

# Blueprint for Living Right!

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Following a right *design* from the start is the only way to finish in a right *condition*. When building anything—a specific *plan*, an *outline*, or a *blueprint* should be followed. We begin with a basic pattern 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 very important!

God's blueprint for Adam *then* is the same plan for us *now*—Malachi 3:6; James 1:17. The relationship he had *with* God—and his trust *on* God *before* he sinned through rebellion—resulted in perfect peace and contentment for both 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. They both should have *recognized* the voice and *realized* the source.

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 be their own gods.

Satan changes God's words 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 in the garden.

God first gave the command to Adam before Eve was created, which confirms that Adam is *head* of the family and 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 *just die* Genesis 3:3. Satan still *deceives* 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*”—like *being your own boss*; *draw up your own blueprint*; *make your own plans*; and *control your own future*.

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 can bring *more* troubles. 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 in our heart—because 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, 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 view, and knowledge are good things—if they are *within* God's will, but they are sinful *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 our *choices* in life are 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—until it is converted.

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

We begin life wanting to do our *own* will—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 for living right!

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.”* Justification results in actually *living* by faith; not just speaking about faith.

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 a *new* life of trust on God; A life that is willing to put everything into His hands; A life that believes in faith for the Holy Spirit—just as we would believe for any *other* answer to prayer. This *new* life by *faith* that continues to trust God—has always been His *blueprint for living right*.

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. 1 Corinthians 15:22 *“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive”*—when our *trust* is on Him.

Eve was just as guilty as Adam because she influenced him 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 attitudes; *repent* before God; and *forsake* those sins with God’s help—*then* follow His blueprint of trust through the power of His Spirit.

Atonement for our sins is possible by a persisting faith on the perfect sacrifice Jesus made for us. Adam and Eve *knew* they had 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”*—and 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 [condemnation; judgement].”*

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* and *persevering* faith in the resurrection power of Christ, is the only way our sins can be erased. God provides the *power* and the *ability*—but we have to provide the *choice* and the *willingness* to believe!

God will *always* be *faithful*—and He will *always* have the power to *heal*, *deliver*, *protect*, *provide* and *guide* by His Spirit—but we have to make the *decision* to *believe* His Word and *trust* Him—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.”*

It is *our* decision to follow God’s *Blueprint for Living right*—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 plan was *God’s Blueprint for Living Right*. 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 in Heaven!* 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 in faith on the atonement Blood of Jesus for everything in this life on earth—is God’s *Blueprint for Living Right!*



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