting Life. John 3:16

(17) For God sent not His Son into the world to Condemn the World; but that the World

Through HIM Might be Saved!!!



However, Death Was Now the Plight of All Mankind—Genesis 3:17-19

- The Genesis Narrative Includes This Statement: “Unto Adam he [God] said, Because thou hast hearkened unto thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree of which I commanded thee saying, Thou shall not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shall thou eat of it all the days of thy life;
- 18) thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee and thou shall eat the herb [vegetables] of the field; In the sweat of thy face shall thou eat bread till thou return unto the ground; for out of it was thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shall thou return. [We will see the beauty of this at the end of this study]

A photograph of a cemetery with numerous gravestones of various shapes and sizes scattered across a green lawn. Large trees with vibrant green leaves are in the background, and some bushes with bright red and pink flowers are in the foreground. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

Death the plight of all mankind

What Happened to Perfect Procreation?

- **Sin writes its # on our lives (is God watching to zap us? No, No, we do that ourselves by our own choices!!)**
- **Exodus 20:5; Jealous God visiting the iniquities [sin] unto the 3rd and 4th generation [a predisposition] and showing mercy to thousands that love me & keep my Commandments.**
- **Jealous of their protection, health, wellbeing; Like any Parent. Judges 10:15-16; Psalm 91:3-6; 95:10; Isaiah 49:16; Jeremiah 29:11-13; Matthew 23:37.**
- **Through the Bible, we are given insight to DNA Profiling — Now we Understand it! [—Breeding Horses] Ralph MeCutcheon**

**Since the Promise of
God the Father & God the Son,
Every Generation of God's Family
Has Been Looking For the Promised Seed
The Messiah**

**Shall Call His Name Jesus—for he shall
save his people FROM their sins. Matt
1:21**

Before the Flood

- **Seth—Genesis 4:25,26, Then men began to call on God**
- **Enoch—Jude 14, 7th from Adam; Gen. 5:21-24; Heb. 11:5
Walked with God**
- **Methuselah –Grandfather of Noah & the oldest man to live**
- **Noah—Genesis 5:29 At Birth**
The Prophet that prepared men for the flood a. 4000 years ago
- **Gave that generation 120 years to prepare Gen. 6:3**
- **Shem—The Son of Noah; made the pro-generator of 'the Seed'—Luke 3:36**

After the Flood

- Abraham—God promised his seed would be like the stars of heaven; Given Son of Promise.
- Isaac Hebrews 11:8-10; Galatians 3:6-8
- Jacob—Father of 12 Tribes. Name changed to Is-real after encounter with the Angel. Genesis 32:28
- Job—Godly Man from the East Job 1:1
- Moses—Hebrew son adopted into the Pharaoh's house by daughter of King Exodus 2:3-10
- King David—Man after my own heart. 1 Sam. 13:14; Acts 13:22; Sure mercies of David, Isaiah 55:3
- Various Prophets, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel (600)
- Minor Prophets up to 400 yrs before Christ; then silence!

Where Did We See Silence Before?

- The Study on the Bible—at the End of The Theocracy!!
- What Happens Next?—The New Testament
- God Goes from the special mostly Jewish Family “Father Abraham” —
- To Missing Children of The World-Luke 2:32



**When the Fulness of the Time
Had Come,
God Sent Forth His Son!**

Daniel 9:25-27 Messiah Foretold & Galatians 4:4

**Again, Fulfillment of Prophecy
John the Baptist—**

**Prophet to Prepare Mankind for 'Jesus'
Matthew 3:1-3 a. 4/5 BC; a little over
2000 yrs ago**

...yet not my will,
but Yours be done.



What Was The Messiah Like?

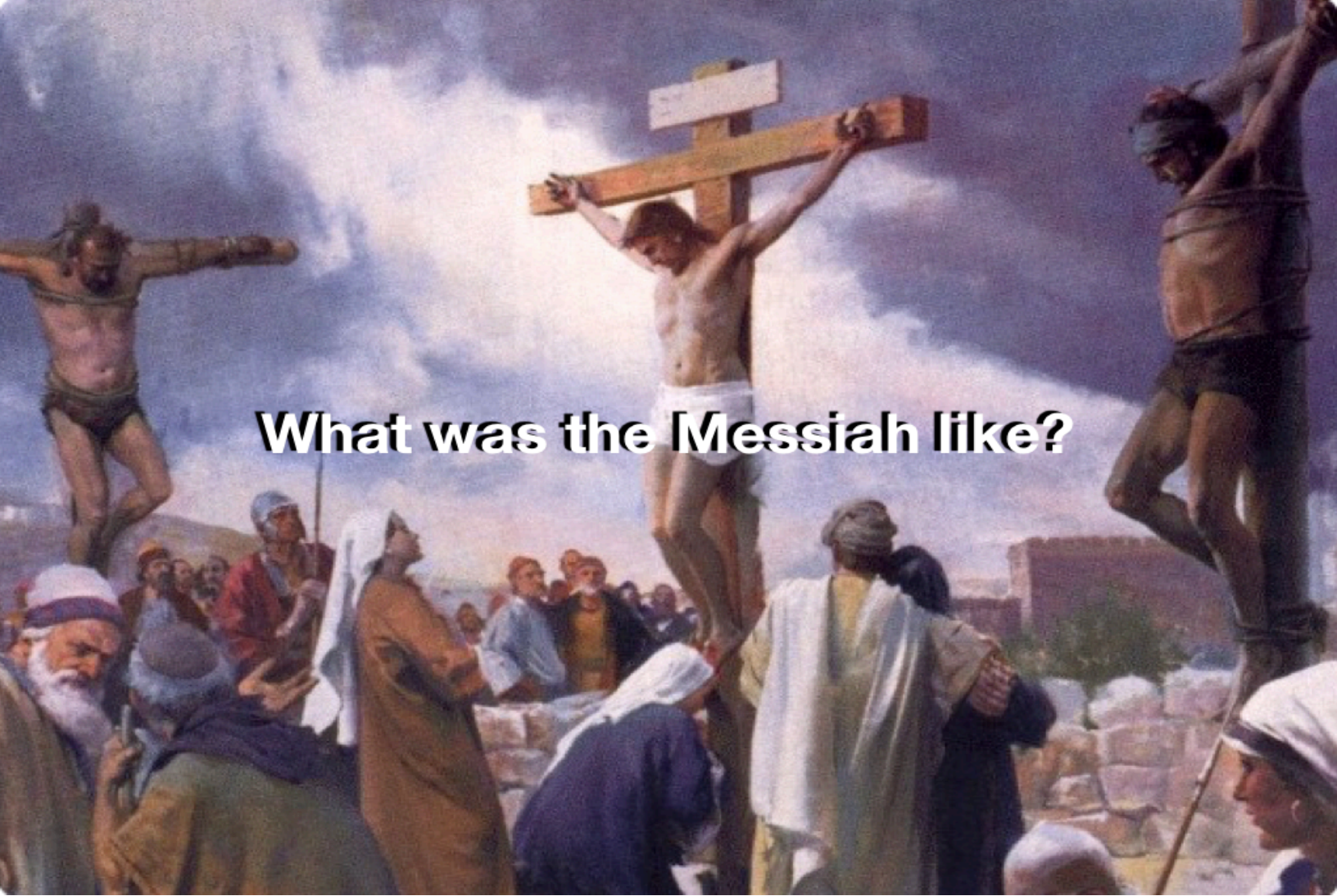
- **Jesus Gave us a complete example of how we can live in harmony with God Luke 2:40; John 13:15; Matthew 11:25-30; John 15-17**

The Physical fulfillment of God Giving His Son John 3:16

Went to the Cross—Why have you forsaken me? Mark 15:34; Father forgive them. Luke 23:34; Today you will be with me in Paradise. Luke 23:43; John 19:26-27, took care of Mother; It is finished, Jn.19:30; Into Thy Hands, Luke 23:46;

Lessons we should learn from the cross

Rested the Sabbath Day—Then Rose Victoriously the Third Day!! Luke 23:54-24:6



What was the Messiah like?

If We Accept the Cross, And He Who Died on It—It Satisfies & Reconciles Us to God the Father

- **Brought harmony between God & Man. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Colossians 1:14-15 last part;18-20**
- **In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.**
- **For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell; And having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say whether they be things in earth or things in heaven.**
- **Isaiah 53:11 He shall see the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied.**

The Plan To Bring Us Back Home Is Nearly Complete!

- Time of the End . Daniel 12:4 (1798); [can be studied later]
- Daniel 8:14 Sanctuary will be cleansed (1844); [same]
- God's Message & Church established. (Laodicea 1863) - 150 years 2013 [same—Noah-120 yrs.] Revelation 3:14-22
- Prophecy Fulfilled again; Message to be given. Revelation 14:6, 7; 14:8-12. Matthew 28:19, 20;
- Like John the Baptist, We are to Prepare the World to meet our God. We are the messengers!!
- Promise of a Gentleman: 2 Peter 3:9+13 Not Slack. .
- 2nd Coming of Christ in the Clouds of Glory!

GEN. 1 & 2:1-3

Portraits of God's Love

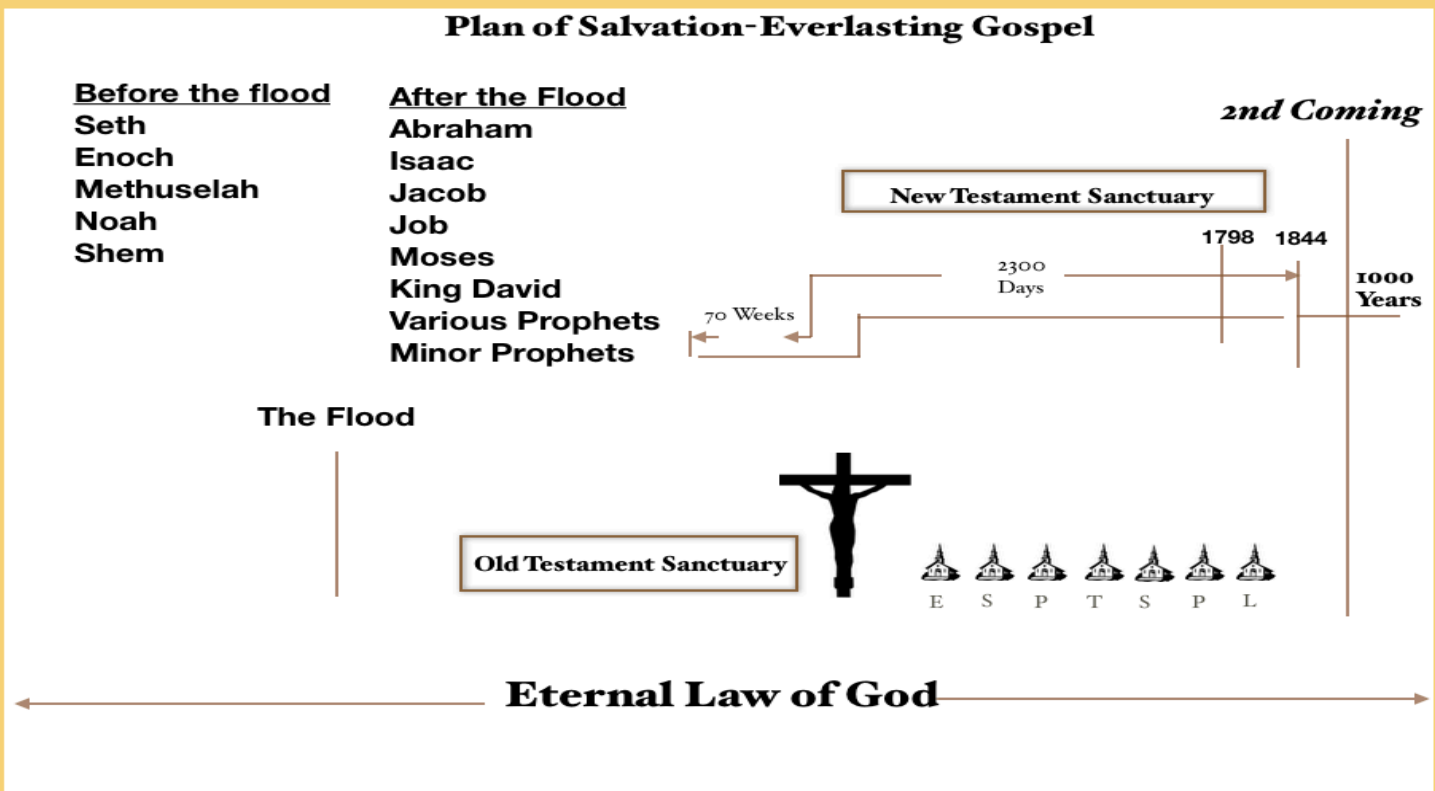
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Verbal Word of God - Written Word of God - Bible



1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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“ I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, as others which have no hope.

- For we believe that Jesus died and rose again even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.**
- For This we say unto you by the word of the Lord that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.**
- For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:**
- Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.**
- Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”**



1 Corinthians 15:51
Behold, I show you a mystery!!

1 Corinthians 15:51-55

- “Behold I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,
- In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.
- For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.
- So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.
- O death, where is thy sting? O grave where is thy Victory?”

Finally, God Retrieves His Treasures

- **Before Banks, What was done with one's Treasures?**
- **Buried it in the Ground. Matthew 13:44**
- **Psalms 116:15 PRECIOUS in the sight of the LORD is the DEATH of his SAINTS. Revelation 14:13 Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord...**
- **Exodus 19:5 Shall be a PECULIAR TREASURE UNTO ME.**
- **Malachi 3:17 When he makes up his JEWELS-HIS TREASURES.**
- **Isaiah 26:19 Thy DEAD BODY shall ARISE. . . .they that SLEEP in the DUST.**
- **No matter what happens God wants us to be ready as Enoch who WALKED with GOD. Gen. 5:21-24. Heb. 11:4-6**
- **He understood. 2 Peter 1:4-8**

Vs. 4. "Whereby are given unto us Exceeding Great, and Precious Promises" –To be Partakers of the Divine Nature.

Vs 8 "And if these things be in you, and abound, they make you neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of Jesus Christ."

So What Is Keeping God From Coming?

Gospel Must Be Preached To The World

Matthew 28:18-20 Go Ye into all the world & preach....

Now God is waiting for our/my Personal Response—

Ezekiel 33:11

**“Say unto them. As I live, saith the Lord God,
I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the
wicked turn from his way and live:**

Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die?”

God Longs to Make Us His Treasures,

But We Must Say, I Choose To Be Yours!!



What is keeping God from Coming?

**And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in
all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then
shall the end come. Matthew 24:14**

THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE



END OF PART #2

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