

1.6 LIFE IN HIS IMAGE

1.6.1 BREATH OF GOD AND LIFE

It is written: This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

When the LORD God made the earth and the heavens—and no shrub of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no man to work the ground, but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground—the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. And the LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. (Genesis 2:4-9)

[] Do you work for that which will last for an eternity?

[] Do you believe He has the power to take away life at any moment according to His will?

1.6.2 IMAGE OF GOD

It is written: Then God said, Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (Genesis 1:26-27 NIV)

[] Do you believe you were made in the image of God?

[] What is the meaning of “image of God” to you?

[] Do you believe all living persons were made in the image of God and have the potential to become a child of God?

1.6.3 BLESSINGS AND CALL TO DO

It is written: God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground." Then God said, "I give you every seed bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day. (Genesis 1:28-31 NIV)

Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in their entire vast array. By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. (Genesis 2:1-2 NIV)

[] Do you believe you are on a blessed path of God?

1.6.4 ALMIGHTY

It is written: This is what the LORD says—Israel's King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God. (Isaiah 44:6 NIV)

Lead out those who have eyes but are blind, who have ears but are deaf. All the nations gather together and the peoples assemble.

Which of them foretold this and proclaimed to us the former things? Let them bring in their witnesses to prove they were right, so that others may hear and say, "It is true." "You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he.

Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me. I, even I, am the LORD, and apart from me there is no savior. I have revealed and saved and proclaimed—I, and not some foreign god among you. You are my witnesses, declares the LORD, that I am God. Yes, and from ancient days I am he. No one can deliver out of my hand. When I act, who can reverse it?" (Isaiah 43:8-13)

Do you believe the Christ is the only Savior and the Lord?

Do you believe God gave you authority in Christ?

Do you believe you are a witness for God?

1.7 LORD IS ONE

It is written: These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life.

Hear, O Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. (Deuteronomy 6:1-4)

"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this:

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. (Mark 12:29 NIV)

Do you have His commandments, decrees, and laws?

Will you teach your children God's words whenever you are able?

Do you believe the Lord is One

1.8 GOD THE PROVIDER: CARE IN LOVE

1.8.1 CARE IN LOVE

It is written: The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. (Genesis 2:18-22 NIV)

The man said,

"This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman', for she was taken out of man." (Genesis 2:23 NIV)

[] Do you believe true love is the most powerful force?

[] Do you know why God made Eve later?

[] Do you thank God first?

1.8.2 PROVIDER OF GENEALOGY

Flood to the Earth Divided

It is written: Two years after the flood, when Shem was 100 years old, he became the father of Arphaxad. And after he became the father of Arphaxad, Shem lived 500 years and had other sons and daughters. When Arphaxad had lived 35 years, he became the father of Shelah. And after he became the father of Shelah, Arphaxad lived 403 years and had other sons and daughters.

When Shelah had lived 30 years, he became the father of Eber. And after he became the father of Eber, Shelah lived 403 years and had other sons and daughters. When Eber had lived 34 years, he became the father of Peleg. And after he became the father of Peleg, Eber lived 430 years and had other sons and daughters.

When Peleg had lived 30 years, he became the father of Reu. And after he became the father of Reu, Peleg lived 209 years and had other sons and daughters. (Genesis 11:10-18)

Two sons were born to Eber: One was named Peleg, because in his days the earth was divided, and his brother was named Joktan. (Genesis 10:25)

From Peleg to Abram

When Reu had lived 32 years, he became the father of Serug. And after he became the father of Serug, Reu lived 207 years and had other sons and daughters. When Serug had lived 30 years, he became the father of Nahor. And after he became the father of Nahor, Serug lived 200 years and had other sons and daughters.

When Nahor had lived 29 years, he became the father of Terah. And after he became the father of Terah, Nahor lived 119 years and had other sons and daughters. After Terah had lived 70 years, he became the father of Abram, Nahor and Haran.

This is the account of Terah. Terah became the father of Abram, Nahor and Haran. And Haran became the father of Lot. While his father Terah was still alive, Haran died in Ur of the Chaldeans, in the land of his birth. Abram and Nahor both married. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife was Milcah; she was the daughter of Haran, the father of both Milcah and Iscah.

Now Sarai was barren; she had no children. Terah took his son Abram, his grandson Lot son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, the wife of his son Abram, and together they set out from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to Canaan. But when they

came to Haran, they settled there. Terah lived 205 years, and he died in Haran. (Genesis 11:19-32 NIV)

Sometime later Abraham was told, Milcah is also a mother; she has borne sons to your brother Nahor: Uz the firstborn, Buz his brother, Kemuel (the father of Aram), Kesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidphar and Bethuel. Bethuel became the father of Rebekah. Milcah bore these eight sons to Abraham's brother Nahor. His concubine, whose name was Reumah, also had sons: Tebah, Gaham, Tahash and Maacah. (Genesis 22:20-24 NIV)

[] Do you believe God preserved humanity's future generations?

[] Did you know that everyone in this genealogy had children except Abram? Do you know why?

[] Do you know what the meaning of Peleg is?

1.8.3 HOLDING THE UNIVERSE TOGETHER

Lord calls each star by name

It is written: "To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One. Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these?

He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name, Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing. (Isaiah 40:25-26 NIV-UK)

[] Do you believe God created everything and no one has the power to alter His plan?

1.8.4 CREATOR OF DARKNESS, DISASTER, LIGHT, AND PROSPERITY

Create disaster, form life, bring Prosperity

It is written: I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God.

I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting men may know there is none besides me.

I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form the light and

create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the LORD, do all these things. (Isaiah 45:5-7 NIV)

[] Do you believe there is only one God?

[] Do you know what blessings are?

1.8.5 COVENANT WITH GOD

Spoken Word is absolute Law; Word spoken by God is absolute.

Disobedience brought Curse

It is written: To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,' Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return." (Genesis 3:17-19 NIV)

I will not violate my covenant or alter what my lips have uttered. (Psalm 89:34 NIV)

[] Do you know evil enters through diluted words?

[] Are you living by the word and not by dust?

[] Do you know why Adam hears the voice of women?