

## Our Father and Our God

### Part 11

By Boyd Yahn

Hello again everyone, it is December the 27<sup>th</sup> of 2023, and this is Part 11 of Our Father and Our God. In the previous message I made the statement that a Son of God has God level existence, and I think that needs to be further defined so that there's no confusion.

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When talking about anything, it's very important to define it. Not so everyone has the same definition, but so everyone listening can at least understand your definition, to know where you are coming from. The listener knows the point of reference, whereby they better understand what is being presented.

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In this series, it's hopefully been shown that once God makes a spirit, that's a seat of intellect with gifts, talents and abilities of the Father Himself; and puts it into a fleshly body, in the case of a human being. He does not put into it the knowledge of how to direct their steps.

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It then is subject to the corruption of making a wrong choice; and that is by design. Men are referred to as sons of God actually, in Luke 3 and verse 38. And just breaking into the long string of begotten, begotten, begots:

*<sup>38</sup>the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.*

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But for one reference point. If humanity is a son of God collectively, then God is a Father to them. Man is corruptible, the evidence of which is all around us, and more than likely, in the mirror for most of us, though we don't generally like to consider that.

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When God makes a spirit and places it in a spirit body and makes a spirit being, as in the case of an angel, at least we know, in the case of the being we would refer to as Satan, He did place the knowledge of how to direct his steps in him.

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That, in itself, is no guarantee there is no corruption, and we've looked at that. Angels are referred to as sons of God, just as humans are referred to as the sons of God in the Bible. We can go to Job 38:7 for a reference to that. It says:

*<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars (That would be angels) sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*

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So, talking about the physical creation; there were no people at that time. Job 1:6, it's also a testimony to the same kind of a thing where it says:

*<sup>6</sup>Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before Yehovah,*

This was a heavenly presentation.

*and Satan also came among them.*

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If the angels are the sons of God as the scripture tells us, then Yehovah thus is their Father. Since He created all things, that would naturally follow and make sense. They too, are subject to being corrupted. And we are told that a third of the angels did exactly that.

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Revelation 5:11; Revelation 5:11 is interesting to consider in terms of how many angelic beings; spirits, seats of intellect, that God made and put into spirit bodies; how many are there? This is before the creation of man. In Revelation 5:11 it says:

*<sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands,*

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And it shows us that the number of created angelic spirit beings is vast. Ten thousand times ten thousand alone is one hundred million. And we've got thousands and thousands on top of that, whatever that means, I do not know. Then we've got the one third fallen on top of that. I think we should get the picture; there's a bunch.

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Even though they are referred to as the sons of God, they are corruptible. The ecclesia are being made in the image of Christ, who is not corruptible. It is another level of existence entirely; no longer subject to corruption. And that is what I mean, regarding God level existence.

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Neither the Father nor His Son Yeshua, are corruptible. And so will be the resurrected Sons of God, same term. And we'll just reread it, just to clarify that. In I Corinthians 15, verses 50 – 54. It says:

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<sup>50</sup>*Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God;*

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Spirit beings will inherit the kingdom of God.

*nor does corruption inherit incorruption.*

So, when we are born as spirit beings, we'll no longer be corruptible. That's obviously higher than men and higher than angels.

<sup>51</sup>*Behold, I tell you a mystery: we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—and this mortal must put on immortality<sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible,*

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That's a promise from God.

*and we shall be changed.*

It's another level of existence totally.

<sup>53</sup>*For this corruptible must put on incorruption,<sup>54</sup> ... and this mortal has put on immortality,*

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This is speaking of process.

<sup>54</sup>*So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."*

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The one hundred and forty-four thousand, of Revelation 14 are such beings. Let's take a look at that. Revelation 14 (Verse 1), where we see a group of spirit beings, and we can come to some conclusions about the state of their existence.

<sup>1</sup>*Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads.* <sup>2</sup>*And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps.* <sup>3</sup>*They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living*

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*creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.*

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So, they had been raised as incorruptible, immortal spirit beings; they are standing before the throne of God. It goes on to explain:

*<sup>4</sup>These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. <sup>5</sup>And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.*

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We have to ask the question, when we see this group of people, who are immortal and incorruptible, when God takes our spirits and places it within a body that is immortal, upgrades our spirit to a condition of incorruptibility, is that an act of creation?

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Is Yehovah capable of doing that? Would such a being, so created, be fit to live in eternity as a servant of Yehovah? For that is indeed what they will be doing. Eternity is a very long time. Would we choose to serve Yehovah for an eternity, or would that get a bit old at some point?

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That is a life that Christ lived for a very long time, and was anxious to get back to as recorded in John 17:5, where He, in His prayer asked the Father to glorify himself.

*<sup>5</sup>And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.*

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So, He was anxious to get back to being a servant to God, at God's right hand. And indeed, that's exactly where He went. We might also want to ask ourselves, if Yehovah is in the process of creating immortal, incorruptible beings in the image of His first-born Son, would Satan seek to hide that in any way he possibly could? What do you think, would he make trying to hide that job one, about what God is actually up to?

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And, you know we can, the Bible, it's a continuous revelation in understanding as we go along and we grow. There's an amazing passage, not often considered in the Church of God world, it gives us some insight into the spirit world. And if we go to Psalm 82, let's kind of take a look at that.

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<sup>1</sup> *God (The Father) stands in the congregation of the mighty; He judges among (The Elohim) the Gods. (The mighty ones)*

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There is a congregation, there is an assembly, and we saw that in Job 1, for that's a thing, that is a real thing. And He's asking them,

<sup>2</sup>*How long will you judge unjustly, and show partiality to the wicked?*

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Do you see people, on the world scene today, that are unbelievably wicked and evil and yet they prosper a great deal? There's generally a lack of understanding of how this world actually works. Some time ago, I spent about, oh five months, while I was still in a corporate Church of God, on trying to understand how does the world actually function under Satan?

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It took me months to research it, as I said, and finally gave it, and at the end of them all, was rather roundly scolded for even looking into this space. We need to look at those things and begin to understand how Satan works. There is a liaison between the spirit world and the people who are ruled by it, and that's generally not considered at all.

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I might throw in a link here, to this thing where I mentioned this thing to someone the other day and actually played them, a now famous interview, with Bob Dylan, where Bob said he simply made a deal to get to where he was going.

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If we stop to consider the temptation of Christ as the only human being that Satan ever tempted, we really do need to give our heads a shake, it is an ongoing thing. But the long and short of it in Bob's disclosure is that he was given capacity and ability from the unseen world, the commander as he called it, to do things that he simply could not do.

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So, there is a connection between the two, and Satan has a fix for everything, and I think I've mentioned this before, but I'll just mention it in passing, Christ said, when two or three are gathered in my name I am there amongst them. So, Satan counterfeits everything, and he counterfeits that and he will always place, and God allows one of his agents to infiltrate one of the institutions of the world.

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It might not be at the top, but it's always in a position of high influence and we need to be aware of the workings. So, going on in Psalm 82 it says:

*<sup>2</sup>How long will you judge unjustly, and show partiality to the wicked?*

You can see favor given as I mentioned.

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And then an admonition.

*<sup>3</sup>Defend the poor and fatherless; do justice to the afflicted and needy. <sup>4</sup>Deliver the poor and needy; free them from the hand of the wicked.*

So, there is an encouragement by God, telling them what should be done. And speaking of the people on the earth.

*<sup>5</sup>They do not know, nor do they understand;*

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Well, why is that? It is because God made their spirit without the capacity to direct their steps.

*they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are unstable.*

That's because, we as human beings, simply do not know, and this is an acknowledgement of the way things actually are.

*<sup>6</sup>I said, "You are Gods, (Elohim, mighty ones) and all of you are children of the Most High.*

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So, again we see an addressing to the angelic realm; they are referenced as the children of the Most High. Well, if they are children of the Most High would they not be Sons of God, and would God not be their Father? And they were made before there were people.

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It goes on, it says:

*<sup>7</sup>But you shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes." <sup>8</sup>Arise, O God, judge the earth; for You shall inherit all nations.*

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So, there is a reference there in Psalm 82 for us to consider, the angels are the children of the Most High, so there is no mistaking of who that is. And it says:

*<sup>7</sup>... you shall die like men, ...”*

Well, that is interesting. I had come to the conclusion after looking at Ezekiel 28 and Isaiah 14, that when it comes time for the angelic realm to die, as a result of their sin, and when we look at the particulars of that we can see that people will see them when that occurs.

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Either people are going to have to be given the ability to see the spirit world, and there's certainly biblical precedent for that; or God will take those angelic beings, turn them into men. If he can make Christ flesh, so he dwelt among us, making an angelic being flesh for destruction, it wouldn't seem to be much of a problem.

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If we go to Isaiah 24, and verses 21 and 22, this is again something for you to consider. It says:

*<sup>21</sup>It shall come to pass in that day*

And you can do a little reading on your own to see when “that day” might be.

*that Yehovah will punish on high the host of exalted ones, and on the earth the kings of the earth. <sup>2</sup>They will be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and will be shut up in the prison; after many days they will be punished.*

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So, that indeed is something to consider. There is nothing that I saw in Psalm 82 that would indicate that it isn't possible that they would be made flesh, and simply burnt up. We are told in Matthew 25 that the lake of fire is prepared for the Devil and his angels.

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Now that we understand what it is that Yehovah is going to do; and that is to give the entire universe to His immortal and incorruptible Sons. A far different level of existence than humans or angels, of which Christ was the first heir. Sons are heirs, a co-equal, co-eternal is co-owner. So, if Christ is an heir, it follows that He is God's Son and always has been.

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Now that we at least have some of that in place, our attention can be drawn to how is He going to do that? Would it even be possible, would such an end result even be possible, if Yehovah was not able to make immortal, incorruptible Beings?

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Ultimately, Beings like Himself, incorruptible, yet obviously yet lesser beings in authority to the one God that made them. His Sons! Christ said directly that the Father was greater than Him and we read about that in John 10; John 10, verse 29. John 10, verse 29. Again Christ speaking:

*<sup>29</sup>My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all;*

The Son is not greater than His Father.

*and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.*

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We see a clarification of that in John 14:28; John 14:28.

*<sup>28</sup>You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I.*

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The Sons of God are not greater than Yehovah, but they will indeed be incorruptible like Him. Christ as God's first born will have a preeminence over Sons that come later. And we read of that specifically in the book of Philippians. Philippians 2, and we'll read verses 9 – 11, for that is where that is recorded for us that we might learn more of the process and what our Father actually has in mind.

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In verse 9 of Philippians 2, it says:

*<sup>9</sup>Therefore God (The God) also has highly exalted Him (Christ) and given Him the name which is above every name,*

The first-born Son is preeminent.

*<sup>10</sup>that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*



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Yehovah, who is perfect, as Christ attested, and knowing where He wishes men to ultimately go; chose, engineered, designed, however you might choose to frame that in your own mind, to make man incomplete and subject to corruption, which all by itself makes it understood that man must choose.

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Free moral agency was given, He didn't have to do that, as we have seen, but He indeed did so. And He can make immortal, incorruptible beings, but what He started out with in man was far different than that. He can create what He wants, when He wants.

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The end product will be someone, who by their own volition, choose to live by every word of God. That is where the bar is and where Christ is. If this is the case where choose is a thing, we should see it everywhere in the scriptures, and indeed this is so.

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There is a couple of lies that I would like to dispense with now, I think. At least give you a thought to consider on this. One of the teachings out there is that the Father cannot abide or dwell with sin, or alongside sin. If that's true, then how is it that His Spirit and His breath give us life? Is He not involved, is He not part of it? And if He cannot do that; it says He gives us His Holy Spirit to place His presence in us, how does that work?

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That is one of the lies that Satan has foisted on the world. God can indeed live alongside sin in people and does. If His Holy Spirit is not in us, and we sin, we don't have salvation at all. Something to consider.

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If we go back to Genesis 2, something we touched on in a previous message. Genesis 2, we're going to read verses 15 – 17 again. I would like you to pay attention specifically to what God did.

*<sup>15</sup>Then Yehovah God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to tend and keep it.*

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He gave him a job.

*<sup>16</sup>And Yehovah (Elohim) commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."*

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God knew that the spirit that He put in Adam did not know how to direct his path, so He told him how to direct his paths, and He basically said, 'choose'. God showed Adam the way to go.

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If we go over to Genesis 4 and look at verses 1 - 5, we can again see this theme playing out.

*<sup>1</sup> Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man from Yehovah." <sup>2</sup> Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.*

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You can see the difference in the spirit of the boys, one was a natural shepherd, and one was a tiller of the ground. They were given different abilities and we'll see that as we go along.

*<sup>3</sup> And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to Yehovah.*

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Well, why would he even know how to do that unless he was told or shown by his parents.

*<sup>4</sup> Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat.*

So, the boys knew it was appropriate to bring an offering before God, and who else could they learn it from but their parents.

*And Yehovah respected Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup> but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.*

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Had Cain and Abel made choices? Had they already done so? Well, it would appear that is the case. They had made choices and they operated within the realm of the choices they had made.

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If we go to Hebrews 11:4 we see:

*<sup>4</sup> By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain,*

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And this is very important.

*through which he obtained witness that he was righteous,*

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God can indeed read hearts and minds and He knew that Abel had made that choice and that he was righteous. Going on, it says:

*God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.*

The process was in play with Cain and Abel.

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If we go on and read verses 6 and 7.

*<sup>6</sup>So Yehovah said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? <sup>7</sup>If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it."*

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So, what is God doing here? He is revealing to a being, who does not know how to direct his path, who had started to make wrong choices, to begin to make right choices, obviously He knew what those choices would be, and speaks to the ramifications of not doing it.

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It's entirely consistent with God knowing He didn't give him the way to direct his paths, but He was steering him in the direction of that. He made it clear to Cain what direction he should go, that it was necessary he choose, and choose he did.

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In verse 8

*<sup>8</sup>Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.*

Well, how many people lived at this time? And if we do the numbers, there is obviously Adam and Eve and the two boys, even if Eve had a child every year, and we are not given anywhere reference to that at all, we are talking a very small number of people here on the earth. Even if it were a hundred it would still be very small.

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Could Yehovah have stopped Cain? Of course, He could, but He did not. Well, why didn't He stop him? Abel was righteous as we're told. Why didn't He stop him? Well, maybe, maybe, that's all it is, but maybe the answer is given to us in Psalm 116, verse 15 where it says:

*<sup>15</sup>Precious in the sight of Yehovah is the death of His saints.*

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Was Abel's spirit in such a condition, that God could use it when he ultimately brings about the purpose and fulfillment of the reason for human life? Perhaps God knew that Abel's spirit was in that condition that God would make him immortal and incorruptible when it was time? Having spirits in His possession; our spirit goes back to God upon death, then He can use it to fulfill man's ultimate destiny. It has to be important to Him.

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And Psalm 116, verse 15 would certainly allow that; I don't know, it is something to actually consider. So, what happened as a result of this we see in verses 11 – 15? (Genesis 4:11 – 15) Speaking to Cain, God says:

*<sup>11</sup>So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. <sup>12</sup>When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth."*

*<sup>13</sup>And Cain said to Yehovah, "My punishment is greater than I can bear!*

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Sin has a price.

*<sup>14</sup>Surely You have driven me out this day from the face of the ground; I shall be hidden from Your face;*

Separated from God.

*I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth, and it will happen that anyone who finds me will kill me."* <sup>15</sup>And Yehovah said to him, "Therefore, whoever kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And Yehovah set a mark on Cain, lest anyone finding him should kill him.

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Sin does have a price. What is interesting to me is that if we read on through Genesis 4, verses 19 – 24, it shows the lineage from Cain, who had made the wrong choice. Did God continue to produce progeny through his line? Yes, indeed He did.

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Let's go through verses 19 – 24 and just consider what we are actually being told.

*<sup>19</sup>Then Lamech (A descendant of Cain) took for himself two wives: the name of one was Adah, and the name of the second was Zillah <sup>20</sup>And Adah bore Jabal. He was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock.*

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So, was God already beginning to give certain proclivities, talents and abilities to human beings? Yes!

*<sup>21</sup>His brother's name was Jubal. He was the father of all those who play the harp and flute.*

So, were musical gifts given to this line of people descended from Cain? Did God have an ongoing ability to award certain capabilities to people? Well, of course He did.

*<sup>22</sup>And as for Zillah, she also bore Tubal-Cain, an instructor of every craftsman in bronze and iron. And the sister of Tubal-Cain was Naamah. <sup>23</sup>Then Lamech said to his wives: "Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; wives of Lamech, listen to my speech!*

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Listen up now!

*For I have killed a man for wounding me, even a young man for hurting me. <sup>24</sup>If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, then Lamech seventy-sevenfold."*

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As we go through that passage there's a couple of observations we can make. God is the author and maker of variety, and He does give talents and abilities that flow through people to make a civilization. We are not all the same.

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When we look at Lamech, who was obviously very pleased with what he had done and how he could do it, and when we go back to Cain, he was a murderer, and this would seem to indicate that apples don't fall a long way from the tree, as the saying goes.

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What I personally find very interesting is, you know, the makers of bronze and iron, if you do a little search on line, one of the biggest cymbal makers for percussion instruments in the world is called Zildjian. Zillah is a rather uncommon name, at least in our society here.

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And Sabian is the other one. There was a separation of the Zildjian brothers in our time, so, here we have a name tied to a thing that is still a thing today. And one has to wonder, it's likely just a coincidence, but maybe not.

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If we go on to Genesis 6 as we look at this, we see another thing, Noah specifically, further in time but the same process. Genesis 6 and verse 9.

*<sup>9</sup>This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.*

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Abel walked with God and Noah walked with God. That involves making a choice, even if all of the others around you make a different choice. And it describes the world in which Noah lived.

*<sup>11</sup>The earth also was corrupt before God,*

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It's amazing to me, everywhere you look, its organizations, they're corrupted.

*and the earth was filled with violence.*

And we certainly seem to be going in that direction. As in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the coming of the Son of Man.

*<sup>12</sup>So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.*

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Is man corruptible? Yes. And did God make them that way? Yes, indeed He did and they have to choose. Man must choose. In Genesis 7:1, we see:

*<sup>1</sup> Then Yehovah said to Noah, "Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen that you are righteous before Me in this generation.*

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Had Noah actually made a choice to be that way, even when he was swimming in a cesspool of humanity that had corrupted their way? It's tough to make that choice, but it

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certainly shows God where one's heart is when you're swimming in that and you make a choice to obey Him.

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Speaking in II Peter 2, verse 5. Well, let's read verse 4.

*<sup>4</sup>For if God did not spare the angels who sinned,*

You know, they did know the way to go and chose something else.

*but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; <sup>5</sup>and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;*

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So, we see that Noah was a preacher of righteousness. That is a choice. The information regarding God's way was available. Noah was a preacher of righteousness, and the people chose.

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Can we begin to see it's all about choose? It's something that God does, it's something we must do as well. If we go to Exodus 4; Exodus 4, and let's read verses 10 – 15. Moses had been chosen by God, and had been given his steering papers, if you want to read the entire script. And sometimes we are kind of reluctant to be chosen.

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Is there always an excuse or is there always some reason we don't want to serve God?

*<sup>10</sup>Then Moses said to Yehovah, "O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." <sup>11</sup>So Yehovah said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, Yehovah?"*

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Oh, you mean He does all those things. Would your God do that? He did, this is the Creator.

*<sup>12</sup>Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say."*

Well, why would He have to do that if Moses actually knew how to go? He wouldn't, but He did.

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*<sup>13</sup>But he said, "O my Lord, please send by the hand of whomever else You may send." <sup>14</sup>So the anger of Yehovah was kindled against Moses, and He said: "Is not Aaron the Levite your brother? I know that he can speak well. And look, he is also coming out to meet you. When he sees you, he will be glad in his heart.*

*<sup>15</sup>Now you shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth. And I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and I will teach you what you shall do.*

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Again, we see exactly the same thing; God teaches, we choose. And again, as part of the ecclesia, are we reluctant to be chosen? Is there always a ready excuse? We learn something in Exodus 4, and verses 12 – 23; Exodus 4, verses 12 – 23. Well, we've read a bit of that, so let's pick it up in verse 16. I'm sorry, verse 22 and 23, can't read my own hieroglyphics again.

*<sup>22</sup>Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says Yehovah: "Israel is My son, My firstborn. <sup>23</sup>So I say to you, let My son go that he may serve Me.*

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Well, now that's interesting, our Father has a Son, a physical Son and it is Israel collectively. And our Father regards Israel as His firstborn. And they are that way, they were made, they were created to serve God. And that's incredibly important that we remember that. And you can go back to Exodus 3:12 and see the same thing.

*<sup>12</sup>... When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."*

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The revealed purpose for ourselves, for our lives, the reason we exist is to serve Yehovah, whether in the flesh, as we see here, or as spirit beings as we read in Revelation 7. Let's just go there as a quick reminder. Revelation 7, verse 15; Revelation 7, verse 15.

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For eternity we will serve God, which is exactly what Christ did.

*<sup>15</sup>Therefore they are before the throne of God,*

Speaking of those that are given eternal life.

*and serve Him day and night in His temple. ...*



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So, we can see the connection here of serving God, or serving God. To serve God is a choice, and a very personal choice that is. The fact of the matter is, many are called, as Christ said, but few are chosen, possibly because few choose, as I've heard it put.

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God in His wisdom makes us so that we must choose. Well, what then would Satan do, what would his approach be? He would take the opposite of that. You don't have to choose, you just do what you want, right?

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Before the calling of God, did any of us even know there was a choice? I sure didn't. And what was so effective is the fact that the whole concept of choose was completely hidden.

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A couple years ago, and I think I mentioned this, my parents, wonderful people, they had their problems just like everybody else, but I asked them when they were 93 and 91 at the time, why do you exist? And I wasn't asking about it to be argumentative or whatever, and I said why are you alive? What's the purpose for your existence? And neither of them knew.

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And how many people live their lives without a clue as to why they even exist. And the reason we've all been created is to ultimately serve God. If we go back to Exodus 19; Exodus 19, and we'll read verses 3 – 6, Exodus 19, verses 3 – 6.

*<sup>3</sup>And Moses went up to God, and Yehovah called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel:*

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Well, whose children were they and in God's eyes, whose firstborn? Well, that was them.

*<sup>4</sup>You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself. <sup>5</sup>Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine <sup>6</sup>And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."*

To my son.

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Was He not telling them, you're here to serve Me. And Israel was given a choice. Yehovah had made known His desire for His firstborn Son. He told Israel, who did not know the way to direct their steps, how to direct their steps, and what it means to be a servant of God. He showed them the bounds of human behavior, the way to direct their steps.

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And we are running out of time here. So, we can't go into, well, what did they think about that action. We'll certainly get on to that in the next message. But if we go to Psalm 119, and verse 105: Psalm 119, and verse 105. A scripture that we'd all certainly be aware of. King David, a man after God's own heart understood where you must go, where you and I must go to be shown the way to direct our steps.

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And that is a choice. David said:

*<sup>105</sup>Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

Well, that's fairly profound. The entirety of Psalm 119, which is the longest Psalm, you know, the context is set in verse 1, of Psalm 119.

*<sup>1</sup>Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of Yehovah!*

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And David understood because he didn't understand the way to direct his steps, and God showed him that. David understood there was a choice, he knew what that choice was, and he chose it. Do you and I, being part of the ecclesia, know what the choice is, and do we choose it?

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Yehovah created us, so that at some point it would be made known to us there would be a choice, which way to choose, and leave that in our hands to decide. That is the "how" He has chosen to do it. To take people, who do not know how to direct their paths to a condition of immortality and incorruptibility.

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It's all about "choose" and we will look more into this in Part 12, because the number of scriptures that point to this, are just absolutely astronomical and it's overwhelming once you begin to see how that theme plays out over and over and over again in the Bible. God shows us how He is going to make immortal and incorruptible beings. And it might not be the way we did it, or we would have done it, but there is no doubt what God has done and is doing, because we are plainly told that in the scriptures.

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So, let's have another look at that in part 12. Bye for now.