The Plan of Salvation Part 2

What is a task I want to accomplish?

What do I need to do to accomplish this task?

Can I accomplish
this task on my own?

Do I need help accomplishing this task?



A Plan

In the premortal existence
Heavenly Father introduced
a plan to enable us to
become like Him and
obtain immortality and
eternal life.



"Our Eternal Father did not send us to earth on an aimless, meaningless journey. He provided for us a plan to follow. He is the author of that plan. It is designed for man's progress and ultimate salvation and exaltation."

How does knowing that Heavenly Father has a plan for you affect the way you live your life?

Immortality and Eternal Life

For behold, this is my work and my glory—to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man.

Moses 1:39



The Lord taught Moses about why He had created this world and about the work He had prepared for Moses to complete during his mortal life.

Immortal, Immortality

The condition of living forever in a resurrected state, not subject to physical death.

...the paradise of God must deliver up the spirits of the righteous, and the grave deliver up the body of the righteous; and the spirit and the body is restored to itself again, and all men become incorruptible, and immortal, and they are living souls, having a perfect knowledge like unto us in the flesh, save it be that our knowledge shall be perfect.

2 Nephi 9:13

Immortality is the restoring of the spirit to the body,

Spirits united with their bodies become immortal, never to die again. (Alma 11:35)



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Eternal Life

To live forever as families in God's presence.

Eternal life is God's greatest gift to man. D&C 132:19–20, 24, 55

To believe in Christ and endure to the end is life eternal.



Behold, I am the law, and the light. Look unto me, and endure to the end, and ye shall live; for unto him that endureth to the end will I give

eternal life. 3 Nephi 15:9 To be spiritually minded is life eternal.
2 Ne. 9:39



All who die without the gospel who would have received it had they lived are heirs of the celestial kingdom.

D&C 137:7-9

What are some ways in which we can demonstrate that we are following Heavenly Father's plan?

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Moral Agency



"We are in a mortal experience because we cannot become as God without that experience. We must prove to Him and to ourselves that we can consistently make the right choices and then stick to those choices, come what may. ...

"... God is interested in what we are becoming as a result of our choices. He is not satisfied if our exercise of moral agency is simply a robotic effort at keeping some rules. Our Savior wants us to become something, not just do some things. He is endeavoring to make us independently strong—more able to act for ourselves. ...

"Using our agency to choose God's will, and not slackening even when the going gets hard, will not make us God's puppet; it will make us like Him.

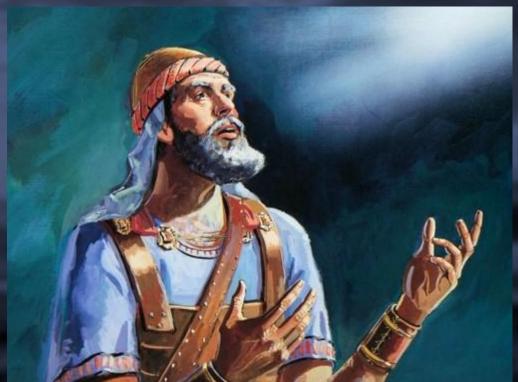
God gave us agency, and Jesus showed us how to use it so that we could eventually learn what They know, do what They do, and become what They are."



Joshua

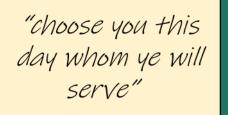
And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

Joshua 24:15



At the end of the prophet Joshua's life he gathered the children of Israel together and recounted how the Lord had miraculously led them out of Egypt and blessed them to overcome their enemies in the promised land.

Joshua challenged the people to be obedient and serve the Lord and not yield to temptation.



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Are the choices I am currently making helping me become more like God?

In what areas of my life do I need to change or improve so I can progress spiritually?

What choices will I make *today* to righteously exercise my agency and serve the Lord?

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