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*GOD'S PLAN*  
*OUR PLACE*



GOD'S MASTER PLAN  
&  
OUR PLACE IN IT



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# FOREWORD

Sunday Morning USA.

Check out the man standing numbly by the church coffee bar talking about his impending divorce. Listen to the voice of the Christian mother as she asks people to pray for her teenage son who's just been arrested on drug charges. Then take a moment to watch the expressions on these same faces as they settle in for a sermon on how to become a better spouse . . . a better parent . . . a better you.

What's wrong with this picture? Why aren't things getting better? You don't have to be a modern-day prophet to hear all the unanswered questions burning in the minds of American believers. Many of us seem to be silently repeating the words from Jackson Browne's song:

*I want to know what became of the change  
We waited for love to bring;  
Were they only the fitful dreams  
Of some greater awakening?"*  
– from "The Pretender."

What about that change we waited for God's love to bring? What happened to the zeal we once knew as we reached out to grasp the pearl of great price? We felt incredible feelings, sang inspiring songs, listened to awesome testimonies, experienced spiritual revelation and absolutely believed in miraculous intervention.

Why then have so many of us lost our focus? Or could it be that, like the Galatians, our focus has been misplaced? Would the apostle Paul say to us, "*Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?*" (Galatians 3:3). I believe my answer (along with many of you) would have to be "yes."

When I became a Christian twenty five years ago, I lived and moved and found my being in Jesus. I believed in the rising of the Son more than the coming of the dawn.

But as the years went by, churches split. Plans failed. Leaders lied. Christians stumbled. Ministries tumbled. Disappointment after disappointment, I stopped focusing on the wounds of Christ and started tending to my own.

This didn't happen overnight, but year after year, my reckless trust in the things of God began to diminish. Like so many in my generation, hope deferred had made my heart sick, and so I began to protect myself, rely on myself, comfort myself and medicate myself with food, fun, friends and feelings. Having begun in the Spirit, I now chose to put my confidence in the flesh.

Two years ago, I started listening to the teachings you are about to read. To put it bluntly, the lights in my darkened understanding began to flicker.

Suddenly I realized how much my focus had shifted to the things of earth rather than the things above. Whereas my greatest desire had once been for Jesus, it had gradually morphed into a desire to create a better planet upon which my better self could live.

Instead of focusing on the host of the armies of heaven, I remade Christ into the host of *Let's Make A Deal*. Instead of reaching out for the keys of the kingdom of heaven, I wanted Him to hand me the key to Door #3—the one with “Abundant Life” written on it in big gold letters.

I couldn't wait to open that door, because inside I was sure to find health, wealth, happiness and the love I deserved. But I forgot one essential truth. Being a Christian isn't about being healthy, wealthy or happy. It's not even about finding true love. It's about following Jesus. *The cross before me, the world behind me even though none go with me, still I will follow. No turning back? No turning back!* (“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus,” public domain).

Why do so many of us want to turn back? Because when life on earth becomes our focus, the unending sorrow of human existence makes our hearts sick. C. S. Lewis commented on this very problem when he wrote, “Aim at heaven and you will get earth ‘thrown in’; aim at earth, and you will get neither.” ©. S. Lewis *Mere Christianity*) I believe that most American believers have aimed at earth and come up empty.

But this wasn't always the case. Up until about one hundred years ago, most Americans didn't need to be reminded to focus on eternity. Poverty, disease, war, famine, hardship and trouble were the norm for most believers before the twentieth century. You didn't need to tell a coal miner that earth isn't the end of the road; you didn't have to remind an eighteen-year-old about to walk onto a battlefield that there's more to life. A mother who loses three out of five children before they reach adulthood doesn't put all her hope in this world, and a man trying to feed his family with a mule and forty acres isn't mistaking a dirt farm for the promised land.

But things have changed for most Americans. Human life is a more pleasant experience these days, complete with good food, comfortable churches, great vacations, luxurious homes and endless entertainment. Who needs to focus on eternity when earth is so full of “good things”?

We do! As our lifestyles have grown richer, our Christian faith has become impoverished. Yet through the satisfaction of all our earthly desires, we have ceased to desire heaven. And consequently we are offended when life doesn't treat us in the style to which we have become accustomed.

We are surly when our lattes aren't hot enough; we are angered when the car in front of us doesn't drive fast enough; we are insulted when service isn't professional enough and we are enraged when we aren't treated well enough, and we are self-pitying when faced with unexpected trials and tribulations.

How far we have fallen from the words of scripture, which tells us to “Consider it all joy . . . when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.” (James 1:2–3 emphasis added).

There’s nothing new about the truths you are about to read. On the contrary, they’re very old. Ancient, in fact. But I can tell you that these simple teachings can help you “return to your first love” and “do the deeds you did at first” (Revelation 2:4–5).

The purpose of this book (*series*) isn’t to establish a ministry, start a church or ignite some new wind of doctrine. Mr. Barton’s goal is simply to call Christians back to a true biblical faith and forward to maturity in Christ.

If your desire is to know the truth that can truly set you free, then I invite you to join me on this journey.

Claudia Lovejoy



# INTRODUCTION

**IMPORTANT DOCTRINE.** Every Christian should know this information (doctrine). This is the first information a new Christian should learn immediately after salvation!

**GOD WANTS US TO KNOW.** God has revealed this information throughout the entire Bible, He wants us to know it!

**QUESTIONS ANSWERED.** This information answers many of life's questions such as: "Who am I?" "Why am I here?" "What does the Lord want me to do?" "How do I do that?" (The Lord's will?) "Why is there so much evil in the world?" "Why did God allow that to happen to me?"

**PREPARATION.** Satan is working to devour Christians (1 Peter 5:8). He has unleashed enormous, worldwide, attacks driven by fear and ignorance. He is promoting fear concerning the governments of the world, the economy, worldwide health, the environment, religion, terrorism, UFOs, ETs, and more. He is also using our ignorance of God's written Word to his advantage. Through fear and ignorance Satan is devouring Christians.

For those who do not know and do not keep focused on God's Plan, it is highly likely that they will become confused and fearful about their life, and then devoured by Satan. But when they know God's Plan they can relax, and have a life that glorifies God. They can enjoy His strength, hope, peace, and joy. (Hebrews 11:1, 13-16; 13:14; 1 Peter 5:9-11; Ephesians 6:10-17).

Sadly, few remember, or even know of, God's Plan.

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"Even as a seminary trained Bible professor this message was new to me."  
(J. Carl Laney, Th.D.)

"Understanding this has made everything else on this earth make sense."  
(Lauren Lucht, J.D.)

"This totally changed my perspective about reality."  
(Susan Goodman)

"This doctrine is significant for all creation!"  
(Dave Homer)





# PART ONE

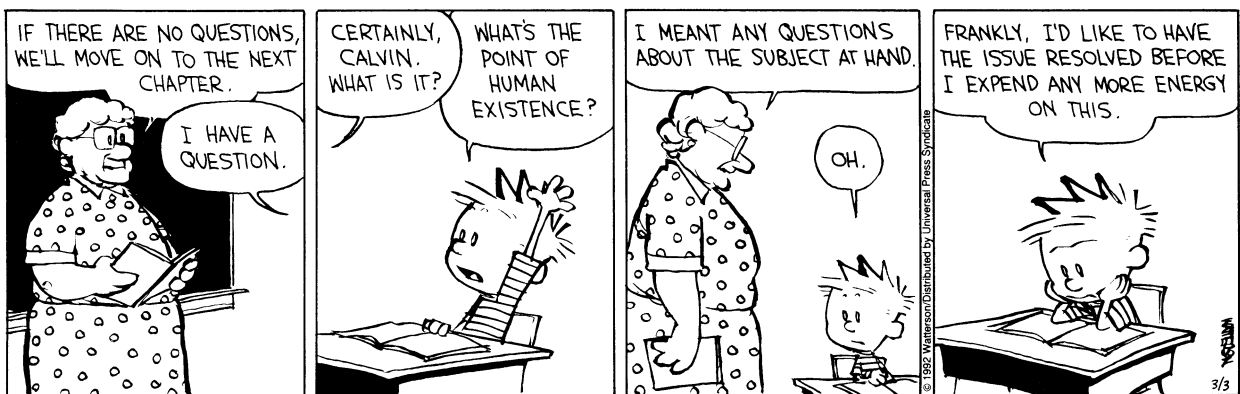
## GOD'S MASTER PLAN



# Lesson 1

## IMPORTANCE

God has revealed His plan to us. Therefore, no Christian should ever say: “Why am I here?” “What is God’s plan for my life?” “Why does God allow evil in the world?” **Ephesians 1:9** states that God has revealed His plan/will to us. God wants us to know His plan. Therefore, it is important for us to know God’s plan.



### LESSON'S POINT

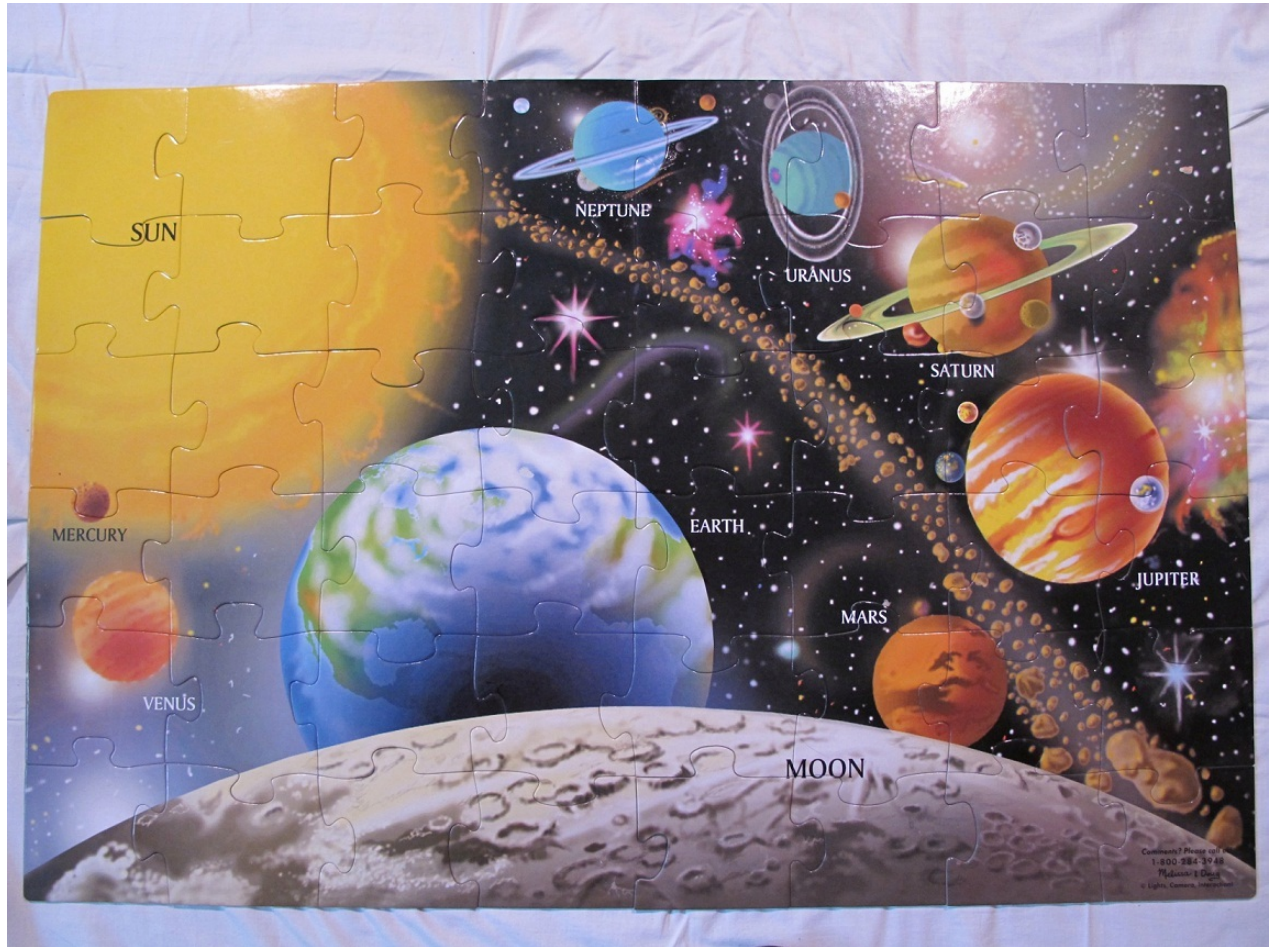
Knowing God’s plan, gives greater meaning and direction to my life.

**God has *one* plan that includes *all* of His other plans.** That includes His plan for my life and your life. Let’s envision God’s plan as a picture puzzle which has many pieces. The picture, on top of the box, gives clarification and meaning, to every piece of the puzzle. So it is with God’s plan. It even helps us to assemble the picture! If we do not know His plan, we will go through life seeking to do what we think is God’s will. But is it? How do we know for sure? When we know God’s plan we know the importance of our place in His plan. And on what to expend our energies! For an example of this let’s take a quick look at a picture puzzle.

First, let’s look at a single piece of a puzzle which represents your life.



Doesn't tell you much about God's plan, your place, nor your importance. You must know God's plan before you can know the value of your single piece in His plan. So let's look at the entire picture.



Now let's look at the picture with your single piece missing and how the entire picture gives value and importance to its single piece.



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## LESSON 1 SUMMARY

Every Christian needs to know God's plan and our important place in His plan. Then, just like Calvin, we will know –

**“ON WHAT TO EXPEND OUR ENERGIES”**

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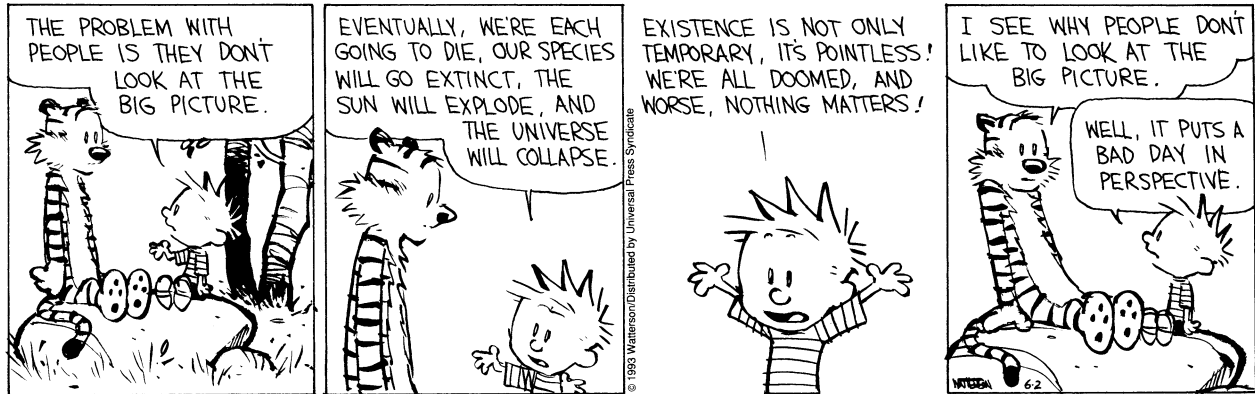






# LESSON 2

## GOD'S PERSPECTIVE AND PLAN



### LESSON'S POINT

Calvin's **perspective** only considers the physical side of life. Is there more?

A popular physical perspective of Christ's work says: "Christ came to save us and make this earth a better place to live." However, if the all-powerful, all-knowing, completely sovereign God sent His only begotten Son to this world to make it a better place to live and give us a wonderful life on this earth how would you rate His performance over the last 2000 years? With the list below let's rate His performance using a scale from 1 to 10, with 10 being perfection.

Environment (Perfect environment over the entire earth?) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

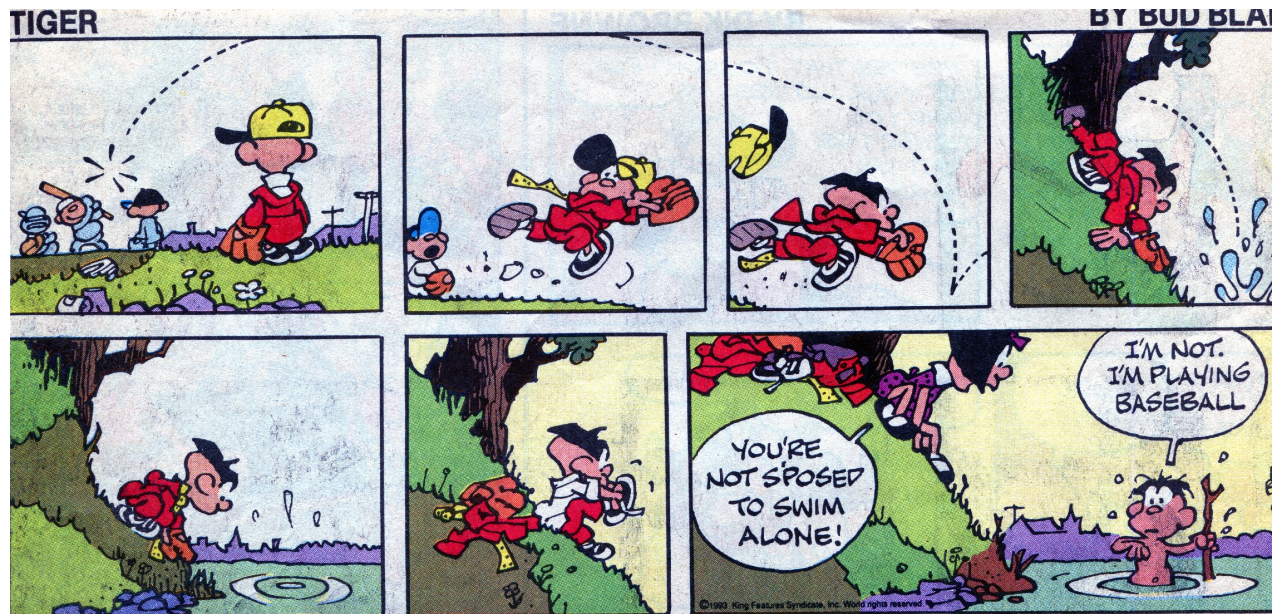
Economics (Everybody has all the money they want?) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

Health (Everybody is healthy?) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

Religion/Morals/Terrorism (All Working together for the same purpose?) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

Governments (Worldwide unity?) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

WITH **GOD'S PERSPECTIVE** WE UNDERSTAND THINGS DIFFERENTLY



NOTE: A proper perspective does not change the picture, it changes our understanding of the purpose of its actions.

*From that time on Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests, and experts in the law, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. So Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him: "God forbid, Lord! This must not happen to you!" But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me, because you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but on man's." (Mat. 16:21–23 NET emphasis added)*

Christ had a spiritual perspective of His physical suffering while Peter only had a physical perspective of Christ's suffering. Neither perspective changed the picture (the actions) only the understanding of the purpose of the actions. We are commanded to be like Christ and have a spiritual perspective:

*If then you have been raised up with Christ keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on the things that are on earth. (Col. 3:1–2)*

Therefore, let's mentally step into God's heavenly throne room and see His perspective:

First, we see:



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But now let's turn around and see what He sees –  
**GOD'S PERSPECTIVE:**

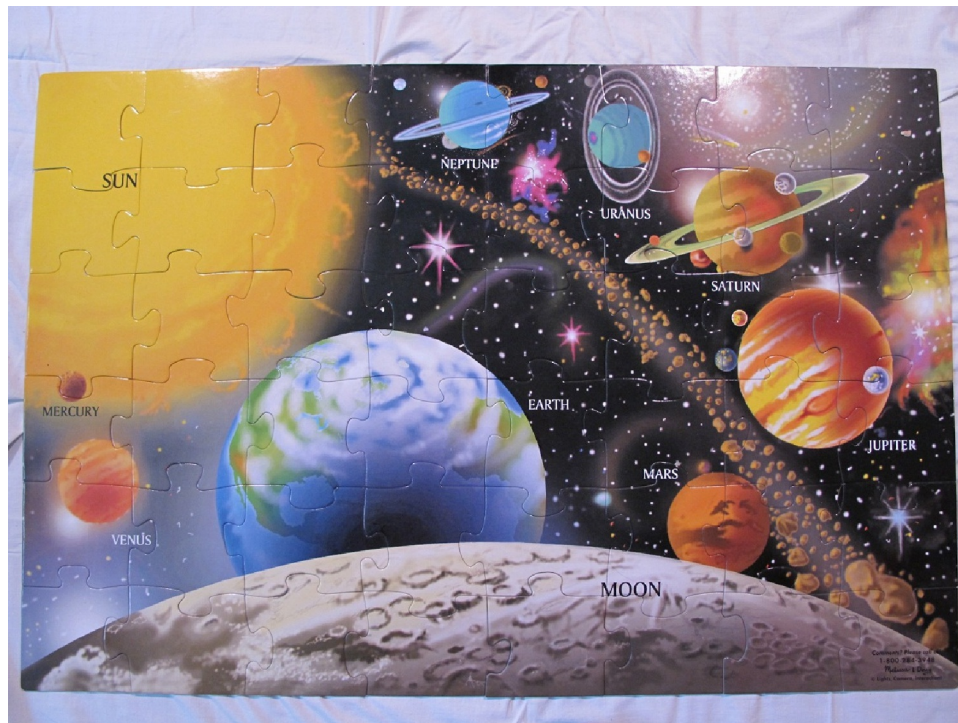
NOW WE SEE THE UNIVERSE!



NEXT, WE FOCUS ON OUR GALAXY (The "Milky Way" Galaxy)



## THEN OUR SOLAR SYSTEM



AND LASTLY, WE SEE

## OUR PLANET, EARTH



## FUN FACTS ABOUT GOD'S UNIVERSE

Light travels at 186,282 miles a second or 670,616,629 mph.  
Traveling at the speed of light:

You could circle earth 7.5 times in 1 second.

From the sun, you could reach Pluto, the last planet in our solar system, in 5 hrs.

To cross our Milky Way Galaxy, it would take you 200,000 years!

To reach the next closest galaxy, the Andromeda Galaxy, it would take 2.5 million years.

The number of galaxies, in the universe, (God's total physical creation) cannot be accurately determined – there are billions, upon billions, upon billions of galaxies!

**BUT GOD'S PERSPECTIVE DOES NOT STOP THERE!**

**GOD ALSO SEES:**

## ALL OF HIS ANGELS





## SATAN AND ALL THE REBELLIOUS ANGELS



## ALL THE PEOPLE EVER BORN



## ALL THE FISH IN ALL THE WATERS OF THE WORLD



## ALL THE BIRDS IN ALL THE SKIES OF THE EARTH



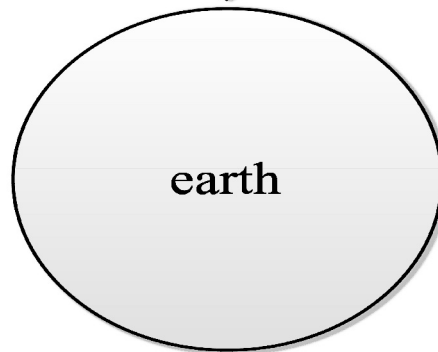
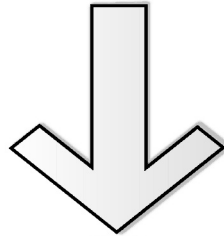
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GOD'S HEAVENLY PERSPECTIVE IS NOT

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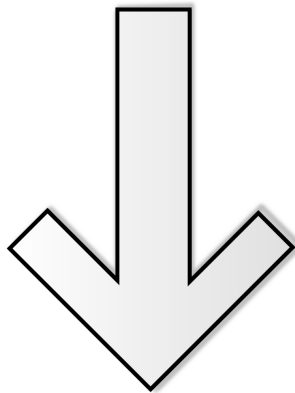
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GOD'S HEAVENLY PERSPECTIVE IS

**HEAVEN**

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all  
creation

GOD’S PLAN DEALS WITH ALL THE PIECES  
IN BOTH, THE PHYSICAL REALM  
AND THE SPIRITUAL REALM

*“He made known to us the mystery of **His will**, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of times, that is, **the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things upon the earth.**” (Ephesians 1:9–10)*

The short version:

*“He made known to us the mystery of **His will** . . . that is **the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things upon the earth.**”*

Only from God’s perspective can we grasp the enormity of His entire plan! We can call God’s plan, God’s Big Picture Plan because it encompasses HIS ENTIRE CREATION—physical and spiritual. This also means it encompasses His plan for all of our lives!

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LESSON 2 SUMMARY

GOD’S PLAN IS BIG PICTURE PLAN DEALS WITH  
HIS ENTIRE CREATION –  
PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL

EVERYTHING FROM ANGELS TO DIRT!

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# LESSON 3 GOD'S RECONCILIATION

## REVIEW

Lesson 1: God has revealed His plan (will) to us. His plan gives our lives value and importance, just as the picture on top of the puzzle's box does for the individual pieces within the puzzle.

**Ephesians 1:9**

Lesson 2: God's plan must be seen from His perspective, a spiritual perspective.

**Colossians 3:1-2**



## LESSON'S POINT

God is going to “FIX EVERYTHING ..... JUST RIGHT!”

## INTRODUCTION

Have you ever looked out into the deadness of space and wondered if that is how God created it? Some of the problems with our understanding of Genesis chapter 1 & 2.

1. No angels
2. No satanic/angelic rebellion
3. Confusion of Genesis 1:1, 2
  - a. Did God create darkness and place it in His creation?
  - b. Did something happen to create the darkness of 1:2?

*This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. (1 John 1:5)*

*You alone are the LORD. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, along with all their multitude of stars, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You impart life to them all, and the multitudes of heaven worship you. (Neh. 9:6 NET)*

**At one time God's entire creation was full of HIM— His Light and His Life.**

1. Originally, creation was full of God's light and life. So, what happened?
2. Genesis 1:3–5 and Revelation 22:5 are what I call the bookends of the Bible.
  - a. On the first *day in the Bible* (Genesis 1:3–5) God *separates* the light and the darkness
  - b. On the last day in the Bible (Revelation 22:5) only the light remains
  - c. The story that flows throughout the entire Bible, and connects those two “bookends,” is an accurate account of how The Light overcomes (crushes) the darkness.
3. BUT, prior to the first day of Genesis 1:3–5, there is already darkness (Genesis 1:2). **We must understand from where it came, and why it is here, so we may understand God's plan of “fixing EVERYTHING just right”!**

# A CHRONOLOGY

## IN ETERNITY PAST

### God Creates

**Col. 1:16:** *For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things have been created through Him and for Him.*

1. All matter & the laws (**rules**) which govern matter
2. All the Angels to **rule** over the matter
3. All the **rules** by which the angels are to live and **rule** over His creation (Psa. 103:21; Neh. 9:6)
4. The heavens were created, then the earth, but just as importantly God created the rules by which they all operate.
5. Thrones, dominions, rulers, and authorities
  - a. Thrones = Kings
  - b. dominions = areas, systems, & laws
  - c. rulers = lower rulers
  - d. authorities = governors under the rulers
6. We know of heavenly –
  - a. Nations/governments – Rev. 21:24, 26; 22:2; Isa. 14:12
  - b. Militaries – Joshua 5:13-16!
  - c. Families – Acts 3:25, of earth; Eph. 3:15
  - d. All these existed first – in heaven

### Satan Rebels

Satan & 1/3 of the angels rebel against God & **HIS SYSTEM OF RULERSHIP**

**Ezek. 28:12–19:** *"Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "You had the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.<sup>13</sup> "You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The ruby, the topaz and the diamond; The beryl, the onyx and the jasper; The lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald; And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, Was in you. On the day that you were created They were prepared.<sup>14</sup> "You were the anointed cherub who covers, And I placed you there. You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked in the midst of the stones of fire.<sup>15</sup> "You were blameless in your ways From the day you were*

*created Until unrighteousness was found in you.<sup>16</sup> "By the abundance of your trade You were internally filled with violence, And you sinned; Therefore I have cast you as profane From the mountain of God. And I have destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the stones of fire."<sup>17</sup> "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I put you before kings, That they may see you."<sup>18</sup> "By the multitude of your iniquities, In the unrighteousness of your trade You profaned your sanctuaries. Therefore I have brought fire from the midst of you; It has consumed you, And I have turned you to ashes on the earth In the eyes of all who see you."<sup>19</sup> "All who know you among the peoples Are appalled at you; You have become terrified And you will cease to be forever."""*

**Isa. 14:13–14:** *But you said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north.'<sup>14</sup> 'I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.'*

Here, in figurative language, Isaiah tells us more about Satan's rebellion.

**Rev. 12:4a:** *And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth.*

(Figurative language for 1/3 of the angels following Satan.)

1. Satan was very good at his trade, he made great profits but became violent
2. He became proud of his appearance
3. His splendor and pride corrupted his wisdom
4. He desecrated his environment

### **Spiritual Darkness Ensues**

1. Darkness is used in a variety of ways to refer to a variety of "things."
2. This spiritual darkness is reflected, or represented in the physical realm by the night.
3. For more specific information on "Darkness" see Addendum, page 107

### **Satan is Judged**

1. There is a heavenly legal system which involves a court system
  - a. God is The Judge (\*Heb. 12:23\*; Judges 11:27; Genesis 15:14; 18:25; Psa. 82:1; see also Matt. 5:22)
  - b. God has judged Satan, . . . *the ruler of this world has been judged* (John 16:11).
  - c. Satan was judged and condemned - in eternity past.

2. For more information on the heavenly legal system, see Addendum, page 111

### **Satan was thrown out of heaven and down to earth**

1. Ezek. 28:16: ". . . *you sinned; Therefore I have cast you as profane From the mountain of God. And I have destroyed (expelled) you, O covering cherub. .*
2. Isa. 14:12: "*How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations!*
3. For more information on Isa. 14:12, see Addendum, page 125

### **Satan Appeals**

Before a judgement of eternal hell is carried out, there *appears* to be an appeal process (Rev. 20:11–15).

1. There is a heavenly court, and also a heavenly appellate court (Mat. 5:22; Revelation 20:11–15).
2. In all cases, whether angel or human, there is a period lapse between the judgement of the crime/sin and the execution of the judgement. It is in this period, during which, the appellate court is convened.
3. Throughout the entire Bible we see that Satan's appeal tactic is to challenge God's position, His character, and His laws. In doing so it appears he is attempting to prove that God and His laws are inconsistent, or unreliable. If Satan can prove that God, as The Judge, is inconsistent or unreliable, then God's judgement upon Satan cannot be legally binding and should not be enforced.
4. If God does not stay true to his character and consistent with every single one of His laws, Satan will have legal grounds for the dismissal of his sentence.

## WITHIN TIME

### Introduction

Everything above is in Eternity Past, it happened before God created us. When we “arrived” on this earth the conflict between God and Satan was already ongoing. Evil was already in existence, Satan was on this earth, and the appellate court was either in progress or soon to be started.

### Humans Created

The *earth was prepared for human life and they were given the ability to rule over the earth* (Genesis 1:3–23 and Job 38:4–7). God gave the humans the ability to choose—volition. They could choose whether to obey God or rebel against Him (Genesis 2:16–17). Just as God had done with the angels, He did with humanity. He created both with the ability and freedom of choice, and as rulers over their domain.

From the very beginning of time we have been involved in the conflict between God and Satan (Genesis 2:16–17).

### Humans Rebelled

In Genesis 3:1–7 just as some of the angels had done the humans also rebelled against God by eating the fruit He had commanded us not to eat. (See also Gen. 2:16–17).

### God Reveals

In Genesis 3:15 the Lord God reveals that he is going to destroy Satan's rebellious rulership, “crush your head” (The “crushing” will be unpacked below.) And He will use humans to do so.

### God Crushes

Satan's rulership is crushed when Christ successfully/legally defends Satan's appeal on every accusatory point and hands all rule back to God (1 Corinthians 15:24).

### Unbeliever's Appellate Court

Just as He did with Satan, God then also allows the unbelievers to “have their day in court,” (appellate court) and present their case (Rev. 20:11–15)

## IN ETERNITY FUTURE

### God Reconciles

After all of the above, God brings His **entire creation** back to His **unchallenged rulership for all eternity** (Colossians 1:19–20; 1 Corinthians 15:24; Revelation 21:1; 22:5).

## A CONDENSED CHRONOLOGY

God Creates a perfect universe & the angels to **rule** over it, **for all eternity**

Satan and 1/3 of the Angels (heavenly rulers and authorities) rebel against God and His system of **rulership**.

Satan was Judged & thrown out of heaven.

Satan Appealed, God's conviction of, his sin.

God Restored the earth and Created humanity **to rule** over it. (A perfect model of the creation of the universe and the angels **ruling** over it.)

Humans Rebelled against God.

God Revealed His plan to crush Satan's **rulership**.

Satan loses his appeal, God Crushes Satan's **rulership** (all **false rule** is made a footstool) and sends Satan to hell

Unsaved humans then make their appeal; they also lose their appeal, and are sent to hell.

God cleanses His creation and **establishes His unchallenged rule for eternity**.

(Note: The future heaven and earth will not be better than the one before Satan's rebellion.)

**GOD'S PLAN IS – TO BRING HIS ENTIRE CREATION (EVERYTHING) BACK TO HIS RULERSHIP FOR ALL ETERNITY!**

**\*\*\*This point must be remember throughout the entire series!\*\*\***

# THE PROCESS OF FIXING EVERYTHING JUST RIGHT **\*RECONCILIATION\***

*For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven. (Col. 1:19–20)*

## ENGLISH DEFINITIONS OF RECONCILIATION

- 1) to restore to friendship or harmony reconciled the factions b: SETTLE, RESOLVE reconcile differences
- 2) to make consistent or congruous, to reconcile an ideal with reality
- 3) to cause to submit to or accept something unpleasant, was reconciled to hardship
- 4) to check (a financial account) against another for accuracy b: to account for intransitive senses: to become reconciled (Merriam-Webster)

## BIBLICAL DEFINITION

1. Used three times in the NT (Eph. 2:16; Col. 1:20, 22)
2. Always refers to a final **state of unity** but does not reveal the process.
  - a. Satan rebelled against God's rulership, Satan wanted, and still wants to rule.
  - b. Satan rebelled against God's rulership when God ruled His entire creation, Satan wanted to, and still wants to, rule God's entire creation, not just earth.
  - c. Satan rebelled against God's rulership in eternity past, Satan wanted to, and still wants to rule God's entire creation for all of eternity future, not just this earth for a few thousand, or million, years.
  - d. God's Big Picture Plan is not only BIG but it is for all ETERNITY!
  - e. **THE GOAL FOR BOTH GOD AND SATAN IS THE RULERSHIP OF ALL CREATION FOR ALL ETERNITY!**
  - f. The eternal issue, which is presently being worked out, is: **"Who will rule all of God's creation for all eternity?"**
3. **RECONCILIATION THROUGHOUT TIME IS THE UNIFYING ALL CREATION (EVERYTHING) BACK UNDER GOD'S RULERSHIP FOR ALL ETERNITY!**



4. Because it is an issue of eternal rulership, God's Big Picture Master Plan can also be understood as GOD'S BIG PICTURE FOR ALL ETERNITY or simply, ETERNAL RULERSHIP!

## A SURPRISE REVEALED!

### GENESIS 3:15

1. In Gen. 3:15, God is NOT talking TO the man and the woman, He is talking to Satan.
2. God tells Satan He is going to destroy Satan's rulership.
  - a. The word "head" used figuratively always refers to a ruler or a system of rule; E. G. "head of the nation Israel, head of the church, or head of the Body"
  - b. He is not going to kill Satan.
  - c. God is telling Satan that He, God, will not *completely* destroy Satan so that he is nonexistent, (Satan spends eternity in the lake of fire Rev. 20:10), God is telling Satan He is going to destroy Satan's rulership which he set in place when he rebelled against God.
3. The *crushing of Satan's head* is **the complete destruction** of Satan's rulership. **God will NOT allow Satan to –**
  - a. **Have any area of rulership**
  - b. **Co-rule with God**
  - c. **Have a part time rulership with God**
  - d. **Co-mingle with God's rulership**
    - i. **No systems**
    - ii. **No injecting of any satanic activity**
    - iii. **Not even fun holidays created by Satan**
4. **But the biggest surprise in Genesis 3:15 is that God will, use humans in the process of crushing Satan's rulership!**
5. The **exact activity of human involvement** in God's reconciliation will be covered in "Part 2 Our Place."

