

God's Investment Plan

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There are people in this world, who spend their entire lives amassing material possessions and as much wealth as they can acquire. They let nothing stand in the way of their ambitions and goals. Their lives are completely consumed with the pursuit of money, social status and appearances. Even loved ones take a backseat when it comes to building their financial empires. Have you ever dreamed of having as much money as you please, to own all the material things that you could possibly ever imagine, to go anywhere and do anything you wish as often and as long as you should choose?

At first glance, it appears that leading that sort of lifestyle would be very pleasant and enjoyable and many people dream of living that sort of life, but would those things really make you happy? Are people who possess all those things really and truly happy? Are they living completely fulfilled lives, satisfied in every way and lacking for nothing?

Those sorts of people appear to have all the wealth in the world, all that they could possibly need to be happy, but do you realize you have far greater riches than those people could ever dream about? There is a fortune and future awaiting God's people; that is priceless and worth more than any of the possessions and all of the wealth that this world could ever offer.

It has been said, that it takes money to make money. Many wealthy individuals invest their money in various ways to earn a rate of return, or increase. One area of investment, that they utilize to increase their fortunes, is the stock market. There they can purchase stocks, bonds, mutual funds and commodities. There are different funds that offer different rates of return and other benefits, depending on how the plan is set up. As Christians, we invest in a fund too, it is called God's plan. Many have been given the opportunity to invest in God's plan, but only a few respond to this fantastic opportunity.

Matthew 22:14

¹⁴ "For many are called, but few are chosen."

God's plan is one of the most profitable investments you can ever make. There are rewards, compensation and benefits are far beyond our capacity to imagine, or even dream of! Those who remain loyal and faithful to God and his plan have an incredible future waiting for them!

1 Corinthians 2:6

⁶ However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷ But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom* which God ordained before the ages for our glory, ⁸ which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But as it is written:

*"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,
Nor have entered into the heart of man
The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."*

All of those who participate in God's plan are invited to attend an annual meeting in the fall of the year. There are seven days of daily meetings, with a separate and special meeting on the eighth day. You could liken this gathering to a shareholders meeting. There, God's plan is reviewed and the participants are instructed in the rewards and priceless benefits that are awaiting those who remain faithful and participate in the plan until it reaches full maturity. The participants enjoy a wonderful carefree time that offers just a foretaste of the incredible benefits that will be received by each and every one who invests in God's plan.

Deuteronomy 16:13-15

¹³ "You shall observe the Feast of Tabernacles seven days, when you have gathered from your threshing floor and from your winepress. ¹⁴ And you shall rejoice in your feast, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant and the Levite, the stranger and the fatherless and the widow, who are within your gates. ¹⁵ Seven days you shall keep a sacred feast to the LORD your God in the place which the LORD chooses, because the LORD your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands, so that you surely rejoice.

On the last or eighth day of the meeting, the rewards that will be bestowed on all of mankind, as a benefit of God's plan, are discussed and revealed. As participants in God's plan, we will be required to instruct and explain to others the benefits and rewards of God's plan. Those who participate in God's plan now; will be the recipients of a far greater benefit, than those who invest after the first dividends are paid out. Sadly, some will never take advantage of God's plan and will reject it outright. An unpleasant fate awaits those who are offered the opportunity and willfully opt out of God's plan. Do not throw away your opportunity!

Revelation 20:14-15

¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

Each person who participates in God's plan receives his, or her, own personal helper and guide called the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will guide you into a deeper and more meaningful understanding of God's plan and aid you in being able to meet the plan's guidelines and requirements. Participation in God's plan is the **safest** and most **beneficial** investment you can ever make.

God's plan is not affected by interest rates, the stock market, the global economy, or by how strong the dollar stands up against the yen or the euro. The benefits you receive from God's plan do not require insurance! They cannot be stolen, misappropriated, or mismanaged. You can rest assured your benefits will be waiting for you safe and secure when you are fully vested and able to collect, as long as you have upheld the requirements you are obligated to meet as a participant in God's plan.

Luke 12:33-34

³³ Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

God's plan, allows each participant to go on to earn an even greater return, according to his or her individual actions. Participants are encouraged to serve others and to perform good works. The responsibility is on each participant individually; to maximize the performance and return they will receive from God's plan.

Titus 3:8

⁸ This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.

Every need, of each individual participant, is provided for by God's plan. There is no need to worry, fear, or fret over the basic needs in life. God's plan provides for the participants (His people), He knows what our needs are even before we ask.

Matthew 6:31-32

³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² "For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

You might well ask why everyone in the world is not participating in God's incredible and wonderful plan. Sadly, out of all the people that are offered the opportunity to become participants in God's plan, there are just a few who are able to realize the potential and are willing to do what is necessary to live by the plan's guidelines. It is a select few, who will qualify to be the first beneficiaries of God's plan. Most people just cannot understand God's plan and the rewards it offers, at this time. It requires a special guide that resides within us, the Holy Spirit that God provides, in order to understand the entirety of God's plan and become a recipient of all the incredible benefits that it offers.

Matthew 7:21-23

²¹ "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' ²³ And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

There are many who consider themselves wise, knowledgeable and shrewd investors, who have rejected God's plan. You do not have to be a great intellectual, or scholar to understand God's plan. For anyone who truly seeks to know, to understand, to learn about and participate in God's plan, the way will be opened to them.

Luke 10:21

²¹ In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.

It is a very special privilege and honor, to be selected to be the first participant's in God's plan.

1 Peter 2:9

9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

Many of those people who amass personal fortunes and empires in this world are all alone. They believe that everyone is out to get their possessions and they are wary of everyone around them. Even when they marry, they require pre-nuptial agreements to protect their wealth. It is very sad, for all their money they still long for companionship and meaningful relationships. Those who participate in God's plan will never be alone; you will never be left or forsaken. You can absolutely depend on God and his word.

Hebrews 13:5

5 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Most companies have a 401k or some other retirement plan in place for their employees. Each employee deposits money into the fund and the money is invested for a future return. When employees retire, they begin to draw on these funds for a retirement income. Many people have invested heavily in their retirement funds, have put money aside for years and have thousands of dollars in their accounts.

Those funds could disappear overnight, should there be some type of financial disaster or national upheaval within this country, or the global marketplace. The events of September 11, 2001, showed us just how fragile the financial well being of our country is. Those who invest in God's plan can truly be absolutely and completely confident in its safety and stability; God's plan is built upon a sure foundation and will stand the test of time.

Luke 6:47-48

47 Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: 48 He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock.

God's plan has a portfolio that is quite large, it's called the Bible. In it is every instruction and procedure that participant's in God's plan need to gain the maximum benefits from the plan. Every eventuality and contingency is explained in detail, as well as the rewards and punishments that will be meted out, based on each participant's actions while they are active in God's plan. God's plan has been available since the foundation of the world. Some very important people have chosen to invest in God's plan down through the years: Abraham, Moses, David, Daniel, Paul and John, just to name a few.

What about retirement? God's plan also has a provision for our retirement; have you ever heard of a plan before that offered eternal life?

John 6:54

⁵⁴ Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

What other investment can pay those types of dividends! Have you ever heard of a retirement plan that offers you the position of a king, or priest?

Revelation 1:6

⁶ and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 5:10

¹⁰ And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

What kind of value can you place on benefits like those! Have you ever heard of a retirement plan that will place you in charge over cities?

Luke 19:17

¹⁷ And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.'

How about a plan that will resurrect you from the dead, even though you have lived out your physical life? How about a plan that will forever do away with death and the grave. Or, a plan that will reunite you with lost loved ones? There is nothing anywhere, in this entire earthly world that can even begin to compare to God's plan and the awesome future that awaits you, me and every person who participates in God's plan, **if** we remain faithful and stay within the plan to the end. This phase of God's plan will not go on forever and there is a limited window of opportunity to enroll in the plan.

The population of this world now numbers into the multiple billions; think how incredibly awesome it is to be selected to participate in God's plan! It is the single most incredible opportunity you will ever receive! If everyone understood the benefits of God's plan, there would be people standing in lines encircling the globe to take advantage of its benefits! God has chosen you out of all the people on this planet and given you the opportunity to know and understand His plan for you and for all of mankind.

God's plan is all encompassing and contains all the knowledge we will ever need to know in this life. I encourage you to stay with God's plan to the end, invest in it, take advantage of the benefits it has to offer you, grow with it. God's own Son paid a terrible price, so that each of us could be offered the opportunity to participate in God's plan. God personally invited each person that is offered the opportunity to participate in this plan. Let us all see God's plan through to fruition, that we may all be found worthy, and let us all be there to receive our benefits when God's plan has reached the point of maturity and completion.

(All scriptural references cited from the New King James Edition of the Holy Bible)