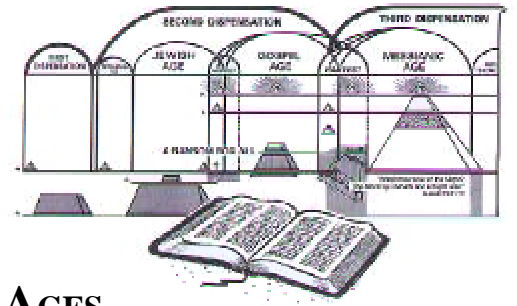




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THE DIVINE PLAN OF THE AGES

STUDY 1

JOY IN THE MORNING

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- ♦ **BEFORE** filling in the blanks, please prayerfully **study** the 38 paragraphs and the scriptures cited with the questions. We suggest that you number the paragraphs in your book.
- ♦ Return your answers to us. **PLEASE ENCLOSE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE.** Our Canadian and International friends may make special arrangements for the postage.
- ♦ Your answers will be checked and returned to you for your future studies.
- ♦ **STUDY 2** will be sent when you have completed this lesson.

1. Did God foreknow the end of his plan as it relates to man from the beginning? (Isaiah 46:9-11; Acts 15:18) **YES** Has the period in which sin is permitted been a dark night to humanity, never to be forgotten? YES The Sun of Righteousness will bring HEALING and BLESSING. (Malachi 4:2) Joy will come "in the morning" to the groaning creation because GOD has promised it. (Psalm 30:5; Isaiah 35:10)

2. The whole creation is GROANING and travailing in pain because of Adam's **DISOBEDIENCE**. (Romans 8:22; Romans 5:12) The great Creator is preparing a FEAST of fat things for man. (Isaiah 25:6-8) Are God's thoughts and ways higher than those of man? (Isaiah 55:8-10) YES

3. The past is called the WORLD that was. (2 Peter 3:6) Evil has predominated during the second dispensation or WORLD that now is. (Galatians 1:4) The third dispensation will be a WORLD without end. (Isaiah 45:17) It is now possible to understand "present" truth because we are in the dawning of the MILLENNIAL age. (Isaiah 21:12; 52:7, 8; Daniel 12:9-12; Matthew 24:45-47; Psalm 89:15)

4. All faith should be built upon the word of GOD. (Psalm 119: 105; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17) In order to understand the truth it is necessary to REASON with the Lord by means of the scriptures. (Isa. 1:18; Acts 17:2; Luke 24:32) JUSTICE and judgment are the foundation of God's throne. (Psa. 89:14)

5. It is necessary to search the SCRIPTURES if one is to learn the truth. (John 5:39; Acts 17:10, 11; 2 Timothy 2:15, 16) The Bible reveals God's PLAN. (Rev. 1:1-3; Gen. 22:15-18; Acts 15:14-17) The spirit of TRUTH guides the truth seeker into all truth. (1 Corinthians 2:9, 10; John 16:13; Isaiah 61:1-3)

6. Is the truth progressive, shining more and more unto the perfect day? (Proverbs 4:18) YES The truth seeker should shun PROFANE and vain babblings. (2 Timothy 2:16-18) Some of the divinely appointed helps are APOSTLES, PROPHETS, and PASTORS; ETC. (Eph. 4:11-16)

7. Do many people believe certain doctrines because others do so and teach error in all good conscience? (Acts 26:9) YES The truth seeker should empty his vessel of the muddy waters of TRADITION and fill it at the fountain of TRUTH. (1 Corinthians 5:6, 7; John 17:17)

8. The author of "The Divine Plan of the Ages" endeavored to be as brief as possible because of the HASTE of our day.

9. Is thorough and orderly study of the divine revelation necessary? (1 Timothy 4:15, 16; 2 Timothy 2:15; Hebrews 2:1) YES Are the subjects of our Lord's second presence, the symbols, and the prophecies of the Bible often neglected? (2 Peter 3:1-5; 1 Thessalonians 5:6, 7) YES

10. Do the angels desire to understand the revealed purposes of God? (1 Peter 1:12) YES Prophecy is given to acquaint the student with FUTURE events and to note the fulfilment of prophecies pertaining to the PAST and the PRESENT. (1 Peter 1:10, 11; Luke 10:21; 2 Timothy 3:16, 17)

11. Has God's plan been a miserable failure? (Isaiah 6:9, 10; Acts 28:25-27) NO Did Jesus at the first advent endeavor to convert the world? (Mark 4:11, 12) NO

12. Upon whom must one call if he is to be saved? (Acts 4:12) JESUS

13. In **1886** the population of earth was approximately **1,424,000,000**; today it is about 6 billion.

The percentage of the heathen in the world is considerably more than 50% (1/2); it is almost **_67% (2/3)_**.

14. Are all who attend Church fully consecrated to the Lord? **_NO_** How many will be of the “little flock”? (Revelation 14:1; Luke 12:32) **_144,000_**

15. During the past 6000 years, have vast multitudes died in unbelief? (Matthew 7:13) **_YES_**

16. Did it ever enter into the mind of the great Creator to everlastingly torment any of his creatures? (Jeremiah 32:34, 35) **_NO; NEVER_**

17. In 1886, approximately 100,000 people died every 24 hours. Is that number much higher today? **_YES_**

18. The world will be judged in **RIGHTEOUSNESS** by the Christ. (Acts 17:31) Did Isaiah prophesy of the darkness of the civilized world and the gross darkness of the heathen? (Isaiah 60:2, 3) **_YES_**

19. Has the darkness in the world been such as could be felt? (Romans 1:18-25) **_YES_**

20. Is the unfolding and blessing of the truth now coming to the sincere, the pure in heart? (Revelation 3:18) **_YES_**

21. Is it possible to reason with the Lord? (Isaiah 1:18) **_YES_** In order to clearly apprehend the truth, one must have what? (Hebrews 11:6) **_FAITH_** Light is sown for the **_RIGHTEOUS_**. (Psalm 97:11) God's **_WORD_** lights our path. (Psalm 119:105) The path of the justified is as the shining **LIGHT_**. (Proverbs 4:18) None is perfect because of **ADAM'S/ONE MAN'S** sin. (Romans 3:10; 5:12) Are the justified privileged to see the present unfolding of God's plan as well as things to come? (Romans 5: 1, 2) **_YES_** Are there due seasons during which the truth becomes due to be understood? (Matthew 24:45; 2 Peter 1:12) **_YES_**

22. Those who have faith in the promises of the Lord **_REJOICE_**. Some sit in darkness because of their **_UNFAITHFULNESS_** and unconcern. (Matthew 14:31; Luke 12:28; Psalm 1:1)

23. The holy scriptures make one **_WISE_**. (2 Timothy 3:15)

24. The hidden things of **_DARKNESS_** are being brought to light during the **_MILLENNIAL_** age. (Isa. 21:12; 1 Cor. 4:5; Zech. 14:6, 7)

25. God promised Abraham that in his seed all the **FAMILIES/NATIONS** of the earth will be blessed. (Genesis 22:15-18) The law was a **_SHADOW_** of good things to come. (Heb. 10:1) Israel, as a whole, did not accept our Lord at the first advent; because of their unbelief and blindness in part they were **_BROKEN_** off. (Romans 11:20, 25) Because of the unbelief of many Jews, the invitation to become joint-heirs with Christ went to the **GENTILES** in 36 A.D. (Acts 15:14)

26. The **_LITTLE_** flock will be in the spiritual phase of the kingdom. (Luke 12:32; Rom. 8:17; 2 Tim. 2:11) Life and **_IMMORTALITY_** were brought to light by the gospel of **_JESUS_**. (2 Tim. 1:10) The spirit of **_TRUTH_** enables one to understand spiritual things. (John 16:12-13; 1 Cor. 2:12-14)

27. The majority in the church began to neglect the word after the **_APOSTLES_** fell asleep. (Acts 20:28-31; 2 Thessalonians 2:3-7)

28. The mystery of iniquity began to be revealed at the time of the **_REFORMATION_**. (2 Thess. 2:7) Some of the reformers were **_MELANCHTHON_**, **LUTHER / KNOX**, and **_WYCLIFFE_**. Are the creeds of men still believed by the majority? **_YES_**

29. Are special features of truth constantly becoming due? **_YES_**

30. In God's word there is **_MILK_** for the babes and strong **_MEAT_** for those more developed. (1 Peter 2:2; Hebrews 5:14) Truth called “meat in due season” is now being served by our returned Lord through the **_FAITHFUL_** and wise servant. (Luke 12:42) Can new things be brought forth from the creeds of the various sects? (Matthew 13:52) **_NO_**

31. Is God's character misrepresented by the creeds of men? (Isaiah 29:13) **_YES_** The word of God will make one **_WISE_**. (2 Timothy 3:15-17; 1 Timothy 4:16) The faithful student should be able to express his **HOPE**. (1 Peter 3:15) The dawn of the Millennial day brings **ENLIGHTENMENT** as well as trouble. (2 Pet. 1:19; 3:10)

32. Men **_SIT_** in darkness and **_STAND_** among the ungodly. Some **_WALK_** in the light and **_RUN_** for the prize. (Isaiah 42:7; Psalm 1:1; Hebrews 12:1)

33. Is perfection of knowledge a thing of the past? (1 Corinthians 13:9, 10) **_NO_** God has made known to the fully consecrated the mystery of his **WILL_** which he purposed in himself. (Ephesians 1:9, 10, 17, 18; Ephesians 3:4-6) The angels and the prophets could not understand the mystery of God's will because they were not invited to become the bride of **_CHRIST_**. (1 Peter 1:10-13)

34. Did the apostles have different degrees of insight into God's plan? (Acts 10:28; Acts 11:1-3; Galatians 2:11-14) **_YES_**

35. The entire church has benefited by the visions and revelations given to the Apostle **_PAUL_**. (2 Corinthians 12:4; Galatians 2:2)

36. A blessing awaits those who study the book of Revelation as well as the entire **_BIBLE_** (Rev. 1:1-3)

37. Did Luther understand some of the book of Revelation? **_YES_**

38. More truth is now due to be understood during the harvest of the Gospel age and the dawning of the Millennial age because our Lord is at the door **_KNOCKING_**. (Revelation 3:20)