

And
God Said

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Introduction

God is not a mystical floating essence that cannot be touched, seen or otherwise known. He is not somewhere off in a distance, having little or no contact with humanity. We can know our creator. It is His wish for us to communicate with Him and even have continual fellowship. In fact, He wants to be an intricate part of our lives.

The Bible Tells The Story

According to the Moody Handbook of Theology, written by Paul P. Enns, Some thirty-eight hundred times the Bible declares, “God said,” or “Thus sayeth the Lord”

Here are a few to ponder

And God Said Genesis 1 & 2

1. Let there be light.

Light dispels darkness and reveals that which exist. Truth and reality all of a sudden becomes clear.

2. Let there be a firmament (*the heavens or the sky, especially when regarded as a tangible thing.*) in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

When the enemy comes in like a flood of waters, God speaks and divides the waters from themselves to establish a tangible reality...no more confusion.

3. Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear:

God will always allow dry land to appear so we can see our destiny. The land is a picture of our habitation in God.

4. Let the *earth bring forth* grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth:

God never leaves us in a barren place with no provisions. He will always speak to the earth to bring forth exactly what we need.

5. Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years...And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth:

God makes sure that we have signs to guide us thru life. He gives us order and takes away chaos. We are never left alone to figure it out. Our steps are even ordered of the Lord.

6. Let the *waters bring forth* abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

God will also speak to the waters commanding them to bring forth life in abundance that we may not be alone.

7. Let the *earth bring forth* the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind:

The earth will also bring us animals and beast to care for and rule over. We are they're caregivers.

8. Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

God will raise us up to be rulers over creation...our world, not someone else'. We are in His image to fellowship with Him.

These are the *generations* of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens and every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew:

Things To Take Note of

1. Only God can create living things.
2. God's creation was done with man in mind.
3. When God speaks, things happen.
4. The beginning always looks ahead to the end to be sure that the destiny is still on course.
5. The central theme of creation, when God Said, was *Fellowship* between God and Man.

“For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returns not, but waters the earth, and makes it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goes forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.” *Isaiah 55:10-11*

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Exodus chapter 20

The Ten Commandments

And God spake all these words, saying,

I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

¹ Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

A god is anything that you esteem or worship more than the true and living God. It can be the opposite sex, a material possession, money, power, self, etc.

² Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

A graven image is a statue or picture of a false deity. It is an image of what you desire to worship.

³ Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that takes his name in vain.

It is a prohibition of blasphemy, specifically, the misuse or "taking in vain" of the name of the God of Israel, or using His name to commit evil.

⁴ Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle,

nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

The Sabbath is the day that God rested from all His works. We are to rest as well from all our works because we know that in resting, God took into account our needs and provided for them in advance. That's why we keep it holy.

⁵ Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God gives thee.

This is a commandment with a promise. We can be sure that if we honor those who raised us and sacrificed for us that we will live long upon the earth. It's a matter of respect thru love.

⁶ Thou shalt not kill.

Killing is wrong, especially if it is a baby in the womb. Killing is not defending ourselves or protecting our families. It is a deliberate taking of life that God brought into existence and blessed.

⁷ Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Immorality is viewed through the eyes of adultery, which is treason against that which is holy. It begins in the mind and feeds off sexual thoughts that grow into actions that dishonor. It is a sin against our very soul.

⁸ Thou shalt not steal.

Stealing is an act of rebellion against God who is our provider. It is a visual denial of God's will and is rooted in man's lust for power and fame.

⁹ Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

To bear false witness is to tell a lie about someone. The intent is to destroy, discredit, shame or lessen their image among society.

¹⁰Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house; thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or **anything that is thy neighbor's.**

To covet is to yearn to possess or have (something). God applies this to our neighbor's house, his wife, his material possessions, anything that he owns... we are to be content with what we have and trust that God will bless us as He sees fit to meet the needs of our destiny in Him.

Matthew 4:4

But he answered and said, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God."

This is Jesus speaking as recorded in Matthew. His message is very clear. We are to center our lives, our very existence, in what God is saying to us. It is the only way to have life and have it with God's blessing. If we listen to all the other voices and live in their words, we will no doubt go astray from God's perfect will and miss our divine destiny.

Now Hear This >>>> In order to live by every word that is coming from God, we need to be listening. Hearing God is essential to structuring our lives. The path to peace, happiness, fulfillment and even the afterlife is found in the word of God. We must be listening, searching and always ready to hear. He must be our first priority.

Hebrews 4:12

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." **Hebrews 4:12**

The Word of God is the Bible. It is where we hear from God and are instructed in righteousness. It is our lifeline to eternity. Ignore it and miss His will. Distort it and fall under its judgments. Embrace it and find life, liberty and peace.

II Timothy 3:16

“All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:”

The Bible is often referred to as, “Scripture.” The apostle Paul tells us in 2 Timothy that we can trust the Word of God and use it for instruction, correction, reproof and to formulate our doctrine or the way we think and live.

Promises of God

II Corinthians 1:20

“For all the promises of God in Him are “Yes”, and “In Him” Amen, to the glory of God.”

Hidden in the Word of God are great and precious promises that God has spoken to His children. There are over 3,000 beginning in Genesis and going all the way to Revelation. God has made promises to us and His words are not empty but full of blessings and love.

These are not flippant, casual promises such as we often make; the promises of God are rock-solid, unequivocal commitments made by God Himself. Because God is faithful, the recipients of the divine promises can have full assurance that what God has pledged will indeed be realized.

And Jesus Said

John, the apostle, tells us in his 1st gospel message that the “Word” was in the beginning. Here’s how it reads in the KJV.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” John 1:1 Note that the Word was with and the Word was.

John goes on to reveal who the Word really is. He says, **“The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was**

not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,* (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”

This makes it clear that Jesus was with God in the beginning and was God from the beginning. We can rest easy knowing that what Jesus said is true and reliable. We can trust in Him always. Here are a few things that Jesus said:

1. *I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes to the Father, but by me. –John 14:6*
2. **Don't use oaths, whether 'by heaven' or 'by earth' or by anything else. When you say yes or no let it be plain 'Yes' or 'No'. –Matthew 5:34-37**
3. **But seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. –Matthew 6:33**
4. **Ask and it will be given. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened for you. –Luke 11:9**
5. **f I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the Kingdom of God has arrived for you. –Mathew 12:2**
6. **But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,. –Matthew 5:44**
7. **Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:. –Luke 6:37**

8. **And he that takes not his cross, and follows after me, is not worthy of me. Matthew 10:38**
9. **Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. John 8:12**
10. **And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Matthew 28:20b**

Some Final Thoughts

There are many more commandments, teaching and prophetic sayings in the Bible. It is all the Word of God. *All you have to do is read as though God is speaking directly to you.* You will receive the wisdom of God, the knowledge of the truth and an abundance of faith to believe.

The important thing to know is that God is always calling your name to come to Him for help, love, fellowship and direction. He will never let you down or disappoint you.

Read His Word and let Him speak to you through the scriptures. Then you too can say, “And God Said” to me.

Blessings

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