

## 1: God's Glorious Plan – Eastern Gate Ministries

*It's God's desire for you to have a blessed family life! In this invaluable resource, Joseph Prince lays out God's glorious plan and provisions for your family.*

Early in my training as a physician, I had the privilege of helping a young mother deliver her first child. She was calm, focused, and happy. When the baby was delivered, I handed the precious newborn to her. With tears of happiness streaming down her face, she took that brand-new baby into her arms and examined him from head to toe. She held him close and loved him as only a mother can. It was a privilege to be in that room with her. Such was the beginning of life for each of us. Yet was our birth truly the beginning? The world sees birth and death as the beginning and the end. We lived with Him for eons of time before our mortal birth—learning, choosing, and preparing. Because Heavenly Father loves us, He wants us to have the greatest gift He can give, the gift of eternal life. This required that we leave His presence and begin a wonderful and challenging journey of faith, growth, and becoming. The journey our Father prepared for us is called the plan of salvation or the plan of happiness. Because of the Fall, some marvelous things were given to us. We were able to be born and receive a physical body. God also gave us moral agency—the ability and privilege of choosing and acting for ourselves. Each day, as we keep His commandments, we show God that we love Him, and He blesses our lives. Through His suffering, Christ paid the price for both physical death and sin. And because He did, so will we. I testify that Christ did indeed rise from the tomb. But to rise from that tomb, He first had to die. And so must we. Another of the great blessings of my life has been to feel the closeness of heaven during those moments when I sit at the bedside of people as they pass away. Early one morning some years ago, I entered the hospital room of a faithful Latter-day Saint widow who had cancer. Two of her daughters were sitting with her. As I went to her bedside, I quickly discovered that she was no longer suffering, because she had just died. In that moment of death, the room was filled with peace. Her daughters had a sweet sadness, but their hearts were filled with faith. They knew that their mother was not gone but had returned home. When we die, our spirits leave our bodies, and we go to the next stage of our journey, the spirit world. It is a place of learning, repentance, forgiveness, and becoming 25 where we await the Resurrection. Our spirits and our physical bodies will be reunited in their perfect form. May we choose well. There is so much more to our existence than just what happens between birth and death. I invite you to come and follow Christ. Come and have faith and repent of your sins. Come and be baptized and receive the Holy Ghost. Come and live a happy, Christ-filled life. Our Father and the Savior love you. I testify that Christ has the power to answer your questions, heal your pains and sorrows, and forgive your sins. I know this is true. I know that all these things are true. This is His Church. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

### 2: God's Glorious Plan For Your Family | Sermon Series | [www.enganchecubano.com](http://www.enganchecubano.com)

*God has a great love story planned for us, one that began at the moment we were conceived male or female. Within the next few months, I will become a grandmother to two more babies. My children just went in for their ultrasounds and saw their baby for the first time. Both were very interested in.*

With the help of lawless Gentiles, you nailed Him to a cross and killed him. On the eve of Jesus crucifixion, the disciples are completely baffled and bewildered. After His death, they are afraid and depressed. The truth of His resurrection had to grow on them and Jesus mercifully gave them 40 days to digest this truth. One of the last things He said to them was to wait there in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father which was the Holy Spirit. Early in the a. It shook the building and drew a crowd. No one seemed to know what kind of wind it was but in hindsight, we know it was the mighty Ruach, the Spirit of God. He filled all the followers of Christ and these despised Galileans began speaking Latin, Greek, Egyptian, and every language in the known world. Everyone had gathered at the location of the Disciples to see what was causing the noise. Then they heard these Galileans speaking multiple languages so that people from all over the world could understand what they were saying. When this crowd of curiosity seekers gathered asking questions and making wild assumptions, Peter rose to the occasion. Peter tells the crowd what is going on and then he begins to preach a long sermon. When it talks about the crucifixion, the crowd gets convicted and many of them [3,] repent and are saved. There are Jews in this crowd from all over the world. They came for Pentecost and most of them were not even aware that such a person as Jesus existed. Luke mentions 16 different nations that were present, but I imagine, there were more. Do you see what God is doing here? He is working His plan. Paul was anxious to get to Rome but not to carry the gospel, the gospel got to Rome long before Paul. The gospel was in Rome when Paul held the coats for those who stoned Stephen. Every nation or people group that I Peter is addressed to were there at Pentecost. Peter did not carry the gospel to Turkey, it was carried by the Jewish coverters at Pentecost. Is it not amazing that God got the gospel to the world without the internet, without radio, television or even phones. God can do more in ten minutes than you and I can do in a lifetime. I do love this weather: Lord willing I can plow my corn today if I get the time. He was a first cousin to Reba and Rachel. June and I visited her yesterday evening and she was telling us that Rachel Wallace, who was at Baccalaureate Sunday night was really bragging on Joe David. She was a double first cousin to my grandmother, Winnie Halbrooks Blackburn. I threw this in in case one of my siblings reads the blog. The baby sister might, the others are doubtful. Israel is the reverse of the United States. In Israel, the big wig know-it-alls lived in the South and they looked down on Galileans who in Israel are in the North. You can imagine the disbelief when the Judeans heard these rednecks from Galilee speaking fluently in foreign languages. If I lived there and had a choice, I would live in Galilee. You know which one was from Judea? I rest my case.

### 3: Christian poem: 'A Glorious Plan' by Clinton Herring | [www.enganchecubano.com](http://www.enganchecubano.com)

*God's Plan & A Glorious Future with Dr. Bill Winston. Q: Dr. Winston, many know you as a pastor through your program on Daystar, but you were a decorated fighter pilot serving in the U.S. Air Force prior to entering the ministry.*

At some point in eternity past, before the creation of anything there was only God. God was in unity with Himself. God asks Job where was he when God created the physical universe: Tell Me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements? Or who stretched the line upon it? To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? The glory of God was not just in His creation of the universe and all life. The glory of God is revealed in the wisdom God showed in His creation, the wisdom of the design from the smallest sub-atomic particles to the organization of matter and energy in the stars. When He prepared the heavens, I was there, when He drew a circle on the face of the deep. Then I was beside Him as a master craftsman; and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him, rejoicing in His inhabited world, and my delight was with the sons of men. Psalms tells us that the universe was created in wisdom: O Lord, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. The earth is full of Your possessions. Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite. But the glory that God revealed was the glory of His majesty and power, the glory of His wisdom and understanding. God chose another way to reveal the glory of His holiness, righteousness, and love. Those character traits can only be truly understood in contrast to evil, sin, and hatred! There would have to be an enemy who hated God and everything that God stood for to reveal the love of God. The wisest, most beautiful angel that God created was Lucifer, the Son of the Morning. You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering: The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created. You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you. God created Lucifer, and he was perfect in beauty, in wisdom, and in position as the anointed cherub covering or guarding the throne of God. Lucifer was perfect until he chose to sin. Lucifer chose to reject the sovereignty of God and follow after his own heart. Isaiah tells us that he corrupted his wisdom because of his beauty: How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: When Lucifer fell, his name was changed to Satan the adversary, and to the Devil or deceiver. The book of Revelation tells us that one-third of the angels rebelled with Satan. Jesus told us specifically that everlasting fire was created for the Devil and his angels, but wicked men taken in by his lies will be there with him: Even though God judged Satan and the angels for their rebellion, the sentence of eternal destruction was set in abeyance. God could have destroyed Satan and the fallen angels right at the time of their rebellion, and that is what they deserved! But God delayed the destruction of Satan because He was going to use the evil of Satan to demonstrate His holiness, righteousness, and love. Even though God allowed Satan and some of the fallen angels to roam free, others because of their evil, are reserved in chains of darkness: And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; Jude 1: For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; 2 Peter 2: Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. God is using the rebellion of Satan and mankind to demonstrate to every creature who has ever lived, to those alive now and those born in the future that He is holy and righteous and the only one worthy of ruling the universe. God alone is worthy! The creation of Satan and the creation and fall of man is a demonstration of the holiness and righteousness of God, to the angels in heaven and men on earth. The rebellion and evil of Satan, the demons, and mankind was not a surprise to God. God is omniscient, meaning all-knowing, and that includes the future for all of eternity. Even though God is not the author of evil, He ordains and controls the evil that the wicked pursue. Mankind could never live up to the righteousness of God, it is impossible. God is infinitely righteous and holy and no created being can every approach the perfection of God. The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world. The glory of God is revealed in our salvation because it shows the love that God has for us, a self-sacrificing love that is not based on any merit that we have. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. In truth, before we came to know the Lord Jesus Christ, we hated God, and demonstrated our hatred in our rebellion against His law, which makes the love He showered on us all the more glorious: For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. Paul said that the apostles had been made spectacles to world, both to angels and to men. God was revealing His glory in the apostles and in the church: For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. To the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. The work of Christ building His church is making known the glory of God to the angels in heaven as well as the spiritual rulers of darkness of this world. Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into. God created mankind also with the knowledge that man would reject Him and rebel. When we look at the evil around us and then look at the righteousness of God, we want God to manifest His righteousness in our lives. We desire the salvation that God offers. We are refined by the furnace of the world under the hand of an all-knowing, all-powerful God who loves us! God has the power to end evil, and He has promised that a day is coming when evil will be judged and ended forever. God controls the timing of when He will end the evil according to His wisdom! During this time of evil and rebellion, not only is the earth suffering, but heaven also is suffering. Heaven endures the evil of sin knowing the glory that is going to come when the redeemed are living with God and Christ forever! What if God, wanting to show His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory, even us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? As He says also in Hosea: The glorious plan of God is to use the evil perpetrated by everyone in rebellion against God to allow God to demonstrate His righteousness, holiness, love, and mercy. To everyone who believes the word of God and accepts the work of Christ on the cross, the glory of God is revealed in His forgiveness, mercy, and love, in His gift of eternal life. Jesus says to everyone: Repent, and believe in the gospel. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

### 4: &12 God's Plan "The Church To Be To The Praise Of His Glory | Alfred Place Baptist Church

*God's Glorious Plan Includes You. Out of the putrid soil of greed and idolatry a church sprang forth and spread the seeds of the gospel throughout all of Asia.*

The place where that church blossomed was in Ephesus. The roots of their tender faith grew deep during the three years the apostle Paul taught them the whole counsel of God on a daily basis Acts. Their faith was further cultivated by gifted workers like Aquila, Pricilla, Apollos, and Timothy. As a result, they were grounded in the truth Acts. The seven churches Jesus addresses in the opening pages of Revelation were most likely started by the soul loving saints of Ephesus. An Unlikely City Yet, Ephesus seems like an unlikely place for such spiritual success, because it was a city obsessed with greed. Every major road in Asia converged on this city. Teeming markets lined the city streets and at the end of a marble road sat a , sq. The sprouting church in Ephesus faced the scorching heat of economic pressures Acts. They had to find their value somewhere else than the marketplace. The soil of Ephesus was also made foul by their obsession with idolatry. Pagan temples were on every street, and towering in the distance was the famed temple of Artemis. Carved idols and mystical books filled their homes and captured their imaginations. Regardless of the polluted soil of Ephesus the church flourishedâ€”their faith was deepened and the gospel was spread. The question for us becomes: If a church thrived in the inhospitable soil of Ephesus, then what could God do through the church in my city? Instead, the content of the letter is general. This has caused some to think that Ephesians was originally a circular letter intended for all of the churches. In the first half of the letter Paul sketches out the cosmic, eternal plan of God, which is unbounded by time. What is the purpose of the grand plan of God? It is that God may be glorified Eph. We have gloried in the ways of the world, lived by our flesh, and treated the devil as our prince Eph. First, because God gave us life Eph. We were dead in our sins, Destined for wrath. But by His rich mercy God redeemed us through the blood of Jesus. So that now we are alive, sitting with Christ, holy and blameless, and endowed with every spiritual blessing. Yes, God deserves to be glorified in us! Secondly, God made us one Eph. It does what no army or political power can do, it makes us one people and one family. Yes, God deserves to be glorified! Glorifying God is not just some feeling you have during an emotional song. No, God is glorified when we adopt a new way of life Eph. He desires a people who are unified in His truth and devoted to His righteousness. In addition, God is glorified by how we act in the relationships of our lives Eph. Glorifying God is not restricted to the walls of a church building. His glory cannot be confined to times of worship. How much glory will you give Him in your life today? The little letter to the Ephesians is worth your investigation because it reveals a glorious God who is worthy of your life. He has a glorious plan for this world and it includes you! As is customary, Paul offers a prayer at the beginning of the letter Eph. Prayer then is seen at the middle of the letter, where the content pivots from doctrinal to practical Eph. Finally, the letter ends on the note of prayer, where Paul asks for their prayers Eph. First, to praise Him! Second, to ask Him to help you live worthy of His grace! This physical world is not all there is. There is spiritual realm that is just as real, and it affects the world in which we live. The heavenlies is where all spiritual blessings are found in Christ 1: The heavenlies is where the saved now sit with Christ 2: The heavenlies is where our spiritual enemies reside 6:

## 5: Our Father's Glorious Plan - ensign

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In many translations of the Bible, when the word LORD is in all capitals, it signifies that the word represents the tetragrammaton. It means "Wonderful Teacher" in the Punjabi language. Waheguru is also described by some as an experience of ecstasy which is beyond all descriptions. The most common usage of the word "Waheguru" is in the greeting Sikhs use with each other: General conceptions Main article: Conceptions of God There is no clear consensus on the nature or the existence of God. The dharmic religions differ in their view of the divine: Many polytheistic religions share the idea of a creator deity, although having a name other than "God" and without all of the other roles attributed to a singular God by monotheistic religions. Jainism is polytheistic and non-creationist. Monotheists hold that there is only one god, and may claim that the one true god is worshiped in different religions under different names. God is described in the Quran as: In Islam, God is transcendent and does not resemble any of his creations in any way. Thus, Muslims are not iconodules, and are not expected to visualize God. Theism, Deism, and Pantheism Theism generally holds that God exists realistically, objectively, and independently of human thought; that God created and sustains everything; that God is omnipotent and eternal; and that God is personal and interacting with the universe through, for example, religious experience and the prayers of humans. Some theists ascribe to God a self-conscious or purposeful limiting of omnipotence, omniscience, or benevolence. Theism is sometimes used to refer in general to any belief in a god or gods, i. God exists, but does not intervene in the world beyond what was necessary to create it. Common in Deism is a belief that God has no interest in humanity and may not even be aware of humanity. Pandeism combines Deism with Pantheistic beliefs. The contemporaneous French philosopher Michel Henry has however proposed a phenomenological approach and definition of God as phenomenological essence of Life. Non-theistic views See also: Evolutionary origin of religions and Evolutionary psychology of religion Non-theist views about God also vary. Some non-theists avoid the concept of God, whilst accepting that it is significant to many; other non-theists understand God as a symbol of human values and aspirations. Stephen Jay Gould proposed an approach dividing the world of philosophy into what he called "non-overlapping magisteria" NOMA. In this view, questions of the supernatural, such as those relating to the existence and nature of God, are non-empirical and are the proper domain of theology. The methods of science should then be used to answer any empirical question about the natural world, and theology should be used to answer questions about ultimate meaning and moral value. In this view, the perceived lack of any empirical footprint from the magisterium of the supernatural onto natural events makes science the sole player in the natural world. Both authors claim however, that it is possible to answer these questions purely within the realm of science, and without invoking any divine beings. Anthropomorphism Pascal Boyer argues that while there is a wide array of supernatural concepts found around the world, in general, supernatural beings tend to behave much like people. The construction of gods and spirits like persons is one of the best known traits of religion. He cites examples from Greek mythology, which is, in his opinion, more like a modern soap opera than other religious systems. In line with this reasoning, psychologist Matt Rossano contends that when humans began living in larger groups, they may have created gods as a means of enforcing morality. In small groups, morality can be enforced by social forces such as gossip or reputation. However, it is much harder to enforce morality using social forces in much larger groups. Rossano indicates that by including ever-watchful gods and spirits, humans discovered an effective strategy for restraining selfishness and building more cooperative groups. Isaac Newton saw the existence of a Creator necessary in the movement of astronomical objects. Arguments about the existence of God typically include empirical, deductive, and inductive types. Different views include that: Lewis, and the Ontological Argument formulated both by St. Famed pantheist philosopher Baruch Spinoza would later carry this idea to its extreme: In Query 31 of the Opticks, Newton simultaneously made an argument from design and for the necessity of intervention: For while comets move in very eccentric orbs in all manner of positions, blind fate could never make all the planets move one and the same way in orbs concentric, some inconsiderable irregularities

excepted which may have arisen from the mutual actions of comets and planets on one another, and which will be apt to increase, till this system wants a reformation. Thomas believed that the existence of God is self-evident in itself, but not to us. Now because we do not know the essence of God, the proposition is not self-evident to us; but needs to be demonstrated by things that are more known to us, though less known in their nature—namely, by effects. Thomas believed that the existence of God can be demonstrated. Briefly in the *Summa theologiae* and more extensively in the *Summa contra Gentiles*, he considered in great detail five arguments for the existence of God, widely known as the *quinque viae* Five Ways. For the original text of the five proofs, see *quinque viae* Motion: Some things undoubtedly move, though cannot cause their own motion. Since there can be no infinite chain of causes of motion, there must be a First Mover not moved by anything else, and this is what everyone understands by God. As in the case of motion, nothing can cause itself, and an infinite chain of causation is impossible, so there must be a First Cause, called God. Existence of necessary and the unnecessary: Our experience includes things certainly existing but apparently unnecessary. Not everything can be unnecessary, for then once there was nothing and there would still be nothing. Therefore, we are compelled to suppose something that exists necessarily, having this necessity only from itself; in fact itself the cause for other things to exist. If we can notice a gradation in things in the sense that some things are more hot, good, etc. This then, we call God Note: Thomas does not ascribe actual qualities to God Himself. Ordered tendencies of nature: A direction of actions to an end is noticed in all bodies following natural laws. Anything without awareness tends to a goal under the guidance of one who is aware. McGrath, argue that the existence of God is not a question that can be answered using the scientific method. Krauss and Sam Harris as evidence that God is an imaginary entity only, with no basis in reality. The assignment of these attributes often differs according to the conceptions of God in the culture from which they arise. For example, attributes of God in Christianity, attributes of God in Islam, and the Thirteen Attributes of Mercy in Judaism share certain similarities arising from their common roots. Names 99 names of Allah, in Chinese Sini script The word God is "one of the most complex and difficult in the English language. That the Bible "includes many different images, concepts, and ways of thinking about" God has resulted in perpetual "disagreements about how God is to be conceived and understood". One of them is Elohim. Another one is El Shaddai, translated "God Almighty". Many traditions see God as incorporeal and eternal, and regard him as a point of living light like human souls, but without a physical body, as he does not enter the cycle of birth, death and rebirth. God is seen as the perfect and constant embodiment of all virtues, powers and values and that he is the unconditionally loving Father of all souls, irrespective of their religion, gender, or culture.

### 6: God's Glorious Plan Includes You (Introduction To Ephesians) – Focus Online

*God's Glorious Plan May 24, admin God's Plan Leave a comment Scripture But God knew what would happen, and His prearranged plan was carried out when Jesus was betrayed.*

And the city has no need of the sun nor of the moon to give light to it, for the splendor and radiance glory of God illuminate it, and the Lamb is its lamp. There is a beautiful progression relative to the "lamb" found in the Scriptures, beginning with that which is slain for an offering, of the animals, to that which was personified in Christ, and ultimately shared by those who become ONE in Him. So perhaps we had best begin at the beginning. A lamb for a man. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and his offering. It was an individual sacrifice offering, one lamb given for one man. Each man was on his own, to make his offering to God. This principle has never been cast aside, it still holds good even though there has been an expanding of the coverage. That which applies to ALL must be personally experienced in our own life, believed in individually, and received accordingly. A lamb for a household. Israel was about to be delivered from Egypt, and as the commands were given for the Passover observance, it was to be a lamb for a household. A man would offer one lamb, for the covering of his whole family, and all of those within his gates. The head of the house was responsible for all of the house, and was to make sure the lamb was there. The father of the home was effectually the priest of the home, and he could spread his coverage to all of his family, claiming the protection and blessing of God for them all. It is true, there comes an hour when each one in the household must also personally experience a committal of their faith in God, believe in the lamb offered for them. If they go out from that household, they are assuming the responsibility once held by the head of the house. This is also symbolically seen today in spiritual matters, when God apprehends an individual to become that "lamb for an household," and they are the only one who believes, receives, and walks on with God in a deeper way, but their life is given as an offering for their family, and they pray and believe for the hour when their entire household will come to God, and receive Him in fulness. There is the blending of another principle here, for we also read that "if the first fruit be holy, the lump is also holy. A first fruit always indicates there is a whole harvest to follow. The time element remains with God, but fulfillment shall come. A lamb for a nation, Israel. Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, "Ye know nothing at all, nor consider that it is expedient for us, that ONE MAN should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. And this spake he not of himself: And not for that nation only, but that also He should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad. Interesting to observe that there is a Spirit that accompanies the office, not dependent upon the man filling the office. While it is true that God so loved the world, that He gave His Son for the whole world, and ultimately the whole world He shall receive reconciled to Himself again, yet specifically Jesus Christ was sent to a nation, to become the Lamb for that nation. And it will require a further revelation of "the lamb" in a full company, ere we shall see the whole world brought nigh unto God. Just as each individual in the household must needs come to believe in the lamb offered for them, so also each individual in the whole nation must come to believe, personally, experimentally. But that it shall be so, we read, "And so all Israel shall be saved: There are natural fulfillments and spiritual fulfillments, but both are assured, for the Word of the Lord is given, and shall come to pass. A lamb was given for the nation, and all shall be brought into the fulness of His life and salvation. A lamb for the world. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. There is a rule followed in the Greek, that where the identifying article "the" is missing, it is speaking of quality, not identity. Such is the case here, where it refers to the seed, which is Christ. There is no identifying article to make it "THE Christ," and thus we literally have it as the quality, to include the whole enchristed company of which The Christ is the Head. All anointed by the same Spirit, for he that is joined to the Lord is one spirit. Here is one of the most prophetic utterances ever given, filled with precious truth. A lamb is needed, we have the wood and the fire, but where is the lamb? But the need is greater than just one nation, and He is still in the process providing a lamb for them all. To see this company is not to magnify man, but to exalt Christ, for they are totally conformed to HIS image, and partakers of HIS divine nature. And when we read, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world,"

[John 1: And we know that we are redeemed, "with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. But we also know that He is to be "the firstborn among many brethren. And so we follow in His steps, the fellowship of His suffering, being made conformable to His death. In our humiliation our judgment also is taken away, and there is none to declare our generation. We are cut off from this world, separated unto God, purged and purified until we are to be without spot and without blemish, to be presented faultless before His throne. To be holy as He is holy, yes, "be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. Such qualifications are too wonderful for us, we cannot attain them in ourselves, but His grace abounds to work in us, and to fulfill all that He has purposed. There is a uniqueness of this oneness in the Saviour, so that the total identity is HIS, even though each member has their own individual characteristics which cause them to differ. There is, in the Greek text, a word for lamb which literally means, a little lamb, or a lambikin, and such is the word that is used here. Yet, while this is a little lamb, there is also a mark of maturity and wholeness about them, because they are come to the fulness of the measure of the stature of Christ. Revelation 12 speaks of a "manchild" company, which holds this same thought of being newly born, and yet full grown and strong to bear. The Lord Himself and the lambikin also are the light. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world: But it also reads, "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the use. All the qualifications of The Lamb must now be found in this people with a purpose. They that are whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. He will undergird and support His lamb-company all the way. His truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noon day. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation. The process of coming into this place is not an easy one, for it entails the stripping away of all our own human resources that we might in utter weakness come to receive totally from Him. And the ministry that follows is of the highest order of divine love, which is completely self-sacrificial in its nature and expression. Freely, gladly, joyfully Jesus Christ faced the hour of sacrifice, of pouring out His life, that it might be diffused and spread over the whole earth. Without any thought of condemnation, without any feeling of what self has suffered in the reproaches of the past, or present, but with deep compassion to spend and be spent, until love has conquered all, and creation is restored back into perfect harmony with its Creator. There is a work that is totally of The Christ, finished at Calvary, which does not have to be re-enacted or duplicated. Now, this lambikin company, which is joined to Him, having received of that life, can freely give it to another. That is also why the ministry of reconciliation is "NOT imputing their trespasses unto them. For Jesus Christ, "Having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. Now the ministry of the lambikin to beseech the world to be reconciled to The God who is already reconciled to them. He has already forgiven their sin, and He will not impute sin to their account, nor charge them with guilt. What is forgiven is forgiven. Now man must needs be emptied of his rebellion towards God, and become reconciled to the God who already loves him. There is a lamb for the world, a company which God is bringing forth out of all ages, a first fruits which shall indeed become saviours, to minister the fruit of His kingdom, which is righteousness, peace, and joy. This indeed is the purpose of all the travail and processing of a people chosen by God, to become labourers together with Him in the restoration of all things. We glimpse the glory, we see the vision, but we cannot fulfill it; that is HIS work in and through us. But His kingdom shall come, His will shall be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. There are many paths through the sunshine and the shadows, but we learn to see His hand in it all, for He is preparing and fashioning those who shall become part of the lambikin, who are ONE IN THE LAMB, to be given for the salvation of the ends of the earth. A lamb for a man, a sacrifice, An offering unto God Just one to one, a personal score, And mercy for this clod. To God the glory and the praise, How wonderful are all His ways! Other Writings in This Series:

### 7: God's Plan – Eastern Gate Ministries

*"God's Glorious Plan" is the only hope of salvation for lost men. A prominent doctrine of modern times is that the church is unimportant, but the Lord intended that it be the greatest body of people on earth.*

You may think that this is rather a cerebral matter. You are the chief beneficiary! You are going to be very rich. That is not an academic matter is it? God has a plan and every one of his people are going to become its beneficiaries. What is this divine plan? You can see that this plan is an immensely important idea. We live our lives with some kind of purpose. We take decisions thinking of the consequences, or we are fools. We are going off for a weekend, and we make plans for that. We are involved in a piece of work, and we set out a plan. The architect, the businessman, the security guard, the farmer, the rugby coach of a national team, the surgeon about to remove an appendix, the traffic controller, the housewife with her budget, the husband walking to town with a list in his pocket – everyone works with plans and procedures. It has no plans, but men in the image of God do, and the larger the enterprise the more important it is that we have a plan, or all our efforts are going to end in failure. He built a folly and he became a laughing stock. Jesus said that a king threatened with war makes plans first. You have a battle plan or a surrender plan, but you must have some plan. When David looked at Goliath he devised a plan to overcome him. Who would build a railway, or a boat, or a mousetrap, without a plan? Who would govern a country without a plan? The Mighty God of love, the Creator of heaven and earth, has a plan. That is absolutely essential. If men cannot work without first planning how much more is this true of God! A universe without a plan is like a car without lights hurtling along a Welsh road at midnight. There is no certainty that any moment it will be off the road and over the edge of the mountain. We cannot conceive of God bringing into existence a universe without a plan for what will be its future and destiny, or making man in his own image without a plan for such an eternal creation. God has a plan, and therefore it must be the very best of all plans, perfect and good and glorious. O let me know that plan! Let it touch my life. Can it become my plan too? Let me bless God for his plan. Hail, matchless, free, eternal grace, That gave my soul a hiding-place. It is succinct and very sweet: God has laid out that plan before the angels of heaven and for the church on earth. I intend that every single atom in the cosmos will be to the praise of the glory of my dear Son Jesus Christ. That is the message that the pilgrim church declares to the people of God on their journey to heaven. God is working out everything to fulfil that purpose. All that happens to us must serve the ends of that plan: The Potter has put the work on the wheel and every movement of that wheel must serve that end. What is their chief end? Think of the scene in heaven described for us in Revelation 4 where 24 elders approach the throne of God. They are a true royal priesthood, kings and priests to God, but every one of the twenty-four men in his presence remove their crowns and they put them at the foot of the throne. They give glory to God, and I am saying that that is our reason for living. That is our chief end in life. We judge everything as to whether it serves that end. Our chief end is not the good of humanity, that is too man-centred to be our great goal. He is already glorious. He has been infinitely and eternally glorious. No one created by God can make him more glorious than he is already. That is how we can be to the praise of his glory. We all have work to do as, say, Christian students, or as wage-earners, as keepers of our homes, as neighbours, as brothers or sisters, as people involved in our culture, as those who have some influence great or small, and in every place and in all we do we are to glorify God. There was once a young man who was a member of this church. He had not had a great start in life financially, though he came from very earnest and moral parents. He became a Christian just before I came here, and I baptized him. He later moved to north Wales for his education. His minister there appreciated the support he gave the pulpit, and when he got a new car he actually gave this young man his old car. The young man was utterly overwhelmed at the gift. No one had ever given him something as generous as that, and he treasured this car. What he did was this, he got a wide Dymo label and he printed a strip with some words on it which he stuck right in front of the passenger seat where I was confronted with it one day when he was giving me a brief ride, and I heard the story of how he had got this car. That is the plan of God. Now let me say some things about it. It is understandable and rational. When Paul exhorts the congregation in Corinth about worship he lays down one

indispensable mark of a church that is full of God, that everything we do when we assemble together in the name of the Lord is to be done decently and in order. For example, two people, at the most, are to speak, or on very special occasions, three speakers I Cor. The spirits of the prophets are subject to the control of the prophets. God is not the God of chaos but peace. That is the foundation of revealed religion. It is a planned gospel. There is a structure and pattern about it, and Luke comments on this fact to his readers. There were hundreds of myths about Greek and Roman gods and goddesses which Theophilus would know all about; fairy stories without any structure at all, a collection of random incidents and fables. The New Testament is not like that. This epistle, and the letter to the Romans and so on, are not like that. They are orderly accounts. So is the plan of God. That is the basic call we make to our fellow countrymen. Abandon your shadowlands and come to the Light of the world. Let us tell you about the plan of God for you and the creation. Let us tell you how you can benefit from it. What they are looking at for so long each day is as far from the humdrum routine of the lives we all have to live as you can imagine. My concern is this, that many are living their lives in the virtual world of entertainment. His next-door neighbours left their year-old daughter alone in the house for a few minutes and she, growing frightened, suddenly feared that a fire had broken out. She decided to call the fire-brigade, and dialled the emergency number. The number she dialled was "911" the American emergency number. I am saying that millions of people are at this moment as I speak to you sitting in front of the television with a microwaved meal, scanning the screen for guidance as to how to behave, and talk, and feel, and treat members of the opposite sex. It is there they find their values, and enthusiasms, and commitment. They reflect what they see. Their dress is white-trash American. Their habits, such as chewing gum, are American, their language is ersatz American. These consumers of Virtual America look at the affluence of the people they see on the screens and they sulk that it is not theirs. You meet them one evening on the street and you are frightened, for they look depressed and angry young men and women. Their numbers have never come up. They are embittered, and slovenly. We are living in a nation of angry slobs who inhabit a fantasy land. That has come about because people spend their days reading about film-stars, and TV stars, and sports stars, and watching television, and that world is as far from reality as light is from darkness. What do people do who reject my Saviour? They watch videos and soaps on television by the hour. We Christians are supposed to be the escapists! We are alleged to be using religion as a crutch, while those people for 5 or 6 hours every day are living in TV-land. Who are the people who can only get by with a crutch? It is relevant to every single person in our town.

### 8: God's Glorious Lambikin

*But God knew what would happen, and His prearranged plan was carried out when Jesus was betrayed. With the help of lawless Gentiles, you nailed Him to a cross and killed him. With the help of lawless Gentiles, you nailed Him to a cross and killed him.*

We thrill when medical science uncovers the solution to a disease that has plagued men for centuries. It encompasses centuries of preparation, and its end is one of unimaginable joy and satisfaction. Let us notice the way in which God met the problem of the ages and gave a solution. When sin came into the world, the need for a plan of salvation became obvious. The wages of sin are death. Who will set me free from the body of this death? No sooner had sin entered into the world than God gave the seed of a promise of salvation. The serpent would be crushed at the expense of the Seed of the woman. Thus was set into motion a mystery that men in every age desired to see fulfilled. The promise was renewed to the patriarchs and the prophets. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob all were promised a blessing. The prophets gave tantalizing glimpses into the promise. The promise is set in motion God chose a family because of the faith of Abraham. This family was nurtured and taught by God Himself. The story of the providential working of God with the family of Abraham is phenomenal. Finally, the Lord chose an entire nation through whom He could reveal His plan. God blessed this nation and gave them a land and a law. In spite of this, most of them forgot the Lord and His promise to them. It was a nation of people set apart. God expected His people to be different from the pagan nations around them. They were not to ally themselves in any way with others that would compromise their relationship with God. It was a nation that was to reflect to the world something about God and be an example to others. The temple made men aware of the need of sacrifice and a high priest. It also made them aware that one does not approach God irreverently or disregard His commands. The temple made men aware that man was separated from God by a veil. It is pictured as a flock of sheep and a wonderful temple by Ezekiel. It was a time of stability and order maintained by the Roman Government. All parts of the world were open to travel and trade. A universal system of coinage was in effect. Roman citizens were accorded special privileges. It was a time of peace. There was a nucleus for the church in the Jewish people, who had been scattered into all parts of the world. Wherever they went, they publicized the concept of One True God. There was one universal language. Men were ready for Christianity because they were in a state of helplessness. The religions of the world were bankrupt. The teaching was perfect The teaching was with authority. It was simple and to the point. It furnished the guidance that was needed. The result was perfect He came to do the will of God John 6. The mystery was revealed Romans It revealed the wisdom of God. It is the pillar and ground of truth. The establishment of the church was the fulfillment of prophecies. It was established at the time predicted by the prophets. It was established in the place predicted by the prophets. It was established in the manner predicted by the prophets: With the outpouring of the Spirit Acts 2, With the preaching of Peter and the apostles Matthew 16,18; Acts 2,14 With the obedience of penitent believers Acts 2, It was composed of the people predicted by the prophets. Characteristics of the primitive church. Its terms of membership: Its organization and government: Apostles, elders, deacons, evangelists, teachers. Jesus Christ and His death, burial, and resurrection. Develop its members spiritually, provide for the needy, and evangelize the lost world. A prominent doctrine of modern times is that the church is unimportant, but the Lord intended that it be the greatest body of people on earth. It was prophesied many centuries in advance. It was in preparation for thousands of years, and John was finally sent to prepare the way. Christ promised to build it Matthew He even purchased it with His blood.

### 9: God - Wikipedia

*Step into God's glorious plan for your family "God loves families. Long before He instituted the church, long before He established governments, He started the family in the Garden of Eden.*

Early in my training as a physician, I had the privilege of helping a young mother deliver her first child. She was calm, focused, and happy. When the baby was delivered, I handed the precious newborn to her. With tears of happiness streaming down her face, she took that brand-new baby into her arms and examined him from head to toe. She held him close and loved him as only a mother can. It was a privilege to be in that room with her. Such was the beginning of life for each of us. Yet was our birth truly the beginning? The world sees birth and death as the beginning and the end. We lived with Him for eons of time before our mortal birth—learning, choosing, and preparing. Because Heavenly Father loves us, He wants us to have the greatest gift He can give, the gift of eternal life. This required that we leave His presence and begin a wonderful and challenging journey of faith, growth, and becoming. The journey our Father prepared for us is called the plan of salvation or the plan of happiness. Because of the Fall, some marvelous things were given to us. We were able to be born and receive a physical body. God also gave us moral agency—the ability and privilege of choosing and acting for ourselves. Each day, as we keep His commandments, we show God that we love Him, and He blesses our lives. Through His suffering, Christ paid the price for both physical death and sin. And because He did, so will we. I testify that Christ did indeed rise from the tomb. But to rise from that tomb, He first had to die. And so must we. Another of the great blessings of my life has been to feel the closeness of heaven during those moments when I sit at the bedside of people as they pass away. Early one morning some years ago, I entered the hospital room of a faithful Latter-day Saint widow who had cancer. Two of her daughters were sitting with her. As I went to her bedside, I quickly discovered that she was no longer suffering, because she had just died. In that moment of death, the room was filled with peace. Her daughters had a sweet sadness, but their hearts were filled with faith. They knew that their mother was not gone but had returned home. When we die, our spirits leave our bodies, and we go to the next stage of our journey, the spirit world. It is a place of learning, repentance, forgiveness, and becoming 25 where we await the Resurrection. Our spirits and our physical bodies will be reunited in their perfect form. May we choose well. There is so much more to our existence than just what happens between birth and death. I invite you to come and follow Christ. Come and have faith and repent of your sins. Come and be baptized and receive the Holy Ghost. Come and live a happy, Christ-filled life. Our Father and the Savior love you. I testify that Christ has the power to answer your questions, heal your pains and sorrows, and forgive your sins. I know this is true. I know that all these things are true. This is His Church. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

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