

*God's Plan According  
to His Integrity*

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## INTRODUCTION

The character of integrity is rare these days. At one time, people would honor their promises, keep their word, pay their debts. Business agreements were often confirmed with a handshake. But today, we see people in politics and in businesses openly justifying or flatly denying their less-than-upright behavior and finding sympathy from the public. "After all, they are only human," we say, as if that were a worthy excuse.

There is One, however, who has always maintained His integrity. The God of all grace has never let one of His promises fall to the ground. He is not a man that He should lie, so He has never had to cover His tracks. What He said He would do, He has done and He is doing.

He is the One we can trust.

This booklet reveals how God has been faithful to His plan throughout the ages. His plan is rich in grace and full of mercy—a plan that He will not reverse.

*Chapter One*  
PERFECT KNOWLEDGE,  
PERFECT JUDGMENT

“He is the Rock, his work is *perfect*: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he” (Deuteronomy 32:4).

“Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of him which is *perfect* in knowledge?” (Job 37:16).

“As for God, his way is *perfect*” (Psalm 18:30).

*Tamiym* is the Hebrew word for “perfect” in these verses. Often translated as “integrity,” it describes something that is sound, complete—trustworthy. We say that a well-built structure, such as a bridge or a house, has integrity. It is designed for strength and to endure unusual stress. A person who has integrity is one who makes right decisions based on his convictions and is not easily moved. But only God, who is

perfect in knowledge, is perfect in His integrity. The One who has all knowledge can be trusted absolutely in every situation.

God's thoughts, God's words, and God's ways are completely perfect. Every act of God is done according to His integrity (Deuteronomy 32:4). You may go through many, many serious things in your lifetime, but always remember that God's plan for your life is determined by the integrity of His character and His Word. So, in the perfect plan of God, our ways are to be directed by His integrity, which prevents us from falling.

### *The Precedence of Justice*

"For truly my words shall not be false: he that is perfect in knowledge is with thee" (Job 36:4).

"So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands" (Psalm 78:72).

"The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness" (Proverbs 11:5).

God Almighty is perfectly just and perfectly righteous (Psalm 33:5; Isaiah 61:8). He loves righteousness and hates iniquity, and with re-

gard to sinners, God's justice precedes His love. Since He is perfectly just and holy (1 Peter 1:16), He cannot look upon sin (Habakkuk 1:13). Therefore, as men, we were separated from this perfect God because of our unrighteousness and sin.

But Jesus Christ, the perfect Son of God, paid for our sins on the Cross of Calvary. Satisfying the Father's justice and the righteousness of God, Christ was anointed above His fellows with the oil of gladness (Psalm 45:7).

### *God Makes a Way*

When Jesus Christ, who knew no sin, became sin for us, He made a way for God to have fellowship with us. His righteousness and justice were not violated but fulfilled. Now His love could be expressed to us through the channel of His grace. Grace is not an attribute of God; it is the channel by which He expresses His love, which is His essence, revealed in His holiness and integrity.

The moment we believed in Christ, we were made the righteousness of God in Him (2 Corinthians 5:21). With perfect holiness, perfect righteousness, and perfect justice, the Father counted our faith as righteousness. The Father

must accept sinners who believe in Christ by faith. He can receive us in perfect justice because Jesus bore all our sins in His body upon the Tree at Calvary (1 Peter 2:24).

“Even if they are ungodly, when they believe, they are justified,” the Father says (see Romans 4:5). “They are saved when they believe on Me without works, without a system of religion. It is totally by the channel of grace.”

Before we believed, we had no righteousness at all. At the moment we believed on Christ as our Savior, God gave us the robe of His righteousness (Isaiah 61:10). Then, the Father, the Son, and the Spirit began to indwell us.

### *Fulfilling the Will of God*

“Because David did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, and turned not aside from any thing that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite” (1 Kings 15:5).

“And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will” (Acts 13:22).

Everyone who has read the Bible knows

some of the things David did that were wrong. But God's justice could only relate to David from eternal viewpoint. Yes, he was chastised during his days on earth, and he did miss out on times of fellowship with God. Still, God could not judge David's sins apart from eternal viewpoint. According to His integrity, God could only declare that David never turned aside, and that he fulfilled all of God's will.

In His integrity, the Father has declared that because Jesus Christ paid for his sins, He considers David as one who fulfilled *all* of His will.

God delivers us from falling. He may permit us to fall at times, but we are never allowed to fall completely. He upholds those who fall (Psalm 145:14); we cannot utterly be cast down, for God holds us in His hand (Psalm 37:24). Why? It is because of God's integrity toward Christ, who satisfied His justice, and our faithfulness to believe in Christ through God's plan of redemption.

"Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,

"Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

“His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

“The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple” (Psalm 19:4-7).

The doctrine of God converts our soul. His testimonies are totally pure and they make the simple to be wise. His truth makes us perfect, according to God’s integrity.

*Chapter Two*

## GOING FORWARD IN ALL THINGS

Do not be occupied with the things you cannot change, but receive God's provision for the things He allows. A woman moved to America from Kosovo in Eastern Europe. She has been fitted with a pair of wooden legs because of an injury she suffered during the war in her homeland. Her doctors say that they have never seen anyone work so hard during physical therapy. She wants to be able to get around without crutches, so she works and works until she is exhausted.

"I never consider what I have been through," this woman said. "I am thankful for what I have." She refuses to be occupied with the things she cannot change.

Ralph Montanas was an amazing evangelist. Then, one day the doctors told him, "You are losing your sight, and you will be blind in four

months.” He prayed. He cried. He kept looking at his children and his wife. He took in every sunrise and sunset that he could. Then, his sight was gone.

He visited faith-healers. He did all that he could do in an attempt to get back his sight. But God told him one day, “Do not consider what you cannot change—just look to the future.”

Ralph Montanas now has one of the first Christian Braille ministries in the world. Today, that ministry has gone on to touch more than four million people. Once he accepted God’s plan and trusted His integrity, Ralph gave thanks to God every day that he was able to bring salvation and joy to the hearts of so many who are blind.

I knew a beautiful pastor in Maine years ago. He was a great family man; however, he had a son who was melancholic and driven toward perfection. The boy believed he had to be perfect, and he strove for A’s in all of his schoolwork. One day, after seeing a report card with two B grades on it, the son killed himself by stepping in front of a moving car.

The father was overwhelmed. He spent days and nights in tears and introspection. Finally, God spoke to his heart: “You cannot change

what has happened. I don't want you to dwell on this any longer. Know that this is for your sake and that this bad thing will work together for good. Now go forward."

This pastor became anointed like never before. He grew into a great soul-winner as a brokenhearted, compassionate man who could identify with others. God's integrity was with him.

Don't dwell on what you cannot change. Don't go there. Don't think about it. Consider God's integrity and how He will use you in His plan.

### *From Curse to Blessing*

"But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead: therefore David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead.

"Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the LORD, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat.

"Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast

and weep for the child, while it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread.

“And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell whether GOD will be gracious to me, that the child may live?

“But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

“And David comforted Bathsheba his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her: and she bare a son, and he called his name Solomon: and the LORD loved him” (2 Samuel 12:19-24).

The child from David’s adulterous affair with Bathsheba was dying. David, filled with guilt, fasted and prayed, hoping for a miracle. The king then heard his servants whispering and knew that the child was dead. When he was told that the child was indeed dead, David washed himself, anointed himself, and worshipped in the house of God.

David knew he would see his child in heaven, but that he could not bring back the baby that died. He went to be with Bathsheba, who was now his wife, and she became pregnant. This child was called Solomon, the one

who succeeded David as king of Israel. God's integrity was not compromised. His plan was perfect, and David glorified the Lord by going on in faith.

### *The Crowns Will Come*

"For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:17).

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before" (Philippians 3:13).

How could God say that David was perfect in all his ways? Because of His integrity toward Christ and His integrity toward David's faith. It is God's integrity toward the Blood of Christ, toward grace, and toward mercy that keeps us alive today. God has integrity toward the mercy of His Son and the grace given to us the moment we believed. His plan, according to His integrity, makes every single believer a king and a priest who will reign forever with Him (Revelation 5:10).

One day we will all receive crowns based on our relationship to God's integrity. The policy of grace will see that that happens because justice and righteousness have been fulfilled by Jesus Christ—the Just One who died for the unjust (1 Peter 3:18).

### *The Patience of Job*

“And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes.

“Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.

“But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? *In all this did not Job sin with his lips*” (Job 2:8-10).

Are you having a bad day? Did someone snub you or say something unkind? You cannot change that. So, instead, live in integrity. Go to God and let God supernaturally work on that person because of your faith in God's integrity toward prayer.

Do not become negative. Don't be critical or judgmental. Walk in integrity, and you will never be offended. You will respond just as Job did when his wife challenged his walk with

God. Job trusted God's integrity, and as a result, he came through as a winner at the end of the trials God permitted.

### *Chapter Three*

## THE EVEN PLACE

“A Psalm of David. Judge me, O LORD; for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the LORD; therefore I shall not slide.

“Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.

“For thy lovingkindness is before mine eyes: and I have walked in thy truth.

“I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers.

“I have hated the congregation of evil doers; and will not sit with the wicked.

“I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O LORD:

“That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

“LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.

“Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men:

“In whose hands is mischief, and their right hand is full of bribes.

“But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me.

“My foot standeth in an even place: in the congregations will I bless the LORD” (Psalm 26:1-12).

The “even place” in Psalm 26:12 refers to the Finished Work of Jesus Christ. Every Blood-bought, born-again Christian—from the worst to the best—stands in an even place in the congregation because of the Finished Work. The self-righteous ones, the recovering drug addicts, each one is the same in God’s eyes. Nobody is bigger, better, greater, or smaller. We are all in an even place. God is no respecter of persons (Romans 2:11).

The moment someone gets saved, he steps onto an even place with the entire congregation of God. It will always be that way. What God does, He does forever (Ecclesiastes 3:14). Every believer is given the gift of eternal life. No one can pluck him out of God’s hand (John 10:28). God keeps him even if he falls (Psalm 37:24).

“To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling

the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:19).

People who do not receive Christ will go to hell because they refused the Lamb of God—God's only provision for their salvation. But Calvary, where Jesus Christ died for the sins of the whole world, is the even place where whosoever will may come and be saved.

### *Our Lives Are on Loan, and We Are Accountable*

The thing we all must keep in mind is that everything we have here on earth is on loan to us. We are the caretakers of what God has given us. Our friends are on loan. Our health is on loan. Our money is on loan. Your car, your boat, your diamonds are all on loan. Even your precious babies are on loan to you by God. They belong to Him.

Having this kind of attitude establishes personal accountability. Every one of us will stand alone before Jesus Christ at the Bema Seat and be held accountable for the decisions and actions we make here on earth. Our sins will not be an issue; however, there will be an account given of our walk with God, which will determine our eternal rewards and privileges (see Romans

14:12 and 2 Corinthians 5:10).

Personal accountability is giving eight hours work for eight hours pay. Personal accountability is paying your bills in full and on time, even if it means taking an extra job to do so. Personal accountability is a husband loving his wife as Christ loved the Church. He bathes her in love, nourishing and cherishing her, laying down his life for her (Ephesians 5:25-29).

Personal accountability is a wife responding to her husband's initiations, being a helpmate, building him up, and understanding him when things go wrong in his life. Personal accountability is a couple looking beyond each other's faults to see their needs and to meet those needs in love.

If we walk in integrity, God will give us the provision for personal accountability in His plan.

### *Unsearchable Riches, Limitless Grace*

"And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD" (Job 1:21).

"O the depth of the riches both of the wis-

dom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out" (Romans 11:33).

Job understood that his life was on loan by God. Even his nagging wife was on loan to him. So when Satan begged God to remove the hedges of protection from around Job's life, God knew that Job would retain his integrity. Job did, in fact, complain and fail in the midst of his several trials, yet he clung to his integrity because he recognized that God's ways are unsearchable and past finding out.

A woman who started listening to our radio program several months ago had lost her husband and three children in a highway accident. She had to look at the four caskets—a husband she loved and three children she adored. Her husband loved flowers, so every night that week she took a bouquet of roses to bed with her, to hold and remember him.

"It hurts, it hurts so much," this woman said. "But Jesus Christ is with me. He will never fail me. He is going to bless me. It is all going to work together for good."

Everyone reacts this way when a loved one is lost. You trust God, but, oh, how it hurts. This woman knew that her husband and children

were not her own. They were on loan. They went to be with Jesus, and she will see them in heaven one day. God takes away the pain and leaves the Rose of Sharon—Jesus Christ—in our room, because of His integrity.

God is faithful. He will not allow us to be tempted beyond what we are able to stand. He will provide the way of escape. He will never put upon us what we cannot bear. Why? Integrity says that He must be true to His Word.

The riches of God's grace are measureless (Ephesians 3:8). No scale exists that can weigh the integrity of God's grace. Sin abounds, but grace does much more abound. Sin reigns unto death, but grace reigns through righteousness unto eternal life (see Romans 5:20-21).

No human concept can calculate how much God loves us. No human equation can sum up how much His grace abounds or how great His mercy is, which endures forever in our lives.

God's judgments are unsearchable. Judgment is the result of justice. When Christ died and paid for our sins, God had to make justification available to each of us. He had to apply perfect justice toward us because a just Substitute died for the unjust.

## *Finished Work Justice*

Justice has been satisfied once and for all, and now God's judgment is, "No condemnation!" (Romans 8:1). He does not judge according to appearance, but He judges righteous judgment (John 7:24). His righteous judgment is the Finished Work. It is always the Finished Work! No man is known after the flesh now. God knows each one according to the Finished Work of Christ, who died once for all.

God must operate this way. His perfect integrity is with us in this respect (Job 36:4). His knowledge is perfect (Job 37:16).

"God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

"Behold, I have received commandment to bless: and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it.

"He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel: the LORD his God is with him, and the shout of a king is among them" (Numbers 23:19-21).

God has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places forever (Ephesians 1:3).

His integrity prevents Him from reversing this. Hallelujah! He has given us eternal life and He cannot reverse it. He loves us forever, and He cannot reverse that love. He has forgiven and forgotten every wrong thing we have even done. He cannot reverse it!

As born-again believers, we are His adopted children. We are members of His body, flesh, and bones (Ephesians 5:30). We are one Spirit with Him (1 Corinthians 6:17). Christ is the Head, and we are His body (Ephesians 1:22); He cannot reverse it. We are going to live forever and ever—throughout all eternity—with Him. He can never reverse it. This is the plan of God, according to His integrity.

## CONCLUSION

Speak the Truth in your heart (Psalm 15:2). Be filled with sound doctrine (Proverbs 11:5). God's integrity will guide you. If you ask Him, He will guide you. If you pray, He will give you an answer. If you want to be blessed, He will give you a blessing. He is the God of all blessings. He is waiting to bless you so that His mercy can be exalted (Isaiah 30:18).

The most beautiful thing to remember is that God is not a man, therefore He cannot lie. Furthermore, everything He has promised will come to pass. Every one of His promises shall live forever (1 Kings 8:56).

Many times I thought the load was too heavy for me until I trusted Him. Sometimes I felt I couldn't go on until I just went on. Just as the blind man walked to the pool blind and came back seeing, we walk in faith, and God honors that precious faith.

I am so grateful that there is no limit on eter-

nal life. There is no limit on His love toward us. There is no limit to His mercy toward us, no limit on how much He will forgive us. One day He will take us home and perfect us (Philippians 1:6; Psalm 138:8). He is making us perfect—just as He is.

This is God's promise to us, and He will keep His promise according to His integrity.