


"Genesis 1:2 or 1:3—What Kind of Believer Are You?"

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Introduction

One day, while teaching, The Holy Spirit dropped these words into my spirit, and I spoke them out loud: *"Somewhere, we have to start believing as believers."*

But what exactly should we believe as children of God? Everything the Word of God says about who we are, what we have, and what we can do. Our Papa God's Word is written down in the Bible, yet many of us walk through life unaware of what He has declared about us. We either don't know or don't fully believe what He has spoken over us, words inspired by the Holy Spirit, words that are God-breathed, straight from His mouth.

God revealed to me that we, His children, often miss the most simple principles of His Word because we don't truly take heed of what is right in front of us. What is already written down. Accepting His Word with the faith of a child means having complete, confident trust in Him. It means embracing fundamental truths, such as the power of our words speaking in the same manner God spoke.

Jesus spoke with authority. Understanding and having a revelation of the weight our words carry is crucial.

Throughout Scripture, the importance of having faith without allowing unbelief to work against it is emphasized over and over again. We must grasp the truth that "without faith, it is impossible to please God,

for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6).

One powerful aspect of faith is how we use our imagination. Every person on earth has an imagination, yet not everyone uses it positively. Too often, as children of God, our imagination is more focused on circumstances, problems, and the natural realm rather than the spiritual.

Many times, we unintentionally distort Scripture, flipping its truth upside down. For example:

The correct version: *"We walk by faith and not by sight"* (2 Corinthians 5:7 NKJV).

Our rewritten version: *"We walk by sight and not by faith."*

The correct version: *"God has not given me a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind"* (2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV).

Our rewritten version: *"God has given me a spirit of fear, not power, love, or a sound mind."*

The correct version: *"Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you"* (James 4:7 NKJV).

Our rewritten version: *"Submit to circumstances, sickness, lack, fear, stress, worry, condemnation. Better not resist the devil because he will not flee from you."*

The correct version: *"For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you'"* (Hebrews 13:5 NKJV).

Our rewritten version: *"Maybe He has said, 'I leave you and forsake you.'"*

When we read these twisted versions, they almost sound foolish yet many believers live this way, speaking words that contradict the truth of God's Word. They say things like, "God has left me," "God has forsaken me," or "The devil is not fleeing from me." They constantly speak of fears that feel more real to them than the promises of God. This should not be.

God showed me that He often gets blamed for what goes wrong in His children's lives because they leave the adversary out of the equation. Many people unknowingly allow the enemy to run free while blaming God for sickness, curses, death, and all manner of evil. I have yet to meet someone who has told me they have had enough of the real culprit —the thief who comes to steal, kill, and destroy. Instead, people often blame others, pastors, teachers, even Jesus and Papa God, for the difficulties they face.

The Bible begins by describing how God created the heavens and the earth. We see what the earth looked like and how God dealt with it. Then, He shows us how we are made in His image, yet, too often, we read these passages as if they are bedtime stories, missing the deeper message He is conveying to us.

And so, I ask you: Are you a Genesis 1:2 or a Genesis 1:3 believer?

To understand why this question matters, you'll need to read this book.

Another question I present to you is this:

"Whose report do you believe?"

I don't ask this as the "Christian police," but rather to raise awareness of what we think and speak daily. My heart's desire is for you to receive and walk in all that God has given you through Jesus.

The moment you learn how to fish and where to fish, you will always have fish for the rest of your life.

This book could be a game-changer in your walk with God, or it might simply sit on a shelf among other faith-filled books. The choice is yours. Every one of us has been given free will to decide what we accept, what we live by, and what we reject. You decide what your reality will be.

In Mark 6, Jesus encountered this very issue in His hometown. The people around Him decided that He was just a carpenter, and they took offense at His words. Their decision led to unbelief, which prevented Him from performing mighty works among them:

Mark 6:1-6 NKJV

"1 Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him. 2 And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing Him were astonished, saying, "Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands!"

3 Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" So they were offended at Him. 2 And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing Him were astonished, saying, "Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands! 3 Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" So they were offended at Him. 4 But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house." 5 Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. 6 And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching."

I pray that this book becomes the game-changer in your life. That it lifts you into a walk where you live by faith and not by sight, where you extract God's Truth for yourself and apply it to your circumstances.

I pray that the eyes of your understanding are opened so you do not miss the simple yet powerful principles of God's Word for your life.

I speak life over you in Jesus' name.

Much Favor,

Cindy

Chapter 1:

God's Heart Revealed in Genesis

From the very beginning of the Bible, we see God's heart for us as a heart filled with love, goodness, and perfect provision. He made everything perfect for us before we even arrived. To fully grasp this, let's begin by reading Genesis 1, as this first chapter of the Bible reveals a great deal about God's original intent for humanity.

Genesis 1:1-31 NKJV

"1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

3 Then God said, "Let there be light,"; and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

6 Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters."

7 Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament, and it was so.

8 And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.

9 Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear,"; and it was so.

10 And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

11 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth,"; and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

13 So the evening and the morning were the third day.

14 Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years;

15 and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so.

16 Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also.

17 God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth,

18 and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

19 So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

20 Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens."

21 So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

22 And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."

23 So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

24 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind,"; and it was so.

25 And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

26 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."

27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

28 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."

29 And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you, it shall be for food.

30 Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so.

31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

The book of Genesis shows us a lot about God's heart for us.

Even beyond Genesis, we can see God's heart reflected in John 3:16:

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (NKJV)

From Genesis to the New Testament and into eternity, God's love remains steadfast. His love never fails. He never withdraws His love, nor does He take it away. His love is pure, unfailing, and deeply personal.

The Meaning of "Genesis"

To go deeper into God's heart, let's first explore the definition of the word *"Genesis."*

According to the Google Dictionary, Genesis means: the origin or mode of formation of something: birth.

In Hebrew, Genesis is B'reshith (בְּרֵאשִׁית)—meaning "in the beginning" or "at the start."

A literal reading of Genesis 1:1 in Hebrew says:

"The heavens and the earth God created in the beginning."

However, the original Hebrew structure of this verse starts with the phrase "B'reishit bara Elohim."

This can be understood as:

"In the beginning of the beginning, that is always beginning, God created the creation.

This profound statement reveals God's creation as a steadfast work. Let's explore this in greater depth.

A Deeper Look at Genesis 1:1 in Hebrew

The Bible was originally written on scrolls in Hebrew, a language rich in layers of meaning. Hebrew consists of three distinct elements:

22 Letters

22 Symbols/Pictures

22 Numbers (each letter also represents a number)

Understanding these elements helps unlock deeper revelations in Scripture.

For example, let's examine the first word in the Bible, "Bereshit" (בראשית), which means "in the beginning."

In Hebrew, it is spelled Bet, Resh, Alef, Shin, Yod, Tau.

(בראשית) When we break this down

- Bet (ב) → House or tent
- Resh (ר) → Head, leader
- Alef (א) → Ox, strength
- Shin (ש) → Teeth, destruction or devouring
- Yod (י) → Hand, work
- Tau (ת) → A mark or cross

When pieced together, Bereshit can be understood as:

"The Son will be destroyed by His own hand willingly on the cross."

This is incredible! Only God could encode the message of redemption within the very first word of the Bible. He declared the end from the beginning.

This aligns with Isaiah 46:10:

"Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure.'"
(KJV)

And centuries later, in John 19:30, we see the fulfillment when Jesus, the Son of God, went to the cross and cried out:

"It is finished."

God's Nature is Good—From the Beginning

Some people ask, "Does God ever intend evil for us?"

The answer is a resounding no!

Genesis 1 repeatedly emphasizes God's goodness:

- Genesis 1:4 – *"And God saw the light, that it was good."*
- Genesis 1:10 – *"And God saw that it was good."*
- Genesis 1:12 – *"And God saw that it was good."*
- Genesis 1:18 – *"And God saw that it was good."*
- Genesis 1:21 – *"And God saw that it was good."*
- Genesis 1:25 – *"And God saw that it was good."*
- Genesis 1:31 – *"Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good."*

Everything God created was intentionally good. His original design for mankind was one of peace, joy, abundance, and life.

God never designed us for:

- ✗ Sickness
- ✗ Disease
- ✗ Poverty
- ✗ Tragedy
- ✗ Fear
- ✗ Death

In the mind of God, Adam and Eve were never meant to die but to live forever. There was no sickness, fear, or pain in the Garden of Eden. Death entered only after sin.

God's Plans Have Always Been Good

It was only after eating the fruit that death, fear, sickness, and all negativity entered the world. Sickness, in a way, is simply a slow progression toward death. Yet, God's thoughts toward us have always been good. He is the author of good, and goodness itself originates from Him.

God's heart and intentions for His children are revealed again in Jeremiah 29:11:

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." (NKJV)

Other translations emphasize:

- *"Plans to prosper you and not to harm you." (NIV)*
- *"Plans for good and not for disaster." (NLT)*
- *"Plans for welfare and not for evil." (ESV)*

- *"I will bless you with a future filled with hope—a future of success, not of suffering. (CEV)*
- *"Plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster. (GNT)*
- *I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for.(MSG)*

The Meaning of "Shalom"

In Hebrew, the word Shalom (שָׁלוֹם) carries a depth of meaning far beyond just "peace." While it can refer to the absence of war, its true biblical essence speaks of wholeness, completeness, and divine well-being. The root word of Shalom is "*Shalam*", which means "*to make something whole.*"

It signifies not only the restoration of what was lost or stolen but a total sense of fullness and completeness in spirit, soul, and body.

In the biblical context, Shalom encompasses:

- *Tranquility – A deep inner peace and calm*
- *Prosperity – A life free from lack, filled with divine provision*
- *Security – Protection and well-being in every area of life*
- *Soundness – A stable, unshakable foundation*
- *Health – Physical and emotional wholeness*
- *Order & Stability – A life free from chaos and disorder*
- *Restoration – Making things whole and bringing full restitution*