

Divine Principle Bible Study

Principle of Creation

Part 2 - Spiritual Growth and Eternal Life

- Today we are **continuing our series of presentations** called Divine Principle Bible Study.
- Based upon the Bible,, we will continue to examine **God's original purpose and ideal of creation**, with insights originally taught by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon.
- **In the midst of great societal confusion**, it becomes especially important for us to understand **the purpose** for which we were created, and the **value of the life** of every human being.

The Three Blessings

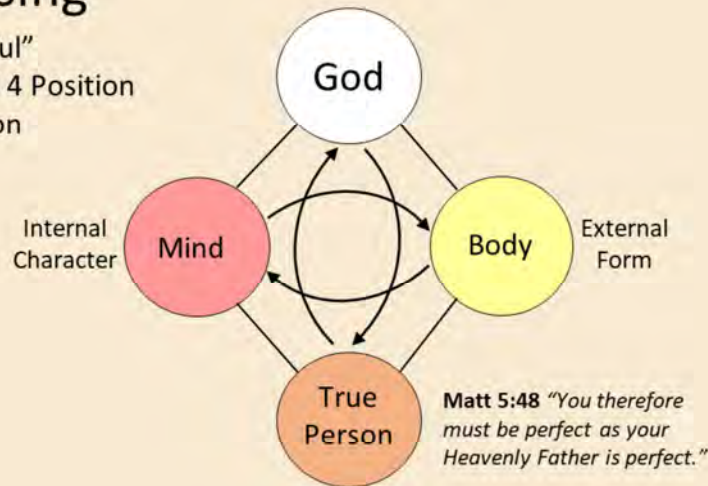
*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be **fruitful** and **multiply**, and fill the earth and subdue it; and **have dominion** over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." Gen 1:27-28*

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. Gen 1:31

- Let's review the **core message from the first presentation**, starting with the **story of Creation** in the Bible. This is where it all began.
- **Genesis 1** tells the story of Creation, beginning with the creation of the universe and all things in it. After each of the first 5 days, **"God saw that it was good."**
- **God** invested his entire **heart**, energy and nature into his creation, and **He sees and experiences his love reflected in his creation**, returning as beauty and goodness.
- **However, verses 27-28 explain that God created man in His own image.** This was something completely different.
- **When God finished with his creation of Adam and Eve**, the Bible records his pleasure in his creation: **"And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was VERY good"**.
- God saw and **experienced his own nature in the creation**, and most **completely** in Adam and Eve, who were created as His **children** in His own **image and likeness**.
- Thus, **goodness itself is defined as whatever God's children do that reflects God's own nature** and fulfills His purpose of Creation: In other words, man and woman fulfilling the **Three Blessings**.

1st Blessing

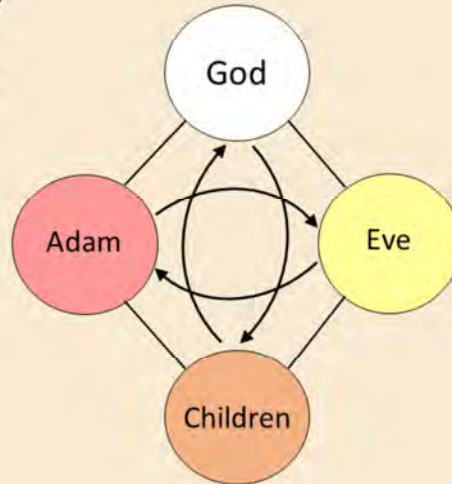
- "Be Fruitful"
- Individual 4 Position Foundation



- The **First Blessing** concerns our ability to **create a mature, perfected personality** – to resemble God as an individual and to become an **ideal or true person**.
- Biblically we see this ideal represented in scripture when Jesus says in **Matt 5:48** *"You therefore must be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect."*
- **Jn 14:10** *"Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me?" And that "the Father who dwells in me does his works."*
- We can recognize this purpose in our **fundamental ambition for self-development and improvement** in everything we do.
- This means to bring **harmony between our words and deeds**, especially to have moral integrity.
- The **mind reflects the Internal Character of God**, while the **body reflects God's External Form**.
- A **4-Position Foundation** is established between God, Mind and Body, and the resultant completed creation – a True Person.

2nd Blessing

- "Multiply"
- Family 4 Position Foundation



- We are **not created or designed to live only as individuals**. We are meant to multiply our love within the family, society and world.
- The **Second Blessing** bestowed by God is the potential to expand our love by **establishing a family harmonized by the true love of God**.
- After reaching spiritual and physical maturity **we are still incomplete until we unite in harmony with one of the opposite sex**; after all, God is a beautiful synthesis of both masculinity and femininity characteristics.
- **A mature man and mature woman** can join together in a powerful bond of love as husband and wife.
- As the **fruit of that true love, their children** can **grow to perfection of character** through the love and example of their parents.
- **God can be seen even more fully through an ideal family** than through an ideal individual, because the give and take of God's love and His own nature can be more fully expressed in that relationship.
- Thus, the **Family 4-position Foundation** furthers **God's ultimate plan to completely manifest Himself and dwell with His children** on earth.

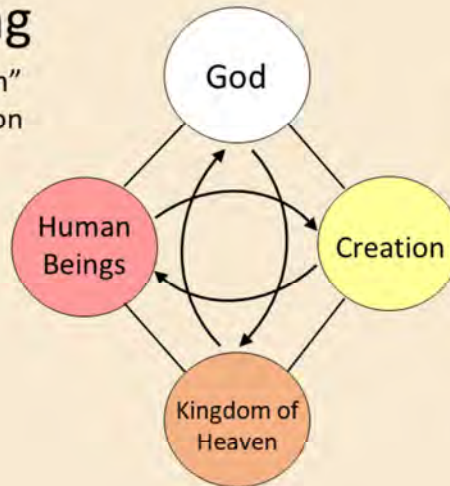
4 Types of Love in the Family

1. Children's love
2. Fraternal (sibling) love
3. Conjugal (husband-wife) love
4. Parental love

- It is in the **family unit that the 4 realms of love and heart are grown and nurtured** - namely, children's love, sibling love, conjugal love, and parent's love.
- As **children**, we first **experience being loved unconditionally** by our parents – the same way that all human beings are **loved by God**, our Heavenly Father.
- When we have brothers and sisters, we learn how to **give and receive with our brothers and sisters**. Although when we're young, our love is not fully mature, we experience all the angles of love – **older and younger siblings, boys and girls**.
- After we mature, we can then experience the **Blessing of Holy Marriage** by entering into a husband-wife relationship. We become one with our spouse, becoming one in heart and love.
- Finally, when we have our own children, we experience **parental love in the same way that God, our Heavenly Father**, sees Himself reflected in us and loves us unconditionally with 100% of His love.
- **In order for each one of us to growth to our full potential** as God created us, it is important that we experience all these types of original love.
- **God's original plan for Adam and Eve** was for them to first **grow to full maturity as individuals (1st Blessing)**, perfecting their **relationship with God**, then entering into the relationship of **husband and wife to create a True Family**.

3rd Blessing

- "Have Dominion"
- Cosmic 4 Position Foundation



For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God; ... because the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in travail together until now...
Romans 8:19-22

- God created an incredible, beautiful **environment in which true families could live and grow.**
- The **Third Blessing** was for human beings to establish a **dominion of love** over God's creation.
- Although God designed and created all things of the universe, **the creation cannot fully experience the love of God** except through **true men and women.**
- The **entire cosmos** was created as a place for God's children to **live, multiply and be creative.**
- This is why the Bible says in **Romans 8:19-22:** *For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God; 20 for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of him who subjected it in hope; 21 because the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning in travail together until now;*

The Original Kingdom

- As the Creator, God is the owner and King of the Universe.
- Adam and Eve, as God's children, were given the blessing to have dominion over all the creation, which includes both the spiritual and physical realms.
- As ruler of creation, Adam was meant to become the first king of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. Eve was to have been the first queen.
- The lineage of Adam was meant to have been the royal lineage of God.

- *(Read slide ...)*
- Think about **what the world would have been like** if Adam and Eve had **fulfilled the 3 Blessings**, rather than falling away from God.
- All the **descendants of Adam** would have been born **without any trace of sin**, able to **relate to God fully** as our Heavenly Father.
- We would be **proud descendants of Adam and Eve** who would have **established the tradition of Godliness and True Families**.

The Three Blessings are the Essence of the Kingdom

- First Blessing – Individual maturity as a child of God; experiencing the love and peace of God in our daily lives
- Second Blessing – “Two Becoming one” (Mark 10:8); eternally loving relationship with our spouse and children
- Third Blessing – Creativity and harmony with God’s creation; owners of the Kingdom

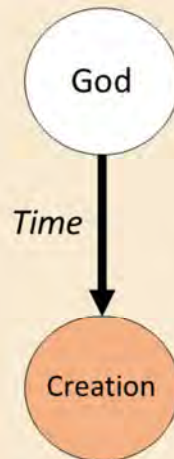
- To summarize, the **essence of the Kingdom of God** is the fulfillment of the **3 Great Blessings**.
- *(Read slide ...)*



- **We were originally created** by God in His image to resemble Him; **to resemble the King of Kings.**
- **Psalm 47:7** *For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding.*
- All of us were originally meant to be part of **God's Royal Family**. This was to have **begun with Adam and Eve**, whom God intended to become **a True Man and a True Woman** – the ancestors of **God's royal lineage**.
- As we read in **Revelation 5:10**: *And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.*

The Process of the Creation of the Universe

- 6 “days” of creation (Genesis 1:4-31)
- Science – Universe started from single point and developed over orderly time periods
- Corresponds to the biblical order of creation



A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by.
Psalm 90:4

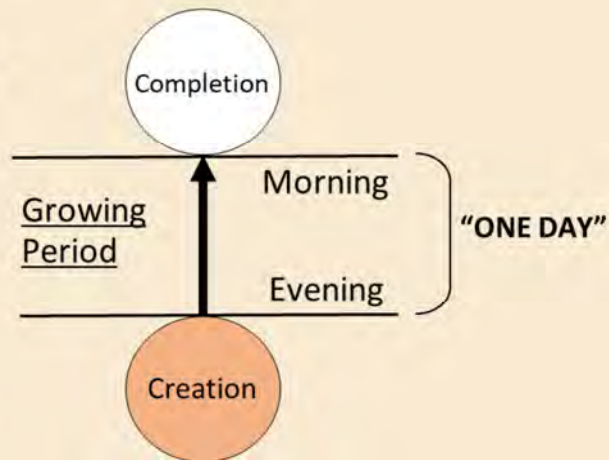
With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. 2 Peter 3:8

- **God did not just snap His fingers** and create the universe in an instant. God created the physical universe using **the principles of time and space**.
- When we read the **Bible**, in the book of Genesis, it describes this step-by-step creation process as **6 days of Creation**.
- **Most modern scientists** believe that the physical universe started from one **single point**. Then, after a **Big Bang**, the universe developed in several stages over the course of billions of years.
- The expansion and development of the universe in **stages correspond to the “days” described in the Bible**.
- And in **Psalm 90:4** we read *“A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by.”*
- **2 Peter 3:8** says *“With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.”*
- Regardless of whether the days were **literal or figurative**, it is clear that the process of **creation took place over a period of time**.

The Process of the Creation of the Universe

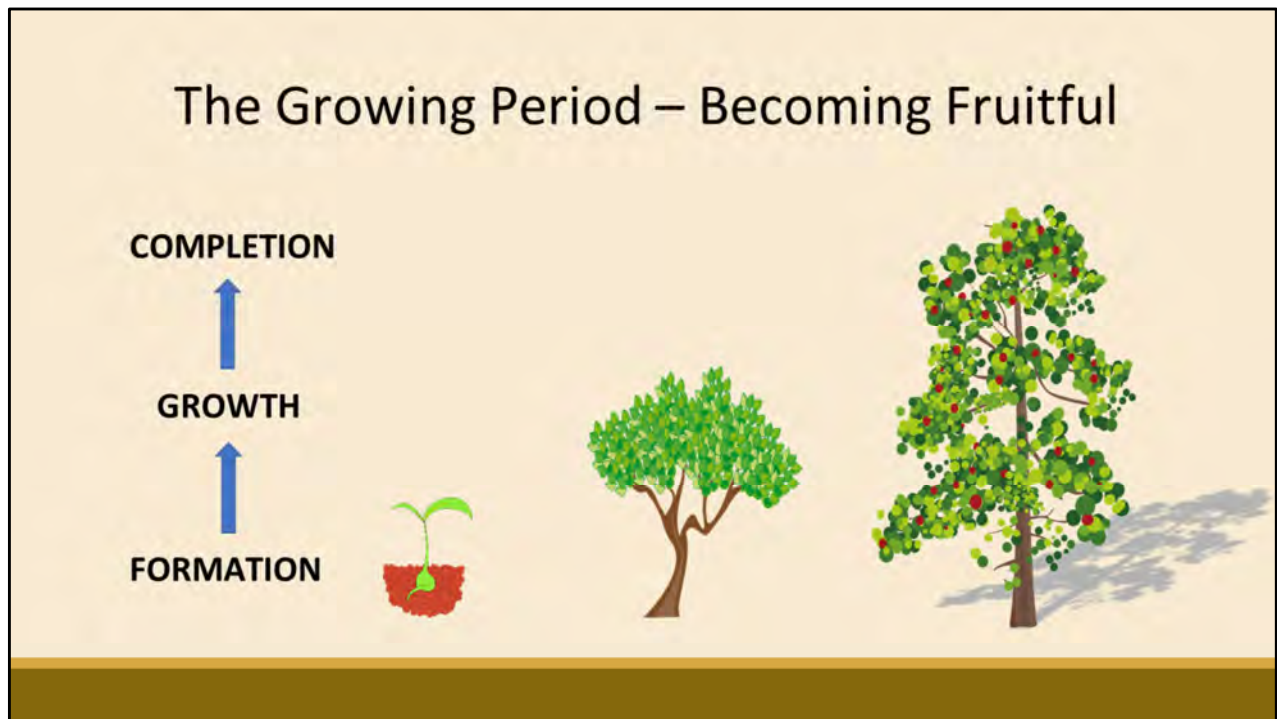
*And there was evening,
and there was morning
—the first day.*

Gen 1:5



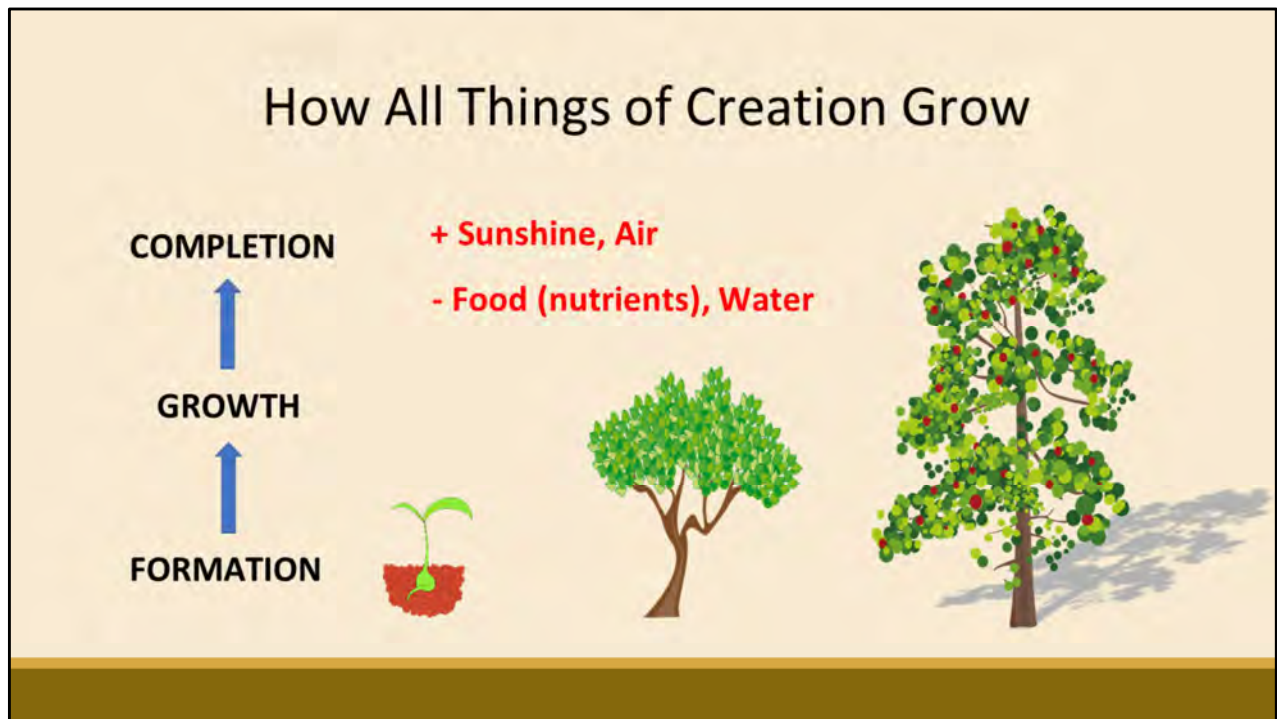
- **Genesis 1:5** *“God called the light Day and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.”*
- Even in **the work** that God did **each “day”**, the Bible **doesn’t say** God accomplished each day’s work in an **instant**. Rather, it took a **period of time**, described as **“evening” until “morning”**.
- This implies that **there was a process involved in each stage, or day, of creation**.

The Growing Period – Becoming Fruitful



- All **living beings** are **not created** (or born) **complete or mature**.
- They are created with the **potential to become mature**, but have to **go through a process of growth** over a period of **time** to reach that maturity.
- A growing **apple tree** starts as a **seedling**, soaking up soil, water and sun. It barely resembles what it is **designed** to become.
- When the tree reaches full **maturity**, it is able to **bear delicious fruit** for others to enjoy.
- The fruit also contains the **seeds for multiplication**.

How All Things of Creation Grow



- All things of creation **grow automatically** according to the **laws** and forces of nature.
- Within the **seed**, the **DNA** contains the **blueprint** for what the being will be when it reaches maturity.
- But **without receiving** the proper **positive and negative type elements**, the being will **never reach** its true potential.
- **Sunshine and air**, the positive elements, gives the things of creation **the environment for existence**, and are an **essential foundation for growth**.
- However, it is what we call the negative elements – **food and water** – that **add substance to each growing thing** so they can continue to develop and **reach maturity**.

3 Stages of Love

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.
Luke 2:52

COMPLETION



GROWTH



FORMATION



Baby
(receiving)



Child
(sharing)



Adolescent
(giving)

- Like the living things in God's creation, **human beings are** not created, or born, mature.
- Human beings are created **uniquely** as God's **children**, in His **image**.
- However, there is a **process of growth** that takes place – both of the **mind**, or spirit, and the **body**.
- People don't often think of **Jesus** in this way, but **Luke 2:52** tells us clearly that even the **sinless Son of God** grew **internally** and **externally**: *And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.*
- In the same way, **all human beings**, beginning with **Adam and Eve**, were created in such a way that a **time period** was required for them to **reach maturity** spiritually and physically.
- The **physical body** functions and grows the **same way as all other living things in creation**. As long as we **receive sunshine, air, food and water**, our bodies can live and grow to maturity.
- At the same time, human beings have a **spiritual self that must grow** along with the physical self.
- When we are **babies**, we **do not practice giving love to others**. Babies **can receive the love of their parents**, and respond to that love, producing joy.
- As we grow both physically and spiritually, **we gradually learn to shift our love**

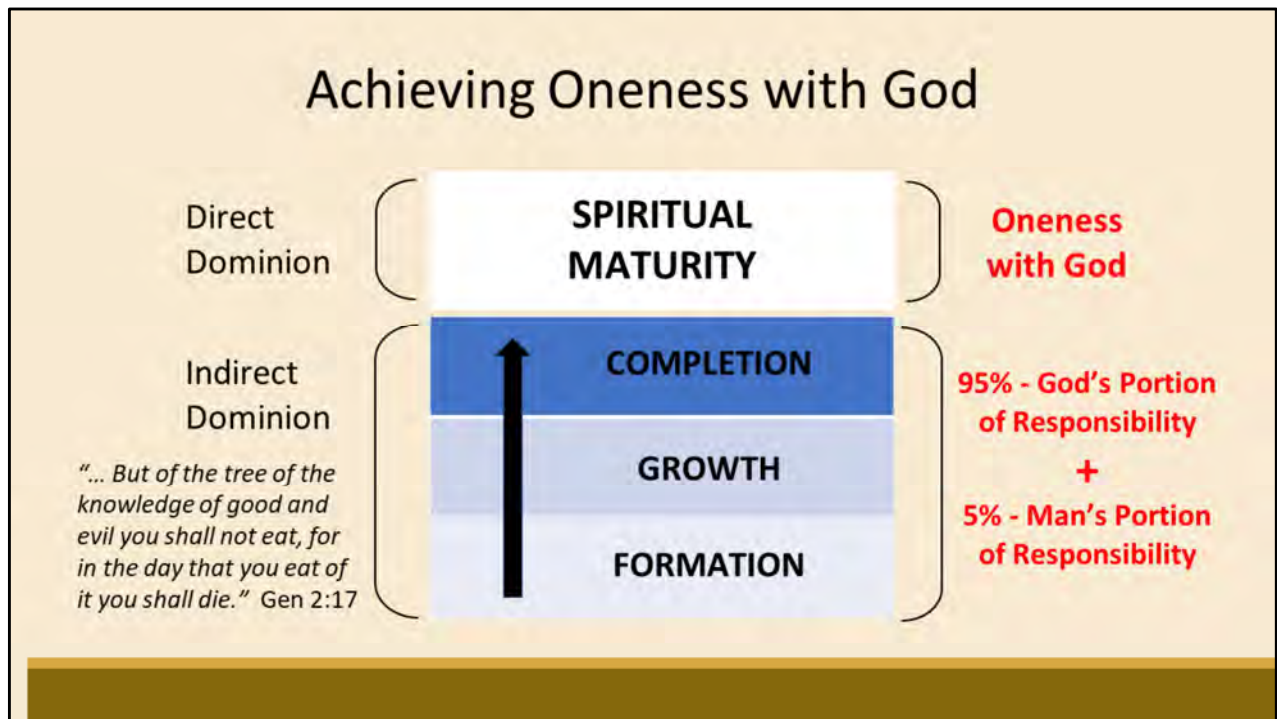
from self-centered love to living for the sake of others.

- As **children**, we learn how to **share** with each other (“I’ll give you this if you’ll give me that.”)
- As we approach **maturity**, we learn how to **give love unselfishly**, experiencing the joy of **seeing our love reflected** in those who are able to receive and respond to it.
- **When we reach** the level of **mature love**, we then become spiritually **qualified to become parents** who can give 100% **unconditional love** to our children and those around us.
- When we **develop the heart of a parent** ourselves, we can also begin to **understand the parental heart of God**, our Heavenly Father.



- God created human beings to **grow** to maturity, both **spiritually and physically**. Then **what is required for us to reach that maturity?**
- Our **physical bodies** require what we call **positive elements**, such as **air and sunlight**, which is readily available without effort.
- But our **bodies** also need **food and clean water**, the **negative elements**, for which we need to make effort to **grow** and **obtain**.
- Similarly, for our **spirit selves** to grow and mature, we need both **positive and negative elements**.
- God gives His **parental love** and His **truth freely** to His children, beginning with our first ancestors, **Adam and Eve**.
- These are the **positive, or "Life" elements**, corresponding to air and sunlight for our physical selves.
- Then how do we receive the **negative or "Vitality" elements?** Just as with food and water, human beings must **make effort** to obtain these.
- We are **unique** in that God created us with **free will**. We **do not automatically follow truth or practice goodness**. If we **did**, it would have been **impossible** for man to **fall** or commit **evil** acts.
- We must **choose and make effort** to do what is right and Godly.

- **When people** choose to **go against** what they know to be right - against **their own conscience** – they can **poison their spiritual selves**, just as if they ate **poisonous** or unhealthy **food**.
- This is why it is so **critical** that we **remain in the realm of God's love**, and **act in accordance with His Word**.
- Our **relationship with God** and the **spiritual growth** we experience during our **physical lives** molds and nourishes our **eternal Spirit Self**.
- As Jesus said in **Matthew 18:18**, *"Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven"*



- Just as **everything** in God's creation goes through **3 stages of growth**, the same **applies to human beings**.
- We go through these stages over a **period of time** in order to reach maturity and **oneness with God**.
- It is only after that **child grows up and reaches maturity** can the child fully relate to the **heart of the parent**.
- In the same way, **God and human beings can only fully relate** when human beings embody mature, unselfish, parental love.
- The period prior to maturity is the period we call **indirect dominion**, meaning **relate to our Creator through receiving God's truth from the Bible, parents and others**.
- The **child must be taught truth**, understanding his purpose, and knowing the **difference between right and wrong**.
- Even **Adam and Eve**, our first human ancestors, were given a **commandment**, and would bear the **consequences** of their actions.
- **Genesis 2:17** ". . . But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." We'll discuss more about this in the **next chapter**.
- When we have grown to **spiritual maturity**, we are capable of **relating directly to**

God. This is the period of **Direct Dominion**, which lasts for **eternity**.

Purity and Perfection in Man

Purity – Having no sinful nature

- God, who is pure, cannot create anything that is not 100% pure.
- God created Adam and Eve in a pure state, having no element of sin.
- Jesus was born as the pure, sinless Son of God.

Perfection (Completion) – The state of maturity; becoming one with God

- God Himself is Eternal, Absolute and Unchanging.
- God made all things to reach perfection through stages of growth over time.
- Everything was created by God to fulfill its Purpose of Creation.
- Human beings have a Portion of Responsibility in perfecting themselves; becoming absolute and unchanging in their relationship with God.

Matthew 5:48 *"You therefore must be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect."*

1 John 3:2 ... *we are children of God ... we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.*

- In order to understand God's **purpose** for human beings, it is important to **understand the difference between purity and perfection.**
- *(Read through slide bullet points)*
- In **Matthew 5:48**, Jesus told us that **we must be perfect as our Heavenly Father is perfect.** That means we should be in a state of **absolute and unchanging love** and oneness with God.
- While **Adam and Eve were created pure**, they were **not created in a totally mature**, or perfect state of oneness with God. Their character and their love had not matured.
- How do we know this? **If they were already in a mature, perfect state, they would not have been able to commit the sin of the Fall.** But in fact, they fell, even though they were pure.
- **God CANNOT sin**, because He is perfect. If we are perfect, or mature, **we also CANNOT sin**, because we are one with God.
- However, **unlike** the things of **creation**, God gave us a **portion of responsibility** to accomplish that state of spiritual maturity, perfection, and oneness with God.
- Once we have reached this **oneness of heart** with God, there is **no possibility** for us to **rebel against God** or **commit any sin.**
- God wants us to know that we were **created for perfection**, meant to **be like Him.**
- **1 John 3:2** says: *Beloved, now we are **children** of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, **we shall be like Him**, for we*

shall see Him as He is.

Why God Gave Human Beings Freedom and Responsibility

God created human beings in order to experience a relationship of love with His children. Love cannot exist without freedom and choice.



- **Why** did God give human beings a portion of responsibility, knowing that it was **possible for us to fail**?
- The exercise of **responsibility requires free will**. Then for what **purpose** do we need free will?
- God created human beings in order to experience a **relationship of love** with His children. Love **cannot** exist without **freedom and choice**.
- The **rest of creation** was **not given** a portion of responsibility, and therefore were **not given** a **commandment**. This is **unique to God's children**, human beings.

Why God Gave Human Beings Freedom and Responsibility

- By participating in their own creation, human beings would stand in a unique position to govern the rest of creation.
- By fulfilling their given portion of responsibility, with which God will not interfere, human beings are meant to inherit the creative nature of God and participate in His great work of creation.

*"You are gods,
And all of you are children of the Most High..."*
Psalm 82:6

- **Once human beings fulfilled their responsibility**, they would have a **special position** in front of God and the rest of the universe.
- *(Read bullet points on slide ...)*
- **No other being in creation** is responsible for **their own completion**. Human beings are **unique** in this regard.
- As **children of God – not just creations** – we are given the right of **true creativity** and **divine nature**.
- **Psalm 82:6** says: *"You are gods, And all of you are children of the Most High..."*

Why God Gave Human Beings Freedom and Responsibility

By fulfilling our portion of responsibility, human beings can grow to maturity of love and perfect our relationship with God.



- Because we truly have **free will**, **God CANNOT interfere** with our portion of responsibility.
- If He did, He would **be contradicting His own Principle of Creation**, which is based on **Absolute Love**.
- That means He **could not interfere with Adam and Eve's responsibility** to obey the **commandment**.
- By **fulfilling** our portion of responsibility, human beings can **grow to maturity of love** and perfect our **relationship with God**.

Obedience to God and Christ is Our Portion of Responsibility

*"If you love me,
you will keep my
commandments."*

John 14:15



- Being able **to receive salvation** of our souls through **faith in Christ** requires an element of **our own choice, our own responsibility**.
- It was **God's responsibility** to grant the benefit of **resurrection** through the crucifixion of Jesus, but **to believe or not to believe** is strictly the **individual person's own portion of responsibility**.
- Jesus also told us that **to love him** means **to keep His commandments**.
- **John 14:15** *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments."*
- It **doesn't mean** that we **earn our own salvation**. **Faith and obedience** to God's Word is only **our 5%**. The other **95%** is **God's love and sacrifice**.

The 3 Stages of Life



Womb
Liquid
9 months



Preparation for
physical life

- Just as we go through **3 stages of growth while on earth**, we are also created to go through **3 fundamental stages of life** – In the **womb**, in the **physical world**, and finally in the **spiritual world**.
- **Each of these stages** is critically important to our **existence**, our **growth**, and our **relationship with God**.
- In each stage, we experience a **different reality of existence**, as well as different aspects of God's love.
- In the **first stage**, we are surrounded by the **warm liquid in our mother's womb**, listening to the **muffled sounds** of our **parents' loving voices**.
- All of the **nutrients we need for our growth** and development **are provided to us through the umbilical cord**. If, for some reason, **we were unable to get the nutrients we needed**, we could be crippled or even die.
- **Imagine you're in the womb, wondering, "Is there life after birth? I have a feeling it does, although I'm not really sure. I can't imagine exactly what it will be like."**
- **Would you worry, "When I am born, I will no longer be protected by the amniotic fluid. I will no longer be fed through my mother's umbilical cord. There's no way I could survive. You might as well give me my last rights."**?
- But in reality, we are simply **graduating** from one stage, and going to the next. We are graduating **from life in our mother's womb, to our life on "Mother**

Earth”.

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Womb
Liquid
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Preparation for
physical life



Physical World
Air
± 90 yrs.



Preparation for
the spirit word

*... for whatever a man sows,
that he will also reap. For he
who sows to his flesh will of
the flesh reap corruption, but
he who sows to the Spirit will
of the Spirit reap everlasting
life... Therefore, as we have
opportunity, let us do good to
all, especially to those who are
of the household of faith.*

Gal 6:7-10

- **What we can see and experience in the physical realm after birth is beyond anything we could imagine** while in the tiny womb. The earth is so huge! I am free to explore this entire earth, experience people and nature.
- Just like in the womb, while we are on earth, it is critical that we receive the proper **spiritual and physical nutrients**, and **grow to spiritual and physical maturity**.

- Without developing a relationship with God and an ability to give and receive love, we will not be able to function and live in the spiritual realm the way God meant us to live.
- **Developing our ability to give and receive God's true love** with the 4 types of love is as **critical as the development of our lungs in the womb prior to being born.**
- Our **love lungs** should be fully developed and functional before we pass on from this life in the physical world.
- The **Bible teaches us to love God** with all our heart, soul and might. It also teaches us to **love our neighbor** – to do unto others as we would have them do unto us.
- In **Galatian 6, verses 7-10**, Paul wrote: *Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for **whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.** For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while **doing***

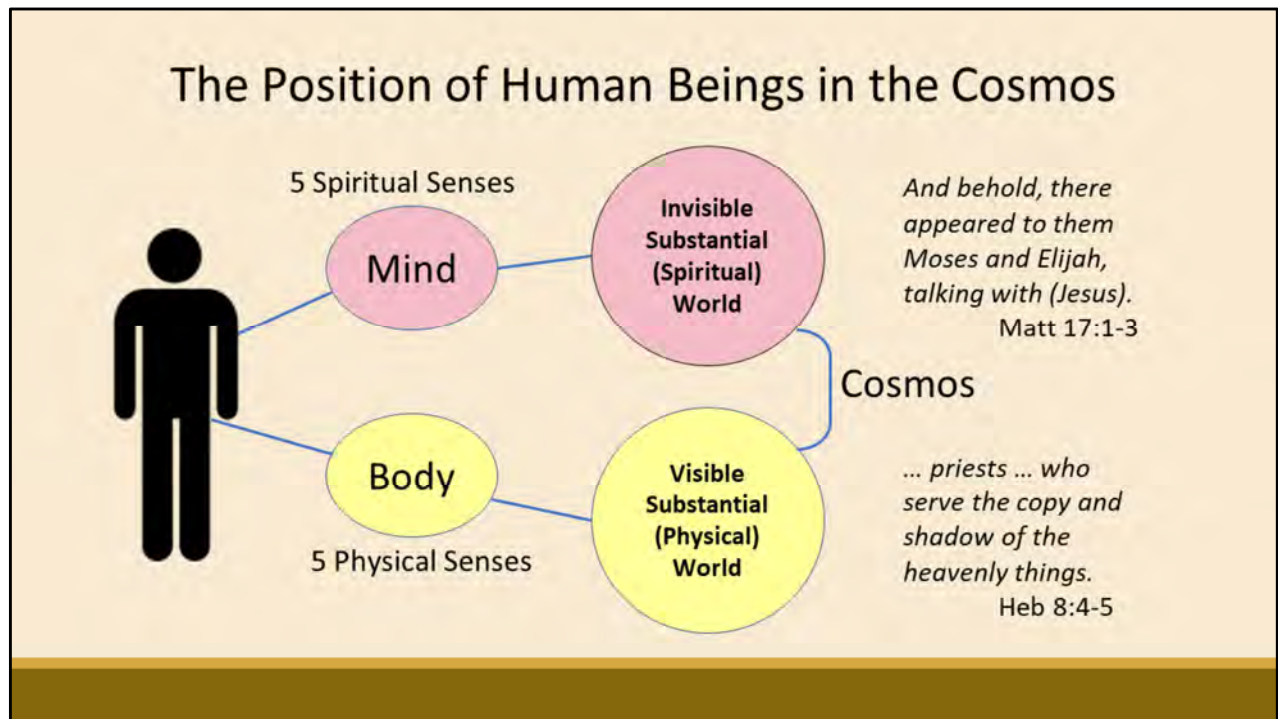
***good**, for in due season **we shall reap** if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, **let us do good to all**, especially to those who are of the household of faith.*

- The Bible is clear that **what we sow** during our lives on earth will be **reaped** in our lives in the eternal spirit world.

The 3 Stages of Life



- If we live apart from God in the **physical world** during our physical life, we have **no relationship with God** when we pass on to the **spiritual world**.
- Being **separated from God** – unable to breathe God’s love – is what we call **spiritual death**.
- While on earth, it may be **hard to imagine that there is another world beyond our life on earth** – beyond the **physical** realm.
- But ultimately **we graduate** from this **physical world**, and are meant to **enter the Kingdom of Heaven in the spiritual world**.
- **Transitioning** from our **life on earth** to our **life in the spiritual world** was not meant to be a sad or horrible thing – any more than a **baby being born**.
- It is the way **God created life to unfold**, and should be a **joyful celebration** of the **successful completion of a person’s life** as they enter the **eternal life of joy** in Heaven with God.



- **The Cosmos** that God created **includes** not only the **physical world** we see, but also the **invisible, spiritual world** we cannot see with our physical eyes.
- Human beings were created not only with **5 physical senses** to relate to physical world, but also with **5 spiritual senses** to relate to the spiritual world.
- **Hebrews 8:4-5** tells us that **the physical realm** we can see is like a **shadow of the invisible**, Heavenly realm of the **spiritual world**.
- In **Matthew 17:1-3**, we are told that **on the mount of Transfiguration, the spiritual senses of Peter, James and John were opened** so they could communicate with **Moses and Elijah**, who had already passed to the **spiritual realm**.
- **We read:** *And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.*

The Position of Human Beings in the Cosmos



1. Ruler
2. Mediator and Center of Harmony
3. Microcosm

Rom 8:19 *For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.*

1Cor 15:27 *"For God has put all things in subjection under his feet..."*

1Cor 6:3 *Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?*

- So then, **what is man's position in the cosmos** according to God's **original purpose** of creation?
- Man was created to be the **Ruler, Mediator, and Microcosm** of the Spiritual and Physical worlds, creating **harmony** between the **invisible and visible realms**.
- **God**, as Creator and King of the Universe, **created Adam and Eve to be the center of the cosmos, having dominion over both worlds**.
- As **Lords of Creation**, Adam and Eve would have stood in the position to **inherit God's authority** as rulers over both worlds.
- **Rom 8:19** *For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.*
- **1Cor 15:27** *"For God has put all things in subjection under his feet..."*
- **1Cor 6:3** *Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?* **Although people usually think of angels as being much higher than us, angels were created by God to be heavenly servants, meant to serve God and to serve human beings, who are God's children.**
- The **Kingdom of Heaven** would be a **physical and spiritual kingdom** where Adam and Eve were created to rule as the **substantial King and Queen, representing God in the created world**, establishing the **central lineage** of Godly authority for

all future generations.

God's Ideal of Creation is His Kingdom

- Through fulfillment of the Three Blessings, God's lineage was to have been established on the earth.
- God's desire was to live with Adam, Eve and their descendants.
- If there had been no Fall, God's sovereignty would have been established on earth and in heaven.

I will make my home among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people.
Ezekiel 37:27

- God's **Ideal** of Creation is His **Kingdom** ...
- *(Read bullet points on slide ...)*
- **God did not create this world to be a world of sin**, broken families, crime, war and suffering. He created this world **to be the Kingdom of Heaven**.
- **Jesus affirmed** that this is God's **true and ultimate purpose** when He taught us to pray like this, "***Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.***"
- **God's heart** longs to dwell with **love** and in **peace** with His children.
- As we read in **Ezekiel 37:27**, "*I will make my home among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people.*"

Thank You Very Much!