

## PURPOSE FOR MAN'S SALVATION/CREATION Pt. 2-7.25.20

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From our last lesson, here is a summary of what we looked at;

- ❖ God created a perfect heavens and the earth (Isaiah 45:18). He also created those to rule as seen in **Col 1:16-20**.
- ❖ Lucifer being one of the created stars/sons was dissatisfied with the jurisdiction over which he was to rule and wanted to seat on Gods' throne. As a result of that rebellion, the earth became ruined (**Gen. 1:2**).
- ❖ God took six days to restore that ruin and created man and the woman in the man on the 6<sup>th</sup> day (Process on how he did it in Gen. 2) to replace the incumbent ruler.
- ❖ The incumbent ruler knew the reason for their creation (let them rule) and sought to disqualify them of which he succeeded.
- ❖ As a result, he continues to hold the scepter of ruler ship until man is fully redeemed (spirit, soul and body- **1Thes.5:23**) and as co-heirs with Christ take on the ruler ship of this earth from the heavens in a marriage relationship as it was intended in the beginning.
- ❖ As the devil rules over the heavens above, God is in the process of restoring man, then the earth(**Rom.8:14-23**).
- ❖ Jesus Christ the second man, the last Adam came was tested, found worthy, and is currently sitting at the right hand of the Father as our High Priest with the role of cleansing the one to rule with (Final pt of the series on hope).
- ❖ Man is going through the test of obedience so as to qualify to rule and reign with Christ in a time yet future. At that time, the purpose for creating man as stated in **Gen 1:26-28** will be realized and man will no longer be lower than the angels. **Hallelujah!!!!**
- ❖ For man to attain the position for which he was created, and be elevated 'above the angels'; He must prove himself worthy to replace the incumbent ruler.
- ❖ His experience (work of redemption) must parallel that seen in days 1 through 6 in Genesis Chapter 1 – there is no other way! That pattern that has already been set remains unchanged with the goal of the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of rest in view. This process by which God restored the ruined material creation is the same process He must use to restore any other ruined creation beyond that point.

**Gen 1:3** Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. **4** And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the **first day**.....**8** ..So the evening and the morning were the **second day**.....**13** So the evening and the morning were the **third day**.....**19** So the evening and the morning were the **fourth day**.....**23** So the evening and the morning were the **fifth day**.....**26** Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion.....**31** Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the **sixth day**. **2:1** Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. **2** And on the **seventh day** God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. **3** Then God blessed **the seventh day** and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

- ❖ These verses give us an abbreviated overview of the restoration of the ruined creation seen in Genesis Chapter 1, through to the beginning of Chapter 2. And from these verses we can see that the Triune God had restored the creation ruined by Satan's rebellion for the Man and the Woman who were to rule over it – **This was/is/will remain the purpose for God's actions.**

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- ❖ This is God's pattern for any redemptive process (Diving intervention with God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit always working together)
- ❖ The first day of the restoration, the Triune God caused the light to shine out of darkness. God's purpose though was not accomplished on the first day.
- ❖ The Triune God then worked for another 5 days beyond this beginning point to bring about the complete restoration of that which was ruined, in anticipation of the 7<sup>th</sup> Day in which God would rest from His work of the previous 6 days.
- ❖ The pinnacle for God's redemptive work, which is also its purpose, was the creation of the Man and the Woman who were to rule together in the 7<sup>th</sup> Day, God's work to make this possible having been completed in the previous 6 days.
  - ✓ These opening verses of scripture, outlines for us unchangeable spiritual truth (Psalms 11:3)
  - ✓ Redemption is a process – it has a beginning point and an end point.
  - ✓ Six days of work, followed by the seventh day of rest
  - ✓ 'Let there be light' ..... 'Then God blessed the 7th Day and sanctified it'.
- ❖ And using His perfect pattern of six days of work followed by a seventh day of rest to restore Man is exactly what we find in scripture –

**2Pet. 3:8** ***"But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day"***

In dealing with the restoration of Man, instead of six twenty four hour days, as we found in Genesis, God is working through six days, each of which is 1000 years in length, with a seventh day, also 1000 years in length to follow.
- ❖ In Genesis, we see total darkness (**Gen. 1:2** ***"The earth was without form, and void; and darkness..."***) and it is the light shining out of the darkness on Day 1, which for us is seen in our eternal salvation when the One who is the Light of the World gave us spiritual life.

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

**1 Pet. 2:9** ***"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy."***

**2 Cor. 4:6** ***"For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."***
- ❖ This is our spiritual birth and it's our beginning point. A completed salvation that is the present possession of all those who are eternally saved as we see in **Ephesians 2:8,9**. This salvation was brought about in time past and has existed in its finished, unchangeable state and irrevocably complete as it is the result of the finished work of Christ on the cross.
- ❖ And if we take this back to our foundational picture in Genesis Chapter 1, we have experienced the light shining out of the darkness and the darkness still remains, and we are not as yet in the image and likeness of God as Adam and the Woman were at their creation. We still have a sin nature, an unredeemed soul and an unredeemed physical body headed for corruption.
- ❖ When one gets spiritually born again, there is that separation of the soul and the spirit as a result of the light shining in our hearts. As one continues to study the word as God has given it, that separation continues as seen in Hebrews 4:12.

**Heb 4:12** ***"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit..."***

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And in this verse from Hebrews, we can hear the resounding echo of the Word of God dividing the light and the darkness in Genesis Chapter 1. And remember, soul and spirit are 2 entirely different words in the Greek language and are never used interchangeably ('**Psuche**' - soul, '**Pneuma**' – spirit)

- ❖ Beyond this completed salvation, there is an ongoing work of salvation (**1 Corinthians 1:18**) that extends throughout our entire Christian life seen in Genesis Chapter 1 through the events of Days 2-6. . And it is this present continuous work that is referred to in;  
**Phil. 2:12** *“Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; **13** for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.”*  
**Eph. 2:10** *“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”*
- ❖ At the conclusion of this continuing work, we see an inherited salvation - a possession yet future. This pertains exclusively to family members as we see in **Hebrews 1:14**.

### **Questions**

- Q1. Read Genesis 1:3-2:3 – What do these verses teach us about God's redemptive process?
- Q2. Was God's restoration of the creation completed on Day 1?
- Q3. How many further days of work were there before the restoration was finished?
- Q4. What do these continuing days of work in Genesis teach us about our own salvation experience?
- Q5. How do you understand eternal salvation in relation to 2Cor. 4:6
- Q6. In 1 Cor. 1:18, is salvation in this verse spoken of as a past finished work, a present continuous work or a future inheritance?
- Q7. In Heb 1:14, is salvation in this verse spoken of as a past completed work, a present continuous work or as a future inheritance?
- Q8. How do you understand 2Pet. 3:8 in relation to man's redemption process? Do we have an idea where we are in the timeline?

❖ **May the Lord bless you and may He reward your diligence(Heb. 11:6)!!!!**