

#### Rom 1:20

For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead

# The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handywork

Ps 19:1

### <mark>Ps 8:3</mark>

## When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained



- God created man and women
  - Adam and Eve
- God instituted marriage
  - Man and a women (Mt.19:4-6)
- God provided everything for man
  - 2 Peter 1:3 "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue"

- God's part
  - Creation
- Man's part
  - Gen 2:15 "And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it"
- God has always had rules to man
  - Man's obligation is to obey them
- Serpent introduced
  - Satan's goal is to deceive and distract us from God's will

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# Are we are brothers keeper?

#### **OUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO ONE ANOTHER**

#### 1. WE ARE TO "LOVE ONE ANOTHER" ...

- 1. As commanded by Jesus Jn 13:34-35; 15:12,17
- 2. As taught by Paul Rom 13:8; 1Th 4:9
- 3. As instructed by Peter 1Pet 1:22
- As stressed by John <u>1Jn 3:11</u> (note v.12), 23; 4:7,11-12; <u>2Jn 5</u>

#### 2. HOW WE SHOW OUR LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER...

- 1. We are to "receive one another" Rom 15:7
- 2. We are to "edify another" Rom 14:19
- 3. We are to "serve one another" Gal 5:13
- 4. We are to "bear one another's burdens" Gal 6:1-2
- 5. We are to be "forgiving one another" Eph 4:32
- 6. We are to be "submitting to one another" Eph 5:21
- 7. We are to "exhort one another" Heb 3:12-13
- 8. We are to "consider one another" Heb 10:24-25
- 9. We are to be "hospitable to one another" 1Pet 4:8-10



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  - Isa 6:8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, *Here am I; send me*

- Abraham
  - Birth of Isaac
  - Gen 18:14 Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son
  - Obedience even when it involves family

- Gen 18:14 Is anything too hard for the Lord?
- Num 11:23 And the LORD said unto Moses, Is the LORD's hand waxed short? thou shalt see now whether my word shall come to pass unto thee or not
- Job 42:2 I know that thou canst do all things, And that no purpose of thine can be restrained
- Jer 32:17 Ah Lord Jehovah! behold, thou hast made the heavens and the earth by thy great power and by thine outstretched arm; there is nothing too hard for thee

- Matt 19:26 But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible
- Matt 14:31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?
- Luke 1:37 For with God nothing shall be impossible
- Eph 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us
- Phil 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me
- Phil 3:21 who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself



- Sodom and Gomorrah
  - Abraham pleads for Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen.18:23)
  - We see how God viewed this sin
  - Sodom and Gomorrah were guilty of many other sins, but homosexuality was the principal reason God poured fiery sulfur on the cities, completely destroying them and all of their inhabitants. To this day, the area where Sodom and Gomorrah were located remains a desolate wasteland. Sodom and Gomorrah serve as a powerful example of how God feels about sin in general and homosexuality specifically.

- Joseph
  - Was mistreated by his family
  - Knew God was with him
  - Could of have had revenge
  - Gen 50:20 But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.

- Summary:
  - God has provided for mankind
  - God has given man free will
  - Obedience to how God wants it done
  - The Devil is present
  - Sin can take you further than you want to go
  - Persistence, steadfastness, patience
  - Looking for the opportunity when called
  - Working when we don't know the full will of God
  - Faith and trust
  - Overcome adversity
  - Not compromising when family is involved
  - Revenge
  - Salvation