

THE SPIRIT REALM

We've all grown up and lived our lives under this world's systems. This world's systems, government, social, education, entertainment, and even religion are the result of the fall of man from God's presence.

We've been schooled all our lives that only what we can see, feel, taste, and touch with our senses is actually real.

"I've got to see it to believe it" seems to be a universally accepted approach to reality in this world.

But, think about this for a moment.

Nothing in this world works without God. Water doesn't boil or freeze, the sun doesn't come up or go down, plants don't bear fruit, and babies aren't born millions of times a day on this planet without God.

Although everything on this planet is dependent on Him, people seem completely comfortable ignoring and rejecting God or even recognizing His existence.

God is Spirit and dwells in the spirit realm.

Although it's not visible to our natural senses, there is an entire realm that we are unaware of.

Let's look at the scriptures for a couple examples.

Genesis 28.16, tells of a dream that Jacob had of a ladder reaching to heaven with angels going up and down on it. When he woke, He said surely God was here all the time and I was unaware of it.

The scriptures also tell of the King of Aram fighting against the Israelite army. The prophet Elisha, was telling the Israelite army where Aram's troops would be. The King thought he had a mole in his ranks. But his troops said, it's Elisha, the prophet, telling them what you're planning in your bedroom.

The king was furious and sent his troops by night to surround the city of Dothan where Elisha was. Elisha's servant went out in the morning and saw the troops surrounding the city. Elisha told him, Do not fear. Those who are for us are more than those who are with them. Elisha prayed, to open his servant's eyes and see the reality of God's chariots of fire completely surrounding the attacking army. 2 Kings 6

When the mob came

to arrest Jesus, in Matthew 26, Peter struck one of them with his sword and cut off his ear. Jesus told him, "put your sword away. Do you not know that I can call twelve legions of angels right now." A legion was six thousand men. So that was 72,000 angels that these men were totally unaware of, standing ready for Jesus' command.

Because of Adam's fall from God's presence and his subsequent reliance on his senses for his reality, all of Mankind is ignorant and unaware of this entire spirit realm.

I'd like to look at the scriptures that show God's plan to end this separation and ignorance of the spirit realm. His plan is called the Gospel of the Kingdom.

Today when people mention the Gospel, it usually means, asking God to forgive your sins, and trying to modify your behavior to straighten up your sinful life, so you can go to heaven when you die. But the Gospel of the Kingdom is not a religious effort done by men, it's the supernatural act of God to restore men back into oneness with Him. The Gospel is totally supernatural and God is the only one who can do it.

Let's look at the scriptures to see God's plan.

Matthew 4.17 states that Jesus preached everywhere," Repent, because the Kingdom of God is here.

It wasn't repent of this particular sin or that sin. It was repent of the spiritually dead and separated from God nature that we inherited from Adam and Eve.

In John 3, Jesus told Nicodemus that you must be born again or you cannot see the Kingdom of God and unless you're born of the Spirit you can't enter the Kingdom of God.

So, in the only place in the scriptures that being born again is even mentioned, Jesus made it quite clear that the purpose for being born again is to enter His Kingdom.

John 1.12amp explains that to as many as did receive *and* welcome Him, He gave the right [the authority, and the privilege] to become children of God, *that is*, to those who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) His name—who were born, not of blood [natural conception], nor of the will of the flesh [physical impulse], nor of the will of man [that of a natural father], but of God [that is, a divine and supernatural birth—they are born of God—spiritually transformed, renewed, sanctified].

1 Corinthians 1.30 reveals that by God's doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption....

And 2 Corinthians 5.17 declares that if anyone is in Christ [that is, grafted in, and joined to Him by faith in Him as Savior], *he is* a new creature [reborn and renewed by the Holy Spirit]; the old things [the previous moral and spiritual condition] have passed away. Behold, new things have come.....

2 Peter 2.3 reveals that God's divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to His life and His godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of *the* divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

And Colossians 1.13amp states that He has rescued us *and* has drawn us to Himself from the dominion of darkness, and has transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption [because of His sacrifice, resulting in] the forgiveness of our sins [and the cancellation of sins' penalty].

Ephesians 2.6 explains that God raised us up together with Him [when we believed], and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places*, [because we are] in Christ Jesus, [and He did this] so that in the ages to come He might [clearly] show the immeasurable *and* unsurpassed riches of His grace in [His] kindness toward us in Christ Jesus [by providing for our redemption].

We can see from these statements of reality from God that there is nothing natural or ordinary about the Gospel of the Kingdom. It's just like God. It's supernatural, it's perfect, and it's eternal. It's also pretty obvious from these scriptures that none of man's religious efforts or activities could produce any of these results for us.

They are only possible for us because of Christ's perfect supernatural sacrifice for us.

Christ's one time sacrifice of Himself on the cross for all men purchased for us an eternal redemption, an eternal inheritance, complete sanctification, and total perfection. That's in Hebrews 9.12 + 15 and Hebrews 10.10 + 14.

1 Corinthians 1.9 says that God has called us into fellowship with His Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6.11amp tells us to consider yourselves to be dead to sin [and your relationship to it broken], but alive to God [in unbroken fellowship with Him] in Christ Jesus.

The Gospel of the Kingdom has made available to all men, a spiritual relationship with the living God and there is no religion required, only a simple child- like faith in Christ's supernatural sacrifice on the cross.

Romans 8.16 declares that the Spirit Himself testifies *and* confirms together with our spirit [assuring us] that we [believers] are children of God. And if [we are His] children, [then we are His] heirs also: heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ [sharing His spiritual blessing and inheritance],

Christ has given His Holy Spirit to lead us into the reality of this new oneness with God and everything that our new inheritance makes available to us.

In John 16.14 Jesus explains how His Holy Spirit will do that.

He will honor *and* glorify Me, because He will take of (receive, and draw upon) what is Mine and will reveal (declare, disclose, and transmit) it to you. Everything that the Father has is Mine. That is what I meant when I said that He [the Spirit] will take the things that are Mine and will reveal (declare, disclose, and transmit) it to you.

These statements of reality from God are all past tense. So why do they seem so foreign and so out of reach to us?

Jesus said in John 6.63 that "it's the Spirit who gives Life, your flesh profits absolutely nothing."

And the Apostle Paul explains that the natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. 1 Corinthians 2.14

It was God's relentless love that compelled Him to restore Mankind back into fellowship with Himself. He's the only one who could do it. Let me explain.

God knew that man in his fallen, spiritually dead state was absolutely helpless to bridge the separation between he and God. So God did what only He could do to restore man back to his original oneness with God.

He sent Christ to Earth as a man to pay the penalty for Man's sin. He put all of mankind in Christ, crucified Him, buried him, and raised Him from the dead to God's right hand. So, in God's mind, whatever happened to Christ also happened to man. You can read about this in Romans chapter 6.

Man then had the choice to accept this new reality by God's doing, or continue to accept the authority of his senses and his own version of reality.

Let me wrap up this video with a few final thoughts.

We need to make a choice. Jesus said in Mathew 7.13

“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. “For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

He also said, "thank you
Father that you have hidden these things from the wise and revealed them to babes."

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may
know the things freely given to us by God...1 Corinthians 2.12

God has done everything necessary to restore us back into His family and make us citizens of His
Kingdom.

His plan is perfect. There is no substitute method. There is no alternate plan B, and religion will
never make these things our reality.

He has made this new reality available to every person that will trust in His perfect sacrifice for
himself.

In America we call this a "no brainer." A simple decision that should be obvious to everyone.

Make your choice and don't accept any substitutes.

God bless you.

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