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The book is an instruction manual that will guide the readers into a closer intimate relationship with God and His purpose for their lives. It is truly a "pearl of great price" revealing that God and His Word are one. As the Apostle Paul declared to the Corinthians, "All of God's promises are yes in Jesus." Abner skillfully unpacks the Scriptures so that you will also agree with Paul with a resounding "Yes and Amen!"

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Dedication

I dedicate this book to my grandfather, Julio Lopez Pena, who pioneered a path for me and an entire generation of ministers that will come in our family line. With God's help, I will serve His purposes for my generation and pass the baton to the next.

And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. (Hebrews 11:39-40)

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PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS of life were constantly drawn to Him. He stood in stark contrast to the religious leaders of His day. He spoke words of life that carried an authority that caused the hearts of all who heard Him to be moved to a place of decision. Humanity had never seen a man do the miracles He had done on such a consistent basis. He came proclaiming that He was a King and preached the message of that kingdom. The kingdom He proclaimed did not fit any of the social or political movements of its day. John writes this at the close of his gospel:

And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

(John 21:25)

The Bible describes the written record God gave humanity, but that record most certainly cannot contain God. World history has been shaped forever by Jesus' birth, ministry, death, and resurrection.

One day, He was asked a most astonishing question:

"What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."

(John 6:28-29)

I believe this question is remarkable on at least two different levels. The first is that those who asked the question believed it was possible to do the works of God as they were modeled in Jesus' life. Secondly, in His response, Jesus did not challenge the premise of the question,

but instead gave a simple answer that could be easily understood and applied.

It is possible for humanity to do the works of God on earth. This is a truth that has shaped my life for the last twenty-five years. When I think about that, I often dream of what the earth would look like if even thirty percent of the world did the works of God. We can conclude from the totality of Scripture that it is God's will that all of humanity *can* do the works of God. If that happened, the earth would become what God desired from the beginning of time. We would live as God created us to live. The works of God could be accomplished if everyone chose to place their belief in Him.

The terms “faith” and “trust” are used interchangeably in this book.

The word “believe” is the Greek word *pisteuō* (used above in John 6:29) and defined as “to believe, trust, and put faith in.”¹ Jesus’ use of the word in this context and in this interaction also points to a central theme of the entire Bible: *trust in God*. It is God’s invitation to humanity to place their faith in Him. Both the Old and the New Testaments view faith as mankind’s trust in God.²

The Greek translation of the Old Testament, the Septuagint, employs the Greek *pistis* to translate several Hebrew words.³ In the New Testament, the Greek noun *pistis* and the verb *pisteuō* both occur more than 240 times, while the adjective *pistos* is found 67 times.⁴ It is, therefore, not a distortion of Jesus’ answer to rephrase it in this

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1. James Strong, “4100. Pisteuō,” Strong’s Greek: 4100. Πιστεύω (*pisteuō*) – to believe, entrust (Biblehub), accessed May 13, 2020, <https://biblehub.com/greek/4100.htm>.
 2. A. C. Myers, *The Eerdmans Bible Dictionary* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1987) 374.
 3. N. K. Gupta, “Faith” in J. D. Barry, et al., eds., *The Lexham Bible Dictionary* (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2016).
 4. L. L. Morris, “Faith” in D. R. W. Wood, et al., eds., *New Bible Dictionary* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1996) 358.

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manner: “This is the work of God, that you trust (*pisteuō*) in Him whom He sent” (John 6:29).

Because they are two definitions of the word *pisteuō*, the terms “faith” and “trust” are used interchangeably in this book. Our trust and our confidence is placed in someone or something. That choice defines us and shapes our lives. What we trust compels us to choose one direction or task over another. We were created to trust God; when we do, we walk in peace and our faith (trust) grows even deeper through our experiences with Him.

I purchased a new vehicle about three years ago. My trust in the company that manufactured it was one of the overriding factors that propelled me to make the purchase. I knew they produced well-made vehicles through my own experience and by their reputation. I also had confidence that if it malfunctioned, the company would honor the warranty that came with the purchase. For nearly nineteen years, I have been flying on one particular airline and its partners around the world. I trust that when I purchase a ticket, they will competently bring me to my desired destination. The trust I have in this airline is based on the overwhelmingly positive experience I have had as a customer and a frequent flier.

Nations are also defined by the trust (or lack of trust) their citizens have for them. This is usually based on the form of government that is in control. Many dictators initially assumed power in a democratic manner because they promised a reality that was appealing to the masses at that time. Hitler did this. *He was elected*. He did not take over Germany by force. There are many other examples, but the point is this: *That which we trust defines our world*. All of humanity (born-again or not) is defined by their internal belief system that chooses to trust certain realities and truths.

When humanity trusts God in the correct manner, we abide in Him and replicate His works here on earth. The gospel writers consistently agreed on this. Jesus’ emphasis in His teaching on trust was the key to walking in the life God desires for all of humanity. Here are some examples:

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And these signs will follow those who believe [trust]: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover. (Mark 16:17-18, addition mine)

Jesus said to her, “Did I not say to you that if you would [trust] believe you would see the glory of God?” (John 11:40, addition mine)

So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith [trust] in God.” (Mark 11:22, addition mine)

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who [trusts] believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.” (John 14:12, addition mine)

In each of these verses, the word translated “believe” is the same word that means “to trust.” Our simple choice to trust God is a gift from Him. Through it, we can shape the world according to God’s divine design! Trust, though unseen, is a substance that can shape every part of our lives. God has never created anyone without first making provision for them in every way. Our trust in God opens the windows of heaven over our lives and allows God’s abundant provision to be made a reality. Our trust in God allows us to see and understand

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reality from God’s perspective. Our trust in God will allow us to reshape our family’s history according to His intent. However, trust in God does not guarantee a life without trouble or difficulty; it’s actually the reverse. There is a biblical guarantee that if we live a life of trust in God, we will be persecuted. So why do it? Simple. Trusting God ushers us into the life we were meant to enjoy and the only one in which we can reach

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our potential, fulfill our calling, and find the deepest possible level of personal satisfaction all at the same time.

We are invited to the beauty of a life that not only replicates Jesus' life and ministry but also displays even greater works in the earth through the abilities He has placed within us.⁵ However, what God *intends* for humanity and what we *actually experience* are often two separate realities. The deficit is never on God's end. Perhaps you have experienced this. You know what God has promised in Scripture but have never experienced that truth as a reality. Or maybe you have never considered that through simple trust in God, your life could be shaped according to God's divine design. Perhaps you have experienced a measure of the promises of God but are longing to see the provision of God's promises to a deeper extent. Or maybe you are just beginning this journey of trusting God as a lifestyle.

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Regardless of your current life experience, this book was created to challenge, inspire, and equip you to live a lifestyle of trusting God, according to God's divine design. As you make the choice to trust God, you will, indeed, see the words of Jesus manifested in your life. You will do the works of God! If you are in Christ, God is completely committed to seeing His purpose for eternity established in your life. God's plan for you is simple: Trust in Him. This simple choice to trust in Him will produce a life of victory and hope, not just for you, but for you and your entire family!

This book is a tool to help you form a biblical worldview, and enable you, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to build your life on the solid foundation of steadfast trust in God. It is certainly not an exhaustive writing on the subject of faith; but as you read, you will find that living a lifestyle of faith as God intended involves embracing multiple biblical values and mindsets. Therefore, a lifestyle of faith is of a synergistic nature.

5. See John 14:12.

Living a lifestyle of faith can be likened to the way the human body was created to function. The human body consists of a number of biological systems that carry out specific functions; each are necessary for everyday optimal living. If any of these systems are not functioning properly, our body will not function to its fullest potential.

The call to live a lifestyle of faith is simplistic, but it also necessitates that we embrace multiple core values. Therefore, you will find that certain truths are emphasized repeatedly using different language or a slightly different lens. This is intentional for two reasons, the first being that it follows Paul’s apostolic instruction that “faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17). In our current setting, we can declare that faith comes by *reading*.

Secondly, I have learned from experience that if we are to trust God properly, we must think properly. To think properly, we must be

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delivered of any incorrect and demonic thought processes we have embraced. In the journey to think properly, I have learned that I must hear truth *again and again and again!* Amos prophesied that there would be “a famine on the

land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord” (Amos 8:11). My prayer for you is that you would have a continual ear to hear words from the Lord. A people who live a lifestyle of faith love to continually hear the Lord.

I have opened each chapter with the Word of God followed by a word from the Lord for this current season in obedience to a command from the Holy Spirit. Peter admonishes us in his epistle that we might be “established in the present truth” to “make your call and election sure” (2 Peter 1:10, 12). The Word of the Lord allows us to make our calling and election sure, but it is also vital to live a lifestyle of faith. I believe the words I have included are straight from the heart of God and applicable for this current time. This is a season of pioneers. God is in need of pioneers because His greatest desire and

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purposes have yet to be fulfilled. He is revealing truth for those who have ears to hear. God is in need of people whose level of faith rises to His level and desire. Pioneers will be raised up, both men and women, to not only hear, but *believe*, the truth. As they believe the “truth,” a new renaissance will be birthed in the body of Christ that will shape world history in a manner we have never seen before.

As I complete this manuscript, nations worldwide are facing a global pandemic called COVID-19. The truths contained here, which I believe are firmly rooted

in Scripture, are always relevant and applicable. One of the beauties of God’s Word and His kingdom is that the man-

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ner in which it functions and operates never changes. The principles in this book can be applied by any person, regardless of gender, ethnicity, culture, or economic status. It will enable them to live their life in the manner God created them to live.

Last of all, I want to encourage you to be like the Bereans. They:

Received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.
(Acts 17:11)

Take the time to consider all teaching according to the full counsel of God. I esteem both those who are hungry to receive my message, as well as those who may be reluctant about its content. I encourage both parties to search these truths for themselves.

Nearly twenty-four years ago, I began my personal journey of endeavoring to trust God with my whole life. The entire trajectory of my life changed in one moment of intentional surrender. From that time on, I knew I was called as a minister of the gospel. I knew that one day I would go around the world preaching the gospel and that God would allow me to see an unprecedented move of God in my generation. Up to that moment in my life, I had never desired to be in ministry nor had I ever considered it as part of my purpose, even remotely. Sincere

and intentional surrender unlocked God’s purpose for my life. I began to understand surrender and how placing my complete trust in God opens His unlimited possibilities to us.

While I had now discovered part of my purpose, the circumstances of my life did not change immediately simply because God had given me an understanding of that purpose. God was inviting me on an eternal journey of trusting Him. As I endeavored to trust Him, my life began to be shaped according to His divine design. While I have cer-

Living a lifestyle of faith is not a destination, but a journey.

tainly made many mistakes and taken some wrong turns along the way, God has been faithful to

fulfill His Word. My life is a living testimony to God’s goodness. He has allowed me the privilege of ministering the gospel of the kingdom in twenty-three nations. My eyes have seen what I had never conceived in my wildest imagination: The lame have walked, the blind see, the bound have been set free, and the good news of the kingdom of God has been preached!

I freely admit that I am not a finished product; in fact, the only wisdom I can claim is what God has given me as a gift. I, like you, am on an eternal journey, seeking to love God with all my heart and love His people as He would.

Seeing God’s goodness in my life has not been the result of my own talent or gifting. No, it stems from learning to use God’s faith to receive what He has already prepared for me before the foundation of the world. I am still learning to live and walk by God’s faith daily. Living a lifestyle of faith is not a destination, but a journey. It is a journey in which we constantly grow and continually learn.

Throughout this book, I use the term, “God’s divine design.” It is simply my description of God’s purpose and intent in creating the world and mankind. “*Divine* is defined as proceeding directly from God.”⁶ Design is defined as “a particular purpose and intention held

6. “Divine,” Merriam-Webster (Merriam-Webster), accessed May 25, 2020, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/divine>

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by an individual.”⁷ In this case, we are talking about God’s design. It is of the utmost importance that we intimately understand His original intent and divine design for the earth. His intent was established when time began, and the manner in which He desires to relate to humanity has never changed. And it never will.

“For I am Lord, I do not change.” (Malachi 3:6)

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7. “Design,” Merriam-Webster (Merriam-Webster), accessed May 25, 2020, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/design>

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CHAPTER I

God's Original Intent

In the beginning God created...
(Genesis 1:1 NIV)

April 6, 2020
Words from Heaven

SINCE THE BEGINNING OF time I have longed for this season. I have truly allowed everything that can be shaken to be shaken, and I am causing My people to live from a secure foundation as never before. Over the coming season, I will give wisdom, knowledge, and understanding on how to build an even deeper and stronger foundation to My people, and I will release an unprecedented move of My Spirit in the earth in this time. I will pour out My Spirit in the nations of the earth as I never have before, and there will be a clear differentiation between true and false within My people in this season. I will cause My light to shine through My people as never before and I will cause darkness that has rooted itself around the globe and in certain nations to be displaced with kingdom realities.

My people must position themselves correctly in this hour, for this is truly a season of the restoration of all things. I am restoring My people to that which I originally intended. This is a season in which I desire to release wisdom to govern and have authority in the specific place and purpose for which I have called each of them. This is indeed a unique season in the earth—one in which I am opening heaven and opening My people's eyes to see what no other generation of My

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children has seen; but know this: With the ability to see comes great responsibility in the areas of stewardship and correct and proper behavior.

The Bible is an indescribable gift from God to mankind. In it, we find the ability to know God, our origins in God, a blueprint for building nations, and a tool for each believer to receive victory in every area of life. We're meant to understand the Bible and have fellowship with the God who wrote it. The Word of God must be understood through the full counsel of Scripture from Genesis to Revelation. The same God who showed His faithfulness and lovingkindness to His people in the Old Testament set the stage for the extraordinary revelation

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of Himself in Jesus in the New Testament. He's the same God in both places; we need to come to know Him through *both*.

In the very first book of the Bible, Genesis, God reveals Himself as a God who operates in patterns. What was the first one? Speech! God spoke. God created the earth to be governed by words. As He spoke, the ideas that filled His mind came into being. God literally and simply verbalized everything that came into existence. He carefully arranged His creation process through the words of His mouth. He began with light. Then came the earth and the seas, the moon and the sun, and then living things. Five of His creative acts had the ability to reproduce themselves: plants, fish, birds, animals, and mankind. In choosing this method and then recording it for posterity, God was intentionally teaching His people how to do the same and how much God-power is released when His Word is declared.

As God spoke, the earth responded to His voice.

God spoke: "Light!" And light appeared.

(Genesis 1:3 MSG)

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He commanded the earth and it separated into land and seas, and later was filled with plants and trees; and He pronounced that it was good. He placed the sun and the moon in their places (after the light)! Then He spoke again, forming birds, fish, animals, and finally, us.

Mankind was the chief object of God's affection and the only one *made like Him*. No other aspect of creation was made in the image of God. Dr. Pauline Walley-Daniels writes, "Humanity was given an aspect of God's personality."⁸ The Bible says:

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." (Genesis 1:26-28)

After He made mankind, He did not say it was good: He said it was *very good!*

The first human beings were created to relate to God in a very specific manner. They were created perfect and without flaw, and placed into perfect paradise.

From the beginning, they were created to know God's approval without ever having to perform

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they ever heard.**

for Him in any manner.⁹ From a posture of complete approval, they were to spend eternity knowing the God who could never be exhausted. God created Adam and Eve to be dependent solely on Him; they weren't supposed to ever take care of themselves. They were created

8. Pauline Walley-Daniels, PhD., *The Holy Spirit: the Power of the Spoken Word* (Denver, CO: Outskirts Press, 2015).

9. See Genesis 1:31.

to have complete trust in God as the Source for everything they would ever need. Adam and Eve could find all they required, either in God or in the paradise in which God had placed them.¹⁰ God desired to establish His kingdom on the earth as it existed in heaven through a family called humanity for eternity. God’s primary interest was the establishment of His kingdom on the earth, not a religion called Christianity. Trust was an essential element of the way Adam and Eve were to relate to God. The perfect Creator could be trusted in every way.

Mankind had been made male and female in God’s own image. Just as the plants, trees, and animals had the ability to reproduce and were commanded to be fruitful and multiply, so were Adam and Eve; however, God also gave them something else: dominion. They had dominion over all the earth. God told them to “fill the earth and sub-

**God will not violate
His own word.**

due it.” After He created them, the first thing God did was *speak* to them. God’s voice was the first sound they ever heard. God’s voice commissioned and qualified Adam and Eve to govern the earth.¹¹ Ken-

neth Copeland once said that we are supposed to “be owners of the earth with stewardship responsibilities.” In commissioning Adam and Eve, God established a principle on the way He desired to relate to all of humanity—through His voice. The voice that set the universe in order as God intended, was also to guide humanity as God intended.

When God gave humanity the creation He had just made, *He meant it*. When He did this, God made a willful choice over how He would relate to His own creation *for eternity*. God put the earth under mankind’s governance and authority. God intended that they would govern the earth *in partnership with Him*. God made the sovereign choice to express His will for the earth through the faith humanity placed in Him, and the knowledge He communicated to them through the words He spoke. Once God uttered that mandate and put it in motion, He would never go back on it. He will not violate His own word. It’s in stone and will never be repealed by Him.

10. See Genesis 1:29.
11. See Psalm 8:6.

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Adam and Eve were also given the gift of choice. The choices that Adam and Eve made many thousands of years ago still govern the current state of our planet.

Adam and Eve were given God's blessing to have dominion, favor, and authority over all creation. Their first act of co-laboring with God was the naming of the animals.¹² Adam named the animals by speaking God's words, just as God had modeled when He created the earth. This narrative presents a unique insight into how God intended to relate to us. God is the Source. He brought the animals to Adam. Just as God's words set the universe into motion, Adam's voice became God's voice, and the animals were set into the order God intended. What is fascinating is that Adam does not ask God to name the animals; he simply releases the Word of God over the animals. The same creative gift God had was extended and given as a gift to all of mankind. The brilliant and perfect mind Adam was given at creation as well as God's mandate over them, giving them dominion "over all the earth" qualified Adam to name the animals as God intended.

Humanity's trust in God's words was the essential bridge that connected man to God's purpose and His will. The words God spoke to humanity and mankind's faith in those words were the avenue by which Adam and Eve could function in the powerful position of dominion over the earth that they were given. Humanity must place their trust in God's words and act upon the power that God releases in His Word: This is foundational for establishing God's will on the earth. Adam and Eve's trust in God caused them to have God's view of the earth.

From the moment of their creation, Adam and Eve were fully equipped to accomplish the task of stewarding the world. They were intelligent and beautiful. By meeting with God in the cool of the day, God intended that His knowledge and wisdom would govern the world through the hearts of this couple and their offspring. As they listened to the voice of God, they were educated through that communication; man's spirit communed with God, and mankind reigned over the earth. Especially created for this position of authority, mankind had a great

12. See Genesis 2:19-20.

responsibility. Their greatest pleasure in life was found in knowing God and operating in the purpose for which He had placed them here!

However, a change took place that forever altered God's original intent for humanity and the earth. Adam and Eve, who were commanded to "subdue" the earth, dialogued with the devil instead who appeared to them as a cunning serpent.¹³ As a result of Adam and Eve's failure to subdue the earth, they came into agreement with the devil and the earth was forever changed. The devil now had legal right to the gift God had given to Adam and Eve: the earth.

The effects on Adam and Eve were immediately evident. This one act cost humanity their innocence and their ability to see reality from only God's perspective. Trust in satan's lie caused their vision of each other and God to become flawed. They saw each other as naked and

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in shame. They turned away from the God who came lovingly searching for them. Instead of drawing near to God as they should have, they

were fearful. They were ashamed and they blamed each other.¹⁴ They lost sight of their God-given identity.

The lens by which we perceive the world becomes distorted when the foundation of our life is not in trusting God. The lens through which Adam and Eve saw God and the reality of the world around them became fatally flawed. Believing words that are not God's word causes our life and the world around us to be distorted. We act on what we believe; therefore, our beliefs define our behavior. God created humanity to live with a belief system, and our belief system is shaped by the voice each person adopts as their foundation for their belief system. All of humanity is living by faith. The question is this: Who and what are we placing our faith in and how is that shaping our world?

Adam and Eve's fatal mistake ushered in a whole new paradigm in the earth. This agreement empowered the enemy, enabling him to

13. See Genesis 3:1-7.

14. See Genesis 3:7-13.

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operate here. As a result, the Babylonian system, something God never intended, began operating. The Babylonian system can be defined as man's way of trying to make it in this world without God. At its very core, the Babylonian system teaches that mankind must depend on its own way, its own resources, its own efforts, and its own ideas to achieve success. The world system is designed to exert unrelenting pressure on every person, even after one achieves success. Success does not release us from its clutches.

A couple of years ago, I was channel surfing, and ran across a reality television program. The program followed the life of a successful young man who ran a real estate firm in New York City. The young man was about to be married and he was running ragged. He was not helping with the wedding preparations because of his grueling work schedule. His fiancé wanted help. In a heated response, the young man explained to his fiancé that as the boss, he had employees who depended on his performance for their livelihood. The young man, who was remarkably successful in the eyes of many, had embraced the classic lie of the Babylonian world system. He believed he was created to take care of himself. For thousands of years, humanity has continually tried to create philosophies and systems that would enable them to return once again to the perfect world that existed when time began. Each of them fail miserably because they are godless at the core.

The fall may have put the earth out of order, but it did nothing to upset God's original intent. Though humanity had forsaken its assignment in the earth, God did not forsake His commitment to humanity. Even before the world began, it had been decided that Jesus, who would come to earth as fully God and fully man, would die for the restoration of God's original plan for humanity and the earth He created.¹⁵ Though the enemy had changed the course of how God intended the earth to operate, God immediately let His intentions be known to the devil:

15. See Revelation 13:8.

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.” (Genesis 3:15)

God told the devil that He would ultimately redeem humanity and regain ownership of the earth once again. Not only would God win, but He would do it through the offspring of a woman, a descendant of Eve, whom the enemy had deceived. Man could and would be redeemed—despite the poor choices of Adam and Eve!

Key Concepts from Chapter I

- God’s divine design from the beginning of time has not changed.
- Humanity was created to be completely dependent upon God, so they would choose to trust Him as the Source of all they would ever need for eternity.
- Humanity was created for the specific purpose of being a steward of the earth.
- Humanity was created to be educated and governed by knowledge that came from listening to the voice of God.
- Humanity’s choice to trust and act upon the wrong voice changed them and the earth forever.

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