

A small chance of a great outcome

What are examples?

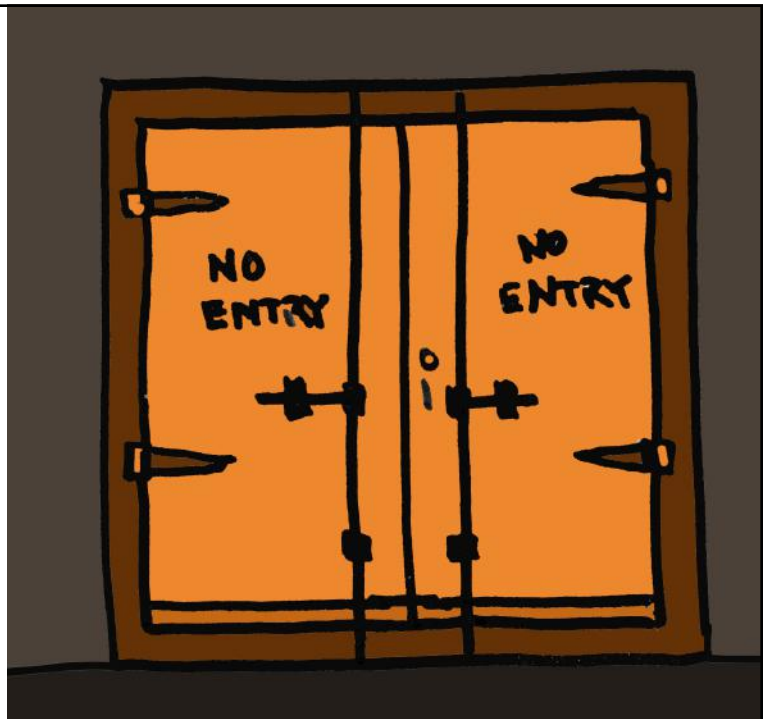
A genuine relationship with God

- Actually growing in the fruit of the Spirit:
**love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness, self-control**
- With power and boldness
- Seemingly only exceptional people have it
“Lord, we want to know you more!”

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Walking with God Genesis 5

ref.ly/Ge5;niv



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Paradise...with one warning

And the LORD God commanded the man,
 “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden;
 but **you must not eat from the tree of the
 knowledge of good and evil**, for when you eat
 from it **you will certainly die.**” Genesis 2:16-17

- **And they ate from that tree**

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That failure broke the goodness

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the
LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the
 cool of the day, and **they hid from the LORD God**
 among the trees of the garden. Genesis 3:8

- **“Walking” is a life of fellowship with God**
- **Sin separated them from fellowship with God**
- **Sin separated them from fellowship with people**
- **Sin brought death to all people**
- **Walking with God was no longer possible**

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Yet there was hope

To the serpent, God said:

And I will put enmity

between you and the woman,

and between your offspring and hers;

he will crush your head,

and you will strike his heel.”

Genesis 3:15

- Offspring of the woman will end the curse
- When?
- The first 2 brothers: 1 murdered the other!
- Genesis 4: Not in the line of Cain

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Genesis 5:1-2

This is the written account of Adam’s family line.

When God created mankind,

he made them **in the likeness of God.**

² He created them male and female

and **blessed them.**

And he named them “Mankind”
when they were created.

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The pattern of the genealogy

When ____ had lived ____ years,
 he became the father of ____.
 After he became the father of ____,
 ____ lived ____ years
 and had other sons and daughters.
 Altogether, ____ lived a total of ____ years,
 and then he died.

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Genesis 5:3-5 Plus sinfulness & its consequences

³ When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth. ⁴ After Seth was born, Adam lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters. ⁵ Altogether, Adam lived a total of 930 years, and then he died.

The final word in every single person's life

➤ "You will surely die"

"by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man" Romans 5:17

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A Puzzle: Very long lives

Puzzles without broadly accepted answers:

- Very long lives: over 900 years
- Overall time period is not long enough

Ideas

- Skipping generations
(10 to Noah, 10 to Abraham)
- Age of a family line rather than an individual
- Longer lives before the flood
- Sumerian King List: 43,200 year old king!!
- No explanation is without difficulty

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A Puzzle: Very long lives

What matters most:

- These are real people
- This is a real lineage from Adam to Noah to Abraham
- They lived and died, just like people always have

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Genesis 5:3-5

- ³ When **Adam** had lived **130** years,
he had a son in his own likeness,
in his own image;
and he named him **Seth**.
- ⁴ After **Seth** was born,
Adam lived **800** years
and had other sons and daughters.
- ⁵ Altogether, **Adam** lived a total of **930** years,
and then he died.

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Genesis 5:6-8

- ⁶ When **Seth** had lived **105** years,
he became the father of **Enosh**.
- ⁷ After he became the father of **Enosh**,
Seth lived **807** years
and had other sons and daughters.
- ⁸ Altogether, **Seth** lived a total of **912** years,
and then he died.

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Genesis 5:9-11

- ⁹ When **Enosh** had lived **90** years,
he became the father of **Kenan**.
- ¹⁰ After he became the father of **Kenan**,
Enosh lived **815** years
and had other sons and daughters.
- ¹¹ Altogether, **Enosh** lived a total of **905** years,
and then he died.

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Genesis 5:12-14

- ¹² When **Kenan** had lived **70** years,
he became the father of **Mahalalel**.
- ¹³ After he became the father of **Mahalalel**,
Kenan lived **840** years
and had other sons and daughters.
- ¹⁴ Altogether, **Kenan** lived a total of **910** years,
and then he died.

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Genesis 5:15-17

- ¹⁵ When **Mahalalel** had lived **65** years,
he became the father of **Jared**.
- ¹⁶ After he became the father of **Jared**,
Mahalalel lived **830** years
and had other sons and daughters.
- ¹⁷ Altogether, **Mahalalel** lived a total of **895** years,
and then he died.

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Genesis 5:18-20

- ¹⁸ When **Jared** had lived **162** years,
he became the father of **Enoch**.
- ¹⁹ After he became the father of **Enoch**,
Jared lived **800** years
and had other sons and daughters.
- ²⁰ Altogether, **Jared** lived a total of **962** years,
and then he died.

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Genesis 5:21-24

- ²¹ When **Enoch** had lived **65** years,
he became the father of **Methuselah**.
- ²² After he became the father of **Methuselah**,
~~Enoch lived 300 years~~
Enoch **walked faithfully with God** **300** years
and had other sons and daughters.
- ²³ Altogether, **Enoch** lived a total of **365** years.
~~and then he died.~~ Faithfulness, fellowship
- ²⁴ **Enoch** **walked faithfully with God**;
then he was no more, Means and outcome
because **God took him away**

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New Testament Understanding

By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that **he did not experience death**: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away." For before he was taken, he was commended as one who **pleased God**.

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him **must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him**. Hebrews 11:5-6

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Genesis 5:25-27

- ²⁵ When **Methuselah** had lived **187** years, he became the father of **Lamech**.
- ²⁶ After he became the father of **Lamech**, **Methuselah** lived **782** years and had other sons and daughters.
- ²⁷ Altogether, **Methuselah** lived a total of **969** years, and then he died.

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Genesis 5:28-31

- ²⁸ When **Lamech** had lived **182** years, he ~~became the father of Noah~~ had a son.
- ²⁹ He named him Noah and said, "He will comfort us in the **labor** and **painful toil** of our hands caused by the ground **the Lord has cursed**." Curse was still real!
- ³⁰ After **Noah** was born, **Lamech** lived **595** years and had other sons and daughters.
- ³¹ Altogether, **Lamech** lived a total of **777** years, and then he died.

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Genesis 5:32; 6:9; 9:28-29

³² After **Noah** was **500** years old,
he became the father of
Shem, Ham and Japheth.

^{6:9} "he walked faithfully with God"

^{9:28} After **the flood** **Noah** lived **350** years.

²⁹ **Noah** lived a total of **950** years,
and then he died.

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The Main Point

There is hope that an offspring of the woman
will undo the curse by walking with God

**Enoch showed there was hope
but it wasn't solved yet**

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The solution in Jesus Christ

Adam

For if, by the trespass of the one man,

death reigned through that one man,

how much more will those

who receive God's abundant provision

of grace and of the gift of righteousness

reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

Romans 5:17

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Death has lost its power

"Death has been swallowed up in victory."

"Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin,

and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God!

He gives us the victory

through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:54-57

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The Main Point

There is hope that an offspring of the woman will undo the curse by walking with God

Jesus (the Son of God) has undone the curse for all who come to God by faith in Jesus

“The **God of peace will soon crush Satan** under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.”

Romans 16:20

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Death reigned over Adam and his offspring

The way to life and fellowship with God was blocked

God's promise:
Someday an offspring of the woman would open the way!



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Enoch showed that
victory over the
curse is possible

But it was only a
tiny sliver of light!



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**Jesus burst open
the prison doors!**

We are invited to
walk with God
through faith
in Jesus!

**Everyone is
invited!**



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Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
 Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,
 I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
 My chains fell off, my heart was free,
 I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

Amazing love! How can it be
 That Thou, my God should die for me?

Fast bound = securely chained
 diffused = caused a light to shine
 quickening = life-giving

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The Main Point

**Jesus (the Son of God) has undone the curse
 for all who come to God by faith in Jesus**

Even though Jesus' victory is complete,
 we don't yet fully experience it

It still requires faith

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Application

Live **new life** by faith in Jesus

- "I woke, MY dungeon flamed with light
MY chains fell off, MY heart was free!"
- There is now no condemnation!
- We can come boldly to God for help and hope
- Death is defeated!!
- **Yet we still experience the curse**
- Jesus has opened the way to walk with God

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Application

Live new life by faith in Jesus

Walk with God

- Like Adam and Eve with God before sin
 - The Spirit of the Living God alive in us
- "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from **the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**"
- Romans 8:38-39

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Application

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Walk with God

Spread the Good News

- So many people live without God and without true hope, in dungeons of darkness
- The number of unreached peoples is growing!
- **Pray!** For workers, boldness, God to open hearts
 - **Invite** people: "Come and see"
 - **Support** people who go and tell
 - **Learn to make known** the Good News!

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"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? **And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?** And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Romans 10:14-15

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The Main Point

**Jesus (the Son of God) has undone the curse
for all who come to God by faith in Jesus**

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**Jesus burst open
the doors to God!**

Have you entered?

Are you walking
by faith
with God?

**What is your
next step?**



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