Bible Study Guide

THE ORIGINAL DESIGN



A Bible Study on God's Ideal for Marriage, Home, and Human Relationships

Introduction

A potter has a design in mind before shaping the clay. If the vessel is marred, the work of restoration must return to that original purpose. Scripture begins with humanity made in God's image and traces the damage sin has caused. In Jesus, the Creator reveals the pattern and power by which that image is restored.

Fill in the blanks from the KJV text, then read the brief explanation.

Bible Study Questions

1 **In whose likeness did God create humanity?** (Genesis 1:27)

"So God created man in his own _____,"

Human beings were created to reflect God's character and enjoy fellowship with Him. Sin was not part of the original design.

2 **Who made us?** (Psalm 100:3)

"it is he that hath made us, and not we _____;"

We belong to our Creator and owe our existence to Him.

3 **What have our iniquities done to our relationship with God?** (Isaiah 59:2)

"But your iniquities have _____ between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear."

Sin disrupts communion with the Creator. The gospel addresses this separation through Christ's sacrifice and restoring power.

4 **What is the universal human problem?** (Romans 3:23)

"For all have _____, and come short of the glory of God;"

Sin has damaged humanity's original relationship with God; all need the Saviour.

5 **What reconciles sinners to God?** (Romans 5:10)

"we were reconciled to God by the _____ of his Son,"

Christ's sacrifice restores sinners to fellowship with God.

6 **How does Paul describe Christ in relation to the invisible God?** (Colossians 1:15)

"Who is the _____ of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature."

The eternal Son perfectly reveals the Father; He is supreme over creation, not a created being.

7 **What did Jesus reveal about the Father?** (John 14:9)

"he that hath seen me hath seen the _____;"

The life and character of Jesus reveal the Father's compassion and love.

8 **By whose agency are believers transformed as they behold the Lord?** (2 Corinthians 3:18)

"But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the _____."

The Spirit changes the heart as we look to Jesus. Character is restored through grace rather than merely self-improvement.

9 **To whom must we turn our attention for faith?** (Hebrews 12:2)

"Looking unto _____ the author and finisher of our faith;"

The renewing power of the Spirit is experienced as we keep Christ before the mind.

10 **How does God transform the believer?** (Romans 12:2)

"be ye transformed by the renewing of your _____,"

Transformation begins in the mind and becomes visible in daily life.

11 **What does Paul call those created in Christ Jesus unto good works?** (Ephesians 2:10)

"For we are his _____, created in Christ Jesus unto good works..."

God is the author of the restored life. We cooperate with His work even when His correction is difficult.

12 **What relationship does Isaiah describe between God and His people?** (Isaiah 64:8)

"we are the clay, and thou our _____; and we all are the work of thy hand."

A surrendered person trusts the Creator to shape the character.

13 **What promise is given to God's children at Christ's appearing?** (1 John 3:2)

"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 _____; for we shall see him as he is."

The final restoration brings believers into likeness to Christ and direct fellowship with Him.

14 **What privilege awaits the redeemed?** (Revelation 22:4)

"And they shall see his _____; and his name shall be in their foreheads."

Restored communion with God is the ultimate joy of the new earth.

15 **What kind of fruit does the Holy Spirit produce?** (Galatians 5:22-23)

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, _____:"

The Spirit produces a consistent character rather than a mere outward form of religion.

16 **In what character is the new man created?** (Ephesians 4:23-24)

"And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and _____."

God's renewal produces righteousness and holiness in the inner life and outward conduct.

17 **What does the Shepherd do for our soul?** (Psalm 23:3)

"He _____ my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake."

God's restoration leads us in righteousness and reflects His faithful character.

18 **How does God save us from the old life?** (Titus 3:5)

"according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the _____;"

The renewal of life comes from God's mercy and Spirit, not from works that earn salvation.

Appeal

Will you surrender your life to the Master Potter, behold the character of Jesus, and allow His Spirit to restore what sin has marred?

Commitment

I choose to place my life in God's hands and receive His transforming grace until His image is reflected in me.

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