

LIFE AS GOD INTENDED

Lesson One

Five things God wants us to **KNOW** before we are to **ACT**.

- 1. GOD INTENDS FOR US TO KNOW THERE IS A GOD:** He's the creator of the world & everything in it
Genesis 1:1 He tells us He exists
Isaiah 40:21-23 He is supreme, above all
Hebrews 11:6 You must believe that He is
Psalm 102:25-2 He is eternal and unchanging
Romans 1:19-20 He placed the knowledge in us & all creation proclaims it
- 2. GOD INTENDS FOR US TO KNOW THAT WE ARE CREATED IN GOD'S IMAGE:** thus, He give us life that includes responsibility & accountability for how we govern ourselves.
Genesis 1:26-28 God created man and told him to BE-FILL-RULE: **RESPONSIBILITY**
Genesis 2:16 & 17 Instruction to eat every tree but one, SELF-GOVERN: **FREE WILL**
Genesis 3:9-11 "have you eaten ... I commanded you not to eat?": **ACCOUNTABILITY**
Revelation 20:12 & 15 Judged...according to their deeds, anyone not found in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire; we will answer for our choices & actions
- 3. GOD INTENDS FOR US TO KNOW THAT THE WORLD IS BROKEN BY SIN AND SO ARE WE;** we are a sinful race living in a cursed world because of sin
Genesis 3:17-19 Cursed is the ground because of you
Romans 8:22 the whole creation groans & suffers
Genesis 8:21-9:2 The ground is cursed, seasons, storms, every animal is afraid
Romans 5:12 through Adam sin entered the world and death through sin, so death spread to ALL
Romans 3:9-12 none righteous, all have turned aside, none who does good
Job 5:7 Man is born for trouble. We are a sinful, fallen race living in a cursed world because of sin.
- 4. GOD INTENDS FOR US TO KNOW THAT WE LIVE FOREVER;** mortal lives are short, but our spirit/soul will live forever
James 4:14 just a vapor
Psalm 144:4 Our days are a passing shadow
Psalm 39:5 every man is a mere breath
Job 14:1 & 2 Man is short lived
YET, after death we live on:
Job 19:26 in my flesh I shall see God
Daniel 12:2 will awake to life or contempt
John 11:25 live even if he dies
John 5:28 & 29 resurrection to life or judgement
- 5. GOD INTENDS FOR US TO KNOW THAT SATAN EXISTS AS OUR ENEMY;** Satan wants to destroy our lives and keep us from God
Genesis 3:1-4 a liar & a deceiver
I Corinthians 7:5 temptation is from Satan
John 8:44 he is a liar
II Corinthians 4:4 the god of this world
Revelation 20:10 the devil was thrown into the lake of fire
John 10:10 thief coming to kill, steal & destroy
Acts 5:3 Satan tempts
I Peter 5:8 Looking for someone to devour
I John 5:19 the whole world is in the power of the evil one

Mankind has an enemy, Satan, who wants to deceive us and destroy our lives. He rules this world. His ultimate goal is to keep us from God.

SUMMARY:

God has answered man's questions and intends for them to know the answers.

Man asks: Is there a God? Man says: No God says: I exist

Man asks: Where do I come from? Man says: Evolution God says: I created you in my image

Man asks: What is my purpose? Does it matter how I live/believe? Man says: No
 God says: You are accountable to me.

Man asks: If there is a God, then why do bad things happen? Man says: God doesn't care
or exist God says: the world is cursed because of man's sin and man is sinful.

Man asks: Is there a devil? Man says: Maybe as a cartoon God says: Yes

Man asks? Is there life after death? Man says: Unknowable or not at all God says: YES!