The Unlimited Offer – Ask Whatever You Wish

I. Opportunities to Order the Chaos

A. Creative Potential

Gen 1:1 In the **beginning**, God **created** the **heavens and the earth**. 2 The earth was **without form and void**, and **darkness** was over the face of the deep. And the **Spirit of God** was **hovering** over the **face** of the waters.

B. The Word Orders the Chaos into Goodness

Gen 1:3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

C. The Word Releases the Divine Intention

Gen 1:26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our **image**, after our **likeness**. And let them have dominion ... over all the earth."

This is our assignment! In every facet of life, human society, and the functioning of the Planet.

II. As It Was in the Beginning

A. The Creative Word

- John 1:1 NET In the beginning was the **Word**, and the Word was with God, and the Word was fully God.
- 3 All things were created (*came into existence*) by him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created.

Ps 33:6 ESV By the **word** of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the **breath** of his mouth all their host.

NET 14 Now **the Word became flesh** and took up residence among us. We **saw his glory**—the glory of the one and only, **full of grace and truth**, who came from the Father.

- 16 For **we have all received** from **his fullness** one gracious gift after another.
- 18 <u>No one has ever seen God</u>. The only one, himself God, who is in closest fellowship with the Father, has <u>made God known</u>.

B. The Image in the World

John 12:44 And Jesus cried out and said, "Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me. 45 And **whoever** sees me sees him who sent me.

In Jesus, the invisible God has become as visible, audible, tangible as any human being.

It is no longer true that "no one has seen God."

- John 4:10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
 12 <u>No one has ever seen God</u>; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.
- 13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.
- 16 So we have come to **know** and to **believe the love that God has for** us. God is love, and whoever **abides** in love abides in God, and God **abides** in him. 17 By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because **as he is so also are we in this world**. (NIV- in this world we are like him)

Love is never tired of waiting; love is kind to all;

love doesn't envy another; love has no high opinion of itself; love had good manners; it is not self-focused; is not touchy; it forgives the offenses of others —

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Love knows <u>no limit to its endurance</u>, <u>no end to its</u> <u>trust</u>, <u>no fading of its hope</u>; <u>it can outlast anything</u>.

It is, in fact, the one thing that still stands when all else has fallen.

When we are IN agape – we display the **VISIBLE DIVINE IMAGE**. In us, the invisible God has become as visible, audible, and tangible.

2 Cor 6:16 NKJ ... As God has said:

"I will dwell **in** them And walk **among** them. (walk around inside them) I will be their God, And they shall be My people."

III. The New Creation – Ask Whatever You Wish!

A. Transformation Through the Word

John 15:7 If you **abide** in me (LOVE), and **my words abide** in you, ask **whatever** you wish, and *it will be done* for you.

And as you speak a hundred billion failures disappear

B. Great and Precious Promises - Gateway to Participation

- Ps 119:41 Let your **steadfast love come to me**, O LORD, your **salvation** according to your **promise**;
- 42 then shall I have an answer for him who taunts me, for I trust in **your word**.

Want A More Godly Life?

Matt 5:6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. (*have all you could ever want*)

Struggling with Weakness?

Isa 40:29 He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.

Burdened with Guilt?

Isa 43:25 "I, I am he who **blots out** your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

I, I am he. God stands forth, boldly declaring the mystery of his grace. Why he forgives his people cannot be understood by human moral reasoning. For my own sake locates the reason for his grace deep within his own being and requires its glorious display before his creatures. <context>

Feel You've Been Unfruitful or Failed on Your End?

lsa .	54:5 For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called.
10	For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you.
13	All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children.
15	If anyone stirs up strife, it is not from me; whoever stirs up strife with you shall fall because of you.
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This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD and their vindication from me, declares the LORD."

III. PARTICIPATION IN THE PROMISES!

- 2 Pet 1:3 NIV His **divine power** has **given** us **everything we need** for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.
- 4 Through these he has given us **his very great and precious promises**, so that **through them** you <u>may</u> **participate** in the **divine nature** and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

V. Commission to Declare the Goodness of God!

A. Let there be Light!

HIS GREAT PROMISES that BECOME OUR OWN!

B. There are NO HOPELESS SITUATIONS!

IT MAY LOOK LIKE I'm SURROUNDED BUT I'm ...

Ezek 37:3 And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." 4 Then he said to me, "**Prophesy** over these bones, and **say** to them, O dry bones, **hear the word of the Lord**..."

The GREAT COMMISSION:

Rom 15:13 NIV May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may **overflow with hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit.