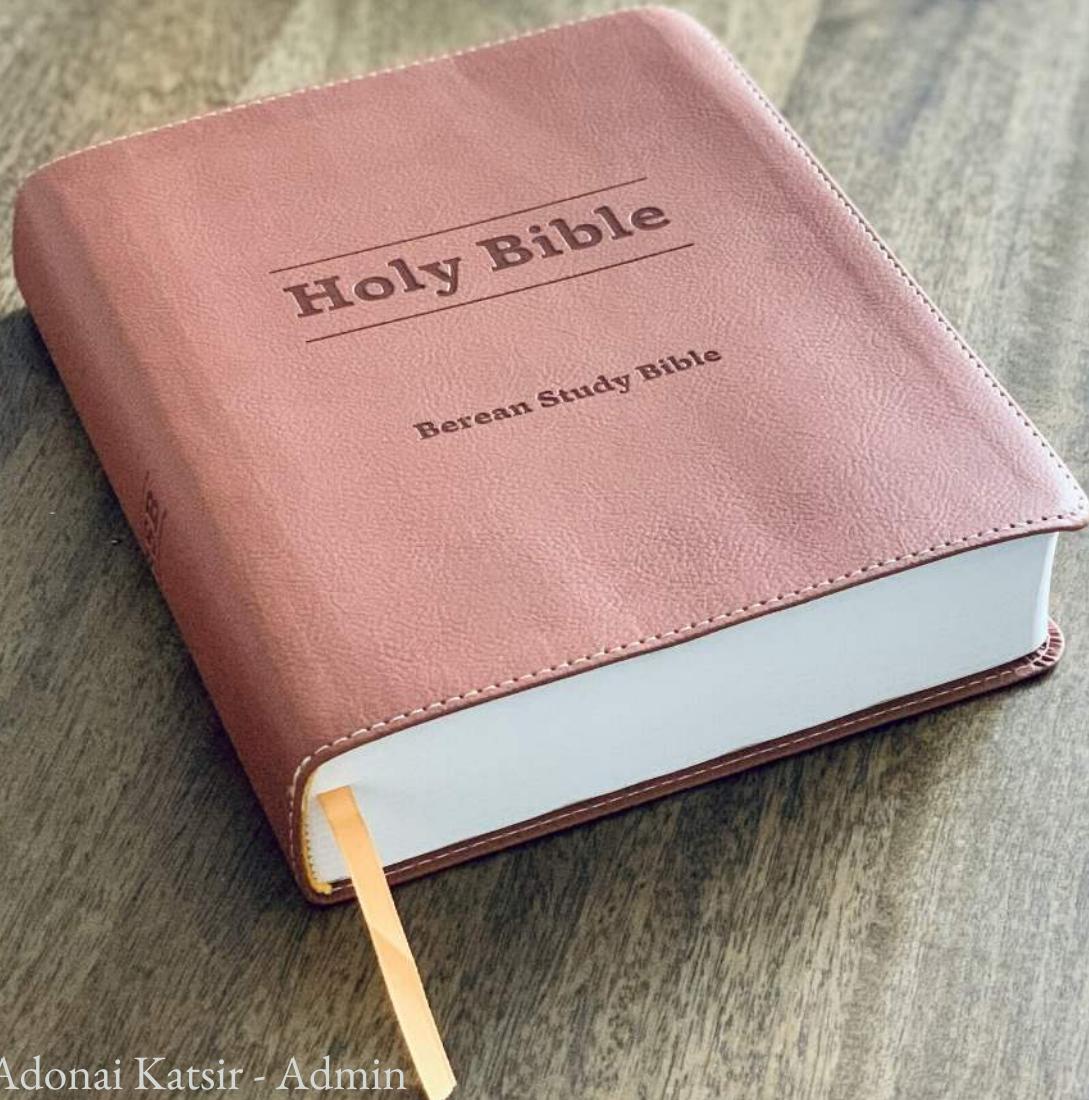


Following The Lamb

A 14-part "Read-through" Bible Study Series



Welcome

Thank you for choosing to begin this journey through the "Read-through" version of Following the Lamb. Whether you are just beginning to explore Scripture or returning to the foundations of faith, I'm grateful you're here. This study is built on the plain teaching of the Bible — not tradition, not speculation, not popular opinion. If you approach these lessons with an open mind and a prayerful heart, God will speak through His Word.

This format is designed for those who prefer a clear, continuous explanation of each doctrine without needing to pause and search every text. The key Scriptures are included within the lesson itself so you can read through the entire teaching in one flow, seeing the full biblical picture as it unfolds. This allows you to follow the logic of each topic, trace the timeline, and grasp the message step by step. The Read-Through Version provides clarity and structure — showing how the Bible builds truth line upon truth, precept upon precept. Every major point is supported by Scripture, but the lesson guides you through the understanding so you can see how the Bible explains itself. This version is especially helpful for first-time learners, group studies, or anyone wanting to grasp the full scope of each doctrine before digging deeper. Even though the verses are supplied, the responsibility remains the same: always test what you read by opening your Bible and verifying the truth for yourself. God honours the sincere seeker, and His Word becomes even more meaningful when you read it directly.

A Prayer for You

My prayer is that this study strengthens your faith, clears away confusion, and gives you confidence in the Word of God. May the Holy Spirit guide you as you read, open your understanding, and draw your heart nearer to Jesus Christ — the Lamb who leads, saves, and restores. May these lessons be a blessing to you, and may God reveal His truth to you plainly as you follow Him step by step.

Series Introduction – Understanding the Bible

Many people form their beliefs about God from what others say about the Bible, without ever really opening it for themselves. Opinions, traditions, and assumptions are loud. The actual voice of Scripture is often barely heard. Yet no one can truly understand God's character, His plan of salvation, or the times we are living in, without coming directly to the Book He has given us.

The Bible is not just a random collection of ancient writings. It is sixty-six books, written over roughly 1,500 years by about forty different authors living on three continents — with writings from shepherds, kings, prophets, physicians and fishermen. And yet, despite all this diversity, there is one unbroken storyline: God's love, God's justice, and God's plan to save humanity through Jesus Christ.

The Bible carries history, poetry, prophecy, and personal letters, but its main purpose is not to entertain or simply inform. Its central aim is to reveal who God is, what He is like, and how He saves us. Jesus Himself said:

“Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.” — John 5:39 (KJV)

So, this study series, “Following the Lamb,” is not just about collecting facts. It’s about learning to walk with God, to trust His Word, and to follow Jesus step by step.

A Unified Story From Beginning to End

This 14-lesson series takes you through the great storyline of Scripture — from Creation to the New Earth — revealing how every major Bible theme fits within the larger conflict between Christ and Satan. You will see where the world came from, why evil exists, how God works to save humanity, what Jesus accomplished through His life, death, and resurrection, and how God will finally bring sin to an end.

Each lesson builds on the one before it in a deliberate and prophetic sequence to give you a clear, Bible-based understanding of the times we are living in and to help you make an informed, personal decision about your relationship with God.

You may not agree with everything at first. Some lessons may cut across what you've always heard. Some may challenge habits, traditions, or long-held assumptions. That's fine. The point is not to defend old opinions but to let the Bible speak for itself and allow the Holy Spirit to apply that truth to the heart. Even if something feels unfamiliar, stay with the lesson, keep the Scriptures open, and let God guide you as you move through each section.

Each lesson in this series will:

- point you to key Bible texts that you should study to gain a broader view of the topic,
- lay out core truths in simple, clear language,
- invite you to respond personally to God.

You'll get the most benefit if you move slowly, Bible open, praying as you go. Ask God to teach you. He's not hiding. He wants to be known.

"And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."
— Jeremiah 29:13 (KJV)

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Lesson 1 – The Word of God: The Holy Scriptures



More Than a Religious Book

If we treat the Bible as just a religious anthology or a record of ancient stories, we miss almost everything God intends to give us. These pages are not simply about what happened "back then." They are God's chosen way of speaking to us now and are relevant for every generation at every stage of humanity's history.

Every major teaching in Scripture is confirmed and deepened by other parts of Scripture. Prophecy supports history, parables illuminate doctrine, law and gospel harmonise. The Bible is its own interpreter. When we allow one passage to explain another, a wider, deeper picture of God's truth opens up in front of us.

Therefore, we cannot expect to grasp the Word of God if we approach it as a collection of disconnected stories, stitched together like fragments of old fables. The Bible is not random, and it is not shallow. Its wisdom is layered, its message unified, and its truths are revealed only to those who seek them with purpose. If we want to understand its depth — to uncover the message God intended and receive the blessing He attached to it — we must do more than skim its pages.

We need to:

- Read the stories for their plain meaning, but be open for revelation of deeper spiritual applications,
- Study key themes by comparing texts from different sections to find what the Bible reveals about the topic as a whole,
- Let the Bible explain itself, line upon line as it builds a consistent and deep interpretation.

You'll often see references written like this:

Genesis 1:1 *{or}* Gen 1:1

This represents where you will find the related text:

Book {Genesis}, Chapter {one}, Verse {one}

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

"In this Read-Through Version of the study, we will provide the key verses that establish each teaching — but it is your responsibility to read them for yourself and verify the truth directly from God's Word. These lessons offer the evidence, but the conviction must come as you personally search the Scriptures and let God speak to your heart."

What the Bible Claims About Itself

Before anyone can understand the Bible, they must first know what the Bible claims to be.

Scripture does not present itself as a human attempt to understand God, nor as the spiritual opinions of wise leaders from long ago. From the earliest days of the Protestant movement, believers recognised that true knowledge of God comes only through Scripture — God's written revelation, inspired by the Holy Spirit, fully trustworthy, and sufficient for salvation.

As they compared Scripture with Scripture, a unified picture emerged:

God used human writers, but the message came directly from Him. Their personalities shaped the style, but not the truth. The sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments were recognised as cohesive, consistent, Spirit-inspired, and complete.

They also discovered that the authority of the Bible stands higher than tradition, culture, emotion, or church practice. Scripture carries God's voice, and therefore must be the foundation upon which every belief and practice is built.

This is why the Bible describes itself in such clear terms:

i) The Source of Saving Knowledge

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God...” — 2 Timothy 3:16–17

ii) The Revealer of Truth and God’s Will

“Thy word is truth.” — John 17:17

“If they speak not according to this word...” — Isaiah 8:20

iii) The Record of God’s Dealings

“These things... are written for our admonition...” — 1 Corinthians 10:11

iv) Christ-Centred From Beginning to End

“...they are they which testify of Me.” — John 5:39

Further reading: Psalm 119:81–136; Hebrews 4:12; Matthew 24:35

How We Are to Approach the Bible

If Scripture truly carries God’s authority, then our approach to it matters. The Bible is not a book we critique or reshape according to our preferences; it is the standard by which our lives are measured. But God has not left us alone to interpret it. The same Holy Spirit who inspired its writers is offered to every believer who seeks to understand it.

This means we study with humility, recognising that truth is revealed, not invented. We compare Scripture with Scripture, allowing the whole Bible to speak, not just the parts that appeal to us. And we study consistently, because daily exposure to God’s Word protects the mind from deception and strengthens discernment for the days ahead.

Scripture defines its Divine identity and authority with such clarity:

i) God's authority, not man's

"No prophecy... is of any private interpretation." — 2 Peter 1:20–21

ii) We need the Holy Spirit to understand God's message

Spiritual things must be spiritually discerned. — 1 Corinthians 2:9–14

iii) We need the whole Bible, not selective reading

"And beginning at Moses and all the prophets..." — Luke 24:27

iv) Daily study protects from deception

They "searched the scriptures daily..." — Acts 17:11

Further reading: Proverbs 30:5–6; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; Revelation 22:18–19

Personal Reflection

Before rushing into the texts, it's important to pause. Bible study is not an academic exercise or a box to tick — it is an encounter with the living God. Scripture reveals His character, His will, and His call upon our lives. Every time we open its pages, we are stepping into a conversation that God Himself initiated. That means each of us must come with honesty and willingness to be changed.

Ask yourself:

- If the God of the universe has taken the time to reveal Himself in a book, how much time should I be willing to set aside each day to listen to Him?
- When Scripture shows me that something in my life is out of harmony with God's will, will I argue, delay, or submit or pay the price for rejecting God's reproofing?
- Who in my life — family, friends, workmates — would benefit from discovering that God has actually spoken and can be known through His Word?

Commitment

Every Bible study should move beyond information and into transformation.

Truth becomes real only when the heart responds to it. That is why each lesson ends with a simple prayer of commitment — not as a ritual, but as a personal step of faith. This moment invites the reader to take what God has revealed in His Word and intentionally choose to walk in it. This is an opportunity to say, "Lord, I am listening. Shape my life according to Your truth."

If you feel God speaking to you through this lesson, I encourage you to pause, reflect, and make this prayer your own. Let it be the beginning of a deeper relationship with Him, and a daily habit of surrender as you continue through these studies.

Prayer:

"Thank You, Father, for revealing Yourself and Your will in the Bible.

By Your grace, I choose to search its pages, to accept its authority,
and to bring my life into harmony with its teachings."

Lesson 2 – The Godhead: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit



The Foundation of Knowing God

To understand Scripture, we must begin with the One who gave it. The Bible does not present God as distant, silent, or unknowable; it presents Him as a personal Being who reveals Himself clearly through His Word. From the opening lines of Genesis to the closing scenes of Revelation, God shows His character, His purposes, and His desire to save humanity. This revelation is not man's discovery of God, but God's self-disclosure to man. Knowing God as He reveals Himself is the essential starting point for all true faith.

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”
— Hebrews 11:1 (KJV)

Scripture therefore calls us to approach God with reverence, trust, and humility. We do not invent our own understanding of Him, nor do we rely on human theories or traditions. Instead, we take His Word as the authoritative source of who He is and what He desires for us. When we open the Bible, we step into the presence of a God who speaks, who acts, and who invites us to know Him personally.

One God, Revealed in Three Divine Persons

The Bible teaches unmistakably that there is only one God (Deuteronomy 6:4). Yet it also reveals three distinct divine Persons who share the same eternal nature: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This is not a human attempt to solve a mystery; it is simply the reality Scripture presents. At creation, all three are active. In Christ's baptism, all three are present. In the salvation of the believer, all three work together in perfect unity.

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:”
— Deuteronomy 6:4 (KJV)

Each Person of the Godhead is fully divine, yet they are not three gods. They are one God in three Persons, united in will, character, and purpose. We do not explain this mystery through human logic; we accept it because the Bible reveals it. Their unity shows us that God is not solitary or self-absorbed, but relational, loving, and always working together for the salvation of His people.

Scripture affirms their divine identity with clarity:

i) The Father — Eternal Source and Sovereign

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” — Genesis 1:1

ii) The Son — Eternal Word and Redeemer

“The Word was God... and the Word was made flesh.” — John 1:1, 14

iii) The Holy Spirit — Divine Presence and Power

“The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.” — Genesis 1:2

iv) Their United Work

“This is My beloved Son... and the Spirit like a dove.” — Matthew 3:16-17

“The grace... the love... the communion...” — 2 Corinthians 13:14

Further reading: Isaiah 9:6; John 10:30; Acts 5:3-4; Isaiah 45:5; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Colossians 2:9; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14

Why God's Triune Nature Matters for Faith

Understanding the Godhead is not an academic exercise — it is the foundation of the gospel itself. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit each play a vital role in the plan of salvation, and without this divine cooperation the redemption of humanity would be impossible. The Father initiates salvation out of love, the Son accomplishes salvation through His life, death, and resurrection, and the Spirit applies salvation by transforming the heart and leading the believer into truth.

This unified work of the Godhead reveals God's character more clearly than any theory ever could. It shows that God is actively involved in human life, not from a distance, but with personal care and divine power. It assures us that salvation is not uncertain or fragile, because every Person of the Godhead works together to bring us home. To know who God is strengthens trust, deepens worship, and anchors our faith in the One who never changes.

Scripture presents this shared work plainly:

i) The Father loves, calls, and initiates

"God so loved the world..." — John 3:16

ii) The Son reveals, redeems, and intercedes

"He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father." — John 14:9

iii) The Spirit convicts, renews, and empowers

"When He is come, He will reprove the world..." — John 16:8

iv) All three unite to save

"Elect... through sanctification of the Spirit... unto obedience... and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ." — 1 Peter 1:2

Further reading: Titus 3:4–6; Ephesians 4:4–6; Romans 8:9–11

Personal Reflection

This lesson reminds us that God is not distant or divided — He is united, relational, and deeply involved in the salvation of every believer. The Father loves you, the Son gave His life for you, and the Spirit works daily to draw you closer to God. This harmony within the Godhead is not abstract theology; it is the assurance that heaven is working on your behalf every moment. As you continue your journey through Scripture, understanding who God is will shape how you respond to Him.

Pause and consider:

- If God has revealed Himself so clearly, am I responding in faith and obedience to that revelation?
- Do I honour each Person of the Godhead — trusting the Father, following the Son, and yielding to the Spirit?
- How does God's unity and purpose encourage me to trust His work in my life today?

Commitment

Understanding who God is, calls us to worship, trust, and surrender. If this lesson has helped you see His character more clearly, take a moment to respond from the heart.

Prayer:

"Father in heaven, thank You for revealing Yourself as the one true God — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I choose to trust Your love, follow Your Son, and open my heart to the working of Your Spirit. Lead me into deeper truth, and help me walk faithfully with You as I continue through these studies."

Lesson 3 – Immanuel: God with Us



Why Jesus Matters

If we are to understand the Christian faith, we must understand who Jesus truly is. Scripture does not present Him as merely a wise teacher, a gifted healer, or a moral leader; it presents Him as God in human flesh. From the moment sin entered the world, God promised that a divine Saviour would come to rescue humanity from the power and penalty of sin — sin being the rejection of God's authority and the rebellion of the human heart against His will. The prophets foretold His arrival with detail and clarity, pointing to One who would be both fully divine and fully human.

“Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.” — 1 John 3:4 (KJV)

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, those prophecies were fulfilled. For centuries—some given more than 700 years before His birth—God had foretold the coming of the Messiah through the prophets of Israel. He came as Immanuel — God with us — not a representative of God, but God Himself stepping into human history. His identity is the foundation of the gospel. If Jesus is not divine, He cannot save. If He is not human, He cannot stand in our place. But because He is both, His life, death, and resurrection carry eternal significance for every soul.

“Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.
— Isaiah 7:14 (KJV)

“Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.”
— Matthew 1:23

Jesus and the Godhead

The Bible reveals that Jesus is one Person of the eternal Godhead, equal with the Father and the Holy Spirit. He did not begin at Bethlehem; He existed from eternity. As the eternal Word, He took part in creation, upheld all things by His power, and shared the glory of the Father before the world existed. His incarnation did not reduce His divinity — it simply united divine nature with human nature in one Person.

This truth is vital, because it means that everything Jesus did carries divine authority. His words are God's words. His actions are God's actions. His compassion, His purity, His justice, and His sacrifice are perfect revelations of the Father's character. To see Jesus is to see God, not because Jesus merely resembles God, but because He is God in human form.

Scripture affirms Christ's identity with clarity:

i) He is eternal and divine

"In the beginning was the Word... and the Word was God." — John 1:1

ii) He became truly human

"The Word was made flesh." — John 1:14

iii) He reveals the Father perfectly

"He is... the express image of His person." — Hebrews 1:3

iv) He shares the full nature of God

"In Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily." — Colossians 2:9

Further reading: Micah 5:2; John 17:5; Hebrews 13:8

What Jesus Came to Do

Jesus did not enter the world simply to set an example or provide moral instruction. He came with a mission rooted in divine love and eternal purpose. His work is central to the entire plan of salvation. As the Saviour, He stepped into our condition, lived the life we failed to live, and died the death we deserved. His sinless life, sacrificial death, victorious resurrection, and heavenly ministry form the unshakeable foundation of our hope.

His life revealed God's character with perfect clarity. Every word He spoke and every act He performed displayed the Father's love, justice, mercy, and truth. His death paid the penalty for sin, satisfying divine justice while offering grace to all who believe. His resurrection broke the power of death, guaranteeing victory for all who put their trust in Him. Today, He ministers as our High Priest in heaven, interceding for His people and preparing them for His soon return.

Scripture describes His mission clearly:

i) To reveal God's character

"He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father." — John 14:9

ii) To live a sinless life in our place

"[He] was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." — Hebrews 4:15

iii) To die as our substitute

"Christ died for our sins... and rose again." — 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

iv) To minister as our High Priest

"He ever liveth to make intercession for them." — Hebrews 7:25

v) To return for His people

"I will come again." — John 14:3

Further reading: Romans 5:8–10; Acts 4:12; Revelation 1:7

Personal Reflection

This lesson reminds us that Jesus is not merely a figure from history — He is the living centre of the plan of redemption. Every promise, every doctrine, and every hope of the Christian faith rests upon who He is and what He has done. His divine identity gives authority to His words. His humanity gives power to His compassion. His victory gives confidence to every believer who struggles with sin. And His promised return gives purpose to our daily walk with Him.

Side Note#

In Scripture, salvation means being rescued from the guilt and power of sin, and redemption means being bought back from the ruin sin has caused — not with silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ (1 Peter 1:18–19). Through His sacrifice, Jesus frees us from condemnation, restores us to God, and makes eternal life possible for all who believe.

18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;
19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

— 1 Peter 1:18–19 (KJV)

Pause and consider:

- What does Jesus' willingness to become human reveal about the depth of God's love for me personally?
- How should His victory over temptation encourage me when I face my own battles?
- Am I living each day with readiness and hope for His promised return?

Commitment

Jesus came not only to save the world in general, but to save you personally. If this lesson has helped you see His identity and mission more clearly, take a moment to respond in simple faith.

Prayer:

"Lord Jesus, I believe You are truly God with us — eternal, divine, and yet willing to take on humanity for my salvation. Thank You for Your perfect life, Your sacrifice, Your resurrection, and Your ongoing ministry in heaven. I choose to trust You, follow You, and prepare my life for Your return. Keep my heart faithful as I continue through these studies."

Lesson 4 – Creation



God's Pattern for Time

Humanity measures time by observing the movements of the sun, moon, and earth. A year comes from the earth's revolution around the sun, a month from the moon's cycle, and a day from the earth's rotation. But there is no natural explanation for the seven-day week. Its origin is found only in Scripture. The weekly cycle is not a human invention, nor the result of astronomy or cultural tradition. It is a divine gift — a rhythm established by God Himself at the beginning of Earth's history.

Even modern research confirms this biblical pattern. Medical and behavioural studies show that the human body operates with an internal seven-day cycle — influencing immune response, healing rates, stress patterns, and mental rhythm — something no astronomical body produces. In other words, creation itself still echoes the week that God established in Genesis.

“Circaseptan and circasemiseptan rhythms: of about seven days and about three-and-a-half days: cannot be traced to any known external weekly synchronizer. Their origin is endogenous.”

— Franz Halberg, Chronobiology Research 1950s onwards

The Bible presents a clear and authentic account of creation. In six literal days, God made “the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that in them is,” and on the seventh day He rested (Exodus 20:11). That rest formed the foundation of the weekly Sabbath — a perpetual memorial of God's completed work. The weekly cycle continues unchanged from Eden until today, reminding us of our Creator's power, purpose, and authority.

God's Work in Creation

Creation week reveals the power, wisdom, and intention of God. Everything came into existence by His word, not by chance, process, or natural development. The Father spoke, the Son carried out the creative work, and the Spirit moved upon the waters — the Godhead working in complete unity. The result was a world of perfect order, beauty, and harmony, reflecting the goodness and glory of its Maker.

Humanity was the crowning work of creation. God formed man and woman in His own image, giving them dignity, purpose, and the ability to think, choose, and love. He entrusted them with dominion over the earth and responsibility to care for it. Nothing in the original world bore the marks of sin or decay. Everything was “very good,” revealing the character of a God who delights in life, order, and beauty.

Scripture affirms the events of Creation with clarity:

i) God created all things through the Son

“God... hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son... by whom also he made the worlds.”
— Hebrews 1:1–2

ii) Creation came by God’s word

“By the word of the Lord were the heavens made... for he spake, and it was done.”
— Psalm 33:6, 9
“Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God.”
— Hebrews 11:3

iii) Life on earth was created in six literal days

“These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created...”

— Genesis 2:4 {See Genesis 1-2 for full details}

iv) Everything was perfect in the beginning

“And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.” — Genesis 1:31

v) The Sabbath is a memorial of Creation

“And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it.” — Genesis 2:1-3

“Remember the sabbath day.. for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth.” — Exodus 20:8-11

Further reading: Psalm 19:1-6; Psalm 104

Humanity's Place in Creation

Human beings were created with a unique identity and purpose. Unlike any other part of creation, we bear the image of God — capable of reasoning, moral choice, love, creativity, and spiritual fellowship with our Maker. This is not a poetic idea; it is a divine reality that sets humanity apart from every animal, every ecosystem, and every star in the heavens. To be made in God's image means we were designed to think, to choose, to worship, and to reflect His goodness in the way we live.

This divine imprint gives every human life worth, dignity, and responsibility. God placed humanity over the earth, not to exploit it, but to care for it as faithful stewards of His handiwork. Dominion was never a license for abuse; it was a calling to wise management under God's authority.

Creation teaches us that our lives are not random, nor are we products of blind natural processes. We are intentional creations of a loving God — formed with purpose, gifted with freedom, and called to reflect His character in how we live, work, treat others, and honour the world entrusted to our care.

Understanding our origin gives clarity to our present and confidence for our future. It tells us why our hearts long for meaning, why moral choices matter, and why relationships carry such weight. It reminds us that the Creator who shaped the world by His word and breathed life into humanity is also able to sustain our lives by His grace. To know where we came from is to understand that we were made for something far greater than survival — we were made for fellowship with God, for righteousness, and ultimately for eternal life in His presence.

Scripture affirms these realities with clarity:

i) We are made in the image of God

"So God created man in his own image... male and female created he them." — Genesis 1:26–27

ii) We are given dominion and responsibility

"What is man, that thou art mindful of him?... Thou madest him to have dominion." — Psalm 8

Further reading: Jeremiah 10:12; Nehemiah 9:6; Job 33:4

Personal Reflection

This lesson reminds us that creation is not merely a doctrine — it is the foundation of identity, worship, and purpose. The world around us bears the marks of God's craftsmanship, from the stars above to the complexity of life on earth. When we accept creation as God presents it, we gain a clearer understanding of His power, His goodness, and His intention for our lives. And when we recognise the Sabbath as a memorial of that creative work, we enter a weekly reminder of His care and authority.

Pause and consider:

- If the Creator formed the universe by His word, are any of my problems too great for Him to solve?
- How can I honour God more fully by valuing the Day of Rest *{Sabbath Day}* He established as a memorial of creation?
- Does knowing that God intentionally created me change how I live, choose, and relate to others?
- How does understanding my origin in God give me confidence for the future?

Commitment

Creation is a constant reminder that your life has meaning, purpose, and value. If this lesson has strengthened your understanding of God as Creator, take a moment to respond in faith.

Prayer:

"Creator God, I believe You made the heavens, the earth, and all life by Your power and Your word. Thank You for creating me with purpose and calling me to reflect Your character. I choose to honour You, keep the Sabbath as Your memorial, and live as a faithful steward of the world You have made. Fulfil Your plan in my life as I walk in Your truth."

Lesson 5 – The Nature of Humanity



Humanity's True Origin

The world offers many conflicting explanations for human existence. Some claim we are the product of chance, emerging from lifeless matter over unimaginable ages. Others imagine that life was seeded here by unknown beings from another world. But none of these theories answer the most important questions of identity, purpose, and destiny. Scripture alone reveals where we came from, why we exist, and what our lives were meant to be. The Bible shows that humanity did not arise by accident, but by the intentional act of a personal Creator.

According to God's Word, man and woman were formed in His image, designed with individuality, reason, moral freedom, and the capacity for loving relationship. We were created to think, choose, act, and reflect the character of our Maker. This divine design elevates human life far beyond the limits of scientific theories or evolutionary assumptions. It anchors our worth in the hands of the Creator, whose workmanship is purposeful and perfect.

What Humanity Is — Body, Breath, and the Image of God

The Bible presents humanity as an indivisible unity of body, breath, and mind. God formed Adam from the dust of the ground and breathed into him the breath of life; man became a living soul — not something possessing a soul that exists independently. Our life, consciousness, and existence depend entirely upon God. We are fearfully and wonderfully made, endowed with thinking power and the freedom to choose whom we will serve.

This identity carries high responsibility. Made in God's image, we were created to exercise dominion under His authority, caring for the world and its creatures. Our ability to choose means we may either live in harmony with God's purpose or separate ourselves from it. God intended humanity to love as He loves, govern as He governs, and live in continual fellowship with Him.

Scripture teaches this clearly:

i) We are created in God's image

"So God created man in his own image..." — Genesis 1:26–27

ii) Life comes from the breath of God

"The Lord God... breathed into his nostrils the breath of life." — Genesis 2:7

iii) We have freedom of choice but depend on God for life

"In him we live, and move, and have our being." — Acts 17:24–28

iv) Love is the foundation of God's purpose for humanity

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God... and thy neighbour as thyself." — Matthew 22:35–40

v) We are stewards of God's creation

"Thou madest him to have dominion..." — Psalm 8:4–8

Further reading: 1 John 4:7–11; Genesis 2:15

Humanity's Fallen Condition — and God's Plan to Restore

When Adam and Eve chose independence from God, the image of God in humanity was marred. Sin brought separation, corruption, and death into the human experience. Since that moment, every descendant of Adam has inherited a fallen nature — tendencies toward evil, weakness of will, and spiritual blindness. We are not sinners because we sin; we sin because our nature has been damaged by sin. Without divine power, we cannot change ourselves or restore what was lost.

Yet God did not abandon the human race. Through Christ, the world was reconciled to God, and through the Holy Spirit, the image of the Creator may be restored in all who repent. Jesus lived the perfect human life we failed to live and died the death we deserved, opening the way for forgiveness, renewal, and transformation. God's purpose is not merely to save us from penalty, but to restore His character in us and prepare us for life in His eternal kingdom.

Scripture describes our condition and God's remedy:

i) Sin began with choosing independence from God

"Then the eyes of them both were opened..." — Genesis 3:7 {For full details see Genesis 3}

ii) All humanity is subject to death through Adam's fall

"By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin." — Romans 5:12-17

iii) We are born with tendencies toward evil

"Behold, I was shapen in iniquity..." — Psalm 51:5

"We... were by nature the children of wrath." — Ephesians 2:3

iv) Christ reconciles us to God

"While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." — Romans 5:6-11

v) The Spirit restores God's image in the believer

"Create in me a clean heart, O God." — Psalm 51:10-11

"The fruit of the Spirit is..." — Galatians 5:22-23

Further reading: Colossians 3:10; John 3:5; 2 Corinthians 5:19-20

Personal Reflection

This lesson reminds us that humanity is not the product of chance, nor a forgotten accident in a vast universe. We were created by God's hand, marred by sin, and redeemed by Christ. This reality shapes how we value ourselves, how we view others, and how we live each day. Understanding our nature helps us recognise both our weakness and our potential — fallen, yet capable of restoration through the Spirit of God.

Pause and consider:

- How can I learn to love others with the same unselfish love God demonstrates toward me?
- What provision has God made to help me overcome my natural tendencies toward sin and self?
- How does knowing I am created in God's image change my sense of identity, purpose, and worth?
- Am I allowing the Holy Spirit to renew God's image in my life each day?

Commitment

God created you intentionally, redeemed you lovingly, and calls you continually. If this lesson has deepened your understanding of who you are in God's sight, take a moment to respond with sincerity.

Prayer:

"Father, I recognise that I am Your creation — made in Your image and dependent on You for every breath. Though sin has marred my nature, I believe You can restore what was lost. I seek the renewing power of the Holy Spirit to transform my heart and restore Your character within me. Lead me to live according to Your purpose and love as You have loved me."

Lesson 6 – *The Cosmic Conflict*



The Conflict Behind Human History

Most people sense that something is wrong in our world — violence, injustice, suffering, and confusion seem to increase with each passing year. Yet few realise that behind these visible problems lies an unseen spiritual conflict. Scripture reveals that Earth is the central battleground in a cosmic war between Christ and Satan, a conflict over the character of God, the authority of His law, and the destiny of humanity. Every person, regardless of belief or background, is caught in the crossfire of this spiritual struggle.

This controversy began long before the human race existed. A brilliant angel named Lucifer once stood in the very presence of God, honoured with beauty and a position of trust. Scripture describes him as “full of wisdom,” “perfect in beauty,” and an “anointed cherub” appointed to serve near the throne itself. But instead of remaining loyal, Lucifer allowed pride to rise in his heart. He coveted what belonged only to God — His authority, His throne, and the worship of created beings. Discontent quickly hardened into rebellion, and Lucifer began to spread doubt and accusation among the angels, introducing the idea that God’s law was restrictive and His government unfair.

When open revolt broke out, Lucifer (now Satan) led a vast number of angels into defiance against their Creator. He was cast out of heaven, and the conflict shifted to Earth — where Satan sought to infect humanity with the same spirit of independence and distrust toward God. The results of that rebellion are written across every age of history: suffering, cruelty, deception, violence, death, and the distortion of God’s character. Every broken home, every war, every addiction, every injustice traces back to the moment creation first turned away from its Maker.

How the Conflict Began

The root of evil is not found in human evolution, culture, or society — it goes back to that first act of rebellion in heaven. Lucifer, though created perfect and honoured, allowed pride to twist his heart until he desired equality with his Maker. He challenged God's justice, questioned His law, and claimed that created beings could live in freedom while rejecting divine authority. His rebellion shattered heaven's harmony and introduced sin into the universe.

To preserve the harmony of heaven and prevent rebellion from spreading further, God cast Satan and the angels who followed him down to the earth. Once confined here, Satan turned his deception toward the newly created human race. Through subtle lies and direct contradiction of God's Word, he led Adam and Eve into the same rebellion he had begun in heaven. Their fall opened the door for sin, suffering, and death to enter the human experience, and the world became the arena of a conflict watched by the entire universe. The created order was damaged, human nature was marred, and the earth itself was later judged by a global flood — a stark demonstration of the ultimate consequences of choosing separation from God.

Scripture describes these events clearly:

i) The conflict began in heaven

"There was war in heaven... the great dragon was cast out." — Revelation 12:4–9

ii) Lucifer was created perfect but fell through pride

"Thou wast perfect... till iniquity was found in thee." — Ezekiel 28:12–18

iii) He sought to exalt himself above God

"I will be like the most High." — Isaiah 14:12–14

Further reading: Job 1–2; Luke 10:18

Earth — the Battlefield of the Cosmic Conflict

After humanity joined Satan's rebellion, the earth shifted from paradise to battlefield. Every generation has witnessed the destructive results of sin: broken lives, corrupted societies, natural disasters, moral decay, and a world increasingly separated from God. The image of God in humanity has been distorted, and creation itself suffers under the curse of sin. Yet Scripture assures us that heaven is not passive. Christ sends the Holy Spirit, loyal angels, and divine power to strengthen, guide, and protect those who seek salvation.

This world is not abandoned; it is the demonstration ground of God's justice and Satan's deception. All creation watches as God works to restore humanity through Christ, while Satan works to destroy. The outcome of this conflict will reveal to the entire universe whether God's ways are truly right and whether Satan's accusations have any foundation.

Scripture describes this ongoing conflict:

i) All humanity is affected by Adam and Eve's fall

"By one man sin entered into the world..." — Romans 5:12–14

(See also Genesis 3)

ii) Sin has distorted the image of God in humanity

"They became vain... their foolish heart was darkened." — Romans 1:19–22

iii) Creation itself suffers because of sin

"The whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain." — Romans 8:19, 22

iv) Heaven observes the conflict on earth

"We are made a spectacle... to angels, and to men." — 1 Corinthians 4:9

v) God sends divine help to His people

"Are they not all ministering spirits...?" — Hebrews 1:14

"The Spirit... maketh intercession..." — Romans 8:26–27

Further reading: Ephesians 3:8–10; 2 Peter 3:6

The Final Outcome of the Conflict

Scripture assures us that the conflict will not continue forever. The day is coming when every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that God's ways are just and true. The universe will clearly see the contrast between Christ's self-sacrificing love and Satan's spirit of rebellion. Those who choose Christ will rejoice in His victory; those who persist in rebellion will acknowledge God's justice before the final destruction of evil.

When sin and sinners are finally destroyed, harmony will be restored throughout the universe. No trace of sin will remain. Death, sorrow, and rebellion will be gone forever. God's people will live in a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells, and where the character of God is fully vindicated before all creation.

i) Every knee will bow before Christ

"That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow..." — Philippians 2:5–11

ii) All will acknowledge Christ as worthy of worship

"Worthy is the Lamb..." — Revelation 5:11–14

iii) Sin and sinners will be destroyed forever

"They shall be as though they had not been." — Ezekiel 28:18–19

(See also Revelation 21:1–8)

Further reading: Revelation 20–22; Isaiah 45:22–24; Revelation 15:3–4

Personal Reflection

This lesson reminds us that the evil we see in the world today is not random, nor is it God's doing. It is the fruit of rebellion against His government of love. Knowing the true origin of sin helps us understand the brokenness, suffering, and injustice around us — and it reassures us that evil is temporary. Christ has already secured victory on our behalf, and He offers strength and protection in every struggle we face.

Pause and consider:

- After seeing the results of Satan's rebellion on Earth, is it possible that anyone would choose to rebel again once sin is ended?
- Who has suffered most from the results of sin — humanity or God Himself?
- Does understanding the cosmic conflict help me trust God when I witness suffering, injustice, or loss?

Commitment

The cosmic conflict is real, and every person must choose a side. If this lesson has helped you see the seriousness of the conflict and the certainty of Christ's victory, take a moment to reaffirm your loyalty.

Prayer:

"Father, I recognise the great conflict between Christ and Satan and the impact it has on my life and the world around me. I choose to stand with You and reject Satan's rebellion. Strengthen me with Your Spirit, protect me with Your angels, and help me remain faithful until the end."

Lesson 7 – The Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ



Why the Identity of Jesus Matters

Many people speak about Jesus, yet few understand who He truly is or what He offers to every soul. Some see Him only as a great teacher, others as a moral example, and still others as a figure of history. But Scripture presents a far greater reality. Jesus is the Creator of the world, the eternal Son of God, and the only One through whom salvation is possible. To understand His life and mission is to understand the heart of the gospel.

The Bible reveals that the plan of salvation was established long before humanity fell. God purposed to save the human race through Christ — not through human effort, philosophy, or religious ritual, but through the life, death, and resurrection of His Son. Jesus came to live out the law of God perfectly, to bear the penalty of our sin, and to rise again in victory. Every hope of forgiveness, transformation, and eternal life rests upon who He is and what He accomplished.

Christ's Perfect Life, atoning Death, and victorious Resurrection

In Christ's life of perfect obedience, His suffering, His sacrificial death, and His bodily resurrection, God provided the only means of atonement for human sin. Atonement means being made "at one" with God again — the reconciliation and restoration of a relationship broken by rebellion, the removal of guilt, and the covering of our sin with the perfect righteousness of Christ. This righteousness is His perfect life credited to us in place of our imperfect one. Through this saving work, Jesus bridges the separation caused by sin and opens the way for forgiveness, cleansing, and restored fellowship with the Father.

Christ's perfect life, His atoning death, and His victorious resurrection reveal far more than a rescue mission — they reveal the very heart of God's government. His obedience vindicates the righteousness of God's law; His sacrifice demonstrates the depth of divine mercy; and His resurrection proclaims God's triumph over every force of evil. At the cross sin is condemned, yet sinners who come in faith find full forgiveness. Because Jesus rose, believers have assurance that they too will rise. And in the end, every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Scripture affirms His saving work:

i) Only Christ can redeem humanity

"Neither is there salvation in any other..." — Acts 4:12

"He is holy, harmless, undefiled..." — Hebrews 7:26-27

ii) Eternal life is offered through faith in Him

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son..." — John 3:16

iii) Christ's life and death uphold God's justice and mercy

"That he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth..." — Romans 3:23-26

Further reading: Isaiah 53; Romans 1:4; Hebrews 2:9

What Christ Accomplished for Us

Because Christ lived perfectly, died sacrificially, and rose victoriously, His saving work has direct, life-changing meaning for every believer. Jesus' death was not symbolic or partial — it was substitutionary, complete, and motivated by love. He died in our place, bearing the penalty for our sins, satisfying the claims of the law, and reconciling humanity to God. By His resurrection, He triumphed over Satan, the grave, and all the powers of evil. His victory becomes ours when we accept Him as Saviour and Lord.

His perfect obedience proves that God's law is righteous and that obedience is possible through the Holy Spirit's power. His death shows the enormity of sin and the depth of God's love. His resurrection guarantees a future in which death has no dominion over God's people. Through Christ, believers are forgiven, renewed, empowered, and assured of eternal life.

Scripture explains His saving work:

i) He died in our place

"Christ died for our sins... and rose again." — 1 Corinthians 15:3–4

"God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself." — 2 Corinthians 5:19–21

ii) He bore our penalty

"Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation..." — Romans 3:25–26

"He was delivered for our offences..." — Romans 4:25

iii) He triumphed over Satan through His resurrection

"Having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly." — Colossians 2:15

Further reading: 1 Peter 3:21–22; Romans 8:3–4

Personal Reflection

This lesson reminds us that salvation is not earned, inherited, or achieved — it is received through the finished work of Christ. His life shows us what righteousness looks like. His death shows us what sin costs. His resurrection shows us the power God offers to every believer. When we grasp the depth of Christ's sacrifice, our hearts are drawn to love Him, trust Him, and follow Him with joy and gratitude.

Pause and consider:

- Why does God desire to give me eternal life through Christ?
- Why could no one but the Son of God accomplish the work of salvation?
- Does Christ's obedience and His victory encourage me to "fight the good fight of faith" each day?

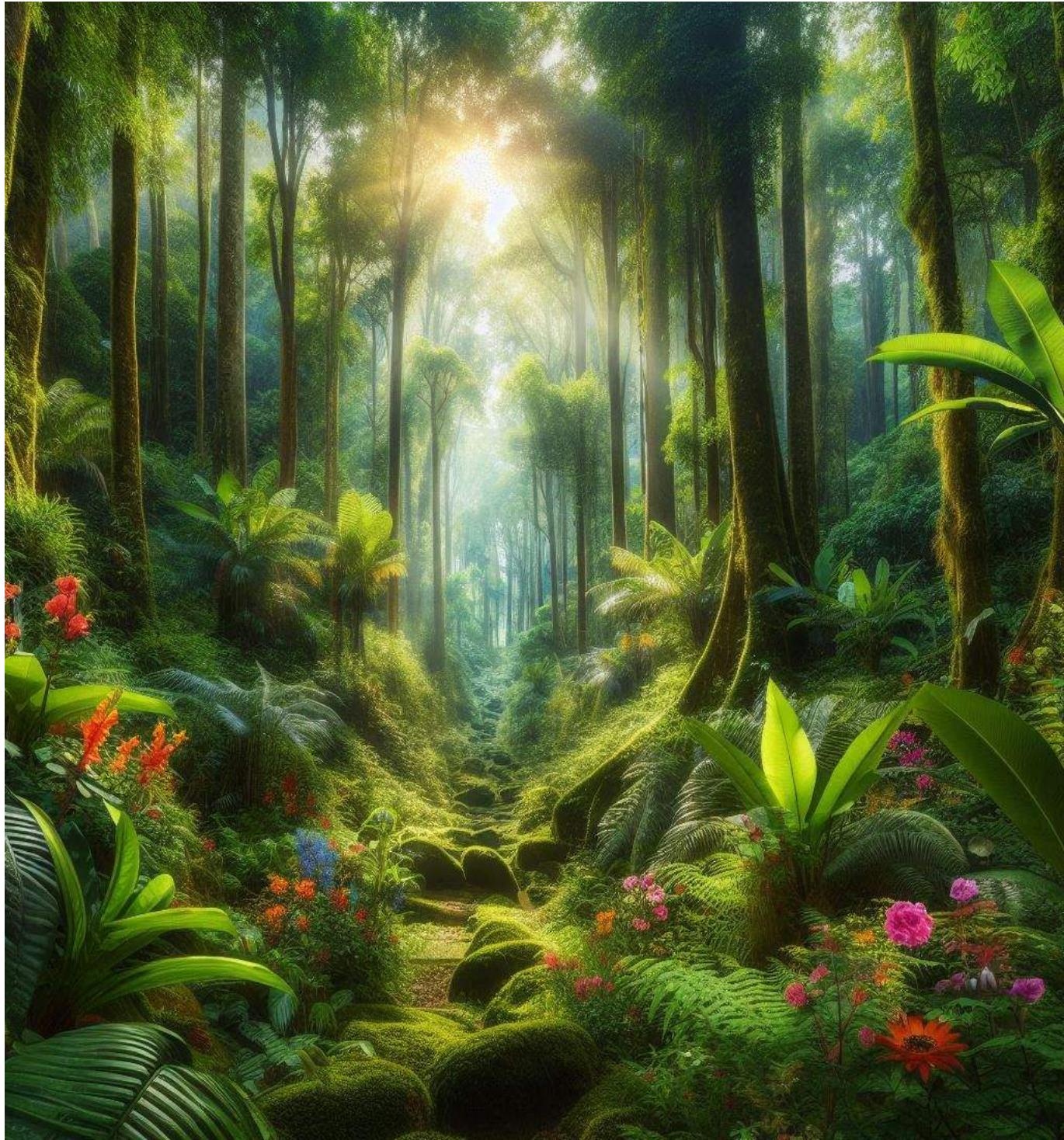
Commitment

Christ gave all for you. If this lesson has helped you see the depth of His sacrifice and the certainty of His victory, take a moment to respond from the heart.

Prayer:

"Lord Jesus, I see Your love revealed in Your life, Your death, and Your resurrection. I accept Your sacrifice in my place and surrender my life to You. Lead me, save me, and prepare me for eternal life through Your victorious power."

Lesson 8 – Death and Resurrection for Humanity



God's Original Design for Human Life

Scripture teaches that death was never part of God's original plan. Humanity was created for unbroken fellowship with God, sustained by His life-giving presence. Our bodies were designed with remarkable capacity for healing, growth, and renewal, but this was never meant to imply immortality within ourselves. Immortality belongs to God alone, and everlasting life was always intended as a gift received through continual dependence upon Him.

This plan was interrupted when Lucifer rebelled in heaven and brought his conflict to Earth. Through deception he led Adam and Eve into disobedience, and sin entered the world. Sin brought decay, suffering, separation from God, and ultimately death. The slow decline of physical strength, moral clarity, and spiritual sensitivity that we see in humanity today is the direct result of this rebellion. Death exists not because God desired it, but because sin destroys life at its foundation.

What the Bible Teaches About Death

The Bible is clear: the wages of sin is death, not eternal torment or conscious existence after the grave. Humans do not possess an immortal soul that lives on independently. Instead, Scripture consistently describes death as an unconscious sleep — a state of complete rest in which there is no awareness, no activity, and no communication. Only God can restore life, and He will do so at the appointed time.

Because God alone is immortal, eternal life can only be received through Christ. Apart from Him, the destiny of every person would be eternal death. The hope of the believer rests in the promise of resurrection, when Christ returns to awaken the righteous dead, transform the living faithful, and gather them to Himself. Death is temporary — but only for those who belong to Christ.

Scripture explains this truth clearly:

i) Only God is immortal

"Who only hath immortality..." — 1 Timothy 6:15–16

ii) Sin results in death, but God offers life

"The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life..." — Romans 6:23

iii) Apart from Christ all would die eternally

"If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth..." — John 15:6

Further reading: Ezekiel 18:20; Psalm 90:5–10

The State of the Dead — and the Hope of Resurrection

Scripture repeatedly describes death as sleep, a temporary rest from which only Christ can awaken the dead. The dead do not think, feel, praise, or communicate; they wait unconsciously for the resurrection. Though this teaching is often misunderstood or resisted, a careful, consistent study of Scripture reveals a unified and logical picture that fully supports this truth. God warns us against seeking communication with the dead because such attempts open the door to deception by demonic forces. True hope is found in Christ, who promises to call the righteous from the grave at His second coming.

At the return of Jesus, the righteous dead will rise first, and together with the living righteous will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. This is the “first resurrection,” the resurrection of life. The unrighteous, however, remain in their graves until the end of the thousand-year period, when they are raised for judgment — the “second resurrection.” At the close of that judgment, sin and sinners will be destroyed forever, ensuring that evil will never rise again.

Scripture teaches this plainly:

i) Death is a temporary sleep

“For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing.” — Ecclesiastes 9:5–6

“His breath goeth forth... in that very day his thoughts perish.” — Psalm 146:4

“Lazarus sleepeth... Jesus spake of his death.” — John 11:11–14

ii) The dead cannot communicate

“Regard not them that have familiar spirits...” — Leviticus 19:31

“There shall not be found... a consulter with familiar spirits...” — Deuteronomy 18:9–12

“To the law and to the testimony...” — Isaiah 8:19–20

iii) The righteous dead rise at Christ’s return

“When Christ, who is our life, shall appear...” — Colossians 3:4

“We shall all be changed... at the last trump.” — 1 Corinthians 15:51–54

iv) The living righteous join Christ at His coming

“The dead in Christ shall rise first... then we which are alive...” — 1 Thessalonians 4:13–17

v) The unrighteous rise in a second resurrection

“All that are in the graves... they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.” — John 5:28–29

vi) A thousand years separate the two resurrections

"They lived not again until the thousand years were finished." — Revelation 20:1-10

Further reading: Revelation 14:13; Isaiah 26:19

Personal Reflection

This lesson reminds us that death is not the end for those who trust in Christ. Although sin brought death into the world, Jesus conquered the grave through His resurrection and offers eternal life to all who abide in Him. Understanding the truth about death protects us from deception, removes fear, and anchors our hope in the promise of the resurrection. When we know what Scripture teaches, we can face the future with confidence in God's power and His love.

Pause and consider:

- Why does sin bring death if God created humanity for life?
- Why has God arranged two separate resurrections instead of one?
- How does understanding the sleep of death protect me from spiritual deception?
- Does Christ's promise of resurrection give me courage, peace, and hope for the future?

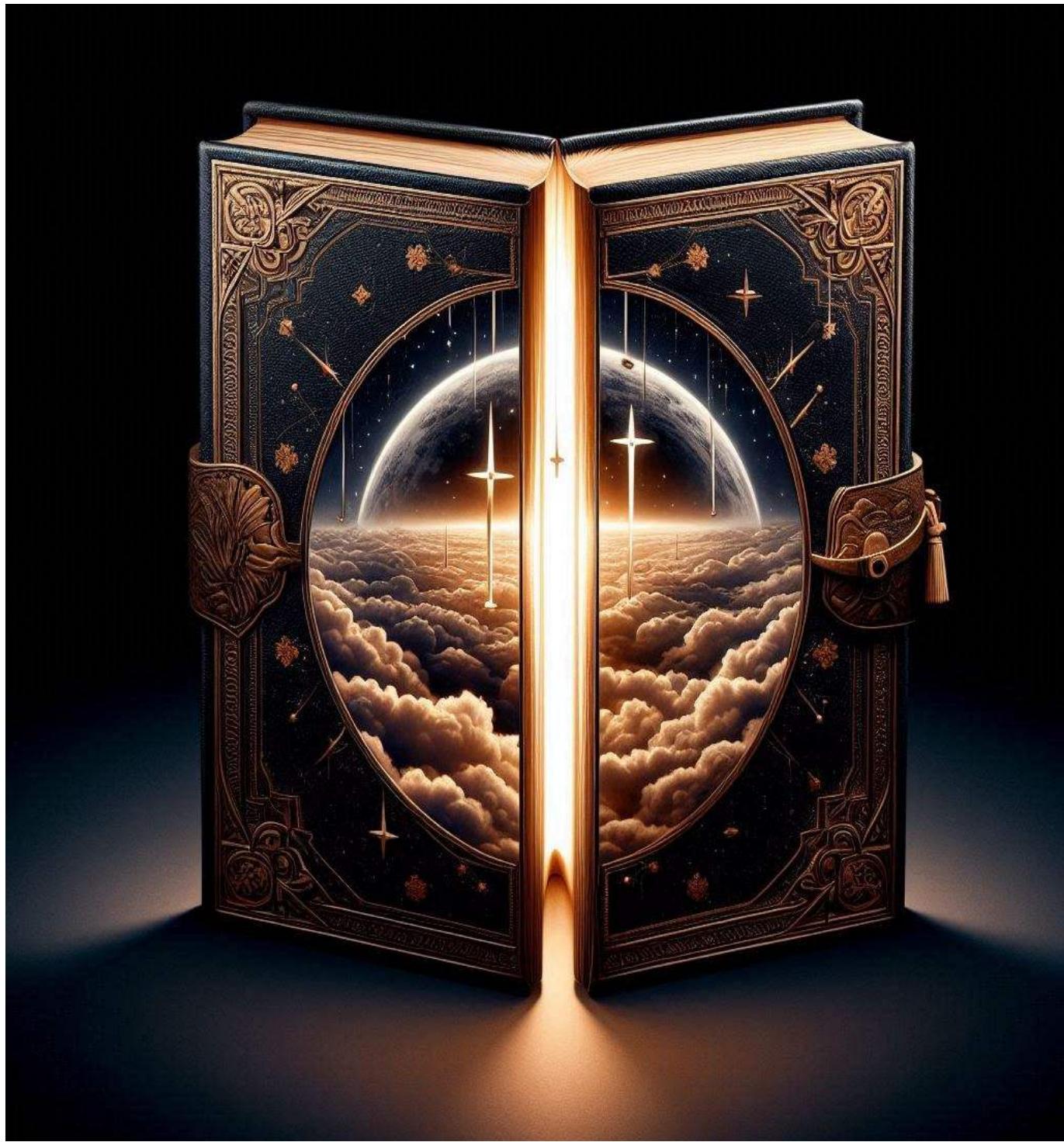
Commitment

God has not left death as a mystery. He has revealed its nature, its cause, and its final end. If this lesson has deepened your confidence in Christ's promise of resurrection, respond to Him with trust and gratitude.

Prayer:

"Father, thank You for the comfort that death is a sleep from which Jesus will awaken His people. I place my hope in Christ alone and look forward to the day when He returns to give eternal life. Keep me faithful, whether I live to see His coming or sleep until the resurrection."

Lesson 9 – The Law of God



Why God's Law Still Matters

As time moves further from the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, the importance of God's law has been widely forgotten. Society has drifted from moral clarity to moral confusion, from community responsibility to self-centred living. Many pursue wealth, pleasure, and personal indulgence while neglecting the God who created them. Yet throughout history God has raised up people, movements, and churches to restore a full understanding of His will. In these last days, one of the final calls of God is to lift up the importance of His commandments and the character they reveal.

The Ten Commandments are not merely ancient rules or religious traditions — they express the eternal principles of God's love. They define how we relate to Him and how we treat one another. They form the foundation of God's covenant, the standard of His judgment, and the pattern Christ revealed through His own life. While salvation is entirely by grace, obedience is the evidence of a transformed heart and the fruit of a living relationship with Jesus. Through the Holy Spirit, God writes His law upon the heart so that obedience becomes both possible and joyful.

The Nature and Purpose of God's Law

The law of God is a revelation of His character — holy, just, and good. Its principles are expressed in the Ten Commandments and summarised by Jesus in the commands to love God and love our neighbour. Far from being abolished, the law remains the eternal standard of righteousness for all people in every age. It is the basis of God's covenant and the standard by which all will be judged. Christ Himself lived in perfect harmony with the law, showing that obedience flows naturally from love.

The law does not save us; rather, it shows us our need for a Saviour. It exposes sin, awakens conviction, and leads us to Christ for forgiveness and transformation. When we accept salvation by grace through faith, God writes His law upon our hearts, empowering us to live in harmony with His character. Obedience becomes the evidence that faith is genuine and that Christ is working within us to restore His image.

Scripture presents these truths clearly:

i) God's law is expressed in the Ten Commandments

See Exodus 20:1-17

ii) The law expresses God's love and will

"This is my commandment, That ye love one another..." — John 15:12

"Love is the fulfilling of the law." — Romans 13:8-10

iii) The law has not been abolished

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law..." — Matthew 5:17-20

iv) The law is the basis of both covenants

See Deuteronomy 28:1-14; Hebrews 8:8-10

v) The law forms the standard of judgment

"Fear God, and keep his commandments..." — Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

"So speak ye, and so do..." — James 2:8-12

vi) Christ perfectly obeyed the law

"I have kept my Father's commandments..." — John 15:10

Further reading: Matthew 22:36–40; Psalm 40:7–8; Deuteronomy 4:13; Deuteronomy 10:4; Nehemiah 9:13–14; Romans 7:7; James 2:10–12

The Law, Conviction, and the Life of Faith

The primary role of the law is to reveal sin. Without the law, we would not recognise our need for forgiveness or understand the depth of Christ's sacrifice. Once sin is exposed, the law directs us to Jesus as the only solution. We are saved by grace alone — not by our obedience, but by Christ's righteousness in our place. True obedience grows out of a grateful heart that has experienced God's mercy — a willing response of love, not a means of earning favour. Obedience becomes the result of salvation, not the cause of it.

When God writes His law on the heart through the Holy Spirit, obedience becomes an expression of love, not a burden. It shapes Christian character, strengthens spiritual discernment, and serves as a living testimony to the world. A life of obedience empowered by Christ is not legalism — it is the evidence of a transformed heart. It reveals the power of Jesus to restore what sin has damaged and to reflect His character in those who follow Him.

Scripture explains this clearly:

i) The law reveals sin

"By the law is the knowledge of sin." — Romans 3:20

"I had not known sin, but by the law." — Romans 7:7

ii) Conviction leads us to Christ

"O wretched man that I am!... I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord." — Romans 7:24–25

iii) Salvation is by grace, not works

"By grace are ye saved through faith..." — Ephesians 2:8–10

iv) God writes His law on the heart

"I will put my laws into their mind..." — Hebrews 8:10

v) Obedience develops character

"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul..." — Psalm 19:7-14

vi) Obedience demonstrates loyalty and love

"That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us..." — Romans 8:3-4

"This is the love of God, that we keep his commandments." — 1 John 5:3

vii) Obedience is a witness to the world

"Ye are our epistle... known and read of all men." — 2 Corinthians 3:2-3

Further reading: John 16:7-10; Revelation 14:12

Personal Reflection

This lesson reminds us that God's law is not a list of restrictions but a revelation of His love. Far from limiting us, it is the "law of liberty" — freeing us from the burdens and bondage of sin by showing the path of life, peace, and moral clarity. It exposes what destroys us, points us to Christ for forgiveness and strength, and guides us into a deeper walk with Him. The law reveals what God values and what He longs to restore within our hearts, shaping our character into harmony with His own.

Pause and consider:

- What would the world be like if God had given no laws at all?
- How does the life of Jesus show the beauty and purpose of God's commandments?
- Why did God write the Ten Commandments in stone — and what does that say about their permanence?
- Do I see the law as a burden, or as God's loving guidance to protect me from sin?

Commitment

God's law leads us to Christ and helps shape a life that honours Him. If this lesson has helped you see the beauty and purpose of God's commandments, respond to Him with sincerity.

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Prayer:

"Father, Your law shows me my need of a Saviour and reveals the beauty of Your character. I accept Your law as binding today, and I ask for the power of Your Spirit to write it upon my heart. Help me to live obediently, joyfully, and faithfully as a testimony to Your love."

Lesson 10 – The Day Of Rest



Why the "7th Day of Rest" Matters Today

Few biblical teachings are as misunderstood, debated, or emotionally charged as the 7th Day of Rest, otherwise known as the Sabbath. For many, it raises questions about tradition, upbringing, church history, and long-held assumptions. Yet the Sabbath is not a side issue or a denominational topic — it is a creation-based truth that runs through the entire Bible and becomes one of the final tests of loyalty in earth's closing scenes. The Sabbath links creation, redemption, and restoration — the three great works only the Creator can perform.

"Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."
— Revelation 14:12

From the very beginning, God set apart the seventh day of Creation as a sacred day of rest — a memorial of His power, His authority, and His identity as the Creator. Yet this day, which God Himself sanctified, is one of the most misinterpreted and controversially redefined teachings in all of Scripture. Few realise that the day of rest is far more than a pause from labour; it is the only sign God has stamped upon time itself that points unmistakably to who the true Creator is.

Because of this, the Sabbath will become one of the defining issues in the final conflict between God's people and the followers of Satan — a test of allegiance rooted not in tradition, but in the authority of God's Word. When we understand this, we see that the final conflict is not about arbitrary rules, but about worship, authority, and trust. The Sabbath becomes the test because it identifies the true Creator and marks those who choose His authority over every human substitute.

As stated, there is widespread confusion about this Rest Day — what it is, when it is, and why God established it. A quick internet search only adds to the uncertainty, as human opinions often overshadow the clear testimony of Scripture. Because God is not the author of confusion, we must turn to the Bible as our first and final authority. When we do, we discover that the Sabbath is not a Jewish invention, nor a cultural tradition, but a divine appointment established at Creation itself.

Long before the rise of Israel, God set apart the seventh day as holy, resting after His creative work and blessing the day as a perpetual memorial. The Sabbath was given for all people, not merely one nation, and Jesus Himself affirmed its importance during His earthly ministry. In a world consumed with hurry, distraction, and exhaustion, the Sabbath stands as God's weekly gift — calling us to rest, remember our Creator, and delight in fellowship with Him.

The Biblical Foundation of the Sabbath

In the last days, Satan will promote a counterfeit form of worship designed to replace God's sign of Creation. Understanding the Sabbath now protects God's people from deception later.

The Sabbath began at the dawn of human history. After creating the world in six literal days, God rested, blessed, and sanctified the seventh day. Even during the exodus from Egypt, well before Israel reached Mount Sinai, God reminded His people of the Sabbath through the manna miracle (Exodus 16:23–30). By placing the Sabbath in the Ten Commandments, God reaffirmed its universal and unchangeable nature for all generations.

Far from abolishing it, Jesus kept the Sabbath, taught its true purpose, and declared Himself “Lord of the Sabbath.” Even after His death, Christ's followers rested on the Sabbath “according to the commandment.” Scripture never applies the term “Lord’s Day” to Sunday; the only day Jesus claims lordship over is the Sabbath (Mark 2:27–28). Decades later the apostle John received the Revelation of Jesus Christ “on the Lord’s Day” (Revelation 1:10)— the day belonging to the One who declared Himself Lord of the Sabbath. This confirms that no change in the weekly sacred day had taken place, nor is there any change commanded or suggested anywhere in Scripture.

Together, these truths reveal that the Sabbath is inseparably connected to creation, redemption, and restoration — the three divine works that belong to God alone. To set aside the Sabbath is to blur the line between the true Creator and every counterfeit that seeks to replace Him.

Scripture affirms these truths:

i) God sanctified the Sabbath at Creation

“And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it...” — Genesis 2:3

ii) The Sabbath is part of God’s moral law

“Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy... the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God.” — Exodus 20:8–10;

“Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it... as the LORD thy God commanded thee.” — Deuteronomy 5:12–15

iii) The Sabbath was given for all people

“Also the sons of the stranger... every one that keepeth the sabbath... even them will I bring to my holy mountain.” — Isaiah 56:6–7

“The sabbath was made for man...” — Mark 2:27

iv) Prophecy predicted attacks against the Sabbath

“And he shall... think to change times and laws.” — Daniel 7:25

v) Jesus kept the Sabbath

“And, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day...” — Luke 4:16

vi) His followers kept it after the crucifixion

“...and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment.” — Luke 23:55-56

vii) The Sabbath is from sunset to sunset

“...from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath.” — Leviticus 23:32

“...when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased...” — Mark 1:32

(Mark 1:29-32 shows that the people waited until sunset after the Sabbath ended before bringing others to Jesus — confirming the sundown-to-sundown pattern.)

viii) Proper observance involves turning away from secular business

“If ye bring in no burden on the sabbath day... then shall ye have gates open continually.” —

Nehemiah 13:19 “

...that the LORD hath given you the sabbath...” — Exodus 16:29

“...then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD...” — Isaiah 58:14

Further reading: Exodus 16:23-30; Exodus 31; Matthew 12; Hebrews 4

The Sabbath as Covenant, Sign, and Blessing

The Sabbath is not merely a day of physical rest — it is God's covenant sign, marking Him as the One who creates, redeems, and sanctifies His people (Exodus 31:13–17). It stands as a weekly reminder that salvation is God's work, not ours, and that true rest is found only in Christ. Jesus used the Sabbath to reveal God's compassion, restoring the sick and lifting burdens, showing that the Sabbath is meant to be a delight and a blessing.

Hebrews 4 presents the Sabbath as a symbol of the spiritual rest Christ gives to those who trust Him, while Revelation 14:7 places Sabbath worship at the heart of God's final call to the world — a summons to return to the worship of the true Creator. Joyful Sabbath keeping becomes both a testimony of love and a foretaste of the eternal rest God has prepared for His people.

Scripture explains the purpose of the Sabbath:

i) It is a sign of our relationship with God

“...it is a sign between me and you...” — Exodus 31:13

“...a perpetual covenant... for ever.” — Exodus 31:16–17

ii) It reveals allegiance to the Creator

“...that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them.” — Ezekiel 20:12

“...hallow my sabbaths...” — Ezekiel 20:20

iii) It invites us to delight in the Lord

“...call the sabbath a delight...” — Isaiah 58:13

“...then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD...” — Isaiah 58:14

iv) Jesus taught the Sabbath as a day for doing good

"The Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day." — Matthew 12:8

"...it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days." — Matthew 12:12

v) It points to spiritual rest in Christ

"...a rest to the people of God." — Hebrews 4:9

"...enter into that rest..." — Hebrews 4:11

vi) It forms part of God's last-day message

"...worship him that made heaven, and earth..." — Revelation 14:7

Further reading: Psalm 92; Exodus 20:11

Personal Reflection

This lesson reminds us that the Sabbath is not merely a command — it is a gift. It invites us to step away from the pressures of life and rest in God's presence. It protects our time, restores our joy, strengthens our families, and renews our spiritual walk. But it also carries deep significance for the final days of earth's history.

The Sabbath points unmistakably to the true Creator and becomes a dividing line between loyalty to God and the deceptions of the enemy. In choosing to honour the Sabbath, we choose to stand with Christ, remember our Creator, and prepare for the crisis ahead. Understanding the Sabbath now protects God's people from the counterfeit worship that will sweep the world in the last days.

Pause and consider:

- If Christians are called to live every day for God, what makes the Sabbath uniquely special?
- Why did Jesus make a habit of attending worship every Sabbath?
- Do I see the Sabbath as a burden or a blessing?
- Am I prepared to remain faithful when the Sabbath becomes a deciding issue in earth's final conflict?

Commitment

If this lesson has helped you see the beauty, purpose, and blessing of God's holy day, respond with sincerity. The Sabbath is more than weekly rest — it is a sign of loyalty to the Creator and a safeguard against last-day deception. If God is speaking to your heart, choose today to honour the day He blessed and sanctified, to rest in His authority, and to walk in joyful obedience to your Creator and Redeemer.

Prayer:

"Father, I believe You established the seventh-day Sabbath as a gift for all humanity. I choose to follow Jesus' example by keeping this day holy, delighting in Your presence, and honouring You through worship and acts of kindness. Strengthen me to walk in joyful obedience and to treasure the Sabbath as Your sign of love and covenant."

Lesson 11 – The Experience of Salvation



Why Salvation Is Needed

Many people speak about “being saved,” yet few understand what salvation actually means, why it is necessary, or how it is received. Scripture is clear that no one will enter heaven without trusting God, loving Him, and choosing to live in harmony with His will. Since heaven will be a place of perfect love, peace, and joy, only those who desire God’s character and guidance will feel at home there. Salvation is not merely escape from punishment — it is transformation into the life God intended from the beginning.

The Bible reveals that every human being is born into a world damaged by sin, separated from God, weakened in nature, and incapable of saving themselves. Because of this, God sent His Son — not simply to forgive sin, but to restore broken humanity. Jesus became our Substitute, our Example, and our Redeemer. Through His life, death, and resurrection, He provided a way for sinners to be reconciled to God, restored by the Spirit, and empowered to live a holy life. Salvation is God’s work from beginning to end, offered freely to all who believe.

How God Saves Us

In infinite love, God made Christ — who had no sin — to take upon Himself the guilt and condemnation of humanity. Through the Holy Spirit, we begin to sense our need for God, recognise our sinfulness, and are led to repentance. True repentance is more than regret; it is a heartfelt turning away from sin and a surrender to Christ as Saviour and Lord. Saving faith is a gift of God’s grace, strengthened by His Word, and exercised when we trust Jesus fully.

Through faith, we are justified — declared righteous because of Christ’s merits, not our own. We are adopted into God’s family, delivered from the power of sin, and given the assurance of eternal life. The Holy Spirit then begins the work of sanctification, renewing our minds, writing God’s law on our hearts, and giving us power to live victoriously. As we abide in Christ, we become partakers of the divine nature and grow into the likeness of His character. Salvation is not merely forgiveness — it is restoration.

Scripture presents these truths plainly:

i) All have sinned

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” — Romans 3:23

ii) Sin separates us from God

“The carnal mind is enmity against God...” — Romans 8:5–8

iii) The Spirit reveals our need

“He will reprove the world of sin...” — John 16:7–8

iv) We must confess and repent

“If we say we have no sin...” — 1 John 1:8–10

“Repent...” — Acts 2:38

v) We cannot save ourselves

“Not by works of righteousness...” — Titus 3:3–7

Further reading: Galatians 3:13–14; 1 Peter 2:21–22

Receiving Salvation Through Faith

Faith is the channel through which all the blessings of salvation flow. It is God's gift to every seeking heart and grows as we hear, believe, and respond to His Word. By faith we accept Christ as our personal Saviour, trusting His blood for forgiveness, His righteousness for justification, and His power for victory. Through faith we are adopted as God's children, assured of eternal life, and delivered from the dominion of sin.

Faith leads to genuine transformation. We are born again through the Spirit, given new desires, renewed minds, and strength to live a holy life. God promises to write His law on our hearts so obedience becomes the natural fruit of love. As we confess our sins, He freely forgives, cleanses, and restores us. The Christian life is not a self-improvement project — it is a supernatural work of God's power made effective through believing His promises.

Scripture teaches this clearly:

i) Faith and salvation are gifts

"By grace are ye saved... through faith..." — Ephesians 2:5–10

ii) Faith comes through the Word

"Faith cometh by hearing..." — Romans 10:17

iii) We receive Christ by faith

"Whosoever believeth in him..." — John 3:16

iv) By faith we are justified

"That he might be just, and the justifier..." — Romans 3:21–26

v) By faith we become God's children

"As many as received him..." — John 1:12; Galatians 4:4-7

vi) By faith we are delivered and assured

"He gave himself for our sins..." — Galatians 1:4

"That ye may know..." — 1 John 5:13

vii) By faith we are born again

"Except a man be born again..." — John 3:3-8

viii) By faith we are transformed

"Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind..." — Romans 12:2

"A new creature..." — 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

ix) By faith we receive power to live a holy life

"I will put my Spirit within you..." — Ezekiel 36:25-27

"Led by the Spirit..." — Romans 8:14

x) God writes His law on our hearts

"I will put my laws into their minds..." — Hebrews 8:7-12

xi) God forgives as we confess

"He is faithful and just to forgive..." — 1 John 1:7-9

Further reading: Mark 9:23-24; Colossians 1:13-14; Romans 8:14-17

Personal Reflection

This lesson reminds us that salvation is not earned through effort or achieved through religious works — it is received through faith in Christ and sustained by His power. The Christian life is a new life, born of the Holy Spirit, shaped by God’s Word, and strengthened by His grace. Through salvation we find forgiveness, assurance, identity, and transformation. It changes how we live now and gives us the hope of eternal life.

Pause and consider:

- Why does Scripture describe the Christian journey as a “new life” rather than simply a new belief?
- Why is it impossible to live a holy life without God’s Spirit working in the heart?
- Do I trust Christ not only to forgive my sins, but to transform my character and sustain me daily?

Commitment

If this lesson has helped you see the depth of God’s love and the power of His salvation, respond to Him now with faith and surrender.

Prayer:

“Father, I acknowledge that I am separated from You by nature and cannot save myself. Thank You for providing a Saviour in Jesus Christ. By faith I accept Your forgiveness, Your cleansing, and Your power to live a holy life. I accept adoption into Your family and look forward to eternity in Your presence.”

Lesson 12 – *The Second Coming of Christ*



{WILL YOU BE DECEIVED?}

Why Understanding Christ's Return Matters

The Second Coming of Christ is one of the most distorted teachings in modern Christianity. Much of this confusion comes from a misreading of the very Scriptures people believe support a “secret rapture.” Popular books and films — especially the Left Behind series — have built an entire storyline on a misunderstanding of Jesus’ words about those who were “taken” and those who were “left,” ignoring the clear context of the days of Noah. In Noah’s time, the ones who were taken were taken in destruction, and the ones left were the saved — the exact opposite of what modern interpretations claim. Jesus warned that similar deceptions would arise in the last days, including false christs, false prophets, and counterfeit signs meant to mislead even sincere believers. Only by letting Scripture interpret Scripture can we avoid being swept away by teachings that contradict the plain, visible, earth-shaking return that Jesus Himself described.

But God has not left humanity in uncertainty. The Bible gives clear, unmistakable descriptions of Christ’s return so that no sincere seeker need be deceived. Jesus will return exactly as He ascended — literally, visibly, and gloriously. His coming will not be secret, hidden, or mystical; every eye will see Him, every ear will hear Him, and every nation will witness the event. Understanding these truths is essential to spiritual safety and to the hope of eternal life. Acts 1:11 assures us, “This same Jesus... shall so come in like manner.” Revelation 1:7 declares, “Every eye shall see him.”

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The Nature of Christ's Second Coming

The Second Coming is the blessed hope of the church and the climax of the entire plan of redemption. When Jesus returns, the righteous dead will be resurrected, the righteous living will be transformed, and both groups will be caught up together to meet the Lord in the air. Meanwhile, the unrighteous — unprepared and still in rebellion — will perish at the brightness of His coming. The return of Christ will be global, glorious, and impossible to counterfeit.

Bible prophecy indicates that nearly all the signs Jesus described have already been fulfilled. The moral, social, political, and religious condition of the world reveals that His coming is near. But while we may know the season, God has not revealed the exact time. Instead, He commands us to watch, be sober, and remain spiritually ready at all times.

Scripture affirms these truths:

i) Jesus personally promised to return

“...I will come again, and receive you unto myself...” — John 14:3

ii) The Second Coming is the blessed hope

“...looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing...” — Titus 2:13

iii) Christ's return is literal and visible

“...this same Jesus... shall so come in like manner...” — Acts 1:11

“Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him...” — Revelation 1:7

“...ye shall see the Son of man sitting... and coming in the clouds of heaven.” — Matthew 26:64

iv) There is no such thing as a secret rapture

“For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.” — Matthew 24:27

“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout... with the trump of God...” — 1 Thessalonians 4:16

“...and the dead in Christ shall rise first... then we... shall be caught up... to meet the Lord in the air.” — 1 Thessalonians 4:16–17

v) His return brings salvation to the righteous

“...unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time... unto salvation.” — Hebrews 9:28

vi) The righteous receive eternal life at His coming

“...we shall all be changed... this mortal must put on immortality.” — 1 Corinthians 15:51–53

“...a crown of righteousness... which the Lord... shall give me at that day.” — 2 Timothy 4:8

vii) The unrighteous will die at His appearing

“...taking vengeance on them that know not God...” — 2 Thessalonians 1:8

“...whom the Lord shall consume...” — 2 Thessalonians 1:9–10

“...the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse...” — Revelation 19:21

“...in righteousness he doth judge and make war.” — Revelation 19:11

Further reading: Joel 2; 1 Corinthians 15; Revelation 6

Signs That Christ's Return Is Near

Jesus and the prophets gave unmistakable signs that would occur before His second coming. Nearly all of them have already taken place — global conflict, moral decay, natural disasters, religious confusion, spiritual deception, and an explosion of knowledge. The perilous condition of the world testifies that prophecy is rapidly fulfilling and that the final events will occur quickly.

Scripture warns that evil will increase, love will grow cold, and deception will intensify. People will be drawn to lies, false miracles, and teachings that contradict the Bible. This is why Jesus emphasised the need for constant watchfulness. Although we cannot know the day or hour, we must be spiritually ready at all times, living in daily fellowship with Christ.

Scripture emphasises:

i) Prophetic signs fulfilled

“...there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes...” — Matthew 24:7

“...when ye shall see these things come to pass...” — Luke 21:31

“...the end shall not be yet.” — Mark 13:7

ii) Moral decline predicted

“...in the last days perilous times shall come.” — 2 Timothy 3:1

“Men shall be lovers of their own selves... without natural affection... despisers of those that are good...” — 2 Timothy 3:2-3

iii) The exact timing is unknown

“...of that day and hour knoweth no man...” — Matthew 24:36

iv) Believers must watch and remain ready

“...let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.” — 1 Thessalonians 5:6

“...what manner of persons ought ye to be...” — 2 Peter 3:11

“...be ye also ready...” — Matthew 24:44

Further reading: Daniel 12; Revelation 13–14

Personal Reflection

This lesson reminds us that Jesus’ return is not a vague hope but a certain event. The Bible reveals exactly how Christ will come so that no one need be deceived. Understanding these truths protects us from the many false christs, false prophets, and false doctrines that surround us today. Christ longs to return not merely to end suffering, but to gather His people, restore all things, and bring them into eternal fellowship with Him.

Pause and consider:

- Why does Jesus long to return, and what does that reveal about His character?
- How should I respond when someone claims to be Christ or teaches a theory that contradicts Scripture?
- What does Jesus mean when He commands us to “watch and be ready”?
- Do I look forward to Christ’s return as I would anticipate the arrival of a dear friend?

Commitment

If this lesson has renewed your hope in Jesus’ return and awakened a desire to stand firm against deception, take a moment to respond to God in faith.

Prayer:

"Father, I look forward to the return of Jesus with hope and anticipation. Help me to remain watchful, faithful, and anchored in Your Word. Keep me from deception and prepare my heart to meet Christ with joy when He returns in glory."

Final Appeal

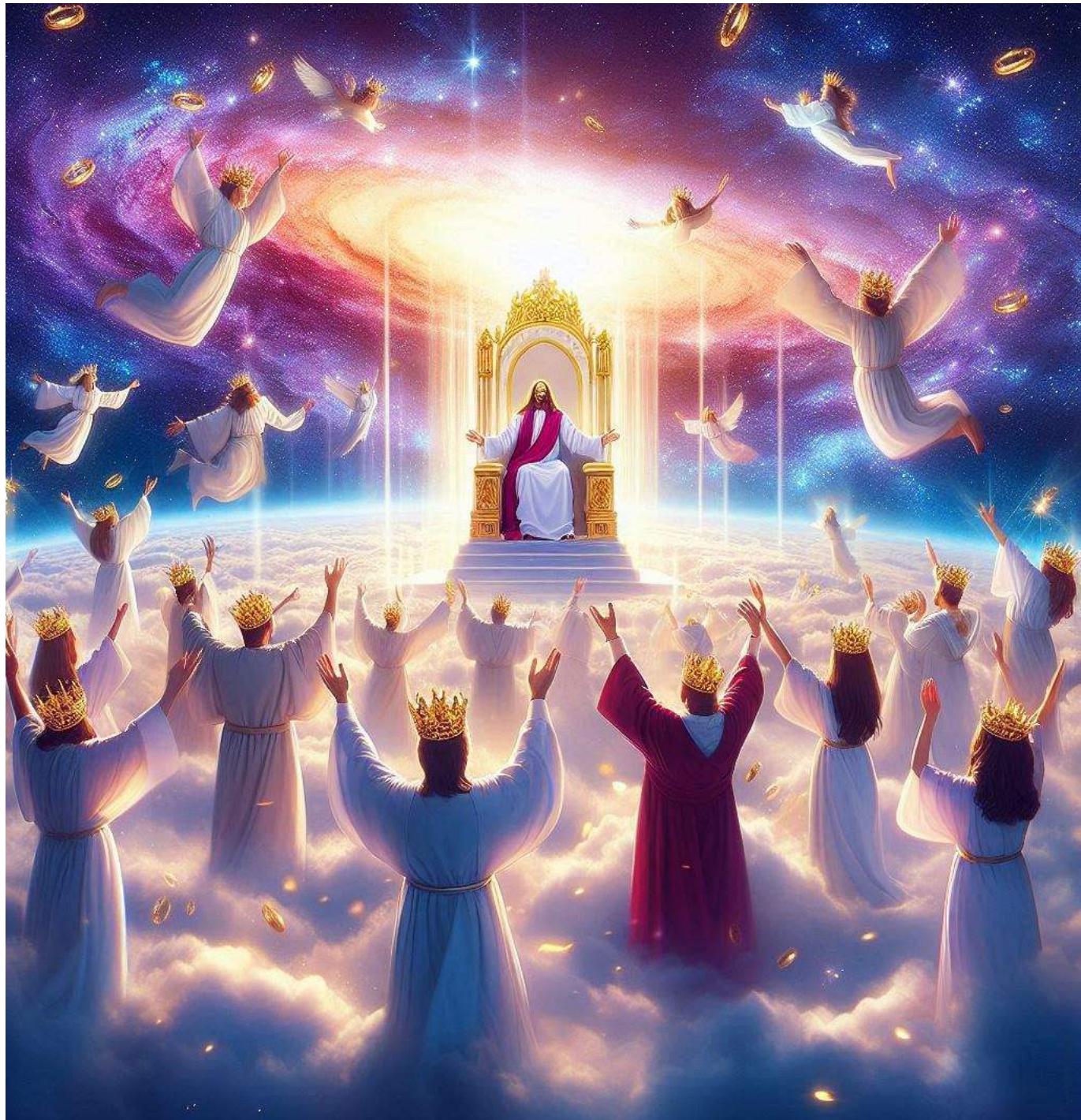
As we witness the unsettling events unfolding across the world, it becomes unmistakably clear that time is running short. Soon every human being will make a final, irreversible choice — either full loyalty to Christ or full acceptance of the deceptions that sweep the world. Now, more than ever, it is essential to study the Scriptures, know the truth, and follow Christ wholeheartedly. Eternity hangs in the balance.

For those who choose the wrong path, the temporary comfort of remaining with the world will soon fade. When God pours out His Spirit in one last powerful movement to call His people home, the contrast between truth and error will become unmistakable. But once every heart has made its decision, probation will close, and the door of mercy will shut. After that moment, no further opportunity for repentance will remain. Those who rejected Christ will face the outpouring of God's judgments during the plagues and will stand unprepared for the brightness of Jesus' second coming.

My prayer for you is that you open your heart to Jesus, allow Him to guide your life, and stand firm in the truth as revealed in His Word.

"The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace." — Numbers 6:24-26

Lesson 13 – The Millennium and the End of Sin



Why the Millennium Matters for Every Believer

For nearly two thousand years Christians have preached and anticipated the return of Jesus, yet in our generation the urgency of this hope has grown faint. Many are absorbed with earthly concerns and give little thought to their eternal destiny. Even among believers, a dangerous assumption persists — that we still have plenty of time, that God will change us later, and that preparation is not needed now. But Scripture warns that Christ returns with His reward, bringing the results of every person's choices with Him (Matthew 16:24–27; Isaiah 40:10; Revelation 22:12). His coming does not start our preparation; it reveals whether the preparation was done.

Because so few study the Bible as they should, false teachings about the last days have spread widely. Some preach earthly kingdoms of peace before Christ returns; others promote a secret rapture; still others promise a second chance after death. But Scripture cuts through the confusion and presents a clear sequence of final events. Understanding the millennium is essential, because it exposes the justice of God, explains the fate of the lost, and reveals the everlasting security of the redeemed. Those who ignore these truths risk misunderstanding God's plan — and missing the preparation required for eternal life.

The Thousand Years — God's Timeline for Judgment

The millennium is the thousand-year period between the first resurrection (of the righteous) and the second resurrection (of the wicked). It begins when Christ returns in glory, raises the righteous dead, and takes all of His redeemed people to heaven. During this time the wicked remain dead, the earth lies in total desolation, and Satan with his angels is confined here with no one to deceive. Creation experiences a Sabbath from sin, and meanwhile the righteous reign with Christ in heaven, participating in the judgment of the lost — reviewing the records and confirming the justice of God.

Scripture presents this sequence with clarity:

i) The millennium is a 1,000-year reign with Christ in heaven

“...and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.” — Revelation 20:4

ii) The righteous participate in the judgment of the wicked

“...and judgment was given unto them.” — Revelation 20:4 “

...the saints shall judge the world... shall judge angels.” — 1 Corinthians 6:2-3

iii) The millennium lies between two resurrections

“...this is the first resurrection... the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished.” — Revelation 20:4-6

iv) Satan is bound to a desolate earth

“...he laid hold on the dragon... and bound him a thousand years.” — Revelation 20:1-3, 7

v) The earth becomes empty and broken

“I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void...” — Jeremiah 4:23-26

Revelation 20:1; Jeremiah 4:23-26;

Also compare Genesis 1:2; and see also Revelation 6:14-17; 16:17-21

During this time, no human being remains alive on earth. The righteous are with Christ in heaven; the wicked have perished at His coming; and Satan, the instigator of all rebellion, is fully exposed before the universe as powerless without followers to deceive.

Further reading: Jude 14-15; Isaiah 24; 2 Peter 2

The End of Sin – The Final Judgment and Cleansing of Earth

At the close of the thousand years, Christ, the redeemed, and the New Jerusalem descend from heaven to the earth. This marks the beginning of the final confrontation. The wicked are resurrected in the “second resurrection,” and Satan immediately gathers them for one last attempt to overthrow God’s rule. They surround the Holy City, demonstrating that even after seeing God’s justice throughout history, their hearts remain unchanged.

Then comes the final act of judgment. Fire comes down from God out of heaven, destroying Satan, his angels, and all the unrighteous. This is the “second death” — eternal destruction from which there is no resurrection. The fires cleanse the earth, erasing every trace of sin. When the cleansing is complete, the fire goes out, the curse is removed, and God creates a new heaven and a new earth where righteousness dwells.

Scripture describes this powerful sequence:

i) Christ and the redeemed descend with the Holy City

“...the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven...” — Revelation 21:2

“Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men...” — Revelation 21:3

ii) The wicked are resurrected

“...the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished.” — Revelation 20:5

iii) Satan leads the wicked in a final rebellion

“And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed...” — Revelation 20:7 “

...to deceive the nations... to gather them to battle...” — Revelation 20:8

iv) The wicked surround the Holy City

“...they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints...” —
Revelation 20:9

v) The final judgment takes place

“...the dead were judged... according to their works.” — Revelation 20:12 “...whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.” — Revelation 20:15

vi) Fire cleanses the earth completely

“...the elements shall melt with fervent heat...” — 2 Peter 3:10
“...all the proud... shall be stubble...” — Malachi 4:1

vii) Satan and sin are destroyed forever

“...I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth...” — Ezekiel 28:18
“...never shalt thou be any more.” — Ezekiel 28:19

This is the moment the universe has long awaited — the end of sin, the vindication of God’s character, and the restoration of eternal peace.

Further reading: Isaiah 66:22–24; Revelation 22

Personal Reflection

This lesson reveals the justice, patience, and mercy of God. The millennium shows that God hides nothing — every case is opened, every question is answered, and the redeemed witness the fairness of His judgments. The final destruction of Satan and sin ensures that rebellion will never rise again. The new earth becomes God’s eternal gift to His faithful people.

Pause and consider:

- Why does God allow the righteous to participate in the judgment of the lost?
- Why must Satan and all sin be completely destroyed?
- After witnessing the results of sin throughout earth's history, do you think rebellion could ever rise again?
- Does knowing God's fairness increase my trust in His character and His final judgment?

Commitment

If this lesson has strengthened your confidence in God's justice and deepened your longing for Christ's kingdom, take a moment to respond to Him now.

Prayer:

"Father, thank You for revealing the truth about the millennium and the final end of sin. I long to be among the redeemed who reign with Christ and witness Your perfect justice. Keep my heart faithful, my life surrendered, and my hope fixed on the new earth You will create."

Lesson 14 – The New Earth and Eternity Begins



The End of the Battle, the Beginning of Eternity

When the cosmic conflict finally concludes, every question is answered, every accusation is settled, and every trace of sin has been forever removed. The universe stands united again under the unchallenged government of God — a government built on love, justice, and eternal stability. Yet God's work is not finished until the earth itself is restored. The very planet scarred by rebellion becomes the eternal home of the redeemed, renewed to the glory God intended in the beginning.

Those who enter this new world are called "righteous" — not because of human merit, but because they have surrendered their wills, embraced God's transforming power, and chosen to live in harmony with His Law of Love and Liberty. Their character, conscience, conduct, and conversation reflect the image of Christ because His law has been written on their hearts. The redeemed stand as living evidence that God's way alone brings lasting peace.

"For the Lord is our Judge, The Lord is our Lawgiver, The Lord is our King; He will save us."

— Isaiah 33:22

This is the world God has promised — not a ghostly spiritual realm, but a restored earth where righteousness dwells, and where God lives again with His people face-to-face.

God's Eternal Home for the Redeemed

Scripture paints a clear and beautiful picture of the new earth. Jesus Himself promised that He is preparing a place for His people, and the glory of that place is beyond anything the human mind can imagine. The Holy City — the New Jerusalem — descends after the millennium as the capital of God's eternal kingdom. From that moment on, righteousness fills the earth, suffering and death cease, and God personally dwells among the redeemed forever.

Scripture describes this powerful sequence:

i) Jesus is preparing our eternal home.

"...I go to prepare a place for you." — John 14:2-3

ii) Its beauty surpasses all human imagination.

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard... the things which God hath prepared..." — 1 Corinthians 2:9

iii) The Holy City descends at the close of the millennium.

"...the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven..." — Revelation 21:23 & 10-27

iv) Only righteousness dwells in the new earth.

"...we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." — 2 Peter 3:13

v) There will be no more sorrow, pain, or death.

"And God shall wipe away all tears... there shall be no more death..." — Revelation 21:4-7

vi) God Himself will dwell with His people.

"...the tabernacle of God is with men..." — Revelation 21:1-3

vii) Life in the new earth includes fulfilling work, joyful worship, learning, and growth.

"...his servants shall serve him... and they shall reign for ever and ever." — Revelation 22:1-5
Isaiah 65:21-22

This is not a vague, mystical heaven. It is a real world — restored, perfected, and governed by Christ. It is the eternal inheritance promised to the faithful in every generation.

Further reading: Isaiah 11; Isaiah 35; Isaiah 66

God's Kingdom Established Forever

The kingdom Christ establishes after the millennium will endure without end. The redeemed inherit the earth, reign with Him, and live in the direct presence of God. The universe itself rejoices, for sin is gone, death is gone, rebellion is gone — and harmony has been restored eternally.

Scripture describes this powerful sequence:

i) God's kingdom is everlasting.

“...He shall reign for ever and ever.” — Revelation 11:15

ii) God dwells with His redeemed forever.

“...they shall see His face... and reign for ever and ever.” — Revelation 22:1-4

iii) The righteous inherit the new earth.

“...the meek... shall inherit the earth.” — Matthew 5:5 “

...inherit the kingdom prepared for you...” — Matthew 25:34 “

...an everlasting kingdom... given to the saints...” — Daniel 7:27 “

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne.” — Revelation 3:21

iv) Heaven and earth unite in joyful praise.

“...the voice of a great multitude, saying, Alleluia...” — Revelation 19:6-7

This is the moment creation has long awaited — the final victory of Christ and the eternal restoration of His people.

Personal Reflection

The new earth reveals God's true character more clearly than any sermon or argument ever could. A universe healed, an earth restored, a people redeemed — all testify that God is love. As sin disappears forever, every creature finally sees that God's government is the only foundation for peace.

Consider prayerfully:

- Why will the whole universe rejoice when sin is finally eradicated from earth?
- Am I truly longing for an eternal life with God — and if not, what is standing in the way?
- Does my daily life reflect real preparation for the world that Jesus is preparing for me?

When Jesus said He was preparing a place for us, He meant it. The question is whether we will allow Him to prepare us for that place.

Commitment

In light of God's promise to restore this world and dwell with His people forever, this is the moment to respond personally and surrender fully to Him.

Prayer:

"Father, I surrender my life fully to You. Prepare my heart for the eternal kingdom You have promised. Keep me faithful, humble, and obedient, that I may live with You forever in the new earth. Let nothing in this passing world distract me from the world to come."

Following the Lamb – Series Overview



For fourteen lessons we have journeyed through the great themes of Scripture — not through the lens of human opinion, but through the clear testimony of God’s Word. Together these lessons form a single unfolding story: how God reveals Himself, how humanity fell, how Christ redeems, how the conflict ends, and how eternity begins.

We began with the foundation of all spiritual understanding: the Bible itself. Scripture is God’s voice preserved in written form — inspired, trustworthy, and profitable for teaching, correction, and transformation. It is the only safe guide for doctrine, the only true standard for truth, and the only reliable record of God’s dealings with humanity.

From there the study led us to the very heart of the universe: who God is. Scripture revealed the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit working in perfect unity — one God, eternal, loving, just, and actively engaged in the redemption of humanity. Nothing about His character is hidden from those who search His Word.

Next we turned to Jesus Christ, the One who is “God with us.” He is our Creator, yet He chose to become human so that the world could see the Father’s character in living form. His life revealed what obedience looks like. His teachings exposed the lies of the enemy. His perfect example showed the path every believer is called to walk.

Having established the nature of God and the identity of Christ, Scripture carried us back to Creation, where humanity was formed in God’s image — physical, mental, and spiritual beings designed for fellowship, joy, freedom, and eternal life. We were created with purpose and moral responsibility, meant to reflect God’s character in a world filled with goodness.

But this beauty was shattered when sin entered the world. Humanity chose independence from God, and the image of God within us was marred. Sin brought guilt, suffering, decay, and death. It distorted the mind, corrupted the heart, and introduced the pain, confusion, and brokenness we witness every day.

This fall connected us to a far larger reality — the Cosmic Conflict. Long before human history, Lucifer rebelled against God's government. His accusations demanded a fair and open demonstration of the true nature of sin. Earth became the battleground where the universe would witness the consequences of rebellion and the faithfulness of God. Every life now reveals which kingdom we align with — the kingdom of Christ or the kingdom of Satan.

At the center of this conflict stands Christ's life, death, and resurrection. Only Jesus could provide a perfect atonement. His obedience fulfilled God's law. His death satisfied the penalty of sin. His resurrection broke the power of the grave. Through Him we receive forgiveness, transformation, adoption into God's family, and the assurance of eternal life.

From there Scripture guided us into one of the most misunderstood subjects: death and the resurrection. The Bible revealed that death is a sleep — an unconscious rest — until Christ returns. No souls roaming, no communication with the dead, no ongoing consciousness. The righteous rise at Christ's return; the unrighteous rise a thousand years later. Only God possesses immortality, and He grants eternal life through Christ alone.

We then saw the beauty and permanence of God's law, the eternal foundation of His government. The Ten Commandments reveal what love looks like in action. They expose sin and point us to Christ. They were kept by Jesus, upheld by the apostles, and remain the standard by which character is measured. Obedience does not earn salvation — but salvation always produces obedience.

With the law established, Scripture naturally led us to the Sabbath, God's memorial of Creation and redemption. Instituted at the beginning, reaffirmed in the Ten Commandments, kept by Christ, and upheld by His followers, the Sabbath stands as a sign of loyalty to God's authority. In the final crisis of earth's history the Sabbath will again become a defining issue of faithfulness.

Then we explored the experience of salvation — repentance, confession, justification, new birth, sanctification, and the power of the Holy Spirit. Salvation is not a mere profession; it is the transformation of the entire life. God writes His law on the heart, renews the mind, breaks the power of sin, and makes obedience possible through the indwelling Spirit.

The final lessons turned our eyes to the closing scenes of the great conflict. We studied the Second Coming, a literal, visible, worldwide event — not secret, not symbolic. Christ returns with power and glory to gather the righteous and bring an end to death and suffering.

After that we examined the Millennium, the thousand-year period between the first and second resurrections. During this time the redeemed review the judgments of the lost, the earth lies desolate, and Satan is bound. When the millennium ends, the Holy City descends, the wicked are resurrected, final judgment is executed, and sin is destroyed forever.

And finally, the story reached its glorious climax: the New Earth. A renewed world where righteousness dwells. No tears, no pain, no sorrow, no death. God dwelling with His people. A universe cleansed of sin. Eternal peace restored. Joy unhindered. Life unending. A home prepared by Christ for those who have chosen to follow the Lamb wherever He leads.

“...these are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.”
— Revelation 14:4

Scripture describes this powerful symbolism:

“Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”
- John 1:29 (KJV)

“For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters...” — Revelation 7:17

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”
- John 10:27 (KJV)

The Moment of Decision

According to the prophetic timeline revealed in Scripture, the 6,000 years of human history are nearly complete. The results of Satan’s rebellion have been fully displayed. His accusations have been answered. Only one great crisis remains — the final, global, spiritual test that will divide the world into two groups:

those who belong to Christ,
and those who reject Him.

That line will not be drawn by force.

It will be drawn by choice — daily loyalty, personal conviction, obedience, and worship.

Soon the last warning will go to the world.

Soon mercy will close.

Soon Christ will declare, “It is done.”

And then the end will come — glorious for those who follow the Lamb, catastrophic for those who refuse Him.

Now is the time to seek truth.

Now is the time to surrender the heart.

Now is the time to walk with Christ while the door of mercy is still open.

Final Appeal

The wonders of the new earth are far beyond anything the human mind can fully grasp, yet God has never left His people without hope. Throughout history He has raised faithful men and women who pointed the world back to Scripture — calling all people to repentance, obedience, and faith in Jesus Christ. Their message has always been the same: return to the Word of God, for in it is life, truth, and salvation.

As our world grows increasingly unstable — politically, morally, environmentally, and spiritually — the final separation between truth and deception draws near. Under the banner of unity and “the common good,” fear will drive multitudes to embrace a false spiritual revival that denies the plain teachings of Scripture. The enemy will work with lying wonders, counterfeit miracles, smooth words, and persuasive alliances to lead the world into a great final deception.

In that hour, the only anchor will be the Word of God — not feelings, not popular teachings, not cultural pressure, not supernatural signs. Scripture alone will be the shield of those who stand for Christ.

Jesus warned that His truth would cut sharply through human loyalties, for the Word of God is “sharper than any twoedged sword” (Hebrews 4:12). He said plainly that following Him would even divide families: “a man at variance against his father... and a man's foes shall be they of his own household” (Matthew 10:35–36). And He declared, without apology, “He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me” (Matthew 10:37).

In the final crisis, every earthly tie will be tested, and every soul will reveal where their deepest loyalty lies. Yet in the end, each person's destiny is determined by their own choice — no one can decide for us, and no one can stand in our place.

Those who remain loyal to God's commandments and cling to the faith of Jesus may face opposition, misunderstanding, and even persecution — but they will also receive Heaven's approval and Heaven's strength.

Now is the time to seek Christ with all your heart. Now is the time to study His Word deeply, honestly, prayerfully. Now is the time to prepare for eternity — not later, not "one day," not when life slows down. Today.

A saving relationship with Jesus is not built on emotion but on surrender — choosing His will, trusting His promises, walking in His commandments, and allowing His Spirit to transform the heart. No one drifts into salvation. We enter life because we choose the narrow way that Christ Himself walked.

So I appeal to you:

Come to Christ. Trust His Word.

Follow the Lamb wherever He leads.

Let Him write His law upon your heart.

Let Him cleanse, renew, and restore you.

Let Him prepare you for the soon return of the King of Kings.

And may this ancient blessing rest upon your home, your heart, and your future:

“And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly;
and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved
blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Faithful is he that calleth you,
who also will do it.”

— 1 Thessalonians 5:23–24

For the journey ahead, take courage in the promise:

“The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil:
he shall preserve thy soul.
The LORD shall preserve thy going out
and thy coming in from this time forth,
and even for evermore.”

— Psalm 121:7–8

And let this assurance be your anchor until the day Christ returns:

“Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling,
and to present you faultless before the presence
of his glory with exceeding joy,
To the only wise God our Saviour,
be glory and majesty, dominion and power,
both now and ever.
Amen.”

— Jude 24–25

May we stand together on the sea of glass, victorious through the blood of the Lamb, as we greet our returning King.

Eternity is about to begin.

Be found on the side of Christ.

May this lesson series be a blessing for you and God Bless.

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