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MONDAY

1. God is extremely powerful. With just one word, He is able to form a vast and complex universe. God is omnipotent, infinitely wise, and governs all things perfectly. By His word, everything takes place (Hebrews 11:3).
2. After being judged, the Earth became formless and empty, and darkness covered the surface of the deep. However, the Spirit of God hovered over the waters, and this indicates that He had not given up on the Earth. On the contrary, God desired to restore it, because to Him the Earth is very special (Genesis 1:2).
3. God formed the Earth to place upon it man, a unique creature before God. He breathed into man the breath of life, and this makes him the only creature created with a spirit, proceeding from God Himself. This spirit was formed to have contact with the Creator; therefore, man occupies such a precious place in God's heart (Genesis 2:7; Zechariah 12:1).
4. "Thanks be to the Lord, who did not give up on the man He had created and granted Adam a son named Seth, in place of Abel, whom Cain had killed. To Seth, in turn, a son was born named Enosh, and from then onward, having perceived human frailty without God, people began to call upon the name of the Lord upon recognizing that they needed His protection and His help" (Genesis 4:26) (Daily Food, book 4, week 3, Monday, p. 39).

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TUESDAY

1. God created man in His own image and likeness and placed him in Eden. In the center of the garden there was the tree of life. God's desire was that man would choose to eat from this tree, which represents God Himself as life. By eating from it, man would receive divine life; God would enter his spirit to dwell within him and empower him to live according to His will (Genesis 1:26-27; 2:9).
2. However, Satan, God's adversary, anticipated this and deceived man by leading Eve to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, from which God had commanded them not to eat. This tree represented deception because it promised a false discernment of good and evil. Its true intention was to turn man away from God (Genesis 3:1-5; 2 Corinthians 11:3).
3. From this man began to consider that he no longer needed God as the source of life, since he could act according to his own understanding and ability. Upon knowing good and evil, man began to think that he was capable of doing good on his own and thus of pleasing God (Psalm 14:1-3).
4. "Cain, however, once expelled from the presence of the Lord, had to found a civilization entirely devoid of God and replaced what God had previously provided in the Garden of Eden and what man had lost. He needed to build a walled city for his protection, a fortress to defend himself. He had to provide for his own sustenance and invent amusements to find joy" (Genesis 4:11-16) (Daily Food, book 4, week 3, Tuesday, p. 42).

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WEDNESDAY

1. Man lives in inner conflict. He was created with an inner law that inclines him to desire good and to take pleasure in God's law. However, when he tries to practice it, he realizes that he cannot accomplish what he wants but ends up doing precisely the evil he does not desire. This is the conflicting condition of man—including the Christian—when he discovers that he is not actually the one who practices evil but the sin that dwells within him (Romans 7:18-21).
2. When man disobeyed by eating from the tree that God had commanded him not to eat from, sin and death entered the world. Through this deception and disobedience, man was separated from God. Since then, humanity became enslaved to sin and death. Satan thwarted the divine plan at that moment, but God did not give up on man (Romans 3:23)!
3. Every fallen man bears the mark of God's enemy—the sinful nature—from which he cannot be freed by himself. God, however, provided a unique way to change this story: the coming of the offspring (the seed) of the woman, Christ. Through His death and resurrection, the ultimate solution for the redemption of man was presented. Only in the cross can fallen man find salvation (Genesis 3:15; Romans 5:12, 15).
4. “This is the natural course of someone who starts out being good by the tree of knowledge but ends up arrogant and violent. How terrible it is to live outside the presence of God! Whoever acts like this does so alone [...] Eve believed that only the Creator was capable of granting her a son to continue the lineage according to His will” (Genesis 4:25-26) (Daily Food, book 4, week 3, Wednesday, pp. 44-45).

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THURSDAY

1. Through the death and resurrection of Christ, humanity can be freed from the old man, contaminated by the devil's DNA. The question is: how can we live in the new man if the old man is still within us and the nature of sin has not been eradicated from us in this age? The answer is that each person needs to choose daily whether they will live according to the new man or according to the old. Which one do you choose to live by? (Romans 6:4).
2. Today we need to understand that it is possible to choose not to live according to the old man but according to the new man. Everything depends on where we place our thoughts, that is, where we direct our minds. The secret lies in inclining it toward the Spirit. The more we immerse ourselves in the word of God, the more we allow it to guide and direct us. In this way, we experience the reality of the old man's having been crucified with Christ (Romans 8:5-9).
3. When we live by the life of God through His Word by believing in it and obeying it without reservation, we realize that it has the power to perform supernatural works in our lives. It is not about living according to the right and wrong of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil but by the life that is in the Word of God (1 Cor 1:18; 2 Cor 3:17).
4. "Therefore, when Seth was born to replace Abel, man realized how weak and fragile he was without God's presence and provision. Instead of hardening his heart, as Cain had done, Seth, representing Adam, humbled himself and began to call upon the name of the Lord. He found, in repentance, a door to salvation. [...] We, yes, must repent, have a change of attitude, and cry out: "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" (Luke 18:13) (Daily Food, book 4, week 3, Thursday, p. 48).

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FRIDAY

1. The Christian life does not depend on human logic or skill but on believing in the Word and living in fellowship based on the teaching of the apostles. It is through the Holy Spirit--by way of our spirit—that there is freedom to act. Signs, wonders, and miracles happen through the hands of the apostles, and this is only possible through the power of the Spirit (Acts 2:42-43).
2. When Christ is head over all things, time will cease to exist. However, we need to remember that God's will has not yet been fully accomplished. He counts on the church—me and you—to fulfill His purpose on Earth. Today, are you more concerned with your own religious work or with the kingdom of God? Let us be vigilant because the coming of the Lord is near (Ephesians 1:9-10, 22-23).
3. Today the Lord seeks those who understand Him and seek Him because only those who seek Him from the heart do His will. It is in this seeking that we come to know and understand Him. Therefore, it is necessary to heed the Lord's words. He is the only Creator and the only one who accomplishes His work. As for you, it is essential that you listen to Him (Psalm 14:2-3; 1 Samuel 15:1; Deuteronomy 6:3-4).
4. "Calling on the name of the Lord occurs when a person recognizes that they are unable to do anything more and need salvation, help (Lam 3:55-56). This is the meaning of the expression "call on." It is the same as saying: "Be merciful to me, a sinner, Lord! Help!" It is the cry of despair of someone who is in trouble and needs to be heard. Therefore, calling on the name of the Lord is more than praying: it is the cry for help from someone who recognizes their powerlessness (Daily *Bread*, book 4, week 3, Friday, p. 49)."

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SATURDAY

1. Paying attention to the words of the Lord is not about hearing as a mere listener, like someone who hears a good lecture. It is about listening as someone who loves the Lord with all their heart, with all their soul, and with all their strength. It is not just hearing but listening with all your heart to engrave and inculcate the word of God in the depths of your being (Deuteronomy 6:5-7).
2. Do we desire that the word of God accomplish His work in us? Then, it is necessary to instill this word in our hearts. It is not our skill that will do God's work because He does not wish to use man's natural strength. What God requires is that we heed His words. Let us not trust in our own strength to try to help God because the work is His and is accomplished through obedience (Matthew 22:37; Deuteronomy 30:2).
3. God does not want us to use the "good" side of the flesh; rather, it is necessary that all flesh be destroyed. We might think, "But, Lord, this part of my skill can help You. Couldn't my natural talents be useful in Your work?" The answer is no. God does not want to perfect the flesh but to eliminate it. What He desires is that we heed His words and fully obey what He says (1 Samuel 15:1-3).
4. "We call on the name of the Lord to be saved. Yet, to do so we must first hear the word of truth, which is the gospel of His salvation. [...] It is with the mouth that one confesses unto salvation, but to do so one must first hear. Let us hear and then confess" (Romans 10:9-13) (Daily Bread, book 4, week 3, Saturday, p. 52).

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SUNDAY

1. Today many do not fully trust in the word of the Lord, nor are they faithful to Him. Instead, they resort to human logic and skill to try to “help” God. Because of this, the Spirit does not find freedom to accomplish His work. For this reason, in this generation, God seeks those who understand and obey Him. Do you want to be among those who understand and obey God today? (1 Samuel 15:9).
2. We are the workers of the last hour. We should not just do what we think is best because we will end up hampering the Lord's work. In doing so, we fail to follow Him, to obey His word, and to carry out what God has commanded. Following the Lord is not about following logic or trusting in human skill, talent, or judgment. Following the word is simply following the word—and that is that (1 Samuel 15:10-11).
3. If we do not fully heed the word of the Lord, if we do not obey all that He says, we continue to act according to what we consider best. However, even partial obedience is not, for God, true obedience. Therefore, let us be diligent in hearing and carrying out the words of the Lord exactly as He has commanded by obeying His will completely and not trusting in our own judgment (1 Sam 15:22-23; Mt 16:24).
4. “Once connected with God, our soul needs nourishment, guidance, and salvation. How do we obtain this? By receiving God’s message through hearing His word. [...] Why do we need to go through trials, even though we have already been saved by calling on the name of the Lord? Because our soul is not yet completely saved. God wants to purify our faith, which, in turn, is purified through the salvation of the soul, that is, through the process of sanctification (1 Peter 1:6-9) (*Daily Food, book 4, week 3, Sunday, p. 54*).”

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