



The Invitation Scriptures and Study Guide Questions

****please note*** scriptures are copied from a variety of versions and translations, please feel free look up the verses in the version you prefer.*

Jeremiah 31:3 -The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore, with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

Jeremiah 17:7-8 -But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."

*Take a moment and ask God to show you where and how he has been intentionally seeking you. **WARNING:** this can be overwhelming; take all the time you need; find a quiet place that you find safe and comfortable, then listen and wait as long as you need to. If you have to go about your day don't worry, God will find a way to speak to you. How do you feel knowing God loves you and is actively trying to draw you to himself amid the darkness of this life? If you had a chance to hear from God, what and/or how did God speak to you?*

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Genesis 1:26-28 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Genesis 9:1 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

Ephesians 1:4 -For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.

Jeremiah 1:5 -"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born, I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

Isaiah 43:1-2 But now, this is what the Lord says—he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

Isaiah 44:2 - "Thus says the Lord who made you, who formed you from the womb and will help you: Fear not, O Jacob my servant, Jeshurun whom I have chosen."

Looking back, I can see clearly how even my two rainbow babies, as well as a couple of unplanned and inconveniently timed babes, were all most definitely intricately planned by God. It took me 40+ years to realize that, I too, was a part of his plan, and not a mistake. Despite all the circumstances of your conception YOU were not a mistake. YOU were Gods intention. Does

knowing that God thought of you intentionally, before you were even born change how you look at your life? Expound on your answer. Does it change the way you look at your future?

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Gen 3:5- For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.

Gen 3:17 -To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat from it,' "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life.

Romans 8:19-22

For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

Romans 6:23 -For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Isaiah 59:2 -It's your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore.

How was creation itself was affected by sin's curse? How were we created and how was that affected by Adam and Eves sin? In light of this why do you think sin grieves God so much?

Hebrews 10:4 -It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

Philippians 2:5-8 -Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus:

Who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross.

John 16:7 -Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you."

John 17:20-23. -"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

2 Corinthians 5:21-For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

For centuries man has tried to follow laws and sacrifice animals to cover and pay for sin. Why was this not affective? What was God's plan to break the curse of sin? Why did God want the curse to be broken? Why was it better for us that Jesus paid for our sin rather than if Adam and Eve never have sinned?

Acts 2:38. -Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit

1Cor 3:16-Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?

John 3:16- For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

If we chose to, how could we pay for our sin? We don't deserve Jesus' payment, but it is his will and desire that you accept his payment. Is there something holding you back if you haven't chosen to take Jesus' payment?

1 John 4:19 -We love because he first loved us.

Romans 5:8- But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Often when we hear this message it is in light of an angry God. "Turn or burn" Can you see that it is actually not YOU God is angry at, but the curse of sin. It saddens God to see his Creation paying for the curse of sin. He has always intended to be with his creation, AKA, YOU, forever. Pain, sickness, and death were never apart of His plan. However, Father God made a desperate and costly choice to himself provide a way to redeem us.

Have you accepted Jesus' payment for yourself? What do you think it means to God, for you to accept the payment he provided, rather than you paying yourself?

Romans 10:9-10-If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

Your declaration does not have to be anything special just sincere. Knowing God himself paid for your sin with his own death, to live in you and with you for all eternity, pour your heart out to Him.

Here is an example of how to pray:

Father God thank you for sending Jesus to pay for my sin. I accept that payment and ask that you forgive me and send your Spirit to live in me. Help me know you intimately and personally as you have desired all along. Amen

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