

# GOD'S VISION

## LIGHT AND LIFE AND LOVE MINISTRY



### A Place to Call Home

God does not show favoritism; He does not prefer any nation or people over another (Acts 10:34). Immigrants in Israel were to be treated well (Deuteronomy 10:19), but God also commanded that those immigrants adopt His way of life (Numbers 15:15-16).

People flee their countries due to famine, war, and corrupt, self-centered leaders. They flee their homes seeking the peace, safety, and prosperity of Western- formerly Bible-influenced-nations. This exodus will continue until a profound change comes: Jesus Christ will return to the earth and will install righteous leaders over humanity. Their loving, selfless actions will eliminate the need for people to flee from their homes. Christ will heal current societal divides and give dignity and respect to all peoples. Under Christ's reign, there will be one law- God's law-and one value system that unites the world!

### Christ the True and Only Peacemaker

Yet the Bible does describe what is going to happen in Israel-and, specifically, Jerusalem. The battle for the right to remain in the land between the river and the sea will not end until the Messiah returns. Scripture tells us that this war will continue in some form until His appearing (Zechariah 14:1-4).

The situation will become so difficult that the King of the North-a biblical power associated with Europe-will seek control of Jerusalem and the Middle East (Daniel 11:29-39). It will end the sacrificial system that will have been restarted (Daniel 8:13-26 12:9-10).

Throughout Scripture, the prophets foretell an increasing, international, end-time concern for what is happening in the Middle East, and Israel in particular. They also speak of an increasing zeal for Judaism, leading to the resumption of temple sacrifices, increasing the anger and ire of the Muslim world.

The battle is not political but religious. Even the King of the North will have religious backing for his endeavors (Revelation 13:11-17). And this religious battle will only be resolved by the arrival of the King of kings with the armies of Heaven to destroy the armies of this world (Revelation 11:15-18).

### Plain Prohibitions

The Seventh Commandment, found in Exodus 20:14 and Deuteronomy 16, states, "You shall not commit adultery This makes plain that sexual activity out sale of marriage it's a sin. To further teach us lose to apply this fundamental moral law, God gave His statutes For example, Leviticus 18:6-18 gives detailed instruction prohibiting incestuous sexual relationships, while verses 20-23 prohibit adultery, homosexuality, and bestiality, God states, "You.. shall not commit any of these abominations, either any of your own nation or any stranger [foreigner) who dwells among you" (v. 26)

Many other passages of Scripture plainly prohibit licentious sexual practices. But this is not merely Old Testament instruction. The Apostle Paul described in detail the cause and consequences of such behavior (Romans 118-32). From this perspective, Paul wrote to the church in Corinth, listing sinful acts that must be reformed from if one is to enter the Kingdom of God. "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortionists will inherit the kingdom of God" (1 Corinthians 0:9-10)

He went on to explain that these unrighteous acts would be forgiven after sincere repentance and the acceptance of Christ's sacrifice for the remission of sin. Peter put it this way "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the Holy Spirit For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call (Acts 2:38-30).If the overwhelming social problems facing society today are to be solved, lascivious behavior must be replaced by the godly values described in the Bible The prophet Micah wrote that God requires us "to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly" (Micah 6:8), While you alone may not be able to fix society, you can bring your personal life into harmony with the way that brings blessings and peace of mind.

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## Everyone Belongs with God

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God is great!, Nothing and no one can take that greatness away from him.

**Psalms 143:8** Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life.

**1 John 4:16** And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.



**14 Romans 11:26**). Even so, God is calling some people before that time, as "first fruits" (James 1:18), to proclaim His Gospel in today's challenging environment

In the book of Revelation, we read of two distinct groups of people who will be resurrected. One will be resurrected to eternal life as a part of God's divine family, while the other will be resurrected to renewed physical life and have their first real opportunity to accept Jesus Christ as Savior and live in obedience to God's loving commands (Revelation 20:4-6:11-13). All who respond to this opportunity will later be resurrected as everlasting Spirit-beings, living on into eternity as members of the Family of God. Those who do not take this opportunity, but instead choose to rebel against God while having full knowledge of the consequences, will be executed in the Lake of Fire and never live again (v. 14-15).



## Does God call us, or do we choose Him?

Question John 0-44 says that God the Father draws us to Jesus Christ, and that we can't come to Him on our own. I always thought we had free will to make our own choices, but this verse seems to say we don't really have a choice in this. Do we have a say in the matter or not?

**Answer:** First, we must recognize that God wants everyone to choose eternal life John 2:16-17). We read, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). He won't withhold His offer of salvation from anyone and He calls each person at the right time (Romans 9:15). We learn that "this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth & Timothy 2:3-4)

However, God is not yet calling every human being on earth. If His current mission were to save everyone in this age, we could look at the state of our world and rightly conclude that He is failing. But that's not what He's doing. Many people have lived and died without ever knowing anything about Jesus Christ and many others have only been exposed to a false version of Him and His message (2 Corinthians 11-4). But the Bible assures us that a time will come when everyone will hear the true Gospel and have the opportunity to respond (Ezekiel 37:1-

## The Walk of Faith

So I come to Him. I admit I have sinned. I make no excuses. I do not try to make myself look better than I am. I tell him I have sinned. I plead for His forgiveness. I stand helpless before Him. I cannot wash myself. He gladly forgives and washes me. By faith I know I am a child of God. I know His promises are true. In my heart I accept that I am forgiven. This is the walk of faith. When I realize this, I praise God from a grateful heart. I was helpless. He set me free. Praise God!

I need to remember that Jesus died on the cross to pay for my sin. He delights in my need of Him. When I stay near to Jesus, Satan loses his power over me. Jesus promises, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness," (2 Corinthians 12:9).

A life of faith gives me power to overcome the seed of sin. I thank God for His mercy and grace. I pray to Him and listen for His quiet voice. I find comfort and instruction in reading His Word, the Bible. I obey Him because I love Him. As I am obedient and faithful, Christian life is rewarding and fulfilling. Heaven will be my home.