

## Our Father and Our God

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Hello everyone, it is December the 12<sup>th</sup> of 2023 and this is part 9 in the Our Father and Our God series. In previous messages in this series, we've seen in the Old Testament where Yehovah had referred to Christ as His Righteous Servant or some variable of that.

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We found out in Isaiah 53, verse 11:

*<sup>11</sup>He (Christ) shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, ...*

Of course, this happened, this is a prophecy of what would happen. And you can see here that there was no doubt in the Father's mind that His Servant, His Righteous Servant, would justify many.

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And that's interesting to think that through, it's there directly in Isaiah 53:11 as we read. We see the same reference in Isaiah 52:13; Isaiah 52:13.

*<sup>13</sup>Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; ...*

There was never any doubt in the Father's mind as to what He would do. He had known Him for a very long time and there was no guesswork.

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Isaiah 42, verse 1.

*<sup>1</sup> "Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One*

His firstborn.

*in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; ...*

That's why He was a righteous servant.

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So, there's just some extra scriptures for you to look at and consider in your own time. I find it interesting to take special note at times, that Christ is referred in the same way in the New Testament. And again, it's not something that I had given the consideration it merits in the past, a mistake that is in the process of being corrected.

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We looked at Acts 3:13, a passage that is instrumental in helping us understand who the God of the Old Testament really was; it just simply tells us. It is also instrumental in pointing out the fact that Christ is the Father's servant. So, it says:

*<sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, ...*

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So, we see that, and if we go on to verse 14, we get some additional information.

*<sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy One and the Just, ...*

So, God indeed can make a flesh and blood being, uncorrupt and incorruptible. And perhaps we have not thought that through and I did touch that in a previous message.

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We see the same kind of thing referenced in Acts 4; Acts 4, and we will take a look at verses 24 – 27.

*<sup>24</sup>So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "God, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, <sup>25</sup>who by the mouth of Your servant David have said: 'Why did the nations rage, and the people plot vain things? <sup>26</sup>The kings of the earth took their stand, and the rulers were gathered together against Yehovah and against His Christ.'*

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So, this is another case where we see them both referenced in the same text. So, if we take that and simply apply it back against verse 24, we know who made the heaven, the earth and the sea.

*<sup>27</sup>"For truly*

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Going on in verse 27.

*against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together*

Now listen to this!

*<sup>28</sup>to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done.*

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So, here we see God working with these people to bring about His purpose, which ultimately led to the sacrifice of His Son. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. So, you can see the Father directly involved in working with those minds or hearts, as the case may be.

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And we see exactly the same kind of dynamic here; like our Father's been written out of the script here so much theologically. We go to a passage like Revelation 17:17, speaking of the beast power.

*<sup>17</sup>For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled.*

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So, the Father is able to put a notion into people to comply with His will. And maybe some people don't even think that's a thing, but it's pretty clear in scripture. So, I just wanted to point that out, that He can and does work through people.

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If we go to Acts 3:18, we see the same type of thing.

*<sup>18</sup>But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He (The Father) has thus fulfilled.*

So, we get a little idea there of the "how to"; He works with hearts or minds to bring about His desired purpose.

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If we go to Acts 4, and verse 30 we see the same kind of a thing. Actually, I'll read verse 29.

*<sup>29</sup>Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants,*

So, the apostles understood they were servants.

*that with all boldness they may speak Your word, <sup>30</sup>by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus."*

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So, we see multiple references to Christ being a Holy Servant of God. And Holy is pure and refined, incorruptible and uncorrupt. And again, we see it's the Father doing the signs and wonders through the name of His Holy Servant Jesus.

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That is a theme that just seems to be all over the place in the scriptures. We can see a similar reference in Acts 13, verses 35 on. So, let's just go to that.

<sup>35</sup>*Therefore He also says in another Psalm: 'You will not allow Your Holy One*

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So, God had a Holy One. You know there's a thought that came along here. Well, how did He retain, or why was he the Holy One, and we'll touch on that just shortly?

*to see corruption.'* <sup>36</sup>*For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of Yehovah, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption; <sup>37</sup>but He whom Yehovah raised up saw no corruption.*

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So, we can see that Christ was uncorrupt and the Father kept Him that way. And so, God made man with the potential to be corrupted and a means of reconciliation was needed.

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And in some of the commentary I had with someone, they made a point, you know, how was Christ, why is it, what was His attitude towards sin that made Him incorruptible?

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And there are a couple of scriptures that came to mind, so, just tossing this out, because I do think it's a great way for us to stop and consider. Christ was not corruptible. He was incorruptible. And the individual I was talking to said that he had grown up with such an aversion to smoking, as an example, that the thought of doing it was just repulsive to him.

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And his comment was that Christ found sin, going against the will of God, equally repulsive to his own physical experience. And I thought, you know, that absolutely rings true. We're told in I Peter to be holy as our Father is holy. Well, that's a fairly tall order, and the method by which Christ did it, and pointed out these things to us is found in Mark 7.

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And we've read this before, but I've never made the connection in that way. How did Christ actually view sin, or being corrupt? He was recoiled by it! And He said here in Mark 7, verse 20.

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<sup>20</sup>... *“What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. <sup>21</sup>For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, <sup>22</sup>thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness.*

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Christ knew full well these things defile men, that's why they are corrupt and corruptible. And Christ of course being sinless, recoiled from all these things, saw them immediately, and was just disgusted by the whole performance. And, you know, when we read that list, are we disgusted by all of those things, is that our mindset?

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Do we let every thought come into the captivity of Christ, who recoiled at these things? When I look at that list for myself, I'm thinking, you know, maybe there's a little more work to do there. And hopefully you'll all be much further down the road than I am. But I thought, that's an interesting dynamic, and a very helpful mindset to begin to purge some of those areas that still exist in us and keep us corrupted.

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Christ didn't have anything corrupt about Him, and because God did make man corruptible then there would have to be a means of reconciliation back to the Father in place. So, it makes sense that God would create such a being who was in His own image. He knew full well of this, the Father did, as the maker of our spirits, what could well happen.

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And, you know, Psalm 16:10, again, is just another reference here. Psalm 16:10. And what's important here is to realize when this was given and consider the ramifications of that. We read it in Acts 13. But way back in Psalm 16:10, David, under the inspiration of God, said:

<sup>10</sup>*For You will not leave my soul in sheol (the Grave),*

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So, he knew of the future resurrection.

*nor will You allow Your Holy One*

So, there we have a tie-in.

*to see corruption.*

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Now you can understand the mindset of the Father not wanting His Holy One, His Son, to see corruption.

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But David knew that God had a Holy One; he spoke of Him. He knew there was another Holy One besides the Father, and we shouldn't be surprised by that, because we actually see that spoken of, which, you know, David wrote back in Psalm 2. So, he knew full well there was another one.

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Will there be other Holy Ones down the road? Oh, there sure will be. David knew what God's Holy One would go through as we read recently in Psalm 22. When we are reading the New Testament, try and pay some attention to Christ being referenced as God's Servant, and I believe you will find that instructive.

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It's a very important thing to remember actually, because the concept of being a servant to God, as Christ was, is the very purpose for salvation. We recently read Christ's reminder to Satan that Yehovah alone is to be served and the connection for us is to not forget that. You know, He plainly told him in Luke 4; Luke 4, verse 8, in His confrontation with the same.

*<sup>8</sup>... "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship Yehovah your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"*

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Well, why is that important to us? Well, turns out, if we look at our future role, if we are part of the ecclesia, and if we are raised to incorruptibility and immortality, what exactly is it we will be doing? We are told very specifically in Revelation 7, verse 15, speaking of the ones who have indeed been resurrected. These people are before the throne of God. Verse 15.

*<sup>15</sup>Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple.*

So, a resurrected Son of God has a job to do, and that is to serve the Father day and night in His temple.

*And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them.*

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If any potential future Sons of God have a problem with serving God in whatever capacity He so chooses for us, the chances of actually becoming one will be reduced to zero, it would seem, as best as I understand currently.

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I would also like to address something that I had not thought through as I should have, and that is the garden incident. Would everything have come up roses if Adam and his wife had chosen of the tree of life? Would they have suddenly have become incorruptible and sinless automatically?

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We do know with certainty that as resurrected spirit beings, God's Sons will indeed be sinless and incorruptible, for we are plainly told so in scripture. And we recently read that in I Corinthians 15 and verses 50 – 54. Being we have God's word and it is reliable, we can look to the revealed future, such that we can see what the past might have been like.

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Yehovah is going to restore all things and we read of that in Acts 3; Acts 3 and verses 19 – 21. There is going to be a restoration to a garden like condition on the earth. Where we read in Acts 3:19:

*<sup>19</sup>Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,*

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That's the Father.

*<sup>20</sup>and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which the God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.*

Part of that restoration will be the removal of Satan and his broadcasts, that do indeed affect us.

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We read in Ephesians 2; Ephesians 2, where it talks about that influence and that effect that is there. Ephesians 2:1 – 3, speaking to the ecclesia.

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*<sup>1</sup> And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,*

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So, we're led into disobedience and very often we're perfectly willing to do so.

*<sup>3</sup> among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just (like everybody else).*

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Well, that's going to come to an end, that additional influence in our lives, and we read of that in Revelation 20, verses 1 – 3.

*<sup>1</sup> Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. <sup>2</sup> He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; <sup>3</sup> and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished.*

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So, we're returning to a time where that influence; accepted and chosen in the garden, will be removed. When that broadcast is silent or silenced, who then will form the physical feedstock, the new beginning of the thousand years, for the period the church has actually called the millennium? Who will go into it, to essentially start with a clean slate where things are restored to a garden like condition?

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Well, turns out we are told that. If we go to Isaiah 65 and verse 20 – 25. Let's read that. Speaking of a time in the future.

*<sup>20</sup> "No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days;*

So, returning to a much better condition.

*for the child shall die one hundred years old,*

I mean, if you die at a hundred years, you're still a child. We're going back to living a very, very long time, physically.



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*but the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed.*

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So, even when all the influences are correct, will there still be some who choose to go another way? Well, yes, it says so.

*<sup>21</sup>They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. <sup>22</sup>They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people,*

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Again, they are going to live a very long time.

*and My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. <sup>23</sup>They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth children for trouble; for they shall be the descendants of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them.*

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So, we can see how God, in his plan, is going to seed this millennial time with people who are as clean as they can possibly be. We see exactly the same kind of thing, there is going to be a cleanup act at the end of this period of time. It says:

*<sup>1</sup>“For behold, the day is coming, (Malachi 4:1) burning like an oven, and all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up,”*

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Obviously, a lake of fire episode.

*Says the Lord of hosts, “That will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2</sup>But to you who fear My name*

A new group of people.

*the Son of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings; and you shall go out and grow fat like stall-fed calves. <sup>3</sup>You shall trample the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day that I do this,”*

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That is the quote-unquote, “millennial” beginning, a different time when all the influences are right. The wickedness of the past is put away. The end of Satan’s dominion over man, will have a purging of the wicked so influenced, such, that the thousand years will start off with a clean slate.

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God will still make spirits and cause His breath to flow, to enable human life on the earth, as we read in Isaiah 65:20-25. And indeed, all the conditions which we read about will be far, far different. But will that alone make man uncorrupt and incorruptible in his physical state? As we read, Isaiah 65:20 tells us, no.

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And Revelation 20, verses 7 – 10; Revelation 20, verses 7 – 10 confirm that. Because even after a thousand years of perfect conditions, no Satanic influence, will people be incorruptible? Well, we read that recently, but let's look at it again.

*<sup>7</sup>Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison <sup>8</sup>and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea.*

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There's going to be a driving force, a General, if you will. If these people were incorruptible, he would have no influence.

*<sup>9</sup>They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. <sup>10</sup>The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet were cast.*

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So, we see a timeframe occurring after everything was supposedly just so, and you still see people in the millennial condition, as corrupt and corruptible. So, the idea that just because the Satanic influence is gone and all of the influences are right, and by that, I mean something like Habakkuk 2:14, where the knowledge of the glory of Yehovah, will fill the earth, like the waters cover the sea.

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All of the influences were going to be correct. But those spirits that God made and put into human beings will still be subject to making the wrong choices. Whether during the first era of mankind's existence on the earth, where Satan was a thing. Or the second era, once all things were restored, God's will seems to be, that Satan and his war of rebellion against God, must be faced so a choice can be made. That is where the rubber meets the road. Choosing is a theme throughout the bible; the garden situation has not gone away.

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We look at that in Deuteronomy; Deuteronomy 30 and we'll look at verses 11 – 20.

*<sup>11</sup>“For this commandment which I command you today is not too mysterious for you, nor is it far off. <sup>12</sup>It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will ascend into heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ <sup>13</sup>Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ <sup>14</sup>But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it. <sup>15</sup>“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil, <sup>16</sup>in that I command you today to love Yehovah your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and Yehovah your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I announce to you today that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to go in and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you, life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;*

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God makes the spirits of men so that it's not in them to direct their steps. And it's going to be the same in the period we call the millennium, as it was before in this current dispensation that we live. Going on:

*<sup>20</sup>that you may love the Lord your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.”*

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We see exactly the same thing in Galatians 5 in the New Testament. Galatians 5 and verses 17 – 25. It's all over the place, it never really stops, it's choose, you must come to a point where you choose. And He explains to us what the wrong way is. It's the garden all over again. He explains to us what the wrong way is and says, choose. You must choose.

*<sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, <sup>21</sup>envy, murders, ...*

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We are given a laundry list of the wrong way. And we can choose those things without Satanic influence. We can mess up all by ourselves. The opposite way to choose.

*<sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. ... <sup>25</sup>If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*

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The same choice. We must choose right to the end of the scriptural record, it's always the same. God makes spirits of men, such that they must choose. And that is something that He has simply chosen to do, that is' how He operates.

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If we go to Revelation 22, we'll read verse 11 and keep that theme in mind. They choose; there comes a time of separation.

*<sup>11</sup>He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still.*

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Verse 14

*<sup>14</sup>Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life,*

They must choose that, and God has set it so.

*that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. <sup>15</sup>But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.*

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The theme is there and we read so many texts either about choosing, as we read in Deuteronomy, or the result of the choice. Yehovah, God, has a plan, and He will work it out. When we look at the Bible in terms of what to believe and churches are very much set along those lines, regardless of which one selects. That is one set of eyes to be looking through.

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You know, they all believe that they should go to church on Sunday or they all believe that they should keep Christmas or whatever. They look through or run through a series of various beliefs.

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And if one gets enough folks to think or believe the same things, you have a church, as in Christianity or a religion in the greater context.

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If one looks at scripture in terms of the steps of the plan being completed by our Father and our God, it provides another perspective entirely. And I'd like to give you an example of that. You know, our Father has been so hidden. He does have a plan and He will work it out, and Theology has been used to hide that; and it has done it very, very successfully.

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Again, if one looks at scripture, in terms of the steps of the plan being completed by our Father, it provides another perspective entirely. And these examples are born from the MOM (Mystery of the Millennium) series, but hopefully, we'll be able to show you exactly what I mean.

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There are in scripture, three harvests of mankind in this first time, of where Satan was allowed to have dominion. And by harvest; I want to define that, I mean a resurrection to Spirit life, as we have read. And that is defined as immortality and incorruptibility.

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These are portrayed by the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Pentecost and the Feast of Ingathering. The other holy days, moedim, are not harvest festivals. There are three feasts and if these are not differentiated as separate and unique, these harvests, and they are not, in Church of God theology, it all becomes a blur.

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I want to keep this as simple as possible, hopefully just to show you what I'm talking about here. If you go to Luke; we're going to go into Luke and we are going to read chapter 17 and verses 22 – 37. So, let's go there. Luke 17, and we'll start in verse 22.

*<sup>22</sup>... "The days will come when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it.*

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I thought there was only one day of the Son of Man? Ah, no, actually there is more than that.

*<sup>23</sup>And they will say to you, 'Look here!' or 'Look there!' Do not go after them or follow them. <sup>24</sup>For as the lightning that flashes out of one part under heaven shines to the other part under heaven, so also the Son of Man will be in His day.*

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Okay.

*<sup>25</sup>But first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.*

So, was there a coming in a physical form? Ah, yeah!

*<sup>26</sup>And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man:*

So, in the days of Noah everybody was just kind of kicking along, doing what they do.

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Well, one of the days of the Son of Man will be real similar to that.

*<sup>27</sup>they ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.*

They had no idea this was going to happen. They would have, you know, disbelieved Noah, who preached about it for, I believe, 120 years.

*<sup>28</sup>Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built;*

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Kind of everything is just normal, everyday life.

*<sup>29</sup>but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. <sup>30</sup>Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed. <sup>31</sup>"In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his goods are in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise, the one who is in the field, let him not turn back. <sup>32</sup>Remember Lot's wife. <sup>33</sup>Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it. <sup>34</sup>I tell you, in that night there will be two men in one bed: the one will be taken and the other will be left. <sup>35</sup>Two women will be grinding together: the one will be taken and the other left. <sup>36</sup>Two men will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left." <sup>37</sup>And they answered and said to Him, "Where, Master?" So, He said to them, "Wherever the body is (And that's the body of Christ is), there the eagles will be gathered together."*

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Christ will act as a servant of God to execute the Father's plan. So, we see here an example of where Christ is coming in relative normalcy.

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We need to pay attention to that. So, it is a time when things are just kind of normal. He shows up and He gathers people.

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Well, that ties in really well with I Thessalonians 4, verses 15 – 17.

*<sup>15</sup>For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus, we shall always be with the Lord*

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That's a match; Luke 17 and I Thessalonians 4. Further, we are actually given the timing of that event in II Thessalonians 2. The Thessalonians were concerned that they missed the boat and Paul reassured them in II Thessalonians 2, verses 1 – 12.

*<sup>1</sup>Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ*

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And he had already taught them what that would be about, we just read it.

*... <sup>2</sup>not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come.*

You haven't missed it.

*<sup>3</sup>Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, <sup>4</sup>who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.*

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This personality is nowhere to be seen on the world's scene right now. And that resurrection, that gathering, is not going to happen until this occurs.

*<sup>5</sup>Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? <sup>6</sup>And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time.*

And he's not been revealed yet.

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*<sup>7</sup>For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. <sup>8</sup>And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. <sup>9</sup>The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, <sup>10</sup>and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. <sup>11</sup>And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,*

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So, here we see that the truth is proclaimed, and this personality is allowed to come up and draw people to himself because they liked the delusion; they liked the lie.

*<sup>12</sup>that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*

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They chose the way of unrighteousness. Notice, there's nothing mentioned here with regards to the lake of fire, the second death. Nothing. This occurs before the tribulation. If we go to Matthew 24; Matthew 24, and we're going to read verses 29 – 31.

*<sup>29</sup>"Immediately after the tribulation*

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This first resurrection to Spirit occurs before the tribulation, and that is consistent in the scriptures. Here we have another event, after the tribulation.

*... the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>30</sup>Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. <sup>31</sup>And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.*

A resurrection to Spirit.

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A completely different setting to what we looked at previously. There is no mention at all of a lake of fire here, the second death. It's not mentioned at all. If we go to Exodus 34; Exodus 34, verse 22, we're actually told something about this.



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*<sup>22</sup>“And you shall observe the Feast of Weeks, of the first fruits of wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the year’s end.*

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So, we are told specifically that this harvest occurs. Pentecost is the wheat harvest. It is the second harvest, the second feast. If we go to Leviticus 23:17 we will see that it talks about the wave loaves, there are two groups, and in Revelation 15:2, I’ve talked about this before. This just does not compute, when you start laying these events out on a timeline, before and after and use them as marker beds, it’s pretty easy to see that what we’ve been taught is not in harmony with the scriptures.

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Ah, Revelation 15 (verse 1)

*<sup>1</sup> Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete.*

The plagues have not happened yet.

*<sup>2</sup>And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass,*

Which is before the throne of God in heaven.

*having harps of God.*

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They’re in heaven before the bowl plagues have even been poured out. And that does not compute with what we have been historically taught, and shown. As you begin to lay these things out, well, wait a minute, when does that happen, who’s involved, how does that work? It doesn’t fit.

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Revelation 7:14. I Said, who are these guys? Well,

*<sup>14</sup> ... “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*

So, the descriptor in Revelation 15 shows people in Heaven related to the gathering of Christ, after the tribulation. And there is no lake of fire event mentioned there whatsoever.

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So, if you go to Matthew 25, verses 31 – 46 you are going to see an entirely different setting when the Son of Man comes. We have already seen Him come twice. This time He is going to have all the Holy angels with Him, he will sit on the throne of His glory. Notice the condition.

*<sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.*

0:44:10

Completely different time. He has set the sheep on the right hand, the goats on the left. The righteous go into eternal life, to inherit the kingdom prepared for them from the foundation of the world. Spirit life, raised to immortality and incorruptibility. But if we go on, we haven't seen the goats.

*<sup>41</sup>“Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:*

0:44:47

So, here we have a time of resurrection and simultaneously you have a time of the administration of the lake of fire, the second death. Can we see that these are all separate and distinct events? And in the past, we have been reading scriptures, at least that's been my sense, about this passage, comparing it to the first harvest and it's pretty easy to understand why there is some confusion.

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The same principle applies in the application of equivalency in the book of Colossians. In Colossians 1:15 and 1:18. If we go there, Colossians 1:15 and 1:18. 1:15 says:

*<sup>15</sup>He (Speaking of Christ) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.*

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So, He was born. And then,

*<sup>16</sup>... by Him (Or through Him) all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth*

All the angels, the principalities, the powers were created through Christ. So, the birth here was before anything else even happened.

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Verse 18, if you are a short earther, and I am not, happens at least 4000 years later. And if we take Colossians 1:15 and 1:18 and make them the same point in time, you end up in one place. And if we view them as separate and distinct events, we end up in another place completely.

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To me, the timing is made clear by Colossians 1:15. It tells us who Christ is, the image of Yehovah. That is why He was immortal and incorruptible and the timing of this verse as such, you can't be firstborn, unless you are born, come into existence, and that occurred before the balance of creation was put in place.

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The time balance between Colossians 1:15 and 1:18 could be millions of years, it's for certain it's thousands. How long the angelic realm existed before the physical creation was, I don't know. But if all that was done through Christ, as we are told in Colossians 1:16, then God's Firstborn Son had to come into existence prior to that.

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Hebrews 1:2 is in agreement to that.

*<sup>2</sup> has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things,*

A firstborn son is an heir.

*through whom also He made the worlds;*

He made the worlds through His Son.

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And I believe Christ confirmed that in Revelation 3:14. Revelation 3:14.

<sup>14</sup>... 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:

He was the first thing created; He was the firstborn over all creation. And we can either choose to believe His testimony, that He was the beginning of the creation of God, or not believe it, depending on how reliable we feel that testimony is.

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The Bible, has indeed, been messed with in places, and maybe you feel that's one of them. Looking at the Bible in terms of the timing of events, can give us new and interesting perspective, in sorting out what we are realizing. And I can tell you with certainty, it will conflict, there is no question. As we lay out those resurrections and see them as separate and distinct, what we have historically understood in the Church of God, cannot possibly be true. It doesn't fit.

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If we go to the book of Daniel, looks like we are going to run out of time here, but in Daniel 12, we see this same kind of a thing. When we start to look at events and we start to lay them out, we see that there is a problem. Daniel 12.

*<sup>1</sup> "At that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; and there shall be a time of trouble,*

0:49:24

The great tribulation.

*such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time. And at that time*

And we read about that in II Thessalonians.

*your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book.*

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Oh, that's the I Thessalonians resurrection to Spirit. Going on:

*<sup>2</sup>And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth*

Notice the timing, it is in this time of trouble, at that time.

*many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake,*

You mean there's a resurrection just at the time of the tribulation? That can't possibly be right.

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And the result of that, of those who are raised.

*some to everlasting life,*

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They're going to make the right choice. We get more clarification of that. And some are going to make the wrong choice and God is going to use that time to harvest those people.

*<sup>3</sup>Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.*

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And you get more clarification in Daniel 12:10, in this period of time.

*<sup>10</sup>Many shall be purified,*

We read of that.

*made white, and refined,*

God is going to use that to refine them.

*but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand,*

0:51:10

So, the wicked will end up with shame and everlasting contempt; the wise to everlasting life. Is that part of our theological understanding when we begin to lay that out? Got some homework again, been known to do that, have a look at Ezekiel 34, and view it in terms of, when did that happen or when does this happen?

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And I think you are going to be surprised, at what it actually says. And ask yourself, is that the same as Daniel 12? Or is it talking about an entirely different event? You take a look at it and decide. I guess there is going to have to be a number 10. Bye for now.