

Blueprint for Perpetual Living!

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When building or constructing anything—a specific *plan*, an *outline*, or a *blueprint* should be followed. We begin with a basic part and build from that point—adding this, including something else, and progressing to a point of completion. Allowing God to *teach* us and *complete* us spiritually is so necessary!

God’s blueprint for Adam *then* is the same plan for us *now*—Malachi 3:6; James 1:17. The relationship *they* had *with* God—and their *trust* on God *before* they sinned through rebellion—resulted in perfect peace and contentment for Adam and Eve Genesis 2. It *was* an ideal environment Genesis 1:31 “God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.” That same *faith* in God and that same *trust* on God is required today.

The Tempter appears to deceive. Ezekiel 28:15 “You were blameless in all you did from the day you were created until the day evil was found in you. 17 Your heart was filled with pride because of all your beauty. You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor.”

It is the same Revelation 12:9 dragon, “that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth [leads astray] the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”

Satan is always in *disguise*; always has wicked *intentions*; and is *evil* to the core. He loses no time in getting Adam *away* from God’s plan

of faithful obedience. He tempts *Eve* when Adam was *not* there to remind her of God’s warning.

Satan says something *plausible* and *believable* but mixed with a *lie* and *twisting* the Truth. Eating from the tree *would* open their eyes and *would* give knowledge; but it would *not* help them and would *not* make them their own gods.

Satan changes the words God said and asks Eve if they are not allowed to eat from *any* of the trees. Eve corrects the wording Genesis 3:2 “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden”—just *not* eat from the *one* tree. God first gave the command to Adam, before Eve was created, which confirms Adam’s rightful position as head of the family. Adam would be accountable for any wrong decision. Genesis 2:16 “Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat.”

Eve understands God’s *warning*, but she *softens* it by changing the *wording*. God told her Genesis 2:17 “Thou shalt surely die,” but she tells the serpent that God said *they would die*—omitting *surely* Genesis 3:3. To this day, Satan continues to *deceive* people by *distorting* God’s Word and *changing* the meaning.

Genesis 3:5 “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,”—or: *You will be your own boss; draw up your own blueprint for life; make your own plans; and control your own future without depending on God.*

The truth is however Matthew 18:3, “Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.” Satan lies to Eve and reverses the truth of God’s blueprint for them. Her eyes *would* be opened, but she would *not* become *like* a god. Satan’s lie *that* day is the same lie *this* day—that more worldly *knowledge* will bring more human *success*.

The truth is that too *much* learning brings *more* troubles; not successes—knowledge can

feed the *pride* in our heart. Ezekiel 28:17 “Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor.” God’s blueprint for us to follow is to *confess* and *forsake* any *pride* God reveals to us. Jeremiah 17:9 “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?”

Disobeying God would *not* bring happiness, but it *would* make them *like* the serpent—rebellious, defiant, proud, deceitful, and guilty. Eve accepted Satan’s *lie* and rejected God’s *plan*. When she “Saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it” Genesis 3:6.

She thought that gaining more *wisdom* would bring more *pleasure*. The forbidden tree was pleasant to *view*, and she *wanted* what it seemed to *promise*. Food to eat, pleasing things to see, and knowledge gained are good things—if they are *within* God’s will; but they are sinful things *outside* of His will. 1 John 2:16 “For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.”

Our decisions and choices in life are so important. Genesis 3:6 “[Eve] also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.” The rebellious-nature has always sinned against God’s blueprint of obedient trust. Romans 5:12 “Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.”

Adam’s disobedience brought sin into the world, even though *Eve* yielded first, because Adam’s position as *head of the family* makes him responsible for *decisions of the family*. When Adam fell, humanity fell with him. We all share his guilt, because we are all born with a rebellious heart that will not trust God for anything—until it is converted.

Psalms 51:5 “*In sin my mother conceived me*”—everyone has an *unbelieving* heart, until God *reveals* it and *removes* it—and we must *allow* Him to do that spiritual work in our heart, by *surrendering* our life to Him—“*Not my will, but thine, be done*” Luke 22:42.

Romans 5:18 “*Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men.*” *Spiritual life* comes from a *believing faith* in Christ; it is a nature that depends on God for everything—health, healing, protection, provisions, peace, justice, and eternal life—that is God’s blueprint to follow.

Abraham’s faith combined James 2:22-23 “*with his actions, and that by his actions his faith was perfected; and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, ‘AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND HIS FAITH WAS PLACED TO HIS CREDIT AS RIGHTEOUSNESS,’ and he received the name of ‘God’s friend.’*” James 2:24 “*You see that a person is justified by what he does and not by [spoken] faith alone.*”

The whole world is guilty because of Adam’s rebellion. Romans 5:19 “*For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners;*” but Romans 6:4 “*We are buried with [Jesus] by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*”

It is an entirely *new* life of faithful trust on God—one that is willing to put everything into His hands, and to believe in faith for the Holy Spirit—just as we would believe for any *other* answer to prayer. This *new* and *different* life—of believing *faith* that continues to *trust* God—has been His blueprint to follow from the beginning.

In the same way that Adam brought *guilt* on us as our representative *human*—by rebelling; Jesus took *away* that guilt as our Representative

Savior—by His sacrifice. Our responsibility then is to place our *trust* and our *faith* on that blood-atonement for sin. 1 Corinthians 15:22 “*For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive*”—if our *trust* is on Him.

Eve was just as guilty, because she influenced Adam to rebel against God’s plan of trust. They both tried to cover their mistake—but *hiding* our *sin* does not deal with our *guilt*. Proverbs 28:13 “*He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.*” We are to *admit* rebellious and resentful attitudes, *repent* before God, *forsake* those sins with God’s help, and then *follow* His blueprint plan of trust through the power of His Spirit.

Atonement for our sins is possible *only* by a persisting and continuing faith on the perfect Blood sacrifice Jesus made for us. Adam and Eve *knew* they sinned. Hebrews 4:13 “*Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.*” Jesus warned Luke 13:3 “*Unless you repent, you too will all perish.*”

God asked Adam Genesis 3:11-13 “*Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?’ The man said, ‘The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.’ Then the LORD God said to the woman, ‘What is this you have done?’ The woman said, ‘The serpent deceived me, and I ate.’*” They *admit* they disobeyed, but we hear *no* confessing, *no* repenting, and *no* correcting the mistake—just blaming someone else.

Everyone will answer personally to God for the decisions they make in life Romans 14:12—whether they trusted Him in *faith*, or turned away in *unbelief*. John 5:29 “*They that have done good, to the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, to the resurrection of damnation.*”

False teaching has influenced many millions of Christians to fall away from true faith in God—

but Galatians 6:7 “*Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*”

A *believing, enduring, and persevering* faith in the resurrection power of Christ, is the only way our sins are erased. *God* provides the *power* and the *ability*, but *we* have to provide the *choice* and the *willingness to believe!* *We* make the decision to *trust* Him.

God will always be faithful—and He will *always* have the power to *heal, deliver, protect;* to *provide*, and to *guide* us by His Spirit—but we have to make the *decision* to believe His Word and trust Him in faith first. Jesus said that John the Baptist John 5:35 “*Was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light.*”

That is our decision to follow God’s blueprint for *life*—leading to *eternal life!* John 7:17 “*If anyone chooses to do God’s will, he will find out whether my teaching comes from God*”—and His doctrine was God’s plan. Jesus said to some unbelievers John 5:40 “*You are unwilling to come to me that you may have Life.*” That *life of trust* He meant is God’s *blueprint for everyone’s life!*

Walking in the light of God’s full *Truth* leads directly to His eternal *Home!* Jesus promised John 5:24 “*Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.*”

Trusting on the atonement Blood of Jesus Christ for everything in life—is God’s *Blueprint for Perpetual living!*



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