



THE NEW SHAPE

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SHAPED TO BE FILLED BY THE ALMIGHTY GOD

When God creates and shapes, He does so with purpose. Therefore, form without purpose is not of God. Our God is not a God of appearances or vane glory, but of substance, so all He creates is complete and perfect. Everything is shaped according to what is meant to fill it, and because God shaped humanity, He is the one who knows what should fill us.



B R A A M F A M I L Y

This world has so many shapes with no perfect fit. Note that every shape that exists is to be filled by something. The shape of this world is corrupt and seems alive but is dead. Therefore, anything that takes the shape of this world has been filled by this world. . In the beginning, when God created the world, , the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters because the earth was shapeless (see Genesis 1:2). Creation was formless without God's substance. But Jesus came to correct the shapelessness of this world and gave His form by reshaping our minds.

Genesis 1:2

Proverbs 3:5

Joshua 1

Romans 12:2

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 12:43

Genesis 17:1-7



It is then essential to think like God, our Creator; otherwise, we will automatically be exposed to the corrupt one - the devil. From Genesis, we see how the devil has been sneaky in trying to corrupt the shape of God. He brings corruption by pushing us to trust in our own understanding (the mind and worldly ideas). See, Satan came with a question, 'did God really say...?'

When the devil fails to pull you away from God, he leaves you in God with an unrenewed mind. So, be smart by giving your mind to God, "lean not on your own understanding" (see Proverbs 3:5). We remove the corrupt information by replacing it with new information from the Bible. Joshua's instructions were for him to meditate on God's word, and nobody will stand before him (see Joshua 1). The word you read becomes part of your life; if you forget, the Spirit of God reminds you. But, if you are not reading the Bible, how will the Holy Spirit remind you of His word and help you counterattack the enemy's voice? Discover God in your youth so that you will not live a life of regret.

In Genesis, humanity lost the right way of thinking when men fell. But in Romans 12:2, Jesus reassures us that He's given us a shape better than the world. He reshaped what the world damaged.

Our attitude towards the One who gives the new shape is essential. The right attitude is that of commitment because what you commit to will eventually shape you. Habits are not created in a day, so as you continuously repeat something, whether good or bad, it becomes a part of your life. If one's commitment to evil can create so much destruction, imagine how a life committed to God can bring a change of great magnitude.



In Romans 12:1-2, we see that the new shape comes with committing ourselves and not conforming. To not conform, we need to learn to say no and not follow the trends of this world. Trends appeal to earthly desires, and the devil is smart enough to observe that. The devil points us to our weaknesses to keep us in our fleshly desires.

It's important to know that you are in Christ, you are complete in Him, and no trend can make you whole, nor do you find your identity in your need. Beware of trends, always question the origin, and ask yourself what the Bible says about them because there is a spirit behind every trend. God is not of the mass but the individual.

Shapes or forms can either attract evil or good spirits. The devil cannot fill a shape that isn't conducive for him. If your thoughts are against God, you lose the good shape and allow Satan to function freely. In Matthew 12:43, we see Satan looking for empty places where he can set camp or feel at home. The enemy is only stronger when you let him in; there is nothing in you that the devil can lay claim over. Holiness makes the enemy uncomfortable to

operate. Being holy doesn't mean you are sinless; it simply means that you choose to live a life that is set apart for God. Getting the new shape means leaving the old ways of this world.

Genesis 17:1-7 is the story of how Abraham gets reshaped by God, and there are six things that we can draw from this encounter:

- God shapes our minds by revelation.
- Waiting is key.
- God will not live in a shape made by human hands.
- Be holy and live a set-apart life.
- The new shape brings a new name, which is why Abram became Abraham.
- There is a covenant in the new shape. As a wife takes on her husband's name in a marriage, in the renewed shape, we also take on the identity of Christ.

