God's Original Plan For Man

God said: "Thus the heavens and the earth, and <u>all</u> the host of them, were finished" (Gen. 2:1).

This is important, as "all the host of them" represents – the host of heaven (angels) and host of earth (men)… thus ending the Genesis narrative about the history of the heavens and the earth (Gen. 2:4).

At this point, all spiritual beings are in a state of existence, and the first two souls destined for earth are about to be formed upon the earth to initiate the Regenesis project. This may be difficult to comprehend, so let me introduce this thought: your soul does not need a body in order to be in a state of existence; however, on earth… you need one. When your body dies, it will leave your soul and return to dust, yet your soul continues in a state of existence. Your soul is eternal (Psa. 49:9) and you existed "in Christ before the foundation of this world" (Eph. 1:4). We need to perceive our spiritual reality – as soul with spirit – to make sense of many truths found in scripture. Here is another one:

You are not a human being in search of a spiritual experience; you are a spiritual being having a human experience!

From a biblical perspective, time is relative to man's existence as He walks with His Creator. There are other time periods outside this 6,000 year period, but we need to focus on this current time period in history because it's about HisStory – of man communing with the Living God.

We are sojourners on a journey to remember the testimony… and the promises.

Our purpose for being on earth is three-fold:

1) for the testing, proofing and sanctification of our soul by declaring our allegiance and obedience to Jesus Christ, the Lord
2) to be the salt of the earth, and
3) to be the light of the world to usher in a regime change from darkness to light (Matt. 5:14).

God's original plan for man on earth was purposed as servant-soldiers to come against Satan's dominion of sin and establish the dominion of Christ called: the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 4:17). We were sent to recover, redeem and restore that which was stolen from God by Satan and we are to deliver the kingdom back to the Father. Man's purpose on earth has always been much larger than our doctrines are able to describe. Why is that? Because man puts two things together to make sense of what he sees, yet he fails to perceive his reality – from God's perspective.

"***And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven***" (Matt. 16:19).

Man's biggest problem… is his small minded thinking.

The hardest thing for man to do – is change for the better.

Suffice to say, there are a great many things we are presently unable to comprehend regarding the spiritual person (the inner man) within us. The Lord created us – a little lower than angels, crowned with glory and honor (Psa. 8:5), called *elohim* by God (i.e. lacking little of God; John 10:34-36) and were given a divine nature (2 Pet. 1:4) so we can imitate Jesus. We ***existed*** (*thought by God into a state of existence*) in God's presence before we were inserted into the fabric of time (by the Holy Spirit), we were in Christ before the foundation of the world (Eph. 1:4), God knew us before we were born (Psa. 139:13; Jer. 1:5) and we are on earth to accomplish His will for the earth, by grace through faith. I have no idea what we were like before we came to earth, but I do know the soul is eternal, God placed eternity in our heart (Eccl. 3:11), and our souls are currently being tested, proofed and sanctified so that we may "continue to live eternally" (Psa. 49:9; John 3:15). This means you (your soul) is eternal (both pre and post humanity); we existed in God's presence before we were inserted into the fabric of time (Gen. 1:26 – 2:1), then we were formed of the earth (Gen. 2:7) and we will continue to live eternally in one of several places after the judgment based upon what we did (or didn't do) on earth.

One thing has been made known to me: we do not remember the former days and, for whatever reason again, we will not remember our many days upon this world after the New Earth's regeneration (Eccl. 1:11; Isa. 43:18; Rev. 21:4). For nearly all of us, this alone is very wonderful news… which is perhaps why this promised place is called Paradise.

It is important, however, to comprehend this point: what you accomplish on earth during this brief period of history within eternity – in obedience to Jesus – will be recompensed that determines your future place, position and inheritance after the resurrection.

You were sons of God, then you were sent to earth as sons of men; now you are being sanctified by the renewing of your mind to become again what you were to begin with: sons and daughters of God Most High. It is mission critical to comprehend your reason and purpose for being on earth! Earth is your '*oiketerion*' – you rightful place and proper domain in the Lord's kingdom! Satan deceived us with a false-heaven doctrine to trick us into thinking we are going to heaven after we die so we would despise and care little for our rightful place. By focusing on attaining Heaven, we took our eyes off Jesus.

Search the scriptures and you will find three things: Jesus never promised us heaven, the apostles never preached it and our creeds don't teach it. The New Earth is the Promised Land the saints of God are promised in the regeneration… and the saints are coming back to dwell in Paradise. The message of Israel's Promised Land is a type and shadow of entering into what rightfully belongs to us – through faith. The New Earth… is our eternal home!

Faith in Jesus is worth living for. Recovering your inheritance and receiving a reward for godly service to King Jesus on earth is worth fighting for– and worth dying for. God created us to have dominion over the earth (Gen. 1:26) and the works of the enemy as well. We are fighting to redeem and recover what rightfully belongs to us, and Jesus gave us His *exousia* authority with *dunamis* power to overcome the works of the enemy to exercise *kratos* dominion – in the name of Jesus! During the resurrection, there will be salvation with recompense for the work you did for Jesus and His kingdom whereby some will receive a doubling yet disciples will receive a 30, 60 even 100-fold reward, but glory must be attached to these works – or else they will be consumed in the judgment fire.

And one more thing… we are fighting to save other souls alive by sharing the light of truth, even though some prefer deception and living within the reality of their own self ego. God gave us free will to live the way we want, yet the Lord wants the sanctification of our soul, but we can refuse the process of sanctification and the validity of God's truth as well. The mystery of iniquity is this: God created us with weakness to be susceptible to lawlessness for the proofing and sanctification of our soul, and thus our own actions (Phil. 2:12) will be used to judge us on the last day by our own actions and our own words. It is important to note: the thoughts you think will create the reality you choose to live in. Free will allows this choice to create whatever reality you desire to live, but if you want to live according to righteousness – this reality must be aligned with God's truth and only God's truth. Wisdom helps us choose wisely… and the Holy Spirit is our Tutor who helps guide us along the path of truth. The test is open book and you have a Tutor; if you choose to fail the final exam… that is your choice for which you must give an account. Not knowing the truth cannot be used as an excuse if you stopped looking for it. Not understanding the message is not an excuse either. Seek the truth – and live!

God created us "a little lower than angels, and crowned us with glory and honor," (Psa. 8) to have dominion over the earth which was taken captive by Satan when the rebellion in heaven spilled over onto earth. The glory of man on the earth is simply: to render a good opinion so as to render justice with good and righteous judgment (Micah 6:8), which begins by declaring Jesus – Lord of all! Failing to do this is what Jesus calls: disobedience. Refusing to repent resulting in rebellion is called: condemnation (John 3:19).

If this information has captured your imagination, then I suggest reading the Image Bearer series to understand this truth and all supporting biblical references (of which there are thousands). It seems we have minimized the identity of what man is… and what he is supposed to be doing on earth… because we minimized the identity of Jesus as well (from whom we get our identity). In short… we were hoodwinked by Satan and blinded by sin to think erringly to produce unright thoughts to live according to unrighteousness. If you want to start over, then God allows do-overs; it's called: repentance (Matt. 4:17) and you must be born anew from above (John 3:3-8). It begins by searching for Jesus, believing His truth… and by hearing God's voice. Living according to the truth will set you free from your past mistakes and the dominion of darkness – so you can walk in newness – through truth, change and oneness.

What is your purpose on earth? You were created on purpose for a purpose, and when the time is right, the Lord will reveal your specific commission to accomplish His plan by you on earth – in His Name.

Hosting the Lord's presence within your heart as an earthen tabernacle is the single-most important thing you do as you have dominion on earth, establish His kingdom, and give Him all glory. The Lord is with you – and "in you all" (Eph. 4:6). Yet another trick of the enemy is to make us think God is everywhere – except sinful people – and we must do something to get more of God. If you think this way, then you aren't paying attention. What we need – is to become *more* like He who dwells in us. We need more of His culture operational in us! Read Colossians 1:15-18 to learn: "all things were created through Him and for Him" – Jesus Christ!

In you and then through you – is how the kingdom of heaven is being established on earth.

Life on earth is one, giant test. We were sent on probation for the proofing of our soul. We are being tested, proofed, sanctified and perfected which determines our own fate in the New Earth dominion. You get out of it what you put into it…. after you've surrendered it all. But here's a hint: you aren't doing it for the hope of heaven or rewards in life eternal; you do this because this is "who" you really are and you love Jesus more than anything… including life itself. Love is your motivation. Intimacy with Jesus – is paramount!!!

We are in the place that the Lord God created for us – *and created us for*, and this is where we are supposed to remain: on the earth… as the host of earth (Gen. 2:1). Our proper domain – is earth! Our purpose and reason for being – is to have dominion on this domain!

Do you want to know what you will be doing in the New Earth? Our doctrines about Heaven cannot teach us what we will be doing in heaven, yet there are numerous examples of entering the Promised Land to occupy homes and cities that are vacant.

At the end of this age, when the trumpet sounds, angels will be sent to gather the tares and remove all things that offend (wicked and rebellious people), and a dragnet will divide the unclean and worthless from among the good. We have been taught the righteous will be taken from the earth, but that is not so; the unrighteous are removed! In the regeneration, saints will inherit the New Earth to rule and reign with Christ to dwell in uninhabited cities and houses for which they did not labor, and tend vineyards they did not plant. So I ask you: how big do you want your inheritance to be? Expand your current reality mindset and enlarge the tent-pegs of your heart to start living extraordinarily… even supernaturally… in order to govern nations!

You always knew there was much more going on in this life that seemed mysteriously veiled from comprehension. Well, tighten your seatbelt… the sojourn to comprehend is just beginning. Book #16 "The Big Picture" opens your eyes to what the Lord has been doing to restore Heaven on Earth where righteousness dwells.