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"Who Are We Supposed to Be?"

Origin and Meaning...

Pt. 2 "In the Beginning"

{God, Responsibility, and Purpose}

In part one of this study, we looked at that all of creation was made by God and for God. This opened the door to understanding our origins. It is important to understand the truth of our *origin* which in turn gives us *meaning*. To not have a solid grasp of this can leave us in a place feeling like there is no real point to this life, especially if all that we are is just a cosmic chance happening. We concluded that mankind was not this cosmic accident but was a deliberate act by an all intelligent, all powerful, all knowing being who chose to make a creation with the ability to acknowledge, recognize and reflect Him. And doing this with the full knowledge of what that same creation would do. With this same knowledge, God (YHWH) loved that creation with a perfect love that even before that creation would turn its back on Him. He put in place the means by which that fallen creation could be restored back to Him... (2nd Timothy 1:9)

I want to set in place a few foundational points before we look more closely at the dynamics of what the relationship looked like between God (YHWH) and His creation in the beginning. I believe that these foundational points will help us to see more clearly what was done and expected in the beginning and what is still being done and is still expected of His creation today.

Foundational point number one.

❖ **God IS...** Let's look at what God (YHWH) said to Moses in Exodus 3:14,15 to gain a better understanding of this statement.

Exo 3:14 And God said to Moses, I AM WHO I AM and WHAT I AM, and I WILL BE WHAT I WILL BE; and He said, You shall say this to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you!

Exo 3:15 God said also to Moses, This shall you say to the Israelites: The Lord, the God of your fathers, of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has sent me to you! This is My name forever, and by this name, I am to be remembered to all generations.

Let's look at a quote from Mathew Henry's commentary:

"A name that denotes what he is in himself: *I am that I am*. This explains his name *Jehovah*, and signifies, (1.) That he is self-existent; he has his being of himself, and has no dependence upon any other: the greatest and best man in the world must say, By the grace of God *I am what I am*; but God says absolutely - and it is more than any creature, man or angel, can say - *I am that I am*. Being self-existent, he cannot but be self-sufficient, and therefore all-sufficient, and the inexhaustible fountain of being and bliss. (2.) That he is eternal and unchangeable, and always the same, yesterday, today, and forever; he will be what he will be and what he is; see [Rev 1:8](#)... That he is faithful and true to all his

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promises, unchangeable in his word as well as in his nature, and not a man that he should lie. Let Israel know this, *I AM hath sent me unto you.*"

Foundational point number two.

❖ We have a responsibility in the relationship...

That's correct, we have a responsibility! Let's look at the following scriptures. Hebrews 11:6, Deuteronomy 10:12 and Matthew 5:16

Heb 11:6 But without faith, it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him. For whoever would come near to God must [*necessarily*] believe that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him [*out*]. (Amplified Translation)

Heb 11:6 and apart from faith it is impossible to please well, for it behoveth him who is coming to God to believe that He is, and to those seeking Him He becometh a rewarder. (Young's Literal Translation)

Deu 10:12 And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you but [*reverently*] to fear the Lord your God, [*that is*] to walk in all His ways, and to love Him, and to serve the Lord your God with all your [*mind and*] heart and with your entire being,

Mat 5:16 Let your light so shine before men that they may see your moral excellence and your praiseworthy, noble, and good deeds and recognize and honor and praise and glorify your Father Who is in heaven.

Foundational point number 3.

❖ There was and is a purpose...

It is good to know that God (YHWH) **IS** and there is a sense of excitement to know that in this relationship that God has blessed us with a mind and capabilities to have and handle responsibility. What ties it all together is also the knowledge that He has a PURPOSE. Let's look at Ephesians 1:4-14

Eph 1:4 Even as [*in His love*] He chose us [*actually picked us out for Himself as His own*] in Christ before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy (consecrated and set apart for Him) and blameless in His sight, even above reproach, before Him in love.

❖ NOTE: **CONSECRATED**, *participle passive* Made sacred by ceremonies or solemn rites; separated from a common to a sacred use; devoted or dedicated to the service and worship of God; made venerable.

Eph 1:5 For He foreordained us (destined us, planned in love for us) to be adopted (revealed) as His own children through Jesus Christ, in accordance with the purpose of His will [*because it pleased Him and was His kind intent*]--

Eph 1:6 [*So that we might be*] to the praise and the commendation of His glorious grace (favor and mercy), which He so freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

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Eph 1:7 In Him we have redemption (deliverance and salvation) through His blood, the remission (forgiveness) of our offenses (shortcomings and trespasses), in accordance with the riches and the generosity of His gracious favor,

Eph 1:8 Which He lavished upon us in every kind of wisdom and understanding (practical insight and prudence),

Eph 1:9 Making known to us the mystery (secret) of His will (of His plan, of His purpose). *[And it is this:]* In accordance with His good pleasure (His merciful intention) which He had previously purposed and set forth in Him,

Eph 1:10 *[He planned]* for the maturity of the times and the climax of the ages to unify all things and head them up and consummate them in Christ, [both] things in heaven and things on the earth.

Eph 1:11 In Him we also were made *[God's]* heritage (portion) and we obtained an inheritance; for we had been foreordained (chosen and appointed beforehand) in accordance with His purpose, Who works out everything in agreement with the counsel and design of His *[own]* will,

Eph 1:12 So that we who first hoped in Christ *[who first put our confidence in Him have been destined and appointed to]* live for the praise of His glory!

Eph 1:13 In Him you also who have heard the Word of Truth, the glad tidings (Gospel) of your salvation, and have believed in and adhered to and relied on Him, were stamped with the seal of the long-promised Holy Spirit.

Eph 1:14 That *[Spirit]* is the guarantee of our inheritance [the first fruits, the pledge, and foretaste, the down payment on our heritage], in anticipation of its full redemption and our acquiring *[complete]* possession of it--to the praise of His glory.

My hope is that I am beginning to provoke your thinking in how you view God and your responsibility in your relationship with him and to consider more closely that you and your life are not a cosmic accident.

In the next lesson we will dive into parts of Genesis to look at the beginning of the creation of mankind, their position and their original environment which will allow us to build another level of understanding of our relationship with God (YHWH) through Yeshua The Christ.