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**What you MUST DO to be ready!!!**

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## Chapter 3

# Adam & Eve

*“Behold, the man is become as one of us,  
to KNOW GOOD and EVIL”  
(Genesis 3:22)*

The most important thing to understand after reading this chapter is PRECISELY what happened to Adam & Eve’s spirits (souls) AFTER they sinned in the Garden of Eden, for this truth sets up a particular “theme” God will employ over and over again in the Old Testament Bible stories. In other words, clearly grasping what occurred TO & IN Adam & Eve’s spirits after they sinned is the key to understanding the entire Bible, because what happened to them was automatically passed on to every single human being’s soul that lived thereafter. But most importantly, comprehension of this truth will lead you to the plain truth of exactly what EVERY soul has/had to DO to obtain eternal life.

But before we analyze Adam & Eve’s fiasco, allow me to digress a moment and explain God’s motive for creating everything: The Bible says: “*Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and **for thy PLEASURE they are and were created***” (Revelation 4:11). This word “pleasure” is translated from the Greek word “*thelēma*” meaning: will, decision, desire. Thus, God created the universe, stars, angels, planet Earth, animals, mankind

(spirit children), and everything existing for His pleasure!

You might ask; how does God receive pleasure from the things He created? The answer is because He set up creation like a game!!! I will explain with an analogy: It is like mankind “creating” the game of football for his pleasure. The game has a playing field, a beginning an ending time, rules, and players that can win or lose. As mankind watches a football game being played, he receives great enjoyment out of it. Every detail of every play is fun to watch. Pleasure is manifested by spirits screaming, chanting, crying, and shouting as they root on who they want to win! Do you understand? This is a picture of God’s excitement, rooting us on to win in the Game of Life He created. Jesus said, “*I say unto you there is JOY in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that REPENTETH*” (Luke 15:10). Yes, friend, God is receiving great pleasure from His Creation.

Digressing further, allow me to say a few pertinent words about the Creator God himself. He is a KING that has ALWAYS existed! I know that is hard to cogitate, but Paul wrote: “*Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever*” (I Timothy 1:17). Since He created everything, He is God. In fact, He is the only God: “*I am the LORD, and there is NONE else, there is no God beside me*” (Isaiah 45:5). He is perfect in wisdom, power, and might, and deserving of us bowing on our knees with heads low, worshiping Him like the God He is! Jeremiah declared: “*But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation...He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion*” (Jeremiah 10:10, 12). Thankfully, He is a good God! Hundreds of times the Bible claims such: “*Good and upright is the LORD*” (Psalms 25:8). Rest assured the Creator God is good, for He IS Love!

Let us now examine the components making up the Game of Life God has created for His pleasure: The playing field is planet Earth, the length of the Game is 7,000 Earth trips around the sun, the rules are the 10 Commandments, the players are His spirit children, and the Bible is the Game’s handbook. The object of the Game is for God’s

spirit children (mankind) to obtain eternal life for their soul. THAT is how we win!!! To lose the game is to lose your soul for all eternity, being cast into outer darkness. (A sobering Biblical fact...most people will lose, but more about that later!) To win the game and receive ETERNAL life, all WE have to **DO** is **OBEY the rules!** Paul wisely wrote: ***“Follow the Lord’s rules for doing his work, just as an athlete either follows the rules or is disqualified and wins no prize”*** (II Timothy 2:5 Living Bible). (I have much more to say about all this, so do not stop reading!) But let us turn now to the heartbreaking story of Adam & Eve, for their account is the tale of how the “option to lose” was initiated; thus, completing the setup of God’s Game of Life.

After God created the physical universe and the invisible spiritual realm in 6 days, along with mankind (spirit children) and the angels, He honed in on planet Earth. Earth was already hurling 66,000 miles an hour toward completing its first loop around the sun and counting off the 1<sup>st</sup> year of His 7,000 year plan. (The year was likely 3972 BC on our current Gregorian calendar, but back then it was year #1.) The locale on planet Earth was the place we today call the Middle East. In that area, God created a lush garden called Eden, where He placed his first spirit child, Adam: ***“And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil”*** (Genesis 2:8, 9).

God then caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep, took a rib from his side, and made him a woman companion. (It is now known the lower rib is the only bone in the human body that can regenerate itself if taken out! Think God knew what he was doing?) Note: when I use the term “mankind” in this book, I am referring to “woman” as well, because she was taken out of man. 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”*** (Genesis 2:23). Eventually, Adam named his companion “Eve” meaning “life”, for she was to be the mother of all humans.

Now, in the Garden of Eden, please understand Adam & Eve’s souls were initially in PERFECT UNION with God’s Spirit of Life. This

is symbolized in the story by a “tree of life” being IN the Garden. And since Adam & Eve lived IN the Garden, obviously, they had access and right to partake of that tree whenever and as often as they liked. What a beautiful picture of the wonderful, joyous connection that existed between God’s Spirit of Life and Adam & Eve’s spirits.

God then gave them 1 Commandment (Law) to test their faithfulness to Him: “Of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, THOU SHALT NOT eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely DIE” (Genesis 2:17). One Law was all God needed to prove mankind’s belief and trust in Him—which is actually LOVE shown towards Him! See, God could RECEIVE pleasure (love) from His spirit children simply by providing them with a choice to obey or disobey Him. Do you see? If they obeyed Him, they loved Him!!! This is like the pleasure you receive when a love interest chooses you over someone else: If you were the only person on Earth there would be no choice, making that pleasure nonexistent! In other words, without a choice to disobey Him, mankind’s souls would have been like boring robots. But once a choice existed, a choice was always being made to obey or to disobey—i.e. to love or to not love!

So who else was in the Garden of Eden? An angel, Lucifer! God declared: “Thou (Lucifer) hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering...Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I (God) have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God...Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou was created, till iniquity was found in thee” (Ezekiel 28:13-15). Thus, Lucifer (a created, angelic, ministering spirit) was in God’s created Garden of Eden as a perfect, sinless being! God’s words of summation closing out the 6<sup>th</sup> Creation day verify this: “And God saw EVERY THING that he had made, and, behold, it was VERY GOOD. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day” (Genesis 1:31). How could everything created be “very good” if rebellion had already occurred? Friend, listen, ALL God’s Creation (Adam & Eve, the animals, the angels, etc) was getting along just fine after God’s 6 days of Creation.

Oh, but then something terrible happened!!! “Iniquity” was found in Lucifer! The Hebrew word is “āweḻ” meaning: wrong, evil, sin, injustice, what is morally perverted, warped, and twisted. But

when did this happen? Well, obviously, sometime after the initial 6 day Creation, and once the scattered Biblical passages relating to the incident are collected, it becomes apparent from the verbiage that the fateful day Lucifer coerced Eve to eat the forbidden fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good & evil is the SAME day God first found iniquity in him! In other words, yes, the two events happened simultaneously—mankind’s “fall” and Lucifer’s “fall”! Let us investigate.

First, what prompted Lucifer to sin? Friend, one word, “GREED”!!! Ezekiel writes about Lucifer: “*every precious STONE was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold...the day that thou was created...**BY the MULTITUDE of thy MERCHANDISE** they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and **THOU HAST SINNED**...Thine heart was **LIFTED UP** because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness*” (Ezekiel 28:13-17). Do you see? God had bestowed upon Lucifer an “abundance of materialism”. And what happened? It puffed-up his heart and corrupted his mind with greed, which led him to sin!

In his prideful, arrogant state, what did Lucifer’s greedy spirit now want? He wanted MORE materialism and power! He wanted complete control over God’s beautiful creation. He wanted to call the shots. He wanted to be God! Isaiah writes about him: “*For thou hast said in thine heart (spirit), **I will ascend** into heaven, **I will exalt** my throne above the stars of God...**I will ascend** above the heights of the clouds; **I will be like the most High***” (Isaiah 14:13, 14). Do you see what the “acquisition of materialism (atoms)” does to a spirit being’s thoughts, desires, & emotions? It swells it with the “I” syndrome. What is that? Selfishness, my friend—which is pride! See, pride can only grow out of the soil of self-centeredness. And an “I-me-myself” attitude is the spiritual mindset in one’s thoughts, desires, & emotions that produces sin. (Take notice of the middle “letter” in the words “pr-**I**-de” & “s-**I**-n”.) When our thoughts are focused entirely on our self, our life, and our ambitions, we do not know God (love) and are headed for a disastrous fall!

The Holy Spirit of God will bluntly reveal later in the Bible that “greed” is the root of ALL sin by saying: “*the **LOVE OF MONEY** is the*

root of ALL evil” (I Timothy 6:10). See, mankind invented “money” as the means by which we can legally acquire physical atoms (materialism). That is all “money” can do! It cannot purchase spiritual things; it can only purchase physical things. Thus, ALL sin stems from the “love of money”—which is a fervent desire to obtain dirt (God’s creation). THAT is the very root of selfishness, pride, and sin. See, if nothing existed to be selfish or prideful about, there would be no selfishness or pride. Do you understand? How very sad that “greed for dirt” will be the root cause of the sin (evil) in everyone who loses (forfeits eternal life) in God’s Game of Life. And Lucifer, the 1<sup>st</sup> sinner, is the prime example of this stunning truth!

To attain a “God-like (controlling)” status, Lucifer realized he would have to persuade Adam & Eve’s spirits to disobey God and obey him. Consequently, Lucifer’s pride and greed manifested itself in the sin (iniquity) of a lie, which led to the sin (iniquity) of murder. He cajoled Eve to disobey God’s 1 simple Commandment and eat the fruit from the forbidden tree of the knowledge of good & evil. Satan’s plan worked! He became the God of this world (age): “*In whom the **god of this world** hath blinded the minds of them which believe (love) not*” (II Corinthians 4:4). Oh, but he will pay an awful price for his victory at the close of 7,000 years! But before I talk about the consequence of that sinful day for Lucifer, let us take a more detailed look at what transpired in the Garden of Eden on the day of original sin.

Lucifer demonstrated his crafty wisdom towards Eve by cleverly twisting the truth into a lie: “*Now the serpent (Lucifer) was more subtil than any beast of the field...And he said unto the woman (Eve), Yea, hath God said, Ye shall NOT eat of EVERY tree of the garden?* (Genesis 3:1). Do you perceive the slyness of this lie? God did not tell Adam & Eve they could NOT eat from EVERY tree...He said only 1 tree! I can almost see Eve’s pretty head turn sideways as she contemplated. It was the first time she ever heard a lying question!

At first, Eve did well in deciphering Lucifer’s lying play on words, because she remembered God’s words (law) of truth: “*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 3:2, 3). See, she KNEW God's Word (Law)! Oh, if only she would have trusted and obeyed it no matter what anyone else told her. But next, Lucifer went straight for the jugular with an outright lie: "*And the serpent (Lucifer) said unto the woman, **Ye shall NOT surely die**: 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*" (Genesis 3:4, 5). How pathetic! Lucifer always has some other reason to convince mankind that God is the one lying. **He is still doing this today!!!**

This time Eve bit: "*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*" (Genesis 3:6). That was it! The deed was done! Mankind **DISOBEYED** God's 1 Law, sinning against Him, and death ensued instantly. I will explain **EXACTLY** what died very shortly. But before you scoff at this anecdote of a serpent talking to a woman, I want to give you something to ponder on how the scene may have gone down.

The Bible says angels were created to be "ministering spirits", right? Well, how do you suppose they do that? Do you think angels stroke our hair and rub our shoulders to attend to us? Maybe they do, but I sure do not feel it. No, my friend, angels **TALK** to us! Remember, angels are made of the same invisible "spirit material" that makes up our spirit. Therefore, having like material, they can communicate with us because "spirit material" contains thoughts, desires, & emotions. Do you understand? Make no mistake about it, angels were created to talk to us; thus, some of the thoughts in our spirit are from them! Most people are dreadfully naive of this significant truth, but I urge you to be aware of the voices (thoughts) in your head (spirit).

At times we even vocalize thoughts and ideas in our spirit that came from angels! Jesus recognized Lucifer's angelic voice speaking through his Disciple, Peter: "*And he (Jesus) began to teach them, that the Son of man must...be killed, and after three days rise again...And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. But when he (Jesus) had turned about...he rebuked Peter, saying, **Get thee behind me, Satan**: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men*" (Mark 8:31-33). See, Jesus knew it was Satan who had put

these thoughts in Peter's head. I know it is hard to conceive, but good angels and fallen angels speak to every one of us from time to time. Sometimes they speak directly to us in our own mind (spirit) and other times they talk to us through other people's mouths (spirits)!

I will share a dramatic personal story with you proving our thoughts are not always our own. I moved from Pennsylvania to Tennessee in the fall of 1996. During the summer of 2005, I decided to drive home and visit my folks over the Thanksgiving holiday. (Remember my dad's profile appeared on May 6<sup>th</sup> of that year? Well, I was excited to let my mom and brother see it! In fact, that fall I spent \$500 dollars making 2 beautifully framed copies for them and those 2 pictures traveled as cargo with me.) But the moment I made the decision to go home, an overwhelming feeling of dread hit my gut that something terrible would occur during the 735 mile drive. It was just thoughts in my spirit, but it was like they originated from somewhere else! Now I had made the journey many times over the course of 9 years, but NEVER once had I had a premonition like this. In fact, whenever I would think about the trip I would get the same sick feelings.

Finally, the morning of November 19 arrived and I awoke to a blaze of anxiety, but I had taken the vacation time off from work months earlier, so I was going regardless! The laborious trip is a monotonous, mostly highway drive that takes about 12 hours to complete. I started off and soon forgot my trepidation. Four hours later, while driving past Bristol on Interstate 81, I was delighted to encounter snow falling. (I do not get to see much snow living in Nashville.) Then, all of a sudden, a massive wave of fear hit me like a dagger to the heart, and I shrieked, "You can't stop me Devil!" My own bloodcurdling yell startled me, and I wondered why I had reacted like that. But I soon forgot the "event" as the snow subsided and I settled in for the boring 324 mile crossing through the state of Virginia. (I did not realize the "snowy-incident" was a warning of the imminent future!)

When I reached Pennsylvania it was nighttime. Drifting mentally, I missed my exit off the PA Turnpike and had to exit onto an unfamiliar country road. I did not care, though, because I was close to home and excited to see momma. (Thoughts of danger were now completely gone from my mind.) The road I was traveling on was very

dark and unimaginably curvy and hilly. Then a dense snow started falling, and I was amazed at how fast the conditions turned treacherous! As the thick snow quickly covered the road, I struggled to see the edge of it in the blackness, going up and down and this way and that. It was so dark I could make out nothing I was passing! It was like driving in complete blackness, except for my headlights illuminating the blinding white, falling snow. My senses jacked like the hair on a spooked alley cat, and I took a death grip on the steering wheel while slowing to around 40 miles an hour. (Thinking back now, I am astonished that in that bad situation NO thoughts arose in my spirit concerning the months of alarm I had had over the trip!)

What happened next, however, my soul will never forget, even though it played out in just a few, dramatic seconds. All of a sudden, out of seemingly nowhere, headlights appeared behind me, and it took only seconds to realize they were gaining fast! I thought, “In these conditions... they must be crazy!” Then, instantly, I heard a resounding voice in my spirit urge, “Just pull over, stop your car, and let the lights behind you go past!” (Now that is a notion I would NEVER have normally had, but the voice was so overbearing that I immediately obeyed.) I hit the brakes and stopped my car!!! (Reaffirming chapter 2, notice what actually took place...thoughts in my spirit moved the atoms in my foot to depress the brake pedal.) And there I sat, stopped and stunned at my decision to stop. Then my distracted eyes bloomed large as they left the lights in my rearview mirror to make out the moving shape of the shadowy object standing on the road in front of me. For about 20 feet ahead, camouflaged in the dense snow, was a massive buck lunging wildly at the open air. After about 5 great confused heaves, he turned and vanished into the blackness.

I burst into uncontrollable tears as the sudden realization of what just happened, hit me! The Bible says it best: “*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble*” (Psalms 46:1). And: “***For he (God) shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone***” (Psalms 91:11, 12). I finally realized an angel had been warning me about this day for months. I might have died if I had collided with that deer that night, because I was traveling, unbuckled,

in a small, rusty, low-to-the-ground 1984 Honda Accord. Without a doubt, the huge buck would have rolled up over my hood and landed God knows where. I know God’s angel(s) saved my life that night, and I look forward to the day I can hug his/her neck in thanks. Yes, truly, angelic spirits minister (talk) to us in our spirits!

But angelic spirits can do more than just communicate with us; they can INHABIT physical dirt bodies as well—human or animal! Jesus often confronted people with fallen angels (demons) inside them: *“And when he (Jesus) was come to the other side... there met him two **POSSESSED with devils**...And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? Art thou come hither to torment us BEFORE the TIME?...So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine. And he said unto them, Go. **And when they were come out, they went INTO the herd of swine:** and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters”* (Matthew 8:28-32). I have no idea how extra “spirit material” can fit inside of a body’s physical pile of atoms, but it can! In fact, multiple fallen angels can take up residence inside a physical body, continuously influencing thoughts, desires, & emotions. (It is very possible a demon spirit(s) entered the erratic behaving deer in my encounter above, intending to kill me! If it/they would have been successful in AD 2005, you would not be reading this book.)

Equipped with an understanding of how angels “minister” to us, allow me to now present you with a plausible scenario for how the interaction between Lucifer and Eve may have developed in the Garden of Eden. I am NOT saying this is definitely how it happened, but just consider the possibility. Maybe Lucifer’s angelic spirit inhabited a “snakelike” looking creature, guided it up into the tree of the knowledge of good & evil, and led it to begin eating some of its fruit. (God did not say the animals could not eat the fruit from the forbidden tree!) Then, Eve comes along, looks up into the tree, and beholds the creature eating the tree’s fruit. Next, thoughts start to invade her mind (spirit) because of the situation she is beholding, but the thoughts are actually coming from Lucifer, who has created the entire “set-up”!

Listen to Eve’s thoughts, “A creature is eating the fruit from the

forbidden tree and is not dying. It even seems to be enjoying the fruit, so it must be good to eat. Did not God say this tree was for the knowledge of good & evil? Hmmm, I bet it would make us wise. I would probably be as smart as God! Well, I am convinced I will not die, because the creature is still moving, so I am going to eat some of the tree's fruit." Eve then grabs a piece of fruit and disobeys God by taking a bite.

Wow, did you comprehend that? The serpent-like creature (Satan) might have been just talking in Eve's mind (spirit) the same way angelic voices still talk to us today! Friend, nothing has changed; angels are just doing what they were created to do. So perhaps the serpent in the Garden of Eden was merely a creature Lucifer inhabited to use as the instrument he needed to do his "dirty" work, inundating Eve's spirit with deceiving thoughts that eventually led her to disobey God. I do not know for sure if this is how it all went down, but it is a possibility.

Alright, so what DIED the DAY Adam & Eve sinned? Remember, God said: "*But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt NOT eat of it: for **in the DAY that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely DIE***" (Genesis 2:17). Well Adam & Eve both ate the forbidden fruit, but did they die THAT day? The Bible says Adam & Eve went on to have children, and Adam lived to be 930 years old: "*And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died*" (Genesis 5:5). So what is up? Did God lie? Not a chance! The answer to this seeming contradiction lies in a correct understanding of what constitutes TRUE death: Friend, the only real death is SPIRITUAL death!!! What is that you ask? It is when a spirit (soul) is separated from God's Spirit of Life. THAT is the death Adam & Eve experienced the MOMENT they ate the fruit from the forbidden tree!

Remember what we learned in the last chapter? Physical death on this Earth is nothing but a release of our spirit to another location. It is merely a "shedding" of our physical dirt body. That is NOT true death!!! When Adam "died" physically 930 years later, his spirit (soul) simply went to another place. Oh, but it was still SEPARATED from God's Spirit of Life; thus, he REMAINED spiritually dead! See, Adam & Eve's souls were already dead while they were "living" on planet Earth: It was like unscrewing 2 light bulbs from a fixture with electricity flowing through it; the light went OUT! Oh sure, the light bulbs still

exist, but they are separated from their “life-source” and therefore dead. In the analogy, the electricity is God’s “life-giving Spirit” and the 2 light bulbs represent Adam & Eve’s souls. Do you understand? Sin (disobedience) disconnected their souls from God’s Spirit of Life and it was “lights-out” (or spiritual death). Sure, Adam & Eve’s souls (spirits) still existed, but they were disconnected from God’s eternal life-giving Spirit. Remember God is the source of all life; consequently, to be spiritually separated from Him is to be truly dead, and sin INSTANTLY separated Adam & Eve’s spirits from God’s Spirit!

This instantaneous spiritual separation (death) was conveyed dramatically in the Bible story by God immediately driving Adam & Eve out of the Garden of Eden, where the “tree of life” stood: “*So he (God) DROVE out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the WAY of the tree of life” (Genesis 3:24). See, the “tree of life” represents God’s life-giving Spirit, and the WAY to Him was now barricaded!!! There could not have been a sadder day in the history of mankind. Sure, mankind still existed, but spiritually they were like walking dead people, with no way to repair the divide between them and God.*

The spiritual death that took place TO Adam & Eve’s souls was further confirmed by the language now used to describe Adam & Eve’s new spiritual (thoughts, desires, & emotions) condition. God told Eve: “*I will greatly multiply thy SORROW and thy conception in SORROW thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee” (Genesis 3:16). Unto Adam he said: “*Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife... CURSED is the ground for thy sake; in SORROW shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; THORNS also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee... In the SWEAT of thy face shalt thou eat bread” (Genesis 3:17-19). The language oozes of an existence spiritually separated from God! The word “sorrow” is translated from the Hebrew words “*iṣṣābôn*” meaning: pain, hardship, distress; and “*eṣeb*” meaning: pain, toil, hard work. See, after transgressing, mankind’s world became one of pain, sorrow, and hard work. Life on Earth became a restless struggle. These were/are the symptoms of spiritual death!**

Notice, too, the ground was now cursed? Remember, it is the ground's atoms that become the food we eat that forms the physical body our soul resides in. Subsequently, all bodily sickness, disease, and abnormalities have their root cause in this cursed dirt! And what does dis-ease equal—e.g. arthritis, cancer, etc? PAIN!!! Friend, illnesses are a permanent reminder of Adam & Eve's sin and the subsequent spiritual separation (death) that took place. Notice, also, God created a physical, seeable reminder of sin's consequence for mankind. What was it? It was THORNS and THISTLES!!! Grab a thorn and what happens? You feel PAIN and agony. (Keep these God-given symbols of sin's resulting **SORROW** tucked away in your memory, for God will use them to communicate to mankind later in the Bible!)

The Bible hints at what it is like to be in perfect spiritual union with God: "*In thy (God's) presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore*" (Psalms 16:11). Is this what we find for Adam & Eve now? No!!! That close divine presence of God's glorious Spirit was gone. After sinning, listen to what Adam's first emotion was when he heard God's voice calling him in the Garden: "*I was afraid*" (Genesis 3:10). Wow, it was fear!!! But we already learned God is LOVE, and the Bible says to be wholly, spiritually connected to "Love" is like the following: "*God is love... **There is NO fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear**: because fear hath torment*" (I John 4:16, 18). Do you see? Thus, Adam's spiritual emotion of "fear" solidified the spiritual separation (death) that occurred.

God further explained the spiritual separation (or loss of closeness to God's Spirit of Life) by recording Adam & Eve found themselves NAKED: "*And the eyes of them both were opened, and they KNEW that they were naked*" (Genesis 3:7). While this, no doubt, was a physical, seeable "thing" (or reality), it actually symbolized the "spiritual nakedness" Adam & Eve's spirits were now experiencing. Do you see? It was as if God's presence (or glory) came off of them. (But stay tuned, for God will use this "nakedness-situation" to immediately do something for Adam & Eve that actually set up the "system" or "process" by which He would be able to SECRETLY prophesy about the coming Messiah's redemptive work! I will cover all this in detail in the "Isaac" chapter)

Even God’s first Biblically recorded question to Adam, after his sin, substantiated the spiritual separation: “*And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?*” (Genesis 3:9). What a spot-on question authenticating the “loss of closeness” (or death) that had occurred between God’s Spirit and Adam & Eve’s spirits! I can almost hear God’s concerned voice echoing throughout the Garden of Eden like a loving Shepard’s steady voice hollering for the helpless lamb that has gone astray. Yes, truly, Adam & Eve spiritually DIED the instant they disobeyed God and ate the forbidden fruit!

But here now is the awful truth; the spiritual death Adam & Eve experienced was automatically passed on to every future born human being’s soul, because sin (disobedience) had now become a part of mankind’s spirit. This was/is known Biblically as the 1<sup>st</sup> DEATH. I do not claim to understand how a baby’s spirit growing inside a mother’s womb carries this spiritual separation (death), but the Bible confirms it does: “*Wherefore, as by one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and death (spiritual separation from God) by sin; and so death (spiritual separation from God) passed upon all men, for that ALL have sinned*” (Romans 5:12). In other words, EVERY human soul born on Earth—except Jesus Christ’s—has taken part in the 1<sup>st</sup> Death! (Incidentally, once something is dead, for it to have life again, it needs to be “reborn” or “born again”! Ah, that jolted your noggin, huh? I will disclose more about this in the “*Abraham*” chapter.)

Ok...in the first paragraph of this chapter, I said understanding precisely what happened TO Adam & Eve’s spirits (souls) is the key to understanding the ancient Bible stories because it set up a particular “theme” God employed over and over again in them. Do you remember? Well, here is that spiritual theme: “**BONDAGE**”!!! Look, when someone is unwillingly separated from someone else, they are considered in bondage. It is like being kidnapped or imprisoned: The person kidnapped or imprisoned is forcefully separated from who and what they love. THAT is bondage! And what separated Adam & Eve’s spirits—and thus, ALL mankind’s spirits—from God’s Spirit? It was SIN!!! **Thus, God now viewed mankind’s souls as being in BONDAGE to sin and its resulting death.**

Another way the Bible describes this “bondage” is by declaring



mankind's souls were now "UNDER the Law of sin & death". Remember God's 1 Law was to not eat the forbidden fruit or death would be the consequence? Well, Adam & Eve disobeyed the Law and death ensued; therefore, their souls—and ALL mankind's souls—were now deemed UNDER the death penalty of the Law of sin. Do you understand? It is no different than being convicted of 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder in a town with a Law in their books stating for that charge the death sentence will be enforced. While you are sitting on death row, you are UNDER the penalty of the Law. Or simply put; you are under the law!

Envision mankind's spiritually separated (dead) condition as being like their souls were now locked away inside a barred cell, apart from God. They were captured, bound up, imprisoned, and enslaved by Satan who persuaded them to sin against God. They were under God's Law! They were dead—spiritually separated from God—with no hope of ever getting out of the "bondage predicament" on their own because sin's death curse was continually passed on to every soul. What an impossible, helpless situation it was for mankind's souls! If God did not have a plan to intervene personally, mankind would be spiritually separated from God forever; thus, eternally DEAD.

Oh, but glory to God, He had conceived a plan which would unlock the cell door and free mankind's souls out from under the death penalty of the Law!!! In other words, God had devised a plan of deliverance, redemption, or salvation—use whichever word you like!—for mankind's souls, opening a WAY back to Him. And amazingly, God had concocted the plan even before the foundation of the world for He knew sin would arise in His spirit children. It was ALL part of the "setup" of His Game of Life! But the wonderful "salvation plan" was to remain a colossal secret for 4,000 years, even though God slowly—albeit, unknowingly to mankind—began unveiling the details of His plan by controlling the "events" in ancient Bible stories!!! (I will reveal more about this and why God did this in coming chapters.)

But for now, in the Garden of Eden God immediately hinted at the "plan of redemption" to Adam & Eve—and thus, to all mankind—garnering HOPE in them for a future day of reconciliation with Him! While talking to the serpent, God made an obscure promise: "*And I will put enmity between thee (serpent) and the woman (Eve), and between*

*thy seed and her seed, IT shall BRUISE thy head, and thou shalt BRUISE His heel*” (Genesis 3:15). This ambiguous prophesy was promising a future MAN child—“*born of the seed of a woman*”—who would crush Lucifer’s head, taking back the power of spiritual death he held over mankind’s souls, effectively freeing them from their bondage. In other words, God was foretelling of a Messiah—a Savior, a Redeemer, or a Deliverer—that would one day bruise the serpent’s head, while the Devil struck his heel. Though Adam & Eve did not know it, this was to be Jesus Christ!

The Apostle Paul later wrote about how God will ultimately fulfill the Garden of Eden promise through Christ: “*And the God of peace shall BRUISE Satan under your feet*” (Romans 16:20). Notice the same language? But before that happened, Satan would have to bruise Christ first: “*he (Jesus) was BRUISED for our iniquities (sin)*” (Isaiah 53:5). See the fulfillment? Confirming Jesus came to free mankind’s souls out from under the Law of sin, Paul penned: “*But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman... To REDEEM them that were UNDER the LAW*” (Galatians 4:4, 5).

Paul further wrote about the Messiah’s work: “*For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the MAN Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a RANSOM for all*” (I Timothy 2:5, 6). Notice how this verse confirms the “bondage scenario” mankind’s souls were in? The word “ransom” is from the Greek word “*antilytron*” meaning: ransom, the purchase price to bring liberation from oppression; the means to redemption. See, you cannot have a “ransom” unless someone or something is bound. And Christ’s death was to be the ransom price!

Allow me to now briefly introduce you to God’s plan of salvation (redemption or deliverance) for mankind’s souls. Here is what it would require: God would PERSONALLY have to birth another man on Earth—“a 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam”—born of His (Holy Spirit) seed and a woman’s seed, in order that this child’s pure spirit would NOT carry sin’s death curse. This child would then have to grow and live on Earth, being tempted in everyway by Satan to do evil (sin), yet NEVER SIN!!! Please understand the Biblical truth: only SIN causes death (spiritual separation from God): “*For the wages of sin is death*” (Romans 6:23).

Therefore, this sinless man's soul would have NEVER died, spiritually! Yet, he would CHOOSE to die—separate himself from God's Spirit—because God wanted him to for mankind's sake. In so doing, he would die in mankind's place, pay their death sentence, and free them from their bondage to the Law of sin & death, effectively opening a WAY for their souls to return to God! In other words, through this man's death mankind could escape the death consequence of their sins—which is to say mankind could be **FORGIVEN of SIN!!!** Do you understand? This man was to be Christ Jesus, and his sinless death was a worthy ransom price to pay for ALL mankind's sins: "*Yes, because of God's great kindness, **Jesus tasted death for EVERYONE in ALL the world***" (Hebrews 2:9, *Living Bible*).

Therefore, God's Garden of Eden promise to Adam & Eve gave ALL mankind reason to hope for a coming day of Godly deliverance from their spiritually separated (dead) condition. And undoubtedly, the promise was passed down to ALL mankind. Think about it; Adam lived to be 930 years old, so for all those years mankind could just ask him about IT firsthand. (That is almost the entire 1<sup>st</sup> millennial day of God's complete 7 millennial day plan!) Subsequently, as Adam & Eve had children and their children had children and mankind populated Earth, they ALL knew the SORROW (suffering, pain, and work) would one day end. They knew someday they COULD receive spiritual LIFE again by being reunited with God's Spirit of Life! They did not know the details of God's plan of deliverance, but they knew they could trust His Word of Promise.

Which brings us now to the most important question any soul living on Earth at anytime could ever ask: **What must I DO to be reunited with God's Spirit and obtain eternal LIFE?** In other words, what must I myself **DO** to have the forgiveness Christ would/did provide applied to my sins? Is there anything? Or can/could mankind DO whatever they want/like during their time on Earth and still obtain eternal life? I think you know the answer to that question is NO!!! So what is it? Is there some magic words we need to utter? Is there some contract we need to sign? Is there something we need to learn? Do we need to frequent a certain building once a week? Please, please—I am as serious as a heart attack!—just tell me plainly and honestly what **I**

must DO to obtain eternal life. I do not care how hard or easy it might be, just do NOT lie to me about something as gravely important as my ETERNAL destiny!!! Friend, if that is your heart, you have come to the right place, for in this book I am about to turn on a 50 thousand megawatt light bulb, illuminating the TRUTH.

Remember, now, for the first 4,000 years of mankind they will know NOTHING about the MAN Jesus who will come to Earth and die on a cross! So learning or knowing that story must have NOTHING to do with what WE must DO to obtain eternal life!!! Do you see? For what kind of a loving God would secretly hide the very information His spirit children needed to hear, learn, and know to make it back to Him? That would be sick!!! That would make God a hideous monster! Friend, God would NEVER do that to His spirit children! So WHAT is the TRUTH! What did/does mankind have to DO to obtain eternal life? The answer lies in a most overlooked, under-preached, and miscomprehended portion of Scripture. And yet, it is glaringly obvious! The answer is contained in the story of Adam & Eve and the NAME of the forbidden tree. Do you remember what it was called? It was the tree of the KNOWLEDGE of GOOD & EVIL!!!

Listen to God's pronouncement concerning the change IN Adam & Eve's spirits after they ate the fruit from the forbidden tree: "*Behold, the man is become as one of us, to KNOW good and evil*" (Genesis 3:22). What do you think that meant? What EXACTLY did Adam & Eve learn? In other words, what precisely was put INSIDE their spirits (thoughts, desires, & emotions) the moment they sinned? Well, what is the difference between good & evil? I know you know! Name something EVIL: How about lying, murder, stealing, idolatry, covetousness, blaspheming God's name, etc.? Yes, yes, yes!!! Name something GOOD: How about not lying and telling the truth, not murdering but forgiving those who wrong you, not blaspheming but glorifying God's name? And on and on I could go. But what are these things? **THEY ARE THE 10 COMMANDMENTS!!!**

That is right my friend; the moment Adam & Eve sinned (disobeyed God's 1 Law) by eating the fruit from the forbidden tree of the KNOWLEDGE of good & evil, they instantly knew God's 10 Commandment Law—for obeying or disobeying them is the difference

between good & evil, respectively. There are NO other “items” that distinguish good & evil! So to “DO evil” by disobeying any of the 10 Commandment Law was/is now mankind’s definition of “sin”: “*Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for **SIN is the transgression of the law***” (1 John 3:4). Do you see? Thus, EVERY soul that has EVER lived on planet Earth has had a choice to “DO good” or to “DO evil (sin)”, meaning obey or disobey God’s 10 Commandments!!!

The Bible absolutely proves ALL mankind has known the 10 Commandments by cleverly incorporating each of them into ancient Bible stories that occurred LONG before Moses—who received the written 10 Commandments during mankind’s 2,638<sup>th</sup> year—was every born! As we traverse the ancient Bible stories in this book, I will point out many of these “sin encounters” to authenticate this TRUTH. Incidentally, we can confirm the 9<sup>th</sup> Commandment, “*Thou shalt not lie*”, right now! After listening to the serpent and eating the forbidden fruit and then experiencing horrendous spiritual death and banishment from the Garden of Eden, do you think Adam & Eve now understood what a lie was? Lucifer said they would not die, but they did!!! You are greatly deceived if you do not believe from this incident that ALL mankind knew exactly what a lie was and that it was EVIL!

Digressing slightly, for those of you still wrestling with the idea that maybe God does not exist and the Bible is just a silly book written by men...then who invented the 10 Commandments in it? Why did they not pick 5, or 8, or 11, or some other number? Friend, I will teach you something incredible God showed me. How many fingers do you have? And toes? 10 of each, right? Do you think mindless macroevolution over millions of years turned rock into a human being with 10 fingers and 10 toes? No, my friend THAT is a FAIRY tale! Rather, God created the physical, dirt bodies that would house the souls of His spirit children to contain 10 appendages on their extremities because He knew the difference between good & evil was completely divided into and encompassed by 10 Commandments!!!

Are you stunned? You should be! Look, God could have created our physical bodies to have any number of fingers and toes, but He chose 10 because He wanted mankind to have a PERMANENT bodily

reminder of the law of good & evil. In other words, the laws of good & evil are mimicked on our hands and feet. (Keep this amazing revelation in the back of your mind, because it will be the reason behind the method of physical death God allows mankind to invent to kill His Son, our blessed Savior Jesus Christ, in order to communicate a message to mankind. I will reveal this point in the “*Moses*” chapter.) And what does mankind use to physically DO the works of good or evil? Their HANDS & FEET!!! Maybe now you can fully appreciate the proverb: “*My son... lay up my (10) commandments with thee. Keep my commandments, and LIVE; and my law as the apple of thine eye. Bind them upon thy (10) FINGERS*” (Proverbs 7:1-3). If on Earth you have been blessed to have a Bible in your possession, it is an embarrassment if you cannot look at your fingers and list off God’s 10 Commandments!

In the “*love*” chapter of this book I am going to positively, Biblically prove to you “OBEYING the 10 Commandments” is literally the WORKS (or deeds) of Love! Consequently, I have renamed the 10 Commandments the “**10 Love Commandments**”. And to embed this truth into your spirit, throughout this book I will refer to them as such. Therefore, GOOD = LOVE and EVIL (sin) = NOT LOVE. This is the  $E = mc^2$  equation of the Bible—i.e. it is the simple equation that ties all the Biblical concepts together, making the Bible extremely simple to understand. Always remember, God = love = good, and Satan = not love = evil. Consequently, to willingly choose to “DO good” by obeying the 10 Love Commandments is to know God, which is to know love. But to willingly choose to “DO evil (sin)” by disobeying the 10 Love Commandments is to serve Satan, which is to NOT know love (God).

Alright, so back to the question of what did Adam & Eve’s souls—and subsequently all mankind’s souls—have to DO to obtain eternal life? Friend, ALL they had to DO is willingly choose to live their lives by the way of good (love) over the way of evil (sin), as outlined by obedience to the 10 Love Commandments. Thus, every person born on planet Earth has had an equal chance at receiving forgiveness for their sins and obtaining eternal life, no matter how remote their location or if they ever heard about God, the Bible, or Jesus. See, the WAY back to God was/is written IN their hearts! If they chose love (good), they chose to serve God and will obtain eternal life. But if they chose sin

(evil), they chose to serve Satan and will utterly perish. Paul wrote: **“He (God) will punish sin wherever it is found. He will punish the heathen when they sin, even though they never had God’s written laws (The Bible), for down in their hearts they know right from wrong. God’s laws are written WITHIN them; their own conscience accuses them...And God will punish the Jews for sinning because they have his written laws (The Bible) but don’t obey them. They know what is right but don’t do it. After all, salvation is NOT given to those who KNOW what to do, UNLESS THEY DO IT. The day will surely come when at God’s command Jesus Christ will judge the secret lives of EVERYONE, their inmost thoughts and motives; this is all part of God’s great PLAN which I proclaim”** (Romans 2:12-16, Living Bible). Friend, make no mistake about it...the Apostle Paul knew the truth!!!

Here is truth: The same thing Adam & Eve had to DO to obtain eternal life is the same thing **YOU & I** need to DO to obtain eternal life! Did they know the story of Jesus? Nope!!! Do you need to know the story of Jesus to obtain eternal life? Nope, not at all! Is it ultimately going to be because of the man Jesus’ redemptive work at the cross that allows ANY of us to make it back to God? Absolutely, 100% YES!!! That is the story of HOW God made “forgiveness for our sins” possible. And we have ALL sinned at least once; thus, we ALL need Christ’s work of atonement applied to our sins to return to God. **But THAT is a TRUTH whether we know it or not!!!** Do you understand? What **WE** (as spirit children of God) **MUST DO** to receive that forgiveness is willingly choose to forsake evil and follow God’s way of love, as outlined by obeying the 10 Love Commandments. THAT has ALWAYS been and still remains mankind’s duty or part in obtaining eternal life! In other words, even from the very beginning ALL mankind has possessed the knowledge of what they “NEEDED TO DO” to obtain eternal life. How about praising God for his fairness to ALL mankind!

The Bible has a special word encapsulating “what mankind must DO” to obtain eternal life: **R-E-P-E-N-T**!!! Jesus preached: **“EXCEPT ye REPENT, ye shall ALL likewise perish”** (Luke 13:3). This is probably the most misunderstood word in the Bible. It is translated from the Greek word “*metanoēō*” meaning: to repent, TO CHANGE any or all of the elements composing one’s life: attitude, thoughts, and

behaviors concerning the demands of God for right living. And what is “right living”? Friend, it is “obeying the 10 Love Commandments”!!! Do you see? “To repent” means to CHANGE from doing evil to doing good! “Repentance” is NOT just saying you are sorry for your past sins and it is NOT a 1 time decision. “Repentance” is PROOVING you are sorry for your past sins by stopping doing them and willingly choosing to follow God’s WAY of love via obedience to the 10 Love Commandments—which is a continual, daily choice!!! That is the ONLY Biblical PATH that leads to eternal life! See, repentance takes place in our heart. The only chance we have of obtaining eternal life for our soul is to “**repent** of sin (evil)” while our soul still resides in our physical body down here on Earth and then continue living that way till the day we physically “die” or Christ returns.

Listen to what John the Baptist was preaching on the banks of the Jordan River: “*the word of God came unto John...And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching **the baptism of repentance FOR the remission of sins**” (Luke 3:3). Do you see? “Willful cessation of sin” is what we **MUST DO FOR** forgiveness of our sins!!! The word “remission” is from the Greek word “*aphesis*” meaning: forgiveness, pardon, release, cancellation of a debt. See, John knew exactly what people needed to **DO** to receive the forgiveness Christ would soon provide. In fact, in Luke chapter 3, Luke records some of the specific things John the Baptist was telling people to **DO** to **PROVE** they had repented of sin. I encourage you to read the chapter right now. But I will deal with the “things” he was saying to **DO** later, proving they are all “10 Love Commandment things”. I have much more to say about “REPENTANCE”, and I will absolutely prove to you that **IT** is the path that leads to eternal life by explaining the hidden meaning and purpose behind God’s creation of the Israelite “bondage-to-Promise Land” story. (This will **ALL** be carefully explained in the “*Moses*” and “*Wilderness*” chapters.)*

Going back to chapter 1 “*God’s Master Time Plan,*” can you **NOW** see the incredible fulfillment of God’s **1<sup>st</sup>** Creation day’s prophetic words during mankind’s **1<sup>st</sup>** millennial day of history? Listen to it again: “*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth...and darkness was upon the face of the deep...And God said, Let there be light...**And***



**God saw the light, that it was GOOD: and God DIVIDED the light from the darkness.** And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the **FIRST day**” (Genesis 1:1-5). Do you understand? Again, these words foretold during mankind’s 1<sup>st</sup> millennial day (first 1,000 years) of history, light & dark would become divided or discernible in their hearts. In other words, mankind would KNOW the difference between good (light) & evil (dark). Is that not awesome?

As the Holy Spirit continued to write the Bible, over and over again it confirmed these comparisons: good = God = light = day; and evil = Satan = darkness = night. Listen to Paul writing to the believers: **“But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of the LIGHT, and the children of the DAY: we are not of the NIGHT, nor of DARKNESS”** (1 Thessalonians 5:4, 5). John penned: **“God is light, and in him is no darkness at all”** (1 John 1:5). Jesus declared: **“And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that DOETH evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his DEEDS should be reproved”** (John 3:19, 20). Could it be any clearer?

When God’s light blinded Saul (Paul) on the road to Damascus, do you remember what He commissioned Paul to go into the world and encourage people to DO? Jesus told him: **“To open their eyes, and to TURN them from DARKNESS to LIGHT, and from the power of SATAN unto GOD, that they MAY receive forgiveness of sins”** (Acts 26:18). In other words, Jesus instructed Paul to persuade people to TURN from “doing evil (darkness)” to “doing good (light)”—meaning stop disobeying and start obeying God’s 10 Love Commandments. God told Paul to tell the people if they would live this repentant lifestyle, He would forgive their sins and give them inheritance in the Kingdom of God, the place of eternal life. Now THAT is what Paul was traveling everywhere and teaching mankind to DO!

Let us now return to that fateful day of original sin in the Garden of Eden and look first at the Biblical passages confirming Lucifer’s fall from grace occurred THAT day and then at God’s judgment on him: **“And the LORD God said unto the SERPENT, Because thou hast**

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” (Genesis 3:14). We know that God is talking here to the angel Lucifer, because later John ties all the names of him together in the book of Revelation: “And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him” (Revelation 12:9). Apparently a large number of angels were initially under Lucifer’s control or else he persuaded a large group of them to join him in his act of rebellion against God. Either way, God cursed them all, and they became known as “fallen angels” or “demons”.

Do you detect how God’s cursing of the SERPENT to crawl on his belly in the dirt symbolically resembles how Lucifer was “cast out into the Earth”? Compare God’s words to the serpent in Genesis with Isaiah’s words regarding Satan’s fall: “How art thou fallen from heaven, O LUCIFER, son of the morning! How art thou CUT DOWN TO THE GROUND” (Isaiah 14:12). Do you see the similar language? This is what propels me to believe the “fall” of Lucifer and his angels from heaven (lofty-to-low position) occurred the very day he lied to Eve in the Garden of Eden. And since Jesus has always existed, he watched Lucifer fall from grace that fateful day and talked about it during his Earthly ministry: “I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven” (Luke 10:18). Yes, it truly appears Lucifer’s “spiritual fall” occurred in the Garden of Eden after he left greed goad him to lie!

Now, remember I told you God has given mankind certain physical, seeable “things” to represent invisible, spiritual “things”—like thorns representing the sorrow (pain) of sin’s consequence or 10 fingers and 10 toes representing the 10 laws of good & evil—in order to communicate more easily with mankind about the invisible, spiritual world? Well, what was God’s physical symbol for Lucifer (Satan)? It was a snake!!! So it appears God actually cursed a “serpent-like” looking creature that initially had legs—possibly for its involvement in the sin—to a life of crawling around on its belly! A snake slithering around in the dirt would be an everlasting visual reminder to mankind of their enemy, Satan, and how he slyly murdered them spiritually—separated their spirit from God’s Spirit—in the Garden of Eden. Imagine

the humiliation of a creature losing its legs and having to get around on its stomach! What an awesome picture of “Satan’s fall”. He was truly “cut down to the ground” because of his insidious sin against God and mankind. (Note: Scientists have now discovered fossil evidence of snakes once having legs!)

Consider all the confrontations between mankind and snakes throughout history. Every time a human being crushed a serpent’s head or a serpent struck a human’s heel, it was a picture of what would happen between Christ and Lucifer at Calvary! Every frightful encounter visually displayed the ferocious, continuing war being fought between God and Satan in the spirit world over human souls! Picture a little girl with pigtails running from an old barn to the farmhouse at night screaming, “Daddy, there’s a snake in the barn!” Then carefully, dad, mom, and the little girl go tip-toeing through the darkness out to the barn, where dad deftly takes a shovel off the wall. The night air is tense and no one dares make a sound as the little girl’s terrified eyes point daddy in the right direction. Suddenly, the light from mom’s flashlight illuminates the beady eyes and the hissing tongue—and wham!—dad’s shovel crushes the serpents head! This time mankind got the better of the ongoing war, but next time it might be the serpent! But no matter how this scene has played out down through the corridor of time, every skirmish has been an awesome visual spectacle of the constant battle waging in the invisible spirit world!

And what will be the eternal, end result of God’s judgment on Lucifer and his demons? Oh, it is horrific!!! For God created a place of everlasting fire during his 6 day Creation in preparation of Satan’s sin! Jesus uttered a parable confirming why God created a lake of fire: “Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, PREPARED for the devil and his angels” (Matthew 25:41). Thus, in the Garden of Eden, God officially convicted and sentenced Lucifer and his demons to that appalling place, and they now serve time like inmates on death row awaiting their day of punishment. That day will be after planet Earth completes 7,000 trips around the sun: “And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone...and shall be **TORMENTED** day and night for ever and ever” (Revelation 20:10). What an awful price to pay for the ugly sin of greed!

But remember, in God's 7 day (7,000 year) plan, He will lock Satan up in the bottomless pit at year 6,000, during Jesus Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming to planet Earth: "And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and **bound him a thousand years**. And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season" (Revelation 20:2, 3). The Devil and his demons know all too well their time is fixed. This is why the demons living in two Gergesene men asked Jesus: "Art thou come hither to torment us **before the time**?" (Matthew 8:29). Do you see? John the revelator wrote: "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because **he knoweth that he hath but a short time**" (Revelation 12:12).

Interestingly, God banished Lucifer and his demons to serve out their remaining time on planet Earth. And do you know what they are doing with their limited time? They are trying to take as many of God's spirit children (mankind) with them as they can to the lake of fire!!! They roam over Earth possessing, deceiving, and influencing God's spirit children into doing evil—disobeying God's 10 Love Commandments: "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8). THAT is there gig! They know their future is dark and hopeless; therefore, they cannot stand God's spirit children because they know they still have a chance at being reunited with God again one day.

See, God's judgment on Lucifer and his demons was quick, brutal, and final. He gave them NO hope for redemption! I believe God had no tolerance for Lucifer's sin because it originated in his OWN heart. In other words, no one else coerced Lucifer into sinning; he turned evil all on his own! And that is why God's punishment was hopelessly severe. But God had mercy on mankind, giving them a second chance at life, because their sin was a result of Lucifer's enticement. Incidentally, God has not changed his stance toward those who coerce others to sin. Jesus warned: "whosoever shall OFFEND one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea" (Mark 9:42). "Offend" is from

the Greek word “*skandalizō*” meaning: to cause to sin, cause to fall (into sin), offend; to fall away (from the faith), go astray. Clearly, God’s punishment will be harsh on those who “cause others to sin”, just like it was on Lucifer and his angels.

Well, my dear friend THAT is how God set up the Game of Life. And it was all planned by Him from before Creation! After the momentous day of sin in the Garden, God’s gameboard for His master plan on Earth was fully open and ready to be played. It was now, “Game on!” And God would receive pleasure watching His spirit children play. Every soul of mankind born on Earth was like a new game piece being divvied out and put in position to play. And as stated earlier in this chapter, the objective of the Game was/is for God’s spirit children to obtain eternal life by returning to God: “*The wicked will finally lose; the righteous will finally win*” (Proverbs 21:18, Living Bible).

After 7,000 years, there will be a great Day of Judgment that every soul born on Earth will partake in standing before the throne of God: “*And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened...and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, **ACCORDING TO THEIR WORKS**... And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the SECOND death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire” (Revelation 20:12-15). Do you understand, clearly, what we will **ALL** get judged on? It is our WORKS—what we have DONE!—during our time down here on planet Earth!!! Those souls who have willfully continued to DO evil (disobey the 10 Love Commandments) will perish in the lake of fire—which is known as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Death because it will be PERMANENT separation from God’s Spirit of Life. But those who repent of evil (sin) by choosing to DO good (obey the 10 Love Commandments) will enter the Kingdom of God and receive eternal life, having right to the Tree of Life: “*Blessed are they that **DO his (10 Love) commandments**, that they may have right to the **TREE OF LIFE**, and may enter in through the gates into the city*” (Revelation 22:14).*

Friend, the stakes in the Game of Life are extremely high: Your priceless soul’s ETERNAL destiny is on the line! **And the Game is almost over!!!** Year 6,000 is fast approaching with the return of Jesus

Christ to planet Earth and the setting up of his 1,000 year Earthly, Sabbath reign. If the first 6,000 years of mankind's history were equated to a 60 minute football game, approximately 12 seconds would be left on the clock till Christ's return at the writing of this book in AD 2008. That is how late it is! There will be a bodily resurrection at year 6,000, but it will ONLY be for those souls, living during mankind's first 6,000 years, who DID good (obeyed the 10 Love Commandments): *"But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and HOLY is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years"* (Revelation 20:5, 6).

Do you want to live in Jesus Christ's glorious Earthly Kingdom, or do you want to perish in his 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming fury? (I am about to tell you exactly what will take place on Earth during his 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming, through Noah's story!) The choice is yours. I wish you could see the angel's faces and hear their joyful singing over one sinner that repents—forsakes the way of evil. But inevitably, Jesus declared in the end our souls are going one of two places: *"Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which ALL that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have DONE good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have DONE evil, unto the resurrection of the damnation"* (John 5:28, 29). God have mercy on us all.