

UNDERSTANDING LIFE'S CHALLENGES FROM A SPIRITUAL PERSPECTIVE

Part I

Who Is GOD? (GOD Eternal Infinite Spirit, Creator, Redeemer, Sovereign Lord)

Creator of all creation-He is His WORD

He's Glory, Mercy, Peace, Joy, Love, Wisdom, Knowledge, Perfection, He's also the God of Judgement, The God of Chastisement, The God of Rebuke, The God of Blessings, The God of All Power and All Authority

God represents all Authority and we as His servants must adhere to His directions in His Word in every capacity He warrants or wills for us as His children.

1. **Genesis 14:20 KJV** *"And blessed be the most high God, which has delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him a tithes of all."* This scripture poses the question..... Are we going to choose the tangible and carnal gifts of the world, then being obligated to Satan, or will we embrace what tithing is all about and trust completely in the God of all creation, **Our Heavenly Father?**
2. **Exodus 15:2 NLT** *"The Lord is my strength and my song; he has given me victory. This is my God, and I will exalt him—my father's God and I will exalt him!"* This scripture reminds us that God is our all-in-all! Regardless of the unseemly circumstances and situations that may cross our paths, we are victorious in God our Creator, Jehovah Rapha our Healer, Jehovah Shalom our Peace, and Jehovah Jireh our Provider. He's our light in every dark place.
3. **Exodus 34:6 KJV** *"And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, the LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, long suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,"* This scripture represents God's glory which illuminates His character, His nature, and His way of relating to His creation (mankind). It's an expression of His goodness, truth, longsuffering, forgiveness, and justice.
4. **Numbers 23:19 KJV** *"God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?"* This scripture gives us reassurance that God does not change His mind like we humans do, nor can He lie like mankind does. If He promises us something, He will make good on it, in His perfect time!
5. **Isaiah 44:22 NLT** *"I have swept away your sins like a cloud, I have scattered your offenses like the morning mist. Oh, return to me, for I have paid the price to set you free."* This scripture reveals the sovereignty of God that when we repent, and give our lives to Christ, because He has already paid the price for our spiritual freedom, we will be free indeed.
6. **Amos 5:27 NLT** *"So I will send you into exile, to a land east of Damascus, says the LORD, whose name is the God of Heaven's Armies."* This scripture reminds us, that continual disobedience to God has consequences. He is a God of genuine agape love, but like any good parent, He is also a God of chastisement when needed.

7. **I John 1:5 KJV** *"This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all."* This scripture lets us know that light is a representation of what's good, pure, true, holy, and reliable. Darkness engulfs evil. When we say GOD is light, simply put God is perfectly holy and true; and that He alone can lead us out of the darkness of sin.
8. **Romans 8:31 NLT** *"What shall be say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us?"* This scripture is truly one of sheer comfort and confidence of God's love for us and that he will not withhold any need we may have to complete our purpose for Him and live a blessed life while here on this earth.

THE LORD HAS PREDESTINED AND ORDAINED US FOR HIS USE, AS SERVANTS TO GLORIFY HIM, AND WIN SOULS TO HIS MIGHTY AND GREAT KINGDOM.

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Part II

WHO IS JESUS? (JESUS—Name given to the Messiah or Savior meaning YAHWEH Saves)

He's our redeemer—(*redeem to buy back, repurchase by payment of a ransom, to remove from trouble or sin*), Advocate, The Lamb of God (**John 1:29-31**), Our Friend, Our Hope, The only human man with complete perfection because He's also Divine, He's Patient, He's Long Suffering, He's the way, the truth and the life and no man comes to the Father but by me.

Jesus represents the Anointing and under the Anointing we are to keep God's presence for His use in the supernatural circumstances that we encounter for His glory.

1. **Genesis 22:13 KJV** *"And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son."* This scripture represents Jesus Christ being offered on the cross for us as a sacrifice just as the ram, which was offered for Isaac, Abraham's son as a substitute.
2. **Isaiah 53:1,2 NLT** **1.** *"Who has believed our message? To whom has the Lord revealed his powerful arm?"* **2.** *"My servant grew up in the Lord's presence like a tender green shoot, like a root in dry ground. There was nothing beautiful or majestic about his appearance, nothing to attract us to him."* This scripture that God in his wisdom decided to save the world through a humble, suffering servant our Jesus Christ his son, instead of glory seeking King for the world. This idea is contrary to human pride and the way of the world.
3. **Matthews 1:1 NLT** *"This is a record of the ancestors of Jesus the Messiah, a descendant of David and of Abraham."* These scriptures tell us about the generations of Jesus Christ. This scripture is the beginning of the prophecies of the Old Testament for the Jewish people, where a person came from through his or her descendants was a sure way to prove that you were one of God's chosen. (read 1-17)
4. **John 1:4 KJV** *"In him was life; and the life was the light of men."* This scripture lets us know that He came to earth to offer mankind the hope and light of his eternal life. It cannot be bought, only received as a gift.
5. **John 14:10 NLT** *"Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me."* This scripture reveals an important truth about Jesus; that He is both God and man. This also lets us know that God can do anything, and He did this for humanity to have an opportunity at salvation if you want it.
6. **Matthew 3:13-15 NLT** **13.** *"Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. 14. But John tried to talk him out of it. "I am the one who needs to be baptized by you," he said, "so why are you coming to me?" 15. But Jesus said, "It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires." So John agreed to baptize him."* These scriptures reveal the true meaning of Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist as one for humanity (the sins of the world) for Jesus himself was without sin, he was perfect

and in obedience to God the Father and that his mission would be accomplished to save the world.

7. **Matthew 4:1 NLT** *"Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil."* This scripture allows us to know that each one of us will be tempted somewhere along life's journey, but when we understand and walk in the obedience of God demonstrating our love for Him, we'll be able to get through the temptation as well! Our convictions are only as strong as they hold up under pressure.
8. **Matthew 4:23 KJV** *"And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people."* This scripture clearly defines Jesus' ministries which included: teaching to bring understanding to the people, preaching to exhibit commitment of the word, and healing for wholeness in body and spirit. The miracles that God performed through His son Jesus allotted assurance that He truly was sent by the Father which made his teaching and preaching effective.
9. **Mark 1:23 NLT** *"Suddenly, a man in the synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out,"* This scripture confirms and reaffirms Jesus' power and authority over all even unclean spirits or demonic activity that has come from Satan. Their job is to tempt us to sin. They are fallen angels that joined Satan in his rebellion against God the Father.
10. **John 6:35 NLT** Jesus replied, *"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."* This scripture makes it very plain that Jesus must be invited into our daily walk and conversation for us to receive spiritual life. Bread and water are necessary to sustain the natural body, the Word of God must be incorporated in our daily lives from Jesus to maintain our growth in the spiritual realm.

God prepares and preserves us so we may become servants like His son Jesus; he left the Holy Spirit here on earth for us to invite into our lives so we would praise and worship Him making sure that He would get all the glory and honor.