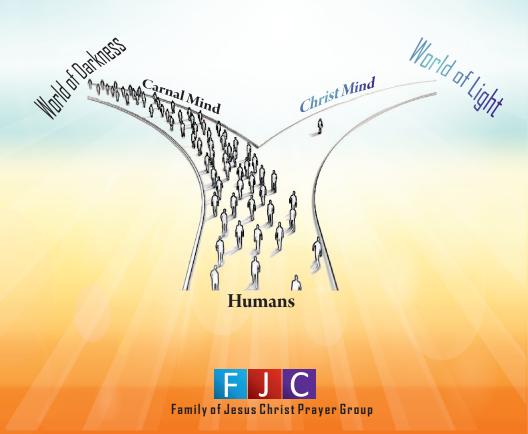
# Transformation Of Mind



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# FALLEN WORLD

#### 1.0 Introduction

Humans are the wonderful creations of God, who possess the sixth sense to study any situation through their thought life. Man and Woman have the ability to think on a specific point and discuss about it in great details, exploiting different thought models. We are indeed so special ones to God, compare to any other creatures on this earth. In the evolution of various civilizations, the required knowledge of materials for humans to live on this world has in fact increased manifold in the last century.

Ancient humans had less comfort and also faced many natural calamities; lived under poverty due to lack of understanding on how to use the resources of the earth. Instead, 19<sup>th</sup> century brought a paradigm shift in human thinking, which has resulted in phenomenal improvement in understanding the nature, use of inorganic materials to produce enhanced agricultural output for supporting the human lives. Further in this century, humans have started exploring the ways to effectively utilize the resources in inner and outer space around the earth.

Today, Science has developed to a scale, where the distance does not really separate two people much and the human made machines (Satellite, telescope etc.) are being operated at a faraway places (thousands of miles) from the earth successfully.

The knowledge based societies have advanced in many fronts, namely industries, business, entertainment, and sports due to development of science. The key point to the success of humans is



that the knowledge they could generate through observation and preserve it after validating their understanding, which the other creatures could not effectively do so. By recording the various observed

knowledge domains, we have built a very reasonable expertise about our milky way and also to find the needed comfort in the physical life.

This is really the good part of our scientific development and its benefits to the humanity. But the bad and sad part is that with the same knowledge, we have developed enmity, division, destructive weapons through corruptive thinking to safeguard ourselves in the name of cultures, civilizations and religious boundaries.

Where are we moving, and what are we achieving every day? Now this is what the Creator of the universe says: "Give careful thought to your ways. You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it", [Haggai 1:5, 6].

A life without its Creator and the thoughts without God's word will never produce completeness. That's why we are incomplete in our lives on this earth; we are still, just the empty vessels, making loud noises on many things, which are not important as far as the life is concerned. There exists a greater void in our life. Most of us, do not give our ears to the true God, who have created the universe and everything we see on it, including the intelligent creations like you and me and the other observable creatures and beautiful creations. In the present age, we are living in a fast moving world, where the man and woman, both have got a busy official life, who may find rarely few occasions to think about their God. We generally understand God as a religious person. That's the reason why, many believe in their own god(s) and treat other's god as alien. But I want to share with you the living God, who has no beginning and end; the Creator of all things; that is what we see, use, eat, and breathe.

The basic weakness of every human is that first we believe in what our parents say. Therefore, even a false belief is continuously carried over for generation after generation. Truthfully speaking, there is no need to conduct any research to explore the dwelling place of the living God. He has already declared where His abode is and what is He doing from there.

"The Lord is in His holy temple; the Lord is on His heavenly throne. He observes everyone on earth; His eyes examine them", [Psalm 11:4].

In fact, the above verse clearly says that the living place of God is called as temple and it is a holy place. However, this holiness is not felt through fragrant materials but in His holy presence. Astronomers and Scientists have gathered ample information about the visible universe, where our milky way (Solar based planetary systems) is present. NASA has been actively working to monitor other planets in our galaxy in search of living conditions there for humans. Also many other countries (Europe, Russia, Japan, China, and India) have shown similar interest in such space exploration. New planetary systems in the universe, today, could be seen through a high intensity telescope and the non-creators (humans) of these wonderful creations are continuously giving them orderly names.

#### What is the thirst in our life?

We want to land on the living place of God, without fulfilling His will in our life; we want to meet God, without showing His loving characters in our nature; we want to speak to God in our native language, without His words. We have successfully built many theories for most of the God's creations on this earth. Further, through observatory knowledge, we have learnt to make many functional systems (Civil/ Mechanical/ Aerospace/ Electrical/ Electronics /Medical /Bio-logical /Chemical /Media /Political etc.), which can bring some physical comfort to our lives.



Nevertheless, we find a vacuum in our spiritual life, not appreciating the true happiness, joy and peace. When the humans made attempts to build theory on

the existence of God, they could able to launch many religions, in which mighty humans, namely the Kings, Queens, society leaders, philosophers, and parents (ancestors) had become gods and goddesses in their respective territories.

The book of God has a clear definition for Man and Woman and their generations; how they were created in the beginning and started multiplying subsequently on this Earth; importantly, this book tells the people about the purpose of their creation. In contrast

to this fact, we the humans have written many books with our own thoughts about God's existence, which can't give a clear picture about the living God. The thoughts of a human mind indeed are very much limited to the materialistic world. We can't produce words that could enlighten our mind spiritually; usually the words what we speak can only entertain our lives. With the help of manmade mythologies, one can make the people fools seasonally; but through our own words, we fail to take the multitude closer to the eternal living God.

God has revealed Himself to this world through His thoughts and they have been recorded by many of His servants in the book called, "Bible". This is not a religious book as many in the world think. In fact, I would like to place a few simple questions before you: *Why do we get sometime good thoughts and mostly evil thoughts? Is thought generation a natural process in our mind? How are we able to think intelligently and speak to rule all other creatures? What happens to our life after it leaves this body? Can we justify our life through good deeds?* 

Humans think but not like their Creator thinks. God says:

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your (humans) ways and my thoughts than your thoughts", [Isaiah 55:8, 9].

The Creator speaks from His most high places and reveals the truth to those, who humble before Him, which we can't find out on our own. Before we proceed to understand the fact that how we are created on this earth, it is worth learning about the origin of disobedience and the fallen world.

### 1.1 God's Kingdom

In the ancient times, when God was living with His angels in the heavenly places, there had been no good and evil thoughts. Only God's will was prevailed in the minds of these angelic creatures, which had kept them as God dependent spiritual children. They spoke God's word and worked perfectly, according to God's commands. They loved each other as God loved them because God was the only source of words.

We all may agree with this simple point; where there is obedience, there originates a good thinking. When God was the centre of love and His words were the language, the angels had

- (i) Peace with God,
- (ii) Happiness and joy in His presence.

These heavenly places are celestial worlds and they are eternal and stay above the mid universe. Let us know the fact that the mid universe has got many galaxies and one of them is our milky way. Our Science only catches the images of various planetary systems that are spread across this mid universe. Humans, through their observatory knowledge could never get any information or capture an image from the heavenly places. The 24 hours' time bound living creatures like you and I need to have humbleness before our Creator in order to understand the wisdom of heavens. Our humility is rewarded with the grace of God.

Angels are the spiritual creatures; they are of two kinds. The description about these heavenly creations are recorded in the bible. Accordingly,

- (i) <u>Cherubs</u>: have got wisdom, beauty and model of perfection with thought life (*Thinking personality*)
- (ii) <u>Seraphs</u>: have six wings, with two wings they cover their faces, with two cover their feet, and with two they fly, proclaiming the holiness of the God (*Speaking personality*)

God's kingdom has many living places (planetary systems or worlds) and these angels were living in them peacefully for long time. God

created the angels due to love, to share His life with them in kindness and He therefore wanted them to be truthful to His words.

In the Assembly of God, there was a guardian cherub, created by God as prince and prime or arch angel to support the administration and conduct the worship to the Almighty. For this purpose, the arch angel was anointed by God with majesty, wisdom and made with perfect beauty. He was living in the holy mountain of God and walked among the fiery stones [Ezekiel 28:14]. His duty was to serve the Lord and issue the ordinances of God to the angels as the prime minister of God i.e. the official stamp of God's authority and power.

As the high priest (worship leader) in the temple of God, he had to share the word of God with the rest of the angels and to train them in new worship songs, besides composing the heavenly music tunes to praise and worship the Lord. His name was Lucifer and a group of ministers had worked with him. He had the privilege to live in the holy places of God, especially in the sanctuary of God, known as Eden. He was obedient and blameless, and was serving the Lord faithfully since his creation. In those times, even though the angels had thought life, they were totally obedient to God and followed God's commands truthfully. Therefore only

(i) God dependent life was existing (God's will),

(ii) Good thoughts of God were practised in life and there was no independent thought developed (free will).

All the angels loved their King of Kings, who was the Lord of angels, and the Prince of Peace, the anointed Son of God, called Immanuel. Heavens were indeed in complete peace. Before we discuss on the fall of a great leader of the angels, it is better to know more about the Son of God. In the chronology of creation, God had first revealed Himself in a visible angelic form as Son of God and the Creator shared everything with His Son, including His Holy Spirit.

"He (Immanuel) is the image of the invisible God, the first born over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him", [Colossians 1:15, 16].

## The name, "Immanuel" means, "God is with us".

The Son of God was dwelling among the angels, who were living in the angelic worlds, below the abode of the mighty, wonderful, loving Father God. Figure 1.1 presents an overview of complete universe, both visible and invisible. It is based on the information available in the book of God (Bible). Further, it is to help the reader to fairly get the picture of God's creative power and His plan and

certainly not to confuse anyone or to bring conflict in their understanding. God's Son Immanuel was the role model for the rest of the angels and He was the ruler of all the kingdoms in the heavenly places. At this stage I would like to introduce to you, the loving Father God.

Holy Bible describes Him as "graceful, merciful, Almighty, powerful, long endurance, eternal personality". He has no beginning and therefore has no end. He is in the Spirit form that makes Him to be present everywhere simultaneously (Omni potent nature).

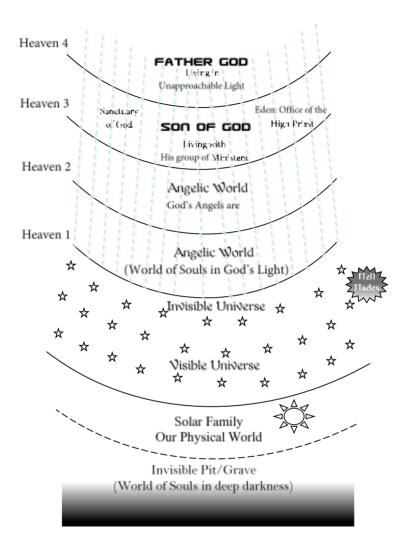


Figure 1.1: God's Universe based on information from bible (Not to scale)

His soul is the greater One, who is known to His creations as the Holy Spirit. This Spirit of God dwells in the universe, both visible and invisible to us. God interacts with all His creations through His

Holy Spirit and share with them His love. Since the Father God has been living in the most high places alone, He is also called sometimes Orphan God. The Father God has intimately shared His spiritual life with Son, Immanuel and through whom by His Holy Spirit, administering and ruling all the creations.

What is so special about the Son of God and the Father God? The Father is the living Spirit and the Son is the anointed ruler in angelic form. The Father God shares the thought life with His Son, in order to rule the angels in a truthful and a faithful way. The commands and ordinances had to come from the Father to the Son and the same would be passed on to the high priest (prime angel or minister) for its implementation.

At that time, in the ministries of God, Lucifer was kept at an esteemed position by God. Everything was good and perfect in the heavenly places. The angels were living in total peace with the Father God and the Son of God.

## 1.2 Origin of Disobedience

"You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, till wickedness was found in you. Your heart became proud on account of your beauty and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendour", [Ezekiel 28:15, 17].

These are the words, which tell us that there was something not correct in the personal life of a person. Until then, there was no sin (wickedness) found in the mind and heart of any angel by God. Lucifer was a guardian Cherub, whose job was to train the angels in the word of God. But now God had found some objectionable



thoughts in the heart of Lucifer, which in the sight of God were wicked because they were self-centred,

esteemed words, through which Lucifer had considered himself above the Son of God.

#### What is sin?

Sin is an independent thought, generated without God's word. It gives no role for the Father of all spirits in the thought life; therefore it leads the creatures into a disobedient nature. All these times, the angels were thinking only on God's word and living in harmony with His Son. But now Lucifer wanted an identity for himself to have an equivalent personality like the Son of God. And that became a lustful desire in his heart. God gave Lucifer many things but he was not satisfied with them. In contrast he kept his eyes on the throne of the Son of God and developed jealous on the highest position in the heavens, which made him the first sinner, the disobedient to God's word.

Lucifer was serving the God, standing very close to the Son of God in the Assembly of God. In the heavens, the anointed fire (unapproachable light) would come down from 4<sup>th</sup> heaven (see figure 1.1) to reveal the glory of God through His Son that could make all the worshipers to enjoy the holy presence of Father God and to feel His loving compassion. The angels were therefore naturally loyal and spiritually attached to the Son of God, who was their anointed King and to whom, they were happy to pay due respect and honour for His position as their graceful ruler. The guardian cherub was envious about the position of God's only Son, Immanuel. The high priest became greedy to receive honour and respect from the fellow angels, for which he was not entitled. In simple words, Lucifer wanted his name to be glorified and praised like the Son of God. Indeed Lucifer did not understand a very important point that is that the Father God and the Son of God are the same and they are not two distinct thinking personalities. The inner beauty of God has been revealed in His Son through His Holy Spirit, so that all His creations can see the invisible God in visible form that is in Son. And everyone should worship this holy nature of our heavenly Father. But many people even today have the same problem to understand the trinity of God and failing to appreciate this truth.

In the divine family, Father and Son are one to have spiritual integrity and this is established through the Spirit of God in order to work with one spiritual mind to reflect the identical likeness. *The spiritual integrity between the two spirits is what really called as peace of mind.* The Son of God, Immanuel has perfect peace with His Father. On the contrary, the high priest had lost this peace with the living God; as a result, his mind became violent and futile. His life became a cursed one before the God without having any blessing.

When God had found those objectionable thoughts in the mind of His high priest, He gave Lucifer ample opportunities to correct his mistakes. Behold, the evil thinking in Lucifer's mind did not allow him to repent; instead he started blaming the God and questioned God's righteousness to rule the heavenly places and the angels, which God had created. This had paved the way for good thinking and evil thinking to exist in the heavenly realms for some times. Lucifer raised the following points:

- What authority did God have to rule the angels forever?
- Under God's ruling, the angels were living as slaves
- Angels would need freedom to select their ruler
- Introduction of freewill thinking in heavens would bring equality



Sinful path of Lucifer

It was unfortunate that a section of angels had listened to Lucifer and became the victims of his unlawful teachings. Lucifer corrupted his wisdom and also indulged the minds of 1/3<sup>rd</sup> angels with his false propaganda, which made them to rebel against God's kingdom. Once the sinful thought life got seeded in the minds of rebellious angels, they could no longer live in peace with God, so they started hating God and His Son, following Lucifer's ideology.

Now being the foundation of love and showing compassion to all His creations, Father God, first wanted to protect those angels, who were innocent and obedient to His words and therefore He wanted to temporarily settle the rebellious angels and their leader in an isolated world, called hell (refer to figure 1.1). It is the place that is waiting for the judgment of God; it is the fallen world, which is the habitat, allotted for the disobedient souls to live. God expanded the universe through His mighty creative power so that from the unchanging worlds, many changing galaxies could be formed. In the middle of the universe, God kept the hell, the world of eternal punishment; below this part, He formed the visible universe and the wonderful planetary systems and stars. However, the truth and the judgment were yet to be demonstrated.

There have been two kinds of thinking patterns that time onwards started existing, namely

(i) God dependent thought life (God's will),(ii) Independent thought life (Free will).

The fallen world (hell) was moved down to keep the rebellious angels, who did not like to follow the God's word and chose to live independently. This world has already lost the glorious presence of God. The spiritual life needs the light of God as its source of strength to have comfort, joy, and happiness, declaring peace with God. Let us understand, without having peace with the Spirit of God, there is no possibility for any soul (living spirit) to live in the holy presence of God.



The former worship leader (guardian Cherub) said in his heart: I will ascend to heaven  $(4^{th})$ ; I will raise my throne above the

stars of God, I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will myself like the most high", [Isaiah 14:13, 14].

To this, God declares: "I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form the light and create darkness", [Isaiah 45:7).

Lucifer wanted a position that belongs only to the Creator. The evil desire of him, therefore caused chaos and violence in the

unchanging worlds (heavens). Sin became a spiritual problem and as a result, truth was challenged by lies. Lucifer lied and blamed God in the Assembly of God. Sin created a disobedient spiritual life and it was originated from the life of Lucifer. He taught this ungodly life to other angels and made them his slaves. The foolish angels then refused to serve the living God, ignoring all the good things, which God had given to them. Now their services were terminated as they had no interest to follow God's word and live under His laws. Therefore, the Creator has settled them in the hell by binding them with deep darkness and the eternal judgment is awaiting for them.

The remaining 2/3<sup>rd</sup> angels had shown a total compliance with God and His Son and they have been living in harmony with divine family. However they could not understand clearly what went wrong with those rebellious angels. Therefore the Creator wanted to solve the spiritual problem (*sin: ungodly thinking*) before passing the final judgement on Lucifer and his followers.

This is really a serious issue; suppose if a life created by God, does not like to follow the God's word then it cannot have peace (Spiritual relation) with Him and subsequently it loses the eligibility to live in His presence. The sinful thoughts of Lucifer are the source for ungodly life. Unfortunately the angels could not read each other's mind; thus

they were unable to realize the truth. It was necessary then for God to clarify His position and to bring out the hidden secrets from the heart of guardian Cherub into the light and establish the truth forever.

Therefore, God prepared a plan for the creation of new worlds to demonstrate,

- (i) His love,
- (ii) His truth,
- (iii) His way,
- (iv) His judgment on sinful life.

He chose the Milky Way and in that the solar family with earth as the living place for all His new creations.



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### 2.0 Creation of New Worlds

The unresolved problems in the heavenly worlds had led to the creation of new galaxies in the mid and lower parts of the universe. Many earth like planetary systems were created by God, including very big to small stars in these parts of universe, in order to demonstrate His mighty power and unimaginable potential of His spiritual nature. However it wasn't to threaten anybody but to set the foundation, so that the contentious issues, raised by the rebellious leader (Lucifer became Satan) could be addressed.

The most challenging one among all of them was that, how to expose the sinful mind of a person to others. When Satan questioned about God's authority to rule His creations, he indeed blamed God, for all the problems that had erupted in the Kingdoms of God. Therefore, God would want to solve all the unspiritual problems, which were created by Satan in three stages:

- ✓ New creation by His mighty power
- ✓ Salvation by His grace
- ✓ Final judgment by His righteousness

When the rebellious angels were engaged themselves in recreations, God (Jehovah) and His Son (Immanuel) were busy in making the plans for the new creations. The blueprint for the new world was ready in the heart and mind of the Creator. This is where actually the Holy Bible begins to tell about the mighty personality of God, known to us as, "Spirit of God", the greater soul of God.

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"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters", [Genesis 1:1, 2].

When God created the earth and its atmosphere, stratosphere, ozone layer etc., we the humans were not there on this earth; indeed the earth itself was not in any form to provide the required support for new life. So the theory of one cell to human life is baseless and useless for the humans. *Let us accept one thing that, no manmade theory could fit correctly to explain the physics of God's creation.* Earth belongs to God, who created it and all the creations performed on it were through His own hands. *The theory of creation is very unique, according to God.* The earth was formless and empty; the similar way, God creates a human life in the womb of a mother. When a human embryo is formed due to the relation of a man and a woman, it has no parts because there is no spirit inside that gives the breath of life to it.

## 2.1 Let there be Light

The new creations on the earth were performed in the light of God. Since the darkness was covered over the earth, God said, "Let there be light", and the light came. He separated the light from the darkness. At this stage, God demonstrated a point that who could live in His holy presence and who should not. Above the earth, He kept the life creating spirit of light and under the earth, He created the world of darkness (pit/grave) for the disobedient souls. It is very important to know that, the light that came out of the Spirit of God, has been kept above the heavens of our earth, which creates every human life, and certainly not the relation of man and woman, as Science explains. Later we will be examining this fact with the help of God's word. When God expanded the universe, three independent worlds were created.

- Hell (Hades): Where the rebellious angels from the heavens were placed; they were casted down and therefore called fallen angels; it is the place of eternal punishment, the fallen world
- Earth: Where two humans were formed, created and placed in the Garden of Eden; it was the place of paradise (worship centre)
- Pits (Grave): The world of darkness for the rebellious souls of the earth; provisional accommodation

In order to support the life on the earth, God made its foundations stronger and provided the required essentials such as water, air, sunlight and the living light (spirit). The Sun is made as the energy provider for all the lives on the earth, receiving the food from its soil.

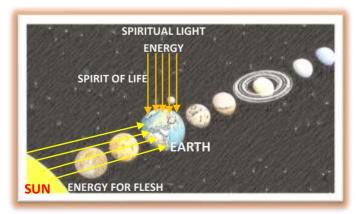


Figure 2.1: Physical Energy and Spiritual Life

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The planets, surrounding the earth make the required foundations, for the earth to stay in its orbit and maintain the distance from the Sun. They also help the earth to have proper living conditions, to maintain the water cycle, to balance the electro-magnetic radiation, to have the winds from four directions and so on. Therefore, the efforts that are being put by humans to conduct the research in space and explore the possibility of living condition in other planet systems, is merely a waste exercise *because our attempts to live without the Creator will never succeed beyond this earth*. No human life will be created in other planet systems. Even, if by chance, the 21<sup>st</sup> century Adam and Eve will one day land on Mars or Jupiter, they may stay there for a period and die. *Reproduction of human in other planet systems of solar family is not considered in God's plan.* In His book, God has clarified:

"Heavens belong to God and He has given the earth to the humans", [Psalms 115:15, 16].

Who is then guiding these intelligent humans to think opposite to godly thinking?

Let us now realise the penalty of disobeying the Creator and His eternal commands.

## 2.2 Adam and Eve

We have heard many versions of these two humans, who were created by God on this planet earth. In this section, we are going to learn about the purpose of their creation and what really God could achieve from their lives, when He conducted the test of faith.

The creation of Adam and Eve had a divine purpose in God's life; therefore we the humans, who are their generation, should not think that, we are not useful to the Almighty God. We are here, not to entertain the fallen angels with our times and energy; but to utilize every day for learning about the One, who have created us.

"God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them", [Genesis 1:27].



Therefore, something in us certainly

resembles this greater person, called God. A section of humans make attempts to understand the truth; the rest do not even bother because they are busy in engaging the spirits of fallen angels, giving their valuable lives and its strength to them. *No one should think that he drinks; no one should think that he watches pornography; no one should think that he smokes; no one should think that she practices adultery.* Let everyone on this earth understand that, we are eating the fruits of this earth to fulfil the evil desires of the ungodly angels of Satan. Naturally we are not serving the living God for what He has done to us and also do not worry about His plan.

# Why this has happened to us and what is the reason that our mind is always tempted to think evil?

The most dangerous weapons on this earth are not the nuclear or chemical or biological ones but it is the evil mind. *The human mind becomes evil, when it interacts with the devil and his companions.* We have already realised that the evil mind is sinful. Lucifer was living in the sanctuary of God (Eden of heavens), as he was holding the

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post of high priest. Being the worship leader of the living God, he had received many privileges.

"You were anointed as a guardian Cherub, for so I (the God) ordained you (priesthood). You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones", [Ezekiel 28:14].

It was interesting to note that this guy (Lucifer) really had greater merits with God, in the beginning. But later he misused the given power and the wisdom to promote his personal interests for receiving cheap popularity among the angels.

"Through your widespread trade (interactions), you were filled with violence (evil desires), and sinned (made his mind corrupt). So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God; and I threw you to the earth", [Ezekiel 28:16, 17].

We should not think that God threw this evil minded person to corrupt our thinking, in order to get rid of him. Remember, God created the man in His own image (Spirit) and in His own likeness (nature). *Why?* God being truthful, had shifted the venue from heavens to earth to handle this ungodly person because in the heavenly places, this sinful guy was communicating with the minds of other angels to pollute their obedient lives.

Firstly, God wanted to stop the violence in heavens and therefore separated the good angels from the evil ones. After casting down the rebellious angels into hell, God started His wonderful works on the earth. He created different creatures, for the man and woman to enjoy their lives with them and rule the earth. Thus, the humans were created as masters, not as slaves to anybody on this planet earth and they were kept in a well-protected Garden.

God formed the man in flesh, fusing His spiritual image inside him to fight the evil mind of Satan. That's the reason why, He created a suitable partner to man, in the form of a woman in flesh. Through these two humans, God wanted to demonstrate that a good nature of the spirit would be destroyed, if evil thoughts could enter into its mind. However, Adam was trained spiritually by God; he was taught in every good thing to follow the path of life. God made the first covenant with Adam, in which he was appointed as the ruler of the earth, once he would complete the assignment of God in the Garden of Eden. Accordingly, Adam and his generation would be given the unified (undivided) earth to live in the presence of God.

Adam knew his responsibilities and further to make him strong in this regard, God had formed Eve's body out of Adam. The man said:

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

In simple words, the woman was created as a helper to the man, so that he could defeat the evil minded Satan.

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Therefore, God planted two special trees in the garden as a test of faith to decide the following:

- $\checkmark$  Obedience.
- ✓ Salvation,
- Judgement.



Adam & Eve leaving Eden

God blessed the humans with His holy presence and righteous feelings, prior to the test of faith. Using the gifts of God, Adam would have easily destroyed the wicked plan of the devil to bring the required salvation for Eve. Bible says that the woman was deceived by the devil and then the woman lied to the man that everything was fine with her. Even today, the sinners will behave as such there is nothing wrong with/in them. Watch them carefully to see their untruthfulness. No human therefore can save the other one. All have gone astray, becoming evil, doing unrighteous things on their own selfish ways.

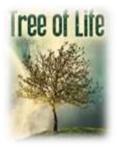
# 2.3 Test of Faith

The tree of life and the tree of good and evil, both had yielded their fruits, according to God's plan. Adam was clearly instructed to eat the fruits of the tree of life and live healthily with his helper, until their test of faith would be completed.

The Creator told Adam openly about their life and death. Also, God didn't give Adam a stupid helper. Eve was created as a suitable partner i.e. beautiful and intelligent. As long as Adam and Eve were together, the devil could not seed his evil thoughts into their minds. Satan applies always the divisional rule successfully into the minds of the people to build his kingdom of darkness. For that purpose he separates the wife from the husband and vice versa; the children from their parents; the people from their Creator and so on.

In the course of time, Eve had made a new friendship with Serpent, which was subtle. Through the Serpent, the devil spoke many fascinating things, which could attract the eyes of the woman towards the forbidden fruits. Her mind gradually got corrupted due to false words of the devil.

Wrong friendship made her to commit wrongdoing. Instead of Adam to decide what Eve had to do, it was Eve, who took the decision about Adam's future. *Violation of God's law led the humans to become slaves to evil thoughts*. They selected an independent path by rejecting the God's law; as the result they had received the death penalty, which made their life not to stay eternally in the God given flesh.



The Lord God commanded the man: "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden but you must not eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it, you will surely die", [Genesis 2:16, 17].



Tree of Good & Evil Death is the separation of spirit from the body. A good spiritual relation with God does not cause death.



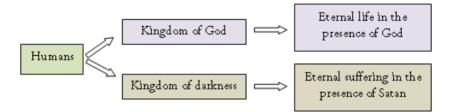
The spiritual ecstasy was indeed tasted by the humans in the beginning, when they were enjoying their lives in the presence of God. After the disobedience, fear had entered into their minds, so they hid themselves behind the trees and also they could not able to face the truthful and faithful God and His presence. *Many people today are hiding their faces from the presence of living God because of their sinful hearts and minds.* After creating all the creatures, God found them as good; but almost all the things now in this world cause some sort of troubles to life because of our wrong approaches to exploit them. *The humans are unhealthy both in their spirit and in flesh.* Why? It is because of their evil thinking?

But no one would want to realize their mistakes, until they could understand the following:

- Human life is spirit
- Spirit is eternal
- Spirit has the mind (conscience)
- Through mind, spirit learns the words
- Words produce the spiritual characters
- Characters of the spirit form the nature (likeness) of the soul

• Soul is the seed of eternal worlds (Heavens or Hell)

In the heavenly realms, God has created many worlds for His children to live in peace and happiness in His presence. After the disobedience of Lucifer and his angels, God has also made places for such people, who hate Him by not following His commands and laws. The major difference between these two eternal worlds is God and His presence.



Let us know that we are the generations of Adam and Eve, who chose the path of good and evil. Therefore, our life is common to both, namely its Creator God and its destroyer Satan. God doesn't have any relation with the devil and his evil minded angels. Unfortunately the humans have become slaves to the sinful thoughts of the devil and constantly getting inspired by his evil ways. We ought to change our attitudes and move towards the Creator of our lives, in order to receive His grace.

## 2.4 The Fall of Man

Man was created as the ruler of this earth; but when he listened to his wife and disbelieved the God's word, he became a labourer in the same world, besides being subjected to sinful thoughts. After that the children of men, naturally choose to follow the various wicked ways of Satan, and giving him the praises through false worships. Bible teaches this:

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"Blessed is the man, who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the God, and in His law (God's word) he meditates day and night", [Psalms 1:1, 2].

After the fall of Adam, he could produce only the sinners, wicked, and scornful (mockers). In his very first generation, the first son (Cain) became a murderer by killing his own brother (Abel). Today, one can see all sort of evil plans, which are being executed by wicked

people on their fellow humans. *Cursing is a serious problem in the human life.* The cursed angels of Satan make the humans to think in all the possible wicked ways by seeding the corrupted thoughts into their minds. As the result, the humans develop the following:



Cain killing Abel

- Desires to possess the materials,
- Seek the pleasures in flesh,
- To use filthy words (Slander) to defame others,
- Practise the selfish characters in flesh (Jealous, Enmity, Anger, Envy, Proud etc.),
- Ungodly worship, and so on.

We must diagnose a point at this stage; when our spirit is not living with God then it becomes free to do ungodly things. *God speaks to us through His words and showers His presence upon us to build our heart to think righteously.* God meets everyone individually and explains His views and extends an invitation for them to come back to His Kingdom of Light. On the other hand, the devil and his companions are destroying the God created lives, so that their fallen world (Hell) will not receive the final judgement from the God. Eternal fire will be poured out on the Hell as eternal punishment for these rebellious angels to suffer endlessly. *God hates the evilness but loves the righteousness.* When man chose to walk in the path of devil, God permitted Adam and Eve to leave His presence and to begin their journey on this earth.

The humans have travelled really a very long time and built various paths; and they have now completed more than 6000 years. With their thinking, they have developed the following:

- a) Knowledge to use the materials of the earth,
- b) Knowledge to observe the physical events,
- c) Knowledge to explore the resources in sea, land and space,
- d) Knowledge to entertain their lives,
- e) Knowledge to develop medicines for various diseases
- f) Knowledge to develop weapons of destruction, and so on and so forth.

These are the results of good and evil thinking. Humans have established their names in different fields but they have forgotten

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their heavenly Father, who created them. When Lucifer had fallen from his position, he was received by the humans as their leader on this earth. Subsequently, he introduced all his angels to interact with the minds of the people. So, we have today many cultures, civilizations, and religions. Indeed, every sect and region has their own god or goddess; thus millions of gods and goddesses are being worshiped in this world.

When the Creator of this world saw that the humans did not fulfil His purpose completely, He wanted to submit His love as the sacrificial offer, so that the hearts of the sinners might reject the sinful ways. But the humans usually prefer the paths of evil to seek the seasonal pleasures without understanding the truth that is that their spirit is eternal.

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: "Fear God and keep His commandments; for this is man's all (God's assignment to all). For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil", [Eccl. 12:13, 14].

Since the people of this earth give their hearts to Satan on freewill and allow him to seed his evil thoughts into their minds, God has brought the judgment upon their thought life.

#### 2.5 Achievements of God through the new worlds

*The man and the woman were created as observable living souls.* In the beginning, they had been trained in the Word of God and they were faithfully following the commandments of God. The moment, they received the evil thoughts into the minds and allowed them to

interact with their freewill (conscience), they could not resist their flesh feelings and committed the blunder. In the Garden of Eden, God could demonstrate the following:

- ✓ His truthfulness and faithfulness towards Adam and Eve
- ✓ His everlasting love and honesty
- ✓ His unchanging principles of eternal life



- ✓ His judgement to sins (sinners)
- ✓ His salvation through repentance

The 2/3<sup>rd</sup> angels in the heavenly worlds saw all these proceedings and dedicated their lives to the living God and for His earthly mission. *Now, the earth should have to receive the salvation from its Creator, for which someone would have to demonstrate a total obedience to the principles of God, to show the love of God by sacrificing his life.* This could be really a great thing; when should it take place and who would be that person?

Salvation is the only way, through which the humans will get rid of their sinful thoughts and ways, in order to rebuild a righteous mind. *Religious faith doesn't give anyone the thinking life that is like that of heavenly God.* For that matter, first of all, we should basically appreciate the fact that we are God's creations. For so many years, with our own freewill thinking under the guidance of Satan and his fallen angels, we went far away from the truth that is the wisdom of God. *The knowledge of this world is demonic; therefore with good and evil thinking, we ignore the heavenly God and His love.* Our focus is naturally on the lustful things and pleasurable matters.

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*Indeed we compel the living God to judge our lives without listening to His words. This is incorrect on our part.* 

Most of us, do not like to learn about the fact that we are the generation of the fallen man. Sins and cursing have been transferred to all from that man and from us to our children. Though we find some comforts through Sciences, they can't provide the necessary spiritual deliverance from the sins. Every day brings new challenges for the human life; whether God has left us helpless? Can we solve our problems without the Creator? Are we accountable to God, who have formed and created us in our mother's womb?

#### Let us examine first: Who are we? How are we? Where are we?

Humans live on the earth like animals; it is pathetic that, they are spoiling their habitat with evil attributes. Their flesh is formed to be God's temple; who gets the benefit, if they do not receive the living God in it. God gives us the thinking mind; but if we think in evil way to form Him in worldly shape, what profit do we make?

God created the earth as a paradise and <sup>Jd</sup>

wanted the humans to be its rulers. But this model was miserably failed due to their disobedience to God's Word. Therefore, God in order to save the human lives, came out with a salvation plan, in which He would become the helper of humans to defeat the devil.

Joseph & Mary with Jesus

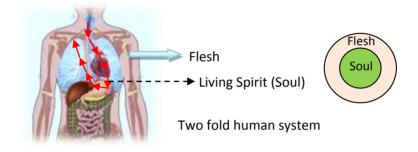


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#### 3.0 Human System

Human system is designed to produce a heavenly seed. It is a twofold system, which consists of a flesh (physical life in blood) and a spirit that is eternal.



In contrast, the angelic system was a single fold one (no physical life); accordingly the angelic body was formed. Let us first examine the wonderful design of human. Flesh is the earthly external part that holds the heavenly spiritual inner part. To support the spiritual life in flesh, God has made all the required sub-systems, such as breathing, nerves, digestive, physical and sanitary. The spirit in us is basically the life; that's the reason why, once this spirit leaves our flesh, the breathing stops. A physical cover (flesh) is given to the living spirit, so that a heavenly characteristic system (soul) could be created through God's word. We have seen that, in the heavenly places, a section of angels had done mistakes and went against the will of God. They had chosen an independent thought life by rejecting the God dependent thinking. Therefore, the Creator had to show the merits of God dependent life and also the consequences of sinful disobedient life. For that purpose, the human system was evolved in the heart of the heavenly Father.

God indeed had two purposes to be achieved, while designing the human.

- To demonstrate the evilness of ungodly life (independent thinking)
- To create obedient soul through salvation

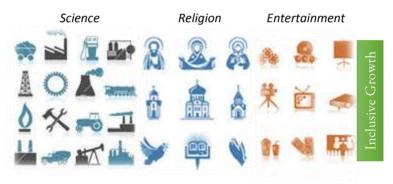
The first man (Adam) was created with full authority to defeat the evil thinking. The devil deceived him not directly but through his partner. *Eve would have received salvation through Adam, had he rejected her offer, keeping the commands of God. Even today, the devil spoils the society through evil minded men and women.* Therefore, we the human beings are either used as vessels in the hands of God or exploited by the devil for his evil plans.

Science has been advanced in many folds, developing new fields and today, humans have acquired the knowledge to develop artificial human parts (organs) to repair their flesh successfully. In fact, the research works on cloning, stem cells, reading the human brain cell activities and genome (coding DNA) etc., have accomplished a new height, where the humans are presently confident to extend their life span dramatically. It is also worth noticing that we have arrived to a stage now that unknown things or information in the physical system (body) are very few. Yet, this world is becoming more unsafe to live, day by day. Whenever a new virus emerges from the earth, we become panic until our Scientists could find a proper vaccine to destroy the works of that virus in the human body. It is good; however the fundamental issue remains unsolved.

All the physical infections are the result of our spiritual disobedience. It is our sinful life, inside the body that brings all the troubles, outside in the flesh.

Instead of curing the actual problem, we make all attempts to cover it up under the following:

- Scientific progress,
- Religious faith,
- Cultural heritage,
- Entertainment,
- Authority to rule others,
- Economic prosperity,
- Helping the poor and so on.



Peoples of this earth, first of all should learn that, they are God's children. Subsequently they have to understand the value of their life and its divine purpose. Without having clarity on these two aspects, if they just live like an animal and spend their time, only they would serve the purpose of the evil minded Satan. The knowledge that we have developed in the path of good and evil does not provide any help to appreciate the following:

- How are we created or come into existence?
- Who is God?
- What is truth?
- Where is our final destination?

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On the other hand, the knowledge of God (Bible) explains in details the above mentioned heavenly secrets and will educate us to have the required faith and develop obedience in us to follow the heavenly God. Despite the fact that there are many self-made religions now existing and also they have some literatures with them; as there is only one living God, the humans are given only one book from heavens to learn the truth of their lives and its worth.

In this chapter, we will be learning about the flesh, the spirit and the soul, not religiously but meaningfully.

#### 3.1 Flesh is the Temple of God

The sin that was introduced by the devil into the minds of Adam and Eve, led them eventually to have physical relation.

These two had lived in the presence of God in the Garden of Eden. After their disobedience, God sent them outside His presence because they chose to live independently by rejecting the God's word. Inside the Garden, their bodies (Flesh) were used for prayer and they could live in perfect peace with God. Hence the formation of flesh and its divine purpose was demonstrated by God. Bible says that, our flesh is the temple of God.

"Do you know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you", [1 Corinthians 3:16].



The Omni potent nature of God is the Holy Spirit and in that form, He wants to live inside us, and not outside us. In order to understand

this aspect, let us put some effort to learn about our physical system. It has many parts, which are beautifully made; in fact the humans took so many centuries to find the details (Anatomy) of their physical system and other creatures. But what we do not understand still is that, all these parts are operated and controlled by a secret element called, "Spirit", which is God given system directly and not created due to flesh forming process (Man and Woman relation).

The Spirit has the mind, which acts as its spiritual eye to receive the information in the form of word. This action actually initiates the thinking process that is spiritual, not physical. *Therefore, the word is the spiritual food to our spiritual system. As a result of thinking, an image is developed. An image is a thought model, which will produce a specified character to perform either a spiritual act or do a physical motion.* Depending upon the type of words received, the mind develops various thought models (images), namely physical and spiritual. Physical images produce the physical characters and Spiritual images will establish the nature (likeness) of our Soul, i.e. the spiritual characteristics.

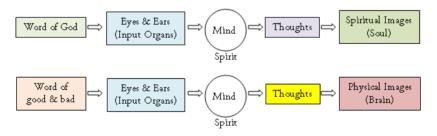


Figure 3.1: Sequence of thought process

Through our physical parts such as ears and eyes, the words enter (read/hear) inside us from outside (physical world or heavens); however it is our mind that initiates this process and receives the words into the spirit for thinking. Brain does store all the processed

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thoughts in analog form (as signal) to command the various parts of the body to function. Remember, the same eyes and ears again will participate in our action, while using the stored thought models from the brain.

A child since from the birth learns thousands of words to build its



characters. At this stage, let us clearly understand the physical and spiritual characters, later to appreciate our inner being truthfully. Note that if we do not take God's word (Bible) into

our spiritual system, then the likeness of our soul will not be reflecting the living God.

A: Physical Characters [Galatians 5:19, 20]

The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissension, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. Any physical identity like colour, caste, religion and language may influence our mind to be carnal. The carnal mind enjoys the selfish likings, desiring for the things of this world.

B: Spiritual Characters [Galatians 5:22, 23]

But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. The human system, according to the input it takes may develop either physical or spiritual nature. The spiritual identity in Jesus will establish Christ mind. With this mind, we like to follow the God's word, desiring to have His life Style.

Education and economy also do not provide any integrity among the societies or between people. Unless we realise that, we are God's creations, placed under the Sun and expected to go back to His Kingdom of Light, we will not listen to His words. God's enemy, Satan has already seeded the ungodliness in the world.

The children of Adam and Eve happily chose the path of good and bad and followed the devil. As a result, the independent thought life system has been established very strongly in the world, which brings conflict of interest, enmity, adultery, desire to have authority, power and materials etc.

"For all that is in the world- the lust of the flesh; the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father (God) but is of the world", [1 John 2:16].



Selfish motivation today drives our mind and life. Lustful passion covers our body and sinful

*pleasures fill the heart.* Humans consider themselves as modern and civilised animals; though it is unfortunate but not all have fallen permanently into the trap of the devil. Those, who have ears can hear the truth of God and come back to the Kingdom of Light.

#### 3.2 Creation of the soul

The knowledge of good and evil has resulted in many forms, namely sciences, philosophies, cultures and civilisations, entertainments, and sports etc.

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Among these, sciences have brought some comfort and understanding to the humans. The knowledge of physical world is available in the form of words. But these scientific words are derived from observation based thinking on God's different creations, which are seen on the earth. We have not created anything new. Bible teaches this,

"By faith we understand that the worlds were formed by the Word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible", [Hebrew 11:3].

Therefore, creation is never possible through observatory knowledge. Our words can help us to design new systems, using the



available materials of this world. Human is a thinking system and its thinking is limited to this world alone. We cannot understand the living God of heaven and earth through scientific

knowledge. *Indeed humans have never seen the God through their eyes, during their physical stay.* Because of this very reason, God has given us His book to read and understand Him and His love towards our lives. The knowledge of God is pure and precious than gold and silver. It makes a fool to become wise; so that he can understand the heavenly secrets through the wisdom of God.

It is important to know, where is our life and how does it come inside our flesh?

The human life is a living spirit, which is an eternal light energy. This spirit of light comes from the breathing of Father God, who lives in the heavenly places in an unapproachable light, in whom there is no darkness.

We have already learnt that the living God is an Omni potent spiritual person. The greater soul of God is His Holy Spirit, who makes God's presence everywhere simultaneously in the multi-polar worlds. God, through His wisdom and knowledge, created the universe and many galaxies, which have millions of stars and planetary systems. One of such galaxies is our milky way, in which the solar family dwells. In this family, the life supporting earth is continuously revolving, where you and I are breathing the air, consuming the provisions made by God, every day. The following are the references that we have from the book of God, which explain about our creation:

- By His Spirit, He adorned the heavens (Job 26:13)
- As long as my breath is in me, And the breath of God in my nostrils (Job 27:3)
- As you do not know what is the way of the wind, or how the bones grow in the womb of her (mother) who is with child, so you do not know the works of God who makes everything (Eccl 11:5)
- For you formed my inward parts; you covered me in my mother's womb; my bones (frame or skeleton) were not

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hidden from you, when I was made in secret and skilfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth; your eyes saw my substance (embryo: the formless body) being yet unformed, and in your book they all were written (Psalm 139:13-16)

We are created in the image (Spirit form) of God to produce His likeness (Characters: thinking patterns). God is love, so our spiritual system is centred on this divine nature. The spirit of life, when enters into the embryo, it creates the physical parts. The required genomic information is provided by God to form our various parts and grow into different organs. But no word is given to the child; on the other hand the child is equipped with an ability to hear the sound of its mother and others.

God wants every one of us to select Him as the ruler of our life; not by compulsion but through the submission of freewill. The spirit of life would learn many words to build its characters. The grown up spirit is called soul, which practises the developed characters.

"Unless the Lord builds the house (Soul), they (people) labour in vain who build it", [Psalm 127:1].



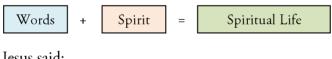
These are the words, which tell us, how much important we are and close to God. The freewill thinking has spoiled the minds of humans and separated them from the holy presence of the living God.

"Whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame-who set their mind on earthly things", [Philippians 3:19].

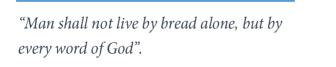
There are many languages and cultures born out of freewill thinking, which have resulted in many civilisations and countries. The seasonal life (temporary stay) on this earth has become a prime focus for the people and on each new day, they add some additional complications to their lives. But those, who repent, meaning realize their mistakes, they will come back to God and learn the truth through His word of life. God is impartial; His purpose is to build a sinless society on this earth.

#### 3.2.1 How do we build our characters?

The characters of the flesh are not from God and therefore they have brought only the differences among the human beings. The fundamental elements of life are word and spirit:



Lord Jesus said:

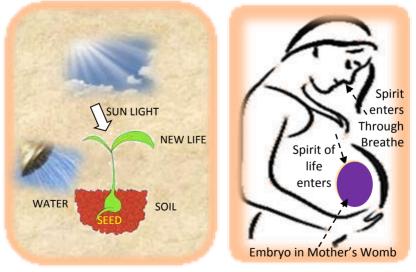


Unfortunately, people would like to learn the words of science, entertainment, sport, social ideology, conflict, philosophy, and

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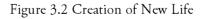
mythology etc., and do not show much interest to hear the God's word. *The nature of word imparts its essence into our spirit to produce its likeness.* Therefore, the spiritual nature is built based upon the kind of words that we learn in this life. *In fact the purpose of our creation is to learn the God's word and develop all the necessary spiritual qualities in order to live in the presence of God.* 

Since that did not take place naturally due to the fall of first man (Adam), God now has introduced His salvation plan; through which He resurrects (revives) our spiritual state, called born again experience to make us spiritually alive. In this scheme, God again invites all of us to learn His words to reconstruct our thought life system in order to build His likeness; so that He can receive us back into His heavenly places for rest. Look at the following pictures further to understand the creation of new life (See figure 3.2).



Seed to Plant Life

Spirit to Embryo



A seed is seeded in the soil and with water, it grows into a new life under the Sun light. Similarly, a zygote (human seed) is formed in the mother's womb and it grows into a new life in the light of God.

The disobedient relation of man and woman forms the flesh, in which the spirit of life is given by God in faith, so that later the spirit would learn obedience through God's word. King David of Israel (Nearly 3000 years before), who walked before the God, realized this fact. He said in Psalm 51:5 as follows:

"Behold I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me".

God gave the word of truth to Adam (first man); but he rejected the truth and followed the lie of Satan because it came through the mouth of his wife. After that, the man and woman were started living intimately.

Now Adam knew Eve (through physical relation) his wife, and (as a result) she conceived (in her womb an embryo was formed that is the physical body) and bore Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man (spirit of life through breathing) from the Lord", [Genesis 4:1].

The Eve's words clearly define the role of a) husband and wife, and b) the living God Almighty, in the creation of new life.

In the Garden of Eden, when the man and woman were living, they knew each other in God's presence, meaning spiritually. Later they

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were sent out of this Garden due to disbelief on God's word. They indeed started an ordinary physical life, in which things like labour pain, sorrows due to hard works, and sufferings because of illness, all became part of their earthly life.

#### 3.3 Severity of Sin

In this section, we are going to learn about the severity of sin and also assess, how it has multiplied. Humans have learnt to accept the problems, which may come into their disobedient life. They cry when failure occurs, and laugh during the successful time. They would be thinking that, this is what all about human life. If we closely examine the lives of first generation of Adam and Eve, we can easily understand the cruel face of sin.



Cain was the first son of Adam and Abel was his brother. Cain followed his father's footsteps and became a farmer. On the other hand, Abel took up a new job as shepherd. At that time the earth was

cursed due to the disobedience of Adam and Eve. Adam taught Cain

the agricultural works, besides sharing with him the memories of his failed relationship, which he had with the living God. This possibly would have confused the mind of Cain, when he was searching for ways to satisfy the living God. However, his brother Abel was simple in understanding God; he



thought that, he was born to obey God's word and worship Him with a grateful heart. The time came for both the brothers to worship the living God. Both had built their altars, respectively.

Cain brought some of the fruits of the soils, the outcome of his works from the field and Abel sacrificed the first born fat animals on the altar from his flock. The Lord looked with favour on Abel and his offering. So Cain got angry with his brother and decided to remove him from the earth.

God wouldn't accept the offering of a person, if the person couldn't truthfully present it, out of love. For the sake of pleasing God, if someone makes any offering, surely it is not received by God; religious people may receive such offerings happily. Cain did not love his brother after that incident; therefore the devil started interacting with his mind continuously. Then the Lord spoke to him:

"Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it", [Genesis 4:7].

The devil put a wrong thought in Cain's mind that is that, God did not like him. Though God did not accept the offering of Cain but at the same time, He also did not reject him. Cain was not clear on what could be the best sacrificial offer, in order to receive God's grace for his life. However, Abel offered the blood of an innocent animal as sacrificial offer for the redemption of his life.

When Cain deceivingly killed his brother, who was righteous, God brought the judgment upon Cain's life. From heavens, God saw, what Cain did to his brother; but Cain denied the truth and lied to God. Because of his untruthfulness, Cain had to leave from the presence of God, which protected the family of Adam.

#### 3.3.1 Ungodly life on the earth

In the beginning, Adam and Eve had a spiritual life, which was a faithful relation with the living God. After listening to the devil, they had learnt to rebel against God, meaning started to think opposite to the word of God. But still God could provide them His protection, being outside to their hearts. On the earth, then onwards two kinds of life began to exist.

- Godly life (Inside Eden) Holy Spirit of God, dwelling inside the heart of a human; this is God dependent life
- Ungodly life (Outside Eden) human spirit living without God; this is independent life

In the battle with God, Satan has been tempting the humans to become rebellious to God; that is, misguiding them to have an ungodly life. The devil recommends his way of life to us, in which there is no intervention by God. But he does not say that such an ungodly life will bring the judgment of God upon us. The Spirit of *God left the hearts of Adam and Eve, after seeing their disbelief on His words.* Then, Cain brought a situation, where he had to leave completely from the presence of God and in fact he hid himself from God, in the rest of his life. Because of this, the generation of Cain became a cursed society on the earth.

Our life becomes cursed, if it does not live in the holy presence of God. Remember, God did not remove His grace upon the humans, after Adam and Eve had disobeyed His words. Indeed He would want to be in their lives to provide guidance and teach them

moralities. When Cain committed the blunder, killing his brother, he brought an unsafe environment for the humans to live together. For that reason, God had no choice but asked Cain to leave from the place where Adam was living; so that God could guide the other children of Adam. Cain led an ungodly life and multiplied as a cursed society, in which his generation had no connection with the living God. Cain built a city and started his own culture and civilization; possibly he would have developed his own method of worship, because his offering was not accepted by God; perhaps the generation of Cain might have worshiped him as their god.

Let us not get surprised, by looking at the people, who with stubborn hearts and minds, accepting non-speaking shapes as their gods. An ungodly life is the one, in which the human spirit lives without the presence of the Holy Spirit of God. Since the lustful things of the world fill the hearts of such people, they praise their ancestors or themselves, cultures, achievements etc., being proud.

God accepts the broken spirit, humble heart and obedient mind. Without these qualities, our praise and worship will not be received by the heavenly Father. The worship of Cain was rejected because he was not humble and truthful before God. Similarly, if we are not



humble before the living God, with a truthful heart, our worship will also be rejected by Him. *We must do what is right in God's sight*.

God wanted to put the generation of Adam and Eve into the right track, in which they would receive His guidance and protection for their mind and thinking; so that they would have been kept away from the evil plans of Satan. But Cain could not resist the

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temptation of devil and started possessing the characters of Satan as his own. Later his generation really indulged in violent activities, ignoring the living God and worshiping their ancestors in some forms.

Not all the children of Adam had followed the living God. In their physical life, the minds of early humans became susceptible to good and bad thoughts. Actually they had struggled to understand the importance of God's guidance and did not make sincere attempts to defeat the temptations of devil. The children of Adam chose easy ways to accomplish their evil desires for short term benefits. *When the humans had built different cultures and civilizations, they ignored the living God, following the non-speaking idols. Remember, idol worship constraints our mind to think only about this world and its needs.* 

#### Then what happens during a true worship?

The fire came down from heaven and burnt the offering of Abel. It was a sign of God, accepting the true worship. Cain saw this miracle and later possibly would have adopted his own way of burning the animal sacrifice by earthly fire. In the modern world, even today we see such evil practises. However, the Bible has recorded many occasions, where the fire came down from heaven to consume the animal sacrifices, whenever the Abraham's generations were made such sacrifices truthfully and faithfully, following the God's Word. One such incident happened during Prophet Elijah's times.

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#### 4.0 Introduction

Earth was prepared to be a paradise and the humans were created by God to become the followers of His words. However, the former worship leader (Lucifer alias Satan) came from hell to this paradise earth and converted the spiritual minds of Adam and Eve and made them as slaves to his evil plans. *As the desires of this evil minded person were not fulfilled in the heavenly kingdoms, his mind became very violent and started working always against the path of God.* Lucifer did not like God; so he corrupted the minds of many angels, who had worked with him and turned them against the living God. Remember, these angels (around  $1/3^{rd}$  in count) chose an independent thought life, following Lucifer.

God gave freedom to Adam and Eve to make their option between righteousness and wickedness; thus He planted two trees at the centre of the garden to know their decision. By not choosing the path to the tree of good and evil, Adam was expected to show his trust on God's word. But Adam and Eve made a wrong choice and they converted the paradise earth into an ordinary living habitat for the physical lives. Had they not doubted what was told by God, they would have lived eternally under the presence of God, eating the fruits of life. Unfortunately the first man and woman listened to the voice of the devil and subsequently got deceived by his evil plan. Later they observed through their own eyes, the severity of disobeying God, when Cain killed his brother Abel. But they had no control over evil thinking. Generation after generation, the children of Adam became cruel, self-oriented and committed sinful deeds, which made the heart of God to worry and think, why did He create the man on this earth? Sufficient evidences are recorded in the book of God (Bible)

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that, in those days, the fallen angels had interacted with the minds of humans and corrupted their thought lives. As a result, the humans developed different sexual desires (immorality) and also became lustful for authority, power and materials' possession. The iniquity on the earth became so wild and God saw the earth, which was full of violence, filled with wicked people.

"The Lord saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time", [Genesis 6:5].

The man and woman could only produce disobedient children in the path of good and evil with selfish thinking. An independent thought life is always susceptible to evil thoughts and this mind is not immunised from the corruptive thinking. The freewill that we build without God's guidance in our life is highly volatile because our spirit of life has been dwelling in a disobedient flesh.

#### 4.1 Judgment on Flesh

"The Lord was grieved that He had made man on the earth, and His heart was filled with pain. So the Lord Said: I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth; men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air; for I am grieved that I have made them", [Genesis 6:6, 7].

At this stage, we need to realise that both our flesh and soul are equally important in the plan of God. If our flesh does not become the house (temple) of the Lord, the Holy Spirit of God can't dwell inside us. Without the holy companionship of God's Spirit, our soul only becomes an entertainment place for the fallen angels. Once the

freewill is addicted to the lies of devil, even the children will go against their parents, friends become enemies and our peace will be disturbed. For God to rectify the situation and bring salvation to our mind, He had to save first, the flesh from total destruction. But the humans were continuously committing sins under the influence of the devil, which could not be tolerated by God, according to His righteousness. He therefore decided to bring the judgement upon those, who did not have fear to God's word.

*"But Noah found favour in the* the bible, for this farmer, called *eyes of the Lord"*, [*Genesis 6:8*]. Noah could find favour from the eyes of the living God.

- Noah was a righteous person, meaning he was faithful to God's word
- He was blameless among the people of his time
- He walked with God, i.e. followed God's word truthfully

In fact Noah was a married man and he had three sons and three daughter-in-laws. Thus, there were totally eight people in the family, including his wife. Because of Noah, the complete family had received the grace of God. In those times, the people of this earth had not seen rain and also did not possess the knowledge about

ground water. The four rivers came from Eden, were the source of water for the people, who had been living at the mid portion of the single earth plate (see figure 4.1 for only understanding). Remember, the population was very small owing to



First Judgment of God

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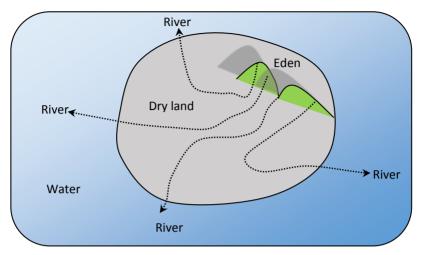
the average human life span, which was more than 700 years at that time. Bible says that Noah was the tenth generation of Adam (Cain and Abel were excluded in the list of Adam's generation, Genesis: Chapter 5). The earth was mostly covered by forest, where God had set the water cycle and made the water to flow as rivers to those places, where our ancestral humans had lived.

So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all the people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them, I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out", [Genesis 6: 13, 14].

Since Noah walked with God, i.e. he worshiped the living eternal God by ignoring the earthly gods (Satan and fallen angels), so he had received the God's salvation plan for flesh. *The Creator again chose the path of faith to save the human flesh on the earth.* Noah was given an opportunity to obey God's word and take His plan seriously, if he and his family had to be saved from the judgment of God. Truly, this faithful farmer had no knowledge of the following:

- He did not know the principle of buoyancy
- He had no technology to build a big ship
- He never saw rain, clouds, thunders, lightening etc.
- He had no clue about ground water table

But still Noah believed the living God and faithfully followed His plan. The faith of Noah on God's word had saved him and his family from the greater flood.



Typical view showing the living place during Noah's time Noah was given an assignment by God to store the required food for his family members and also for other creatures, who would be

staying in the same ark in different rooms and floors. Noah announced the salvation plan of God to the fellow human beings and invited them to join with him. But they did not believe on what Noah had proclaimed and also felt that Noah was interfering in their personal lives. It took lots of time, materials and efforts to build the ark by Noah, following the instructions of God. The time came, God asked Noah and



Noah & his ark

his family members to enter into the ark and all the selected creatures also came inside the ark as God commanded them in their order. As told by God, the rain came down heavily from the heavens and the earth plate was also broken into multiple tectonic zones (this

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has later facilitated many nations), so that ground water would come out to increase the water level on the surface of the earth immensely. All the lives in flesh, living on the face of the earth and in the air were destroyed and the souls of these humans were kept in the world of darkness (grave), for their eternal judgment. Nearly for a year, the family of Noah had stayed inside the ark, as the flood of 40 days' rain to recede from the earth. Nothing could be seen on the earth, except the ark. Bible has clearly narrated the judgment of God, His purpose and the promises, given to Noah's family, through whom, God would want to create a new generation with a new world order.

#### 4.1.1 What did God achieve after this judgment?

This is really a very important question from the point of view of human lives and their future on the earth.

- The wickedness and sinful deeds were temporarily terminated
- Satan's direct rule came to an end on the earth; meaning Satan's claim on human lives was halted
- The longevity of human life was reduced; for this to happen both atmosphere and food habits were significantly modified/changed
- Four seasons were introduced with cold and heat, winter and summer
- Seeding and harvesting was blessed to continue until the day and night to cease
- The cursing due to the disobedience of Adam was removed from the earth soil (crest)

#### 4.2 Return of Sins and Multiplication

God blessed Noah and his family members and gave them the earth. These eight people worshiped the true living God, who saved them through His words. Then what happened; how did evil reappear in the lives of the humans? *Noah was tempted by the devil to make wine and drink*.

"Noah, a man of the soil, proceeded to plant a vineyard. When he drank some of its wine he became drunk and lay uncovered inside his tent. Ham, the third son, saw his father's nakedness and told his brothers outside", [Genesis 9:20, 21].

When Noah awoke from his wine and found out what his youngest son did to him, he got angry and cursed him. This cursing was not from the Creator. *Since the devil tempted Noah and one of his sons, only through humans the cursing again entered into the world. Therefore, if we worship the God in the form of man or woman, surely we do not glorify the living God.* Also, it is impossible to see the pure love of the righteous God, who is holy, through our parents, who have only emotional attachments with us in flesh. Noah blessed the other two sons because they had covered his nakedness without seeing him. Ham, the third son would have certainly cried for his mistake; but his generation was cursed due to Noah's temperament (angry).

Through parents, the blessings come to their children; therefore they should not curse them, even in their anger.

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God removed the cursing from the earth through His judgment; it was Noah's anger that again cursed the land of Ham. This makes things clear that, only humans are cursing each other because of jealous, anger, envy, enmity etc. In simple words, people are naturally following the cursed fallen angels of Satan and make ownership of such evil practises. By the thoughts of fallen angels, many cultures and civilizations were born and got seeded all over the world.

"The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit", [Proverb 18:21].

Our words are very important tools in life; by using them, we can either bless someone or curse others. Words play a vital role in the life of every human being. Following important observations can be made from the life of Noah.



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- Since Noah blessed his two sons and cursed the third one, he not only brought the differences among them but also the enmity in their generation later.
- Noah also introduced slavery in the new world by making the generation of Ham to be slaves to his brothers.

This was not in good taste with God's plan to build a blessed society on the justified earth.

God said after the flood: "Never again will I curse the ground because of man, even though every inclination of his heart is evil from childhood", [Genesis 8:21].

However, what Noah did was just the opposite to God's word. *Therefore, the people of this earth, who are the generation of Noah, should not blame God for their curses, failures and pathetic situations.* The disobedient nature that we receive from our parents and the evil thoughts, which we learn and practise only make our life miserable, in which sufferings are inevitable. The children of Noah were multiplied but did not spread all over the world, as God told them to do.

#### 4.2.1 Division of Languages and Creation of Nations

The devil's job is always to spoil the good works of the Creator. God selected one family from the long living humans and subsequently



blessed the family members. In angry, the leader of that family cursed his third son and generation. As a result, both blessed and cursed generations developed and they started living on the east

side of planet earth (Genesis 11:2). They had a single language. At that time, humans had developed the knowledge of building materials and construction technology, attaining the knowhow of making bricks and tar. Since bricks were lighter than stones and tar was a better adhesive than mortar, some of the evil men convinced the rest of the society that, it would be better to build a tower of fame and a city for themselves, so that their names would be established as ancestors for the future generations to follow their life styles and cultures. They further decided not to get scattered on the face of the earth. Remember that, Noah and his three sons knew the living God, who is not in any form of the earthly creatures,

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including humans. But their generations went away from God's word and His instructions and became slaves to the lustful thoughts of the devil. *Satan always emphasises on personal identity, individual right, selfish ambition and of course promoting how to be proud.* 

Since Noah's generations could not live for long years like their ancestors, they would have worshiped their ancestors as gods and goddesses. This was the beginning of idol worship, in which people made attempt to see God through their naked eyes. *Sinful thoughts always separate the human lives from the living God, who is the Holy Spirit, truthful in His words and eternal being in personality.* 

When God saw that, the offspring of Noah were building a tower, He descended to study their intention; there He found that, their hearts were filled with wicked



Different Tectonic Earth Plates due to greater flood (Psalm 60:2)

plans. So the Lord felt in His heart that, it was not good for the humans to live at one place with one language. Therefore, He separated their language into many and made them as different groups to move away from each other. The division of one language into many has resulted into the birth of more than 200 countries in the world today, speaking different languages. Unless we learn the other language, with our own mother tongue, no one can understand the minds of other nations. This fact clearly shows that, the Creator of our lives has been living in the heavenly places and He only divided the language of Noah and created many nations. If we read the bible carefully, the purpose of God in our life would become transparent to us.

#### Why did God divide the language?

- God has kept the food for humans all over the world, so He wanted them to travel in search of fertile lands and living places
- He did not want the humans to build the wicked cultures of worshiping their ancestors
- He felt that, if they would speak one language then the devil could easily penetrate into their minds and corrupt them totally
- Since the self-pride rejects the Creator, God would want His creations to be dependent on Him for their needs like rain, safety from flood, fire and wild animals etc.

God therefore divided their one language, so that He would interact with them in different languages through His everlasting words. Today this has become a reality. *All the nations of the earth read the book of God in their own mother tongues*. Let glory be to the God of heavens, who is faithful to those, who trust His words.

The devil is fighting for his pride with God, which is fast diminishing. Humans have to overcome from their sinful deeds; because their prides are short living on this earth. The Creator speaks directly to us: "Repent and turn away from the sinful ways; remember your Creator and come back to Me".



The Family

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When the humans started building their nations, they had developed multiple cultures, civilizations, entertainments, sports, towns, cities, ports etc. Some of their traditions had later become religious faiths. In the ancient world, the humans had mostly worshiped their ancestors, believing that, their father and mother gave them everything, namely flesh (body), soul and materials comfort. Therefore, it was pleasing to them in their hearts to do worship in the names of ancestors. Even today, we see such practices in many countries. I pray earnestly to Lord Jesus Christ, asking Him to have mercy upon the people of my country and to remove the ignorance from their minds.

"Oh, my Heavenly God, let your grace forgive all our sins, and make us obedient to Your eternal words; we are the works of Your hands, so remember us in Your tender love".

#### 4.3 Seeding the Faith in Our Mind

The humans had lost their relationship with the Creator due to unfaithful mind. Only with a sad note, God can't close the project, 'Paradise Earth', without accomplishing His mission. It will never

happen. This earth was created to give Him the faithful children; we are not enemies to heavens; our knowledge of good and bad does not help us to understand the divine purpose and the nature of God. We therefore need the wisdom and knowledge of the living God to learn the following:



• The eternity of our spirit (image) and soul (likeness)

- The salvation plan of God for our spiritual soul and the remission of its sins (forgiveness of God)
- The need to correct our corruptive mind and conscience (sanctification by God's word and Spirit)
- The judgment of God to our earthly life (Justified or Unjustified)

Nevertheless, for the men and women to realize their paths, first of all, they have to learn the importance of their life. Since faith is a heavenly substance, surely it has to come from the heavenly God. Many nations were built after the greater flood. And the humans went on their own ways, developing diverse life styles. Now, the living God has been calling all of us to listen to His voice, Lord Jesus Christ and follow Him. God would like to teach us, His eternal words, so that we understand the truth. How long do we follow the lies and corrupt our precious thought life? Due to untruthful ways of the devil, sins are multiplied many fold in the lives of humans. The entire human race must be rescued from the hands of the devil because he is mercilessly killing the invaluable souls, created by the living God. God has no option but to speak to scientific intelligent, idol worshipers, fun lovers, adulterers, mockers, liars etc., of this world and explain His standpoint. If anyone listens to His voice, then he/she will become the partner of God to build a faithful society on the earth, through whom, the word of life can be given to the fellow human beings in order to save their lives from eternal destruction.

When God spoke to a man called Abraham, he was not aware of the living God but worshiping only his ancestors. However, Abraham quickly realised his mistakes and paid attention to the voice of the Lord. Though there were many nations, many cultures established

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and many faiths were practised at that time, God chose Abraham because of his sincerity in obeying to God's word. *Abraham took a very big decision in his life, which is also necessary in our life.* 

The Lord said to Abraham: Leave your country, your people (culture/tradition/festival) and your father's household (properties/relatives) and go to the land (unknown) I will show you. I will make you into a great nation (now it is Israel) and I will bless you; and all the peoples on the earth will be blessed through you (already fulfilled in Jesus Christ)", [Genesis 12:1-3].

By hearing these promising words, Abraham left his native place (Ur, in Iraq) and went to Canaan, according to the guidance of the Lord.

#### 4.3.1 What is the significance of Canaan?

The land of Canaan is very important in the project, *Paradise Earth*'. This was the place, where once God had planted the Eden Garden and kept Adam and Eve. In fact,



this land was never given to the humans; after their disobedience, Adam and Eve were sent outside this place. Until the greater flood came, the garden was protected by Cherubim with a lightening sword. Afterwards, the tree of life was removed from the earth; but still that land was kept by God for His plan to be executed and it was not given to humans. Canaan (Eden) was the centre of authority and power on the earth. *Had Adam successfully completed the mission* of God, he would have surely ruled the complete earth, being in the Garden of Eden.

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Lucifer, the former arch angel and worship minister, had his office in the heavenly place called Eden.

"You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God", [Ezekiel 28:15].



This guardian Cherub was the prime minister, in charge of many departments in the Kingdom of God. He was the authorised signatory for the King of Kings to issue ordinances and commands in

the name of the Lord (Immanuel). Undoubtedly Mr. Lucifer was powerful among other angels. Everything was good until he created a new pattern of thought model in his mind; that is that he wanted to be worshiped by fellow angels for his wisdom and beauty, which were given to him by the Son of God. Lucifer did not have the mind to accept his mistakes, when it was pointed out to him by the Spirit of God (Greater Soul). Instead he lied in the Assembly of God and challenged the living eternal God to prove his mistakes.

God the Creator took the creation route and made our world in His wisdom and created everything on it (all creatures) and saw them all as good. He, in fact formed the Eden with a beautiful garden for the man and woman to live in perfect peace with His Holy Spirit. They truly lived as the believers of God's word for a while, until Eve met the father of lies (Satan), near the tree of good and evil. *Today, humans are working very hard to develop an intelligent lie detector; also* 

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trying to decode the thoughts of a human brain, without realising the origin of lie.

The Creator wants the people to believe His words and follow His Son Jesus Christ. *If we do not believe the God's word, then we may become independent in our thinking like the fallen angels, who followed Lucifer*. A self-motivated mind is ungodly, which will only produce the thoughts of Lucifer. Satan seeded this thought life into the mind of Eve; in turn she was able to seed the same in Adam's life. In this way, Satan converted the worshipers of God into non-believers of God's word in the Eden Garden and made them like his fallen angels. The prince of darkness (Satan) started this work in heavens and he is continuing the same work among the God's creations on this planet earth. *God does not need to convert anybody because He is the Creator of our lives. It is the devil, who started the conversion process in this world*.

If we are spiritually one with God, being in His presence, then the devil can't do his evil work in our mind to separate us from the Spirit of God. Eve got separated from the presence of God, believing the lies of Satan and subsequently she became a liar; Adam listening to her became a betrayer of God and later questioned God's plan of creating a suitable partner for him. *Unfaithfulness leads to corruptive thinking; accordingly our mind becomes enemy to God.* Satan defeated the obedient minds of Eve and Adam; through which he also got exposed as the father of lies. When Lord Jesus introduced Lucifer to this world, He said: "Satan was a murderer (of spiritual life) from the beginning, not holding the truth (i.e. God's word), for there is no truth in him, when the devil lies, he speaks his native language (ungodly words), for he is a liar, and the father of lies", [John 8:44].

Now we know, how important is this place called Canaan, from where the Word of God would have to come and to get seeded all over the earth.

"Truth (Word of God) shall spring out of the earth (Canaan), and righteousness (of Father God) shall look down from heaven", [Psalm 85:11].

Knowing this fact clearly, the devil had tempted Noah to curse this place and made him to allot it to the cursed generation of Ham. Then Noah said in his anger:

"Cursed be Canaan, the lowest of slaves will he be to his brothers", [Genesis 9:25].

Again, it appeared that the devil was successful in defeating the obedient mind of Noah to develop anger to act foolishly. In the meantime, God prepared a successful plan for Abraham and was just waiting for him to come in the generation of Shem, the second son of Noah. *We may be surprised, why did God want to take Abraham to a cursed land.* Through Abraham's life, God wanted to demonstrate that, if we follow God's word, the cursing of Satan would be removed and we become the blessing for the complete world.

#### 4.3.2 The Faithful Journey of Abraham and the Nation Israel

Abraham was a shepherd and married to Sarah, his wife. He was the 10<sup>th</sup> generation in the family of Shem. They had no child, while leaving their native place (Ur in Iraq) to Canaan. From Iraq to Syria, then they moved to the land of Canaan. At that time, the generation

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of Ham, called Canaanites were living there, worshiping their ancestors in different idol format and celebrating many festivals.

After reaching Canaan, Abraham worshiped the true living God, 'Jehovah'. He built an altar, on which he sacrificed the animals for the remission of sins. There was a severe famine in the land of Canaan, when the family of Abraham arrived. Without consulting the God, who had brought him there, Abraham went to Egypt, a nearby country in search of food and business. In Egypt, Abraham faced many challenges; he lied to Egyptians by introducing Sarah as his sister, in fear of his life; therefore King Pharaoh took her to his palace. God in His grace saw the pathetic condition of Abraham and intervened to bring him back to Canaan. God appeared to Pharaoh in vision and warned him that, Sarah was Abraham's wife. Pharaoh realised that, the mighty hands of God were against him and his family; so he returned Sarah back to Abraham, along with a massive amount of precious gifts like gold and silver, camels, donkeys, sheep etc. After that Abraham returned back to Canaan, where God wanted him to settle. Then onwards, Abraham truthfully followed God's word; because of that he was abundantly blessed.



Abraham & Isaac

Abraham was childless until the age of 100 years. But he and Sarah had put their trust in the God's promise; as a result, Sarah became a mother at the age of ninety. Nevertheless, Abraham was tested for his faith on God's word subsequently; in fact he was asked by God to sacrifice his only son Isaac. Abraham believed that, God could bring life back into Isaac body. By seeing

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a right faith in the heart of Abraham, God gave him an alternate sacrificial offer to make in the form of a sheep, in place of Isaac.

After that, God made His covenant with Abraham and his son Isaac and it was extended later to Jacob, the grandson of Abraham. Jacob was not a truthful man in the beginning; actually he cheated his own brother and deceived his father Isaac to take the blessing of Abraham, given by God. But Jacob was really trained through hard paths by God, to walk blameless before Him, to inherit the promised blessing. God taught Jacob the following:

- What is true blessing and who is the blessing giver?
- What are the consequences of deceiving others?
- What should he do to receive the blessing from God?
- How should he walk in the path of God?

Jacob had to run for his life from Canaan to Padan Aram (in Syria), where his uncle was living because of his brother Esau, who had a plan to kill him. Jacob went through difficult times in Syria, where he had to face a family tussle between his two wives, besides tackling the wily Laban, his uncle. *However, God blessed Jacob as he was repenting for his mistakes; so Jacob started trusting in the promises of God.* As God blessed the flocks of Jacob, he became a very prosperous man in comparison to Laban. After returning from Padan Aram, Jacob settled in the same place, where Abraham and Isaac had lived. Actually, God was again waiting for the selected son of Jacob to grow, through whom He wanted to save many nations from famine. *Joseph was the tenth son of Jacob, who was hated by his brothers because he was honest and fearful to God.* Joseph was sold as a slave to some business men of Egypt; in turn they sold him to an army officer of King Pharaoh, called Potiphar. From slavery, Joseph

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was raised to become the governor of Egypt by God Almighty. God gave Joseph the necessary wisdom and knowledge to handle the severe famine, a period of seven years, using the abundant yield and prosperity of previous seven years. During this time, Joseph introduced the concept called warehouse for storing the food in Egypt. Jacob and all his children left Canaan due to famine and went to Egypt on the invitation by Joseph. The children of Jacob lived in Egypt for nearly 400 years and multiplied in numbers. God then appointed Moses as their leader and performed mighty miracles through his hands to deliver them from slavery. Moses guided around 2 million men and their families through wilderness for forty odd years up to the entrance of Canaan. The servant of Moses, called Joshua indeed had led the Israelites successfully into the Promised Land and made them to settle down in different parts of the land. Thus a faithful nation, known as Israel was formed, according to God's word.

## 4.3.3 Why was God so particular of this one Country for many centuries?

The reason is simple. *The earth should receive God's word*; meaning the peoples of this world have to be delivered from their sinful deeds. But the Word of God (Immanuel) was in the heavenly places. After the greater flood, time and again, the devil and his demons were corrupting the lives of the people, seeding the wickedness into generation after generation.

The following was the declaration made by God in the Eden Garden, during the investigation on Adam's failure to keep the God's word. "And I will put enmity between you (Satan) and the woman and between your offspring (wicked angels) and hers (children of Eve); he (Son of Man) will crush your head (Satan's authority over humans) and you will strike his heel (earth is the foot stool of God)", [Genesis 3:15].

How to save this world from evil thinking and destroy the works of Satan in flesh to redeem our souls?

The soul is thirsty and longing for its Creator. God's word is the perfect food for our soul and in His Spirit, it grows as a righteous life, like a child grows healthily in a mother's womb. But the devil and his companions are striking the minds of humans to make them slave to their sinful pleasures; so that the humans will not seek the truth. Nevertheless, God decided again to work with one family first, teaching them His words; with an intention that, they would further take the same words to all over the world. In order to establish the righteousness on the earth, the Son of God must come in the flesh (as Son of Man) to put an end to the unfaithful practises of Satan in human lives. Sin must be defeated by faith through God's word. The wicked generation of Adam and the sinful children of Noah could do nothing against the evil; whenever tempted, they became adulterer, murderer, and idolater. The devil took the complete control of humans' minds and established his kingdom of darkness, accordingly.

The Lord Jesus said: "Flesh (of the Mother) gives birth to flesh (of the Child), but the (Holy) Spirit gives birth to spirit (of life)", [John 3:6]

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In reality, the humans have no clarity on their spiritual needs, even today. The human heart thinks evil, since the childhood and does not know to find the way out.

As the man and woman relation forms the flesh of a child, its behaviour naturally reflects the father and mother; and surely not the God, who gives the spirit of life, unless the child learns the word



Moses receiving 10 commands

of truth through obedience, responding to God's call. Israelites, the generation of Jacob were in greater misery under the ruling of King Pharaoh in Egypt. When they cried unto God, He rescued them from their sufferings under the leadership of Moses. Later when they were returning back to the Promised Land, God gave His words at Mount Sinai and also narrated the entire

history of creations and various proceedings, including the first judgment on humans to Moses. All these information were properly recorded by Moses and it is available in the bible (Genesis to Deuteronomy) for us.

Moses spent forty days in Mount Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments from God. During the same time, Satan tempted the multitude to build a calf out of gold and in fact he used the brother of Moses for this purpose. Satan's plan is simple; he does not want the people to learn God's word. For this to happen, he encourages the people to engage themselves in other things like



Prosperity of the Promised Land

entertainments (music, cinema and television), sports, festivals, religious activities, science and education etc.

God's covenants, promises and His eternal words were given to the family of Abraham for the blessing of complete world. It took forty years for the Israelites to reach the Promised Land because of their disobedient and unfaithful attitudes. Actually, the multitudes, which left the Egypt, all died in the wilderness and only their descendants could enter into Canaan and inherited the Abraham's blessings under the leadership of Joshua, the servant of Moses.

Therefore, God again established His authority in Eden through His words by forming a faithful nation called Israel. The following are the major reasons, why God was building this nation:

- To teach the humans the word of truth
- To build a faithful society on His words to demonstrate the process of Salvation
- To prepare a faithful family for His Son to come in flesh to become the Saviour of this world
- To build the Kingdom of God from Israel to all over the world

Not everyone, but many Israelites (for example: Samuel, David, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel etc.) had understood God's plan and His purpose in their lives. They had submitted truthfully their lives and followed God, in order to receive His guidance through His words, which were recorded in the book of God as *Old Testament*. The constitution of God was firmly instituted in Eden Garden (Jerusalem), where the devil had defeated Adam and Eve.

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The failure of Adam was not an end but only a beginning of a new spiritual battle that would be taking place in the same region between God's Son and His enemy, Satan. The power of darkness was still prevailing in the lives of humans; they had no clue, where did their soul go after departing from the body. The agonies and pains in the physical life continued, not only in Israel but all over the world. Famine, drought, and epidemic diseases became part of human lives. Enmity among the nations, wars between many countries destroyed the peace in their lives.

The world was waiting for someone to bring peace from God; but only Israelites knew that Messiah, who was He?

#### <u>My Witness</u>

I praise my God and Praise the Lord, I Praise always the Spirit of Christ. For long time, there was no one, Who could read my life? It therefore went on just like that, With full of lust and strife. Indeed, I was fortunate, to have God's presence one night (3.2.2007); Everything in me had changed in His light; His everlasting peace then filled my heart. Jesus is my Lord, Amen.

- A humble donkey of Jesus



#### CHAPTER 5

## SALVATION PLAN FOR THE SPIRIT

#### 5.0 Family of Jesus Christ

The word 'salvation' means God's protection to our life. In fact God is the Creator, Saviour, and Ruler of all the lives. As the Father God, He creates every life; through His Son, He saves the created life; with His Omni potent natured Holy Spirit, He rules all the lives. *The word 'trinity' is not clearly understood in the Christian world.* Fundamentally, we need to know that, the Father God is the spiritual person, who have been living alone in the most high place, in an unapproachable light. His light shines on all other heavens, where the angels have been living. Let us learn first about the nature of the living God and His family, before proceeding to study the salvation plan of our spirit.

Father: Completely a spiritual person; in Him there is no darkness because He is the light of all lives; living alone and eternal being; He hates sin totally; He is the origin of wisdom and knowledge; Almighty in power and the source of life for all.



Trinity form of God

**Son:** Word of God and mouth of God; Saviour of all lives; as the King of Kings in angelic form, the majesty; as the son of man, He is the saviour and the righteous judge of our world.

Holy Spirit: Spirit of God, who is the greater Soul of God; Omni potent nature; the characters of God; the mighty power of God; the ruler of all lives; the wisdom and knowledge of God; travels in light.

The Son of God and the Holy Spirit are the two arms of God (Zachariah 4:14). The Holy Spirit of God connects the Father and

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the Son very intimately to have one mind, so that they act as one and live as one (John 1:18; 3:34, 35; 5:19; 8:29, 14:10; 16:32).

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with (Father) God and the Word was God. He (the Son) was in the beginning with God. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. In Him was life and that life was the light of all mankind. The light (of God) shines in the darkness and the darkness (i.e. evilness) has not overcome it", (John 1:1-5).

This is the beautiful account of God's history, presented to all mankind for their understanding to learn about Him and His divine family. Basically God has no beginning and end; everything what we see has come out of His wisdom as creations. Therefore, God's Word has no beginning like us. His Word took an angelic form as Son and lived among the angels of God; His name is called Immanuel, who is the King of Kings and Lord of Angels. The Son of God is the ruler of all the worlds in the heavenly places; and these heavenly worlds form the upper universe, which is invisible to us (refer to figure 1.1). The visible mid universe has got millions of galaxies, consisting of stars, planets etc. In this mid universe, our solar family is dwelling, being a part of the Milky Way.

God speaks to all the creatures only through His Son, Immanuel and this is made possible simultaneously by the Holy Spirit of God. *In simple expression, the Word of God is the constitutional regulations and laws for all the worlds in the universe.* 

Lord Jesus Christ said: "He who has seen Me has seen the Father because I am in the Father and the Father is in Me. The words that

I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works", [John 14:9, 10].

The Holy Spirit of God brings the presence of God in the lives of all angels, for the following purposes.

- To give them strength and power to do God's works
- To guide them in the righteous path of God
- To examine their thoughts
- To provide them wisdom and knowledge
- To share God's love among them
- To help them to learn the nature of God
- To establish the justice, laws and decrees of God and so on and so forth.

The true love of God can be seeded in human lives by His Holy Spirit, who will interact with them simultaneously. In the creation process, God gifts the spirit of life into a physical body, which is formed by physical relation. Since God desires to have a very intimate relation with His creations, He later intercedes through His greater soul with each one of us during salvation. *In fact, the angels in heavens or the people of this earth, all are basically the souls, meaning the living spirits.* The spirit is the source of life that dwells inside our body. It is eternal and light energy in nature. In the angelic worlds, the spirit lives eternally in an eternal body, given by God. On the contrary, our spirit is given into a seasonal (physical) body, here on the earth. Unless, we learn the Word of God, it is



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impossible for anyone to understand that, our life is a spirit, which has come from the living God, who created the heavens and earth.

"The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life", [Job 33:4].

#### 5.1 Purpose of Creation

The purpose of our creation is interesting and very significant in the life of God. The spirit that God has given to us, should grow as a soul through His words and produce the right fruits; meaning our likeness (nature/personality) must demonstrate His characters.

> "For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength", [1 Corinthians 1:25].

Normally, a child learns many words from its parents, and others to build its personality. *Remember that human thoughts are restricted to this physical world*. Therefore, it becomes difficult for a human mind to understand the Wisdom of God. *Moreover, under the influence of evilness, the parents claim the outright ownership of their child, forgetting the wonderful works of the living God, in creating a life inside the flesh.* It is God's hands, which have formed our parts and His breath has given us the spirit of life.

It is unwise to think that a sexual relation by two human bodies creates new life on this earth. Creation is a divine process. I glorify the living God for His grace and mercy upon the humanity. The Lord taught me and said: "Lay holds of My words with all your heart; keep My commands and you will live", [Proverbs 4:4].

God is our spiritual Father and the teacher of wisdom and knowledge. By learning God's word and meditating on them, our mind grows and builds the thinking patterns like God. These thinking patterns produce every day our speech, meaning words into action.

In the entertainment world, people are busy handling many stressful words, developing pleasurable desires and do not realize the destination of their journeys. *Our life is in the path of an eternal mission, in which it has to learn the Wisdom of God to have the required knowledge of what is good or evil to that life. The life that we hold inside is priceless.* Indeed, our soul (the grown up spirit) is the heavenly seed, seeded to accomplish a divine purpose. If we learn the truth and obey to that truth, then the truth shall set us free from all the darkness of this physical world. Humans with their own thinking, unfortunately have gone in different ways and they have built many life styles and cultural paths.

"We all like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord (God) has laid on Him (Jesus) the iniquity of us all", [Isaiah 53:6].

In order to protect the entire humanity and establish His Jesus, the good shepherd



righteous path of life, God had announced the salvation plan in the Garden of Eden, after Adam's failure.

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In this direction, as a first step, He selected Abraham's family and formed a faithful nation Israel. He gave this nation, His commands, decrees, and words through an obedient servant called, 'Moses'. From the slavery in Egypt, the children of Abraham were delivered by God and got settled in Canaan (Today it is Israel & Palestine).

#### 5.2 Challenges for God to Implement His Salvation Plan

Even though the generation of Abraham had seen the miraculous hands of God and knew that God was not in any form of the earthly creatures, they were often tempted and tested by the devil through Canaanites (Children of Ham, Noah's third son) to follow their idol worshiping.

Dear reader, let us be clear of one thing at this stage that is that, we have only one good Father in the heavenly places. But there are millions of fallen angels with evil thinking, who are roaming around the earth to deceive the minds of humans. Their purpose is to corrupt our mind and its thinking, so that we develop unfaithfulness on God's Word.

Nevertheless, goodness should overcome evilness; obedience should defeat disobedience; truth must set us free from lies; and the righteousness of God must be established on the face of the earth through justification of our lives.

For that to happen, God should come to this world and live among us to demonstrate His everlasting love. For this very purpose, He chose the family of David, who was the offspring of Abraham. *Since the children (humans) are in flesh and blood, God felt that, it was* 

appropriate for Him to come in flesh, so that the works of the devil would be destroyed in flesh once far all. David was a humble shepherd and a God fearing young man, when he was picked up by God for the heavenly mission. David was incredibly obedient in following God's word all through his life. Though he had shown



David, the Psalmist

weaknesses few times in his life, mostly King David was faithful to God and walked upright in the sight of heavenly Father. David after becoming the king of Israel, had brought the ark of covenant (10 commandments of God) back to Eden (Jerusalem). Nevertheless, God did not permit David to build His temple in Jerusalem but chose Solomon, David's son to do that job because David as a king had fought many wars and made his enemies to shed their blood.

This makes one point clear that, we can't build a heavenly life inside us, without God's will.

David ruled Israel through his war skills, receiving the counselling from God, who blessed him by grace and mercy. But Solomon ruled the same nation more effectively than his father with God's wisdom and knowledge. In fact Solomon was recognized as the wisest person by the world at that time. Solomon had the privilege and blessing to build the holy temple for the living God in Jerusalem, where he had kept the ten commandments of God in the altar, which were written on two stone plates by God Himself at Mount Sinai. The temple in Jerusalem was just a representative worship place, through which, God conveyed to the world that, in God's temple, He wanted only His word to be present.

"If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, you are that temple, 1 Corinthians 3:17].

Humans are created to worship and honour the God's word. Our body is the temple of God, in which our spirit of life is living. God wants to build a faithful relation with our spirit through His Holy Spirit. It will be a pleasant journey, once we start reading the bible and understand the true nature of our life. Every God's word that we learn produces the building stone of heavenly life on the earth. A life has lots of characters with liking and disliking; using words, we build our nature either to like or dislike someone or something.

It is good to examine our nature. Do we like, what God likes; also, do we hate, what God hates. When we read bible, we get these important information. *God really hates sins and likes righteousness.* Since Satan is continuously destroying the minds of the people with his evil thoughts, God decided to come to this world with a new plan. Jesus Christ, the Son of God was accordingly born in



Jesus Served His Disciples

Bethlehem as a small infant. Though Abraham's generation was first chosen by God, in the new plan, He wanted to unite the complete world through an eternal covenant in Jesus, His Son.

Actually, the nation Israel was not happy, receiving the humble Jesus, who presented Himself as the servant of God, preaching the word of truth. The connection, which the Israelites once had with the living God, was lost due to their disbelief on Jesus. In true sense, the Israelites expected their messiah to be a person like King David, who could conduct a war against Romans to bring freedom for Israel and certainly they did not want a submissive Christ, who was talking about repentance. Indeed they had forgotten that, how Solomon was ruling the Israel very successfully only with the help of God's wisdom and knowledge.

In totality, the relationship was lost between the humans and the God due to the disobedient nature of Adam and Eve, which was transferred from them to all mankind. The fellowship was forgotten by the children of Jacob (grandson of Abraham) because of their religious practises. At the time of Jesus' birth, there were two religions existing in Israel, namely Pharisees, who believed in life after death and Sadducees, who did not believe in resurrection. It was very challenging for the Son of God to convince the Israelites and to make them accepting the truth. The Israelites were proud of being Abraham's generation because they had God's word and His promises with them. Therefore they thought that they were naturally eligible to receive God's blessings, based on the covenant of God with Abraham.

In fact, Jesus clarified this point to them: "If you are the generation of Abraham, show me his nature".

Abraham was so faithful to God and he had followed God's word truthfully. Indeed he had received the Lord of Angels (Son of God) into his house and treated Him well. In a test of faith, he went to

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mount Moriah, following God's word to sacrifice his only son Isaac. At that time, God appreciated immensely the faith of Abraham.

The Lord said to Abraham: "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me", [Genesis 22:12].

Satan normally corrupts our mind, either to make it carnal (lustful) or religious. In both cases, we avoid any interaction with the living God and like to get disconnected from Him. The priceless spirit living in us, if it starts the life journey in this world without the guidance of its Father, then it mostly ends up with the following:

- Stressful situation
- Unlawful life (lustful for materials & pleasures)
- Developing enmity, vengeance, jealous etc.
- Sinful passions and so on.

That's the reason why, God examines our spirit, not the flesh and its worth. In contrast, everyone in this world is identified in flesh with its appearance and what it owns. But the heavenly Father identifies all of us through our spiritual nature.

"The Lord looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there is any who understand, any who seek God. All have turned away, all have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, and not even one", [Psalm 14:2, 3].

Therefore, there is no way that anyone in this world can proclaim selfrighteousness through their good works. People may accept someone as good but in the sight of God, we all are disobedient, the non-



followers of His words. *There is a need for someone to fill the gap between the righteous God and the unrighteous humans.* In that gap stands the Son of God, taking all our mess and giving us the freedom to

enjoy the presence of God's holiness. This is made possible, after Jesus Christ lived a faithful life by defeating the deceitful Satan on the cross, which was good enough for the Father God to forgive this world. *The sinless life of Jesus Christ was accepted as the ransom sacrifice to all our sins*. The blood that was shed on the cross by Christ Jesus, since came out of His sinless body, it was received by heavenly Father as the eternal offering for the remission of sins for those, who would accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

#### 5.3 Jesus Christ is the Lord and Saviour of Our Soul

Though Jesus Christ was born in a Jewish family, He never followed their religious path. In all His teachings, He has clarified this point that no one enters into heaven through any religion. He said: "Repent for your sins and accept the God's word to fulfil the will of God".

Salvation is common to all. In this plan of God, no one is treated as a dignitary. The people of this world practise in some countries, where some nationals (from rich nations) are free to walk in or go out without any immigration clearance. But no one can just like that enter into heaven based on their religion/colour/caste/language etc.

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We need a spiritual visa, in order to walk faithfully into heavenly places, where Lord Jesus Christ has arranged a living planet for us.

"In My Father's house are many mansions (living planets); if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you", [John 14:2].



Assembly of God with 24 elders

Lord Jesus has told these words nearly 2015 years before. And now He has been sitting on the right side of God in the holy temple. The Assembly of God's Kingdom has been constituted with 12 *Apostles of* 

*Jesus* and 12 elders from *Old Testament period*. Therefore, God has formed first the ruling council and its ministers in His kingdom and then started receiving the believers of His word from this earth to build the Assembly of God.

Satan and his fallen angels are the betrayers of Lord Jesus Christ; they are rejected by God and have been kept for eternal judgement. Their ways are always evil and we see plenty of them now get seeded in this world every day. At the same time, Lord Jesus through His sacrificial death has paved the way to heaven. Those, who believe Jesus as Christ, will accept that they are disobedient by birth and without God's guidance they can't perform any good work. We are fallen short of God's glory by following the sinful ways of fallen angels. Knowingly or unknowingly, we have been trapped by the devil in

his net. The only way to break the bondages (evil thoughts) of sinful life is to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour of our life.

#### What does it mean to the generation of digital age?

The words can be seen/heard either in analog format or in the attracting colourful digital form. However, if the words do not lead us into the path of God, in order to develop the likeness of Jesus Christ, then they are not from God. *Keep this point in mind, God sent His only Son, Jesus Christ to show the world His love, which endures forever.* Humans will express their love mostly in flesh; but God's love is centred on spirit, meaning characters oriented. We should acknowledge God's spiritual nature and live accordingly, taking His guidance daily. For this, Lord Jesus Christ stands as our reference, role model and an example. In human form, He was afflicted in everything, like most of us facing every day. Even though God created this world through His Son, when Jesus was born on this world, He did not take anything from it in unrighteous manner.

This is what Jesus said once: "For the fox there is a hole; for the birds there is a net; but for the son of man there is no place to lay his head".

The humans committed a terrible mistake by crucifying Jesus Christ on the cross. Nevertheless, being on the cross He made a prayer that had brought the grace of God to this world, which forgives the disobedient nature of every human, when we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour, even today. *On this earth, the sins (bad thoughts) of a man or a woman must be forgiven.* The Creator forgives our bad thoughts and its associated characters, when we accept our disobedience to God's word and declare the victory in Jesus name.

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Suppose, if we do not recognize that we are not following the God's word then how can we inherit the Kingdom of Light to enjoy His holy presence. Naturally, humans are happily following the various thought models of the devil and getting influenced by the sinful pleasures of this world, which is currently ruled by the prince of darkness (Satan).

### One may ask, why do I need God's presence and what can it bring to my life?

Dear reader, kindly understand the truth that our life is centred on words, meaning we live eternally (spiritually) by words and



Jesus took water baptism

seasonally (physically) by bread (food). Our stay on this earth is completely a seasonal one; as a national of any country, we may enjoy the fruits of that soil; *but one day, we have to leave our physical body and stand before the righteous* 

Judge, Lord Jesus Christ. At that time, we can't transform our mind to accept the righteousness of God. Therefore, it is essential for us to come into the presence of God to have experience with His everlasting love. In His light, we see light in our life, so that the darkness can fade away. If we accept the God's verdict now and admit that we are sinners, i.e. the non- followers of His principles of eternity and ask Him earnestly to help us, God is so faithful and surely He will receive us as we are and provide the necessary treatment to our mind through His holy presence. In the path of salvation, our mind is renewed (transformed) and our thoughts are restructured (sanctified) on the foundations of God's word. The pleasurable mind is systematically treated to produce the right thinking to walk upright in

*the sight of God.* We may not understand that how our old thoughts are removed but we can surely appreciate that all our new thoughts are generated by seeding the word of God.

Thus says the Lord:

"Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold I (the Lord) will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert", [Isaiah 43:18, 19].

God does everything good for our life. Every day we can enjoy the presence of God and find peace, happiness in what He provides to our life. Challenges are plenty but they are not difficult for God to handle, if we start obeying to His voice.

Jesus said: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

From heaven, He came to a nation called Israel and there He lived an obedient life, according to God's word, following all the commands of His heavenly Father. He preached the God's word to people and asked them to enter into the Kingdom of God (Light). He healed the sick and raised the dead to life. At the end of His earthly stay, He sacrificed His life to build the relation again between the humans and their Creator.

The time has come for everyone to realise their life and its future. Lord Jesus is the only hope for our life. Our form (state) will not be the same, once we leave this world and we will not have any authority over our life in the eternal worlds. The materials we may

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possess now, the relations we may develop here, the position and power we may hold on, all will go one day, when our spirit leaves this earth. With a simple heart and an obedient mind, if we sit calmly and examine our life, we can definitely understand the salvation plan of God. *No religion can teach us, what good life is. It is only the God's word that can bring change in our thinking and give us the peace of mind.* 

Spiritual cleaning is a continuous process, in which the Holy Spirit



of God works inside us to provide the necessary guidance to avoid evil thinking. When the greater Soul of God intercedes with our soul, we will experience a spiritual ecstasy inside the heart. False beliefs and religions are plenty established in this

world, which will stop us, not to have this heavenly spiritual experience.

Science says that the Sun rays take only around 8 minutes to reach the surface of the earth. The God, who created the universe and everything what we see and also what we do not see, then will need how much time to reach us?

"Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth; and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you. And His glory will be seen upon you", [Isaiah 60: 1, 2].

God has kept us at a distance such that He can touch us every time, when we come to His feet. In the presence of God, we become one with God; that is having one mind with Him. *When we praise His* 

holy name, our spirit enjoys His loving companionship. God is the consuming fire; therefore the evil nature is destroyed during His encounter with us. The Spirit of God travels in light to reach us during our prayer time; this is very intimate and also an ultimate spiritual secret. Only those, who experience His holy presence, are the true worshipers of His holy name, Jesus Christ.

Lord Jesus has promised this to His followers: "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever; the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you", [John 14: 16, 17].

By rejecting the salvation plan of God, we can only cancel our ticket to heaven. Of course God wants all of us to come back to His Kingdom; but it is our choice to make, who should rule our life; either the living God or the pleasures of this sinful world. The decision must be taken at the earliest because our stay on this earth is very short (~120 years).

People normally make attempts to understand God through their acquired knowledge (Science), cultural heritage and religious practises. Such people only worship their ancestors, who were dead, in different forms or through some fearful creatures of this world. On the other hand, Jesus Christ was crucified on the cross but on the third day, He was raised to life by Father God; He lives forever as our Lord and Saviour in heaven. By accepting Lord Jesus, we make peace with our heavenly Father and enjoy all His inheritance. God's salvation plan for our life has nothing to do with any religion. In fact all the religions of this earth have no place and scope in this project, which is being executed by Lord Jesus Christ.

The life cycle of human is defined as follows:

- ✓ Creation in the mother's womb (receiving the spirit of life)
- ✓ Salvation during earthly stay (sanctification by God's word and Spirit)
- ✓ Resurrection after leaving this earth (receiving the eternal body for our spirit)

Christianity is the pathway for salvation, in which God purifies our thought life by His words and Spirit. Being a Christian means living with the Spirit of God all the time. Jesus is God in us.

#### My Soul rejoices in Lord's salvation

All the earth shall worship You; Let the nations follow You; Be merciful to us Lord; To walk in the path of Life; Let Your salvation visit all nations; There Your face will shine in all seasons.



#### CHAPTER 6

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#### 6.0 Religion

Every religion is a manmade path; in fact religion introduces multiple gods to the humans. *Therefore, God has not introduced religion to any society or to any individual.* Religious practises bring cultural conflict among the people; dilute their thinking and ways. All the religions are established by some groups of people to serve their own interests and needs. Religion does not bring harmony normally between the people of a nation. When a group of people follow a particular religion, they actually restrict their thinking to the principles of that religion. A careful examination of the facts reveals that, the concept of religion has the origin of more than 3000 years. Definitely it is an old wine but people may serve it in a new cup, time and again to deceive their fellow humans in order to rule their lives.

There are many identities, we may find all over the world, which the humans have created for their names to be remembered.

- Nationality
- Language
- Colour
- Caste
- Culture and Civilisation
- Festivals
- Sports
- Religion
- Education
- Entertainment



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- Economy
- Business and so on so forth.

Among these, religion is the most dangerous weapon, which is employed by the devil to separate the humans from the living God; because every religion restricts the people to think about their own god. But the truth is that, there is only one God, who has created the universe, the heavens, and the earth. As we have seen that, the disobedient angels of heavens have been casted down into mid-universe (Hell) and they are now presenting themselves as gods and goddesses of our earth in human and animal forms. If we do not believe this heavenly secret then we will be surely trapped by these evil spirits into their net and we become only slaves to their thinking to go against the will of God. We have understood in the previous chapters that every human mind needs words to develop a thought life. In case, if we wrongly get connected to these fallen angels then our thought process will go in a wrong direction. Self-thinking will make only independent path. As a result, many religions and cultures have been formed worldwide by the people through their freewill thinking.

When the true living God had called Abraham, a Hebrew, he was following his own culture and tradition. Gradually Abraham understood that, God lives in heaven by following His true words. *God wants to appear before the humans only in Word and Spirit form.* It is therefore clear that, in any other form if we worship the living God, such worship does not reach the heaven. However, in the creation process, definitely father and mother play an important role; their participation is restricted to embryo formation. Thereafter God gives the spirit of life into that flesh in order to form all the parts of our body. Though we do not see the pathway of our

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spirit, it comes from heaven to enter into the womb of every mother (figure 3.2). *It is impractical for the humans to investigate the spiritual life without the guidance of our spiritual Father*. Through Virgin Mary's life, the Creator has already demonstrated that, the faith on God's word could form a child inside the womb of a woman. The Spirit of God, who is the Creator of all lives, does this wonderful job (Luke 1:35).

Indeed our soul really enjoys the presence of God's Spirit, only if we faithfully follow the God's word as the guiding principles of life.

Lord Jesus said: "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth", [John 4:24].

Religion promotes standard moral codes with a belief that, these codes have to be strictly followed, in order to be blessed in this life and also to reach heaven. *Everyone should ask this question, whether their religion spreads the love of God to others through their everyday* 



*life.* They may surely argue and say, 'yes', it is there in their faith; but the truth is that, the love of God could be demonstrated only through a sacrificial life. Lord Jesus sacrificed His position in heaven and came down to this world as a simple son of man. Here on this earth, Jesus gave His life for us, so that we would receive the forgiveness of God through His grace.

Unfortunately, today Christianity has been seen as another religion, wherein there are lots of branches existing everywhere. Many divisions in Christianity surely confuse the minds of gentiles and the newcomers. *The living God is not divided; the Father and the Son are* 

very intimately integrated through the Holy Spirit of God.

Then, why the humans have made so many divisions in Christianity? It is because of their carnal mind (differential thinking) and desires toward authority and lust for materials possession. *Spiritual integrity is established through one mind thinking and God's Spirit perfectly does this creative job in us.* Realising God in our life is reaching that one mind state with the Spirit of God. Carnal mind always disturbs our thinking not to attain spiritually the one mind state with God. It is therefore necessary to develop a spiritual mind, so that we live in perfect peace with our heavenly Father.

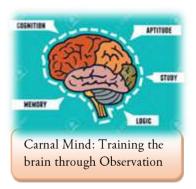
## 6.1 Carnal Mind and Spiritual Mind

*Jesus said: "It is the (Holy) Spirit of God, who gives life, the flesh (of Parents) profit nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life", (John 6:63).* 

The words that we learn in our life either can build a spiritual mind or a carnal mind. The teacher, who teaches those words, will make that to happen. God's word is taught by



the Holy Spirit; therefore



if our mind is trained by God then it becomes spiritual. On the other hand, Satan and his fallen angels are teaching

the humans their thinking patterns through different platforms (see section 6.0). *Therefore, their self-thinking process will establish a carnal mind*, i.e. selfishness in us. *Many of us do not understand that we are living with a carnal mind (selfish motivation)*. In fact, selfishness has been now accepted as a practising norm everywhere and it is considered as smartness. A carnal mind produces behaviours, which are flesh centred (i.e. worldly). Conversely, the spiritual mind develops the characters of Lord Jesus Christ. *This is accomplished by learning the Word of God in the presence of God*. We are not animals on this earth, only to eat, drink, and to sleep. Also God has given us enough time to utilize it for understanding our life through His words.

If we honestly examine our life, then we realise this point: "*religion is exploited by many to cover their mistakes and show to the world that they are spiritual*".

But the truth is that no religion will produce the spiritual nature of God in us. We ought to closely work with the living God, who intercedes with us through His Word and Spirit. *Bible is not an alien book; but the only book of God that is given to mankind.* It teaches precisely about all the facts of our life, its accountability and destination.

"Check your mind; open your heart; humble before God, then the pride will run away from your life and there will appear the sweet presence of God as a gentle breeze".

With any religious identity, no one can go to heaven. Spiritual correction is absolutely essential, in order to set right our thinking. In fact, no one can able to stand before God with a selfish thinking

in the heavenly places. "One mind in spirit with a righteous thinking", is God's way. For this, Lord Jesus Christ is the perfect example. He said:

"For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever, I speak, just the Father has told Me, so I speak", [John 12:49, 50].

Through these words, Lord Jesus has explained to us that our selfish thinking is not acceptable to the living God. In order to think like Lord Jesus, we need to put into practise His words. *Therefore, every day bible reading and strictly adhering to the commands of God is very important for us to have Christ mind*. God has guaranteed that all His promises will become the blessings in those, who truthfully follow His commands.

Religion does not deal with this kind of truthful relation, what Lord Jesus has offered to the mankind. Keep this point in mind: "The religious people are carnal minded ones". God has given us the thinking ability to understand the truth; and we have to seek this truth, when we are on this earth.

This world has both truth and lies; both are seeded in word forms. *The 'word of truth' and the 'word of lust', are before us; what we like to choose is our work.* 

## 6.2 What is Faith?

"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see", [Hebrew 11:1].

Faith is not a religious substance as we normally think. Therefore, humans are expected to believe in the living God, who can't be seen through their naked eyes. *It is possible for us to make a spiritual connection with God and initiate the necessary hope and* 



*trust on His words.* Since only the words are given to guide the human lives, God wants us to select His eternal words to run our lives. *When we hear the God's words, the faith is initiated in our mind by God.* Everyone needs materials to live on this earth; they have been kept here; but we should seek the Kingdom of God and its righteousness first; meaning we must search for the truthful words of God. A true faith will bring a sensible question into our mind: "What is right in the sight of God?"

Every time, we make all possible attempts to satisfy either our desires or others. This is really the human nature. Also, we may act as good apparently for receiving the acceptance of others to our plan. The same way, if we want God's acceptance to our life, then we must behave good with God in private. Our external physical appearance and the child birth process, indeed are misleading the fact that we have got everything from our parents. Humans are not the creators of this world, all the creatures in it and its materials. However, our thought life has developed the required knowledge over the time to use the God created materials into usable form of various systems (machines, gadgets, aeroplane, car etc.). Science is the retrieved

knowledge base of humans through observation of God's creations. In contrast, God is the origin of wisdom and knowledge, who has distributed His knowledge all over this world in different creations (birds, reptiles, animals, fishes, insects, water, air, soils and plants etc.). Humans have examined these God's creations, time and again to acquire the required knowledge for the survival of their lives. The truth is that God has been directly supporting the human lives on this earth by providing all their needs.

Lord Jesus Christ is the good teacher of eternal life; when we take part in His salvation plan, He directly interacts with our mind through the Spirit of God. Our life needs a counsellor; however it is our selection, who should be that person.

In order to effectively exploit the materials of this world and enjoy the pleasures in flesh, one can follow the different pathways, created by humans. However, to understand the spiritual integrity and peace with God, righteousness and holiness of God, importantly forgiveness and eternity, there is only one teacher, whom, God has appointed for the whole world and He is Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said: "I am the Light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life", [John 8:12].

Except Jesus Christ, there is no one so far has told that they will come back to this world again. He has given us the blessed assurance to be our way and guide to heavenly places, for us to take rest in the holy presence of God.



Every human soul is the creation of God but without a good teacher and a counsellor, the soul can't learn good words to produce the characteristics of God. *Indeed our mind needs renovation; otherwise it will direct our life in the same path to do the same things*. We have the choice and chance to select our teacher but unfortunately many select the religion to become a religious soul. Religion brings various constraints to our mind and it does not allow us to think: "*How can our life be liberated from the kingdom of darkness?*"

The religious practises only make our heart to be stubborn and therefore the mind becomes blind. *With a religious mind, if we run our life, we may accept the fellow religious person and certainly fail to love our neighbour faithfully.* True faith is the one that shares the sacrificial and eternal love of God with others. On the cross, when Christ was crucified, while the blood was bleeding from His trampled body, He forgave those, who nailed Him just minutes before. In fact, they were still mocking and teasing at Him and did not bother about, what they had done to Him. *We forgive others, if we are truthful and faithful to Lord Jesus Christ.* 

God sent His only Son to this world, so that the people of this world would see His love. This has been already demonstrated through the

sacrificial death of Jesus Christ. *Heavens* are really far away from this earth, where we are living but not God's Love. Therefore, through a true faith, we can see and realise in our heart, the love of heavenly Father through Lord Jesus Christ as close as possible. Those who make attempts to see Jesus through religious paths become only religious Christians.



In God's presence

## St. Paul writes:

"You, however, are not controlled by the sinful nature but by the spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness" [Romans 8:9–10]

We should never forget this fact that we are basically God created living spirits and our Father is the Holy Spirit of God. The truth is that our spirit lives inside the flesh, which makes breathing possible. The breathing further helps to run the physical system (body) by purifying the blood through the lungs and heart controls the flow of blood to different parts of our body, in order to make them functioning. Our physical system runs with liquid energy (blood); therefore we drink water to absorb all the energy substances from the solid diet.

We are the wonderful creations of God; but hesitating to admire the works of the living God. The unfaithfulness in our mind on God's word will make us blind and we may not therefore show any regard for the works of the Lord and what His hands have done [Psalm 28:5].

As our physical system runs with the liquid energy (blood), in the same way our spiritual system also should run with the living water, i.e. the spiritual energy that comes from the presence of God's Holy Spirit. Lord Jesus said:

"But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life", [John 4:14].

## 6.3 How do we build the True Faith?

When we show obedience to God's word, He initiates the faith in our life. Lord Jesus prayed for us as follows:

"Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth", [John 17:17].

Therefore, it is our faith on God's word that builds the 'True Faith'. There are many religious books written on this planet earth by humans with lots of twist and turnings. But they can't build a true faith in our spirit.

Lord Jesus Christ is the Word of God; meaning the teachings of Jesus are the truthful words from the living God. When we learn His words, the truth is established in our spirit; as a result, obedience grows in our mind to accept the life style of the living God.

"The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature can't please God", [Romans 8:6-8].



The world teaches earthly life to us through various sources; accordingly, we develop a carnal mind. With this mind set, we get separated from the living God, as our thoughts and desires are totally different from Him. This state of mind is nothing but living in darkness (i.e. spiritually dead

condition); in fact, it brings a hostile situation between the God, who lives in light and our life. In such life, we always try to please ourselves and the fellow human beings. Remember, we are created to be God's own children to please Him. *We may argue that, why should we please God and what is the necessity?* 

Of course, we work very hard on this earth to earn our food, clothes, and shelter. Think wisely, if God does not work for us, we will not have the following:

- ✓ Rain for drinking water and cultivating fields
- $\checkmark$  Air for breathing
- ✓ Sun light for food
- ✓ Children for generation
- ✓ Materials and other creatures

These vital and life supporting things are certainly provided by God for us, generation after generation. They go unnoticed by the people because of their unfaithfulness to the Word of God. *Our mind becomes good, only when we start listening to God's word sincerely.* 

Through repentance, our mind changes its direction and move towards the living God. Obviously, already earned thoughts, philosophies, and religious practises will become obstacles and barriers.



But once we open our heart and direct the mind, which is the door of spiritual life to Lord Jesus Christ, He, who has been faithful, surely will lay the foundation of true faith in us and establish our lost spiritual relation back into action with the Father God.

Repentance is an act of accepting mistakes in our life. Once we do that, the living God extends His forgiveness to our life through His Son. *Jesus died on the cross because of the disobedience of humans to God's word*. Remember, the sinful life is due to self-thinking. God does not want to quantify our sins but likes to forgive them all at once. *A sinner is forgiven, not to continue the same life or to do some other sinful deeds*. Every disobedient person to God's word is a sinner. Once the sins are forgiven by the blood of Jesus Christ, a new life has begun and we give all the authority to God to run this new life, given by Lord Jesus. The new life is heavenly and therefore all our thoughts need to be righteous, in order to produce the heavenly deeds. The final outcome indeed has to be the likeness of God; meaning the characteristics of the Spirit of God (refer to section 3.1).

*The transformation of carnal mind to Christ mind is called salvation.* In simple words, the changes should take place implicitly in our thought life such that we keep away the characters of flesh to practise the characters of the Holy Spirit. Those, who are guided by the

Spirit of God, are the sons and daughters of God, producing the likeness of Lord Jesus Christ.

## 6.4 Faith is a Relationship

God created Adam as His child (like son); a spiritual relation had existed in the beginning. Eve was a physical relative to Adam but she was also his prayer partner (helper to conduct the worship). God expected Adam to follow His commands; unfortunately Adam listened to the words of his relative. Eve had developed a relationship with the serpent (Satan) through continuous interaction and thinking on evil thoughts. Conversation brings relationship. Prayer is a conversation, through which we can have a relation with our Father in heaven. Our thought life is designed to receive information from external sources to build relationship. Thought life helps to build both physical and spiritual relations. As a result, there have been many faiths practiced in the world, since the civilization began on this earth. But the true faith establishes the lost relationship. The first Adam (man) lost the relationship with his Father (God) after comn Creation+Salvation+Resurrection = Angel d's words).

Jesus Christ, the last Adam came to this world and restored the relation between the earth and heaven, i.e. Father to Son relation has been established once again. Whoever truly accept Jesus



Christ as their Saviour, they become His sons and daughters. Since Christ is the Son of God, we become the relative to God Almighty through Jesus, who gave His own life for us. *Therefore, faith is a relationship; it is blood related.* God was justified, when He chose to bring His Son through Adam's physical relative (woman) to have a blood relation with us for the implementation of His salvation scheme.

Satan (the enemy of God) has established many faiths in the world through the relatives of Adam and Eve. Furthermore, the enemies of God (untruthful fallen angels) are exploiting the images of physical bodies (humans/other creations) of the world to work against the Kingdom of God. However, God, the Father of all living creatures and the Creator of all non-living systems, had formed the physical system a temporal one in His wisdom, in case of Adam and Eve chose to have a *self-centred life*. The Independent thinking has brought death to our life and because of that our soul departs from the physical body, one day.

Jesus Christ has honoured His Father in every aspect of life, following God's word until His death. He was sent to grave (pits) in order to declare there the victory over death and to pronounce the reestablished relation between humans and God to those souls, who were there in the pits. Among those, believers like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Job, Samuel, David, Isaiah, Daniel and other saints of God, who were kept separately (in Paradise), away from the sinners. Their faith on Jesus Christ helped them to get resurrected on the day, when Jesus was raised from the world of graves. Indeed, Christ has been appointed by God as the unchallengeable King of Kings of the universe. God has lifted up His Son as His glory that is as visible God to all the worlds.

Therefore, it is clear now that, God has revealed His glory only through His son, Jesus Christ, so that the worshipers will receive God's light and conduct worship in their spiritual system in Jesus name. *Since our flesh has come from the disobedient (Adam and Eve) of this world, it becomes necessary to born again to receive a new life (righteous thinking) in our spiritual system.* In this regard, the only obedient, who has got all the qualifications to become our spiritual Father is Lord Jesus Christ. Because, God has made an everlasting covenant with Jesus Christ, who has shed the sacrificial blood as the Lamb of God. Whoever believes that Jesus has died owing to their sins, they are saved by His blood.

# 6.4.1 Faith is a Spiritual Substance

Faith is a spiritual substance; therefore must be present in our spirit. However to have a right faith, one needs to enter into the covenant of God. Let us examine the three key elements, involved in faith.



- *Listen to the word* (Listening to the word of God to know the relationship)
- *Learn the word* (Learning the word of God to understand the relationship)
- *Legalize the word* (Believing the existence of eternal relationship by God's love, authorize His word )

When God invited Abraham for a spiritual mission, he responded positively by listening to God's word. At that time, God promised Abraham that his generation would be blessed like the stars of the sky and the numbers would be accounted to the tune of sands in the sea. *Did God really put any condition in the covenant, which He made with Abraham?* No, certainly not. But there were guidelines told to successfully accomplish the assigned mission. Humans make explicit terms and conditions in any agreement; if anything is violated then the agreement becomes either invalid or brings legal problems to the agreement holders. Instead, the guidelines set by God has implicit terms and statutes.

# How do we understand these implicit regulations of God?

The spiritual system (soul) is the real master, which may develop feelings for every accepted thought through mind. Thus, our soul is expected to follow the specified norms (regulations) of the covenant made by God with us. The principles of God are the basis for these norms (standards). If we continue to violate the principles of God, which He has set for us to follow, then the heavenly Father can't bless our deeds that have no standard in the set spiritual scale.

We may wonder and ask ourselves, why should we follow God and His principles; or for that matter, we may even ask, why does God interfere in our affairs? After all, we live on this earth and suffer in this physical world. *What is the need for the judgment of God*?

To answer such questions, we need to realize an important fact about our earth. When God wanted to solve a logical problem, which was raised up in the heavenly places, He saw this earth that was empty. We must understand that there was no one living on this earth at that time; it did not even have light. *God selected our earth as His paradise (Temple) and humans (physical children) as His worshipers*.

It appears very much logical; when a group of worshipers  $(1/3^{rd} \text{ of angels})$  in heaven became rebellious in their minds (thought life) under the leadership of an arch angel called Lucifer, God chose the

physical world as His dwelling place and stopped receiving the worship from these rebellious angels because they were untruthful to His principles, even though they were in eternal spiritual bodies (angelic).

Our heavenly Father is the righteous and truthful judge; so He does not want to curse anybody without a reason; but if a creature is



Isaac on the altar

cursed due its own deeds, He justifies the received cursing, according to His unchangeable stand (position based on the set principles). Therefore, it is unfair on our part to expect God to

consult with us on any issue related to this earth, which was empty, when He had planned His mission.

But we need to understand that our Father has created all of us in His love, so that we also love Him. That's why, when God called Abraham (invitation), He told him to leave his native, relatives, and properties, which Abraham had possessed. *Also, He asked Abraham to go to a new place, to start a new life, which was God dependent one.* Of course, God expected Abraham to accept His invitation first. We notice that three key elements present in Abraham's faith.



- *Listen to the invitation* (about the new relationship)
- *Learn about the invitation* (understand and develop that relationship)
- *Legalize the invitation* (implement the relationship through a covenant)

A careful examination reveals that all these three elements are implicit; which are connected to the spiritual system of a human. In the process of building a new relationship, Abraham followed sincerely the above three steps. God found Abraham as a righteous person due to his faith in eternal life (spiritual).

'Listening', 'Learning' and 'Legalizing', are the three elements of thought life. Naturally, in the physical world, the thought life has been assisted by the physical system (parts of our physical body). Ears and eyes are closely associated with a thought process by providing relevant or irrelevant input; tongue and mouth produce output that is necessary or unnecessary. Therefore, faith is a built-in substance in each human, which employs these three key elements. God does not ask anything that is impossible for us to do. He has fused already the faith substance implicitly inside us; expecting the same to appear explicitly. Thus, faith is a relationship that has been built on a covenant, set by specified norms to be followed by the constituent members.

On the day, humans broke His covenant, God recognized them as disobedient, meaning sinners. Truly speaking, 'non-followers' of God's principles. *As humans took the physical path i.e. a self-centred life, which is destructive, God had decided not to put any explicit terms and conditions upon them to come back to His kingdom.* Therefore, faith on God's word becomes inevitable for us to realize the in-built relationship, which we have with our everlasting Father. Faith is a relation, existing between heaven and earth.

God creates every living spirit to demonstrate this faith in that life through His eternal words.

God expects the physical partners (Man & Woman) to be responsible, before their physical relation in order to have a legal earthly relationship (husband & wife) to form the flesh for their

generation to continue. If they do not satisfy the legal requirement, then their physical action demands justification and that makes God's judgment inevitable.

When God had blessed Adam and Eve, He said, "Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and subdue it" [Genesis 1:28]. Thus God wanted the man and woman to be spiritual first (being fruitful), so that they could develop (yield) the righteous characters (fruits), before producing their generations. Here, we have to understand a basic point; in the beginning, after completing every creation, God found those creatures as good; in that humans were also listed. It is obvious then we have become bad on our own freewill.

## 6.4.2 True Faith

In the world, there have been many faiths surviving; but they are inactive spiritually. *Why? Also how do we know that which is true faith?* A true faith is a spiritual substance. For example, if a person truly believes in some faith, but continues to behave wickedly then his faith is certainly inactive. *The faith that brings changes in the behavioural system is the true faith*.

If a faith does not correct a person to love others then there is a problem in realizing such faith.



We may argue that every religion and faith is good and only humans are not truthfully following them. This is not true. In order to get more clarity on this issue, it is wise to examine whether a faith is physical centred or spiritual

centred. Most of the practicing faiths in this world are physical oriented; the offerings in such faiths are also materialistic, i.e. either mass based or value added items of the earth. Physical world can never create a heavenly faith without the heavenly substance

*If a creature does not perform according to its intended objectives, then there is a problem with its behavioural system.* 

(Spiritual Energy). *God's word in bible are the seeds of true faith*. They are basically the collection of God's principles or theorems developed to build a faithful behavioural system (thought life) for the functionality of His creatures.

God's principles do not need any testing or examination because they are already well proven in heavenly places. Actually God has also demonstrated His principles on the earth through His Son, Jesus Christ to the unfaithful humans.

If a person receives the eternal seeds (God's word) into his/or her heart, and in faith accept them, then God is faithful to make them grow spiritually to output the right fruits



output the right fruits Faith grows in God's word (Characters). A spiritually active person satisfies God, not the world.

- Thought must be seeded
- Image must be created
- Habit must be cultivated
- Character must be developed
- Faith must be witnessed

When righteous characters are developed by a thought life system then it will yield the right fruits i.e. the fruits of love. To build a righteous relationship with God, we need to show our faith on His principles (Words in Bible). *The true faith makes people to love their neighbours like themselves*.

> <u>My Soul Sings</u> I will give thanks to the Lord, Because of His righteousness; I will sing to the name of the Lord, Most high ... Most high; Hallelujah ... Hallelujah ... Hallelujah.

> The words of my mouth, And the thoughts of my heart, Be pleasing in Your sight; O Lord, my Rock, and my Redeemer; Hallelujah ... Hallelujah ... Hallelujah.

The dream of my life, Is to be with my Lord, Forever in His house, Jesus, Master, who is my future; Hallelujah ... Hallelujah ... Hallelujah.



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## 7.0 What is Transformation?

*Conversion is forceful but transformation is peaceful.* Renewal of mind is transformation. In simple words, it is the process of formatting and restructuring our mind to rebuild a new operating thought life system. If our mind has to think about something new, then it needs surely a new pattern of thinking. Lord Jesus said that He would not like to think as the world would do so. *Why?* 

"The world and its desires pass away, but the man, who does the will of God lives forever", [1 John 2: 17].

*Transformation is basically a spiritual treatment to our mind, given by the Creator, in order to produce righteous thoughts.* The mind is gateway of the spirit, which lives by words. God therefore, employs His eternal words to heal the mind and removes all the evil thoughts



from our life. Thus transformation takes place in life, only if we submit our freewill to Lord Jesus Christ, who truly had submitted His free will to Father God in Gethsemane garden. *Setting up godly thinking in us is* 

salvation plan; meaning making us to accept the thoughts of God as our spiritual food and doing things accordingly. In contrast, freewill is selfmotivated and personality oriented. We are naturally attempting to build our own personality by exploiting egoistic thinking. In fact, our thinking pattern reflects our personality, which produces all our characters. The words, which we have learnt from Parents, Society, Science, and Entertainment Media, build our life naturally. We

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should not forget this fundamental aspect of thought life. When there is no thought in the flesh then there is no spirit in us. *Today, humans are well pleased by seeing their thought-embedded machines (robots), doing jobs according to their likings.* However, we have forgotten the truth that we have a Creator in heaven, who wants us to do the work, according to His thoughts (God's will).

As our physical system needs food, water, clothes and shelter, the spirit that dwells inside us needs pure words to have righteous thoughts, which will lead us into a spiritual life. Unfortunately we give more value to our own thoughts and highly respect them. Remember this: "Out of abundance of heart, our mouth speaks". Our speech witnesses our likeness.

# 7.1 Words Build Thought Life and Knowledge

Words are the basis for human life. Figure 7.1 presents pictorially how words can build a human life. God's words provide support to both spiritual life and physical life; because of that humans are able to live on this planet earth since Adam till now. God indeed through His creations has helped the humans to learn about their world, to develop the scientific knowledge, in order to exploit the available material resources.

# How does the physical life build?

This is where, the devil has played a trick with his subtle mind and philosophical nature (argument). Satan has designed and developed the entertainment world through freewill: Play, Cinema, Music, Novels, Magazines, News, Television, Internet, and Sport etc. He teaches his evil thinking to the humans through these systems.

On their part, Humans have been developing materials' knowledge, which is called Science.

The knowledge of materials does not pollute our mind, unless we include the philosophy and argument into it. When we develop desires to possess abundantly the materials, they become our idols.

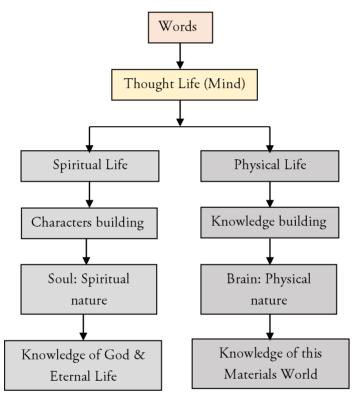


Figure 7.1: Words build life

Today, Science has become our education; when Science criticises the God's ability to create things and questions His eternity, it creates definitely proud in a person, who makes attempts to understand the God's creations without the guidance of God.

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Entertainment world is the major source of character building industry of the devil. Satan exploits the media world since beginning to build his nature in humans. In the ancient world, he used the play (mythological stories), in which orally humans had expressed the life proceedings of some brave men and women of the past; unbelievable incidents in their lives were told in believable manner with emotion. dance, and music. In the modern world, media now directly interacts with the minds of the people and builds their nature as the devil likes. Every day, the human mind gets trained with countless information to shape its life style. Exchange of ideas is not good, unless the idea is justified. Since the ancient humans (Adam & Eve) had approached their lives very casually, while taking the decision on their generation, even casual newspapers today easily destroy our precious spiritual life, which God has given to us. Sports support the physical activities in humans; but they also build aggressiveness, enmity and destroy the peace between people and nations. Sport brings proud in people and nations. Victory and failure are the two faces of this evil. Remember that God told Adam to work very hard in the field and through sweating to find his food. Now we do not like to work hard under the Sun; as a result we have developed numerous diseases in our physical life.

The spiritual life is eternal; therefore it must be built with eternal words, which are unchanging. God's words are eternal seeds of heavenly life. Knowingly or unknowingly, everyone learns many words daily and also put them into practise vehemently. We know our likeness; and God declares the same; that is that, we are all the sinners. That's the reason why, He invites all of us into His path of salvation, in which He wants to give us the spiritual training. We may not understand immediately the blessings of this spiritual

training. But when we direct our mind to follow Lord Jesus Christ, He forgives all our sinful thoughts and will teach us His spiritual words every day, systematically.

The spiritual cleansing (Sanctification) begins in an obedient mind, which believes the Holy Bible. God examines our heart, once we submit our life to Him. *In His spiritual presence, every thought of our mind comes into His light, which goes through justification process.* 

"He who conceals his sins (bad thoughts) does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy", [Proverbs 28:13].

If we show more interest in learning God's word from bible and accept truthfully our nature, God will quickly restructure our thinking pattern and set right our mind.

## 7.2 Challenges in the Transformation Process

There are many challenges, we may have to face, while going through transformation. The critical one is that, we will have to deny ourselves those things and people, with whom our old thoughts were closely linked in. It is impossible to serve the world and the God of heaven and earth, simultaneously.



Lord Jesus said: "If anyone wants to follow me, then he should take his own cross and deny himself the desires of this world".

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Transformation of mind builds a new life, in which our spirit grows in the presence of God and its thoughts are guided by God's counselling. *Living in the presence of Holy Spirit is sacrificial and it requires the spiritual thirsty*. Carnal mind often becomes an obstacle to think in line with God; also, it will post fear, so that the spiritual life becomes stagnant.

Bible reading is the effective way to implement the transformation process. It means that, we have to spend more time with God's word, meditating on them to understand the hidden wisdom and knowledge of our heavenly Father. Human life should be built by God's word, to be truthful and faithful to God. Our obedience is assessed daily by God; accordingly He enlightens our mind and its thinking. In fact, the darkness in our mind due to carnal thinking will slowly fade, once the light starts shining. The characters of God will make us humble, truthful and joyful. At the same time, those who are living next to us can't understand immediately these changes, which are taking place inside us. Indeed, they may be potentially employed by the devil to disturb our peace with God in many dirty ways. This will be a greatest challenge, which we can overcome only through prayer. Bible reading and prayer are the two important spiritual tools, which we have to employ in the transformation process.

Our character rebuilding is surely a challenging task but it is not impossible. God the Creator knows this art and He will establish His righteousness in us systematically. We have to accept Him faithfully every time, and obey to His words. *Our personal ambition may pose another challenge in this spiritual process, which may sometimes reduce our spiritual growth rate.* Even though, we submit our freewill to God, and ask Him to implement His salvation plan in our life, many a times, we may get confused with our

requirements and try to apply our old trained thought models, which can eventually take us back into dirty places.

Attaining the Christ Mind is the success story of a believer of God's word. No prize or medal or award in this world can be considered equal to this achievement. St. Paul has claimed this honour in his life after serving the Lord Jesus Christ for more than thirty years. Christ Mind will make us to think and do things perfectly like Jesus. The Son of God has always glorified the Father in heaven and brought honour to His name. Therefore, those, who go through the spiritual transformation, must do the same way like Jesus to produce the likeness of God's Spirit.



In the new life, we will have new habits, new practises, new friends and new characters. At that time, if the sinful world hates us, we should not be surprised. In the spiritual battle, the fight is between the characters of the

heavenly God and the characters of this sinful world. *We are the God's creations and through us, this battle is carried out.* If we listen to the heavenly God and accept His plan, He begins this spiritual war against Satan and his fallen angels, who have been surrounded us to ruin our lives. Our deliverance from the kingdom of darkness has been the sole aim for our heavenly Father, in this battle. The Son of God stands in front of us to fight the devil, so that the evilness in our life is completely destroyed and we can enjoy the peaceful presence of God. If we deny Lord Jesus and say that He has no role in our life, then we own all the responsibility of our life and its characters without realizing that they are infused by the evil army of

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Satan into us. *Remember that God weighs only our spirit of life i.e. characters, at the end of our earthly stay.* The nature of our spirit directly depends on the words that we have believed and practised and the characters that are developed accordingly.

## 7.3 Earthly Stay and Eternal Rest to Our Life

All the living spirits, which are dwelling inside the human bodies, will have to leave the physical system one day, after building and practising the spiritual characteristics. It is to be noted that our spirit becomes soul after it develops the necessary characters through words (see the figure 7.1). *It is important to realize that the characters are so precious jewels of our life. Therefore, we should not compromise to allow evil nature to persist in our spirit, for the sake of any worldly benefit or pleasure.* 

Through father and mother, God builds our physical body and it is seasonal as they are. *However, the living God has given the living spirit inside this seasonal body to build an eternal life.* From the beginning, God has been very particular about this fact of life and wants every human to learn this truth. Our observatory knowledge can't provide the required wisdom to understand the secret of life and its creation on the earth.

Scientific observations of stars, planets, and other creations on the earth may bring some sort of understanding of the nature and our surroundings. Certainly they will not show us the way to eternity and provide us the vital knowledge to reach our eternal abode.

Bible declares the following:

"This is the way of the foolish, and of those after them who believe in their words. Like sheep they are meant for the grave. Death (separation) will be their shepherd. And those who are right with God will rule over them in the morning. Their (foolish people) bodies will be eaten by the grave, so that they have no place to stay. But God will free my soul from the power of the grave. For He will take me to



Many in the world believe Science and others may follow different philosophies. People are also addicted to religious teachings. They have forgotten a simple fact of their lives; that is that they need rest to their souls. After working hard in the office or agricultural field or industry or business place, we may feel that some rest is

required and surely look for peaceful time. After a long trip or travel to a distant place, we would like to have refreshment and rest to our body and mind. This is essential to begin a new day with renewed strength. Therefore, one must learn the importance of rest, required for the soul. God has offered *rest in peace* (RIP) in the heavenly places. Lord Jesus Christ, the saviour of our soul has promised before 2015 years ago that, He would make a dwelling

place in heaven for those, who put their trust on His words and truthfully follow them in their lives. *Can we give our ears to His voice and listen to Him?* 



# 7.4 Rebirth and Rest

In the world, many people have got confused with the word, 'rebirth'. It is actually a spiritual event and not a physical action. A grown up spirit is basically the characteristic system and its nature is judged by the Creator for its eternal habitat. *Transformation indeed leads to spiritual rebirth*. Rebirth is nothing but restructuring the thought models, which are needed for eternal life. In this world, we normally learn many sinful thoughts, which we may consider as required ones to fulfil our desires to have pleasures. *However, God believes that righteous thoughts are required for the human soul to live in His holy presence.* 

Though we stay in the same physical body, after accepting Lord Jesus Christ as personal saviour, we enter into a narrow gate that leads to righteous life that is acceptable to the heavenly Father.

> In a simple definition, rebirth is born again spiritually to build the eternal life, believing that Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

No one can destroy a soul except its Creator. If a soul can't be destroyed then how can it enter again into another body (embryo or flesh) without the permission of its Creator? The bible has the record of one interesting incident. Once a demon possessed boy was brought to Lord Jesus, during His ministry. A large crowd was running to see, what Jesus would do to him.

Jesus rebuked the evil spirit as: "you deaf and mute spirit; I command you, come out of him and never enter him again", [Mark 9:25].

incident clearly This shows that only the the Creator has authority to send our spirit into a new body; as well clean as our life by spiritual

removing evil thoughts or evil spirits. The purpose of God creating us

is to create the heavenly souls (seeds), which are to be seeded in the angelic bodies to live as His children eternally. The chronology of human life is very interesting and a hidden wisdom. The human spirit starts its journey in a



Jesus delivering the boy

mother's womb without a word. After entering into the world, the living spirit learns many words. During this time, God makes many attempts to meet this living spirit to show His love. For this very purpose, God had sent His only Son, Jesus Christ from the heaven, who is our role model. Once we admit our mistakes and disobedient nature, Lord Jesus will receive us into His kingdom for the correction of our characters (Salvation).

One and all need salvation. Born again experience makes us to attain the rebirth state. In our carnal thinking, if we make attempts to understand the rebirth, we may jump into man and woman relation and will start believing in incarnations (avatars).

Lord Jesus Said: "Every tree is known by its fruits".

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Therefore, our characters (fruits) only will decide our nature and destination. Spiritual rest is essential requirement and it is not optional one. By default, the human souls go to the pits and wait for the final judgement of God to come. *On the other hand, by grace, we* 

have got a wonderful opportunity to go to heaven and serve our beloved Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, being part of God's family. God is the head of this family; His angels are living in His Holy presence. Peace, joy, and happiness are the gifts of every moment, they enjoy with their loving Father.

Lord Jesus proclaimed: "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free".

The teachings of Lord Jesus Christ have brought the truth from heavens to earth. Our life without Jesus is without this truth of God. In case we avoid Jesus, then on the earth, we are just the bonded labourers of the devil, trying to establish our names, build houses, industries, and institutions etc., to make our life physically comfortable. Everyone likes to have comforts somehow in this life. Same way if we put our heart and mind, and learn the truth from Lord Jesus, then God will forgive our sins.

It is worth noticing that our soul is an eternal spiritual system with a well-trained mind that produces different thought models. Unless God trains our mind to think like Lord Jesus, we may leave this world with our own personality. We are the heterogeneous societies on this earth because of differential thinking. God's requirements for our soul are to have the following:

- ✓ Obedient mind to God's word (Submitting freewill)
- ✓ Sincerity in faith (Transparency)
- ✓ Acceptance of truth (Repentance)
- ✓ Righteous thinking (Practising God's thoughts)
- ✓ Spiritual integrity (Peace with Holy Spirit)
- ✓ Service through love (Love one another)
- ✓ Worship with a grateful heart (Love the heavenly Father)

If our spiritual nature produces these eternal requirements, then God is successful in establishing His likeness in our spirit. Spiritual rest is the promised blessing of God in the heavenly realm (Kingdom). *If we love our Creator, then we will definitely reject the sinful pleasures of this world.* There are certain things that, God really wants us to avoid and does not like us to have or do. *As the Father of our spirits, He wants us to be clean, righteous and be justified before the fallen angels, who fell short of God's glory.* Under the influence of God's enemy, the first man and woman disbelieved the truth of God and misbehaved. Because of this act of disobedience, they also fell short of God's glory. Therefore, they chose to live without God's presence. The generations that these ancient humans produced also fell short of God's glory and went down to the pits (the world below the earth).

2015 years ago, the Son of God, who is the glory of our eternal Father, came from heaven and established the God's Kingdom here through His obedient mind, righteous characters and a grateful heart. For us, therefore Jesus has become the way to the eternal life. If we obey to God's word, then we become God's own children and live in His holy presence; otherwise we have to leave from the presence of heavenly God.

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## 7.5 Holy Presence of the Living God

Now an important question has been kept before us is this: *Do we like to live in the presence of God?* 

If the answer is yes, then we become fearful to follow the God's commands and surely liking His disciplined life. As a result, we positively obey to the living God in every aspect of our life. For such obedient people, God has kept the following promise, which was prophesied by Malachi, a prophet.

"But to you who fear My name, the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings; and you shall go out and grow fat like stall-fed calves", [Malachi 4:3].

Here, the prophet had foreseen a rising Sun, not the one, which we see every day; but the eternal King and the prince of peace, who would be the light in the lives of people. He is Lord Jesus Christ. He chose a humble life to teach us the humility before the living God. He is the spiritual light of the world. Sun light gives the food



flesh: for 0111 but the Sun of Righteousness, Jesus shines upon those, who believe Him as their Lord and Saviour. His holy presence removes the darkness (evil thoughts/negative emotions) from our lives. God has kept countless gifts and blessings in His treasury for the believers of His word. He

has given His holy name to this world; that is Jesus, meaning the God, who forgives His people from their sins, iniquities and save their lives. Jesus calls: "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light", [Matthew 11:29, 30].

God gives us lots of opportunities to correct our life style, besides providing all our needs. Our heavenly Father is with full of grace, mercy and pity; He wants to save all of us from the hands of the devil. *Remember, the enemy of God is a cunning and cruel some person with subtle intelligence; he does not introduce his evil plan directly to us; but he will make all possible ways to suggest us to incorporate his ideas in our life.* Once we follow the devil's plan, we get addicted to his thoughts, destroying our wonderful thought life system. This is what exactly happened in Eve's life and she became a slave to evil thoughts. When Adam followed Eve's words, both left from the presence *of God; meaning they did not want to live in the holy presence of God due to sinful thoughts in their minds.* 

God speaks the truth that is wisdom to our ears and like sweet honey to our mouth, if we understand that He is our Father. *Can we make up our mind to obey to His call and accept the salvation plan?* Then surely we will have a peaceful rest in God's glorious presence in the heavenly places. Praise the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us have this clarity. *We are not accepting Jesus as our Lord and Saviour to go against our parents and their culture/religion/tradition or to violate any government rule.* We will remain as part of the society, where we are living, after receiving Lord Jesus; but walking in the light, witnessing the unfailing love of Jesus, following God's word. In fact we contribute more productively to our nation because the

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children of Jesus do not take bribe, but they help always others and serve them with love; they are clean, work very hard and be sincere to the employer.

Countries like India, China need Lord Jesus to see all its citizens to have peace, good living conditions, foods, clothes and shelters. Only Lord Jesus Christ can change our inner being and make it faithful, truthful, and honest.

A true change in our heart and mind happens only in the presence of God through His Holy Spirit visitation. To be a good person on the earth, we need to reject the evil thinking out of our mind and life. In the salvation plan of God, He does exactly the same.

The spiritual thoughts of God are communicated through light, while meeting the believers of His words. God's presence is awesome and reality. When the Spirit of God meets His children, He gives them



the spiritual strength to fight against the evil thoughts. Our soul is the spiritual battery, which can be recharged in the presence of God. Importantly God consumes all our evil thoughts because He is the consuming fire. Science can't explain this holy experience but a repented sinner certainly feel the holiness and the righteousness of the heavenly God, when

s/he is filled with Holy Spirit.

This is basically a heavenly experience; meaning living in the presence of the Spiritual God. *The earthly thoughts of humans are due* 

to freewill and these thoughts will disconnect our mind from the Spirit of God. In contrast, when we submit our freewill to the living God and accept His words, we receive the sweet communion of God's Spirit. God's very presence will guide our life to yield the right fruits (characters). Not only we will be blessed, also people in our vicinity will be benefitted.

My Comfort

Peaceful days are those, That the God has blessed me to have; Pleasant life is the one, That the Lord has desired me to live. Painful hours during troublesome days, For my faith would go through the testing; On such times, I may feel the trails of the tempter, Beyond my strength to bear; There comes, the sweet presence of the Lord, To hold me in His strong arms; Jesus never fails.



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#### 8.0 Our deeds lead us to Judgement

Every creation on this earth goes through the judgment of God. *Remember this, creation is purposeful.* We have seen that a human life is the seed of heaven. The live demonstration was completed nearly 2015 years back on the cross, when our Lord Jesus Christ had submitted His Spirit unto the hands of the heavenly Father. The

Son of God was born on this earth as a child and grew as a son of man, among the people of Israel. *Jesus sincerely obeyed to God's word and had submitted His life to the Holy Father, who is invisible to the eyes of the humans.* Since Lord Jesus has reflected the complete nature of God, being in flesh, He is the visible form of the invisible heavenly Father.



"All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the spirits", Proverbs [16:2].

Judgment is qualification of our life to find out whether it is spiritually compatible with God or not. The major hindrance in our life for not understanding the living God is that, our knowledge of good and bad, which comes from the sinful world. Observatory knowledge (Science), Philosophies (wise thinking with arguments), religious practises (carnal minded thinking about God through traditions, festivals and cultures), and entertainment stuffs (spending our valuable time lavishly on wasteful thoughts), will not lead us to build our spiritual life. The words from these worldly paths, in fact become great obstacles in human minds and they do not allow the people to accept the truth, by creating a stubborn heart in them.

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The humans are unknowingly trapped in the spiritual battle between the living God and His enemies. For that reason, God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, who defeated the devil and has become the truthful way to the spiritual life for us. *Therefore, accepting Lord Jesus as our Saviour is the only way to come out of this battle field and have the rest in the heavenly places, until God solves the logical issue of whether there can be another god other than Jesus Christ.* Human spirit is created to learn the obedience from Lord Jesus and surely not to become proud before Him. Jesus Christ humbled before the Father God until His death and sacrificed everything for the sake of displaying the faith on God's word and eternal life. We have already learnt that our spirit is eternal and its characters produce our nature that is likeness.

#### What is our likeness?

The world has already seen the likeness of God in Jesus Christ and the love of God has been presented on the cross for us. But the world teaches the ungodly nature to its citizens due to the influence of evil spirits of Satan (fallen angels). These evil minded fallen angels present themselves as the gods of this earth to deceive different societies and nations. *They communicate selfish thinking models to corrupt our conscience. When a corrupted mind multiplies into a society, then the people will only neglect the voice of the living God.* Any colour, any language, any nation, any caste, without the Word of God and the guidance of Lord Jesus, no one could walk righteously before the Holy God. All have gone on their own ways and become corrupt, *not fulfilling the purpose of creation.* So, God the Creator has sacrificed His Son's life as ransom, which has opened the gate of heaven for our soul to return safely. Negligence to understand the God's call, only will lead to places, where no one can find peace and

rest to their souls. God has made three places, for the souls to stay, until the earthly mission gets completed. Today, the Science may foretell many things about our earth and universe; but what about us? *The bible precisely concludes that, when will the earth stop supporting the physical life.* 

Lord Jesus said: "Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. And this gospel (good news of God) of the Kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come", [Matthew 24:12-14].

The good news of God is that we can be saved from sins, if we repent truthfully and believe Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God. The Kingdom of God is near to



Mahatma Gandhi

us; meaning the Spirit of God is meeting those, who will listen to God's word. Repentance is realisation of our wrong paths and thoughts. *Our works will be judged one day in terms of our characters. Many in the world appreciated the good nature of Lord Jesus Christ.* But mere appreciation of the good characteristics of Jesus will not make us as good persons. *Indeed, many leaders have proclaimed that Jesus lived a phenomenal life; unfortunately they did not receive the salvation from Lord Jesus.* Also, some scholarly people have appreciated the teachings of Jesus as the best sermons for humans but they could not receive the forgiveness of God through the grace of Lord Jesus.

A truthful repentance for the sinful life and a faithful following of God's word makes a person, disciple of Lord Jesus Christ.

#### 8.1 Destination of Souls

The following are the three destinations, we have before us.

Place 1: Heavens

When we listen to the voice of the living God, our life goes through transformation. We become humble and admit our sinful state of mind by accepting the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ. A simple obedience, which we show towards God's word will bring the required discipline in our lives. Then we become the children of God, following the wonderful saviour of our life. Those, who are washed by the blood of Jesus Christ, are made righteous through the grace of God and subsequently they are sanctified (purified) by the word of God. Lord Jesus Christ receives the sinners with loving compassion, once they confess their mistakes and afterwards He will teach them the eternal words of God, so that they can walk in His light. When a sinner submits all his/her bad habits, evil thoughts, wrong relations etc., to Lord Jesus, He ensures first, a total forgiveness to all the disobedient things by giving a peace of mind in their life.

"If the righteous (those, who have accepted Jesus) will be recompensed on the earth, How much more the ungodly (living without God) and the sinner (leading a worldly life)", [Proverbs 11:31].

The above verse says that the children of Lord Jesus Christ are given the spiritual treatment here on this earth and be made perfect to obey the God's word in every aspect of their lives. The Spirit of God works in their lives very closely and intimately, bringing them every day into the presence of God.

When we live in the light of God in prayer time, every evil nature in us is burnt by the fire (power) of God.

Therefore, the believers of Jesus are sanctified both by His word and through His Holy Spirit, every day. *They are*  Light shines upon believer



spiritually born again through water baptism first and followed by daily living in the presence of God. When we receive Jesus Christ, we implement His life as our thought model and reference. As Jesus Christ and His Father are living with one mind, we also become one gradually in Jesus. This is the state of being one mind with God that displays the spiritual integrity. This is made possible because we are formed in the image of God that is spirit.

God does not want to take the disobedient from the earth back into His heavenly places.

Lord declares: "So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it", [Isaiah 55:11].

The world in which we are living now has full of sinful passions that promote pleasures in flesh. The fallen angels have created all these

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evil ways, so that the humans can be trapped into their nets. If we fail to listen to the voice of God, then wilfully we commit all the mistakes and spoil our thought life. Since the body in which we live, can't support our life (spirit) forever, one day the spirit will have to leave this earth towards its eternal destination.

The Holy Bible is given to us, so that we can learn the truthful words carefully to do God's will. If we want to take rest in the heavenly places, then Lord Jesus is the only way.

*"Those who walk uprightly enter into peace; they shall find rest in their beds", [Isaiah 57:2].* 

Now, the living God wants to make peace with all the humans; if we listen to His call and accept His forgiveness, we then walk in the path of life, following His spiritual guidance.

Lord Jesus said: "I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also", [John 14:3].

Are we ready to accept truthfully this wonderful Saviour of our life and follow Him faithfully? He is waiting in the heavenly places to receive us, once we accomplish His mission on the earth.

Lord Jesus came to this world to share the love of God with us. Do we share His love with others? Our life will share the true love of God with others, only when it is accommodating the Spirit of God. In this world, our body carries the Spirit of God; at the end of our earthly stay, He will carry our soul back into heavenly places.

Place 2: Hell



"The wicked (ungodly) shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God", [Psalm 9:17].

The former worship

leader 'Lucifer' was the first one to become ungodly; meaning separated himself from God and became independent to lead his life without the guidance of God. He had developed the desire to be another god for those angels, who were working under his leadership. When all his attempts were failed, he started blaming the living God, questioning God's sovereign authority to rule all His creations without any alternative. He had plotted many evil plans to find faults in God, who is blameless and in that process, he became ungodly (Satan). Then onwards, he started seeding his wicked nature into the minds of fellow angels, teaching a false ideology. All those, who had listened to his false propaganda, also became ungodly and rebellious to God. The Creator had no other option but to put them in a separate world; which is known as 'Hell', a fallen world.

The earth, where we live is now common to both heaven and hell. Satan and all his fallen angels are placed in the hell. There is no light shining in that world, as they are living without God. That's why, Satan's ruling is called as the kingdom of darkness. The Son of God, Jesus Christ and all His angels are living in the presence of God in the heavenly places. *It is certainly a challenge for us to make our choice; whether we like the godly life that is offered by Lord Jesus Christ or to go with the rebellious group and spend our earthly stay in search of only* 

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seasonal pleasures. The disobedience to God's word will make us ungodly, resulting in spiritual separation. When we operate our freewill to satisfy our desires, we allow the evil spirits of Satan to entertain our lives. As a result, we worship only idols or follow some religion. There are different religions, practised in this world, where Pagans/Baals are worshiped. Certain group may even say that there is no form for God; but still they do not love their neighbour.

Naturally whom we like to follow, there we surely land for our eternal stay. Most of us do not know, what is really waiting for us. The book of God gives us the needed clarity on this vital question.

"Those, who practise lawlessness will be put into the furnace of fire (eternal fire in the hell); and there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth", [Matthew 13:41, 42].

Remember this, every word that we speak and every deed (act), which we perform will be judged in light. Accordingly, we will be given a place. That's why, salvation is very important, through which we can be corrected for our wrong doings; so that God can build an obedient life in us. *Following truthfully the words of Lord Jesus Christ will make us good before the living God.* If we reject the Jesus calls, then we go out of God's protection and fall into the trap of Satan, getting addicted to some stupid things of the evil world. Wicked minds will be punished with an everlasting destruction by keeping such souls away from the presence of the Lord and the glory of His power.

Place 3: Pits (Graves)

Lord Jesus said [John 5:24, 26, 28-29]:

Jesus said: "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My

word and believes in Him (Father), who sent Me has everlasting life (rest in heavens), and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death



(eternal separation) into life (reunion with God). And the Father has given Me authority to execute judgment; do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear My voice. And come forth – those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation"

Now the big question before us is that who would go to this pits/graves; whether the sinners or the wicked people. The bible says that the wicked people, who rejected the Son of God, Jesus Christ would be casted into the hell, where the rebellious angels have been placed. However, for those people, who would not have received Jesus but still followed certain principles of God naturally, might not directly go to hell. Further, for those, to whom the gospel of Jesus is not preached, may settle in these pits for a while, as they do not possess the knowledge of God and also not received the forgiveness of the Father. *The carnal minded Christians, who do not faithfully follow God's word, instead will lead a sinful life here and they also may not find a place for rest in heavenly places (remember the 5 virgins without having oil)*.

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Therefore, it is difficult to make any gross statement or guess, so that who are the people, go to the pits and wait for the judgment of God. *However, this is clear that, Lord Jesus Christ is the only way to heaven for us to have eternal life.* If we wish to follow Him now, then we will meet Him undoubtedly in the heavenly places but sanctification of our life is essential for that.

#### 8.3 Judgement by the King of Kings

Today, if we ask the people, they may say that they are not sinners. To these innocents, the bible has the following explanation:

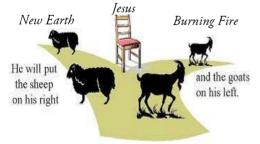
"There is none righteous, no, not even one; there is none who understands (the purpose of creation); there is none who seeks after God. They have all turned aside; they have together become unprofitable; there is none who does good (on their own), no not one", [Romans 3:10-12].

Because of the disobedience of Adam and Eve, God has judged this world as sinful; surely we the generations of these two are sinners by birth and due to our own deeds. For this very purpose, God has introduced His salvation plan, in which He has extended His grace to all of us to receive His forgiveness for our sinful life, in order to rebuild a spiritual life. *It is unwise to reject Jesus, through whom we receive salvation to our life*. If we think that what we do is right by not considering the gift of salvation, then one day we will certainly stand before the Lord Jesus Christ for the judgment. There are two kinds, who will stand before Him; both will be resurrected from their graves (pits). Bible says that these are not listened to the voice of God, when they were living on this earth. And He (Jesus) will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King (Jesus) will say to those on His right hand: "Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world", [Matthew 25:34].

These are the ones, who have done good things in the sight of God and supported the gospel works, directly or indirectly. They also

Then He (Jesus) 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", [Matthew 25:41].

have helped the believers and servants of Lord Jesus Christ. These are the ones, who would oppose the good news of God, not to be preached in their streets/places/nations and to the poor and innocent. They would lead a pride life and also would torture or kill the disciples and believers of Jesus. In their times, knowingly they would reject the saviour and would not want Him in their lives. Wilfully they would follow their ancestors and enjoy the sinful pleasures and would rule the fellow human beings cruelly and



cunningly.

Then what do I say to you?

Dear brothers and sisters, let me thank you at the

outset for reading this wonderful book, titled, "Transformation of

Mind". May God bless you with an obedient heart and direct your mind to His path of salvation.

Jesus spoke these words:

"And this is the will (plan) of Him (Father), who sent Me (Jesus) that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day. Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God. He has seen the Father. Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. I am the bread of Life", [John 6:40, 46-48].

Shall we make a right choice by receiving Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour and enjoy the immeasurable love of God in peace on everyday life. *The true transformation is nothing but attaining the Christ mind.* 

St. Paul writes clearly about what is waiting for the peoples of this earth on God's day [Romans 2:7, 8]

God will render to each one according to his deeds:

- Eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good, seek for glory, honour, peace and immortality.
- But to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil. For there is no partiality with God.



<u>My Sanctification</u> Clean my Soul, O Father God, Clean my Soul, O Jesus Christ, Clean my Soul, O Holy Spirit, Clean and keep me a branch in Your vine.

Every time I miss the track, Your gracious love will heal my heart, I honour You Lord, forever in my life, Be with me my love.

Since I am blessed by Holy arms, Christ love is now showing on, I feel good of mine, It is You made me fine, Every time I shine.

Change of mind brings change of heart; and it happens only by hearing to the voice of God that is the word of Christ.



# SPIRITUAL INTEGRITY IS HEAVENLY LIFE

After creating Adam, God was waiting for some time to study his nature and found that the man should not be left alone. *Then God created a suitable woman as partner for the man*. In fact, God felt the importance of prayer fellowship, which the man was required to have with someone from his own family. That's the reason why, God made the flesh of Eve out of Adam. *God demonstrated that the prayer fellowship of two souls would give them one mind to take a collective decision on their lives*. Adam after seeing Eve said that she was his bone and flesh; but he failed to realize the spiritual integrity, which he had with the Spirit of God, together with his partner.

#### 9.1 Spiritual Integrity



Walking with Jesus

Even today, the major challenge before the humans is that, how to understand the role of God in their lives. God has approved the physical integrity between a man and a woman through a valid marriage act and He further supports the family, which they will build on this earth.

The knowledge of Science is inadequate to explain the creation of life in the womb of a mother. The physical integrity forms only the flesh (embryo); but the reward comes from the Lord, who gives the spirit of life to that flesh. This is an act of true love by the Father of all lives. The word of Satan had separated Eve from Adam and their disobedience subsequently disconnected both from the Spirit of God; accordingly they became independent in their thinking. A differential thought model began to develop in their minds. Until their disobedience, they were united through the Spirit of God in order

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to have one mind (essential thinking); afterwards, they started thinking differently (non-essential). Today, we have many differential thought models in various names: Nobel, Smart, Intelligent, Inclusive, Supreme, Scientific, Political, Philosophical, Historical, Aggressive, Cunning, Deceiving, Wicked etc. In general, our thought will produce either liking or disliking feeling (s) from our heart and soul.

God had proposed to Adam and Eve, the one mind thinking model; but the devil destroyed their spiritual unity, which was existing between them and God, by injecting a differential thinking into their minds. *Naturally, now we do not have a direct link with God due to our sinful mind i.e. knowing good and bad.* God is love and He has extended His grace (forgiving love) to all of us. The moment we receive Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour, a strong spiritual connection is built between our life and the heavenly Father.

*Remember this: "Our life is in our spirit, so we need a spiritual relation".* 

Lord Jesus said:

"The thief (Satan) does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I (the Saviour) have come that they (believers of My words) may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly (fullness through spiritual integrity)", [John 10:10].

The spirit of life created by God in us will be stolen by the devil, once we incline to adopt his thought models in our mind. *The sole purpose of the devil is to destroy the beauty of our life*. The Holy Bible

says: We are fearfully and wonderfully made by our heavenly Father. Why?

In order to defeat this thief, who is the father of lies and is the enemy to the truth. Satan hates Lord Jesus, because Jesus has brought to us the truth of God; that is the Word of God.

Lord Jesus came to this world, so that you and I will receive the fullness in our lives. It means that, there will be peace prevailed between our spirit and God's Holy Spirit.

We may ask this question: What do I achieve having peace with God?

Our spirit is basically the light, which has come from the living God. Due to evil thinking, the God given lamp (Spirit) in us has darkened and it is not shining. Meaning, *our life refuses to understand its eternity and purity*.

> King David of Israel prayed: "For you will light my lamp; The Lord my God will enlighten my darkness", [Psalm 18:28].

Spirit is

*eternal but flesh is mortal. Who can teach us this truth, other than the Creator of our life?* It is therefore essential to realize that every one of us will live eternally; our thought life will continue and it does not stop in the eternal world(s). Only for a while, after we leave this physical body, the thought life takes a nap, until we will be judged by God to find our eternal destination.

Lord Jesus is the spiritual bridge between us and the living God. The word of God rebuilds our broken relation with Him, to make us eligible to call the eternal, mighty and powerful God as our Father.



God has put aside all our shames; He never recalls our stupid and ugly mistakes, whenever we interact with Him. Indeed He likes to have a sweet communion with us every moment, so that we will be

protected from the sinful minded people. Satan and his fallen angels oppose vehemently the Son of God because Jesus has revealed to us their true colour. *Christ has demonstrated to the world that the spiritual integrity with Father God is utmost important for us to have rest in heavenly places.* God does not want to discriminate anyone in the world but He would like to integrate all of us into His kingdom of Light.

Good and bad thinking has corrupted our conscience; as a result we have a carnal mind that has separated us from the Spirit of God. *That's why Lord Jesus invites everyone to learn the God's word, in order to build a spiritual mind with good conscience, so that we recognize our eternal nature.* Once we admit our eternity, God starts His works in our life to prepare us according to the needs of the heavens. No one just like that can enter into the heavenly places. Certainly lots of preparations have to be done by ourselves every day under the guidance and support of God's Spirit.

#### 9.2 God's Word is the Language of Eternity

The language of eternal life is God's word. Eternal life means that, our spirit is revived (charged) to live in the presence of God. The spiritual revival ensures this glorious life. When our soul receives the greater Soul of God (Holy Spirit), a wonderful fellowship is built; it is pure and a holy communion, unlike the physical relation. The Holy Bible is the gift of God for us. These words of God provide the required treatment to mind and corrects our thinking every moment. We all need surely treatment; otherwise the evilness in our



mind can't be removed. *Remember, the purpose* of God in our life is to build the Christ Mind, so that we will be His children in the divine family. If anyone thinks more than this then they are not yet born of the Spirit of God. Let all the praise and glory be to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Holy Bible has the records of events, namely the mighty works of God and His various interactions with the family members of Abraham as Old Testament. *However, the Son of God has united all the human beings in the new covenant, which was established through His sacrificial blood that was shed on the cross.* The heavenly Father first seeded His words into the faithful minds of Israelites; they had recorded them in a time, more than 1600 years. The Spirit of God is the author of these eternal words. Even today, except for a few translational problems, if anyone sincerely sit before the God and read His book, they will be surely taught the following truth:

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- ✓ Sin and death due to good and bad thinking
- ✓ Salvation by accepting Jesus Christ as Saviour
- ✓ God's righteousness and Holiness through His laws/ commands
- ✓ God's judgement to this sinful world
- ✓ The new world of Jesus Christ

And so on so forth.

The important point to appreciate here is that, the complete history of earth is properly recorded in the Bible. But we need to put some effort and read it purposefully; and *if our purpose is to receive the salvation, certainly we meet the true God during our search.* 

"For the Lord Gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding; He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is the shield to those who walk uprightly", [Proverb 2: 6, 7].

In the spiritual battle between good and evil thinking, one can win over the evil, only through the word of God. When the Son of the living God was tested and tempted by the devil, He defeated the evil minded Satan by quoting the God's word as the way of life. If we are sincere in reading the Bible, God will teach us His words very systematically and enable us with the required wisdom and knowledge to lead a righteous life in His presence. All our misunderstandings, sinful passions, wicked behaviours will be eliminated by the sound wisdom of God's word. Also, the power of God will strengthen us daily during prayer.

All the characters (Noah, Abraham, Job, Moses, Aaron, Joshua, David, Solomon, Virgin Mary, Peter, John, Judas Iscariot, Paul, etc.) cited in the Bible will teach us, how they were moved by God through His grace and mercy or moved away from His presence due to their disobedient nature. So, the reader can realize the severity of sins (thoughts of Satan), as well as the tender mercy of God towards His creations. *Lack of knowledge about our life makes it sinful and useless.* If we understand, who we are through a proper Bible reading, then a peaceful life is assured by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### 9.3 Receive Jesus Christ

There is lot of confusions in the minds of the gentiles (unknown to Christ) i.e. other religious people about Christianity; most of them think that it is another religion. *Especially in some countries, the multitude believe that Christians come to their nation(s) to convert the people into Christianity.* Let us understand the truth now. God created one man and a woman; and they had no religion. Then nearly after 2000 years, God selected one family, headed by a man called Noah and he had three sons; and they had no religion. From these three sons of Noah, today we are multiplied to more than 200 nations with nearly 7.5 billion people.

#### Children are the heritage of the Lord.

God so far has responded graciously to the request of all parents by offering life to their children.

Do we respond to His call positively?

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"Come to Me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest", [Matthew 11:28].



In tears, I seek my Lord

We are naturally working as labourers, according to the thoughts of the devil, for fulfilling his needs and desires; because of that we are leading an ungodly life. Sinful thoughts disconnect our mind from God. Our time on this earth has been very short.

Within this period, we ought to realize, who we are, and understand the purpose of our life. God does not compel anyone to follow Christianity. More than that, just merely following the Christian cultures like celebrating the Christmas joyfully and crying together or alone on the Good Friday, will not make anybody godly. A true repentance is to realize the state of mind and accept our mistakes by seeking the forgiveness of God for our life through Jesus Christ, who has assured us the rest in heavenly places. A true Christian is the one, who submit his/her life and its freewill (worldly desires) to God for fulfilling His plan.

Lord Jesus came to fulfil the will of God (plan); and it is to give you and me, the rest in the presence of God, while the Father God is settling all the long pending issues with His enemies. By accepting Jesus as our personal saviour, we do not change our

- Economic status,
- Nationality,
- Community,
- Language,
- Colour,
- Education etc.



Deliverance from sinful thoughts

But we do not give any importance to them and begin a new life in Christ. *In this new life, our state of mind and its thinking pattern will be restructured to establish obedience in our life through God's word.* Further, we receive the God's counselling in our everyday life through His Holy Spirit, such that we do not indulge in any evil act and always be faithful to the one, who has invited us to this new life. Some people are misled by the behaviours of carnal minded Christians and they are not clear about Christianity. A true Christian *faithfully practises the Mind of Christ. Jesus lived a sacrificial life on the earth, showing the love of God to all; we need to attain that quality in our life.* 

Receiving Lord Jesus Christ is not a ceremonious function but a personal event. From the life of Jesus, we educate ourselves in the following aspects:

I. God has created our spirit of life in the flesh, which is formed by father and mother

- II. Since the spirit of life comes from the God, He is our true eternal Father
- III. Jesus entered the womb of virgin Mary in a righteous way as the son of man to become the sacrificial lamb of God
- IV. Satan is a liar and thief, who steals the souls, which do not have the knowledge of God, in order to transfer his eternal punishment on them, so that they will not become angels
- V. Jesus sacrificed His life to save the innocent souls from Satan by shedding His own blood, so that God's forgiveness is available to all mankind in His name, such that those who believe Jesus as Son of God will become the angels of God

Because we are living in the flesh, we celebrate certain cultures and follow some festivals, speaking the language of our parents; also by praising the ancestral dignity; in that process we are burdening our life, day by day. *Naturally, we do not have the right knowledge to understand, who God is.* For that, we need the wisdom and knowledge of heavens, earth and the Creator of all these wonders. *Lord Jesus came to open up our minds and to reveal the God's glory to this world: "God is love".* 

Satan has taught this world many life styles, which are currently popular in many nations. All these have made the people lustful, disobedient to God and work for only carnal pleasures. The only way, we can set right our mind and lead an obedient, righteous life is that to follow sincerely Lord Jesus, who in fact will teach us the truth of life. *The truthful acceptance of our evil thoughts and willingness to change our attitudes, surely will move our life close to Jesus.* God is building His kingdom now, before bringing the judgement upon the fallen angels and the falling humans.

Every life that is created on the earth is so precious to God and He wants to transform that life into heavenly by seeding His eternal words such that the life thinks and acts like Jesus Christ. *The earth is filled with full of God's glory and mercy*. The works of the God are numerous. When we look up, the beautiful hands of our Father could be seen through the stars in the heavens.

Bible says: No eyes have yet seen from this earth, what good things, God has created and kept in the heavens, for those, who have accepted Lord Jesus Christ.

The mercy of God is now working and His grace has been extended to all, for receiving the forgiveness to our lives. Why do we reject this graceful offer and loose an opportunity for our life to be seeded in the heavenly places. Let us see first, how we can receive Jesus Christ. As it was mentioned earlier, receiving Jesus is not religious. If someone becomes a religious Christian for the sake of money, or status or marriage or other worldly purpose, such people only satisfy their lustful passions.

Remember, God does not follow any religion. It is only the devil, who introduced all the religions to this world with a purpose to separate the humans from the heavenly God. Today we are confused

Satan (Serpent) told the woman: "For God knows that in the day you eat of it (the forbidden fruit) your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil", (Genesis 3:5).

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with the millions of earthly gods and goddesses, who are basically representing the spirits of fallen angels in human and other forms.

From the beginning, the desire of Satan was to become god; meaning he wanted to be another god in the heavenly places, which was rejected by God. So he is now destroying the creations (our lives) of God on this earth. Therefore, you and I should be awaken from the sleep and look into our life carefully. *Knowing good and evil does not make us godly*; in fact we become ungodly after learning evil thoughts by doing sinful things. Only truth shall set us free, if we learn (know) the truth.

#### Who can teach us the truth, other than Lord Jesus?



Jesus is a Good Teacher

We are residing in this temporary house (body) for some period; it is wise to receive the salvation (protection) for our life that we hold on now. Nothing can save our spirit of life but the blood of Jesus. Receiving Jesus is to spiritually born again by the power of God's Spirit, to get educated by the teaching of Jesus, through learning the God's word.

Life in Christ is very much personal; it make's God's presence our spiritual home.

Lord Jesus answered: "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the spirit, he or she cannot enter the Kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the spirit is spirit", [John 3:5, 6].

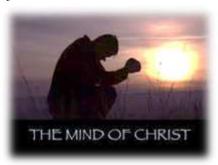
Indeed God has accepted the process of flesh formation. The relation between a man and a woman is recognized, if they obey to build their generation in accord with God's word. This is not naturally happening. On the other hand, *God expects all of us to accept the spiritual eternal relation that exists between our spirit and His Spirit.* We should not be ignorant of our spiritual nature, for the sake of carnal pleasures.

Born again is the beginning of our spiritual journey towards the eternity. Satan lied to the woman that, when she would learn good and evil, then she would behave like God.

Has it happened in you and me? Do we behave like God in our daily

Our life begins its journey in the womb of mother; but it gets transformed in the spiritual presence of Jesus Christ to become a heavenly life.

#### life?



To behave like God, our mind should be transformed. Since the carnal mind is built by good and evil words of this world, now we have to learn the truthful words from God to restructure our thinking to

produce His likeness. When we practise the characters of God, our mind gets renewed every day and the peace is prevailed in our life. In contrast, carnal mind brings many temptations to trouble our weaknesses. Therefore, we need the spiritual strength to defeat the

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evil mind and for that, one should have the spiritual mind like Jesus Christ. When we learn the God's word sincerely and systematically put them into daily practise, following the path of Jesus Christ carefully, the gifts of Holy Spirit will start working in our life.

God has established a very simple procedure to implement His salvation (rescue) plan.

<u>Step 1</u>: Expression of all our weaknesses in the past life (Repentance for our sins)

<u>Step 2</u>: Water baptism to show our obedience to God (Accepting Jesus died for our sins)

<u>Step 3</u>: Willingness to live in the presence of God (To have peace with Holy Spirit of God)

When we receive Lord Jesus Christ in our life as our personal Saviour, we agree to do the above three steps. In case, if we claim that we are not sinners then God can't work in our lives. Only when we accept our evil nature, God can provide the required spiritual treatment for us through His words and Spirit to make our life a righteous one to be justified before the *Assembly of God*.

By submitting the body through water baptism in Lord Jesus' name, no one is converted into Christianity but only has given the authority for the Spirit of God to come inside their life. This paves the way for ungodly to become godly.

Any forceful conversion is evil and God hates such process. What is the benefit that the heavens will get by forcefully taking the earthly people there? God has given the authority to run the government, social,

educational and industrial systems to the humans, since beginning. But let us not deny the fact that every religion is a manmade path.

God intercedes with those people, who show interest in His salvation plan. If we are satisfied with what we have and our understanding about life, we reject a wonderful opportunity to realize the truth of eternity. The good news has been already pronounced to the world by God: "Jesus is the way to heavenly life". It is unworthy to pay our life as the price to pleasurable things, which are seasonal. Lord Jesus has paid the price for all our lives to be purchased by His blood. Today is the day of salvation; to enter into a joyful relation with the peaceful God. But it is your decision.

#### 9.4 Fruits of Life

Lord Jesus has explained the nature of our life with the help of trees.



Temptation

"Every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor a bad tree bear good fruit", [Matthew 7:17, 18].

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Father God had planted two important trees in the Garden of Eden, in order to examine the obedience of Adam and Eve. The fruits of these two trees would determine their destination and relation. Since they chose the forbidden fruits, the wonderful spiritual relation was lost, which they had with God. Also, they were sent out of the presence of God.

It must be clear that, we can't have a carnal relation with the Spiritual God. It is therefore required to build a spiritual fellowship with God, who is Omni Potent and Holy Spirit.

#### 9.4.1 Thought Models of Life

There are now two kinds of thought models planted in the world due to the following facts:

- Independent thinking (freewill): Because of Adam's disobedience to God's Word
- God dependent thinking (God's will): Because of Jesus' obedience to God's Word

Lord Jesus Christ has demonstrated the merits and blessings of God dependent thinking. On the other hand, Satan has been teaching his freewill thinking to build independent life styles through various pleasurable thoughts. This world has been deceived because of Satan's fancy recipes, which have ingredients like music, cinema, entertainment, false worship, politics, sports, heterogeneous sexuality etc.

God gave His words to Adam; but he rejected them in disbelief and believed his wife. So, husband to wife relation was established. Therefore, the Son of God, Jesus Christ came to this world, through

an obedient and god fearing virgin Mary. He lived 33 years on this planet earth, completely submitting His life to Father God and by following the truth, He became the righteous thought model of God to all. So, Father to Son relation has been established. Lord Jesus Christ has reflected the nature of God on this earth and therefore Father God has received Him as the first fruit from this world. Our fruits will taste depending upon the words that we practise. God's word will produce good thoughts and righteous characters in our life.

Thus it is necessary to realize the nature of our life and get back to God's Kingdom. God knows our weaknesses. So, we do not need to worry too much. Like a child, who makes an attempt to walk, we ought to follow the God's word firmly and continuously, in the path of Lord Jesus, every day.

#### Lord Jesus Said: "Love your neighbour as you love yourself".

Love is the foundation of God fearing life. If we do not love another person then we do not have the love of God. Remember this: "The fruits of love are the characters of God's Spirit". Therefore, without any hesitation, *we can submit our life to Jesus because the Son of God has already paid the price on the cross for all our evil works in this earth.* 

What is the principle of our life?

Do we consider our life is successful, if we get what we desire to have or do we call ourselves a failure, if we do not get what we want to have? This is not the way that the heavenly God looks at our life. God considers a life (soul) is successful, only if it receives His grace, otherwise the life fails to understand the true love of its Father.

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<u>A True Christian Life</u> Let us read the word of God daily, Praise and sing unto the Holy, Let us kick and crush the sorrow worry, Because the world is full of God's glory.

Let us preach the word of God to needy, Pray for sickness in the body, Let us dance and worship our Father, Because He saved our life forever.

Let us kiss our Jesus for His kindness, In His blood God removed heart blindness, Let us thank and obey Holy Spirit, Because He changed sinful life like snow white.



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#### 10.0 Introduction



Prayer is a spiritual act and it is not a physical process. Our heart, mind, spirit and soul are spiritually trained in prayer. Lord Jesus Christ has taught us a simple prayer in order to start our spiritual life but it is only a beginning. When we come to God's presence, it is wise to open our heart and speak to Him freely by expressing those feelings, which

trouble our mind. Also, we must make it a habit of sharing our personal views with God on various issues. *Remember one thing, God always appreciates our life by encouraging transparency and honesty in our thinking and attitude.* 

Every day, we speak to many people on different subjects. Mostly we receive not much profit in such talks except spending our valuable time. But with God, our talk will definitely yield the righteous fruits. Bible says that, God looks at our heart and He is the prayer answering God. As doctor inspects our physical health, God will search our heart to diagnose the spiritual illness, which is evil thought, if any. *Prayer invites the presence of heavenly God, wherever we are on this earth.* Every believer of Lord Jesus Christ has been blessed with this wonderful opportunity to meet their heavenly Father here. During the prayer time, God will transform our mind and move the heart away from the sinful world; also we can move the heart of God towards our supplication(s). Prayer is not a religious activity but it is a personal relation with our everlasting Father God.

#### 10.1 How to make a prayer?

*Is there any protocol to make a prayer?* Certainly not; but a discipline is required. In particular, the time we devote to our heavenly Father must be punctual. Also, every day before conducting the prayer, it is important to read the bible and meditate on God's eternal words. This will increase the understanding of God and His purpose in our life.

In the world, we have many relatives and they have got their own names; so it is very convenient for us to make communication with them. But in the heavens, we all have only one relative that is Lord Jesus Christ.

"Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You", [Psalm 73:25].

It is therefore required to call our heavenly Father in His name, which is given to us on this earth.

Lord Jesus has prayed to heavenly Father as follows: "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word", [John 17:6].

Lord Jesus has mentioned two important things in His prayer.

- He came to this world in His Father's name
- The believers of Jesus Christ have kept the God's word in their lives

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Whoever would like to claim the victory over sinful life, must follow the footsteps of Lord Jesus Christ. When the life becomes obedient to God's word, our prayer time will be a sweet communion with God. The believers of God's word can call upon Him any time (24x7) because they have the following promise:

"My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not allow your (and my) foot to be moved; He who keeps you (and me) will not slumber", [Psalm 121:2, 3].



In tears and troubles, we can share our feelings and emotions with Lord Jesus Christ, who will comfort us by providing the necessary help. During the happy times, we can praise and worship His holy name to

thank Him for what He has done in our life. *The Lord knows those,* who are depending on Him, so He will never forsake or leave them.

Our life on this earth has to face many challenges. Therefore, we need a Saviour, who will take care of our lives and make them successful. *Prayer brings victory in our day to day life*. Hence, we have to share all our plans with Lord Jesus Christ, before proceeding to implement them. God knows our earthly requirements; nevertheless we should avoid asking Him to give us things that are not really needed. The heavenly Father encounters with us through His Son Jesus Christ. For this reason, the prayer ought to be made in Lord Jesus Name.

Since God is the designer of our body and the spirit of life, for every problem we may face, surely He has the right solution. *God heals the troubling mind through His words, so that it performs perfectly. When* 

*perfection comes the imperfection disappears.* The transformation of mind takes place, when we speak to Lord Jesus Christ in prayer. Therefore, our prayer must be focussed on issues, which are troubling the peace that we have with the Spirit of God. God wants us to confess our mistakes truthfully, so that the gracious love of God that forgives our wrongdoings should not be periodically exploited. Let us realise one thing that, God trains our life here to make us to live in heavens eternally with peace, joy and happiness in His holy presence.

We should be very simple before God, who likes our life. Since sanctification is done during prayer, it is wise to ask the heavenly Father to remove the unnecessary thoughts from our life. In case of any terrific sin bothering too much, which is a stumbling block to our prayer life, then it is better to organise a fasting prayer to receive a proper counselling from God.

#### 10.2 How is prayer answered?

"But certainly God has heard me; He has attended to the voice of prayer. Blessed be God, who has not turned away my prayer, nor His mercy from me", [Psalm 66:19, 20].

Every time, we approach to God for help, He attends to our words. Surely God answers all the prayers, which are made in faith. The sunlight falls on both good man and wicked guy. So their fleshes grow equally on this earth. However, this is not the case with their souls. *The spirit inside our body, if it grows into soul without the presence of God, then it becomes a self-oriented, independent living system.* On the other hand, the eternal light of God shines upon

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those, who will trust in His words and commit their lives into prayer. God's presence is felt as fire in our heart, electrifying power in our body, and creates an exhaustive magnetic field surrounding us during the prayer time. *In the light of God, the carnal mind is healed and gets transformed to understand the righteousness and holiness of God.* 

God is Spirit and therefore He would meet us in prayer as Holy Spirit and not in any other form. His light communicates His words and His spiritual power strengthens our spirit.

"Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the Lord of hosts, [Zechariah 4:6].

Therefore, prayer is always answered by the Spirit of God, who provides all our needs:

- ✓ Peaceful life
- ✓ Content mind
- ✓ Grateful heart
- ✓ Complete
  protection
- ✓ Economical blessing
- ✓ Righteous thoughts



Fasting Prayer

- ✓ Loving compassion for others
- ✓ Serving nature
- ✓ Counselling for major decision

God has kept all our earthly needs here but the heavenly treasures come from Him directly.

*"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning", James [1:17].* 

#### 10.3 Who can pray to Lord Jesus?

The God given spirit is a beautiful and wonderful creation and the characters, which are built in that spirit are eternal. *The soul is nothing but a grown up spirit in words with a set of well-defined characters*.

Who is the owner of all our characters?

Humans are word based creatures unlike other creations. *Therefore, the words determine the nature of their lives.* Completeness in life is misunderstood by many, as having huge properties, or becoming a popular person in sport/cinema/business/politics or receiving the Nobel Prize or being a ruler of the great nation. Lord Jesus Christ is the perfect example for completeness.

The carnal minded Christians would like to acknowledge the God's sacrifice, outside the human spirit and the sinful world may encourage the people to see the God's love in their mother and father.

Of course, all the parents love their own children but not the neighbour's children. The emotional centred love of our parents would not reflect the unconditional love of God; though their love may be sacrificial but it works within a boundary. On the other hand, God's love has no limit since He is impartial and He loves righteousness.

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Lord Jesus died on the cross, not only for the Jews but for the entire humanity. His sacrificial death only reflects the true love of the Father in heavens. Those, who want this true love can pray to the living God in Jesus name, who is non-religious and eternal.

God is one, God is Holy Spirit and God is Light. When the light of life shines upon a mother, the living spirit enters into her womb; the same way the Holy Spirit will enter inside us during the presence of God. We can't build a spiritual relation, if God is realised outside in any other form(s), including the human shape(s). In a God centred life, He can't be kept outside. When we want to keep the God outside, we only display our lust for the desires of this world that is inside. For those, whose interests are in the materialistic world will not like to pray to the Spiritual God. Where is our heart, there is our treasure.

Our spirit has to grow in the light of God, so that the darkness (evilness) will be removed from the thought life. An organised prayer life ensures a healthy spiritual life, in which the following nature will be visible:

- ✓ Forgiving
- ✓ Accommodating (Longsuffering)
- ✓ Sharing
- ✓ Peace



Jesus is a role model for Prayer

When we start loving Lord Jesus Christ for His sacrificial death, He makes sure that we become the shareholders in His resurrection. *When we begin to love others, we fulfil the God's will on this earth.* 

Completeness in life is demonstrated by showing our love towards the fellow human beings. One day, all our attitudes will be judged by God. Therefore, this is the time given for us to get transformed into the likeness of Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus invites all of us, not to change our religion but to change our attitudes and characters, which are incompatible for heavenly life. Those, who admit their wrongdoings and bad attitudes, and willing to change, surely can come to Him and pray to the living God in order to receive His grace and mercy for their lives to be saved in Jesus name.

#### 10.4 The last drop of blood from the Cross

There have been many claims in the world by different religious groups that their gods are the incarnation of the Father of all lives



(Light). But the Holy Bible says that Lord Jesus Christ was sent by the Father God to die for the sinners of this world. The ungodly thought life in human life would be cleansed only by the sacrificial

blood of Lord Jesus, who lived a perfect spiritual life on the earth and had one mind with His Father. *God can't meet us without forgiving our ungodly nature.* The grace of the Lord brings forgiveness of God to our thought life, when we accept truthfully and faithfully that Jesus Christ died for us. On the cross, the Son of God had bled out all



His blood as the sacrificial offer to eradicate the ungodly nature from the complete world. Dear reader, the last drop of blood came out of His body to save your life and my life, which is so precious and priceless. *We do not know the worth of our life*. That's the reason

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why, we invest our life in seasonal pleasures and destroy the wonderful thought life.

What made the Son of God to come here? Did Jesus come to defeat the devil, the God's enemy or to rescue all of us, who are the slaves to that thief?

Lord Jesus came to tell us the truth by showing the love of God towards our lives. It is your sin and my sin, which made Him to sacrifice His life on the cross. *He came to give us the victory over sin and to declare that all our lives are righteous before God, through our faith in His name.* Dr. Richard Beal defines the five cruel faces of sinful figure, so that we can comprehend our status clearly and accept who we are.

- Sin is lawlessness (violation of God's law)
- Sin brings iniquity (corrupt thought life)
- Sin is missing the God set standard or mark (fall short of God's nature)
- Sin is a form of trespass (freewill/self-centred life)
- Sin is unbelief (rejecting the word of God and Jesus Christ)

### The love of an infinite, invisible God can't be realised and visualised through any earthly finite life.

Let us be clear of one thing that is that our father and mother are earthly, finite living beings. Therefore, they will not be able to represent the living God of heaven on this earth. Heaven is not a distant dream, when we obey to God's call. Also understand that heaven is not a religious place.

Discipline is an unchallengeable property of spiritual life and obedience to the truth is the gateway for victory to have rest in heavenly places.

#### 10.5 Concluding Remarks

The world gives the knowledge of good and bad, using that we can run our life on this planet earth. *Conversely, the Bible tells us the truth, which makes the believers to understand that the true living God is Jesus Christ.* Since we are the living souls, created by the Holy Spirit of God, our thoughts need to be sanctified by God's word, so that we will become the believers of God's word, having one mind with the Spirit of God.

Differential mind in us is sinful and this unrighteous act of thinking must be removed from our life during this earthly stay. Transformation of Mind achieves this greatest victory in Lord Jesus Christ, who is the author of salvation.

If you value your life, then do not reject Jesus, who is the saviour of this world. One day, we all will leave this temporary domain that is our flesh to go to the eternal world(s). But to live with God, now we have to accept Lord Jesus, the heavenly living Son of God.

When we give our body and spirit to the fallen angels of Satan, we may receive some momentary pleasures in the soul for a seasonal time. On the other hand, if we submit our life to the Holy Spirit of God, He will give us the eternal joy that endures forever.

*Resurrection* is the process, through which God transplants our soul into an angelic body that is prepared in the heavenly places for the believers of God's word. The living soul inside us is seasoned here and it is nurtured with the knowledge of God. Further, our life is

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made obedient and disciplined to follow God's commands and words, so that we will serve the living God eternally under the leadership of Lord Jesus Christ.

Would you pray with me and to get blessed by the heavenly God in Jesus name!



Dear Lord Jesus, all these days, I did not understand that why did You die on the cross and got resurrected on the third day. However, today, I have received

the grace of God to realise the purpose of Your sacrificial death and the deliverance I receive to my life from the bondages of sins. Lord have mercy upon my life and wash me by Your blood. Father, forgive my sins and take me as Your Child. Lord, teach me the truth and guide me in the path of life. I love you Jesus.

Amen. Praise the Lord. December 2016.

#### About this book

## Spirit + Words = Living Soul

Human life is a living soul. In this life, we naturally learn both good and bad words to build our characters, in order to reflect our emotions and reactions. Since the childhood, from various sources (society, entertainment media, books, education etc.), we receive countless words. Indeed, our Earth is the word learning centre and character building school of God. The Creator of our lives have provided us air, water, land, and materials to support our stay on this planet to fulfil the purpose of creation. Unfortunately, many in this world are living as unknown persons to the heavenly God, who created all things, what we see and use daily in our lives.

God introduced Himself to this world and His everlasting love was already shown to the mankind through Jesus Christ, His Son by sacrificing Him on the cross for all our wrong doings. Knowing good and bad is not a meritorious life; but rejecting the evil mind is a righteous act in the sight of God. Independent thinking brings indiscipline (sin) into our lives. Lord Jesus Christ, however demonstrated the merits of God dependent thinking (righteousness) in His life by truthfully following the God's word. Through His teaching, Lord Jesus transforms our lives to make us God's own Children. The Spirit of God works in our lives to reveal the cruel face of sinful mind, to teach us the righteousness and finally the judgement to our life. We therefore come to know the living God through the teaching of Lord Jesus Christ by understanding the truth that our life is not a seasonal decaying flesh but an everlasting living soul.

Our likeness will decide our eternal world. Heaven is eager to receive us for a comfortable rest and living in the presence of Holy God. However, our minds need to be transformed like Jesus to produce His thought life, which is God dependent that has no place for evil thoughts. God's word will do this wonderful work in our lives, if we receive Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour. Change of religion is conversion, which does not give us either peace or blessing. Also, God is not a religious person but He is the Father of our lives. Change of mind is change of heart. Give your heart to Lord Jesus today; He will surely receive you in heaven on the day of your leaving this earth. Read this book to receive the light of Jesus in your life and get blessed by the Holy arms of our heavenly Father.

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