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We are so glad that you chose to download this eBooklet as our gift to you. Jesus taught us in Acts 20:35, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and we aspire to follow our Lord's teaching. The Apostle Paul also understood this concept, "What is my reward then {for preaching and giving the gospel away freely}? *Verily* that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge" (I Corinthians 9:18). Paul came to realize that to serve the Word *without charge* was both a blessing to those who received the Word and to himself personally because he understood that God Himself is the reward, "I *am* thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward" (Genesis 15:1, and see Hebrews 11:6). When you have God in your life as your *exceeding great reward*, then being *with God* you will have everything you need to begin enjoying the more than abundant life. Our prayer for you is that you come to know experientially that "with God all things are possible" (Mark 10:27).

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Scripture Notes:

Number one:

The verses quoted in this book are either from the King James Version of the Bible, or the Amplified Bible — Expanded Edition. When explicatory additions are used by the author in any of the Scripture verses they are enclosed in {braces}. Any other (parentheses) and/or [brackets] found in the Scriptures in this book have already been inserted by the Bible translators.

Example:

John 3:16 (The Amplified Bible):**

For God so greatly loved and dearly praised the world {the people in the world} that He [even] gave up His only begotten (unique) Son, so that whoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him {God's Son, who is Jesus Christ} shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life.

Number two:

All Hebrew and Greek words quoted in this book are transliterated into English, and will be typed in *italics*.

Example:

The verb "loved" in John 3:16 (above) is the Greek word *agapaō* and indicates God's love applied.

Number three:

In the Bible the words *son of God* and *sons of God* is an all-inclusive biblical language and includes men and women, boys and girls, young and old.

Example:

Romans 8:14 (The Amplified Bible):**

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

Preamble

"All things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me." Jesus Christ

Have you ever asked yourself, What is the subject of the Bible? If we were to pose this question to any number of people, responses would be numerous. But what if we could honestly find one single thread of truth in the Bible that would satisfy the question and prove the subject beyond any doubt? We would benefit immensely by having the clearest understanding of God's opened will when reading His Scriptures. The Golden Thread answers this question; Jesus Christ is that one thread, and thus, he is the illustrated subject and theme through both the Old and New Testaments.

This Golden Thread Bible study series can be briefly summarized with three verses of Scripture, two of which are found in the first chapter of the Gospel of John, "*And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us,*" and "*we have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth.*" The third verse is found in the seventh chapter of the Book of Hebrews, "*Wherefore he {Jesus} is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.*"

When comparing these three verses, it is evident that Jesus is, first, according to the Bible itself, the incarnate Word of God; secondly, Jesus is the living subject and focal point of all that the Prophets wrote, and thirdly, Jesus is unquestionably the only way to, not only salvation, but to God Himself. Consequently bypassing Jesus in one's search into the Bible is the main reason that so many people do not understand the heart of the Scriptures. Jesus of Nazareth confessed, "*I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me.*" When a man or a woman can come to know Jesus as he is, this is when coming to know the Father and His way, His love, and His truth is assured by Jesus!

So the questions that one must ask and answer when looking for God the Father is: "Have we followed Jesus along his *way*, have we discovered that he is the *truth*, and have we received the *life* that he himself is?" These questions are brought to light and then answered from beginning to end in this series as we follow Jesus through every Book in the Bible, commencing in Genesis, so that you will be able to say with believing confidence, "I have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth."

Preface:

“THE truth of the Lord’s coming runs like a golden thread from Genesis to Revelation. It is not a new doctrine, but an old truth . . . May we see how full the Scripture is of it, and how it runs like a golden thread.” William G. Carr / June 1894

Our intent in this series is to find and then highlight Scripture and follow its woven course through the Bible concerning Jesus Christ, noticing how these Scriptures relate to the whole of the Golden Thread who is Jesus Christ, thereby uncovering the inherent knitted tapestry of Christ that is displayed throughout God’s Word.

Our aim through this approach is in the pursuit of the thread that holds the living Word together, for then the larger mural of the life of Christ and what he has accomplished for humanity is brought clearly into focus.

In the course of this series as we pass through all of the books of the Bible, we will highlight a theme from each book, such as this study in the Book of Genesis. Our focal point will be to emphasize the singular aspect of Jesus Christ as the Promised Seed. Indeed, there are hundreds of thousands of subjects in Genesis and all of them do relate to Christ in various meaningful ways. However, our endeavor is to “figuratively” point a telescope at a single thread and bring this into a clear focus. Then we will hold a microscope over that particular focused concept to clearly view a detail of our wonderful Savior. With this approach, we will actually be magnifying, one by one, biblical concepts, concepts that were previously unclear or totally unrealized, and these will be cataloged for you throughout this series.

As an example, in Genesis we will begin following the thread of the Promised Seed who is Jesus Christ, searching for wherever the path itself leads and thereon we will be guided into both the Gospels and the New Testament; this research method will be followed through from Genesis to Revelation.

Learning about Jesus Christ from only the Gospels can greatly confine and blur one’s complete vision of him. Often the Gospels give a summation of the life of Jesus, whereas the why and the purpose and the reason for God sending His Son are largely offered to us in extraordinary details throughout the Old Testament Scriptures and further ahead in the New Testament Scriptures. If we were to only

look at the Gospels in a search for Jesus Christ, we may end up drawing conclusions devoid of all the contributing factors and perhaps only understanding about half of the story of his life's purpose as it relates to you — personally.

In The Golden Thread series, we will bring out new insight regarding Jesus by viewing him through both the Old and New Testaments to see the purpose, the prophecies, and the reason why God sent His Son into the world, and then a more palpable representation of him comes into the spotlight to enlighten our day-to-day walks with God which is our goal as believing Christians.

Honestly now, consider this with me; Would it benefit you and me if I framed only a small part of a great masterpiece and still call it a priceless work of art? Oh, let us say for illustration, what if I framed only one square inch of Vincent van Gogh's "Sunflowers" masterpiece, viewing only a piece of one sunflower and some of the background, and placed this up on my wall? How would any of the guests in my home recognize what I had framed? Could you honestly enjoy and appreciate the scope and beauty of the whole artwork with ninety-five percent of the master's brushstrokes missing? How could that inspire a connection to his masterwork, and to the brilliance of the artist himself?

In The Golden Thread, we view Jesus of Nazareth through the entire Bible (a widescreen version), rather than viewing him from just the Gospels because the Gospels are only a part of the whole portrait of our Redeemer, and then we present to you a most clear and enlarged illustration of him that will enlighten you with opened windows allowing in the fresh air and light to reveal hidden truths that reflect upon his heart and purpose that connects you — to him.

Our endeavor will be to discover for ourselves the comfort provided by *The Comforter* as we come to know the Son of God who will truly link our searching thoughts together with those of — our Creator.

The inlaid thread-mark of Christ has no end, for he is woven contiguously back and forth through the fibrous pages of Holy Writ, ever rejuvenating the human heart with revelations and godly insights. Thus, the revelation of Jesus Christ being the Golden Thread starts at the borders of prophecy as he forms cords of a safety net that secures man's entrance into eternity. As we proceed through the books of the Bible, we will be examining within the Scriptures its inherent story showcased within to discover and enjoy the embrace of the living Christ.

The Golden Thread is written as a layman's commentary to guide the reader through the accomplishments of Jesus of Nazareth for the redemption of searching men and women.

Jesus is the principle figure, holding every fragment of the Scripture together in perfect harmony, for he is "the power of God, and the wisdom of God" (I Corinthians 1:24). Thus, without him there is no spiritual power or wisdom that may be truly gained in regards to heavenly ordained truths that are imparted to believers through understanding the complete Christ of Scripture.

As we discover the Redeemer in the Scriptures, he then reveals true hope and joy within our souls and gives soothing relief from confusion and uncertainty regarding the individual believer's ultimate destiny.

The Golden Thread is not written to cater to any particular set of religious beliefs, but rather crosses religious boundaries and preset dogmas in the exploration to enlighten searching souls with the Bible's inherent narrative of our Savior.

This series highlights the Bible with understandable passages to augment biblical perimeters of thought and provide avenues into Christ's life to portray what he accomplished for the salvation of the world.

The Golden Thread presents Jesus Christ as a true and totally complete Savior and allows his-story to come alive within the heart of one's understanding.

Our goal through the Scriptures is to equip the reader with the keys to make a spiritual connection with the living Christ and the God of heaven and creation.

With the Just One as our guide, we will also find him to be our open Door, and through him we discover heavenly love, peace, joy, grace, and hope as is revealed throughout the Scriptures.

"The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth" Acts 22:14

I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." Jesus Christ

Deuteronomy – Reveals Jesus Christ as the Prophet

Deuteronomy 18:15:

The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me {Moses}; unto him ye shall hearken;

Moses the Prophet foretold of another who would also be a *Prophet* that would be *like unto* Moses in many ways and that to him the people would *hearken* or listen. Deuteronomy 18, above, is a prophecy of Jesus Christ. Moses lead Israel out of the bondage in the land of Egypt and into the Promised Land of milk and honey, whereas Jesus, the prophesied *Prophet*, would also lead God's people into the true Promised Land of spiritual milk and honey and deliver them from the bondage of sin.

Moses gave the children of Israel manna as a sign from God, whereas the prophesied *Prophet* would give the true bread of life as a sign of his authenticity as being the *Prophet* of whom Moses foretold in Deuteronomy 18:15.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus miraculously fed more than five thousand people, and they said, "This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world" (John 6:14). The people began to hopefully wonder if perhaps Jesus was the one of whom Moses prophesied in Deuteronomy 18:15. But Jesus knew their ulterior motives for following him:

John 6:26:

Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.

The *Prophet* — Jesus did not come simply to start a welfare program, but to deliver lost souls.

Let us follow this discourse in the Gospel of John:

John 6:30-35:

-30: They said therefore unto him {the people whom Jesus fed}, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work {for us}?

-31: Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.

-32: Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven, but my Father giveth you the true bread from Heaven.

-33: For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

-34: Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.

-35: And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

It is Jesus who will sustain man's spiritual life for he is *the bread of life*, and it is he whom Moses anticipated as the true *Prophet* who would give his life for the world. When we feast on *the bread of life*, then our spiritual lives will truly begin to flourish. This is why I John 5:12 reads: "He that hath the Son hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

Moses also inaugurated the Passover for the children of Israel, whereas the prophesied *Prophet* would be the true Passover for the world.

Moses was Israel's shepherd who led them out of the tyrannous hands of Pharaoh, whereas the prophesied *Prophet* was the *good shepherd* who led God's children and delivered them out of the hands of the Adversary and brought them into deliverance as he laid down his life (Colossians 1:13); this was the greatest act of love, ever.

John 10:14-15:

-14: I am the good shepherd, and know my *sheep*, and am known of mine.

-15: As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Moses governed over the house of Israel as their spiritual and physical leader. He showed them God's contingencies of protection, surrounding them with a pillar of fire by night and a cloud by day, whereas the prophesied *Prophet* gave us "the way, the truth, and the life" into the eternal protective embrace of the Father. Without Christ, one truly cannot genuinely come to understand the God and Father of Jesus Christ.

John 14:6:

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Moses made the Tabernacle in the wilderness, whereas the prophesied *Prophet* gave himself as "the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man" (Hebrews 8:2), and exchanged his life for ours, the righteous one for unrighteous ones, so that we today may enjoy living life righteously before our heavenly Father.

When Jesus was comforting Martha of Bethany over the death of her brother Lazarus, Jesus' spoke of the hope of resurrection, for her brother would awaken and live again unto eternal life. So will all — all that believe on Jesus and his resurrection (please see Romans 10:9-10, below).

John 11:25:

Jesus said unto her {Martha, Lazarus' sister}, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live {again}.

Moses gave the Law to the children of Israel, whereas the prophesied *Prophet* fulfilled the Law and redeemed humanity from the law of sin and death, giving us "the light of life."

John 8:12:

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Moses interceded between God and Israel, whereas the prophesied *Prophet* interceded and spiritually chaperoned humanity up to the threshold and through the “door” of the Throne of Heaven wherein the more than abundant life is freely given.

John 10:9-10:

-9: I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

-10: The thief commeth not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

Jesus came in the first place so that we may have life *more abundantly*, yet today barely anyone honestly even knows why Jesus came! Jesus came to offer mankind a lifeline that would reconnect man once again with his Father Who dwells in Heaven and Who freely blesses our entire being *more abundantly* because He is our heavenly Father.

John 15:1, 4-5:

-1: I AM the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman {or *the cultivator*}.

-4: Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

-5: I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

We are implanted together with Jesus (Romans 6:3-4), and he supplies our spiritual lives with loving care and spiritual nurturing, and together with the *husbandman* Who is God, through the *vine* who is Christ, we as God’s children who are the *branches* produce the spiritual fruit that the life of God infuses.

Jesus, being the Word, saves our souls: “receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls” (James 1:21); this is why

“he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him {through Jesus}” (Hebrews 7:25)

We have just viewed seven wonderful things that weave our relationship to Jesus who is the Golden Thread in the Gospel of John, revealing him as *I am*; for he is the true *Prophet* that Moses prophesied would come.

Out of the more than fifty *I am* phrases that Jesus spoke in John’s Gospel, below are seven that give us great insight about who Jesus really is from a biblical perspective because he is the theme of the Book of Deuteronomy.

Jesus said:

- 1) *I am the bread of life.*
- 2) *I am the good shepherd.*
- 3) *I am the way, the truth, and the life.*
- 4) *I am the resurrection, and the life.*
- 5) *I am the light of the world.*
- 6) *I am the door.*
- 7) *I AM the true vine.*

Acts 3:22:

For Moses truly said unto the fathers {in Deuteronomy 18:15 above}, a Prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. {We have reviewed seven things that, *he shall say unto you.*}

God’s healing Word is so very close that Moses said it is, “in thy mouth, and in thy heart” (Deuteronomy 30:14). Yet for so many people, God seems so distant; some think He perhaps dwells in Heaven and some believe no one can actually reach up to Him. But thankfully, today in God’s grace we may genuinely discover the preached Word that is so very close to us as we believe on Jesus who connects the human heart with the Creator’s heart. When people believe and confess in the resurrection, then the inner heart’s quest for God and spirituality begins to become a living reality in their lives.

Romans 10:8-10:

-8: but what saith it {in Deuteronomy 30:14}? The word is nigh thee, *even* in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

-9: That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

-10: For with the heart man believeth unto {God's own} righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto {your own} salvation.

The prophesied *Prophet*, Jesus Christ meets us at a point that is so very much closer to us than halfway, for he, as the incarnate Word, is as close as our very breath and with our salvation he actually resides within our heart.

Jesus was quiet emphatic about making a distinction between him and His Father, and in at least eight passages in John's Gospel Jesus highlights this separation for us because he surely did not want anyone to miss out on the heavenly invite of everlasting life. Jesus wanted us to hear his word with the intent that we would have the Word to believe and, as a result, we would believe in and have God in our lives.

John 5:24:

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

To believers, the *word* Jesus spoke will reveal the way to Him Who sent him. This is The Golden Thread in every sense of the Word. Jesus did not say, "He that heareth my word and believe in my word has *everlasting life*" because you cannot get there from here on those words, nor did he say, "He that believes in me has *everlasting life*" as so many misinformed expositors of Holy Writ exclaim these days, RATHER Jesus said: *He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me* {then the promise is}, *hath everlasting life*. You see, the *word* Jesus spoke was the thread that is connected up to Him Who sent Jesus. Jesus was saying that *my word* would

help you believe in God, as Jesus is the way — to God, and the way to God is needed in order to receive — *everlasting life*.

John 7:16-18:

-16: Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me {and again, Jesus sets a distinction between the Son and the Father}.

-17: If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or *whether* I speak of myself.

-18: He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory {God's} that sent him {Jesus}, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him {God}.

John 8:28-29:

-28: Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man {Jesus was not talking about when God would raise Jesus from the dead. Rather Jesus was talking about his crucifixion, when he would be *lifted up* by wicked hands on the cross}, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things {and again, Jesus sets a distinction between the Son and the Father}.

-29: And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

John 8:47:

He that is of God heareth God's words {spoken by Jesus, and again, Jesus sets a distinction between the Son and the Father}: ye therefore hear *them* not, because ye are not of God {see the two camps in this verse, believers *heareth God's words* from Jesus, and nonbelievers *hear them not* from Jesus}.

John 12:47-50:

-47: And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

-48: He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him {himself! See John 3:16-18, "seeing ye put it (the Word) from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of

everlasting life"— Acts 13:46}: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

-49: For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me {and again, Jesus sets a distinction between the Son and the Father}, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak {he was God's ambassador, just as today in grace we are appointed as ambassadors for Christ,— II Corinthians 5:20, who speak the words of God,— Philippians 2:16}.

-50: And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

John 14:8-10:

-8: Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

-9: Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father?

-10: Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works {and again, Jesus sets a distinction between the Son and the Father}.

John 14:22-24:

-22: Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? {And the world still cannot see or grasp the Jesus of Scripture, while we may fellowship with him all the time.}

-23: Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

-24: He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me {and again, Jesus sets a distinction between the Son and the Father}.

John 17:8:

For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received *them*, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me {and again, Jesus sets a distinction between the Son and the Father}.

The teachings of Jesus were clear as a bell to those who wanted to hear regarding where his doctrine originated, and this Prophet was the actual hope that the Old Testament believers were anticipating since Moses spoke of him in Deuteronomy 18:15.

When we believe, then we have both the Father and the Son (II John 1:9). "The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken."

Deuteronomy 18:18-19:

-18: I {God} will raise them up a Prophet {in verse 15, Moses spoke of the Prophet, but in verses 18 and 19 God is personally speaking} from among their brethren, like unto thee {Moses}, and will put my words in his mouth {Jesus' mouth}; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. {See the eight examples above from John, as this prophecy was completely fulfilled.}

-19: And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require *it* of him {as Jesus explained that God *will require it of him* in the "last day" — John 12:48, above}.

Everything prophesied about the Prophet was being fulfilled in Christ's ministry, and they who heard him had to have been so blessed to see actual Scriptures becoming fulfilled before their very eyes. In Isaiah 42:9 we read, "Behold, the former things {that were prophesied} are come to pass, and new things do I declare {such as Deuteronomy 18:18}: before they spring forth I tell you of them." Such *new things* as the Gospel age, and the placing of God's words in Jesus heart and *mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him*, and further ahead in time is Deuteronomy 18:19 which

is still a future event – the *last day*, surely this must still happen as everything else prophesied has transpired in their proper sequence, time, and place. In Deuteronomy 18:18–19, we have the past, the present, and the future, as all things prophesied will eventually be completed. One *new thing* from the Old Testament that is now complete is that Jesus is our connecting point to God, and has been for nearly two thousand years because he is the prophesied Prophet of Deuteronomy.

When Jesus was here speaking and reading the Word of God from the Old Testament to the first century believers he was able to inform them that prophecies of old were at that very moment coming to pass before their very eyes. Jesus said, “This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears” (Luke 4:21).

“Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth” (John 1:45). Note that Moses wrote of Jesus, and the believers were able to recognize him because of Moses’ writings, yet as we know a good many people did not know Jesus simply because they did not understand the Scriptures. Jesus addressing them said, “For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words? {and his words bring believers into contact with God and *everlasting life*}” (John 5:46–47). By stating this Jesus verifies precisely what Philip said to Nathanael while simultaneously explaining why others did not perceive God’s Son, the Prophesied Prophet of Deuteronomy who would verify what Moses wrote as well as explaining so much more than Moses wrote.

John 1:17:

For the law was given by Moses {“Did not Moses give you the law, and *yet* {Jesus said} none of you keepeth the law”— John 7:19}, *but* grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

The whole Word connects one to Christ and the *grace and truth* he brings into our lives we can enjoy every moment of every day. Did you know that, “Christ is the end of the law {that *was given by Moses*} for righteousness to every one that believeth” (Romans 10:4)? Well, this is what we receive by believing in him.

Unbeknownst to so many people today who practice forms of the law is that they have never been introduced to the freedom Christ delivers. Jesus has said, "The law and the prophets *were* until John" (Luke 16:16), and John the Baptist was the forerunner of Jesus. On the cross Jesus said, "It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost" (John 19:30), and from that moment as he prophesied, "if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all *men* unto me" (John 12:32). Jesus' sacrifice was sufficient for one and all, and now one and all can come to him who brings many sons into glory — unto God. "For it became him, for whom *are* all things, and by whom *are* all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings" (Hebrews 2:10), because *it is finished!* Our redemption is eternally secure in the hands of our Captain of salvation, our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, as he promised, "neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand" (John 10:28).

Jesus was the mediator of the new covenant, but he was not the orator of a new covenant speaking his mind with every whimsical thought or idea that came his way, but taught the way to God, precisely the way God ordained he should, and the whole of Christ connects one to God — the Creator. Jesus said to his Father in prayer, "not my will, but thine, be done" (Luke 22:42), as Jesus always heard and spoke and obeyed the will of God, and all for our redemption. "I {says Jesus} can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me" (John 5:30). "Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God" (John 6:68-69). The Psalmist utters from the depths of his heart, "my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God" (Psalms 84:2), and Christ provides the answer and link to *the living God*.

Today we have access to this *living God* through our risen Lord and Savior (no waiting or crying necessary, excluding tears of joy), as we have what so many generations had longed for in the depths of their hearts, a heartfelt connection with *the living God*, heard, believed, and received from *the Son of the living God!*

Jesus brings the wonderful healing Word of God into our hearts so that we may simply believe to receive the righteousness and graces of God. The Book of Deuteronomy reveals Jesus Christ as the Prophet of all true prophecy.

A Bonus Chapter

Jehovah – in the Old Testament

(Note: All bonus chapters relate to the subject of *The Golden Thread*)

Exodus 6:2–3:

-2: And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, *I am* the LORD:

-3: And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by *the name of* God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob never knew God by the name and title of *Jehovah*, only by the name and title of *God Almighty*. The significance of this is in understanding what God's name represents because the more we understand the distinctions within the names of God (and there are many), the more fully we can understand God Himself. Throughout the ages, God has been revealing ever more of Himself to His people, accentuating His identity and presence to humanity through the knowledge of Christ.

When Moses went back to Egypt and talked to the children of Israel he had so very much more to go on than to simply say to them, *I AM sent me unto you*, so follow me into the desert. People today, as well as in Moses' day, would have simply laughed him to scorn if all he said was *I AM sent me unto you*. Rather Moses was able to explain God to them so that they had a much greater in-depth understanding than they ever knew before. He introduced Christ as a real person rather than as an enigma or as a fleeting shadow, for through the name of *Jehovah* they began to understand prophecies that spoke of the Messiah's coming to and for them.

The children of Israel in the company of Moses were going to leave the only home and lifestyle they knew. For all of Israel to simply head off into the desert with their wives and their children simply because an *I AM* said so would seem to be suicidal and totally ridiculous if they had not been previously introduced to *Jehovah* with everything *Jehovah* represents to them through Christ.

Some day in the soon future, “perhaps today(!)” we will be leaving our homes and going up to heaven to be with our heavenly Father and our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus. Still, how many people are planning on staying here, living and surviving beyond Armageddon, not even knowing that there is a heavenly home, a Promised Land filled with spiritual milk and honey that we have been called to inherit? It is in knowing Jesus Christ who is the embodiment of the LORD *Jehovah* who shows us the way, the life, and the truth, just as Moses taught to the Hebrew race.

Christ is the fullest manifestation of Jehovah’s relationship with man, “he that hath seen me {said Jesus} hath seen the Father” (John 14:9).

Psalms 100:3a:

Know ye that the LORD {*Jehovah*} he is God {*Elohim*}: *it is he that* hath made us, and not we ourselves. . .

In this verse, we gain knowledge that the *LORD* is *God*. The Hebrew word for *God* is *Elohim* and means God’s vertical relationship to His creation. *Elohim* is the Almighty Creator, and to Him men and women pray for His power and blessings to be bestowed. The Hebrew word for *LORD* is *Jehovah* and means God in relationship with what He has created. *Jehovah* implies the LORD’s horizontal relationship with man; *Jehovah* answers the sincerest prayers of men and women with His power and blessings received and enjoyed.

I knew of a man who was a painting contractor who was also a good allaround fix-it man; he was a good employee, as well as employer, and he became a writer and author. He also is a husband to his wife and a dad to his children. In his youth, he was good in track and cross-country, and some say he is a pretty good cook. He has had many roles in life; he is a patient to his doctor, he is a customer to merchants and a neighbor to his neighbors, and a citizen who loves his country, and he is somewhat temperamental. He is a son to his parents and a brother to his brothers and sister, and an uncle to his nephews and nieces, and a challenge for his barber, and a friend to some, and he loves God. Although he has many titles in this short paragraph, I am still only one person.

It is the same with our God, He also has many more titles while wearing so “many hats” in the Bible that He has attributed to Himself such as *Elohim* and *Jehovah*, yet He is one and the same regardless of which word is used to describe Him. He has many different names in the Scriptures implying the diversity of the roles He has, and some of them relate to His relationship with men and women. “The LORD {*Jehovah*} our God {*Elohim*} is one LORD {*Jehovah*}” (Deuteronomy 6:4). God’s names are used in the Bible even more precise than yours or mine will ever be used because God is perfect. Whereas, oh well, you know, if I were to say to you, *I am a very handsome fellow*, you may not honestly see me that way, and I just might be inflating my ego just a little bit. But our God never confabulates; He is what He says He is.

In Psalms 100:3 (above), God as *Jehovah* wants us to recognize, first, that we may know with understanding His personal relationship with man whom He has made. God’s Word tells us that He made us, we never sprang up from vapor or crawled out of the ocean after a big bang or by any other unscriptural or weirdly scientific hypotheses (Isaiah 45:12, 18–19, and Mark 10:6).

When we Christians come to the place in our own believing to know God truly made us, then *Jehovah*’s wonderful relationship with us will begin to manifest itself to our conscious mind with understanding. Then with believing conviction we can boldly say, *by the grace of God I am what I am*, and that is to say, “I do believe I am His child now and forever!” You see, we are “heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ” (Romans 8:17).

I John 3:1–2:

-1: Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

-2: Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

Yes indeed, *Elohim* and *Jehovah* are literally one and the same entity, but the differences in the names imply unique characteristics with regard to our

having the relationship that God desires. As an example let us look at II Chronicles 18:31 to see both names used, “they {the Syrians} compassed about him to fight: but Jehoshaphat cried out {prayed}, and the LORD {*Jehovah*} helped him; and God {*Elohim*} moved them *to depart* from him.” This verse clearly demonstrates the two separate names used in two different ways, yet flowing from one and the same fountainhead. Jehoshaphat did not receive two separate answers from two completely different Gods when he prayed; rather the verse emphasizes the uniqueness of both names *Elohim* and *Jehovah*.

God {Elohim} moved represents His creative power in action for Jehoshaphat’s prayer did not fall on deaf ears at the throne of an uncaring God. We can read at the beginning in the Book of Genesis, God, *Elohim moved* (or “acted”) no less than 102 separate times within the first 34 verses, as the Earth was being prepared for man — this is the powerful immensity of God Almighty, the Creator in action, *Elohim* in power. When *God moved* for Jehoshaphat, His creative power prevented the Syrians from harming him.

Now, on the other hand, when “the Lord {*Jehovah*} helped” Jehoshaphat, he saw his prayer completely answered as evidence of His relationship in helping man procure his innermost desires. This is the greatness of God revealing to humanity His name of *Jehovah*, for in Him believers can place their complete trust.

And as we read, above, “Christ is the fullest manifestation of Jehovah’s relationship with man” and we have been given his very powerful name to receive answers to our prayers

Ephesians 2:18:

For through him {through Jesus and his powerful name} we both {you and I} have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

Jesus’ very life was and still is a manifestation of God’s love (John 3:16). Jesus was and still is his Father’s emissary, representing and displaying to people the true character, heart, and love of the Father. Jesus’ ministry was and still is to show God in the new light of being our heavenly Father because Jesus is our Golden Thread, and he is the very reason why

believers are referred to as being “born again” (I Peter 1:23), for God is, in every sense of the word, our spiritual heavenly “Father.”

So the question arises — have you really found Jesus in the Word?

Jesus introduces your heavenly Father to your heart’s quest for the true purpose and meaning of your life, for true spirituality, by way of the Father Himself revealing His fellowship to you, His child. You, together with your heavenly Father through Jesus Christ, complete the “threefold cord {that} is not quickly broken” (Ecclesiastes 4:12).

Jesus has given us his name to utilize in our daily living and in our private prayer life, a name with the authority to unlock all of the resources of heaven itself for the explicit benefit of God’s children.

Philippians 2:9:

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him {Jesus Christ}, and given him a name which is above every name.

John 14:13 -14:

-13: And **WHATSOEVER** {emphasis supplied} ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

-14: If ye shall ask **ANY THING** {emphasis supplied} in my name, I will do it.

Now after Jesus stated that we can pray in his most powerful name that *is above every name*, he further explains why it is perfectly acceptable for you and I to pray with all the authority and regal power his name represents, “For the Father himself loveth you” (John 16:27). Well, by golly, the Creator of the universe not only loves you, but He is called by Jesus – the Father Who loves you – WOW! In the Greek Text, the words *the Father* represent His loving relationship with His beloved; that is the Father’s relationship that He has with Jesus and is also the same relationship our heavenly Father desires to have with you and me on a daily basis. The word *Father* refers to a personal relationship that is warmly nurtured as it grows in the light of spiritual love, a special type of love known, felt, and intimately

shared between the Father and His own children; this is *Jehovah* in manifestation.

With this very personal relationship, Jesus received answers to his prayers because he believed that his Father not only heard him when he prayed (John 11:42), but that his Father also loved him unconditionally (John 3:35) — what a confidence-builder, and we may stand with this same confidence before our loving Father. “And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us” (I John 5:14). In Christ’s name, we will have no need to stress and utter out *something’s got to give* because **God will give**, He’s not *something*, He’s our everything, “God shall supply all {ALL} your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19).

Jesus said, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father” (John 14:12), and he did, and so we can! Jesus left us his “example, that ye should follow his steps” (I Peter 2:21).

Having the authority to pray in Jesus Christ’s name provides to us “whatsoever” and/or “anything” that we so desire to enjoy life, and accordingly we may have the privilege to enjoy our personal walk with our heavenly Father in grace in today’s world, and in that which is to come.

Psalms 71:16:

I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD: I will make mention of thy righteousness, *even* of thine only.

Psalms 84:11:

For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good *thing* will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

I Peter 3:1:

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear {respect and honor}:

A Second Bonus Chapter

Trusting in Jehovah

Psalms 37:3:

Trust in the LORD {*Jehovah*}, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

Trusting in the LORD, *Jehovah* is the first step in receiving (from our God) the true inner desires of our hearts. Without trust, we cannot really believe in *Jehovah* to answer our prayers. *Thou shalt be fed* means that the LORD supplies our personal needs, and it is His delight to do so “according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19).

Psalms 37:4:

Delight thyself also in the LORD {*Jehovah*}; and he shall {absolutely} give thee the desires of thine heart.

First, we *trust* in the LORD, and secondly, we *delight* also in the LORD, and because of our delight, joy, and excitement, it will be *Jehovah's* pleasure to give us the desires of our hearts. The above Scripture not only informs us that *Jehovah* will give us the desires of our heart, but that He also can place a desire into our hearts, and then shows us how to receive and achieve our goals.

You see, there are times in life when we may not even know the best way to turn; often we are not even sure of our talents, or why we were put on this Earth, let alone have the desire to accomplish goals. However, Psalms 37:4 reveals that *Jehovah* can even give us *the desires of thine heart* meaning that He will first give us an actual desire, and then He will inspire us with focus and direction to start us on an action path so that our desires can come to pass.

Trust this, the LORD *Jehovah* will never give you a desire that you are unable to pursue in life, rather it will be something that specifically you will love to do and you will love to fulfill the full potential of that desire.

Psalms 37:5-6:

-5: Commit thy way unto the LORD {*Jehovah*}; trust also in him; and he shall bring it {*the desires of thine heart*} to pass.

-6: And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.

Thy righteousness as the light means that you will feel wonderful and totally deserving and shining with effervescence because you will receive the desires of your heart and truly enjoy them. *Thy judgment as the noonday* means that because you indeed did trust, delight, and commit your ways unto *Jehovah*, you are entitled and completely deserving to receive the desires of your heart from Him.

When *Jehovah* gives you the desires of your heart, you will know without a doubt that you are living in the warmth of the light of *Jehovah's* noonday, in the sweet spot of life being in the favor of the LORD, for then you will be enjoying the abundance of His blessings!

Psalms 37:40:

And the LORD {*Jehovah*} shall help them {believers}, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.

In the Old Testament times since Moses, Israel began to truly understand that God wanted a real heartfelt relationship with them so intimate that they would know him as *Jehovah*. Moses partnered with *Jehovah* and led Israel into the Promised Land of milk and honey.

Deuteronomy 8:7-9:

-7: For the LORD {*Jehovah*} thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills;

-8: A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and *fig* trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey;

-9: A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any *thing* in it; a land whose stones *are* iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass.

Jehovah helped Israel by parting the Red Sea and allowed them to pass through on dry ground (Exodus 14:21-22).

Jehovah's personal relationship with Israel was so palatable that when they believed on His presence, He *helped* Israel by feeding them with manna (Exodus 16:35, and in Psalms 78:25, *manna* is called, "angel's food").

Jehovah helped Israel by giving them quail in abundance (Numbers 11:31-32), and He gave water that flowed abundantly from desert rocks (Exodus 17:6).

Jehovah helped Israel by proving to them that He was watching over and protecting them, by surrounding them with the physical signs such as the cloud in the daytime and a wall of fire in the nighttime as evidence of His presence (Exodus 13:22).

Often at night in Sinai, the temperatures could drop down to below freezing, and the wall of fire gave the children of Israel not only a feeling of protection but also warmth. As well, the cloud by day would keep the soaring heat down, which normally rises to an average of 120 degrees Fahrenheit. We suspect that every place Israel walked for forty years maintained a constant and comfortable seventy two degrees, night and day, this in a land that was considered as hot as a sweltering *iron furnace*: "In the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace" (Deuteronomy 4:20, Jeremiah 11:4).

The children of Israel began knowing *Jehovah* and His personal help, daily seeing His wondrous works (Psalms 105:38-45).

Jehovah's relationship with them became so magnanimous that He even kept their clothes and shoes mended (Deuteronomy 29:5), and sickness almost became a forgotten memory during the entire forty-year journey over to the Promised Land of milk and honey (Psalms 105:37), and this was their reward for partaking in the LORD'S Passover.

Nehemiah 9:21:

Yea, forty years didst thou {*Jehovah*} sustain them in the wilderness, *so that* they lacked nothing; their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not.

Yet Moses even with his great understanding of *Jehovah*, only had glimpses and shadows of his Savior to teach, and this was true with all of the Old Testament Prophets who taught and wrote the Scriptures. Each Prophet added more unique revelation of the coming one, and Jesus did fulfill all their combined foresights of revelation in the Gospel age relating to his first coming, and paved the way for his second coming as the Lord of lords and King of kings.

Today in comparison, we have the benefit of having in our possession the whole of the Old Testament, the Gospels, and New Testament.

In the first century, with the personal presence of Jesus Christ, he finally and fully declared God's wonderful name, and showed Israel the ultimate manifestation of *Jehovah's* loving relationship through his own life's example. Jesus was the representative of *Jehovah's* heart and love (John 3:16) beyond what anyone ever knew, and today we are certainly blessed:

Matthew 13:16-17:

-16: {Jesus is speaking} **But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear** {emphasis supplied}.

-17: For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous *men* {in the Old Testament times} have desired to see *those things* which ye see, and have not seen *them*; and to hear *those things* which ye hear, and have not heard *them* {while today we see and hear}.

As Israel recognized and experienced the presence of *Jehovah* in the Old Testament times, we today may experience a continual relationship with Him. Jesus, being much like Moses who was a deliverer of the chosen of God, is a much greater deliverer, for he enabled anyone, anywhere in the entire world who would simply believe to receive eternal life.

What inestimable value and benefit to know for a surety that we not only have eternal life but also our reserved seating at heaven's throne!

Jesus (who is already at the throne, interceding for us) is the subject of Scripture; he is our true spiritual fountain of life-giving water offered by *Jehovah*. Jesus reveals the caretaking qualities of God as *Jehovah* to the searching hearts of men and women who come to *Jehovah* through him.

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The Embryo of The Golden Thread Series

Between the dates of November 13, 2000 and January 8, 2001 we posted the first of fifty-eight short Bible Bytes illustrating Jesus Christ as The Golden Thread on our website, biblebyte.org. Every day we posted another instalment until we went through all the books of the Bible. Below is the Byte we posted about Deuteronomy on Friday, November 17, 2000, and for nostalgia and preservation of the original, the Byte appears just as it was posted without any additional edits or corrections. We had such an enormous response from our readers at that time that we were encouraged to begin the groundwork for the complete study of The Golden Thread series. We have used our original Bytes for our pattern and guide to make the fuller text of the series for you to enjoy.

Deuteronomy – Revealing Our Prophet

Deuteronomy 18:15 – The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me {Moses}; unto him shall ye hearken;

Moses, the man of God, foretold of another man who would be a Prophet similar to Moses in many ways, one who would lead God’s people into the true Promised Land, and deliver them from the bondage of sin.

Moses gave the children of Israel manna, the prophesied Prophet would give the bread of life.

Moses inaugurated the Passover; the prophesied Prophet would be the true Passover.

Moses was their shepherd; the prophesied Prophet was the “good shepherd” leading God’s people into deliverance.

Moses ruled over the house of Israel showing them God’s protection surrounding them with a pillar of fire by night and a cloud by day; the prophesied Prophet gave them the way, the truth, and the life into the eternal protection of God.

Moses made the tabernacle in the wilderness; the prophesied Prophet gave himself as the true tabernacle which the Lord pitched and not man, and exchanged his life for ours, the righteous one for the unrighteous ones.

Moses provided the Law; the prophesied Prophet fulfilled the Law and redeemed humanity from the law of sin and death.

Moses interceded between God and Israel; the prophesied Prophet interceded and spiritually brought humanity up to the threshold at the throne of heaven, to Him Who dwells there, and to Him Who freely blesses us with all spiritual blessings.

Deuteronomy 30:11-14:

-11: For this commandment which I command thee this day, it *is* not hidden from thee, neither *is* it far off.

-12: It *is* not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

-13: Neither *is* it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

-14: But the word {God's Word} *is* very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.

God's healing Word is so very close that Moses said that it is "in thy mouth, and in thy heart." Yet, God seems so far off for so many people, some think He perhaps is in heaven; however, that no one can reach up to Him. But today in God's grace as we discover the preached Word that is so very close to us, and as we believe on Jesus and confess in his resurrection, our inner quest for God becomes a reality because God's Word is now in our hearts.

Our Prophet Jesus Christ meets us at a point that is further than halfway. Jesus brings the wonderful healing Word of God into our very hearts so that we may simply believe to receive the righteousness and graces of God.

Romans 10: 6-9:

-6: But the righteousness which is of faith {believing faith} speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down *from above*.)

-7: Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

-8: But what saith it {Deuteronomy 30 above)? The word is nigh thee, *even* in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

-9: That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Here the prophesied Prophet, Jesus Christ has fulfilled the hope of all humanity by giving us his righteous faith so that we can believe unto salvation.

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