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Mark10:6

But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female.

This verse reiterates what we have already seen in the previous verses and v7.

V29ch9:1,7

1And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.7And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it."

Interesting thing about this cross reference is on the face of it, it would appear better matched to v28 however, it is matched to v29. Either this is an error or there is an implication that suggests being fruitful is linked to having endowed within us a plant yielding seed, and that we are to be trees with seed in its fruit. For the sole purpose of food. Being fruitful is not only linked therefore with reproducing by bearing children, but also with prosperity. What is the unit of prosperity? Food.

Ch9:3; Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything.

From this verse, for man, it would appear that food not only encompasses plants and fruit, every green thing, but also every animal that walks the face of the earth. Hence we can see that Man is at the top of the food chain and that therefore when God gave man dominion he meant it in a wealth aspect as well.

Ps.104:14,15;

You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, he may bring forth food from the earth 15 and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine and bread to strengthen man's heart.

This verse lists the things that God provides and the reason he provides them for us.

145:15,16

15The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. 16You open your hand, you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

This verse emphasises God the provider. It highlights our dependency on him for everything.

V30ps.147:9He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry.

He is not just a provider of Man kind, but also a provider to the beasts of the earth. What question springs from this I, Is God mindful of everything not just humans? It would appear that he considers all that he created. He wants us to value what he created. Although he has given man dominion over every living thing this does not mean that he has given man the authority to abuse it. There are rules and laws. Employers have certain restrictions they have to adhere to regarding disciplining their employees. Like wise employees in relation to their employers. Warranted Employers have much more scope however, there are still restrictions in place.

V31Eccles 7:29; See, this alone I found, that God made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes.

It would appear in contrast that in the beginning v31 God made everything perfect. But we see in Eccles7:29 that Man has made things out of order and disarray. So from God's, the Landlord's, perspective this is totally unacceptable. We can see already a major reason why God is annoyed with Mankind.

1Tim4:4

For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if It is received with thanksgiving,

This is a profound verse. On the face of it there would appear to be absolutely nothing untoward or unclear about this verse. However, take a closer look at the second half of the verse, the condition. One question springs to mind is shouldn't this read if it is given in thanksgiving and not if it is received with thanksgiving? Would you receive something with thanks and then reject it? I think we need at this point to look at other translations which may throw some light on the matter.

KJV

For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving.

Amp

For everything God has created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with gratitude;

NIV

For everything God created Is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving.

I wish I could say that observing the various translations have shed more light on the exact meaning of this verse, however, I cannot and therefore it is something I shall have thrashing around at the back of my mind throughout the rest of the analysis with the hope of a profound revelation perhaps later on.(prayer meditation focus point)

John Chapter 1v1-51

V1 Gen1:1

In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth.

This verse is further confirmation that the Genesis Chapter 1 and John Chapter 1 are very similar. The beginning of creation, the introduction of God on Earth. God came down to earth to dwell among man, in human form.

1Col1:17;

And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

This confirms the statement made by John Chapter 1 v1 that all things are made through him and that without him nothing is made that is made. It references to the fact that before something occurs he has to come first, and what is made is held together by him. In relation to our lives, we can see that he had to be involved with our existence and that in order for us to live our lives we need him to be involved in every aspect of it.

1John1:1

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life.

This verse looks upon v1 from another angle, it discusses the disciples witness of the existence of the Son of God, God in human form. It cannot possibly be referring to us as in you and I of today but of reliable witnesses who actually physically met and spoke with Jesus. Those that were his followers.

Rev1:4,8,17;

4John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne. 8"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."17When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, Fear not, 'I am the first and the last,

The introduction to this verse is particularly distinctive as it describes the letter as being from him, him we take to meaning Jesus. He is further described as being who is, who was and who is to come. This summarises succinctly Jesus' constant presence with us Holy Ghost, Jesus' presence in the beginning the word, and Jesus his second coming as v11promised in Acts 1v11. The seven spirits are those belonging to God, his character, his personality his essence.

Verse 8 further describes God, Jesus as the alpha and omega that is a beginning and end of the Greek Alphabet it is clearly a simile with reference to his beginning and end. God is all there is, he is everything, everything we need, everything that is real and meaningful nothing else matters or is of significance. The verse then repeats what we have already covered in verse 1 of Revelation.

Verse 17 This verse describes in more detail how seeing him had a profound affect on the person who saw him, it basically terrified him. We know this because of Jesus's response Fear not, then we see that with his right hand he places it on the shoulder of this person, whom we know to be John. his favourite Disciple, now John was familiar with Jesus, yet when he saw him in Heaven with all his splendour he was terrified of him. How can this be? What are we to presume from this? That we would not be able to cope with being face to face with our maker? We know that our maker is merciful and is full of grace and truth John1 v 17 It is this grace that we are reliant upon. This verse homes in once again upon the identity of Jesus as being first and the last, it is a quantitative attempt of describing him, although he cannot be contained or quantified. He is infinite, yet here we see him as described as the last which implies infinite has a definition.

And the angel of the church in Laodicea write: "The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness the beginning of God's creation.

Interesting thing about this verse is whom the letter is addressed to, the Angel of the church, it doesn't say to the leaders of the church, but it references to the spiritual realm that manages the church. So we see in this verse we are in a dream, trance, spiritual realm. All reference is not made to the natural, but to the supernatural. So unlike all the other epistles written by Paul to the various churches this epistle is written in the supernatural to the supernatural principalities that govern the seven churches in Asia.

The words of the Amen, I am assuming the prayerful people of God, the faithful and true witness the beginning of God's creation are referring to Jesus as the word who was the initial witness to all that God said and did in the beginning when he created the Heavens and the Earth.

21:6;

And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

This is a very prominent statement as it is punctuated with an exclamation mark which is categorised as a shout. Jesus' declaration that all that he has established has been secured and that Satan has been defeated. The verse further repeats his authority and identity and concludes with a promise. He will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. Could you imagine if Jesus charged for us to drink from this spring of life how many of us would die? Unlike the world where we have to pay for our food and water and dependant on our ability to do this is whether we go hungry or starve to death. World economy relief is so vital, providing food and clean water supplies are key to the survival of the world. For the Rich to have all the wealth and to hold up their hand as a control factor would mean sacrilege for the poor. That is why a lot of wealthy people support a lot of charities that provide relief.

22:13

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

A repeat of the previous verses.

Rev 19:13

He Is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God.

Clothed in a robe dipped in blood, describes of Jesus as the sacrificial lamb, and the Word of God, could mean the promise, the word that ignited change in the beginning, the word that became flesh.

Heb4:12;

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

This is a powerful statement, in the sense that it describes the word as a more tangible powerful active force, one that causes things to happen. The word as a living and active entity. Why liken the word to the sharpness of a sword? Words can be quite cutting, which is why when you are guilty of sin you can be affected by a word spoken. It pierces the soul and spirit, This talks about guilt, guilt is a terrible thing it can cause someone to go insane. The word is described as intelligent, as it discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart. So if it is discerning there is no hiding the truth from it and it will pinpoint with sharp accuracy exactly the nature of the sin. We often see this in prophetic utterances and declarations. We see this exhibited in John 1v v47,v49.

1John 1:1;

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life.

Repeat see above.

1John 1:2;

The life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us

This verse is a testimony of a witness, a witness to the manifested life of God in the form of Jesus, which has promised and now proclaimed the eternal life. Are we therefore to presume that there is eternal life in Jesus?

Ch17:5 And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

Here we see a conversation between Jesus and the father, about establishing him in his presence and confirming that he was with him in the beginning. Jesus is asking God the father to Glorify him and prove his identity. This is an interesting statement, as it would appear that although we see that God has already confirmed Jesus' identity, at his baptism by John. It was essential that his identity was confirmed as this was the last and final act on earth before he departed. Jesus was basically asking for God to restore him back to his original position since the beginning of time thus securing his position on the right hand of the father. The fact that Jesus is now seated at the right hand of the father means that this high priestly prayer was fulfilled.

Phil2:6 who though he was in the form of God, did not **count** equality with God a thing to be **grasped**,

This verse clearly outlines the humility of Christ, although he had the full status of God he did not use it in an arrogant way or in a derisive way to cheapen it or make it look as if it was a commodity. It is to his example that we look daily in our lives as we grow in him.

V3 v10He was in the world, and **the** world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.

What question is poised is that how on earth can someone be responsible for the existence of something, yet the very thing that is in existence does not acknowledge the very person who made it. We see an example of this in children who are illegitimate, where one parent has had to bring up the child, but neglected to inform it of it's true father. Or if you were responsible for the ideas

behind a project and your name was not noted on the original documents or in the press release or publicity then you could see someone using your idea and they talk to you about it as if you never had anything to do with it. Back to the high priestly prayer, we see that Jesus asks to be restored back to his original position. Jesus was God's hidden secret, plan from the beginning of creation. He wanted him to be made known, hence he wanted to purify the lineage from Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Judah. His coming was prophesied by the prophet Isaiah. Not much was really known or said about him until The New Testament where now we are told that he was in the beginning with God. There was a hint to his existence in the beginning which we never saw, that was the word, the promise.

Ps33:6;

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

The word of God we see has the power to establish things, the breath of his mouth breaths life into hosts and man.

1Cor8:6; yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

This verse is another way of expressing John1v1. It exemplifies the uniqueness and sole existence of one God which we exist because he created everything and the acknowledgement of Jesus Christ, whom without, nothing was made to exist that exists.

Col1:16;

For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-all things were created through him and for him.

In this verse we go a bit deeper to encompass both the natural and supernatural world which he created. So by the heavens we assume this means the supernatural and the earth this means the natural. Thrones we assume kings and queens of the various countries and principalities of the spiritual world both good and bad. Everything It is concluded is subject to him as it was for his purpose.

Heb1:2

But in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

Now we know previously God spoke to us through his various Prophets, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Samuel, Jerimiah, Ezekiel Isaiah, Elijah and Elisha and this verse suggests finally he has spoken to us through his son Jesus Christ. We are told that he is appointed the heir of all things and through him we know God created the world. We are told we have an inheritance this same inheritance is the very thing that Jesus is the heir of. John 1v 12,13.

V4ch5:26;

For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.

This verse speaks expressly about the life inside God which is the same life which is in the Son and this life from verse 4 is the light of men, the guide. This light now appears in the form of the Holy Ghost.

11:25; Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,

This statement is grammatically interesting because we see that Jesus describes himself as an adverb, the resurrection. Now we see that there had to be a distinction between other resurrections and his resurrection because he resurrected Lazarus. However, his resurrection was the most significant one because it symbolised that Satan had been defeated and all that God had set out for Jesus' mission had been accomplished. The resurrection is separate from the life. The life is the spirit, Holy Ghost the resurrection has gone to be seated at the right hand of the father. To merely believe in Jesus and all that he accomplished means that although we may perish in the physical natural body we shall be alive in the spirit because his spirit lives in us.

1John1:2; The life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us

This verse is a repetition of previous verses which is just a confirmation of witnessing God incarnate, human form. As was confirmed by John the Baptist John 1v 29,36.

5:11 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

Eternal life, is the gift we receive from God, when we believe in Jesus.

Ch8:12;

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world, Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

This verse is another way of saying all that we have read regarding the eternal life found in Jesus.

9:5,

As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

There appears to be a condition placed on Jesus being the light of the world, it is a reasonable one and understandable one. He has to be in the world to be the light. We cannot therefore reject him.

12:46

I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.

What does it mean to not remain in darkness? It means to be ignorant of things that are unseen, but are very much occurring. To believe in Jesus means to constantly study and desire to know all about him, his ministry, his mission and all that he did.

V5ch 3:19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

The mare fact that someone would prefer darkness over light is an indication that their works are evil. They don't want it revealed by the light. This verse confirms what has already been established that Jesus wants us not to be ignorant of Satan's devices. He wants us to be aware of things that are evil that can affect our lives.

V6v33;I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.

This is John's way of verifying the identity of Jesus, as outlined by God himself.

ch3:26And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness – look he is baptising, and all are going to him.

This is just a witness of how Jesus attracted a large crowd

Mal3:1 Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me: And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

This verse is a prophesy about the coming of John the Baptist preparing the way for Jesus Christ. So it was only to be expected that people would be going to Jesus for baptism.

Matt3:1; In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea.

This is the manifestation of the prophesy made in Mal3:1

Mark1:4; John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Once again this is a repeat of previous verses confirming John's mission and appointment as a messenger and a witness.

Luke3:2 during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

This verse can mean that John was visited by Jesus in the Wilderness.

V7ch3:26 And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness – look he is baptising, and all are going to him.

See above*

5:33 You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth.

Mission accomplished.

Acts19:4 And Paul said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism.

Paul's statement distinguished the difference between John's Baptism with water and Jesus' baptism with the Holy Ghost, knowing the full message of the Gospel. Where as John Spoke of Jesus' coming, but to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost means that they were now officially under the new covenant and no longer that of the old Covenant as outlined by Moses.

V8v20 He confessed, and did not deny but confessed, "I am not the Christ."

John, had to explain his own identity and mission. It was not that of the Christ that was what everyone was awaiting for.

V9Isa49:6

He says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel: I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

This verse speaks once again about the light of the nations, a prophecy about Jesus and his mission. We see that Jesus speaks about his mission in the story of Zacchaeus. Luke19v9,10. This light is revealing that what is hidden, the evil that lies within our lives which needs to be purged so that we can live the life God intended for us to live. As in the case of Zacchaeus who gave up money that he may have swindled or caused anyone loss.

1John2:8

At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining.

This verse speaks yet again about the light, and that the darkness is passing away because of Jesus' existence. Because he lives we can face tomorrow. We have light so there is no more darkness.

V10ch16:3 And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me.

This speaks of people who saw Jesus but did not acknowledge him as being the light although he was the reason for their existence. They act in darkness because they have not been introduced to Jesus and the father.

1John3:1

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God, and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

This verse speaks a bit more about the fact that because we share the inheritance of Jesus that we also share his suffering. That the world reacts to us in exactly the same way it reacted to Jesus because the world did not know Jesus it was in darkness. Not made aware of Satan's devices. In our walk with Christ, in following him we are not therefore to take it personally when we are rejected, because they did exactly the same to him when he was in the world. It is through ignorance and also because they have darkness in their lives that they do not want to be revealed.

V12Matt11:14;

and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come.

This verse is slightly confusing as we are told by a prophesy that Elijah is to come, it was believed that Elijah spirit of Elijah was in that of John the Baptist. Elijah was a prophet. Jesus, also is the head prophet of all prophets. On it's own this verse is not clear and needs further clarification. Otherwise we will assume that Jesus is supposed to be Elijah and Not John the Baptist. We know that it was prophesied that first Elijah must come so this is before Jesus so this can therefore not be referring to Jesus.

16:14)

And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

Here once again we see speculation, which throws everything into uncertainty and confusion. We must look to logic and reasoning from all the information and the facts. We must read further and search scripture in order to come to a clearer unrefutable conclusion. Finally, but most importantly we must pray and meditate. (Prayer and Meditation Focus Point)

Deut18:15,18

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you from your brother it is to him you shall listen-

This verse once again is a standpoint to focus on with respects to this prophet that Moses speaks of. Could this be the prophet that the people sent by the Pharisees were asking John the Baptist about?

18I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.

We hear once again mention of this prophet.

V23 Isa40:3; A Voice cries, In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a high way for our God.

This is a direct cross reference for v23, referencing to what was said by the Prophet Isaiah about John's identity and mission.

Matt3:3

For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight,"

This is another testimony by Matthew confirming the same thing that was confirmed by John the Baptist and quoted by Isaiah.

V25Matt3:6; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

This verse speaks of the result of the Baptism received from John. Preparing the hearts and minds for receiving the LORD. This clearly outlines the purpose of John's Baptism. Why was this baptism necessary? We can see that sin was rampant to a large extent especially among the Israelites, God's people, they had to be prepared so they could recognise Jesus and why he came. So that all the sheep that had been lost be restored back to the father. A new covenant that would not have been possible without some dedicated followers and workers to carry it out.

Mar1:4; John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

To repent and ask for forgiveness, places the person in a position ready to receive Christ. You acknowledge your sins which are aimed against him. Without this acknowledgement it is pointless in Chirst turning up in the life of the believer. Why? Because there is no acknowledgement that they have done any wrong and that they need Jesus' forgiveness and therefore they are unteachable and are not ready to receive what it is that he has for them. The gift of eternal life.

Luke 3:3,7

And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

This verse just confirms the work of John the Baptist.