

# A New Creature And A New Creation



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## INSTRUCTIONS

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1. Read through the entire text to obtain an overview of the text content.
2. Then reread the text while completing the exercises in the Workbook.

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## I. The Perfect Plan Of God

I'd like to begin with verse 23 in Ezekiel 36.

23. *And I will sanctify My great Name, which was profaned among the Heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.*

24. *For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.*

25. *Then I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.*

26. *A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.*

27. *And I will put My spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep My judgments, and do them.*

28. *And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be My people, and I will be your God.*

29. *I will also save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the corn, and I will increase it, and lay no famine upon you.*

30. *And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen.*

31. *Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations.*

32. *Not for your sake do I do this, saith the Lord GOD, be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded in your own ways, O house of Israel.*

33. *Thus saith the Lord GOD: In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause you to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded.*

34. *And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by.*

35. *And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited.*

36. *Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the LORD build the ruined places, and plant that that was desolate: I the LORD have spoken it, and I will do it.*

37. *Thus saith the Lord GOD: I will yet for this be enquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock.*

38. *As the holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts; so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men: and they shall know that I am the LORD.*  
(Ezekiel 36:23-38)

And John, Chapter 3

1. *There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:*

2. *The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto Him, Rabbi, we know that Thou art a Teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that Thou doest, except God be with him.*

3. *Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a*

*man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.*

*4. Nicodemus said unto Him, how can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?*

*5. Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*

*6. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*

*7. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.*

*8. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.*

*9. Nicodemus answered and said unto Him, How can these things be?*

*10. Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?*

*11. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.*

*12. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?*

*13. And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but He that came down from heaven, even the Son of man be lifted up:*

*14. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:*

*15. That whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have eternal life.*

*16. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

*17. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.*

*18. He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*

*19. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.*

*20. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd.*

*21. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.* (John 3:1-21)

Let's go back to Ezekiel. You see, when God created us, He created us to be spiritual beings and to be human beings. He didn't make us one or the other, He made us both. Not to go into sin. There was no sin in man. He made us to worship Him, to praise Him, to serve Him, and He created us with a will. He didn't want puppets. He didn't want someone that didn't have a mind of their own or a will of their own. But He knew what was going to happen with what He gave to us in the very beginning, as He breathed into man and made him a living soul. But when Adam and Eve sinned, He removed that spirit from them and all human beings after that. Then there was the only way that we could come back to the Father, and that was the human sacrifice to bring people back to God --- the blood atonement of Jesus Christ. That way He made before He created man. The Word says before the foundation of the earth Jesus became that Lamb that was slain. (Revelation 3:18)

So the perfect plan of God is still man should choose to have the plan of salvation; to know about Jesus, but to be able to choose Him. When He sent Jesus

into the world, He sent Him as the Son of Man. He didn't crown Him in His glory as the Son of God. He took it away from Him. He didn't have it all the time He walked the earth. But when Jesus came to this earth, the Word says that He grew in stature and favor. (Luke 2:52) He grew in the Lord. God was training Him as He trains us. One thing that He didn't have that we have is a disobedient spirit. He had an obedient spirit. Whatever the Father said, that's what He did. Whatever the Father said, that's what He said. God is bringing us into a flow of His Spirit. Even as Isaiah 11 speaks about the Spirit of the Lord being upon Him: the Spirit of wisdom, the Spirit of understanding, the Spirit of counsel, the Spirit of knowledge, the Spirit of might and the Spirit of the fear of the Lord. These were the weapons of God that He placed in Jesus. And when Jesus came out of the wilderness, when He was tempted 40 days of satan, filled with the power of the Holy Ghost, He came down to Nazareth, and opened up the Word and read, and the Spirit of the Lord was upon Him. Let me read it:

4. *The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.* (Luke 4:18)

How many tonight realize how much we've been bruised, and He's come to set us at liberty – to set us free from all the torturous things that we've gone through in our life – to take it all away and give us a new heart?

## *II. There Is Only One Way Into The Kingdom*

Ezekiel 36 says, *"I will sprinkle clean water ..."* You see, He sent the children of Israel, because of their disobedience, in among the heathen, but He expected them to be a light there. But they weren't, because their hearts weren't right. Why weren't they? They were fighting against God. They didn't need to be in a foreign country; they didn't need to go out of the promised land. The reason they went was because they were stubborn and rebellious.

And God said, *"I will be your God and you will be My people."* But no, they were too stubborn to receive it, too rebellious to hear what God had to say. So He had to send them into other countries and bring them down, because, look what happened: after He brought them through the Red Sea into the wilderness, and they had all the gold and silver of Egypt, they could have done any wonderful thing with it. But they built a golden calf. Why? Because in their heart, even though they were delivered out of Egypt, Egypt was still in them. Egypt was still there. The things of the world were still there, and so the moment Moses was praying for them and getting the ten commandments for them, they were building a golden calf and doing horrible, horrible things.

They forgot that there was a God over there in that mountain who loved them and brought them out of Egypt. Four hundred years of very bad torture – beatings, slayings, making bricks, hard labor, mean, cruel and despicable things happening to them – and yet they cried, "Let us go back to Egypt," because the stubbornness and the rebellion was still there.

So in Ezekiel 36, and in John 3 & 4, Jesus said there is only one way into the kingdom: You have to be born again. There has to come something that will change

your life and so, God said through Ezekiel, "I'm going to change their hearts. I'm going to change their minds. I'm going to put My Spirit within them that they may be obedient to Me."

In John 3, He said to Nicodemus, *"You must be born again."* "What was the born again experience of Ezekiel? *"A new heart will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you."* He said, "I will make you a new creature, a new creation and I will take out your heart of stone and I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit will I put within you, and I will put My Spirit within you."

### *III. What God Had To Do For Us*

God gave us a perfect plan for us to walk with Him. Today, it's the same plan. He didn't say, "I'll take your nature, and I'll work it over and you can boast about it." No, He said, "I'm going to take a knife and cut out your heart. I'm not going to trust that old deceitful heart, that old lying heart, that old stubborn, rebellious heart. I'm going to cut it out. The first heart transplant was by the Lord, amen? People think that it's modern, but it isn't. God did it way back there for the children of Israel. He had to, because what was inside would not submit to God. He said, the flesh is enmity against God, it cannot please God (Romans 8: 7,8) Therefore, He has to remove it. So He does.

I said to the Lord one time, "Now, Lord, I'm praying for all kinds of people, I'm seeing all kinds of people delivered, and I can't say this people aren't born again, but something's very wrong. Something's very wrong." Then I realized, I said, "Lord, the church doesn't believe that a Christian can have a spirit." But I said, "God, I want You to show me what You had to do." So the Lord gave me Ezekiel 36. "This is what I had to do," the Lord said. Now you consider our wonderful nature, character, whatever you want to call it, and consider the condition of it, and yet, we come and say we want to serve God. The first time God crosses it, He's in trouble. He's invading into our territory. So the Lord said, "I'm going to get rid of these all at once, I'm going to take them out from all these heathen, I'm going to wash them in clean water, and I'm going to forgive them and blot out all of this. And now I'm going to give them a new spirit." The spirit that He gave back to us when we were born again was the same spirit He put in us when He created man in the Garden of Eden.

So mighty is the spirit. Look at us: we've got all kinds of stuff in us. He doesn't say, "Get rid of your stuff and I'll save you." We couldn't do it. None of you young people could do it. None of us could do it. So He had to trust His plan, and His plan was to take us out from among the heathen. Give us a new spirit, take out our heart of stone – the stubbornness, rebellion, whatever you want to call it – and give us a new heart – a heart of flesh after Him. He wanted to do this with the children of Israel. But they rejected Him; they said, "Now we want a king. We don't want You, Lord. You frighten us to death." Well, sometimes He does when He gets there close where we're living. We think, "I'm going to die." You better die. We better let go and let the Lord slay us, and become a living sacrifice unto Him, so that He can perform this mighty miracle.

If you don't hold still and let Him do it, you're in trouble, just as the children of Israel were in trouble – because you're holding on to something that God wants out of you. I see a lot of religious people, they're very, very religious, but they don't let God change their life. They're high, they're mighty and they're chosen of God. Yes, sir! With

the greatest pride. But Jesus said, "he that wants to be greatest in the kingdom of God," let him be what? "A servant to all." So now He's going to take these people by the new birth, give them a new spirit, a new heart and His Spirit.

But He put His Spirit within us that we could walk with His statutes. Way back in the beginning of time He placed His Spirit within us. He never changed that plan. Never. But man chose to go the other way, and then the only answer was Jesus – giving His life and shedding His blood, that we might once more come back to the Father and be filled with His Spirit and have a new mind, a new spirit and a new heart.

#### *IV. He Wants A New Creature And A New Creation*

Now think about it, young people. Just think about what God has to take out of you. All the stuff you put in -- you can't walk with God with a mixture like that inside you, can you? You can't do it. So what does He have to do? Forget about all that's inside. He has to start a new creature. A new creature. I hear doctrines that trouble me about, how do they say it? The soulish man? God is doing this in the soulish man – I don't believe that. I believe God has taken it all out, putting a new spirit in there and a new heart in there and His Spirit in there. Now you're ready to start all new. Now, He says, "You've got a room over here you've got locked. I want the key to it. There's another room over here you've got locked. I want the key to it. I want it. I want the whole house. I want all of you." And you can't hide a thing, because He's going to get it. Remember, we are new creatures with a new beginning and a new creation.

Think about it. It says – I read it to you – it's as though we're back in the Garden of Eden. Now that wasn't just spiritual, that was natural also. God did not do it just in the spiritual, He did it in the natural also. It tells here of all the things He did for them in Ezekiel 36. Isn't that true? I just read it to you. So He didn't plan for you just to be spiritual, walking around like angels. He wants to fill you with His love, with a spirit of obedience, with a spirit of a servant, with the Spirit of God ruling and reigning inside of you. We would never have been able to stand, if God did everything at once with us. You see, God goes in and He heals, and He takes out all the hurt. He removes it in His new creation. He wants to clean it all out. He doesn't want anything in that creation that's of the old. He wants a new creature and a new creation.

Now why did He say a new creature and a new creation? Because all things are going to become new. So why are you trying to hang on to your garbage? Why are you hiding stuff over here, and hiding stuff over there? He wants to clean it out so that you have a whole new creation, in everything. Not what you want – "God I want this..." Forget what you want. You ask God to take it all out and He'll give you an entirely new creation. Amen. Now what does a new creation mean? You think about the creation of the world and what God gave to man. That's the creation. That means everything He gives to us in this new creation is of Him. Amen. So there is no room for anything that isn't of Him. So what does He have to do? Tear it out. It hurts. We scream, we cry, we don't want to cook the way Sommer Haven wants us to cook. "I've been a cook all these years and I'm going to do it my way." "I know how to wash dishes – I'm going to do it my way." God says, "Wait a minute. I want to show you My way."

You better let God train you, and get rid of your anger, get rid of your stubbornness, get rid of your rebellion; and then you can have a new creation. All the

whole world will be a new creation to you.

He didn't say just a new creature, He said a new creation. Did you think about that? He goes on to say here in this 36<sup>th</sup> chapter of Ezekiel. *"I'll give you no famine. I will make you like the Garden of Eden. I will build up the ruined cities and I will plant that which was desolate. I, the Lord, have spoken it."*

When I went to Israel in 1975, I was looking at a beautiful fertile country that years and years and years lay barren and desolate. Down by the Dead Sea they could not grow anything. But when I went to the Dead Sea area, there were crops everywhere. Everywhere, everything was growing; there was huge, huge production of things in the land of Israel.

## *V. Our Lives Have To Be Changed*

He's talking here to the Israelites, but He's talking also to us. I am persuaded that God wants His Spirit to be in control of our lives, and it isn't going to be that way just because you get down and pray. "Make me that way." And in the next breath, when somebody asks you to do something, you say, "No, I'm not going to help you." Somebody asks, "Will you help me with this food I brought in?" You say, "No, I'm not going to help you." Are we flowing by the Spirit? No. We're trying to get by with what we want to do. But God has called us to give us a new spirit, a new heart and His Spirit. Now we are ready to begin. A new creation. A new creature and a new creation. Let go of your old habit patterns. Let go of your old thought patterns. Let them go. You're in a new creation. Let them all go. Let God take them. He'll take them and bury them, and He won't ever remember you had them. He'll take them away. But He wants you to be a new creature and a new creation, and let Him do it. Let Him do it. We mustn't be stubborn.

If you're not going to let God do it in the little things, you might as well go back where you came from, because you aren't going anywhere. It's time for the Lord to move in all the world, so He wants us to catch a vision and run with it. We have a task before us. Our lives have to be changed. Everything of the old has to pass away, and all things must become new. (II Corinthians 5:17)

You can't hang on to your anger, you can't hang on to your temper, you can't hang on to your ways that you want to keep. You have to say, "God, I'm a new creature; I must live in a new creation. I didn't fit in that other creation anymore. I'm not in the creation of darkness, I'm in the kingdom of light by Jesus Christ." So let the Lord put the searchlight upon you.

I said, "Lord, I know that Christians have spirits." So, He gave me another chapter. Just let me read that one to you a moment. I want to give you some basic foundation tonight. Isaiah 26. These are very mighty words of God that transform our lives very mightily, if we will let Him do it.

*12. LORD, thou wilt ordain peace for us; for thou also has wrought all our works in us.*

*13. O LORD our God, other lords beside thee have had dominion over us: but by thee only will we make mention of thy name.*

*14. They are dead, they shall not live; they are deceased, they shall not rise: therefore hast thou visited and destroyed them, and made all their memories to perish.*  
*(Isaiah 26: 12-14)*

What did He do? Let me show you something.

*O Lord, our God, other lords beside thee...*

All right now, what does that mean? That means the Lord is in there, doesn't it? But there are other lords in there, too. So what does He have to do? He has to, with a new spirit, with a new heart, and with His Spirit, clean house. Don't trust your past religious experience. He doesn't trust your lies and your deception. He says, "These lords are here, and I'm going to take them and destroy them." It says God's going to do it, not us. But what do we have to do? We have to yield them to Him. He exposes them.

God is exposing what's inside of you. And He's using His Spirit to do it. And so the Lord says to ask them to wash the dishes a certain way or scrub the floor a certain way, or go and do pots and pans, or go out there and help with the food. "I'm not going to rid of those things." You've got to say, "Lord, I'm recognizing this is of you, and I want it all out." Instead of thinking we're the king of the place, we're the ruler over everything, we're going to humble ourselves and say, "Lord, I want a new creation. I want all the old taken out. I want to be a new creature in a new creation." So He's trying to shape us and mold us in this new creation that He can pour out every blessing that He gave in the Garden of Eden.

## *VI. With This New Creation Comes A Responsibility*

But with it comes a responsibility. "I don't do anything unless I want to do it." Oh yes, and, "I want to do it my way." And somebody says, "Nobody is going to tell me what to do." You're a new creature in a new creation, so why hold onto the ways of the old? Why don't we get excited, realizing we're going into a realm that we've never been in before – a realm of God's glory, a realm of God's Spirit, a realm that brings a whole, new creation to us. With that creation, there is responsibility. He gave Adam and Eve the beautiful Garden of Eden, but He said, "You keep it. You take care of these beautiful animals. You take care of these beautiful trees. You take care of this beautiful land. I give it to you." The Lord says, "Here, we're training you in the new creation."

You have become a new creature. But this new creature can't survive in the old creation. It can't. It has to be in the environment of the new creation. So God has to take this new creature, a new creation by the Spirit of God, and He brings us into this new creation. It's by His Spirit that we live and move and have our being in this new creation. Only by His Spirit can it be done. Only by Him can it be done -- to the changing of our lives, till all at once we realize, "Yes, there is a responsibility. There is a responsibility to obey His Spirit and let Him use us by His Spirit in any way He chooses." But we have to allow Him to remove all the other lords. He didn't clean us before He bought us; He bought us filthy. But He's cleaning us up, making us a new creature – a whole new creation.

If you doubt about the creation, read about it in Genesis – the creation that God gave to man. And then remember you have some responsibility in that new creation.

Don't try and get away from it. Don't tell God how you want to do it and when you want to do it. Say, "God, I thank You for this new creation. I want it. I want it the way you want it. I want to live in it as Jesus would have us live in it – not of our own way, but the way of the Lord." "But I'll put no famine among you. I will give you everything I gave you in the Garden of Eden." We have that here, don't we? Maybe you don't, but I do. Maybe you don't think you do, but I do and I know it's a new creation. Everything is perfect from Him, but it's up to us to yield our lives, so that His Spirit can train us and lead us in the things that He would have us to do. Mighty things are happening right now all over the world.

Our God is able to do anything. It's exciting to be a part of it. It's exciting that the global outreach has reached this desert, and through this desert, God is able to give help to the other countries of the world. It's His provision, it's His work, and He is bringing it to pass.

### *Closing Prayer*

Father, we thank You tonight for this Word. We thank You, Lord, You not only made us a new creature but You gave us a new creation. So, Lord, let us tonight have a glimpse of that new creation. A creation, O God, of peace and love and joy and harmony and the flow of Your Spirit one to another and forgiving and kindness and healing and all the things we need as human beings. Forgive us tonight, and cleanse us tonight, and cause us to understand You're the One that's changing our life, and we give You permission to do it – that we are not only new creatures, but we live in a new creation.

We thank You for Sommer Haven. We thank You for what You've made it to be, and, Father, I ask You to forgive every one of us who have not been faithful to make this place a new creation. Those that have purposed to do their own thing, in their own way or to let the property not to be properly taken care of, or anything, Lord that we're negligent with and passing it off to somebody else. Forgive us, tonight, Lord, and help us to realize that You not only made us a new creature, but You gave us a new creation.

Let us be grateful and let us be thankful, Lord, that everything that You put our hands to do, we will do it the way You want it to be done, and we'll give You praise and we'll give You glory. Father, we thank You for the foundation You've laid in Jesus Christ in each one of us – the new birth, the new creation. Oh God, we give You praise for it. Bless everyone here tonight. Impart this Word into each one of us, Oh God. Until we have a new vision and a new purpose. And know that You have not only made us a new creature, but You've given us a new creation. That we may walk in it, in the obedience of the Spirit of God, letting you remove these things which are of the old and bring forth the new in the kingdom of God which is within us, Lord. So, God, make us aware tonight of this new kingdom You've given to us that we may faithfully, with every fiber of our being, desire and cry out, "Lord, move in us by Your Spirit. Use us by Your Spirit. Change us into a new creature and a new creation." We give You glory for it, Jesus. We praise You now, and we thank You for Your forgiveness, we thank You for Your healing, we thank You for the light that You've given to us tonight, Lord. Let us walk in it with every fiber of our being, God – to let go of everything in our life that hinders us from being a new creation. God, we thank You for it. Let us enjoy this new creation by Your Spirit, Jesus, that You've given to us. For truly You've made us

new creatures in Christ Jesus. We thank You.

For in You, Lord Jesus, we live and move and have our being. And we give You glory for it. In this new creation, we boast in You, Lord, and not in ourselves. But help us to take the responsibility of every little thing that You've placed before us. Let us learn well every lesson that we don't have to go and learn over again. But, oh God, this night, we repent before You that You may make us that new creature and give us a new creation that we may walk in it with joy and with gladness. Watching You bring about the mighty changes in Your kingdom, for Your glory. Thank You, Wonderful Jesus. Thank You, Father for giving us Your Son, and His giving us Your kingdom that we may be a new creature in a new creation in this world. We thank You, Lord. Make us to be grateful from the depth of our soul, Lord. Teach us how to respond to Your Spirit and to learn the new ways of the new creation, and we give You glory for it, Jesus, in Your Wonderful Name. Amen. God bless you tonight.