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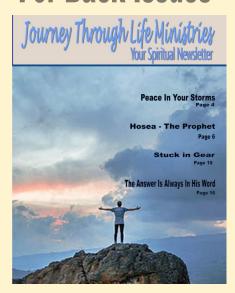
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The Kingdom of God: "A Government"

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Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength. By me kings reign, and princes decree justice. By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth. Proverbs 8:14-16

The Lord shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the Lord. Psalms 146:10

Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul. Psalms 103:22

can still remember as a child the wonderful Bible stories my mother would read to me and my siblings. She would open the large white family Bible and read to us the majestic power of God; stories about the strength of His angels and stories that if you didn't believe in God, one would think were fairy tales. These stories, however are real and left me daydreaming about living in God's Kingdom. At the age of 24 my dream came true! Father God called me into His Kingdom and I accepted. My journey began! A journey of discovering the God of the Universe, the God I fell in love with as a child!

After coming into the Kingdom of God, I struggled many years as a Believer because I was using my old way of thinking and trying to incorporate old traditions into my relationship with God. What was this old way of thinking and traditions? "Religion!" Religion is not of God and is not what His Kingdom is about! I learned religion keeps one confused and bound. The Kingdom of God sets the "captive free!" Holy Spirit had to set me free and teach me step by step the truth of God's Kingdom. The truth? God's Kingdom is a "government!"

To learn God's intent for creation and His Kingdom, we need to start at the beginning, the Book of Genesis. In Genesis 1:27-28; Genesis 2:7-8 and Psalms 8:4-6 we read that God planted a garden eastward in Eden. He then took Adam and Eve whom He created and placed them in the garden in Eden. He blessed them and gave them authority over His created order. God created man with the intent for him to rule on earth with the culture from Heaven. God gave them one "command" or "law," do not eat from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil within the midst of the garden. To eat from the tree would bring consequences of death for their disobedience. Unfortunately, Adam and Eve failed to obey and lost their kingdom—the garden of Eden!

The world has been in chaos and turmoil since the fall of Adam and Eve, but God has never aborted His original plan—the plan for man to rule on earth with the culture of Heaven. God called a man by the name of Abram! He answered God's call to leave his father's house and country. Because of Abram's obedience, God

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changed his name to Abraham and made a Covenant Promise with him that his seed would be like the sand on the sea, which can't be numbered and that he would be a father of many nations. Abraham's seed (children of Israel), which was numerous as God had spoken, was put into slavery for 430 years. At the end of 430 years, God took them out of slavery with a mighty arm.

God, using Moses, led the children of Israel into the wilderness to establish them as a "nation" and to teach them His government and how to be a holy nation and a royal priesthood (Exodus 19:4-6). Exodus 20 is the beginning of God revealing His government to Israel and the world. Through Moses, God gave the Moral/Civil Law, the Judicial Law and the Levitical/ Ceremonial Law. By establishing a nation and decreeing laws, statutes, precepts, and commandments God was introducing to Israel His GOVERNMENT. A good example of this is the founding of America. When the forefathers of America wanted to become a nation, the first thing they did was to establish leadership, laws, statutes, judicial system, i.e., government. America was founded as "one nation under God." The laws, statutes and judicial system used by the forefathers are all "Biblical" based—God's laws. Romans 13:1 says "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God."

When Jesus came to earth He taught the people much about the Kingdom of God. As recorded in the

four Gospels, Jesus taught in parables, such as: "The Kingdom of God is..." When Herod asked if He were a King, Jesus replied, "Yes," but my Kingdom is not of this world; and John 1:1 reveals Jesus is God and everything that is made was made by Jesus. John 1:1 affirms Jesus as owner of the heavens and earth. Earth belongs to God and His Kingdom has and was in existence before the foundation of the world.

As Holy Spirit led me through the Bible, teaching me the principles of God's Kingdom, I learned God's kingdom is one of justice and equality for all. There is neither Jew, Gentile, bond or free, nor male or female, but we are all one in Christ to those who are saved. God's Kingdom is not about "religion" or doctrines, but about His Kingship and Kingdom. As citizens we are to live life according to God's commandments. Our values, morals, language, dress, eating, etc., should be that of the Kingdom of God. Everything we need to know to live a healthy abundant life on earth is found in the Bible, but unfortunately, many fail to read the Bible so are uninformed of how to live in God's King-Too many are caught up in the "do's" and "don'ts" of religion and are striving to fit in, when God says "rest" and "be still" and learn of Me. God's Kingdom is "freedom and peace," not bondage. There is no lack in God's Kingdom to those who believe. Matthew 6:33 promises us that "if we seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness all things will be added."

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orty-three kings reigned in the nation of Israel. Kings Saul, David, and Solomon were the only kings to reign over the entire nation of Israel. God says of king David, "he was a man after my own heart, who will do my will" (Acts 13:22). Due to king Solomon's disobedience and departing from God, the nation of Israel was divided into the southern and northern kingdoms, with a king for the southern kingdom (Judah) and a king for the northern kingdom (Israel). From the 40 that reigned in the divided kingdoms, there were only 8 godly kings who reigned as king David. Today we will look at the reign of king Asa.

King Asa was the son of Abijah. We are told in 2 Chronicles 14:2 "Asa did good and right in the sight of the Lord his God." His heart was like that of his great-grandfather David. He reigned 41 years as one of Judah's most godly kings. Holy Spirit points this out to the reader for two reasons: 1) Asa's father and grandfather were ungodly men and led Judah away from the Lord God; and 2) God's will was for kings to rule with godly justice and godly equity.

Holy Spirit tells us that Asa was a lover of God and a reformer, whereas his father and grandfather led the people away from God, he directed them back to God. We are told in 2 Chronicles 14:3 Asa initiated two major reforms: 1) "he took away the altars of the strange gods, the high places, broke down the images, cut down the groves, and fortified the cities in Judah." 2) He commanded Judah to seek the LORD God of their fathers, and to do the law and to keep the commandments. God rewarded Asa's faithfulness by giving him rest and prospered him and the nation of Israel.

As always when we are doing God's work, the enemy, satan can't stand it. Satan stirred up the Ethiopian Zerah against Asa. Asa went to battle with him in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah! While in the battle Asa cried out to the LORD his God "LORD, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O LORD our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude, O LORD thou art our God; let not man prevail against thee" (2 Chronicles 14:11). The LORD heard Asa's cry and smote the Ethiopians before Asa and before Judah and the Ethiopians fled.

What are you going through right now? What idols do you have in your life that are separating you from our LORD God? Your job, your money, your home, your problems, etc. Become a "reformer" like king Asa! Get rid of those non-eternal things and commit your heart to God and do "good and right," and Father God will prosper your way and give you rest from all your enemies.

King Asa knew the value of trusting and believing in the LORD! Psalms 37:25 says "the righteous will never be forsaken nor his seed begging bread." Destroy those materialistic idols and forsake this world's system and follow the "true and living God!" God encourages us to cast "all" our burdens upon Him and He will carry them—they are too heavy for us; if you are still carrying them, you don't have the ability to resolve the problem, but God can and will if you trust in Him today. The Lord is with you when you are with him and if you seek Him, He will let you find Him, but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you (2 Chronicles 15:2).

Bible Facts

Words occurring in the Bible only once: eternity (Isaiah 57:15); grandmother (2 Timothy 1:5); gnat (Matthew 23:24).

Only one Gospel is written by a doctor—Luke.

The ravens brought Elijah food while he hid in the "Kerith Ravine," east of Jordan (I Kings 17:2-6). Also a raven was the first bird Noah let out of the Ark (Genesis 8:6-7)

In the Book of John, Mary Magdalene mistook Jesus for a gardener after His resurrection appearance (John 20:11-14).

Cain's punishment for the murder of his brother Abel was to be banned from his occupation and made a restless wanderer on the earth (Genesis 4:3-14).

Peter was correctly accused of living like a Gentile and then trying to make the Gentiles live as a Jew (Galatians 2:11-14).

Ishmael, John the Baptist, and Jesus all shared a supernatural similarity. Their birth names were proclaimed prior to birth by an angel. (Gen. 16:10-11; Luke 1:13; Luke 1:30-31).

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"For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?" (Luke 14:28)

oney, money where's the money?" Many are shouting this phrase when finding themselves without funds when an emergency arises. I too know the pain of needing repair work done or lack of finances to take care school or medical expenses. Many economist states that everyone should have a \$1000 emergency fund and a savings account set aside for the future. So how does one on a tight purse string save money for emergencies or setup a savings account, especially when it is difficult to commit to a set amount such as \$25—\$50 monthly for emergencies?

Well I discovered this easy plan for saving money for emergencies thanks to a dear friend—and it works! It takes discipline and commitment. If you are willing to do this at the end of 52 weeks you will have saved \$1,378.00.

TAKE THE 52-WEEK MONEY CHALLENGE									
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It's a "52-Week Money Challenge" and it is very easy, but takes discipline. First purchase a plastic envelope from the dollar store. Make a copy of the 52-Week Money Challenge (I will post this on my website). Fold it and insert it into the plastic envelope. As you look at the chart to the left, you begin the first week by adding \$1.00; the second week \$2.00; the third week \$3.00. You will continue adding money into your plastic envelope weekly per the amount on the chart for each week. This definitely takes discipline because each week the amount is increased, but be patient! At the end of 52 weeks you will have saved \$1,378.

So now your question is, what do I do when the amount increases to higher increments such as \$25.00. Glad you asked! This is when you become creative for that week, such as how much do you spend weekly on soft drinks or coffee? Eliminate those items for that week! How much do you spend eating out weekly? Eliminate that cost for that week. Or, how much are you spending weekly or monthly on clothes or shoes or handbags that you really, really don't need? Become creative in your saving journey and the payoff will have great rewards. All the things we purchase or think we need are not necessary for daily living. As you are struggling to eliminate items from your want list, remind yourself of the big payoff at the end of 52 weeks—\$1,378 in emergency money. Lastly, when tempted to use your emergency money other than for dire emergencies, pray for courage and strength from God to be a "good steward" in squirreling away money for the future. Finally, this method of saving for emergency money can also be used for starting a savings for yourself. Once you have accomplished setting aside emergency money, start the 52-Week Challenge again. and this time for your savings account. Philippians 4:13 says, "I can do all things through Christ Jesus which strengtheneth me." Website for form: www.JourneyThroughLifeMinistries.net/ministries/newsletters: form will be next to 1st Quarter Newsletter 2019.



arable of the Talents: Following are Life lessons and Interpretation of Key terms used in the Parable of the Talents. To begin, *please read Matthew 25:13-30*. Parables are stories that provide life lessons. Jesus taught in parables to bring clarity to his messages or make them easier for people to understand.

The Talent of Money: In the New Testament, the term "talent" meant something very different than it does today. The talents Jesus Christ spoke about in the Parable of the Talents referred to the largest unit of currency at the time. According to *New Nave's Topical Bible*, one who possessed five talents of gold or silver was a multimillionaire by

today's standards. Some calculate the talent in the parables to be equivalent to 20 years of wages for the common worker. Other scholars estimate more conservatively, valuing the New Testament talent between \$1,000 to \$30,000 in today's dollars. Knowing the actual meaning, weight, and value of the term talent can help give deeper understanding and better perspective when studying these Scriptures.

Steward: A steward is a person who manages another's property or financial affairs; one who administers anything as the agent of another or others. A biblical world view of stewardship can be defined as: "Utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation."

CHARACTERS:

Master – Represents God/Jesus Christ. The Master will return soon to see how fruitful we have been with the resources He gave us. We do not know when He will return so we should be ready whenever He does.

Steward With Five Talents – A person who is resourceful (clever, shrewd) and who may have even had training or experience prior to receiving the talent from his master. He didn't procrastinate and was able to double his money. The master entrusted him to handle the larger amount of money he was given and was pleased and rewarded him for his efforts. He even received the talent from the steward who only had one.

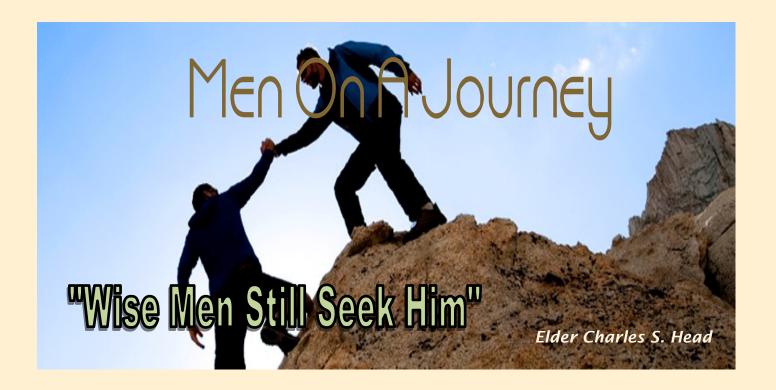
Steward With Two Talents – A person who is also resourceful and who may have had financial knowledge prior to receiving the talent from his master. He also doubled his money and was entrusted by the master to handle the money amount he was given. The master was pleased and also rewarded him for his efforts.

Steward With One Talent— A person who has a spirit of fear instead of a reverence for his master. He was entrusted by the master to handle the money he was given but chose to bury it. This can also be the person who ignores his blessings or doesn't use his resources wisely—even when/if he has the ability to do so. As a result, even the little he was given will be taken away.

LIFE LESSONS: God gives each of us special resources (talents, gifts, skills, time, money, etc.) according to our abilities. We are stewards of these resources not owners. Although this parable is about money, this can apply to anything God entrusts in our hands! Even how we handle our relationships is important to God.

God wants a Return on Investment (ROI). ROI is a performance measure, used to evaluate the effectiveness of an investment or compare the effectiveness of a number of different investments. A high ROI means the investment's gains compare positively to its cost. When we give an account of how we handled the resources that God gave us, He will determine if we were fruitful or slothful.

God understands that we are fearful (apprehensive), but fearfulness is no excuse for fruitlessness. In this parable, the steward with one talent allowed the fear of what his master would do to him, to cause him to bury the talent. You would think that it would be okay to return what the master gave him (at least he didn't squander it); but the master called him lazy and wicked and punished him for not investing it. The talent was taken away from him and given to the steward who had 10 talents. Interesting observation, because the master entrusted this steward based upon his ability, but he chose to do nothing with the talent. God desires for us to take risks and at least "try" to be productive in our life. He wants us to be wise stewards and do our best with whatever blessings we've been given. When we are wise stewards and value our God-given blessings we will have abundance (fruitfulness), but if we are not wise and allow fear, excuses, laziness or disregard to block our blessings, even what we have will be taken away (fruitless). Since this steward knew the master's expectations and personality, and had the skill level and time to invest the talent, there was no excuse. Note: A talent, gift or resource is useless unless it is used!



Acknowledge God In all your ways and

> He will direct your path. Prov. 3:5-6

t's a great concern to me that many people have lost interest in God. In conversations as well as day-to-day activities people are making it known with their actions that they don't have time for Him. Many of their excuses are very sad, but what it boils down to is, God is not a priority in their lives. One thing for sure is that when trouble comes their way, they want all the benefits that come with God's blessings. In other words, they come to God only when they want something from Him, rather than serve Him for who He is. Why does this concern me so much? Because I realize from God's word, this is the number one trick of satan. He tricks many away from God to serve him, so that he can lead them to hell. This has been satan's purpose from the beginning in the garden of Eden with Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:1-6). Satan contradicted everything God said and convinced Adam and Eve to disobey God, and we are still suffering the consequences of their choice today.

The Solution: We must recognize we are eternally lost without God, become desperate for Him, then seek after Him with our whole heart and allow Him to manifest His love to us through Jesus Christ, His Son. Jesus stated in Matthew 5:6 "blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled."

Don't continues to listen to satan's lies and believe Christians live a boring life and stop allowing satan to convince you that you are better off without God in your life. Let us be reminded that God's word says "there will be pleasures for a season" (Hebrews 11:23-26).

Life on Earth is not the end! There will come a time when we will all have to answer to God, "payday is coming some day!" For many it will be too late and they will end up in hell. "Wise men still seek God" while there is still time left!

Word Puzzle

But Whom Do You Say That I AM?

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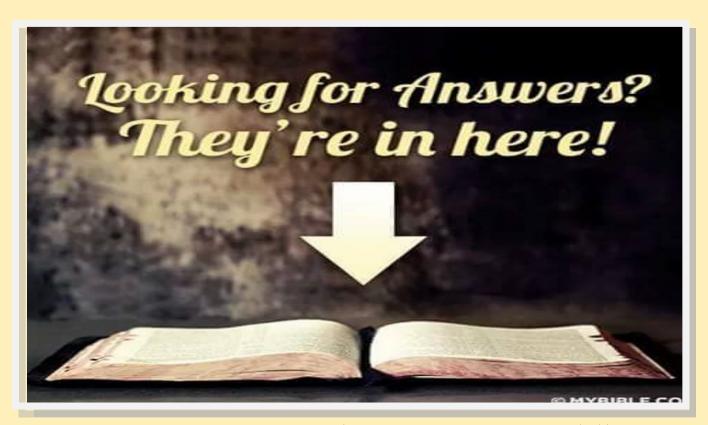
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young man learns what's most important in life from the guy next door. It had been some time since Jack had seen the old man Mr. Belser. College, girls, career, and life itself got in the way. In fact, Jack moved clear across the country in pursuit of his dreams. There, in the rush of his busy life, Jack had little time to think about the past and often no time to spend with his wife and son. He was working on his future, and nothing could stop him. Over the phone, his mother told him, "Mr. Belser died last night. The funeral is Wednesday." Memories flashed through his mind like an old newsreel as he sat quietly remembering his childhood days. "Jack, did you hear me?" "Oh, sorry, Mom! Yes, I heard you. It's been so long since I thought of him. I'm sorry, but I honestly thought he died years ago," Jack said. "Well, he didn't forget you. Every time I saw him he'd ask how you were doing. He'd reminisce about the many days you spent over 'his side of the fence' as he put it," Mom told him. "I loved that old house he lived in," Jack said. "You know, Jack, after your father died, Mr. Belser stepped in to make sure you had a man's influence in your life," she said. "He's the one who taught me carpentry," Jack said. "I wouldn't be in this business if it weren't for him. He spent a lot of time teaching me things he thought were important...Mom, I'll be there for the funeral," Jack said.

As busy as he was, he kept his word. Jack caught the next flight to his hometown. Mr. Belser's funeral was small and uneventful. He had no children of his own, and most of his relatives had passed away. The night before he had to return home, Jack and his Mom stopped by to see the old house next door one more time. Standing in the doorway, Jack paused for a moment. It was like crossing over into another dimension, a leap through space and time. The house was exactly as he remembered. Every step held memories. Every picture, every piece of furniture....Jack stopped suddenly. "What's wrong, Jack?" his Mom asked. "The box is gone," he said. "What box?" Mom asked. "There was a small gold box that he kept locked on top of his desk. I must have asked him a thousand times what was inside. All he'd ever tell me was the thing I value most," Jack said. It was gone! Everything about the house was exactly how Jack remembered it, except for the box. He figured someone from the Belser family had taken it. "Now I'll never know what was so valuable to him," Jack said. "I better get some sleep. I have an early flight home, Mom."

It had been about two weeks since Mr. Belser died. Returning home from work one day Jack discovered a note in his mailbox. "Signature required on a package. No one at home. Please stop by the main post office within the next three days," the note read. Early the next day Jack retrieved the package. The small box was old and looked like it had been mailed a hundred years ago. The handwriting was difficult to read, but the return address caught his attention. "Mr. Harold Belser" it read. Jack took the box out to his car and ripped open the package. There inside was the gold box and an envelope. Jack's hands shook as he read the note inside.

"Upon my death, please forward this box and its contents to Jack Bennett. It's the thing I valued most in my life." A small key was taped to the letter. His heart racing, as tears filling his eyes, Jack carefully unlocked the box. There inside he found a beautiful gold pocket watch. Running his fingers slowly over the finely etched casing, he unlatched the cover. Inside he found these words engraved: "Jack, Thanks for your time! - Harold Belser." The thing he valued most was ...my time"

Jack held the watch for a few minutes, then called his office and cleared his appointments for the next two days. "Why?" Janet, his assistant asked. "I need some time to spend with my son," he said. "Oh, by the way, Janet, thanks for your time!"

"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take but by the moments that take our breath away," Think about this. You may not realize it, but it's 100% true. What do you value most?



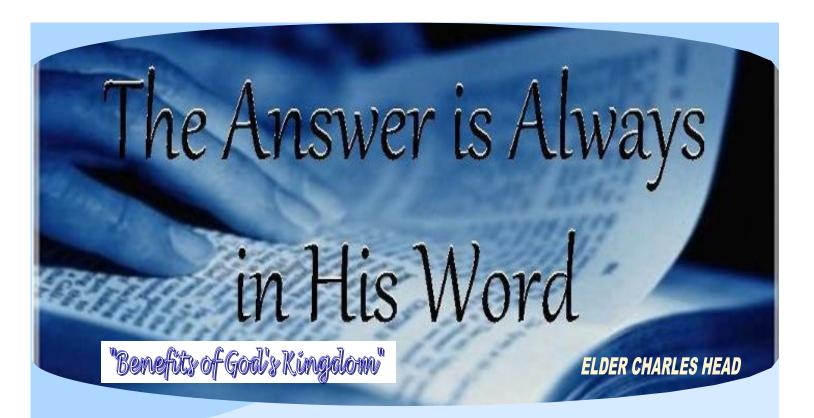
"And the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwife......when ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it be a daughter; then she shall live. "Exodus 1:5-16" KJV

"And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive." Exodus 1:22 KJV

ochebed was expecting her third child! Instead of bubbling with excitement, concern and dread became her emotion. Since her family migrated to Egypt, a new Pharaoh sat on the throne that didn't know her family history. He didn't know her great uncle Joseph and how he, through God's wisdom, saved Egypt and the surrounding nations from starvation. This new Pharaoh watched how God multiplied the Hebrew families and how He blessed them with good health and strength. This made Pharaoh and the Egyptians fearful of the Hebrew's so they made them slaves within Egypt. Satan, using Pharaoh's wise men, revealed to them the Hebrew children were awaiting the birth of a "male" child that would one day rise up to be great and make their nation great. This news brought fear to Pharaoh, so he made a decree that any male born to a Hebrew was to be put to death — the reason for Jochebed's concern and dread!

Jochebed is from the Levi family and her name means "Jehovah Glorified." She was married to Amran and mother to Aaron and Miriam and soon to be born Moses. Despite the family's hardship as slaves in Egypt, they maintained their faith in God. So, when Jochebed gave birth to her son Moses, the Bible tells us in Exodus 2:2 and Hebrews 11:23-24 "she realized he was "a goodly child,"" and by "faith" she hid him for 3 months. Led by her faith in the Living God, Jochebed made a little ark of bulrushes and put her baby in it, and pushed in out into the Nile river. She and daughter Miriam watched from a distance to see what would happen. Her faith and God's watchful eye guided the ark with Moses straight to Pharaoh's daughter.

I personally believe Holy Spirit prompted and directed Jochebed's plan to save Moses. The same is true for today's Believers. As we live our life daily by faith in God and His promises, He will turn what the devil meant for evil into good. Because of Jochobed's faith, Moses was raised up to deliver the Hebrew children from severe slavery in Egypt. God also used Moses to present His laws (government) to the freed Hebrew children in the wilderness. God used Moses to show His might to the nation of Egypt and to the world. As Jochebed's name means —"Jehovah glorified," her faith glorified God!" Be encouraged through the faithful act of Jochebed, don't let your circumstances define your future, put your circumstances into the hands of God who has the solutions to your problems, and He will be "glorified."



"The Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath He established the heavens." (Proverbs 3:19)

s righteous people of God we have certain benefits that are a part of "the package" from our Heavenly Father. The Lord rewards us, while we are on Earth when we obey him!

Our greatest reward will be with Him in Heaven someday, but there is such a thing as a victorious Christian life for us when we allow the Lord to direct us. King David knew how important it was to stay in right standing with God when he wrote Psalms 37. Some of the nuggets of truth are found in the following nine verses of Psalms 37:

- **Vs.1** Fret not thyself because of evil doers neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.
- **Vs.3** Trust in the Lord and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shall be fed.
- Vs.4 Delight thyself also in the Lord, and he shall give thee the desires of thy heart.
- Vs.5 Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and he shall bring it to pass.
- **Vs.7** Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way. Because of the man who bringeth wicked devices.
- Vs.8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in anywise to do evil.
- Vs.9 But those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.

God has a plan for each of our lives, it's up to us to seek him through His word, prayer and obedience. In doing this we will fulfill our purpose in Him and He will lead us all the way from Earth to His glorious Kingdom.

There is no insurance policy or bank on this Earth that will offer us a return for our investment and, which will be paid in full forever, but our Heavenly Father knows best, and He has a plan that will outlast anything man can imagine.



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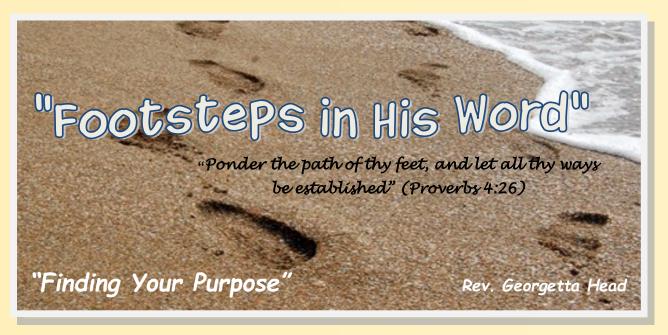












re you struggling to discover your purpose or destiny in life? For years I too struggled trying to find my purpose in life only to find myself discouraged and disappointed, thinking God blessed everyone with a purpose except me. Too many leaders are using Jeremiah 29:11 in the wrong context leaving many Believers thinking this scripture is about "prosperity" or "destiny." So let's look at Jeremiah 29:11. To interpret this scripture correctly we must read the scriptures above it and below it, then ask Holy Spirit who He is talking about, what is the problem or what happening, and what is the message. Holy Spirit is speaking to the Jewish nation about "hope" and "encouraging" them with a future with God, not just here and now but for eternity. It is not a message of financial prosperity or personal destiny!

The Jewish nation were put into captivity by God for judgment against their sin of idolatry worship. They were in a relationship with God and they strayed away from God and His covenant with them. They were His "chosen people," but they allowed the sin of following the world into idolatry separate them from the only one who protected them and took care of them.

The same holds true for today's Believers. We are in a Blood Covenant relationship with God. **Our purpose in life is to have a relationship with God**, who is our Father. We were all created to have a relationship with Father God! The Jewish nation broke their covenant/relationship by committing adultery with idol worship.

I've learned from scripture that we have, what I like to call, a **main purpose**, a **common purpose** and an **extended purpose**. Our main purpose is not a position, title or function, our main purpose is found in our relationship with God Almighty. When we treasure our material possession, gifts or talents more than God, we enter into idol worship - these things are **temporal**. Walking in our purpose is living life connected to Jesus Christ, bringing forth Good Fruit of the Spirit. Are you an idol worshipper? What is your treasure? Colossians 1:16-19 tells us our main purpose is found in Christ.

We all share a **common purpose** on earth, which is the **Great Commission** – to go and tell others about the Gospel. Are you spreading the Gospel?

Finally, every child of God have been gifted with gifts by Father God. This is our "calling" which I labeled our **extended purpose.** This falls into the area of: teaching, preaching, helps, hospitality, missions; etc. Father God, not man or self will reveal our calling when He sees we are ready, and He will equip us for our calling. Apostle Paul, Abraham, Jonah, Samuel, and David are good examples for being called by Father God and not man. Friends, stop striving to discover your purpose, it is already in you. Rest in Father enjoying your relationship with Him and stop allowing others to confuse you or intimidate you about your purpose. Remember, your main purpose is to "love the LORD GOD with all your heart, soul, and might, and Matthew 6:33 tells us all others things will be added.



Imost every other commercial on TV is about dieting, buying exercise equipment, purchasing what they call healthy food to lose weight, or tempting commercials about fast food to gain weight—and let's not forget the diet pills. Sounds like we live in a very confused world! So let's discuss this dilemma! First of all not everyone will have the ideal "model body" that is falsely advertised on TV and magazines! Nor will we always maintain our teenage year's weight. With age our bodies will change! At the age of 30 our metabolism begins to slow down making it harder to lose weight, especially if we are still eating the way we did during our teen years.

The majority of foods we eat are quick and easy frozen or boxed foods that are processed with words we can't pronounce. These foods temporarily fill our stomachs with empty none nutritionist fast food, in which most are filled with high fruticose corn syrup and unhealthy carbs. Unfortunately, due to our fast pace lifestyles and watching commercials that tempts us to desire these unhealthy foods, we end up doing more harm then good to our bodies. So is there a way to lose unwanted weigh without crash diets, diet pills or purchasing diet food which is too costly. Yes there is and the choice is yours to make! Are you ready to take back "your choice" to eat foods that your body really craves? It begins by reprogramming your mind and committing to living a "healthy lifestyle!" They say it takes 21 days to start a habit and 21 days to break a habit. So I challenge you to a "21-Day Fast from unhealthy eating to reprogram your mind to live a healthy lifestyle!" The Bible says "All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all thing are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any (1 Cor. 6:12)." In other words, we are not forbidden to eat processed foods or junk food, but ask yourself, what long-term effect will these types of food have on our body. Are you going to allow food to control you? To begin this challenge start a food journal (this can be done on your phone or tablet) and record your food intake for the next 21 days. Before you eat anything read the label, and ask yourself what is the advantage or disadvantage of eating this food:

Food List	Advantage	Disadvantage
Twinkles Chips	Taste good	55 carbs; too much sugar; sugar rushes. Low energy. Unwanted calories.
Fruit Drinks	Taste good	High in sugar and carbs. Low energy. Unwanted calories.
Roasted Veggies Lean Meats	Tastes Good. Good nutrition and vitamins the body craves; good energy; keeps you feeling full.	
Fruits	Taste good. Packed with nutritionist vitamins and natural sugars the body needs and craves.	

Prepare your meals in advance. Choose to eat more fruits, vegetables, and very lean protein meats. These food groups are loaded with good nutrition and fuel your body needs to function every day. Watch your salt intake and eliminate bread from your diet. If you love desserts, choose one day a week to have a cheat day." If you commit to this type of lifestyle for 21-days you will begin to see pounds drop. And, don't forget to drink plenty of water. Water to the body is like oil for a car! We need to stay lubricated!!

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Believe in Jesus and pray the "sinner's prayer below!

Dear Jesus, I come to you today as a lost sinner. I am asking that you save my soul and cleanse me from all sin. I know that I need help and that I can't save myself.

I believe that you are the Son of God. Forgive me for my sins and all wrong doings I have done to others and help me to forgive those who have hurt me. I believe that you died on the Cross for my sins and the sins of the world. I accept You, Jesus, into my heart as my Lord and Savior.

I confess with my mouth the Lord Jesus, as my Savior and believe in my heart that God has raised Him from the dead and You are now seated in Heaven.

Congratulations!

You are a "new creature in Christ and a child of God!" Now share the "good news" by telling someone else about your salvation.