

God's First Command to You: Most Christians Miss This!

What is God's purpose for your life? According to Rabbi Schneider, the answer is found at the very beginning of Scripture.

In Genesis 1:28, God blesses humanity and gives a foundational command: "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

This passage, Rabbi Schneider explains, reveals two primary aspects of God's will for His people: to increase and to rule. These aren't mere suggestions—they are the Creator's original instructions to humanity, and they still apply today. "God's plan for you is to increase," he says, highlighting that this increase includes, but goes far beyond, physical reproduction.

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God's desire is for His people to grow—not only in number, but in character, influence, and spiritual capacity. Life with God is meant to be dynamic, not static. Rabbi Schneider emphasizes that every day, month and year of a believer's life is an opportunity for increase. Growth is not just possible; it is the divine expectation.

The call to rule, he explains, does not mean domination in the worldly sense. Rather, it reflects a spiritual authority rooted in God's presence. Humanity was created to act as God's

ambassadors on the earth—stewards of His creation and representatives of His kingdom. To rule means to bring order, life and godly influence into the world around us.

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This calling to multiply and rule carries through the entire narrative of Scripture. In the New Testament, Jesus echoes the same commission in spiritual terms: “Go into all the world and preach this gospel to all creation, to every nation, making disciples of all nations.” The mission remains the same—reproduce and bring God’s rule to the earth.

Rabbi Schneider also touches on the traditional Jewish understanding of this command. Among Orthodox Jews, having children is seen as one of the greatest mitzvot—a fulfillment of God’s first command. For some, this even takes on redemptive meaning as they see each new child as a way of repopulating the Jewish people after the horrors of the Holocaust.

But physical fruitfulness is only part of the story. Spiritual fruitfulness—reproducing the nature and character of God in ourselves and others—is central to this mandate. As believers grow in the Spirit, denying the flesh and choosing God’s ways, they are transformed. “Our spirit in us is expanding,” Rabbi Schneider says. “We’re continually being transformed from glory to glory and from strength to strength.”

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Even in old age, this fruitfulness doesn’t stop. Though the outer man may decay, the inner person can still be renewed daily. In this way, believers continue to bear fruit and walk in spiritual dominion. They carry God’s light into dark places, shifting atmospheres and planting seeds of the kingdom

wherever they go.

By embracing the call to increase and rule, believers step into the fullness of their God-given identity and purpose—fulfilling the very first command ever spoken by the Creator.

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I Was in Hell: Pastor Says Jesus Saved Him After Near-Death Ordeal

In 1998, Steve Kang, a former Buddhist, lay dying in a California hospital after a suicide attempt. But while his body remained on the operating table, he says his spirit was dragged into a realm of eternal torment—a place he now knows is called hell.

In an exclusive interview with the Daily Mail, Kang recalled, “It’s not a place you want to go. I wouldn’t wish it on my worst enemies—not Kim Jong-il, not Hitler. It’s a place of unimaginable suffering.”

The nightmare began after years of battling addiction and spiritual darkness. Kang said he believed an evil spirit had been pushing him to end his life. One day, he gave in—inflicting knife wounds to his neck and stomach. While surgeons worked to save him, Kang said his soul entered another world.

“There was no light, no plants, not even a blade of grass,” he said. “The ground was jagged, and cliffs of a sickly purplish-

red hue jutted out everywhere. When you looked up, there was no sky—just an oppressive, moonless darkness, like the blackest night you can imagine.”

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He described the realm as a lifeless wasteland—full of people, yet utterly void of hope.

“There were so many people, just standing there, chained together,” Kang said. “But there was no connection, no ability to speak or comfort one another. It was like we were all isolated in our own suffering.”

The emotional pain, he said, was even more severe than the physical surroundings.

“It was like every negative emotion I’d ever felt was magnified a thousand times,” he said. “The fear of condemnation, the anxiety—it was suffocating. There was no escape, no reprieve.”

Over the chained masses, demonic figures stood watch.

“They were massive, three to five stories tall, wearing dark, flowing capes,” Kang said. “Their presence was menacing, and I knew instinctively they were in charge of this place. They just stood there, watching us suffer.”

Scientific studies have noted similar descriptions among near-death experiencers. Research from NYU’s Grossman School of Medicine found that many survivors report entering a distinct realm accompanied by a review of their life’s actions. The experiences are often “vivid and coherent,” leading some

researchers to suggest that a dying brain may access “new dimensions of reality.”

For Kang, time seemed to stretch endlessly. While medical records confirmed he was unconscious for eight hours, he said he perceived it as around 20 minutes. That perception aligns with 2017 findings from psychologist Marc Wittmann, who theorized that NDEs can distort the brain’s sense of time.

Kang believes he would have remained trapped in that realm—if not for divine intervention.

“I was in so much pain, and I thought it would never end,” he said. “But something—Someone—was watching over me, pulling me out of that place.”

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When he finally awoke, everything had changed. He left behind not only his addiction but also his past as a Buddhist monk—and committed his life to following Jesus Christ.

“I don’t want anyone to go through what I did,” Kang said. “If my story can save even one person, it’s worth telling.”

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Now serving as an evangelical pastor, Kang openly shares his testimony to offer hope. He doesn’t present his experience to frighten people but to point them toward redemption. He says the darkness was real—but so was the deliverance.

Kang’s story is a powerful testament to the saving grace of Jesus Christ—who has the power to rescue a lost soul from the depths of hell and offer eternal hope to anyone who calls on His name.

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Ken Ham Answers: Do the Unevangelized Go to Hell?

In a recent message, Amir Tsarfati of Behold Israel urged believers to anchor their hope in the promises of Scripture, especially in the face of death and uncertainty. He reminded listeners that the Christian faith isn't built on wishful thinking, but on solid, inerrant doctrine.

"The entire book of Romans is pure doctrine," he said. "The doctrine of the hope that we must have... that our body is going to be redeemed out of this world." His teaching focused on the rapture—not as a fringe belief, but as a vital part of Christian hope.

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Quoting 1 Thessalonians 4, Tsarfati made it clear that this promise comes directly from God. "For this we say to you by the word of the Lord," he read. "The Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout... and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air."

For Tsarfati, this isn't a vague future events, but is instead a source of daily comfort. "You have heavenly citizenship," he

said. "When you die, you don't die. You go home."

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Anticipating pushback, he confronted the common skepticism surrounding the rapture. "Why is the rapture your only problem?" he asked. "Was the parting of the Red Sea not something else? Isn't God the God of miracles?" Tsarfati called on believers to stop listening to mockers and instead hold tightly to the truth. "Comfort one another with these words," he said.

To hear more of the teaching and better understand the hope behind it, watch the video above.

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Jonathan Cahn Reveals the Nehemiah Strategy: Confidence, Calling and Combat

Marzulli, who has spent over 30 years documenting these accounts, connects her experiences to biblical prophecy, warning that what happened "in the days of Noah" may be happening again—right now. "This is the fulfillment of

prophecy," he warns.

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Jack Hibbs Issues Blunt Warning: Not All Spiritual Awakenings Are From God

In a recent appearance on Daystar, bestselling author and pastor Max Lucado offered clarity to those concerned about the end times by pointing to four divine covenants that shape God's eternal plan. Each covenant, Lucado explained, is a promise that God cannot and will not break.

"The Bible paints a clear picture," Lucado said. "Number one, we know who wins and we also know that when we receive Jesus we have eternal life with him. And so just knowing that gives us a peace... and a hope."

The Edenic Covenant: Humanity's Original Purpose

This covenant, given in the Garden of Eden, established mankind's original calling to rule and reign with God.

"He made a covenant with Adam and Eve... that they would reign and rule. So that's what we will do," Lucado explained. "I get excited about the thought that we will reign and rule with God over the universe."

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This promise points to the believer's future role in the new heaven and earth—restored to what was intended in Eden.

The Abrahamic Covenant: Israel's Everlasting Promise

God's covenant with Abraham guarantees both a people and a land—what Lucado refers to as "seed and soil."

"He made a covenant with Abraham regarding his descendants and it involved seed and soil," Lucado said. "God has made a covenant with ethnic Israel." He emphasized, "Their seed will be a blessing. Their soil would always be theirs."

Lucado issued a strong warning to the modern church: "It's a dangerous thing what we're seeing happen in so many churches concerning the nation of Israel and not realizing its significance to God."

The Davidic Covenant: The Future Throne of Christ

This covenant ensures that a descendant of King David will sit on the throne forever, a prophecy that Lucado says will be fulfilled in the millennial reign of Christ.

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“He made a promise to David that someday a descendant of David would sit on David’s throne in Jerusalem. That’s going to be a part of the millennium,” Lucado stated.

This points directly to Jesus as the eternal King who will rule from Jerusalem.

The New Covenant: A Transformed Heart

Foretold in the book of Jeremiah, this covenant promises internal transformation—God’s Spirit dwelling in His people.

“Speaking specifically about the Jewish people,” Lucado said, “that the love and light of God would be in their hearts. I believe that’ll be realized in the millennium as well as in the tribulation.”

It is a covenant not of law written on stone, but of grace written on the human heart.

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Lucado closed with this powerful reflection: “What God did in paradise is a picture of how we’re going to live with him forever.”

As global uncertainty rises, Lucado's teaching reminds believers to hold fast to the God who keeps His promises, and who has already written the final chapter.

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The Spirit of Delay Is Real—Here's How to Destroy It in Jesus' Name

Author, researcher and filmmaker L.A. Marzulli joined Pastor Curt Reed for a wide-ranging discussion on current events, supernatural realities and biblical prophecy during a recent Maranatha Prophecy Update.

With decades of fieldwork and spiritual discernment under his belt, Marzulli expertly explained what he believes is unfolding before our eyes and what lies just ahead. From UFO deception to AI integration and Nephilim resurgence, Marzulli pointed to a convergence of prophetic signs that indicate we are truly living in the last days.

UFO Disclosure and the End-Times Narrative

Marzulli called the growing discussion of UFOs in Congress a smokescreen for something more sinister. "The phenomenon is real, burgeoning and not going away," he said. "This is the coming great deception... We go up, they come down."

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He believes this aligns directly with the rapture of the church and the deception that will follow. "There is a potential for many people to leave the planet in an afternoon," he read from New Age channeled materials. "They are stopping the harmony of the earth." Marzulli noted, "That's the other side of the aisle. They have already explained away the rapture."

Artificial Intelligence and Revelation

Touching on Revelation 13, Marzulli connected the rise of AI with prophetic warnings. "AI is doubling right now. It's doubling every five to nine months. Let's just round it off and say twice every year," he said. "My personal opinion is that AI is or will be involved in some of the things that we're reading about in the Book of Revelation."

He warned about the loss of discernment in the AI era: "We no longer can ascertain what's real and what isn't."

Genesis 3:15 and the Seed War

Marzulli repeatedly emphasized the importance of understanding Genesis 3:15. "It's the seed war. Understand the seed war, the gateway to the whole Bible opens up," he said. "The Antichrist is the seed of the serpent... It literally is Rosemary's Baby."

He added, "The Nephilim are the progeny of fallen angels and human women. They are soulless... The only time in the biblical

prophetic narrative where God's judgment is final and there's not a shred of grace and mercy is the time when the Nephilim were present."

Mount Hermon, Gaza and Territorial Spirits

Addressing Israel's recent gain of Mount Hermon territory, Marzulli called it significant. "Let that sink in... That's where the 200 watcher angels came down in the days of Jared."

Speaking on Gaza, he said, "It was never conquered by Joshua and Caleb... That territorial spirit that has been over that region was never deposed." He referenced recent imagery from the conflict showing a six-fingered hand and the phrase "We are the flood." Marzulli said, "It is so in-your-face. It's absolutely 110% deliberate all day long."

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Daniel's Prophecy and the Acceleration of Knowledge

Pointing to Daniel 12:4, Marzulli noted, "Technology has gone up like this. What does the angel tell Daniel? Seal up the words of the book till the time of the end... Knowledge will increase." He said the timeline of human advancement has "flatlined" until about 150 years ago, now it's "straight up."

Church Blindness and the Need for Prophetic Awareness

Marzulli criticized pulpits ignoring prophecy: "Who recognized

His first coming? And here we are on the heels of His second coming... and we find religious leaders doing the same thing.”

On rapture denial, he said, “The early church fathers all believed in the pre-tribulation rapture. Why? Because Paul tells us.”

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Marzulli’s insights span decades of research, spiritual discernment and a firm grounding in Scripture. He believes we are rapidly approaching the final stages of God’s prophetic timeline and that the deception being prepared is unlike anything the world has ever seen. “It’s the dragon’s time, and the dragon knows it,” he warned. “We are in biblical times right now.”

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