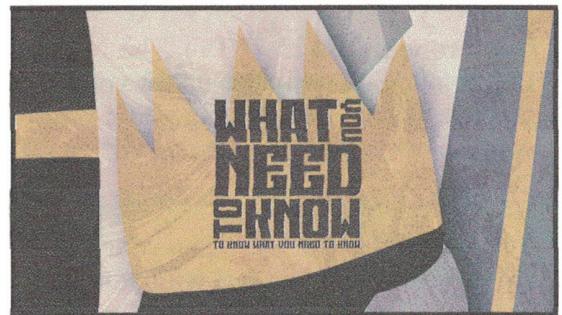


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**Genesis 1:26 (NIV)** Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

**Genesis 12:2-3 (NIV)** "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

**Leviticus 11:45 (NIV)** I am the LORD, who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God; therefore be holy, because I am holy.

**Romans 5:18 (NIV)** Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people.

**John 8:53 (NIV)** Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?"

**John 8:56 (NIV)** Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.”

**Deuteronomy 18:15 (NIV)** The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him.

**2 Samuel 7:12 (NIV)** When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom.

**Malachi:4:5-6 (NIV)** “See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. <sup>6</sup> He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction.”