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“Do we really know how?”

Genesis 2:7

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Genesis 2:7 would read this way:

And the Lord [*Jehovah* = “the existing One”] **God** [*el-o-heem*’ = (plural intensive - singular meaning) – God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost]

Formed [*yaw-tsar*’ = of original creation - to frame, pre-ordain, plan (of divine) purpose of a situation - to be predetermined, be pre-ordained]

Man [*aw-dawm*’ = man, mankind]...of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul”

verse 8

“And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden [*ay'-den* “pleasure”]; and there he put the man whom he had formed”

* Thus all humanity on this earth was formed out of the dust of the ground - that by the way God made

* And all humanity has the breath of life because God [*Jehovah God*] put his breath into man [humanity]

* Thus man [humanity] became a living soul!

The Lord God expected man to dwell in the atmosphere of His Garden

* Jehovah God put mankind in a place that He planted

* The Garden was not just planted any place no, no it was planted in *Eden* “Pleasure” – [We can find God pleasure in His presence!]

The Lord Gods action cause us to become a living soul

**Today Sunday May 24th 2009 the second day of Memorial Day Weekend
Let’s ask the Lord to evaluate our actions – actions that cause others to become!**

Introduction

Note

The Bible tells us in

Genesis 2:7

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A Living Soul

Psalm 103:1

“Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name”

Psalm 103:2

“Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits”

Psalm 103:22

“Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul”

* Soul - *neh'-fesh* - soul, self, life, creature, person, appetite, mind, living being, desire, emotion, passion - that which breathes, the breathing substance or being, soul, the inner being of man - seat of the appetites - seat of emotions and passions - activity of mind - activity of the will - activity of the character –The redeemable part of man

* Can we just set forth a natural action that God has placed into us can't we just take a moment and bless the Lord!

* Bless the Lord oh, my soul and all that is within me!

Psalm 42:1

“As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God [*el-o-heem*] ”

* You see Humanity has God breathe in them

* Man-kind has a thirst for the Lord God [*Jehovah - El-o-heem*]

3.

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The Breath of God came into man because God breathed his breath into mans [mankinds] nostrils the breath of life!

- * The nose – the place that we exhale and inhale
- * The nose a direct link to our lungs the epic center of life to the blood.
- * Oxygen fresh air coming in – stale air exhale coming out
- * Fresh in - polluted used up out!
- * Oh, the fresh air the wind of God coming in will bring forth a cadence of life – Holy Ghost life to the soul and will cause pollutants to leave.

The Lord prepared a garden of pleasure for humanity – His presence

- * Remember in the cool of the day the Lord would come walk with Man and Woman.

Genesis 3:8

“And they [Adam and Eve] **heard the voice of the LORD God** [*Jehovah - El-o-heem*] walking **in the garden** [*Eden “Pleasure” – [We can find God pleasure in His presence!]*] in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden”

- * **The presence of sin in their life** [*Actions*] caused Adam and Eve to hid themselves **from THE PRESENCE of the Lord God** [*Jehovah - El-o-heem*]

Genesis 3:20

“And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living”

- * **Adam** - *aw-dawm'* - Adam, first man – Man-kind, human being [[Humanity]
- * **Eve** - *khav-vaw'* - "life" or "living" – Mother of all the living – [Humanity]

Sin tainted the living soul of man-kind and the mother of all the living

- * Their actions caused them [*Living Souls*] to hid from the presence of the Lord God – **not just a god** but **Jehovah – el-o-hem**

The Action of Hiding from the Presence of the Lord

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- * Sin [Individuals and as a couple sin entered in]
- * Disobedience to Gods Word by their actions
- * They Hid from the presence of the Lord God [Jehovah – El-o-heem]

Genesis 4:16

“And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden”

- * Sin [One’s sin made a decision caused death]
- * His disobedience to the Word of God, anger, jealousy, ultimately led to him killing his brother – The Action of destroying life
- * By the way he is the son of Adam and Eve
- * He left or went out from the presence of the Lord God

Jonah 1:3

“But Jonah [dove] rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD”

- * Sin [He fled at first but when he turn to the Lord a city was saved]
- * Disobeyed the Word of God
- * When the Lord spoke to Jonah we go up and ran form the presence of the Lord.
- * The Bible tells us that he even paid fare for a boat cruise to flee the presence of the Lord

Simply Sin separates us from the presence of the Lord God

- * I don’t know about you but I want to be known as a man of Gods Presence
- * No one who hid himself, or got up and left, or set a course made a determination to leave the presence of the Lord.

5.

The Answer to the Presence of God – God Action

Acts 3:19

“Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord”

Acts 16:31

“And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house”

Romans 10:9

“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”

In the text scripture I’ve read today we see where God did three things:

Genesis 2:7

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1: He formed

2: He breathed

3: He caused man to “become”

The actions of One caused another to become

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

6.

Traditional observance of Memorial day has diminished over the years. Many Americans nowadays have forgotten the meaning and traditions of Memorial Day.

- * You see the actions of One has caused others to become
- * Just for a moment lets give thanks to the Lord for all how have paid such a high price, the ultimate price for others to have the opportunity to become all God has for them.

How many people are not “alive” (figuratively speaking) today because we have refused to form them and breathe into their nostrils the breath of life?

Gen. 2:7 (a)

“And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground”

1. He Formed

* The word “*formed*” literally means: *To mold into a form through squeezing into shape ... like a potter.*

* At the dawn of time ... the Creator God formed man into a shape that pleased Him.

The creation wasn't yet alive ... therefore he had no say in his shape - The actions of the One Creator God ... forever shaped the man.

- * Our actions are forming others
- * Because our actions we are forming others

Note

My sons – I didn't make them who they are ... I merely give them the opportunity to “become.”

1: He Formed

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7.

2. He breathed

Genesis 2:7 (b)

“...and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life”

- * The word *breathed* in this passage means: *Puffed*
- * The phrase *Breath of Life* means: *Divine Inspiration*
- * Hey I said “*Divine Inspiration*”

Creator God “Puffed” “Divine Inspiration” into the nostrils of a molded lump of clay called: MAN ... and MAN BECAME ... what he previously was not ... alive!

- * We need to understand how important the very breath of God is!
- * The Breath of God is Divine Inspiration – simply brings life

1: He Formed

2: He Breathed

3: Man Became

Genesis 2:7 (c)

“...and man became a living soul”

- * Simply Man was filled with Divine Inspiration ... not Devine Constraint or Devine LIMITATION ... but DEVINE INSPIRATION!!!

Creator God placed within the man all he would ever need to become what the Creator desired him to be!

- * You see the Actions of One can cause one to become!

2 Kings 6: 17

“And Elisha prayed, and said, “Lord, I pray Thee, open his eyes, that he may see.” And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw; and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha”

8.

The Psalmist has beautifully said:

Psalm 46:1

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble”

*** The text refers to one of these wonderful instances of Providential care so often repeated in the history of the Israelitish people and so often experienced by individuals and nations since the days of the prophets.**

Israel was surrounded by merciless foes determined upon her destruction.

*** Now the Syrians were encamped against them and formed their ambushes at various places, expecting to entrap and cut them off.**

Elisha the prophet, Divinely inspired, discovered their hiding places and kept his master informed of their movements

*** So often had the schemes of the enemy been defeated that the king of Syria, exasperated and puzzled, imagined that a traitor in his own camp had disclosed his secrets.**

But one of his servants said:

2 Kings 6:12

“None, my lord, O king, but Elisha that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bed-chamber”

*** The prophet was at Dothan, which the Syrians, in haste, besieged by night so as to cut off his retreat.**

*** But a greater than Elisha was there; the Lord Jehovah had sent the invisible armies of the skies to occupy the mountain and protect His servant from all harm.**

When the morning dawned and the servant of Elisha saw the armed hosts of the Syrians, he said to his master, in great alarm, “Alas! How shall we do?”

9.

Calm and undisturbed at the numbers and greatness of the enemies army, Elisha prayed that the young man's eyes should be opened.

2 Kings 6

"15 When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh, my lord, what shall we do?" the servant asked.

16 "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

17 And Elisha prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes so he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha"

The Actions of One can cause one to Become

- * We need the presence of the Lord Jehovah**
- * Divine Inspiration – God Breath**
- * In this atmosphere others will become what the Lord has for them**

Actions births Gods wisdom

- * I was with my grandson Nathan this past week, on my way back from District Council sister Karen and I have the rare blessing of spending a few hours with them for lunch and a time to love on them.**
- * Nathan is a very bright four year old and very active, he is also at this moment totally blind.**
- * We were walking along the side walk talking and came upon a tree, Nate was taking his hands, rubbing the tree and exploding every part of it.**
- * Nate then spoke to me a very strong word - Be-paw come feel this tree with me.**
- * You many times in my life I have touched trees, climbed tree, cut fire wood, picked and eaten fruit from trees but I can honestly say I have never really taken the time to feel what a tree feels like.**
- * I stood in amazement as I watched my grandson take time and maliciously understand what a tree is.**
- * He used other senses to discover the tree**

10.

Nathan taught me the importance of not taking for granted my other senses – to not depend on one over the others.

His lesson also taught me more about the Presence of the Lord - I can not just look at His Presence in a one dimensional realm

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Conclusion

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- * Folks white folk say they know how to have church**
- * Black folk say they know how to have church**
- * Latinos say they know how to have church**
- * Pentecostals say they do**
- * Baptist say they do**
- * Nazarenes say they do**
- * Many claim they know how to have church**

Can I tell you that the only way to have church is to seek after and allow the PRESENCE of the Lord God Jehovah to settle into our midst

- * Can I tell you sin will try to hide, try to run, set a course to flee from the presence of the Lord**
- * Simply the Presence of the Lord exposes sin and a choice has to be made.**
- * This weekend we are celebrating Memorial Day – Jesus paid the ultimate price so that others can become what God has for them.**

11.

Memorial Day is a day of commemoration for those who have died in the GREAT WARS that secured America's freedom.

*** However ... today we are engaged in another GREAT WAR ... A SPIRITUAL WAR!**

**This war is not for land or some political ideal
It is neither a Republican War nor a Democratic War
It is not a Racial War
It is not a Social War**

It is a Spiritual War

It is a battle for the souls of men, women, boys, and girls ... who Without Jesus ... will die and go to an awful place called hell!

So on this Memorial Day Weekend 2009 lets mark it, let or actions be known as God actions as to set in place the very atmosphere, God Presence so others can become what God has for them.