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## PART 1: ENTERING THE KINGDOM



*"The Son of God willingly destroyed Himself on the Cross"*

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# FOREWORD

*The river was flowing in the middle of the street of the city, and on either side of the river was the Tree of Life, with its twelve kinds of ripe fruit according to each month of the year. The leaves of the Tree of Life are for the healing of the nations.*

Revelation 22:2 TPT



# **PART 1:**

# **ENTERING THE**

# **KINGDOM**

# CREATION

To enter the Kingdom of God, we first need to understand the beginning of creation and mankind. A lack of understanding will always lead to confusion when reading the Bible.

There are many views on the topic of creation, but I am not interested in the different views of Bible scholars. I desire to enlighten this topic under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and based on the Bible.

Few people are aware of the Biblical proof of the Pre-Adamic and Post-Adamic ages. The Adamic age is divided into two periods, namely before and after the fall.

There are seven different ages.

- Pre-Adamic
- Adamic
- Law - Old Covenant
- Church Age - New Covenant
- Millennium Reign
- White Throne Judgment
- Eternal Age - The Kingdom of God

A proper background on these ages will clear the confusion on the origin and purpose of man and the process before entering the Eternal age. Let's allow the Bible to prove what had happened before Adonai created Adam as male and Eve as female.



## The Light Bearer

Adonai created the heavens and the earth perfectly (Genesis 1:1).

*He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. Ecclesiastes 3:11 NIV*

I am convinced that God Triune did not create the heavens and the earth formless, empty and covered in darkness. The angels would not praise Him if the earth were in such a state of darkness.

*Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts! <sup>3</sup> Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light! <sup>4</sup> Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, And you waters above the heavens! <sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD, for He commanded and they were created.*

*Psalms 148:2-5 NKJV*

Then, the earth changed from its beautiful and perfect state to a completely different and ruined state. It became formless, empty, dark and submerged under water. The word “**was**” (“**hayah**”- to be) in Genesis 1:2 confirms that it **became** formless and empty, and darkness was over the surface of the deep. Genesis 1:2 is a description of the earth after God’s massive cataclysmic global judgment because of the sins of the angels. When Isaiah wrote that Adonai did not create the earth in vain, he used the Hebrew word “**tohuw**”, which means “**chaotic**”.

*Who did not create it in vain (tohuw, meaning chaotic), Who formed it to be inhabited: ‘I am the LORD, and there is no other’.*

*Isaiah 45:18b NKJV emphasis is mine.*

Using the Hebrew words “*hayah*”, “*tohuw*” and “*bohuw*”, Genesis 1:2 can be translated as:

*Now the earth was (<sup>H1961</sup> hayah, “became”) formless (<sup>H8414</sup> tohuw), and empty (<sup>H922</sup> bohuw), darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.*

**“Why did the earth become chaotic and ruined?”** The short answer is because of the sins of the angels.

Only after the original Hebrew manuscripts were translated into Greek and later Latin, the name Lucifer was used. His original name in Hebrew was “**Heylel**” (<sup>H1966</sup>), meaning “light bearer”.

*How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer <sup>H1966</sup>, son of the morning!  
How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!  
<sup>13</sup> For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; <sup>14</sup> I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’  
Isaiah 14:12-14 NKJV*

Lucifer (Heylel) was the number one archangel in the heavens and led praise and worship during the Pre-Adamic age before God had created Adam and Eve. He was the anointed cherub, perfect in all his ways. The moment he saw that God the Father had a Son of Man, envy brought out iniquity in him. He desired the position of the Son, Jesus Christ. He weakened the nations and said in his heart that he would exalt himself before the throne of God to be like the Most High God. Pride comes before destruction, and Adonai declared that Heylel, the anointed cherub who weakened the nations, would be brought down to Sheol.

*Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol (meaning the Pit), To the lowest depths of the Pit. Isaiah 14:15 NKJV*

Although the English Bible Translation uses the word **“hell”**, it is not hell as we think of it. When we investigate the word **“hell”** in the Old Testament, we find the Hebrew word **“Sheol”** (H7585), which is the same word in Greek for **“Hades”** (G86), meaning grave or pit. But in the New Testament, the first time **“hell”** is used (Matthew 5:22) is when Jesus referred to **“Gehenna”** (G1067), a place of everlasting punishment. Peter is using a different word here for hell, namely **Tartarus** (wrongly translated as hell in English). Peter refers to the place we have discovered in Genesis 1:2 - the **abyss** (*“tehown”* – the deep)! We find the **“lake of fire”** only in Revelation, which is the place most think of as **“hell”**.

Hell, in English, can refer to either of the following different places. It can be the pit or the grave (*“Sheol”* in Hebrew and *“Hades”* in Greek), Gehenna, which Jesus referred to as a place of burning that might be the **“Lake of Fire”**, or Tartarus, the abyss where the fallen angels are locked up awaiting their final judgment. The sin of the fallen angels, therefore, brought judgment from God in the form of death and destruction. In the scriptures above, Peter emphasised the correct chronological order in which these judgments are listed. The judgment against the sinful angels happened first, followed much later by the judgment against Noah’s world. The fallen angels polluted the earth when the Nephilim had intercourse with the women, resulting in a giant hybrid race. This was then followed much later by the judgment against Sodom and Gomorrah.

**So, when Satan and his angels had sinned during the Pre-Adamic Age by rising in rebellion from their allocated domain (Jude 1:6), God judged them by violently casting them back down to earth.** This resulted in a massive

cataclysmic change from the perfect and beautiful earth in Genesis 1:1 to the dark, chaotic, and ruined earth in Genesis 1:2. It was this dark, chaotic and ruined earth that became Tartarus for Satan and his angels. It is here on earth, with earth's atmosphere (its heaven), where **Heylel** (the light bearer, translated as Lucifer by St Jerome, and now known as satan) and his fallen angels remain confined in a prison of spiritual darkness, awaiting their final judgment in the future age to come when they will be sent to the Lake of Fire during the Great White Throne Judgment Age.

Notice that Ezekiel saw Heylel (*this time referred to as the king of Tyre*) walking in the Garden of Eden that existed **before** Adam and Eve were created. He was sealed in perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty (Ezekiel 28:12-15). It was only when Heylel rebelled against God by weakening the nations and desiring to sit on the throne of the Son of Man, that iniquity was found in him. The beautiful Pre-Adamic Garden of Eden was destroyed after war had broken out in heaven between the holy angels led by Michael and the fallen angels led by satan.

In the second Garden of Eden, where Adam and Eve lived, Heylel most definitely was not the perfect cherub full of wisdom, but a cunning snake coming to kill, steal, deceive and destroy. He was a sinful fallen angel who deceived Eve by lying to her.

## **War in the Heavenlies**

Today, we are fighting the enemy who was once destroyed but restored by Adam himself. When God restored the earth, He made man in His image and likeness. He gave Adam higher authority than Lucifer (Heylel) had during the Pre-Adamic

Age. Because of his rebellion in heaven, he was cast down to earth. Therefore, he was already on earth when God put Adam in the Garden of Eden. Satan deceived Adam and Eve, and the moment they came into agreement with him, Adam handed back to Satan the authority God had given him in the Garden of Eden. Adam restored Satan as the enemy.

The war between the holy angels led by Michael and the sinful rebellious angels led by Satan started in heaven but was finished on earth when God cast Satan and his angels out of heaven and back down to earth. As a result, the entire earth and the beautiful Pre-Adamic Garden of Eden suffered cataclysmic violence of unimaginable proportions: death, destruction, flooding, and darkness. Jeremiah 4:23 speaks of a second global judgment from God still to be carried out at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. This judgment will take place *“at the presence of the LORD, by His fierce anger.”* This refers to God’s wrath during the Great Tribulation, which will be the most horrific, unprecedented incident that the world will have ever experienced or would ever experience again.

*For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.* Matthew 24:21-22 KJV

The Pre-Adamic Age consisted of two long periods.

- During the first period, the earth was created as a beautiful Garden of Eden, and the angels rejoiced over it.
- During the second period, the earth was in a completely chaotic, ruined, darkened, flooded and frozen state after it had been destroyed

by God's judgment of Lucifer (Heylel) and his angels, until it was renewed by God at the beginning of the Adamic Age.

So, at a specific point in time, God Triune permitted creation to be **restored** to its original state by announcing, "*Let there be light... and He separated the light from darkness*" (Genesis 1:3-4).

## Weakening the Nations

*How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst **weaken the nations**!* Isaiah 14:12 KJV

**How did Lucifer weaken the nations?** To understand how he did it, we need to become acquainted with the term "**soul trading**", which includes "**human trafficking**" but is not limited to it. Satan's currency is souls, and therefore it is no surprise that many are selling their souls for fame, wealth and power. How easily humanity can be deceived!

From the beginning, satan was involved in "**soul trading**".

*Wherefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against your pillows, wherewith ye there **hunt the souls to make them fly**, and I will tear them from your arms, and will let the souls go, even the souls that ye hunt to make them fly. <sup>21</sup> **Your kerchiefs also will I tear, and deliver my people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be hunted;** and ye shall know that I am the Lord.* Ezekiel 13:20-21 KJV

James Kawalya says in his book, "Delivered from deep darkness", "I want to be vividly clear here. Wickedness in any of its forms involves man trading his soul with Satan in exchange for power to take up arms against God Himself."

Many are falling into the trap of selling their souls. John wrote on the Island of Patmos about the merchandise of the world trading with goods and with **“human souls”**.

*And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and **souls of men**.* Revelation 18:13 KJV



# THE KINGDOM

God is the King of His Kingdom. In contrast with the world system, where most earthly kings are elected or self-appointed as dictators, a true king cannot be elected. A king is born a king. Our God is King over His invisible (spiritual) Kingdom. God Triune extended His invisible (spiritual) Kingdom to a visible (physical) Kingdom on earth. After Heylel, the light bearer, rebelled against God and was cast down to Tartarus, God Triune restored the earth. He created all things good, meaning all things were appropriate for their purposes.

After creation, no shrubs nor vegetation sprouted because God had not yet sent rain on the earth.

*These are the records of how the heavens and the earth were created.*

*On the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, no shrubs had yet grown in the meadows of the earth and no vegetation had sprouted, because the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there were no human beings to work the ground.* Genesis 2:4-5 NIV

This is profound! The plants could not grow because there were no human beings to work (till) the land. This **mystery** exposes man's purpose. Everything belongs to God, the heavens and the earth and the fullness thereof (Deuteronomy 10:14; Psalms 24:1), but God gave the earth to mankind (Psalms 115:16) to look after it. God created man (a species) to manage (steward) His estate (earth) on His behalf.



## The Beginning

God put Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden for a purpose. God created man only after he had restored all things on earth to their original state. Why? Because the purpose of man was to look after God's estate. Had He created man before restoring His creation, there would have been nothing for man to manage.

### Place of Rest

Another **mystery** is hidden in the creation of man. God created the heaven and the earth in **six days**, and He rested on the seventh day!

#### *God rested on the Seventh Day*

*Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.*

*<sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.*

*<sup>3</sup> And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had **rested from all his work** which God created and made.*

Genesis 2:1-3 KJV

Notice that the Lord referred to the evening and the morning, the first and every consecutive day until day six (Genesis 1).

*And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the **evening and the morning** were the **sixth day**.*

Genesis 1:31 KJV

After the sixth day, there was no mention of the **evening and morning** again, and on the seventh day, He rested from all His work which He made. This is profound because God only made Adam in verse 7.

*And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.*

Genesis 2:7 KJV

This clearly showed that God created Adam at a very precise time and date for him to enter the Sabbath day, God's rest.

When God created Adam and Eve, they did not need to petition God for food or other provisions! God created everything they needed for them to enter their rest. This is what the Sabbath pictures - God has already done everything in the New Covenant.

In Genesis 2, the word **rested** means *shabbath*.

*Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.*

<sup>2</sup> *And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he **rested** <sup>H7673</sup> on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.*

<sup>3</sup> *And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.*

Genesis 2:1 KJV

### **H7673 (Strong's)**

**shâbath**

*shaw-bath'*

A primitive root; to *repose*, that is, **desist from exertion**; used in many implied relations (causatively, figuratively or specifically): - (cause to, let, make to) cease, celebrate, cause (make) to fail, keep (sabbath), suffer to be lacking, leave, put away (down), (make to) rest, rid, still, take away.

**The Sabbath rest is a TIME TO REST.**

The Lord took the man and **put** him into the Garden of Eden. Let us investigate the meaning of put.

*And the LORD God took the man, and **put** <sup>H5117</sup> him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. Genesis 2:15 KJV*

**H5117 (Strong's)**

**nûach**

*noo'-akh*

A primitive root; **to rest**, that is, *settle* down; used in a great variety of applications, literally and figuratively, intransitively, transitively and causatively (**to dwell**, *stay*, *let fall*, **place**, *let alone*, *withdraw*, *give comfort*, etc.): - cease, be confederate, lay, let down, (be) quiet, remain, (cause to, be at, give, have, make to) **rest, set down**.

**The word here is *nûach*, which means a PLACE OF REST.**

Our place of rest refers to our dominion rest. And this is where the old serpent deceived man. He rebelled against God's authority and lost his dominion rest.

**Enmity between Two Seeds**

God created man in His image and likeness and gave him higher authority than the angels, including the originally perfected cherubim, Haylel. When God put Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden with that authority, Haylel was already cast out of heaven because of his rebellion against God. In his fallen state, he cunningly deceived Eve, the weaker one. He intended to seduce Adam and Eve

into handing over their authority to him. The moment they yielded to satan, they lost dominion and were cast out of the Garden of Eden. Matthew confirmed that Adam and Eve gave their authority to satan.

*Once more the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world, along with their splendor. <sup>9</sup> He told Jesus, "I will give you all these things if you will bow down and worship me!" <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Go away, Satan! Because it is written, 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'" <sup>11</sup> So the devil left him, and angels came and began ministering to him. Matthew 4:8-10 ISV*

Verse 8 confirms that satan was the legal title deed holder of the earth. He owned it and still does, and that makes him the “god of this world”. He tried taking a shortcut to Yashuah by saying, “Okay, I will give it back to You if You bow before me.” It all boils down to POWER and DOMINION. He who controls the people through religion can possess the earth. Religion is the highest form of control over people. This has been satan’s plan from the beginning of creation.

On the day the old serpent deceived Adam and Eve, God announced there would be enmity between the TWO SEEDS. That of the woman from whom the Saviour would be born and the seed of satan.

*And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: <sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. Genesis 3:14-15 KJV*

## War to Enter your Rest

There remains a war to return to the rest Adam and Eve lost in the Garden of Eden.

*There remaineth therefore a rest<sup>G4520</sup> to the people of God.*

Hebrews 4:9 KJV

In Greek, the word **rest** here is **G4520**, meaning **sabbatismos**, which refers to the Sabbath Rest. In verse 9, Paul used the word **rest** again, saying “he entered into his **REST**”. This is **katapausis** (G2663), and it is the same as the Hebrew word **nûach**, which refers to the **place of rest**.

*There remaineth therefore a rest<sup>G4520</sup> to the people of God. 10 For he that is entered into his rest<sup>G2663</sup>, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. 11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest<sup>G2633</sup>, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. Hebrews 4:9 KJV*

### G2663 (Strong's)

κατάπαυσις

**katapausis**

*kat-ap'-ow-sis*

From G2664; *reposing down*, that is, (by Hebraism) *abode*: - rest.

Katapausis, Dominion Rest, is the rest that comes when you have taken dominion of your appointed inheritance! The best way to differentiate between the two types of rest is this:

- **Sabbath Rest** - a time of rest.
- But **Dominion Rest** - a place of rest.

**To enter Dominion Rest, you must war and labour and, at times, struggle!**

**When you turn back from fighting to enter your Promised Land,  
you will never enter His REST!**

Because the Israelites were afraid of the Giants, they forfeited the right to possess their Promised Land and died while wandering in the wilderness!! We too can lose our dominion rest...

- Through unbelief.
- By refusing to wage war.
- Disobedience and idolatry.
- When under a curse.

***Do not forfeit your place of rest! Determine to press forward into Rest!  
God is saying that the Gospel is preached, but the Word does not profit  
us anything because we do not mix faith with the Word of God!  
Therefore, we do not experience a peaceful Christian life!***

*For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but **the word preached did not profit them**, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. Hebrews 4:2 KJV*

Real faith is anchored in the invisible realm and is connected to the authority given in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Authority to cast out demons is found in rest. Rest is the climate in which faith grows.

*Accordingly, I swore in My wrath and indignation, **They shall not enter into My rest.** [Psalms 95:7-11.] Hebrews 3:11 AMPC*

*Let us therefore be zealous and exert ourselves and **strive diligently to enter that rest** [of God, to know and experience it for ourselves], that*

*no one may fall or perish by the same kind of unbelief and disobedience  
[into which those in the wilderness fell]. Hebrews 4:11 AMPC*

It comes out of the peace of God. It is the Prince of Peace who will soon crush Satan underneath our feet

*And the God of peace will soon **crush Satan under your feet**. The grace  
of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) be with you. Romans 16:20 AMPC*

## **The Son of YHWH**

Satan tried his best to destroy the seed of the woman. The fallen angels came down and had intercourse with the women on earth to defile the seed of man. As a result, God destroyed the entire earth during Noah's flood. By saving only eight souls, God protected His seed. Years later, the Son of God was born. He willingly took all the sins of the world upon Himself and laid down His life as a first fruit offering before His Father. His Father accepted it, and Satan was in trouble! He lost the dominion which he received from Adam and Eve, because Yashuah came down as a man, went into hell and took back the title deed of the earth and also the keys of life and death.

*Then Jesus came up and told them, "All authority in heaven and on  
earth has been given to me. Matthew 28:18 KJV*

*All things have been entrusted to me by my Father. No one fully knows  
the Son except the Father, and no one fully knows the Father except the  
Son and the person to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.  
Matthew 11:27 KJV*

All power and authority were given to the Son by the Father. He gave it back to His disciples (His ecclesia – His government). In Luke, “**power**” is used for different meanings.

*Behold, I give unto you power (G1849) to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power (G1411) of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Luke 10:19 KJV*

**G1849 (Strong's)**

**exousia**

ex-oo-see'-ah

From G1832 (in the sense of ability); privilege, that is, (subjectively) force, capacity, competency, freedom, or (objectively) mastery (concretely magistrate, superhuman, potentate, token of control), delegated influence: - authority, jurisdiction, liberty, power, right, strength.

**G1411 (Strong's)**

**dunamis**

doo'-nam-is

From G1410; force (literally or figuratively); specifically miraculous power (usually by implication a miracle itself): - ability, abundance, meaning, might (-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle (-s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work.

The above can be explained by using a traffic officer as an example. The officer can stop a vehicle because of his **authority** and not because of his power! He stands his ground because the power to do so is backed up by the law. Likewise, we also have the authority given to us by Jesus Christ. We should stand our



ground, which is backed up by the authority and the power from the Throne of God! The devil recognises this authority, and once we give the command, he has to leave!

**Authority is delegated power.**

God gave us more authority than Adam and Eve had. They had authority over the earth; however, after Christ had risen from the dead, He had authority in heaven, on earth and under the earth, meaning the demonic realm and hell (Philippians 2:10). Before Jesus ascended, He turned to His disciples and said:

*All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. <sup>19</sup>Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. Matthew 28:18b-20 KJV*

In light of what Jesus had just said, He was telling His followers that the authority and power He had, He had given to us. We must **GO** and continue the work He began! The authority we have as believers is superior to the authority Adam had. We have authority over the demonic realm (Matthew 10:1, 7-8). Jesus gave us power and authority over the devil.

*Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. Luke 9:1 KJV*

Power here means that we have the ability and the might. We also have the authority to use that ability and might. But with that authority comes responsibility.

*Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7 KJV*

Many Christians do not use the authority given to them. When satan harasses us through sickness, disease, poverty, tragedy or other demonic attacks, we approach God as if we have no power or authority. We beg God, but do not realise what we ask is not within God's authority but within ours!

## **Dominion**

Now that we understand the purpose of Adam and Eve to enter their Sabbath Rest, to not work or supply for any need (as God had already provided), we can move on to explain the second part of Genesis 2:15.

*And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to **dress (abad)** it and to **keep it (shamar)**. Genesis 2:15 KJV*

The Hebrew word “**abad**” is to dress it, work it and care for it. The Hebrew word “**shamar**” means to exercise great care over it and keep it for the next generation. When God created man in His image and likeness, He envisaged that man would have dominion over the earth.

*Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have **dominion (radah)** over.... the earth. Genesis 1:26*

When Paul wrote that we were delivered from the power of darkness (another kingdom) to the Kingdom of Light, he used the Greek word “**basileia**”.

*He hath delivered us from the power of darkness and hath translated us **into the kingdom (basileia)** of His dear Son. Colossians 1:13 KJV*

The original Hebrew word for basileia is “**mamlakah**”, and it is the same word used in Genesis 1:26 for dominion (radah).

**In the beginning, God announced that man would have dominion (sovereign rulership) over His kingdom, to rule and reign, steward, and manage it with royal power.**

A king must have an estate! God created man in His image and likeness. He created a physical and visible Kingdom for man to rule, manage and steward on behalf of the King

## Basic Principles

We now know that a Pre-Adamic Age existed, and during this age, Haylel rebelled against God and was cast down to Tartarus. This caused mass destruction of the Earth. We do not know how long the earth was in this empty and void stage before God created man. This was where the Post-Adamic age started. The Adamic age has two time periods - the time before the fall and after it. God envisaged that man would rest in the Garden of Eden and have dominion to rule, reign, manage and steward His estate on the King's behalf. Unfortunately, satan (Haylel in his fallen stage) deceived man, and Adam and Eve handed over the kingdom of this world to him. He became the god of this world. The Father sent his Son to nail Himself to the cross and pay in full for all sin and iniquity of mankind. Yet, man is still born from corruptible seed. A great mystery is hidden in this last statement. Paul explained to the Philippians "to work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Philippians 2:12 KJV). The GNB says to **complete your salvation**, and the TPT says you must continue to **make this new life fully manifested** as you live in the holy awe of God.

**What does this mean?** When we believe with our hearts and confess with our mouths that Jesus is Lord and Saviour, we make it unto salvation (Romans 10:10). This is only the beginning of our journey towards FULL SALVATION.

Peter explained. *“Through our faith, the mighty power of God constantly guards us until our **full salvation** is ready to be revealed in the last time”* (1 Peter 1:5 TPT). Then, he says:

*For you are reaping the harvest of your faith—the full salvation promised you—your souls’ victory! 1 Peter 1:9 TPT*

What is that harvest? It is the **full salvation** promised to us - the salvation of the souls.

## Heaven

Few people are aware of the multi-dimensional aspects of heaven. Institutional churches mislead the immature into believing that salvation alone is required to go to heaven. As much as this is true, it does not represent the full view of what the Bible is teaching us. Many believers will miss their inheritance. We first need to seek His Kingdom and righteousness (Matthew 6:33). This is a command so we can receive a reward. The reward is that ALL things shall be added unto us. Many seek it, but never find it. Some find it, but cannot unlock it.

This section will enable you to not only find the Kingdom, but the Kingdom will be unlocked for you.

## The Kingdom of God versus the Kingdom of Heaven

Let us distinguish between the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Heaven. We need to rightly divide the word of truth. We need to correctly analyse and accurately divide. This means skilfully teaching the Word of Truth.

*Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, **correctly analyzing and accurately dividing** [rightly handling and skilfully teaching] the Word of Truth. 2 Timothy 2:15AMP*

Not all scriptures are for all people! Parts of the Bible were written for certain groups, like the laws in the Old Testament that were written for Israel. Then there are parts of the Bible that are meant for us. New Testament believers are saved by grace through faith and not works. But in the Old Testament, there were works involved for those under the law. The Israelites had to obey God's laws by the letter, but Christ came to fulfil all the requirements of the law to set us free.

*For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. Romans 10:4 KJV*

Today, New Testament believers are dead to the law! We are married to Jesus Christ.

*Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be **married to another**, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. Romans 7:4 KJV*

This is a major statement! I highly recommend reading my book, "Born from Free- and Slave Woman", for a thorough discussion of this topic.

*Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you:  
and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you  
to Zion. Jeremiah 3:14 KJV*

In the Gospels, there are cases where the concept of the Kingdom of Heaven is substituted by the Kingdom of God. But they are not the same. In the King James Version, “Kingdom of Heaven” appears 33 times and “Kingdom of God” 70 times. Jesus' death and resurrection divide the Bible into the Old Testament and the New Testament. Old Testament believers lived under the law, while New Testament believers live under grace. Between the Rapture and the Battle of Armageddon is the "Tribulation", and after the seven-year Tribulation, we will enter the Millennium Reign.

## **Jesus' Ministry**

Both John the Baptist and Jesus commanded people to repent, for the **Kingdom of Heaven** was at hand (Matthew 3:2; Matthew 4:7). In His parables, Jesus was referring to the **Kingdom of Heaven**, because He was telling them about His spiritual, invisible world. He's intention was, and still is, that we must bring the KINGDOM of Heaven to EARTH. This is clear where Jesus taught His disciples how to pray (Matthew 6:10). The turning point came when Jesus introduced His KINGDOM of Heaven to His people, and they rejected Him. They thought He came to save them from the Roman Empire and establish an everlasting Kingdom on earth, just as Daniel prophesied. They did not recognise the Lamb that came to save them. They were looking for the Lion of Judah.

The Kingdom of God came not with observation. The Kingdom is not discovered in one place or another, for God's Kingdom realm is already expanding within

some of us (Luke 17:21 TPT). Notice that Jesus is not speaking of the Kingdom of Heaven, but He is referring to the **Kingdom of God** that is already inside of us.

I want to share with you the mystery that the Kingdom of God is expanding only in some of us. Paul understood this concept. He first preached the Gospel to his own people, the Jews, but when they rejected him, he went to the Gentiles and preached to them the Gospel of the Kingdom of God.

*Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.* Acts 13:46 KJV

*For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.* Romans 14:17 KJV

Peace and joy are spiritual and can only be found within us, not in places. Meat and drink are physical and found in places. Romans 14:17 is telling us that the Kingdom of God is a spiritual Kingdom inside of us, and the Kingdom of Heaven is a physical Kingdom which we need to bring down to earth. In Matthew, Jesus said it was easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God (Matthew 19:24). Here, we find one piece of the mystery of the Kingdom expanding in some of us. Many believers accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, but the Kingdom cannot expand within them because of hindrances or blockages, such as riches (Mammon).

## **See, Enter, and Inherit the Kingdom**

We find another part of the mystery in John 3, a well-known passage, often overlooked. Jesus spoke about the Kingdom of God when He told Nicodemus to

be born again. We cannot SEE this spiritual Kingdom, unless we are born again of the Spirit!

*Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, **he cannot see the kingdom of God.** John 3:3 KJV*

It is impossible to even see the Kingdom of God unless you are born again. Think about it! All who are captive by religion (including Christianity) cannot see this Kingdom. Our born-again experience is a gift, and we only need to believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths to make it unto salvation. This is the salvation of the spirit and not of the soul or body. A new soul and new body have been paid for on the cross, but they are not yet saved. Part 2 will address our full salvation awaiting us.

*Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be **born of water and of the Spirit**, he cannot **enter** into the kingdom of God.*  
John 3:5 KJV

This is the mystery of the Kingdom of God that you have to be born again to SEE it, and you have to come out of water and be baptised in the Holy Ghost to enter it. What a disappointment that many believers do not understand this.

*That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.* John 3:6 KJV

The question is, when were you born from the Spirit? Paul asked believers in Acts, unto what were they baptised? Their answer was unto John's baptism (Acts 19:3). Paul made it clear that they had to believe in Him who would come after John the Baptist. So, clearly, the baptism of repentance is not the **one baptism** essential for salvation (Ephesians 4:5).



After Paul explained this to them, they were **immediately** baptised in the Name of the Lord Jesus, and **immediately** thereafter, Paul laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost filled them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied (Acts 19:5-6 KJV). It is important to understand that you do not need to grow spiritually, attend discipleship courses or be sanctified before being baptised.

**A complete and detailed discussion of the Doctrine of Baptisms (Hebrews 6:1-3) can be found in my book, “The Doctrine of Christ”. It will also be discussed in Part 2 of this manual.**

The final part of the mystery is that apart from “seeing” and “entering”, there is also an **inheritance** awaiting the believer. Jesus explained to James and John when they asked to sit at His left and right hand:

*“You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” <sup>39</sup> And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized.”* Mark 10:38-39 ESV

This baptism is not in water but refers to the suffering and shame associated with the death of Christ, also called the “*baptism of the cross*”. The cup Jesus had to drink was a cup of shame and torment on the cross (Matthew 26:36-46). He was “immersed” in pain and dishonour. Similarly, our calling is to suffer for the sake of Christ.

*In fact, you were called to live this way, because Christ also suffered in your place, leaving you his example for you to follow.* 1 Peter 2:21 TPT

*And since we are his true children, we qualify to share all his treasures, for indeed, we are heirs of God himself. And since we are joined to Christ, we also inherit all that he is and all that he has. We will experience being co-glorified with him provided that we accept his sufferings as our own. Romans 8:17 TPT*

Let me tell you another mystery! Our suffering for Christ has a major purpose! It is part of the one-package deal for the believer. It is part of our full restoration. This suffering is not because of living a life of unrighteousness but because of our love for Him.

But what is the exact purpose of the baptism of suffering? Paul is a believer who suffered for Christ. I believe he had all the authority to lead the New Testament believers into this concept of suffering. Paul gave us a hint of the purpose of our suffering – to be counted worthy as a part of the Kingdom!

*We are bound to thank God always for you, my brothers, as it is right, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of each one of you abounds toward one another; <sup>4</sup> so much so that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God, **for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations which you endure.** <sup>5</sup> For this is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that you **may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God for which you also suffer.***

2 Thessalonians 1:3-5 MKJV

Many believe giving our hearts to Jesus and confessing with our mouths means we have arrived and will go to heaven. But, this is only the beginning of the restoration plan. Being born again gives us access to enter the gates where we

then dwell in the Outer Courts. Then, the sanctification process by which we are transformed into the Holy of Holies starts.

*This entire building is under construction and is continually growing under his supervision until it rises up completed as the holy temple of the Lord himself. <sup>22</sup> This means that God is transforming each one of you into the Holy of Holies, his dwelling place, through the power of the Holy Spirit living in you! Ephesians 2:21-22 TPT*

After salvation, moving on to spiritual maturity and getting rid of all filthiness is still lying ahead of us. Paul gives us great encouragement!

*He always comes alongside us to comfort us in every suffering so that we can come alongside those who are in any painful trial. We can bring them this same comfort that God has poured out upon us. <sup>5</sup> And just as we experience the abundance of Christ's own sufferings, even more of God's comfort will cascade upon us through our union with Christ. 2 Corinthians 1:4-5 TPT*

We are comforted by Him, so we can come alongside others in painful trials to help, assist and strengthen them in their pain and suffering.

*If troubles weigh us down, that just means that we will receive even more comfort to pass on to you for your **deliverance**! For the comfort pouring into us empowers us to bring comfort to you. And with this comfort upholding you, you can endure victoriously the same suffering that we experience. <sup>7</sup> Now our hope for you is unshakable, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings you will also share in God's comforting strength. 2 Corinthians 1:6-7 TPT*

Here we find the next hint from Paul, which is that suffering for Christ is to also share in His strength. It seems our suffering in Christ brings strength to endure

all trials, so we will one day stand victoriously on the sea of glass mingled with fire, singing the Victor's Song of Moses (Revelation 15:3)!

## **Before and After Crucifixion**

Jesus initially forbade His disciples from going to the Gentiles to preach the Gospel.

*These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, **Go not into the way of the Gentiles**, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: <sup>6</sup> But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> And as ye go, preach, saying, **The kingdom of heaven is at hand**. Matthew 10:5 KJV*

Notice the message to be preached was the message of the Kingdom of Heaven, for this physical kingdom could come at any time. Old Testament prophets prophesied about the coming of this Kingdom, and therefore the Jews awaited a King to reign and establish His everlasting Kingdom, according to Daniel. The Jewish people were tired of the Roman Emperor suppressing them. They were looking for their Messiah to deliver them. That is why they laid palm tree branches in the streets and cried out, "Hosanna!", meaning "save us" and "a desperate plea to God to support". It is also a word of praise for God's divine powers. They were begging Jesus to deliver them from the Romans.

*And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: <sup>10</sup> Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest. Mark 11:9-10 KJV*

The scribes were shutting up the Kingdom of Heaven for people.

*But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! **for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men:** for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. Matthew 23:13KJV*

The Pharisees turned the people against Jesus, and they eventually cried out, “Crucify Him!”

*But the chief priests moved the people, that he should rather release Barabbas unto them. <sup>12</sup> And Pilate answered and said again unto them, What will ye then that I shall do unto him whom ye call the King of the Jews? <sup>13</sup> And they cried out again, Crucify him. <sup>14</sup> Then Pilate said unto them, Why, what evil hath he done? And they cried out the more exceedingly, Crucify him. Mark 15:11-14 KJV*

Because the Pharisees shut up the Kingdom of Heaven for the people, the Jews rejected Him when they saw the Lamb, because they were looking for the Lion of Judah to deliver them. The message then changed from the Kingdom of Heaven to the Kingdom of God.

*For forty days after his death he appeared to them many times in ways that proved beyond doubt that he was alive. They saw him, and he talked with them about the Kingdom of God. Acts 1:3 GNB*

The message is clear that when we believe and make it to salvation, we receive the Kingdom of God and should then be baptised. Philip preached the same message that baptism does not bring salvation, but follows salvation.

*But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Acts 8:12 KJV*

The early Church was persecuted and went through heavy tribulation to enter the Kingdom of God.

*Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God. Acts 14:22 KJV*

This was the age when Jesus started to form His body, the "Body of Christ", or His Ecclesia (Government). This is also referred to as the "Grace Age" or the "Church Age".

*But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, **to testify the gospel of the grace of God.** <sup>25</sup> And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more. Acts 20:24- 25 KJV*

God called Saul from Tarsus to preach and bear witness to this Gospel to the Gentiles.

*But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, **to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings,** and the children of Israel: <sup>16</sup> For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake. Acts 9:15-16 KJV*

Paul testified and preached the Kingdom of God to many.

*And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening. Acts 28:23 KJV*

When we do what Romans 10:10 says, we enter the Kingdom. The AMP Version says, "*If you have a conviction - full of joy - that Jesus is the Messiah - He is the author of your salvation in the Kingdom of God*". After Philip had explained scriptures to the eunuch of Ethiopia, the eunuch said, "*Look, here is water, what stand in the way of my baptism*" (Acts 8:36). Philip replied:

*If you believe with all your heart [if you have a conviction, full of joyful trust, that Jesus is the Messiah and accept Him as the Author of your salvation in the kingdom of God, giving Him your obedience, then] you may.* Acts 8:37 AMP

How profound that the Lord draws us to Him with the Spirit to make it into the Kingdom of God!

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***And that Kingdom of God is within us*** (Luke 17:21).

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Paul, as the Apostle of the Gentiles, said we should not be ignorant of the mystery that the blindness of Israel is only temporary until the fullness of the Gentiles has come into the Kingdom of God.

*For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office.* Romans 11:13 KJV

*For there is a wide open door for me to preach and teach here. So much is happening, but there are many enemies.* 1 Corinthians 16:9 TLB

*For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.* Romans 11:25 KJV

As in the days of Paul, we are facing many enemies while bringing the good news of this Kingdom of God. But Jesus gave us the keys **OF** the Kingdom. Notice, not keys **TO** the Kingdom, but **OF** the Kingdom of Heaven.

*And I will give unto thee the **keys** of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.*

Matthew 16:19 KJV

There is another mystery to these keys, which we will further discuss in the next section. When we have made it unto salvation and trust the Blood of Christ because of His resurrection, we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and enter the Kingdom of God. But this is where the mystery is coming in, we need to **walk out our sanctification** unto full salvation.

*That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost. Romans 15:16 KJV*

## Unlocking the Kingdom

If the Kingdom of God is inside of us, why is the world currently in such a bad condition? Why are our lives, finances, marriages, relationships, ministries, etc., falling apart?

**Could it be because we do not know how to UNLOCK the Kingdom that is within us?**

From my experience, most believers do not know who they are! Again, Paul is speaking a mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, BUT is now made manifest to His saints (Colossians 1:26).



*For to them God would make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the nations, which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory. Colossians 1:17 MKJV*

Wisdom and knowledge, without understanding, keep us in bondage. Most of us know the phrase, yet few truly understand what “**CHRIST IN ME**” means.

For us to fully understand this mystery, we need to understand the “REAL ME”. It was a battle for me to find out who I was and what it truly meant to be a spirit being, having a soul and living in a body. Many believe the spirit and the soul are the same, but they are not, according to the scriptures. Without a doubt, we are indeed three in one, namely a spirit, with a soul, living in a body. God Almighty is busy transforming us to be flawless at His Second Coming.

*Now, may the God of peace and harmony set you apart, making you completely holy. And may your entire being—spirit, soul, and body—be kept completely flawless in the appearing of our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One. 1 Thessalonians 5:23 TPT*

Lack of understanding of this concept will always leave the believer empty and unable to receive full healing, deliverance and salvation. These aspects will be discussed as we progress. Wrong thinking leads to wrong doctrine, and wrong doctrine leads to confusion, double-mindedness, foggiess of the brain, and wandering around aimlessly in life. You will always feel incomplete, live an up and down life and never settle down to be as successful as God called you to be.

In this regard, Andrew Wommack testified that this truth freed him from being in bondage. We will never truly prosper in our relationship with God apart from understanding this basic revelation of spirit-soul-body. What we need is a

renewed mind (Romans 12:2), which leads to a transformed mind. Our minds are conformed to this world, meaning that we imitate the ideals and opinions of the culture around us. We need to be transformed inwardly by the Holy Spirit through a total reformation of our thinking. Then we will receive a sound, self-controlled mind.

*Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you, but be inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit through a total reformation of how you think. This will empower you to discern God's will as you live a beautiful life, satisfying and perfect in his eyes. Romans 12:2 TPT*

God did not give us a spirit of fear or timidity. Such a spirit brings a lack of courage or self-confidence, a lack of self-assurance, shyness, nervousness and self-doubt. The presence of these things hinders us from living up to our full potential and shows that we have not yet unlocked the Kingdom that is inside of me –Christ in me!

*For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7 KJV*

When Luke said the kingdom is not discovered in one place or another, for God's kingdom realm is already **expanding within some of us** (Luke 17:21 TPT), it confirms that only those who understand this mystery will be able to unlock it.

## **Sozó**

This brings us to another deep revelation, hidden in the Greek word "SOZÓ". When Bible Scholars translated the Hebrew and Greek manuscripts into English, many ancient words could not be translated into meaningful English words. The original "sozó" includes the concepts of salvation, healing and deliverance. The English Bibles refer to it only as salvation. Satan deceives the Body of Christ into

believing that when we have made it unto salvation, it is the end of the journey. He convinces us we will suffer for the rest of our lives, but not to worry, for we will eventually make it to heaven. Because of this lie, the church is making believers comfortable in their discomfort. The church does not have the answers! The woman with a disabling spirit was in the synagogue, but had been bound by satan for 18 years. The church could not help her.

*And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. <sup>12</sup> And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. Luke 13:10-12 KJV*

Jesus, the very God of peace, wants to sanctify us wholly. I pray that your entire spirit, soul and body will be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 5:23). Saints, Christ is within us, but there is a ***journey of sanctification that needs to take place after salvation.***

A second huge misconception is that a believer cannot have a demon inside of them. I hope to clear up this misconception, which has multiple-dimensional aspects, in full, as we progress. James Kawalya, born in the occult, and delivered, testified that after 10 years in full-time ministry, God told him to go for deliverance. He refused because he did not want to be humiliated as a pastor. But God convinced him, and after a seven-day conference, he found himself right in front of the spiritual leader who said, "In the Name of Jesus, be delivered!" That day, he miraculously found his umbilical cord, offered to a witch by his mother at his birth, in his pocket. The python spirit that fed him until the age of three months lay dead in his bed at home.

Sozō includes salvation, healing and deliverance. This is the journey of sanctification. The Body of Christ is ignorant, naïve and without knowledge. Let's dig deep into this journey.

## Spirit

Let us agree to this most important fact in the Bible, namely that God knew us and chose us before the foundation of the earth (Jeremiah 1:5; Ephesians 1:4). According to Ephesians 1:4, God chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in His eyes. This is a concept that we need to further discover. Consider that there are currently human spirits in heaven, not yet born as fleshly bodies.

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*God often shows married couples their offspring before birth.*

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*Before I formed you in your mother's womb I chose you. Before you were born I set you apart. I appointed you to be a prophet to the nations. Jeremiah 1:5 NET*

Holy believers are set apart for a specific use. The Lord formed our souls and bodies in the wombs of our mothers.

*Oh yes, you shaped me first inside, then out;  
you formed me in my mother's womb.  
I thank you, High God—you're breathtaking!  
Body and soul, I am marvelously made!  
I worship in adoration—what a creation!  
You know me inside and out,  
you know every bone in my body;  
You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit,  
how I was sculpted from nothing into something.*

*Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception to birth;  
all the stages of my life were spread out before you,  
The days of my life all prepared  
before I'd even lived one day.*

Psalms 139:13-16 MSG

The Common English Bible (CEB ) translated verse 16 as “*Your eyes saw my embryo, and **on your scroll every day was written that was being formed for me, before any one of them had yet happened.***” In this ministry, we have many testimonies of Jesus revealing information to people written on their scrolls. Our scrolls are in heaven. The days of our lives are recorded in those scrolls, even before we were conceived. In Genesis 1:2, we find the word Spirit <sup>H7307</sup> (of God), which is “**rûach**” in Hebrew.

### **H7307 (Strong's)**

**rûach**

*roo'-akh*

From H7306; *wind*; by resemblance **breath**, that is, a sensible (or even violent) exhalation; figuratively *life, anger, unsubstantiality*; by extension a *region* of the sky; by resemblance *spirit*, but only of a rational being (including its expression and functions): - air, anger, blast, breath, X cool, courage, mind, X quarter, X side, spirit ([ - ual]), tempest, X vain, ([whirl-]) wind (-y).

Now, this **breath** (rûach) is the same breath that the Lord breathed into the nostrils of Adam. It was the breath of life.

*The LORD God formed the man from the soil of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.* Genesis 2:7 NET

The Modern King James version brings confusion by saying man became a living soul.

*And Jehovah God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.*

Genesis 2:7 MKJV

First, Adam received God's *rûach*, the spirit of man, and then he received his soul, which is the mind, the will and the emotion. Man's body was formed from the dust of the ground, but he did not come alive until God breathed His breath into the nostrils of Adam. When we now look at scriptures in the Old Testament, we see that when it refers to man's spirit, "***rûach***" (H7307) is used. In Genesis 41:8, the spirit (*rûach* <sup>H7307</sup>) of Pharaoh was troubled, and he called for all the magicians of Egypt. The same word (*rûach* <sup>H7307</sup>) is used in Genesis 45:27 of the spirit of Jacob, pointing us again to the "spiritual being" of man. This is consistent throughout the Bible. It is important to acknowledge this, as many so-called Bible scholars do not acknowledge man as a spiritual being, with a soul, and living in a body. Many are confused by Genesis 2:7, believing man to have only a soul and that the soul and spirit are the same and can be used interchangeably.

Without a doubt, the Spirit of the Lord is inside of us. If not so, we need to get rid of all Paul's epistles, because he revealed a mystery, hidden from all the ages, but now revealed - **Christ within the Gentiles!**

Christ is a spirit; henceforth, we must also be spiritual beings. If Christ is within us, *meaning that we have been born again, immersed in water and baptised in the Holy Ghost*, then the Holy Spirit lives in us. The fullness of the Holy Spirit is in Isaiah 11, the seven spirits, namely:

- The spirit of the Lord
- The fear of the Lord
- Wisdom
- Knowledge
- Understanding
- Counsel
- Might

We are born from corruptible seed. That which is born from flesh is flesh (John 3:6a). But now that we are born again from incorruptible seed, we are not dominated by the flesh anymore, and our spirit man comes alive.

*Having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever.*

1 Peter 1:23 NKJV

Which is now born from Spirit is spirit (John 3:6b), and now we are free from the old Adam nature. We now live not according to our flesh, but by the dynamic power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:4 TPT).

*Those who are motivated by the flesh only pursue what benefits themselves. But those who live by the impulses of the Holy Spirit are motivated to pursue spiritual realities.* Romans 8:5 TPT

*For the mind-set of the flesh is death, but the mind-set controlled by the Spirit finds life and peace. <sup>7</sup>In fact, the mind-set focused on the flesh fights God's plan and refuses to submit to his direction, because it cannot! <sup>8</sup>For no matter how hard they try, God finds no pleasure with those who are controlled by the flesh.* Romans 8:6-8 TPT

What the law could not accomplish because it was limited by the weakness of human nature, Christ Jesus did when He was sent by the Father in human form

to identify with human weakness. He gave His body to be the sin-offering so that God could once and for all condemn the guilt and power of sin (Romans 8:3 TPT). This is where our liberty came in, for the “law” of the Spirit of life is now flowing through the anointing of Jesus Christ, who liberated us from the “law” of sin and death.

*But when the Spirit of Christ empowers your life, you are not dominated by the flesh but by the Spirit. And if you are not joined to the Spirit of the Anointed One, you are not of him. Romans 8:3 TPT*

Now Christ lives His life in you! Even though your body may be dead because of the effects of sin, His life-giving Spirit imparts life to you because you are fully accepted by God (Romans 8:10 TPT).

*The first man, Adam, became a living soul. The last Adam became the life-giving Spirit. <sup>46</sup> However, the spiritual didn't come first. The natural precedes the spiritual. <sup>47</sup> The first man was from the dust of the earth; the second Man is the Lord Jehovah, from the realm of heaven. <sup>48</sup> The first one, made from dust, has a race of people just like him, who are also made from dust. The One sent from heaven has a race of heavenly people who are just like him. <sup>49</sup> Once we carried the likeness of the man of dust, but now let us carry the likeness of the Man of heaven.*

1 Corinthians 15:45-49 TPT

In my book, “Isaac & Ishmael - born from Free and Slave Woman”, a complete discussion in this regard is given. Ishmael, the son of the slave girl, was a child of the natural realm, as Abraham slept with Hagar and she birthed a son unto him. But Isaac, the son of the free woman, Sarah, was born supernaturally by the Spirit – a child of the promise of God (Galatians 4:23).



*These two women and their sons express an allegory and become symbols of two covenants. The first covenant was born on Mt. Sinai, birthing children into slavery—children born to Hagar. <sup>25</sup> For “Hagar” represents the law given at Mt. Sinai in Arabia. The “Hagar” metaphor corresponds to the earthly Jerusalem of today who are currently in bondage. <sup>26</sup> In contrast, there is a heavenly Jerusalem above us, which is our true “**mother**.” She is the freewoman, birthing children into freedom! Galatians 4:24-26 TPT*

After our born-again experience, soul salvation awaits us. Because of our freedom in Christ Jesus, we have now come to Mount Zion, the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels joyfully gathered together (Hebrews 12:22). Our names have been legally registered as citizens of heaven! We have come before God who judges all, and who lives among the spirits of the righteous who **have been made perfect in His eyes!** (Hebrews 12:23).

Many believers are stuck in the mud because they walk according to the impulses of the flesh, instead of realising they have been free in their spirit man. It is this spirit man of humanity that has been made perfect in the eyes of the Lord. It is the Blood of Christ that speaks “forgiveness”, which is a far better covenant than the blood of Abel that cried out “justice”.

*And we have come to Jesus who established a new covenant with his blood sprinkled upon the mercy seat; blood that continues to speak from heaven, “**forgiveness**,” a better message than Abel’s blood that cries from the earth, “**justice**.” Hebrews 12:24 TPT*

I asked the Lord why His blood cries out forgiveness and not justice. He replied, *“If my blood was a sacrifice of justice, then all of humanity would have been sent to hell.”* That settles the matter!

After we have been born again, a few things happen.

- We have the resurrection power living within us.

*Yes, God raised Jesus to life! And since God’s Spirit of Resurrection lives in you, he will also raise your dying body to life by the same Spirit that breathes life into you!* Romans 8:11 TPT

- We have His resurrection power already at work in us through faith.

*And how very great is his power at work in us who believe. This power working in us is the same as the mighty strength.* Ephesians 1:19 GNB

- We are now new creatures in Christ Jesus, and all the old things have passed away.

*So that if any one is in Christ, that one is a new creature; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.* 2 Corinthians 5:17 MKJV

- We are ready for every good work.

*That the man of God may be perfected, thoroughly furnished to every good work.* 2 Timothy 3:17 MKJV

- We have the measure of faith, meaning that we do not need more faith, but every born-again believer has equal faith to tell our mountains to move!

*But set your mind to be right-minded, even as God has dealt to every man the measure of faith.* Romans 12:3b MKJV

- We are now sealed with the Holy Spirit.

*In whom also you, hearing the Word of Truth, the gospel of our salvation, in whom also believing, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.* Ephesians 1:13 MKJV

In our spirit (not in the soul or in the body), we have the resurrection power already at work within us. We are perfectly made as new creatures in Christ Jesus, we have the mind of Christ, and are sealed with the Holy Ghost. We have been stamped with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

*And because of him, when you who are not Jews heard the revelation of truth, you believed in the wonderful news of salvation. Now we have been **stamped with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.***

Ephesians 1:13 TPT

If you do not understand the spirit-soul-body connection, the above scripture will never make sense. In your soul (our mind, will and emotions) and in your body, nothing has changed, not even when you come out of the water and have been baptised in the Holy Spirit. Your IQ did not change, your weight did not change, and you still think the same. In a physical mirror, you still look the same. The complete change happened in your spirit man.

Here is the point: when we look into a physical mirror, we only see a reflection of our faces. We can never look directly at our own faces. **You have to believe what you see.** Likewise, we need to look into the scriptures to see a reflection of who we are in the spirit. When the Bible tells you something about your spirit, you have to believe what you read. Each of us is a spirit, with a soul, dwelling in a body, which is our earthly suit. Technically speaking, we are, at least after being born again, not human beings, but spiritual beings.

*For we know that if the earthly tent [our physical body] which is our house is torn down [through death], we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.*

2 Corinthians 5:1 AMP

The soul comprises our mind, emotions, will, and subconscious. As we will see later, the carnal mind (soul) can base information only on our five senses, namely sight, smell, taste, hearing, and feelings. These senses have nothing to do with your spirit, as we cannot see, smell, taste, hear or feel our spirit. We can only feel our soul and body, but not our spirit. When something happens in our spirit, we cannot feel it. This is why the carnal mind always tells us nothing significant happens in the spirit. This is a lie! We need to get our carnal minds (the flesh) out of the way.

Anything happening in the spirit is based on **FAITH** and not on feelings or emotions. The body and soul are different. You can feel both your body and soul. Someone can speak harsh, hurtful words to you without physically touching your body. Words can make you glad, sad, or mad. You are aware of the condition of your body and soul because you are constantly in touch with them. Our bodies are feeding us information on their condition. The soul does the same. We know when we are happy or hurt, angry, mentally worn out, or

sharp and ready to go. We are aware of fear and depression because we are always in touch with our souls. Our spirit, on the other hand, cannot be accessed in any natural way.

*That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. John 3:6 AMP*

This is a profound truth! Take a few minutes to let it sink in. Flesh is flesh and spirit is spirit! I struggled for many years because I did not understand who and what I was. We cannot mix the flesh and the spirit. Jesus declares that there is no direct connection between spirit and body (flesh). They are interrelated, as we will later see, but spirit is spirit and flesh is flesh.

Why did God make us like this? If the spirit and the soul were not split, He couldn't redeem us from eternal death and hell! We simply cannot contact the spirit through emotions or the physical body. This is one of the significant problems of the Christian life! Understanding spirit-soul-body unlocks the spirit realm. We can experience who we are and what we have in Christ! Since we can't see or feel the spiritual realm, the only way to accurately perceive spiritual truth is through the Bible. Take God's Word and simply believe it! Remember that you have to change your mind to believe the Word of God because all else are lies from the devil, who is the Father of all lies!

God's Word reveals spiritual reality.

*It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. John 6:63 KJV*

If you want to know what your spirit is like, the Word of God will reveal it. You can't go by any emotion or fleshly perception. God's Word is SPIRIT and LIFE! God's Word is a spiritual mirror!

*For if anyone only listens to the Word without obeying it and being a doer of it, he is like a man who looks carefully at his [own] **natural face in a mirror**; <sup>24</sup> For he thoughtfully observes himself, and then goes off and promptly forgets what he was like. <sup>25</sup> But he who looks carefully into the faultless law, the [law] of liberty, and is faithful to it and perseveres in looking into it, being not a heedless listener who forgets but an active doer [who obeys], he shall be blessed in his doing (his life of obedience). James 1:23-25 AMP*

When looking in a mirror, you are merely viewing your reflection. You have never seen your own face. It's the same with your born-again spirit. God's Word perfectly reflects who you are in the spirit. It's the only way you can know your spirit. You can't just assume that you would be aware of God's spirit inside of you, because that which is spirit is spirit and that which is flesh is flesh. You must look in God's mirror and trust the spiritual reality you see.

Every born-again believer has undergone a complete inner transformation.

*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things become new. <sup>18</sup> And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; 2 Corinthians 5:17-18 KJV*

OLD THINGS are passed away! Notice the past tense! All things become new! All things are of God. Your body remains the same, though. You will only in the

future receive your glorified body. You are also as ignorant as before your born-again experience.

*For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup> So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. 1 Corinthians 15:53-54 KJV*

Although Christ's atonement provided for you physically, your body has not been saved yet. It has been purchased but is not yet redeemed. Jesus purchased your glorified body through His death, burial and resurrection. Although full payment has been made, you still have a corrupted body while you wait to receive your immortal, incorruptible body. You do not yet have the redemption of the purchased possession.

*That [Spirit] is the guarantee of our inheritance [the firstfruits, the pledge and foretaste, the down payment on our heritage], in anticipation of its full redemption and our acquiring [complete] possession of it--to the praise of His glory. Ephesians 1:14 AMP*

**Your soul wasn't saved either!** This might sound strange to those using terminology like "I'm a soul-winner" or "I rejoice to see a soul saved". In reality, the New Testament never mentions soul salvation in the context of the born-again experience (Hebrews 10:39; James 1:21, 5:20; 1 Peter 1:9).

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**Soul salvation happens when an emotionally discouraged and mentally defeated Christian starts believing God's Word and then experiences peace, joy and victory!**

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When you were born again, your soul was not the part that was completely changed! If you were stupid before you were saved, you will still be stupid after being saved. If you were depressed before you got saved, you will stay depressed until you change the way you think by believing God's Word.

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**Your soul can be transformed to the degree you renew your mind, change your attitudes and conform your values to the Word of God.**

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It does not happen automatically, however. Old things need to pass away, and all things still need to be made new. The transformation of your soul is an ongoing process and won't be completed until you are with Jesus! When you receive your glorified body, you will also receive your glorified soul!

*For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. <sup>10</sup> But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. <sup>12</sup> For now, we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.*

1 Corinthians 13:9-12 KJV

When that which is perfect (your glorified body) comes, your current partial knowledge will give way to full revelation! That's the coming future fulfilment of transformation and complete change in your body and soul. But the Word clearly states that any person who is in Christ is already a brand-new creature.

*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away. 2 Corinthians 5:17 KJV*



Old things have passed away! All things have become new! This complete transformation isn't just in process. It's describing a change that has already been done - an accomplished fact!

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**Where did this complete change occur then? Not in your body, nor in your soul, BUT, according to God's mirror, in your BORN-AGAIN SPIRIT.**

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The reason we need a born-again experience to enter the Kingdom of Heaven is that we are all born in sin. Because of this sinful nature and continued sin in our lives, and because of minor and major traumas, our souls are broken. People constantly experience disappointments in life and conflict with one another, and in many cases with themselves. As explained, even when Christians are born again, baptised in water and the Holy Spirit, they are still depressed and fearful. They attend church every Sunday and try to live as born-again Christians, but are still imprisoned.

**Why is this, and how can we break free from it?** First, we need to understand the soul before we can truly break free and unlock the Kingdom of God that is already inside of us.

## **Soul**

We now know that the mind, will, emotions, and consciousness make up the soul. It is only speculated how and when the spirit and the soul join in the womb after conception. We only know partially, but one day we will know all (1 Corinthians 13:12). Furthermore, we need to understand that there is no connection between the spirit and the human body. The spirit cannot speak to the human body or give it commands. ***The soul is the connection between the***

***spirit and the body.*** We are born from corruptible seed, meaning that generational iniquity and sins (our own and that of our bloodlines) and also trauma in our lives, even since conception, wound our souls.

We conform to this corruptible and perverse world, meaning that we have been moulded according to worldly patterns, examples and principles, and we have adapted to society's values. That is why Paul warned us to not be conformed to this world, but transformed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:2). **In this lies the mystery of unlocking the Kingdom of God that is inside of us.**

I strongly believe that the Body of Christ is kept in captivity because they do not understand who they are, and they do not realise they are in bondage.

*Therefore my people are gone into **captivity**, because they have **no knowledge**: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst. Isaiah 5:13 KJV*

*My people are **destroyed** for **lack of knowledge**: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. Hosea 4:6 KJV*

Knowing how the spirit, soul and body function, with a clear understanding of who we are in Christ after we have been born again, is the pathway to our freedom. Even after our born-again experience, our souls can be broken. Let's see how we can heal our broken souls.

## How can evil spirits have access to the human spirit?

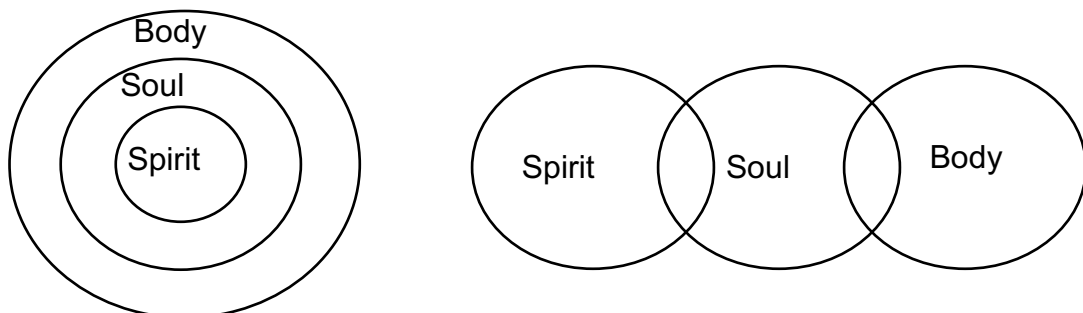
They access our thoughts through brainwaves!

- There are four types of brainwaves: Alpha, Beta, Theta and Delta.
- Brainwaves operate in the realm of your physiological brain.
- Each of these brainwaves is necessary for our comprehension of thought.
- The three brainwaves, Alpha, Beta and Theta, facilitate images and thoughts, and how we as living beings process them.
- Delta waves function during the dream state and will not be discussed here.

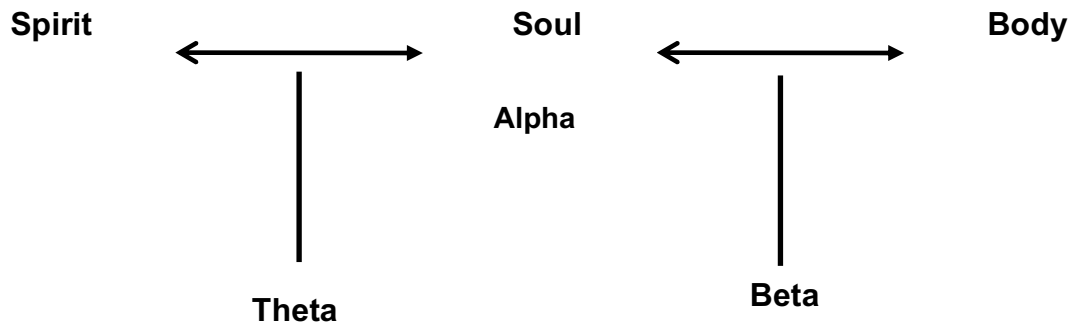
These give us our deductive reasoning, our personality, and the complexity of our existence.

### The real YOU is your SPIRIT!

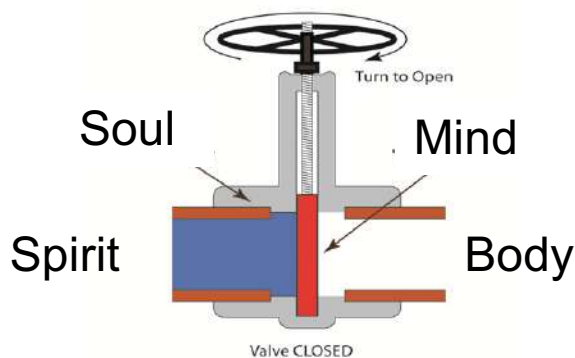
When God created man, He first created the body and the soul, but there was no life in them. Life came when God breathed His breath into man, and his spirit became alive. (***The body without the spirit is dead. James 2:26***). The soul comprises the MIND, EMOTIONS and WILL. Reality is not just the physical realm we live in, but it also includes the spiritual realm. This is a physical illustration of the spirit-soul-body combination. The SOUL is the bridge between the spirit world and the physical world.



When I speak to you, you comprehend my words through two of your five physical senses, namely, hearing and sight.



As you are listening, your **Beta** brainwaves are being activated. They allow your brain to pick up **images of sight** and **sound through an electrochemical** process.



You are taking **snapshots** and **pictures**. This is **short-term memory**. Your brain records the experience from the physical world. **This process programs your SOUL!** The recording of your good and bad experiences in life,

your will, and your ability to make decisions, all take place in your soul man. The soul functions in the physical realm. When we experience tragedy in life, it breaks our hearts. This happens in the physical realm. Our bodies are also trapped in the physical world, BUT the soul can move to and fro. Therefore, it can also function in the spiritual realm/world, as it is the bridge between the spirit and the physical world. Our **mind** is a **valve** that shuts down what is supposed to flow from the spiritual mind/realm to our souls. Inside of us, in our spirits, we always have the fullness of God as born-again Christians. We must open our souls to what is true in the spiritual realm.

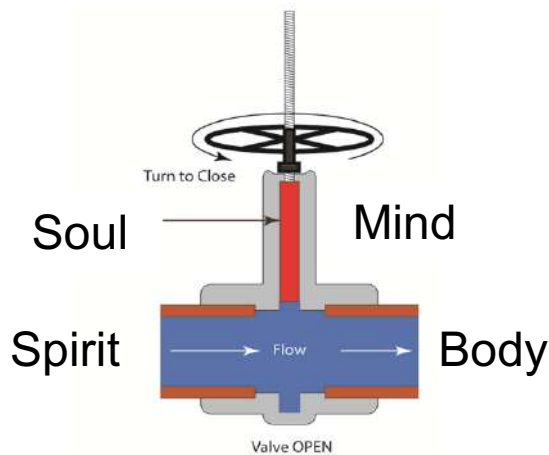
*But **without faith**, it is **impossible to please him**: for him that cometh to God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.* Hebrews 11:6 KJV

The above picture shows that our souls block the flow of who and what we are in Christ Jesus when we are conformed to the world. Remember, within our spirits, we have the completeness of the Holy Ghost. That includes the seven spirits of Isaiah 11, the mind of Christ, the measure of faith, being perfectly made as Christ and being sealed with the Holy Ghost. We are indeed a new creature in Christ Jesus! Therefore, saints, we must BELIEVE it and also believe every truth in the spiritual realm. A renewed mind comes by the washing of the Word of God (Ephesians 5:26-27). The more we hear, focus and meditate on it, the more our minds are renewed, resulting in us becoming new people! The unrenewed mind shuts down everything in the spiritual mind. Therefore, our “*hearts and minds must be made completely new* (Ephesians 4:23 GNT).

*That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word.* Ephesians 5:26 KJV

The belief that God gave us a healthy mind to think with, twists and perverts the truth. The truth is, we have the mind of Christ inside of us (that is who we are as spiritual beings), and the human mind (part of our soul) is only the student. The soul is a poor master and needs to submit to the spirit. As we study the Word of God and meditate on it, our human minds receive revelation knowledge, wisdom and understanding about how the spiritual world works.

Only after the Word of God has renewed your mind can the valve be opened for



new information to flow from the spirit to the soul and mind. Instead of your old mind being in charge and telling your spirit what to do and believe, suddenly, your spirit will be in charge, telling your mind to submit. The order has been

restored! The spirit, soul, and body are now walking by faith and not by sight anymore. You are no longer moved by what you see, hear, feel, smell and taste, but by the Word of God!

**The Kingdom of God inside of you has now been unlocked.  
Glory to God!**

### **The Process of Protein Synthesis**

Understanding what happens in our bodies during protein synthesis is an eye-opener. We store information in our short-term memory, and these memories eventually end up in our long-term memory. The RNA and DNA forms in the human body through the process of protein synthesis. All the thoughts stored in the long-term memory are captured in the RNA strings during protein synthesis. When two RNA strings come together, they form the human DNA. Our thoughts are now permanently stored in the DNA, and become part of our biology. How naïve are those who do not believe in generational curses. They do not fully understand this process.

### **A Personal Testimony**

*My father told me how he, as a child, often sat down with his father, listening to real war stories dating back to the war between England and the white people of South Africa in the 1800s. South Africa fought for their independence and succeeded, but at a price. Nevertheless, as my grandfather told these stories to my dad, hatred towards the English people for what they had done to the people of South Africa slowly progressed in his heart. When my dad started school, he already hated them so much that he refused to speak English, even to his deathbed. He died from a disease that had hatred as a spiritual root, especially self-hatred. Hatred and self-hatred were embedded so deeply in his DNA that his descendants were born with resentment, hatred, self-hatred, frustration, anger and rage. During a deliverance session, the Lord showed my youngest son all the hatred, frustrations, anger and rage in the bloodline. Because we were willing to walk out our own salvation with fear and trembling (Philippians 2:12-13), by God's grace, we dealt with these issues and broke the curse.*

Satan is training us by the pathway of Theta waves to obey his laws of hatred, frustrations, anger, rage, etc., so they can become part of our personalities. Likewise, **God** is training us in His **laws (love, patience, joy, peace)** so they can **be in our spirits** and also part of our **personalities**.

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**This is the law of sin as part of the personality, as opposed to the  
law of GOD.**

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Both laws are in your members, according to Scripture, and thus cause a battle. Even as Christians, we have the law of sin in our members.

- For example, do you ever experience strife in your family?
- Is the distance between your brain and your tongue ever zero?
- Are the words that come out of your mouth words of life or death?

It is shocking that born-again believers make agreements and vows with darkness, e.g. many come into agreement with the spirit of death by losing their desire to live and contemplating suicide. The law of sin is reinforced by a being in sin *by its fallen nature*, or because the mind has not been renewed. Everything you perceive externally is recorded in your long-term memory, which becomes part of your biology.

Many Christians serve sin. This does not mean they are possessed. It means they are under the influence of the law of sin and follow it as if it were the truth.

*But I see **another law** in my members, **warring** against the law of my mind, and bringing me **into captivity** to the law of sin which is in my members.* Romans 7:23 KJV

Over many years, the Holy Spirit revealed to me profound scriptures which became foundational for explaining how satan enslaved us. These scriptures reveal important truths.

- There are many voices, and each has meaning.
- Our imaginations and thoughts lead to strongholds.
- Satan put us in his snare to use us for his will.



## Many Voices

*There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification.* 1 Corinthians 14:10 KJV

*There are, perhaps, a great many kinds of sounds in the world, and none is without meaning.* 1 Corinthians 14:10 LSB (Legacy Standard Bible)

These voices, lies, and deceptions are constantly bombarding us. Paul overcame these voices and escaped the snare of the devil.

*Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh shall be a barbarian unto me.* 1 Corinthians 14:11 KJV

*If I do not know the power of the sound, I will be a foreigner to him speaking, and he speaking will be a foreigner to me.*  
1 Corinthians 14:11 MKJV

But those who embraced “another law warring against the law of our minds, bringing us into captivity to the law of sin” (Romans 7:23) understand these voices. It is voices of unlovingness, uselessness, rejection, abandonment, self-hatred, unworthiness, low self-esteem and many alike. This war is against our minds. These voices directly influence our imaginations and thoughts.

## Imaginations and Thoughts

*For although we live in the natural realm, we don't wage a military campaign employing human weapons, using manipulation to achieve our aims. Instead, our spiritual weapons are energized with divine power to effectively dismantle the defenses behind which people hide.*

<sup>5</sup> *We can demolish every deceptive fantasy that opposes God and break*

*through every arrogant attitude that is raised up in defiance of the true knowledge of God. We capture, like prisoners of war, every thought and insist that it bow in obedience to the Anointed One. <sup>6</sup>Since we are armed with such dynamic weaponry, we stand ready to punish any trace of rebellion, as soon as you choose complete obedience.*

2 Corinthians 10:3-6 TPT

**With this weaponry, we are pulling down strongholds.**

Let us use a brick wall to represent a stronghold in our lives. Inside the wall is concrete and reinforcement (brick force), and when these two materials are joined together, the result is a very strong wall that will not easily come down. Likewise, over time, **many voices** form a **stronghold** in your minds through **imagination** (concrete and reinforcement) and **thoughts** (bricks).

It is possible to **demolish these strongholds** (walls) by casting down our **imaginings**. Those who imagine and fear that every single thing could go wrong need to break down these strongholds. We must also **capture every thought** that exalts itself against the knowledge of God and bring it under the obedience of Christ.

So, practically, how do we fight this war? Not all thoughts are our own or coming from Jesus or the Holy Spirit. Any negative or perverse thought is part of the many voices constantly bombarding us daily. Instead of understanding that voice and coming into agreement with it, we now identify it as not from God or from ourselves. Such voices are lies and deceptions from satan, wishing to ensnare us so we can do his will. The moment we can identify these thoughts

as lies and deceptions, we can cast down our imaginations and bring into captivity these thoughts and, in an audible voice, give them to Jesus. By doing this constantly, these voices and imaginations will be demolished. Over time, they will become foreign to you and before long, you will not understand them anymore. They will disappear, and the strongholds will be demolished.

### **The Snare of the Devil**

*Stay away from all the foolish arguments of the immature, for these disputes will only generate more conflict. <sup>24</sup>For a true servant of our Lord Jesus will not be argumentative but gentle toward all and skilled in helping others see the truth, having great patience toward the immature. <sup>25</sup>Then with meekness you'll be able to carefully enlighten those who argue with you so they can see God's gracious gift of repentance and be brought to the truth. <sup>26</sup>This will cause them to rediscover themselves and escape from the snare of Satan who caught them in his trap so that they would carry out his purposes. 2 Timothy 2:23-25 TPT*

The mature must lead the immature to the TRUTH to escape the snare of the devil. Many believers are captive in this snare because of a lack of knowledge. Instead of arguing, the truth will bring believers to a place of repentance, and the truth shall set you free.

*And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*  
John 8:32 KJV

**Glory to Jesus! The TRUTH shall make you FREE**

## The Renewed Mind

Now we understand the significance of renewing the mind.

*And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.* Romans 12:2 KJV

After our born-again experience, we became new creatures in Christ Jesus, but we still need to renew our minds. Remember, we are spiritual beings with a soul, living in a body. The mind is part of the soul, which is not yet redeemed. Jesus paid the price for your new soul and new body, but they have not yet been saved.

We were born in sin from a corruptible seed! **Before we were born again (baptised in water and with the Holy Spirit), we were under the control of the prince of the air who worked in us, the sons of disobedience!**

*In which at one time you walked [habitually]. You were following the course and fashion of this world [were under the sway of the tendency of this present age], following the prince of the power of the air. [You were obedient to and under the control of] the [demon] spirit that still constantly works in the sons of disobedience [the careless, the rebellious, and the unbelieving, who go against the purposes of God].*

Ephesians 2:2 AMPC

These are hard words, but the truth. If it were not so, why would God tell us:

*That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.* John 3:6 KJV

This is why we need to be born again, not of **corruptible seed** (the flesh) but of **incorruptible seed** (the Word of God). We must be reborn from above and spiritually transformed through the everlasting Word of God.

*Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. 1 Peter 1:23 KJV*

*For you have a new life. It was not passed on to you from your parents, for the life they gave you will fade away. This new one will last forever, for it comes from Christ, God's ever-living Message to men. 1 Peter 1:23 TLB*

*...for you have been born again [that is, reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, and set apart for His purpose] not of seed which is perishable but [from that which is] imperishable and immortal, that is, through the living and everlasting word of God. 1 Peter 1:23 AMP*

We need to be born again to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. But it does not stop there. We need water baptism *for the old man to die* and Holy Spirit baptism *to receive God's resurrection power - dunamis power* to have the power and authority given to us by Jesus Christ to rule and overcome the enemy and all difficulties. This is what Jesus told Nicodemus, who was a teacher himself but did not know these things.

*Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God. John 3:3 KJV*

*Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a **man be born of water and of the Spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is **born of the flesh is flesh**; and that which is **born of the Spirit is spirit**. John 3:5-6 KJV*

After our born-again experience, which is to confess and believe, we enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

*For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Romans 10:10 KJV*

When you confess with your mouth and believe in your heart that God is Lord, you come out of darkness into the light and yield and submit to God.

*To open their eyes, and **to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God**, that they may receive **forgiveness of sins**, and inheritance among them which are **sanctified by faith** that is in me.*

*Acts 26:18 KJV*

Then Christ is in you. You are perfectly made and a new creature (a new species).

*I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. John 17:23 KJV*

**This is profound! We are perfectly made, new creatures, all old things passed away, and ALL things are new! Even more profound is that we now have the MIND OF CHRIST!**

*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17 KJV*

*For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ. 1 Corinthians 2:16 KJV*

All these things happen in our spirit, which we can't see or feel. We simply have to believe it by faith and not by touch or sight. We often ask God to give us more faith so we can do more or believe more. **But I want to share with you very good news! We have the same measure of faith as Christ! We have "the**

**measure of faith"**, which means every one of us has the faith that equals the measure of faith Christ had when He walked on earth.

*For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. Romans 12:3 KJV*

**After you have heard the word of truth and made it to salvation, you are even "SEALED" by the Holy Spirit. Your spirit will never change again. You are perfectly made in Christ. When you understand this, it will change your life forever! The following facts are crucial in your life: you are a spiritual being, born-again out of incorruptible seed (the Word of God), you have the measure of faith and are vacuum-packed to eternity.**

*In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise. Ephesians 1:13 KJV*

So what is left for us to do? We need to renew our minds, which are part of our souls.

*And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Romans 12:2 KJV*

When Jesus returns and raises the dead, we will receive our glorious bodies. We will then also receive our new souls - our minds, which will know all!

*In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.<sup>53</sup> For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and*

*this mortal must put on immortality.<sup>54</sup> So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.<sup>55</sup> O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?<sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. 1 Corinthians 15:52-56 KJV*

## **HOW DOES THE MIND BECOME RENEWED?**

Your mind is renewed or cleansed by the washing of the **water of the WORD!**

This means you must **meditate on the Word of God day and night.**

- Studying the Word of God teaches us to think like God.
- This new thinking confronts bad thinking.
- This is how to get free from fear, anxiety, and stress disorders!
- This is the beginning of our transformation into functional spiritual people in our thinking, speaking and acting!

## **Body**

We are the only creatures on earth that can connect with both the physical and the spiritual world. God created us like that. As spiritual beings, we connect with the spiritual world, and with our bodies and souls, we connect with the physical world. Through our five senses, eyes, ears, nose, mouth and emotions, we capture images of the world. These five senses are referred to as the carnal mind. All sins come from the carnal mind, but not all carnal-mindedness is sin.

As believers, we must mind what we are looking at, listening to and putting into our mouths. We must also guard our emotions. Little children's emotions are



out of control, and, likewise, the emotions of the immature believer are mostly out of control. It is an observation that women are more vulnerable to these emotions, as God created them to be more emotional than men. When the soul is wounded, believers act and speak out of brokenness and are led by wrong emotions. We do not walk by sight, but by faith. So, we must not operate through emotions, but through faith. Too many believers “feel” because of what their five senses, their carnal mind, are telling them.

The body cannot communicate or link with the spirit man. The soul acts as a communicator between the spirit and the body. It connects the physical and spiritual worlds. Here we find another mystery. When there is conflict between the spirit and the soul, that conflict normally manifests in our human bodies through sicknesses and diseases. The body only follows what the hypothalamus gland is sensing.

### **Hypothalamus Gland**

The hypothalamus is a small but crucial brain region that acts as a bridge between the **nervous and endocrine systems**, primarily regulating body temperature, hunger, thirst, sleep, and hormone release, especially from the pituitary gland. It also regulates the **autonomic nervous system**, which controls involuntary functions like heart rate, breathing, and digestion.

The hypothalamus produces and releases hormones, including releasing and inhibiting hormones, which then act on the pituitary gland to regulate other endocrine glands and organs, including the thyroid, adrenal glands, and reproductive organs. It helps mediate **emotional responses by linking thoughts**, impulses, and stimuli to physical responses, such as an increased heart rate

when afraid. The hypothalamus is also involved in appetite control, fluid balance, and milk production.

When the soul is experiencing unlovingness, rejection, abandonment and other similar negative emotions, it contradicts the spiritual experiences from the spirit man. The spirit man does not know anything about the world, as your spirit is born from above and is only familiar with love, holiness, wholeness, etc. The hypothalamus gland does not know what to do or what to listen to. The result is an under- or over-secretion of hormones, which leads to sicknesses and diseases over the long run. High or low body temperatures, sleeplessness, unregulated heart rates, malfunction of organs, fear, stress, and anxiety are all results of conflict between the soul and the spirit. The only way we become aware of these conflicts is when they manifest through the body.

We can say our bodies are a barometer measuring the healthy relationship between spirit and soul. This is what the Bible teaches about sanctification.

## **A Journey of Sanctification**

When the spirit and soul come into agreement, we reap the harvest of our faith, the salvation of the soul.

*Because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls. 1 Peter 1:9 ISV*

This is what the Bible calls “sanctification”. It is “to set apart for a special use or purpose”, meaning to make holy or sacred. It is the process of being set apart, “made holy”, as a vessel full of the Holy Spirit. The sanctification process continues daily for the rest of the believer’s life.

## Pathways

Let's first discover how satan works to keep us from sanctification. Beta brainwaves are the pathway of impressions, thoughts and pictures, allowing your brain to be connected to your spirit man. Theta brainwaves are active at about four and a half beats per second. When we yield our minds to the enemy, we are activating the pathway between the soul and the spirit, allowing evil spirits access to the human soul through thoughts. Unless we had Theta brainwaves, we would never have a conscience speaking to us. We would never hear the voice of the Holy Spirit bearing witness to the truth. You would never be convicted of wrong or right and would never be tempted by the devil and his kingdom. Through Theta brainwave activity, an evil spirit can speak to your spirit, and you will perceive its thoughts on the soul level. Your spirit knows what your soul does and vice versa, because of theta. Many people don't realise temptation can come as EMOTIONS and FEELINGS. Satan does not necessarily come to us with suggestions of murder or adultery, but with aspects of human failure to give us a personality of human failure.

Satan told Adam and Eve that eating the fruit would make them wise! The moment they sinned, they received the knowledge of sin - the Law of Sin. This was never God's intention. He wanted us to know only GOOD!

We know only what we are taught. Throughout our lives, we are taught by external and internal sources. It involves a tremendous amount of discernment to help us hold every thought captive!

The only way Satan's kingdom could have access to Adam and Eve was if they permitted him by disobeying God's command. When they ate the fruit, their spiritual eyes were opened. Spiritual understanding came, and they knew good

and evil. They realised they were naked and were ashamed of it. When God came to the garden, GUILT and FEAR entered them.

God asked, "**WHO TOLD YOU THAT YOU WERE NAKED?** He asks us the same **question today**. "Who told you that you have depression?" "Who told you that you have cancer?"

### **TRAINED TO BELIEVE LIES.**

We have been trained for over 6 000 years to believe the opposite of what God thinks. We have been taught to be victims and to make others victims, to feel afraid, rejected, bitter, and to harbour other inappropriate feelings.

**"SO, WHO TOLD YOU TO BE AFRAID, BITTER AND DEPRESSED?"**

We are not the problem. We have been trained in the law of sin! Are your thoughts your own? **God wants to remove all that is not of Him. That is how our minds are being renewed!** We will have the mind of Christ, and our thoughts will be superior to the law of sin. God wants to teach us, and the Holy Spirit wants to bear witness to the truth. First John 2 is an amazing chapter. It changed my life when I heard the truths God wanted to teach me.

*I am writing these things to all of you, my **little children** because your sins have been forgiven in the name of Jesus our Savior. <sup>13</sup> I am saying these things to **you older men** because you really know Christ, the one who has been alive from the beginning. And you **young men**, I am talking to you because you have won your battle with Satan. And I am writing to you younger boys and girls because you, too, have learned to know God our Father. 1 John 2:12-13 TLB*

*Stop loving this evil world and all that it offers you, for when you love these things you show that you do not really love God; <sup>16</sup> for all these worldly things, these evil desires—the craze for sex, the ambition to buy everything that appeals to you, and the pride that comes from wealth and importance—these are not from God. They are from this evil world itself. <sup>17</sup> And this world is fading away, and this evil, forbidden things will go with it, but whoever keeps doing the will of God will live forever. <sup>18</sup> Dear children, this world’s last hour has come. You have heard about the Antichrist who is coming—the one who is against Christ—and already many such persons have appeared. This makes us all the more certain that the end of the world is near. 1 John 2:15-18 TLB*

*But you are not like that, for the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you know the truth. <sup>21</sup> So I am not writing to you as to those who need to know the truth, but I warn you as those who can discern the difference between true and false. 1 John 2:20-21 TLB*

*So keep on believing what you have been taught from the beginning. If you do, you will always be in close fellowship with both God the Father and his Son. <sup>25</sup> And he himself has promised us this: eternal life. 1 John 2:24-25 TLB*

*But you have received the Holy Spirit, and he lives within you, in your hearts, so that you don’t need anyone to teach you what is right. For he teaches you all things, and he is the Truth, and no liar; and so, just as he has said, you must live in Christ, never to depart from him. 1 John 2:27 TLB*

These are very important and sharp words from John. First, he mentions those who won the battle against Satan. ***The battle is in our minds!*** Then he warns us

to not love this world (*come out of the world*) as it brings evil desires, a sex craze, ambitions to buy everything we see and the pride of wealth of this world. 1 John 2:16 in the KJV refers to it as "***the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life***". These are not of the Father but of the world.

Paul makes a very interesting and important statement, namely, that we are in the last hour of this world. So please hear these truths today and be delivered! *We are currently in the last minute of the last hour of the last days!* God is teaching us, and those who learn the truth will be drawn to Him and delivered!

*As it is written in the Scriptures, 'They shall all be taught of God.' Those the Father speaks to, who learn the truth from him, will be attracted to me. John 6:45 TLB*

The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and you will believe what you have been taught and will have close fellowship with God. Those who have received the Holy Spirit do not need anybody to teach them anything. God Almighty will teach them! Therefore, my friend, be washed clean by the Word of God. As you read the Scriptures, Alpha waves will give you the ability to have cognitive, deductive reasoning. Alpha waves record all the things that you perceive externally and internally, integrated to produce deductive reasoning. This becomes the compositeness of the identification of your personality and your soul.

## **WHOLENESS**

God wants us to be sanctified wholly in spirit, soul, and body - not only in some areas.

*And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:23 KJV*

Eighty per cent of all diseases originate in the spirit realm. It is **WRONG THINKING** that triggers the body to respond by manifesting diseases!

**By controlling the activity of the hypothalamus gland through the mind-body connection, the enemy produces over 100 major syndromes and diseases.**

## **THE ENEMY**

Let's look at how the enemy works: The enemy can't touch you, just as he could not touch Adam and Eve until they agreed to Satan's thought process.

- First, the enemy (demonic forces) takes your thoughts captive and makes his spirituality part of your spirituality.
- Let's say a spirit of FEAR begins to speak to you. The spirit knows it cannot put a disease on you unless you are disobedient to God's Word.
- When the spirit of fear enters, you disobey the Word of God.

*For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7 KJV*

It will speak to you spirit-to-spirit out of the spirit world because it is a spirit. It needs your permission to cooperate. How does it get your permission? It first gives you thoughts **as a temptation!** We need to cast down imaginations and bring every thought into captivity.

*Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; 2 Corinthians 10:5 KJV*

This is why we need to hold every thought captive to obedience towards God. These are your feelings, apprehensions, emotions, trepidations and uneasiness. You are tempted to believe that these are real! The demonic forces want to train you in the law of sin so they can put a disease in your body. You are taught that these feelings are negative emotions - a psychological defect. When you give this spirit of fear permission, it can give you diseases such as **High Blood Pressure**, coming from **DISOBEDIENCE to God's Word**. Medical science says hypertension is a stress-related disorder.

**Neither the doctor nor medication can sanctify you.** The doctor puts you on medication without discussing your stress disorder! He is not concerned about the pathway of thoughts that produced the disease in the first place!

Are your feelings and thoughts GOOD or EVIL? You may say it's just human nature and that human nature is not evil. But something has joined human nature and made it less than what God intends. If we can remove what is not of God, we have a human nature that has been sanctified to produce wholeness. Then your mind is renewed by the washing of the water of the Word!

## **FEELINGS**

Sometimes, we are overwhelmed by things that become part of who we are. Through the spirit, soul (mind) and body connection, a spirit of fear teaches us to be so afraid that our bodies may start shaking and go into anaphylactic or catatonic states. We can get rashes, hives and heart palpitations, and may hyperventilate and sweat. We will be convinced these are real, but only because we adopted the law of sin as a way of thinking.



## HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

Worrying about the economy, about your mother-in-law, finances, and the 6 o'clock news will certainly create images of what can potentially go wrong in the future. The enemy trains your long-term memory to worry constantly, and, as a result, it becomes a part of your personality. Then, after some time, that thought, through protein synthesis, becomes a permanent part of your biology.

**The Bible says we must not take thought of tomorrow!** So, worrying is to get you to violate this one Scripture.

*Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.*

Matthew 6:34 KJV

By worrying, you are not only being tempted, but you have the law of sin working as part of your existence. **As you become one with worry, the mind-body connection, through the limbic system, puts things into motion.** The hypothalamus gland integrates a pathway to produce all kinds of neurological misfiring.

- The central nervous system, the endocrine system, and homeostasis are affected until you are like a scarecrow flapping in a hurricane.
- All of this is because you believe that is who you are, and physiological manifestations are occurring to prove it.
- An imbalance of the sympathetic nervous system occurs.
- This causes the cell membrane of the cardiovascular system to narrow. The opening is not large enough to accommodate the volume of blood, which increases blood pressure.
- Now you use a drug (beta blocker) that opens up the blood vessels, and you appear to be out of danger.

- But you still worry and fear, and your soul is not sanctified. You are still not a doer of the Word!

By the use of medication (pharmakeia), you are being maintained by the same kingdom that gave you the disease. Paul is calling pharmakeia “**witchcraft**” (Galatians 5). It is a work of the flesh because it offers itself as healing, but it is merely disease management. This means you are not healed. The symptoms are simply being suppressed, and you might be out of danger for the time being. God does not want you to be managed. He wants you to be free! We can prevent and defeat high blood pressure if we understand how this kingdom of darkness speaks to us. **Self-accusation and guilt are going to hammer you**, leading you into denial because you do not want to face your battleground. The source of our thoughts will have to be identified! Out of sight, out of mind, is not a spiritual principle! Furthermore, denial exposes you to the enemy! Scripture is clear that we can either yield to the **Law of God or the Law of Sin**.

- We serve the law of sin with the flesh - the mind.
- Why? Because it has been weakened by the enemy over time.
- The weakened mind is where the enemy attacks you.
- That is why you need to renew your mind and heal your soul to get out of captivity.

### **YOU HAVE A CHOICE!**

You have the law of GOD in one hand and the law of SIN in the other. When someone comes against you, you have a choice to ***either repay evil with evil or repay evil with good!***

*A soft answer turns away wrath. Proverbs 15:1 KJV*

The law of God says to forgive and not pay attention when wrong is done to us.

Why is this so hard to do?

- We have been trained by the law of sin to repay evil with evil.
- We are being tempted to feel bitter, hateful toward ourselves, angry, rejected, fearful, unloved, envious and jealous.
- If these become part of your personality, then you are serving SIN!
- You need to recognise it, repent to God for serving sin and be delivered!
- Now your mind can be renewed.

Unless our minds are renewed, we are stuck in torment. GOD is not going to do it sovereignly for you. You must work with God on this journey.

- You CHOOSE to FORGIVE! Not because you feel like it, but to obey God's will!
- Forgiveness is superior to unforgiveness.
- Love is superior to hate. Being a peacemaker is superior to being a troublemaker.
- Being merciful is superior to being merciless. Patience is superior to impatience.



# IN BONDAGE

This section predominantly focuses on the works of the darkness keeping us in bondage. Many believers do not realise that they are in bondage to the corruptible seed in humanity. When Jesus highlighted this to the Pharisees, they replied:

*We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? John 8:33 KJV*

But Jesus was explaining to them that “if ye continue in My word, then are ye **My disciples** indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:31-32 KJV).

Jesus was not talking to a group of unbelievers, but to His disciples (John 8:31). He was telling them that He came to set them free if they would only believe in Him. Their arrogance blinded them. They had been in bondage for 430 years in Egypt before Moses led them out to the Promised Land. They were also in slavery in Babylon for another 70 years, and their 12 tribes were divided into two kingdoms, the Northern and Southern Kingdoms. As Jesus was talking to them, they were under the Roman Emperor's rule. Still, they answered Jesus, “*We were never in bondage to any man.*”

Although we are sometimes in **debt**, suffer from **incurable diseases**, are chronically **sick**, and live in constant **fear, unforgiveness, bitterness** and **guilt**, like the Jews, we do not realise that we are in bondage! Does this sound familiar? See how Jesus responded:

*Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin<sup>35</sup> And the servant abideth not in the*

*house for ever: but the Son abideth ever <sup>36</sup> If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed <sup>37</sup> I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you: <sup>38</sup> I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father <sup>39</sup> They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. John 8:34-39 KJV*

Whosoever sins is the servant of sin. **This means the person is in bondage and needs deliverance!** Note that Jesus was talking to believers. Let us find the proof! They were from Abraham's seed (*referring to believers*), but did not do what believers were supposed to do. They were trying to kill Him. Similarly, we appear to be believers by attending church every Sunday, but from Monday to Saturday, we operate under a different influence – we speak the language of the world, where dog-eats-dog rules apply.

Jesus asked them why they did not understand His speech (voice/language).

*Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. John 8:43 KJV*

Although they were believers, Jesus said that their father was the devil! These were very hard words indeed.

*Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and **abode not in the truth** because there is no **truth in him**. When he **speaketh a lie**, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar and the **father of it**. John 8:44 KJV*

When you are not walking in the truth, it means you are listening to a different voice/language. The conclusion is that the specific voice must be the voice of

the father of all lies because he can only speak lies. There simply is no truth in any voice other than the voice of the Shepherd! There are many voices in the world, and all of them are significant.

*There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification.* 1 Corinthians 14:10 KJV

*I suppose that there are hundreds of different languages in the world, and all are excellent for those who understand them<sup>11</sup> but to me they mean nothing. A person talking to me in one of these languages will be a stranger to me and I will be a stranger to him.<sup>12</sup> Since you are so anxious to have special gifts from the Holy Spirit, ask him for the very best, for those that will be of real help to the whole church.*

1 Corinthians 14:10-12 TLB.

This is profound! I pray that the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit) will reveal this truth to you today. Take a moment to meditate on these words. Ask the Lord to reveal to you what you need to do to be freed from these voices.

## In Captivity

God's people are in captivity because of a lack of knowledge. God is not referring to unbelievers, but to His people, the believers.

*Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge.* Isaiah 5:13a KJV

Because of this lack of knowledge, *"hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it"* (Isaiah 5:14 KJV).

These are very hard words, but they are the truth. God is not condemning you,

and neither am I. His heart's desire is for us to be set free. Open your heart to the Holy Spirit who desires to draw you into the truth so that the truth can set you free (John 8:32).

*No one is able to come to Me unless the Father Who sent Me attracts and draws him and gives him the desire to come to Me, and then I will raise him up from the dead at the last day. John 6:44 AMP*

*That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus. Philemon 1:6 KJV*

I am giving you these instructions in meekness and under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. I am praying that the Ruach HaKodesh, where needed, will lead you to repentance so you can acknowledge the truth.

And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, <sup>25</sup> In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth. 2 Timothy 2:24-25 KJV

This is good news! If you submit to God and ask Him to reveal that which is hidden, and if you repent and acknowledge the truth, you shall recover yourself from the snare of the devil who has taken you captive at his will.

*And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will. 2 Timothy 2:26 KJV*

## The Wiles of Satan

We have discovered in the previous scriptures that we are held captive because of a lack of knowledge. We also discovered that God desires those *who are taken captive by the devil at his will* to recover themselves from the snares of the devil.

Let us see how the enemy works and why we must recover ourselves from the snare of the devil. Born-again believers must beware of the Chaldeans!

## Who are the Chaldeans?

Are you aware of the fact that we are in a constant spiritual war, a second-by-second battle every day of our lives? There is a spiritual battle going on, and Satan is accusing us day and night before our God.

*And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. Revelation 12:10 ESV*

We are in the midst of a spiritual battle and constantly under attack.

*For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Ephesians 6:12 KJV*

Everything we experience in our lives is a physical manifestation of a declaration in the spiritual realm. In the book of Acts, Paul warned the people in Antioch.

*Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets. Acts 13:40 KJV*



Equally important is what Paul said before the warning! He told them that no one could have any right standing before God through the Law of Moses. All they knew until then were the law and obedience to the law. But the law couldn't do anything for them. Only Jesus could. Only through Jesus can we proclaim forgiveness of sins and receive right standing before God!

*Therefore, brothers and sisters, know this: Through Jesus, we proclaim forgiveness of sins to you. From all those sins from which you couldn't be put in right relationship with God through Moses' Law, <sup>39</sup> through Jesus everyone who believes is put in right relationship with God. <sup>40</sup> Take care that the prophets' words don't apply to you. Acts 13:38-40*

Paul ended this message in verse 40 by warning the people to ***“Take care that the prophet's words don't apply to you!”*** Other translations use different words.

*Oh, be careful! Don't let the prophets' words apply to you. For they said, <sup>41</sup> 'Look and perish, you despisers of the truth, for I am doing something in your day—something that you won't believe when you hear it announced.' Acts 13:40-41 TLB*

*Take care, therefore, lest there come upon you what is spoken in the prophets: <sup>41</sup> Look, you scoffers and scorners, and marvel and perish and vanish away; for I am doing a deed in your days, a deed which you will never have confidence in or believe, [even] if someone [clearly describing it in detail] declares it to you. Acts 13:40-41 AMPC [Habakkuk 1:5]*

*Don't take this lightly. You don't want the prophet's sermon to describe you: Watch out, cynics; Look hard—watch your world fall to pieces. I'm*

*doing something right before your eyes that you won't believe, though it's staring you in the face. Acts 13:40- 41 MSG*

Paul started this message with a warning. Likewise, I am here today to warn you. **Beware!** In the Amplified Classic Translation, at the end of verse 41, we see that Paul is quoting from the Prophet Habakkuk.

*Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvellously: for I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you. Habakkuk 1:5 KJV*

The prophet is saying that the enemy, the god of this world, will blind our minds so we will not see or believe when this message is coming to us.

*In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. 2 Corinthians 4:4 KJV*

The prophet warns us to beware of the Chaldeans, but most believers have not yet heard of the Chaldeans!

*Watch out! For I am bringing in the **Chaldeans**, that cruel and impetuous people, who sweep across the earth dispossessing people from homes not their own. Habakkuk 1:6 ISV*

*I am bringing the **Babylonians** to power, those fierce, restless people. They are marching out across the world to conquer other lands. Habakkuk 1:6 GNB*

*For, lo, I raise up the **Chaldeans**, that bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess the dwelling-places that are not theirs. Habakkuk 1:6 KJV*

Throughout the Old Testament, the Bible teaches us about the different Tyron Kings. Each of them represents a demonic force that is at work today, a force that we as believers have to conquer. The *Exhaustive Dictionary of Bible Names* defines Chaldeans as:

***“Demons (root = to lay waste, to destroy). Wanderers.”***

Paul warned the brothers and sisters to beware of the work of the "demons" - the ***enemies that are destroying the people of God***. The sceptics were probably saying: “Paul, you must be out of your mind! All Chaldeans were destroyed in 539 BC (Jeremiah 50 and 51). There are no Chaldeans left!” **In the very same way, the believers today are saying**, “There are no demons. I am a believer, and they can’t do anything to me. You have to be out of your mind. This message is not for me!” ***This is what the Scripture is warning us against!***

*...a deed which you will never have confidence in or believe, [even] if someone [clearly describing it in detail] declares it to you.* Acts 13:41b

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There is currently much confusion in the Body of Christ about the terms **“possess”, “oppress” and “depress”**. The concept of these is the same. It is not about ownership, but about **“being controlled”**. It does not matter if a demon is on the inside of you or the outside. What matters is that we are listening to their voices!

*There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification.* 1 Corinthians 14:10 KJV

Paul is saying that there are many voices in the world and all of them have meaning. Which voices are you listening to?

*I suppose that there are **hundreds of different languages in the world**, and **all are excellent for those who understand them**,<sup>11</sup> but to me they **mean nothing**. A person talking to me in one of these languages will be a stranger to me and I will be a stranger to him.<sup>12</sup> Since you are so anxious to have special gifts from the **Holy Spirit**, ask him for the very best, for those that will be of real help to the whole church.*

1 Corinthians 14:10-12 TLB

This is profound! All these languages/voices are excellent for those who understand them. But to Paul, they meant nothing because he was tuned in on the Holy Spirit only, the Ruach HaKodesh. This was the meaning of Paul's message in Acts 13 when he referred to the prophet Habakkuk warning the people to **beware of the demons**. He was warning them to not yield to their voices and become their slaves!

*Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? Romans 6:16 KJV*

**The demons are looking for dwelling places that do not belong to them. Satan is the father of all lies, and the demons are thieves and murderers!**

*Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. John 8:44 KJV*

When Scripture talks about Satan, it refers to his works. He is not omnipresent like God. God is always everywhere at all times, but Satan can only be in one place at a time. Therefore, he does his work through his army of demons. Jesus

referred to a woman who was bound by a spirit of infirmity (demon) for 18 years. This woman was a daughter of Abraham - a believer! Jesus came to free her!

*And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day? Luke 13:16b KJV*

The Holy Spirit is clearly warning us to beware of the works of demons in our lives! Let us look at five very important aspects of the character of demons.

## **1. THEY ARE THIEVES**

They possess dwelling places that do not belong to them!

*Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession. Psalms 83:12 KJV*

Believers are His temple, His houses, where the Holy Spirit dwells.

*Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? 1 Corinthians 3:16 KJV*

By the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, He disarmed Satan.

*He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. Colossians 2:15 KJV*

Nebuchadnezzar was a Chaldean. The Chaldeans took over Babylon and took the children of Israel into captivity. When Nebuchadnezzar became the King of Babylon, he took two things:

*In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. <sup>2</sup> And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to*

*the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god. <sup>3</sup> And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes; <sup>4</sup> Children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans. <sup>5</sup> And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king. Daniel 1:1-5 KJV*

Nebuchadnezzar stole the tithe. *He took the gold and silver* and brought them into the house of his gods, and he took the good-looking men of the next generation captive and trained them.

*Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart. Ephesians 4:18 KJV*

Satan still wants the “**tithe**”. He still wants to train the next “**generation**” to speak the tongue of the Chaldeans. He is influencing God's people in every possible way to not pay to God what belongs to Him and to not study the Word of God. Read the profound words of Colossians in the GNB (Good News Bible), compared to the King James Version:

*See to it, then, that no one enslaves you by means of the worthless deceit of human wisdom, which comes from the teachings handed down by human beings and from the ruling spirits of the universe, and not from Christ. Colossians 2:8 GNB*

*Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. Colossians 2:8 KJV*

## **2. THEY ARE SQUATTERS**

They come in through the back gate of the property, where there is little movement. Then they enter through the back door and move into a room where the door is usually kept shut. No one sees that area of your life, and before you notice it, these squatters have taken over the entire house!

**Kick the squatters out of your house!**

## **3. THEY ARE VICIOUS**

The Chaldeans were vicious people, and they made up their own rules, as demons also do today.

*They are **terrible and dreadful**: their judgment and their dignity shall proceed of themselves. Habakkuk 1:7 KJV*

*They are **notorious for their cruelty**. They do as they like, and no one can interfere. Habakkuk 1:7 TLB*

They are fiercer than the evening wolves. They come violently to keep you in captivity!

*Their horses also are swifter than the leopards and are more fierce than the evening wolves: and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; they shall fly as the eagle that hasteth to eat<sup>9</sup> They shall **come all for violence**:*

*their faces shall sup up as the east wind, and they shall gather the captivity as the sand. <sup>10</sup> And they shall scoff at the kings, and the princes shall be a scorn unto them: they shall deride every strong hold; for they shall heap dust, and take it. Habakkuk 1:8-10 KJV*

#### **4. THEY ATTACK AND FEED AT NIGHT, SIMILAR TO WOLVES!**

The Lord teaches us about predators, not for us to do animal control or see them merely as children's fables. Wolves and sheep cannot co-exist. Even when wolves appear to be casual and innocent, they are studying you, sizing you up for the attack. The more indifferent they appear, the more serious the danger. The more comfortable they appear, the deadlier they are. Wolves are always on the lookout for the weak. They attack in packs, surround the victim and never give it a break. When we are at the most vulnerable stage of our lives, that is when they will attack.

#### **5. THEY ARE CUNNING**

The Chaldeans came to Babylon, befriended the people and overpowered Babylon. In 605 BC, Nebuchadnezzar became King of Babylon. Even though they were a small nation, the Chaldeans also conquered Assyria, using the same strategy. They were crafty in counselling people!

The Chaldeans were also **astrologers** (who predict the future by looking at natural events, which no one has control over), **magicians** (who distract people to deceive them), and **sorcerers** (who deceive through actual spirits telling people their future).

**Demons distract and deceive us and try to predict our futures!**



The Chaldeans/demons study their prey and then throw out bait you cannot resist. They lure you and catch you in their nets.

*They take up all of them with the angle, they catch them in their net,  
and gather them in their drag: therefore they rejoice and are glad.*

Habakkuk 1:15 KJV

There are seven categories of Satan's kingdom. All of them refer to demons:

- Thrones
- Lordships
- Rulers
- Authority
- Principalities and Powers
- Rulers of the Darkness
- Evil and Unclean Spirit

## **WOLVES AND SHEEP CANNOT CO-EXIST. SHEEP NEED A SHEPHERD!**

When you belong to the Shepherd, He will take care of you! Never does a Shepherd use his staff or rod to hit the sheep. He uses it to keep the wolves at bay.

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear  
no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*Psalms 23:4 KJV*

## **GOD ALMIGHTY IS USING THE ROD TO KEEP THE WOLVES AWAY!!**

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## Continued Iniquity

There are many examples in the Bible of believers continuing to live in iniquity. Iniquity is the sins, immorality and criminality inherited from our ancestors.

## Continued Illness

Luke 13 tells about a woman who had been suffering from a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not even raise herself. Usually, people approached Jesus for healing, but this time, Jesus called her to Him.

*And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her,  
Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.* Luke 13:12 KJV

Interesting that Jesus first spoke to the spirit and then He laid His hands on her. When He touched her, she immediately straightened up.

*And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight,  
and glorified God.* Luke 13:13 KJV

Immediately after He had healed her, the church and the synagogue rulers were on His case for healing on the Sabbath. There were six days of the week during which to do such works! This is similar to the mindset of today's church. There are thousands of people looking for answers outside of the church because no deliverance takes place on Sundays!

***God found this woman in the “church” where, for 18 years, the church merely made her comfortable in her discomfort! Churches today are doing the same because they lack anointing and do not demonstrate the power God has given His Body to deliver people.*** Religion makes the Word of God ineffective. But Jesus came for your deliverance! He desires to break your discomfort to make you free, happy and at peace.

Jesus said that the woman was a **daughter of Abraham** (a born-again believer with rights, including the right to be healed). She had the right to be unbound!

*And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day? Luke 13:16 KJV*

When Jesus offered the Jews freedom from bondage, they claimed to be from Abraham's seed, meaning they were Jews under the covenant and included in the promise God had made with Abraham. But Jesus told them their actions proved them to be children of the devil. In this case of the woman bound for 18 years, though, Jesus said she was a daughter of Abraham and had the right to be healed. We can only be children of Abraham by faith.

*Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. Galatians 3:7 KJV*

Even before God opened the door for the Gentiles to enter the Kingdom of God, they could be Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise, if only they had faith in Christ.

*And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Galatians 3:29 KJV*

## Continued Influence

Every word written in the Bible is significant. Mark 24:7 mentions the City of Tyre in the story of the **Syro-Phoenician woman**. So, why is the Bible sharing details about this woman? Isn't knowing that she is a Greek woman enough to illustrate that she was not a Jew but an unbeliever? Why does it specifically say she was a Syro-Phoenician woman? Let's find the answer.

**The City of Tyre was a city of Phoenicia, where Jezebel was born.**

**She presented paganism to Israel.**

**“Syro” means Syria, and Syria refers to pride.**

The word “Syro-Phoenician” is a mixture of **pride** and **paganism**. This is characteristic of our modern society.

*And from thence he arose, and went into the borders of Tyre and Sidon, and entered into an house, and would have no man know it: but he could not be hid. <sup>25</sup> For a certain woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet: <sup>26</sup> The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter. Mark 7:24-26 KJV*

We are involved in small occult activities by watching and listening to wrong things, and because of pride, we believe we will be unaffected. This can't be further from the truth because scripture says "**bad company corrupts good morals**" (1 Corinthians 15:33). It is a deception to believe that the soul of a born-again believer is untouched by evil. This woman asked Jesus to cast out an evil spirit from her daughter. Initially, Jesus's answer is shocking. He said the children had to eat first and that He couldn't take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs. He implied that she was a dog!

*But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs. Mark 7:27 KJV*

**Was Jesus rude to call this unbeliever a dog?** Revelation 22 says Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega, and those who do His commandments are blessed. They

will have the right to the Tree of Life and will enter the gates of Heaven.

*I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. <sup>14</sup> Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. Revelation 22:13-14 KJV*

But **outside the gates** are those who will not enter through the gates of Heaven - the **impure, godless** and those of low moral character, called **dogs**!

*Outside are the **dogs** [the godless, the impure, those of low moral character] and the sorcerers [with their intoxicating drugs, and magic arts], and the immoral persons [the perverted, the molesters, and the adulterers], and the murderers, and the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying (deception, cheating). Revelation 22:15 AMP*

Jesus was referring to her as an impure person of low moral character, not yet born again and unable to eat the fruits of the tree of life to enter the gates of heaven. Paul also warns us to beware of the dogs - the evil workers.

***Beware of dogs**, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision  
<sup>3</sup> For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.  
Philippians 3:2-3 KJV*

The way this woman answered Jesus confirms that she understood His language. She was not offended at all, but answered Jesus:

*Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs.  
Mark 7:28b KJV*

**By faith and understanding, she was standing outside the gates of heaven, waiting for God's lost sheep to enter first. She was satisfied with the crumbs under the table. This answer saved her daughter, and the evil spirit left her.**

*And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter. <sup>30</sup> And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed. Mark 7:29-30 KJV*

To conclude this section, it is clear that we as born-again believers are in captivity because of **continued iniquity** (John 8:31-36), **continued illness** (Luke 13:11-16) and **continued influence of paganism** (Mark 7:24-30). We indeed need deliverance!

## Daily Bread

In John 6, Jesus fed 5 000 households with two fish and five loaves of bread. Afterwards, He came walking on the water towards the disciples while they were on their way to Capernaum by boat. The next morning, when the **people found Him on the other side of the sea**, they asked, “Rabbi, when did You come here?” (John 6:25). Jesus replied that they did not seek Him to see signs and wonders, but because He had fed them and they had eaten of the loaves and were filled (John 6:26).

*But you shouldn't be so concerned about **perishable things like food**. No, spend your energy **seeking the eternal life that I, the Messiah, can give you**. For God, the Father has sent me for this very purpose.*  
John 6:27 TLB

Jesus told them to not look for perishable things like the bread He had fed the multitudes the previous day. The people constantly misinterpreted His words. They said their fathers ate the manna in the desert, referring to scripture as it is written, "**He gave them bread from heaven to eat.**"

*And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven. Psalms 78:24 KJV*

Again, Jesus tried to tell them that **He was the bread** they needed and that when they ate Him, they would never be hungry again.

*And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. John 6:35 KJV*

Jesus was trying to convince them to simply believe in Him for everlasting life.

*Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life <sup>48</sup> I am that bread of life <sup>49</sup> Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead <sup>50</sup> This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. John 6:47-51 KJV*

And then Jesus pointed to the very important issue of the Lord's supper.

*The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat? <sup>53</sup> Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you <sup>54</sup> Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day <sup>55</sup> For my flesh is*

*meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed <sup>56</sup> He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup> As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. <sup>58</sup> This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever. John 6:52-58 KJV*

With the words: “Give us this day our daily bread” (Matthew 6:11; Luke 11:3), I believe that Jesus is saying:

- “Do you remember how I fed your forefathers with manna in the wilderness?”
- “I humbled you by letting you go hungry and then feeding you with manna, a food previously unknown to both you and your ancestors. I did it to help you realise that food isn’t everything and that real life comes from obeying every command of God (Deuteronomy 8:3 TLB).”
- “Do you remember how I fed 5 000 households yesterday with two fish and five loaves of bread?”
- “Now I am telling you **that My children need to be filled first**. I didn't come to feed the dogs but **My flock**, so that they can enter the gates of heaven.”
- “Give us our daily bread refers not to your ancestors in the wilderness, because they still died.”
- “**I am the bread of life**, and I came, so that the word of the prophecies to bring you out of captivity, deliver you and open your prison doors to freedom, could be fulfilled.”
- “Your **daily bread is my deliverance** to you so you can be **sanctified in your spirit, soul, and body**.”



- “For My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed, and as you eat My flesh, and drink My blood, you **shall dwell in Me, and I in you.**”
- “And as you are in Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.”

### **Healing is the believer's Daily Bread!**

## **The Believer's Battle**

**Every believer is facing a battle on earth!** Apart from the spiritual war that is going on daily, there is also a battle going on in each believer's individual life. As a young believer, I struggled with what Paul meant in Romans 7.

*I don't understand myself at all, for I really want to do what is right, but I can't. I do what I don't want to—what I hate. <sup>16</sup> I know perfectly well that what I am doing is wrong, and my bad conscience proves that I agree with these laws I am breaking. <sup>17</sup> But, I can't help myself because I'm no longer doing it. It is sin inside me that is stronger than I am that makes me do these evil things. Romans 7:15-17 TLB*

**What is this “Believer's Battle” that we are all facing in our lives?** Please note that this battle is not the battle of the **unbeliever**. No, it is the battle we as born-again, water-baptised, Holy Spirit-filled, tongue-speaking believers are struggling with daily! Not realising where this battle is taking place, complicates our understanding and allows the enemy to keep us in captivity:.

*In their case, the god of this world has blinded the minds of those who do not believe to keep them from seeing the light of the glorious gospel of the Messiah, who is the image of God. 2 Corinthians 4:4 KJV*

Most people believe that deliverance is for those outside the church. They do not realise that Christ came for the deliverance of His sons and daughters.

## HOW ABOUT YOU? ARE YOU FREE YET?

### IN CAPTIVITY

We are in a **BATTLE**, whether we realise it or not! We are in bondage because we have no **KNOWLEDGE**.

*Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst. Isaiah 5:13 KJV*

We are in captivity because we **REJECT** knowledge.

*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge. Hosea 4:6a KJV*

The battle is against principalities, powers, and rulers of the darkness of this world.

*For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Ephesians 6:12 KJV*

The Lord commands us to **COME OUT OF CAPTIVITY**. The Lord will send somebody with an anointing to bring the TRUTH to FREE YOU!

*The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to **proclaim liberty to the captives**, and the **opening of the prison** to them that are bound; Isaiah 61:1 KJV*

But you must **RESIST** the devil, so you may recover yourself out of his snare.

*Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7 KJV*

*And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will. 2 Timothy 2:26 KJV*

## The Good News

*But unto you that fear my name shall the **Sun of righteousness** arise with healing in his wings; and ye **shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.** Malachi 4:2 KJV*

The reason so many Christians struggle to live the Christian life and enjoy the Good News is **because of a lack of knowledge! Today is the day to cease your struggles and come to a place of rest!** *“There remains, therefore, a rest for the people of God” (Hebrews 4:9 KJV).*

What Paul is saying in Romans 7 is that it does not matter which way he turns, he can't make himself do the right things. He has the desire to do right, but he can't. Paul discovers that when he is doing what he doesn't want to, it is plain to see where the trouble is!

*I know I am rotten through and through so far as my **old sinful nature** is concerned. No matter which way I turn I can't make myself do right. I want to but I can't. <sup>19</sup> When I want to do good, I don't; and when I try not to do wrong, I do it anyway. <sup>20</sup> Now if I am doing what I don't want to, **it is plain where the trouble is: sin still has me in its evil grasp.** Romans 7:18-20 TLB*

He distinguishes between **two natures** inside of him.

*It seems to be a fact of life that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. <sup>22</sup> I love to do God's will so far as my **new nature** is concerned; <sup>23-25</sup> but there is something else deep within me, in my **lower nature**, that is **at war** with my mind and **wins the fight** and makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. In my mind I want to be God's willing servant, but instead I find myself still enslaved to sin.*

Romans 7:21-25 TLB

Paul reveals something here to us. He is talking about his “**new nature**” and a “**lower nature**”. It is his lower nature that is at **WAR** with his mind! There is a battle going on! He refers to it as a “**law**” that wars against the mind!

*But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. Romans 7:23 KJV*

Apart from these two natures, he also sees another “**law**”, not in the unbelievers, but in “**my members**” (**the believers**) that are at war with their minds, and it is **WINNING** the fight! It happens to all of us!

*...but I discern in my bodily members [in the sensitive appetites and wills of the flesh] a different law (rule of action) at war against the law of my mind (my reason) and making me a prisoner to the law of sin that dwells in my bodily organs [in the sensitive appetites and wills of the flesh]*

Romans 7:23 AMPC

**This law wars against the mind.**

Let's evaluate what Paul is telling us in Romans 7:23 by looking at each of the following individual aspects in more detail:

- A WAR is going on – a law that wars against the mind.
- There is another **LAW** in my members – “the Law of Sin”.
- My lower nature (the **OLD MAN**) is in opposition with...
- My **NEW NATURE**.

## Fighting the Battle

You are either going to win or lose the battle in the mind. This war is scheming against you, trying to deceive and defeat you. It is warring against your mind, trying to *bring you into captivity* to what Paul calls the “*law of sin*”. We can call this “*the law of the flesh*”. The “*law of sin*”, as Paul puts it, and the “*law of the flesh*”, as we put it, are so closely related that they can hardly be separated. There is a war going on in our minds between the “*new nature*” and “*old nature*”, and when *the war in the mind* wins, it brings us into *captivity to the law of sin*. So, the law Paul is referring to is the “*Law of Sin*”. In the “*new nature*”, Paul refers to his “*spirit*”, and in his lower nature, which is the “*old man*”, Paul refers to the “*flesh*”. These are major concepts to grasp and understand so we can walk out in victory! First, you have to realise that you are CREATED with a *spirit, soul* and *body*. God, our Creator, formed our *bodies* from dust, and when He breathed into man’s nostrils, He breathed life. That is our *spirit*, and we became a living *soul*.

*And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.* Genesis 2:7 KJV

God created us this way for a significant reason. He knew man would rebel and turn against Him, and had the soul and spirit been one, God could not have redeemed us. God separated the spirit from the soul and gave us another

chance to choose. *When we choose Him, His Blood brings atonement for us, and we are redeemed.* Now, if we accept Jesus Christ, we can have eternal life!

**THE SPIRIT AND THE FLESH ARE IN CLEAR CONTRAST WITH ONE ANOTHER!**

**The Believer's Battle is the secret of the impossible life on earth. It takes place in the soul. Understanding this battle will set you free to walk in victory.**

**Another Law**

Paul calls this sinful nature a law. He asks if we are sometimes following a "**different law**" than the law of God.

*If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good.*

Romans 7:16 KJV

If we do **those things that are evil**, we are suggesting that this other law, which represents evil, is **good**, and the Word of God is **evil**. When we do evil things, we are consenting unto the law of God that what we do is good. That automatically puts us under the **authority of another gospel!**

*Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!* Isaiah 5:20 KJV

**We deny being guilty of this!** When we hate a brother, we are affirming a new gospel that overthrows the gospel of our God! The gospel of God says to forgive our brothers. When we hold onto unforgiveness and bitterness toward others, we are in fact following a different law, a different gospel, a different way of thinking than that of God. Likewise, when we allow fear to rule our lives, we are affirming the gospel of FEAR. Fear destroys FAITH, which is of God. When we

allow guilt to rule our lives, we are affirming the gospel of guilt. We often set up another gospel! These are tough words, meant to bring you the truth and set you free.

**We are either establishing the law of the Kingdom of God, or we are establishing the laws of Satan's kingdom!**

Sin involves the overthrowing of the government, the laws, and the precepts of God to establish another gospel to follow to our destruction, not to our benefit. There is not enough emphasis on the dimension of sin in the church. We believe that we have no sin in our lives! It is important to understand this battle, to know where it takes place and to identify our sinful nature.

**Sin is referred to as the “law of sin”, the “flesh”, and “self-sufficiency.”**

## **SELF-SUFFICIENCY**

The soul is the mind, will, and emotions. The soul is selfish! Self-sufficiency means operating independently of the Spirit. Self-sufficiency is what **happened** to Adam and Eve when they ate from the **tree of knowledge of good and evil**.

We often try to be our own gods by doing things in our own strength and ability. We have all the resources we need in Christ but yet operate similarly to unbelievers. We are capable of many evil things when we operate in the realm of the flesh, instead of from our position as the new creation man in Christ.

*And the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, <sup>20</sup>Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, <sup>21</sup>envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you*

*before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Galatians 5:19-21 KJV*

## **Sin Wars Against the Mind**

How does this sin principle war against the mind? It works something like this. You are at work and are having a bad day. Everything that can go wrong goes wrong. Then you get a thought in your mind. “Why don't I give Jack a piece of my mind? After all, he is the problem around here! If it wasn't for him, I wouldn't be having all these problems!” What are you going to do with these thoughts? Someone in the first person singular pronoun is giving you the thoughts. Are you going to yield to it, or rebuke it? If you yield to it, you are operating under that principle of sin. Not everything that comes into your mind is from yourself! This is why the Lord gave us weapons, so we can overcome this war.

*For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of **strong holds**;) <sup>5</sup> Casting down imaginations, and **every high** thing that exalteth itself **against the knowledge of God**, and bringing into **captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ**.*

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 KJV

If I were not enlightened about this topic, I would condemn myself for every bad thought, believing that good Christians don't have thoughts about giving someone a piece of their mind. But the principle of sin came via the flesh. The devil, or a demonic spirit, can be attached to it, too, but that doesn't matter because the answer is still the same - **I have to bring these thoughts under obedience to Christ!**



If we are not aware of this problem and how to deal with it, it results in what the Bible calls **strongholds**. Because of these strongholds, we will not be able to escape the bad thoughts of lust - the lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh and the pride of life (1 John 2:16).

*For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God  
to the pulling down of strong holds. 2 Corinthians 10:4 KJV*

Then, as a result of those strongholds, there are **demonic activities operating in the life of the believer**. “Neither give place to the devil” (Ephesians 4:27). The root problem of the struggles we face as believers is this one thing – **SIN!**

The reason you may disagree with me is that we have only a partial understanding of this subject. Also, Romans 6:2 says we are dead in sin and live no longer therein. How do we explain this?

**When we hear the word “sin”, most of us think of something we did wrong.** We think of an action like anger or gossip, but I'm not talking about sin in that context. The word "**SIN**" in Romans 5 to 8 is used 41 times. Forty times, it is used as a **noun**. Only once is the word sin used as a **verb**, indicating an action.

**As a noun, the scripture is talking about a principle.**

*For all have sinned<sup>G264</sup>, and come short of the glory of God;*  
Romans 3:23 KJV

**G264 (Strong's)**

**hamartanō**

*ham-ar-tan'-o*

Perhaps from G1 (as a negative particle) and the base of G3313; properly to **miss the mark** (and so not share in the prize), that is, (figuratively) to *err*, especially (morally) to *sin*: - for your faults, offend, sin, trespass.

The word “sin” in Greek is “**hamartia**” and means **missing the mark**.

### **SIN MEANS COMING SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD**

When you yield yourself under the law of sin, and it overtakes you, you will not share in the **prize of victory!**

*And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the **victory over the beast**, and over his **image**, and over his **mark**, and over the **number of his name**, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. Revelation 15:2 KJV*

We must overcome to stand before the throne and sing a marvellous song of victory with all the saints. Sin is a principle. It is not the act itself, but an inward element that produces the act. **Sin is an organised power that acts through the members of the body.**

Even as born-again believers, we still have an **old nature** – the **spirit of disobedience**.

*AND YOU [He made alive], **when you were dead** (slain) by [your] trespasses and sins. <sup>2</sup>In which at one **time you walked** [habitually]. You were **following the course and fashion of this world** [were under the sway of the tendency of this present age], following the prince of the power of the air. [You were obedient to and under the control of] the [demon] spirit that still constantly works in the sons of disobedience*

*[the careless, the rebellious, and the unbelieving, who go against the purposes of God]. Ephesians 2:1-2 AMPC*

It is this old spirit that is dead in trespasses and sins. This spirit is who we were in Adam, outside of Christ. This old spirit was crucified with Christ, and a new creation was raised.

*Sin need never again be your master, for now you are no longer tied to the law where sin enslaves you, but you are free under God's favor and mercy. <sup>15</sup> Does this mean that now we can go ahead and sin and not worry about it? (For our salvation does not depend on keeping the law but on receiving God's grace!) Of course not! <sup>16</sup> **Don't you realize that you can choose your own master? You can choose sin (with death) or else obedience (with acquittal).** The one to whom you **offer yourself**—he will take you and be **your master**, and you will be **his slave**. <sup>17</sup> Thank God that though you once chose to be slaves of sin, now you have obeyed with all your heart the teaching to which God has committed you. <sup>18</sup> And now **you are free from your old master, sin**; and you have become slaves to your new master, righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I speak this way, using the illustration of slaves and masters, because it is easy to understand: just as you used to be slaves to all kinds of sin, so now you must let yourselves be slaves to all that is right and holy. <sup>20</sup> In those days when you were slaves of sin you didn't bother much with goodness. <sup>21</sup> And what was the result? Evidently not good, since you are ashamed now even to think about those things you used to do, for all of them end in eternal doom. Romans 6:14-21 TLB*

We are free from our old master – sin! We are now slaves to a new master – righteousness!

## Diseases

**The truth about sicknesses and diseases** is that it is not God who makes us sick, nor can the devil do it. How do we get sick, then? During the battle in the mind, if we yield to the Law of Sin (*e.g., unforgiveness*) instead of to the Law of God (*e.g., forgiveness*), it is *the mind, emotions, and will* that produce disease! Our bodies are very chemical, and when we, for example, yield unto the spirit of fear over a very long period, a chemical imbalance occurs. These imbalances in our bodies lead to many hormone deficiencies, and our bodies end up with diseases and sicknesses, which can lead to death. The Word of God shows us our hidden sins. This is when the battle takes place between the **old man (soul)** and the **new man (spirit)**. But few heed the correction of the Word.

The Word of God is like a two-edged sword! It divides and splits the spirit and soul of man and discerns the thoughts and intents of the heart. Over **80%** of sicknesses and diseases are **spiritually** originated. It is in the realm of the spirit where the church must deal with the spirit of man through the Word of God. No doctor or psychologist deals with the spirit of man. To forgive my brother or my neighbour, I must ***first separate sin from myself*** and the other person. I'm not in unity with sin. I reserve the right to deal with sin, get it out of my life and remain who I am in Christ. I can exchange compassion for bitterness according to the knowledge of God. The sin that dwells within, yields fruits of self-hatred, bitterness, unbelief, doubt, fear, jealousy, envy, competition, and strife. The latter is mentioned in the same verses as murder, adultery, and fornication! **Sin gives Satan access to your body and soul!**

The foundation for your freedom is **discernment** and **separation**. This means seeing sin for what it is. We must separate ourselves from the sin that dwells

within us. Romans 7 shows that we need to separate ourselves and our hearts from the sin within. That is when sanctification begins, and we are on our way to FREEDOM! It is not what enters us that defiles us, but the things that come out of us. We are hung by our tongues! We can only speak either life or death (Proverbs 18:21). Nothing in between. Look at the profound words in Galatians about the works of the “*flesh*”.

*Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, <sup>20</sup> Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, <sup>21</sup> Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Galatians 5:19-21 KJV*

**Why do these sins operate in us? Because we are not sanctified!** This is the reason behind our biological, spiritual and mental diseases. Because we cannot separate ourselves from our sins, we condemn ourselves every day, even when we try to approach God. Although we have this enemy, we still have a heart for God. We must deal with this enemy, and he has to go! **Separate yourself** and your **heart** from **sin** so that **sanctification can begin**.

*Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. Romans 7:17-18 KJV*

## The Old Man

### “The Impossible Life”

Paul is not talking about his human flesh, but the "**FLESH**" of the "**carnal nature**", the unrenewed part of him that doesn't match the nature of God within him.

*For I know that in me - that is, in my flesh - dwells no good thing; for to will is present with me but how to perform that which is good I find not.*

Romans 7:18 KJV

It is our daily thoughts, the lust of the eye, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life, that determine who we become. We all struggle in the flesh, but still have a good heart towards God. We look in the mirror, which is the perfect law of liberty, but when we turn away, we see our sin.

*For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, **but sin that dwelleth in me.** Romans 7:19-20 KJV*

*I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God after the **inward man**: <sup>23</sup> But I see **another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.** <sup>24</sup> O wretched man that I am! **who shall deliver me from the body of this death?** Romans 7:21-24 KJV*

Here, Paul very clearly states that the law of sin/evil was in his members, **warring** against the law of his mind and bringing him into captivity to the law of sin which was in his members. He was begging for someone to deliver him right up front!

*I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the **mind I myself** serve the law of God; but with the **flesh the law of sin**.* Romans 7:25 KJV

**We are either winning or losing in the arena of the mind.** Paul discovered that sin was a consistent law. It works the same way all the time. Have you ever tried to beat the “**law of sin**”, which seems to hold you down with its own power? You may be convinced to overcome. You may commit yourself to a specific area and then recommit yourself a couple of times.

Can you say no to sin and defeat it? You can, but it's like defeating the law of gravity. You can hold an object in your hand to prevent it from falling. For a while, you are defeating the law of gravity. Eventually, your hand and arm will become tired, and you will drop them because there is a natural power in the law of gravity pulling on your hand.

Sinning is not only doing something wrong by violating a command, but it is also neglecting to do something good that you should have done!

*Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.* James 4:17 KJV

Many of us are committed to exercising more willpower against sin.

*For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.* Romans 7:18 KJV

Fear is sin. Unforgiveness is sin. Strife is sin. So is self-hatred, heresy, lasciviousness, backbiting, causing church splits, jealousy and envy. It is not what goes into your mouth that defiles you, but what comes out of your mouth.

*There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man. Mark 7:15 KJV*

**So, the flesh is everything that is not born again or under the control of the Holy Spirit. The Flesh is your OLD MAN.**

Carnal-mindedness does not necessarily mean sinful-mindedness (*all sin is carnal, but not all carnality is sin*). CARNAL means "**originating from the five senses**" - sight, smell, taste, hearing and feeling, **or sensuality!** It is everything in the physical realm which is in contrast with the spiritual realm. The soul consists of the **Mind, Will, Emotions** and **Conscience**. The body operates in the physical realm and refers to the "**old man**" or the carnal flesh! The Battle takes place between the spirit and the carnal flesh of man.

*For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Romans 8:6 KJV*

**Carnal-mindedness** means allowing your mind to be dominated by what you see, taste, hear, smell and feel. You are carnal-minded when your thoughts centre primarily around the physical realm. The sad news is that if you are carnal-minded your thoughts centre around the physical realm, and your mind wins the fight. This makes you a slave of sin!

## **A New Nature**

*I love to do God's will so far as my **new nature** is concerned;*  
Romans 7:22 TLB



When you are born again and baptised in water and the Holy Spirit, the **old man is crucified**, and the body of sin is destroyed. You will serve sin no more!

*Knowing this, that our **old man is crucified** with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.*

Romans 6:6 KJV

You are a **new creation in Jesus Christ**.

*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a **new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17 KJV*

*Even the **mystery** which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: <sup>27</sup> To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; **which is Christ in you, the hope of glory**:*

Colossians 1:26-27 KJV

We are new in Christ and must live accordingly. We must lay down the “**old man**”, which is corrupt due to deceitful lusts, and put on the “**new self**”, which is the new creation, after the likeness and image of God in His true righteousness and holiness (Ephesians 4:22-24).



# DOCTRINE OF SATAN

For us to enter the Kingdom of God, we need a clear understanding of satan's devices, wiles (strategies and tactics), cunningness and subtleness. Paul spoke about a "*falling away*" before the son of perdition (anti-christ) can be revealed.

*Let not anyone deceive you by any means. For that Day shall not come unless there first comes a **falling away**, and the man of sin shall be revealed, the son of perdition, 2 Thessalonians 2:3 MKJV*

The Greek for "*falling away*" is *apostasia*, meaning to depart from the truth or faith, not departure from God. In the **latter times** (*not the last times*), at the near end before the returning of the Messiah (*the end of this age, as the MKJV translated it*), this departure from the faith will lead to giving heed to seducing spirits and the teachings of demons.

*But the Spirit expressly says that in the **latter times** some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and teachings of demons.*

1 Timothy 4:1 MKJV

*The Holy Spirit has explicitly revealed: At the **end of this age**, many will depart from the true faith one after another, **devoting themselves to spirits of deception and following demon-inspired revelations and theories.** <sup>2</sup> Hypocritical liars will deceive many, and their consciences won't bother them at all! <sup>3</sup> They will require celibacy and dietary restrictions that God doesn't expect, for he created all foods to be received with the celebration of faith by those who fully know the truth.*

1 Timothy 4:1-3 TPT

On 21 April 2025, Pope Francis died at the age of 88. Before his death, he allowed Roman Catholic priests to administer blessings to same-sex couples.

The Dutch Reformed Churches in South Africa also allow same-sex marriages. These two examples prove that many will depart from the faith towards Adonai because the doctrine of demons is being promoted in the church!

Throughout the Old Testament, Israel was misled into pagan worship rituals.

*Hezekiah put his whole trust in the God of Israel. There was no king quite like him, either before or after. He **held fast to God**—never loosened his grip—and obeyed to the letter everything God had commanded Moses. And God, for his part, held fast to him through all his adventures. 2 Kings 18:5-6 MSG*

After Hezekiah, his son, Manasseh, ruled as an evil King.

*He reintroduced all the moral rot and spiritual corruption that had been scoured from the country when God dispossessed the **pagan nations** in favor of the children of Israel. He rebuilt all the **sex-and-religion shrines** that his father Hezekiah had torn down, and he built altars and phallic images for the **sex god Baal and sex goddess Asherah**, exactly what Ahab king of Israel had done. **He worshiped the cosmic powers, taking orders from the constellations.** He even built these pagan altars in The Temple of God, the very Jerusalem Temple dedicated exclusively by God's decree ("in Jerusalem I place my Name") to God's Name. And he built shrines to the cosmic powers and placed them in both courtyards of The Temple of God. **He burned his own son in a sacrificial offering. He practiced black magic and fortunetelling.** He held séances and consulted spirits from the underworld. Much evil—in God's judgment, a career in evil. And God was angry. 2 Kings 21:1-6 MSG*

God became fed up with the people (2 Kings 21:10-12), and His judgment fell on Israel. Then, the high priest, Hilkiah, found the Book of God's Revelation in the Temple, which instructed them in God's ways. When King Josiah heard what was written in the book, he acted immediately (2 Kings 23:1-3).

*Then the king ordered Hilkiah the high priest, his associate priest, and The Temple sentries to clean house—to get rid of everything in The Temple of God that had been made for **worshipping Baal and Asherah** and the cosmic powers. He had them burned outside Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron and then disposed of the ashes in Bethel. He fired the pagan priests whom the kings of Judah had hired to supervise the local **sex-and-religion shrines** in the towns of Judah and neighborhoods of Jerusalem. In a stroke he swept the country clean of the polluting stench of the round-the-clock **worship of Baal, sun and moon, stars—all the so-called cosmic powers**. He took the obscene phallic Asherah pole from The Temple of God to the Valley of Kidron outside Jerusalem, burned it up, then ground up the ashes and scattered them in the cemetery. He tore out the rooms of the male sacred prostitutes that had been set up in The Temple of God; women also used these rooms for weavings for Asherah. He swept the outlying towns of Judah clean of priests and smashed the sex-and-religion shrines where they worked their trade from one end of the country to the other—all the way from Geba to Beersheba. He smashed the sex-and-religion shrine that had been set up just to the left of the city gate for the private use of Joshua, the city mayor. Even though these sex-and-religion priests did not defile the Altar in The Temple itself, they were part of the general priestly corruption and had to go. 2 Kings 23:4-9 MSG*

*Then Josiah demolished the Topheth, the iron furnace griddle set up in the Valley of Ben Hinnom for sacrificing children in the fire. No longer could anyone burn son or daughter to the god Molech. He hauled off the horse statues honoring the sun god that the kings of Judah had set up near the entrance to The Temple. They were in the courtyard next to the office of Nathan-Melech, the warden. He burned up the sun-chariots as so much rubbish. 2 Kings 23:10-11 MSG*

Today, we find ourselves in the very same position. Baal and Ashtoreth worship is back, child sacrifices (abortions) are now legalised, and the sex trades have never stopped. Where are the Jehus to forcefully drive to Jezreel to destroy Jezebel and the Ahab Clan, and where are the Josiahs to clean up these places?

## The Seat of Satan

When Jesus revealed Himself to John on the Island of Patmos, He gave a message of warning to the seven churches. All seven churches point us to the different stages of the end-time church, but also to the stages of different denominations.

The word “**church**” is “**ecclesia**” in Greek. “**Ek**” means *out*, and “**klesia**” means *to call*.

“**Called-out ones**” means:

- separated,
- a prestigious assembly of distinguished citizens who determined laws,
- debated public policy,
- formulated new policies,
- argued and ruled in judicial matters,
- elected chief magistrates, and
- people who decided who should be banished.

**They are a body of believers, distinguished from others, called by God to create an atmosphere in regions, influence in power, and bring change in the environment.**

The pagan temple of Serapis was in Ephesus. It was filled with dark occult music and rituals, seducing spirits and doctrines of demons. Not a place for the believer! Paul confronted the church in Ephesus about their theology and convinced them to burn their witchcraft books in public (Acts 19:19). This is the opposite of the current state of our churches.

**Teachings, meetings and intercessors have little, if any, impact on the people.**

Believers are being misled to embrace the lie and depart from the faith.

*Even as I begged you to remain at Ephesus, when I was going to Macedonia, that you might charge some that they **teach no other doctrine**,<sup>4</sup> nor to give heed to fables and endless genealogies (which provide doubts rather than faith). 1 Timothy 1:3-4 MKJV*

Even when sophisticated and well-packed, a different doctrine remains a twisting and modification of the truth. It progressively changes the way we think about the truth.

We should not be deceived and contaminated by deceiving spirits. We should not come under the influence of a different kind of teaching or doctrine. Now is the time, more than ever, to return to the basic Word of God and preach the pure message of the Gospel, as the apostles did. Paul made it explicit that there is only one Gospel, one Faith and one Baptism. The Gospel is that of the

Messiah's death, burial and resurrection. If anyone adds to this, or preaches another Gospel, let him be accursed (Galatians 1:8).

## Teachers of the Law

*Even as I begged you to remain at Ephesus, when I was going to Macedonia, that you might charge some that they teach no other doctrine, <sup>4</sup> nor to give heed to fables and endless genealogies (which provide doubts rather than the nurture of God in faith). <sup>5</sup> But the end of the commandment is love out of a pure heart, and a good conscience, and faith unfeigned, <sup>6</sup> from which some, having swerved, have turned aside to foolish talking, <sup>7</sup> **desiring to be teachers of the law, neither understanding what they say nor that which they affirm.** 1 Timothy 1:3-7 MKJV*

Paul used hard words to explain that the law was not for the righteous but for the unrighteous and lawless! The Greek word for “teachers of the law” is “**nomodisaskalos**”. The following is a description of the current manner of teaching in the Body of Christ.

- The word **nomos** means rules, principles, or the unchanging and unbendable rule of faith.
- The word **disaskalos** refers to a masterful teacher. When we combine these, it pictures a masterful scripture-lawyer, someone scholarly in interpreting the Bible.

**Those who want to be profound in standards and norms do it inaccurately because they do not understand what they are saying.**

The word “**understand**” is the Greek word “**noountes**”, a derivative of the word *nous*, meaning to **perceive**. It refers to the mind and the ability to think, reason,

understand, and comprehend; it pictures the place where reasoning, perception, and understanding happen. Here, their minds are defective, and they do not think correctly or come to logical conclusions. They earnestly desire to be teachers of the law but do not understand the Gospel. Some may even be gifted speakers or teachers, but they deliver twisted messages, although sophisticated and well-packed. Why do we so easily allow incompetent spiritual surgeons to operate on us?

*But we know that the law is good if a man uses it lawfully, <sup>9</sup> knowing this, **that the law is not made for a righteous one, but for the lawless and disobedient**, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, <sup>10</sup>for fornicators, for homosexuals, for slave-traders, for liars, for perjurers, and anything else that is contrary to sound doctrine, <sup>11</sup> according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust. 1 Timothy 1:8-11 MKJV*

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**IF YOU WANT TO BE A TEACHER OF THE LAW, TAKE NOTE THAT  
THE LAW IS FOR THE UNRIGHTEOUS!**

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*But the Spirit expressly says that in the latter times **some** shall depart from the faith, giving heed to **seducing** spirits and **teachings** of demons, <sup>2</sup> speaking lies in hypocrisy, being seared in their own conscience, <sup>3</sup> forbidding to marry, saying to abstain from foods which God has created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. 1 Timothy 4:1-3 MKJV*



The word “**seducing**” refers to an animal that lost its way and can never find it again. The word “**some**” describes leadership that moved away from the faith. Leaders have an impact on the sheep and can easily lead them astray. When Paul uses the words “**doctrine**” or “**teachings**”, he refers to a message well-packed, well-conceived, and sophisticated. It implies progressive thinking, but is different from that which the Bible teaches. These spirits will seduce even God’s servants to buy into the lie. Deception is very subtle and causes us to participate at the table of demons. We socialise with pagans and participate in pagan feasts.

As we are reaching the end of this age (Pentecost), we have to set ourselves apart from the worldly system. We have to comprehend the paganism behind Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Christmas, Easter bunnies and Easter eggs. It is now the time when people “*will not endure sound doctrine, but they will heap up teachers to themselves according to their own lusts, tickling the ear*” (2 Timothy 4:3-4 MKJV).

*For the time is coming when they will no longer listen and respond to the healing words of truth because they will become selfish and proud. They will seek out teachers with soothing words that line up with their desires, saying just what they want to hear. <sup>4</sup> They will close their ears to the truth and believe nothing but fables and myths.*

2 Timothy 4:3-4 TPT

Sinful deeds are being accommodated and approved to not hurt people’s feelings and offend them.

*But you have this, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. Revelation 2:6 MKJV*

Yashuah does not hate people, but THEIR DEEDS. We should not hate homosexuals or warmongers, but their deeds. We should minister to them and deliver them from the snare of the devil. Most often, they do not realise they are in captivity. Why are we tolerating these seductive Jezebel Spirits and allowing them to capture people? My only conclusion is that satan dwells in our churches as he did in the church of Pergamum (Revelation 2:13).

### **Spiritual authority**

God never overlooks spiritual authority when he instructs and corrects. If He has a message of rebuke, the pastor is going to hear it first. **Let those who want to be leaders take note! The message has been delivered!**

### **EPHESUS**

In His message to the church of Ephesus, the Lord says in Revelation 2:4, *“I have this against you, that you have left your First Love”*. Likewise, we have let our First Love, our earlier love, slip through our fingers. We must go back to Exodus 15, where Adonai delivered His people out of Egypt, which refers to true repentance. We need to change our minds and repent, lest He remove our candlestick from its place.

Nonetheless, God gives them credit for hating the **deeds** of the Nicolaitans, which He also hates (Revelation 2:6). This is a case of actual hatred. The deeds (activities) and the teachings of the Nicolaitans repulsed Christ!

### **THE NICOLAITANS**

**Who were they, and how do they currently operate in the modern church?**

They were a group of people who stood between the people and the Lord. The

seed of the Nicolaitans is still with us today. Some bible scholars refer to them as a group of apostates who had, as their founder, Nicholas of Antioch, a proselyte who became one of the seven deacons at Jerusalem. They celebrated pagan feasts and were most unchaste in their behaviour. They taught that, to master sensuality, one would have to first know, through experience, the entire range of it. Naturally, they gave way to such abandonment that their degradation was complete. Thus, they applied to themselves the two Old Testament names that symbolise such extravagances, namely **Balaam** and **Jezebel**. Balaam corrupted the people and conquered them. It was said that Nicholas did the same. This group was supposedly forced out of Ephesus and found a place of establishment in Pergamum. This tradition was against scripture, and they tried to mislead the church with their deeds. But the church of Ephesus hated the deeds of the Nicolaitans, as Christ also hated their deeds. Read Revelation 2:15 to see how the seeds in Ephesus (their deeds), then became a doctrine also in the church of Pergamum.

**If the laity were being conquered, there must have been people in “authority” teaching them it was acceptable to serve Christ while simultaneously participating in pagan practices.** They were seduced to compromise. Rather than living separately from the world, they were to compromise by sacrificing to the idols to live in peace with their neighbours.

Religion (*spiritual matters if you like*) is composed of two parts that intertwine but are as opposite as black and white. Religion and the spiritual world consist of those two trees which had their roots in the Garden of Eden. Both the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil stood in the middle of the Garden of Eden and had their branches intertwined. This same paradox was

in the Ephesian church. The church comprised two branches of good and bad, like wheat and tares, growing side by side. One was true, and the other false. We need to know the true Holy Spirit to discern between good and bad. Then, we will embrace the Truth and reject any false religion infiltrating the church.

Modern-day Nicolaitans, as those in Ephesus, promote that believers may still socialise with pagans and pagan worship and then return to their own belief system. They need not live a life separated from worldly activities, but can have the best of both. The intertwining of the false branch with the true branch is the aim of the Nicolaitans.

After repentance and the receiving of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, the church has left her First Love over time. This means the church is in danger of losing the guidance of the Holy Spirit, as with Israel after they were led out of Egypt. God led them by the cloud of fire, prophetic utterance, miracles, signs, and God-given wonders. But they rebelled against God's authority and wanted a set of rules and creeds to go by. After they had received the Ten Commandments, they demanded a king like the pagan nations. They wanted to be like the world and went into apostasy and oblivion. This is how the first church age started, and it is getting worse until the Holy Spirit is completely rejected. Adonai will then come to judge the earth!

**The leaving of our First Love started with deeds and then became a doctrine.**

It became the standard and the unbending way. It finally took over, and God was pushed aside. It started so small, so quietly, so inoffensively. It looked so good. It seemed so sound. Christ hated this teaching that compromised with the world. He hated their influence in the church as He does in our modern

churches. The Nicolaitans were an Egyptian religion. The Lord delivered His people from the Egyptian gods and forbade them from ever returning to Egypt. But these gods were later accommodated again in the Temple of Isis and Serapis in Pergamum.

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**Have you been delivered from these gods permanently, or have you returned to them?**

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These false deeds and doctrines are very subtle, appearing as an angel of the light until they get a hold of the church like a python. They squeeze the very breath of the Holy Spirit out and kill the spiritual presence in the church. Maybe this is the reason the Python Spirit is so active in our society. The Nicolaitans teach compromise and inclusiveness. They have a strong doctrine, but change the moral climate and produce a gospel different from the Word.

Wherever this doctrine is embraced, Nicolaitans will produce a powerless, weakened version of Christianity. Sin will be tolerated, separation ignored, and the need for ongoing repentance disregarded. Educated Nicolaitans reduced the water baptism to the mere sprinkling of a few drops of water. Many church leaders simply censor those who believe in water baptism. It is impossible to be led by the Holy Spirit and still be part of such congregations. Saints, the church is no longer being controlled by the Holy Ghost but by Nicolaitans!

*For I know this, that after my departure grievous wolves shall enter in among you, not sparing the flock. <sup>30</sup> Also men shall arise from **your own selves, speaking** perverse things in order to draw disciples away after them. Acts 20:29-30 MKJV*

This is a warning against this priesthood and its false doctrines. There is still a handful of Holy Ghost-inspired pastors, but mostly, the flock sits in the pew absorbing the doctrine of the Nicolaitans. We cannot accommodate darkness, unrighteousness or any doctrine of demons and still think the Holy Spirit can and will abide in us.

*What harmony can there be between Christ and Satan? And also what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?<sup>16</sup> What friendship does God's temple have with demons? For indeed, we are the temple of the living God, just as God has said: I will make my home in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people.<sup>17</sup> For this reason, "Come out from among them and be separate," says the Lord. "Touch nothing that is unclean, and I will embrace you.<sup>18</sup> I will be a true Father to you, and you will be my beloved sons and daughters," says the Lord Yahweh Almighty. 2 Corinthians 6:15-18 TPT*

YHWH wants sons and daughters for Himself. We are all born from a corruptible seed and need a born-again experience - this time from an incorruptible seed! He adopted us, and when the Holy Spirit abides in us, we cry out, "ABBA FATHER", that is "Daddy"! (Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:6).

To enable us to grow into full maturity, we need a strong, deep foundation. This can only be done when we preach Christ and bring every person into full understanding of the truth.

*Christ is our message! We preach to awaken hearts and bring every person into the full understanding of truth. It has become my inspiration and passion in ministry to labor with a tireless intensity, with his power*

*flowing through me, to present to every believer the revelation of being his perfect one in Jesus Christ. Colossians 1:28-29 TPT*

Only then can the entire building be erected and continually grow until it rises to completion. The Holy Spirit is transforming every one of us into the Holy of Holies – His dwelling place!

***This entire building is under construction and is continually growing under his supervision until it rises up completed as the holy temple of the Lord himself. <sup>22</sup> This means that God is transforming each one of you into the Holy of Holies, his dwelling place, through the power of the Holy Spirit living in you! Ephesians 2:21-22 TPT***

## PERGAMUM

The Upper Theatre, which could seat 10 000 spectators, was in Pergamum. The Greek people loved the theatre. It was a place of great entertainment, but, at the same time, it was a disgusting place. All kinds of sexual misbehaviours, crude language, mocking of political leaders and “politically correct” statements were normal, as they still are today. The Christians of Pergamum restrained and refrained from taking part in these activities. They protected the gateways of their ears and eyes.

The Zeus Altar, as seen from the Portico in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Century BC, was also accommodated in Pergamum. Offerings and sacrifices were made here. This theatre was known as one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. It was so wicked and evil that Christ referred to it as “***The Seat of Satan***”, the place where his throne was. Satan ruled the entire province of Asia. It was impossible to avoid the presence of evil. Believers had to face the impact the pagan society

had on them and, at the same time, had to deal with the internal pressure of false church leaders pressuring them to conform to worldly standards. Likewise, the world puts enormous pressure on believers to compromise. Unfortunately, many succumb.

### **A Sharp Sword**

The message to the church in Pergamum is somehow different from the others. Christ came with a sharp sword to destroy what was happening there.

*And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write: He who has the sharp sword with two edges says these things <sup>13</sup> I **know your works**, and where you live, even where **Satan's seat** is. And you hold fast My name and have not denied My faith, even in those days in which Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwells.*

Revelation 2:12-13 MKJV

Christ was and is inside the church and walking in our midst, observing everything that is happening. He came with a warning. He knows the demonic environment of the church and that we are assailed by pagans. All things are laid bare and open in front of His eyes. There is nothing about us or our works that He does not know.

*Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight, but all things are naked and opened to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.* Hebrews 4:13 KJV

### **SATAN'S SEAT**

**Satan** is the Greek word “**satanas**”, which means the one who hates, accuses, slanders, or conspires against; an adversary. “**Seat**” is the Greek word “**thronos**”.



It described a physical chair reserved solely for the head of a household. In ancient times, the man of the house held supreme authority over all domestic matters, and he had the final say in all decisions or business transactions that might affect his family. It was customary to refer to the head of the house as "lord" of his home, so a seat was designated to represent the high rank of the man of the house within his family. It was considered inappropriate and disrespectful for anyone else to sit in his place of honour. It was a seat for the undisputed master of the house, and that seat was a symbol of ultimate authority in the eastern lands of the Roman Empire.

**Pagans used the word “*thronos*” to describe invisible seats of power upon which the local or patron gods or goddesses sat to rule.** Satan was the master of the house in the city of Pergamum, and no one resisted him! His power was unchallenged for centuries. Since the church was born, Adonai has been calling the believers, His church, to unseat satan, the Nephilim and all demons from our homes and families. They have been ruling and reigning now for 6 000 years! Adonai is gathering together an army to fulfil this assignment - a mature Bride, fully equipped, willing to lay down her life for her Bridegroom, Yashuah HaMashiach.

For this purpose, a solid foundation is deemed necessary so that, when the storm comes, the house will stand. Are you joining God’s army? What side are you playing on? It is time to decide! If you choose BAAL, let it be BAAL! But if it is ADONAI, let it be Adonai!

## **DEEDS VS DOCTRINES**

Jesus refers to the *doctrine* of the Nicolaitans. Satan is very subtle. Unnoticed, he sneaks into the church with false but good-looking **deeds**, and soon infiltrates the church with his own **doctrine**. People who infiltrate godly ministries and churches are often good people with good intentions, but their deeds do not line up with the Word of God. Once they have infiltrated the system, they use the podium to teach a false doctrine. Saints, these schemes are very subtle and will go unnoticed by the immature believer. False doctrines are hidden within some Biblical truths, and these people equip and empower themselves with knowledge.

**“The Counterfeit for God’s Forerunners”** is a must-read to be equipped to discern these false teachings and doctrines in our congregations. Yashuah was repulsed by their teachings because they lived sinful lives and lost the power of God. The fruit and the gifts of the Spirit disappeared from their lives. We are called to higher standards and should not live according to the principles of this world or the standards that social media sets. Nicolaitans is a doctrine of compromise and of conquering people. Thus, the saints are losing their holiness and power. We are called to walk by higher standards!

## **Antipas**

Revelation 2:13 is the only verse in the Bible mentioning Antipas. He was a martyr for Christ and faithful to the end. He was the first leader of the church in Pergamum. He was arrested for casting out demons. A pagan priest went to the governor and accused him of disturbing their pagan rituals. Antipas refused to deny his faith, and the governor sentenced him to death. His death resulted in a lengthy period of persecution for the believers in Pergamum. One can only

imagine the pressure that Antipas' martyrdom put on the entire church. It ignited an aggressive persecution of believers.

We can break up this name into two parts, namely “**anti**” and “**pas**”, which refer to “**being against**” and “**all**”. It can describe a person who is antisocial, contrary, noncompliant, intolerant, narrow-minded, nonconformist, inflexible, obstinate, or uncompromising.

After repentance, a complete transformation takes place, and we are separated from the world. That is why unbelievers perceive us as being anti-social. Likewise, the believers in Pergamum refused to visit the theatre, athletic events, bathhouses and pagan temples where incense was burnt. They were viewed as unpatriotic because they did not blend in with the pagan practices anymore. This is the opposite of what we find in the Body of Christ today. Satan infiltrated the modern church, and believers no longer distance themselves from pagan practices.

On top of the pagan temple was a statue of a brazen bull, with a door on the side of it and musical pipe instruments on the inside. Criminals were thrown inside this statue, and a huge fire was ignited underneath. The brazen bull heated up and fried the person inside of it. The person's screams echoed over the city through the piped instruments. Afterwards, the pagans collected the person's bones and used them as ornaments. Christ called Antipas the “faithful one”. In Greek, it is the word “***hopistos***”, and it refers to the *faithful* one or the *trustworthy* one. Christ regarded him to be faithful and trustworthy, despite the agonising circumstances that challenged him. **ARE WE WORTHY TO BE CALLED THE “FAITHFUL ONE”?**

**The message of YHWH is clear!**

**COME OUT OF HER, that you may not be partakers of her sins, and that you may not receive of her plagues (Revelation 18:4).**

## False Teachers

*Beware of **false prophets**, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. <sup>16</sup> Ye shall know them by their fruits.*

Matthew 7:15-16 KJV

*But if anyone spreads **false teaching** that does not agree with the healthy instruction of our Lord Jesus, teaching others that holy awe of God is not important, then they prove they know nothing at all! It's obvious they don't value or hold dear the healing words of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> They are covered with the clouds of conceit. They are loaded with controversy, and they love to argue their opinions and split hairs. The fruit of their ministry is contention, competition, and evil suspicions. <sup>5</sup> They add misery to many lives by corrupting their minds and **cheating them of the truth**. They equate the worship of God with making great sums of money. 1 Timothy 6:3-5 TPT*

*Numerous deceivers have surfaced from among us and gone out into the world, people who will not acknowledge Jesus Christ coming as a man. **These deceivers are antichrists!** <sup>8</sup> Be on your guard so that you do not lose all that we have diligently worked for but receive a full reward. <sup>9</sup> Anyone who wanders away and does not remain faithful to the teaching of Christ has no relationship with God. But those who remain in the teaching of Christ have a wonderful relationship with both the Father and the Son. <sup>10</sup> So if anyone comes into your fellowship claiming*

*to be a true believer yet doesn't bring this teaching, you are not to consider him as a fellow believer, nor should you welcome him into your homes. 2 John 1:7-10 TPT*

False teachers come as wolves in sheep's clothing. They feast on the believers by cheating them out of the truth and seducing them with worthless words. They bring corrupt teachings and are antichrists who in a greedy pursuit of financial gain. Greed and envy always end up in murder, just as Cain, who murdered his brother Abel.

### **An Auto-Immune Disease**

Saints, we are harbouring auto-immune diseases in our physical bodies, as well as in the Body of Christ. An autoimmune disease occurs when the white corpuscles attack living flesh and destroy it. The body attacks itself. Likewise, because of a lack of love for one another, the Body of Christ attacks itself and ignores the real enemy! This is the price to pay for not loving one another. I find Peter's warnings of particular interest.

*In the past there arose false prophets among God's people, just as there will continue to be false teachers who will secretly infiltrate in your midst to divide you, bringing with them their destructive heresies. They will even deny the Master, who paid the price for them, bringing swift destruction on themselves. <sup>2</sup> Many will follow immoral lifestyles. Because of these corrupt false teachers, the way of truth will be slandered. <sup>3</sup> They are only out for themselves, ready to exploit you for their own gain through their cunning arguments. Their condemnation has been a long time coming. But their destruction does not slumber or sit idly by, for it is sure to come. 2 Peter 2:1-3 TPT*

**In the realm of the Holy of Holies, we cannot preach a message we cannot live. If we are not living examples of that message, it does not belong to us, and we have no authority to preach it.**

### **Shutting the Doors to the Kingdom of Heaven**

Religion shuts the doors to the Kingdom and prevents people from entering.

*But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. Matthew 23:13 KJV*

Jesus sent out his apostles to *“heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give”* (Matthew 10:7-8).

### **A Final Warning**

Adonai warns that the earth will be full of fornication and drunkenness as the kings of the world commit fornication with the harlot woman, Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots and the Abominations of the Earth (Revelation 17:1-5).

*And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. <sup>2</sup> And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, **Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.** <sup>3</sup> For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. <sup>4</sup> And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people,*

*that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.* Revelation 18:1-4 KJV

The Lord is now calling you out of Babylon! Please do not delay, for the time has come for BABYLON TO FALL! Discern these seducing spirits that are misleading you. Not every person who teaches the Word of God is a true servant of God! Be aware! Beware of the wolves in sheep's clothing

*Don't set the affections of your heart on this world or in loving the things of the world. The love of the Father and the love of the world are incompatible.* <sup>16</sup> *For all that the world can offer us—the gratification of our flesh, the allurements of the things of the world, and the obsession with status and importance—none of these things come from the Father but from the world.* <sup>17</sup> *This world and its desires are in the process of passing away, but those who love to do the will of God live forever.* 1 John 2:15-17 KJV

Here are some examples of people who went astray because of false doctrines.

## **Noah**

In the days of Noah, the Lord did not spare the world, but destroyed it with a flood because of wickedness.

*And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;* 2 Peter 2:5 KJV

## **Sodom and Gomorrah**

*In a similar way the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and nearby towns gave themselves to sexual immorality and unnatural desires of different*

*flesh. Now they all serve as examples of those who experience the punishment of eternal fire. Jude 1:7 TPT*

In the next verse, Peter says it is the Lord's character to rescue the righteous man. As He did for Noah and Lot, He will do for His Bride!

*Yet he rescued a righteous man, Lot, suffering the indignity of the unbridled lusts of the lawless. 2 Peter 2:7 TPT*

### **The House of Israel**

The Lord sent out the 12 apostles to the lost sheep of the house of Israel to heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, and cast out demons. Yashuah prepared them that not everyone would receive them or accept their words.

*Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment, than for that city.*  
Matthew 10:15 KJV

### **Lot's Wife**

In Luke 17:32, the Lord asked, "*Do you remember Lot's wife?*" On the day Lot left Sodom, fire and brimstone rained from heaven and destroyed all (Luke 17:29). The Lord could not destroy Sodom and Gomorrah before Lot and his family had left for Zoar. The righteous will always first be removed before God can deal with the unrighteous.

*But hurry! Escape to it, for I can do nothing until you arrive there. (This explains why that village was known as Zoar, which means "little place.")* Genesis 19:22 NLT



*And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly. 2 Peter 2:6 KJV*

## **Cain**

Cain rejected the blood sacrifice God desired and, instead, offered the fruit of his own labour. Likewise, false teachers pollute the Gospel by adding human works and efforts (Jude 1:10).

*For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another; <sup>12</sup> **not as Cain** who was of the evil one, and killed his brother. And for what did he kill him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's things were righteous. 1 John 3:11-12 MKJV*

## **The Errors of Korah and Balaam**

Throughout the Bible, scriptures refer to Baal and Balaam. Jude added the rebellious acts of Korah.

*Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children: <sup>15</sup> Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness. 2 Peter 2:14-15 KJV*

*They promise others freedom, yet they themselves are slaves to corruption, for people are slaves to whatever overcomes them. 2 Peter 2:19 KJV*

## Korah

*They became envious of Moses and Aaron, your holy ones. <sup>17</sup> You split open the earth and it swallowed up Dathan and Abiram along with their followers. <sup>18</sup> Fire fell from heaven and burnt up all the band of rebels, turning them to ashes. Psalms 106:16-18 TPT*

Korah led 250 men in rebellion against Moses. The earth opened up and swallowed Korah alive. In the same way, the things of the world entice these false teachers, and they will be swallowed up by their greed.

**The people brought false fire to the altar of Adonai.** False fires were from false gods that misled the people of Israel. God is holy and will not allow unholiness in His congregation! Even today, many people rebel against God's spiritual leaders by standing up against those ordained to lead His servants. Let us step away from such rebellious people, for Adonai will devour them and they will go down into Sheol.

*Enoch, the 7<sup>th</sup> descendent from Adam prophesied of their doom, when he said: 'look, here comes the Lord Yahweh with his countless myriads of holy ones. <sup>15</sup> He comes to execute judgments against them all and to convict each one of the for their ungodly deeds and for all the terrible words that ungodly sinners have spoken against him. <sup>16</sup> These people are ALWAYS COMPLAINING and never SATISFIED finding fault with everyone. They follow their own evil desires and their mouths speak scandalous things. They enjoy using seductive flattery to manipulate others. <sup>18</sup> They taught you in the last days there will always be mockers, motivated by their own ungodly desires. <sup>19</sup> These people cause divisions*

*and are followers of their own natural instincts, devoid of the life of the Spirit.* Jude 1:14-19 TPT

**Keep yourselves free from the pollutions of the flesh!**

(Read Jude 1:14-23)

## **BAAL AND BAALAM WORSHIP**

Besides the Nicolaitans, Christ also referred to the doctrine of Balaam. The word “**Baal**” first appeared in the Bible when Balak summoned Balaam to curse the people of Israel. Three times, Balaam tried to curse God’s people, but every time he opened his mouth, a word of blessing was released instead. Balak, the king, was furious at him because he paid him a huge amount of money to curse Israel. Then, Balaam came up with a unique plan to lead Israel astray. He told Balak to send Moabite women (*harlots*) to the men of Israel. These women led them to Baal-peor, where they made sacrifices unto their idol gods, accompanied by various sexually immoral deeds. Balaam was a witch who “**taught Balak to cast a stumbling-block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit fornication**” (Revelation 2:14 MKJV).

The moment a church accommodates satan’s seat, it will be infiltrated by the deeds and doctrines of the Nicolaitans, bombarded by Balaam’s teachings and exposed to witchcraft. Eventually, the church will end up at Baal-peor and lead an immoral life dominated by the lust of the eye, lust of the flesh, and pride of life. Seduction coming from the inside is very dangerous. The Nicolaitans suggested that believers compromise their faith to get along with the world. It is a watering down of a lifestyle to get along with pagan neighbours. It weakens

the Gospel and the church. Balaam used the Moabites' harlots as a stumbling block to bring God's people down. Jezebel, the Nicolaitans and Balaam are still very active. That is why the Lord specifically mentioned their names in Revelation. He exposed their deeds, false teachings and doctrines. We should repent of having a part in these false teachings. If there is no repentance, He will come quickly and fight us with the sword of His mouth. The ecclesia is God's property, and He will not share us with satan.

Balaam was a follower of BAAL, a man of mysterious origin who possessed a widespread reputation that he could swallow his enemies. Jewish scholars wrote the following about Balaam.

- He was a wicked witch.
- Balaam was "a man renowned above all men for his skill as a diviner and a prophet, who foretold to various nations important events: abundance and rain, or droughts and famines, inundations or pestilence."
- Josephus wrote that Balaam was among the greatest of the prophets of that time.
- Moses was an instrument for the power of GOD, and Balaam was an instrument for the power of darkness.
- The Bible refers to Balaam as a prophet, but it is being misunderstood. The word "prophet", used in ancient times, referred to one who could foresee the future. Even pagans use this word for a person who is a vocal instrument for the spiritual realm.
- There are other names for "diviners", such as foretellers, seers, soothsayers, consultants of familiar spirits, enchanter, necromancers, wizards, witches; voices through which the spirit realm speaks, mediums and clairvoyants.

We can conclude that Balaam could foresee or discern when judgment was coming to a nation. He could not curse Adonai's people, but he could discern when a nation violated a divine principle. Then, he knew judgment was coming. He saw it beforehand and used the opportunity to make money and curse the people. When judgment came, the people thought it was because of his cursing.

## **The Flesh, the Eye and Pride of Life**

*For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life is not of the Father, but is of the world.*

1 John 2:16 KJV

These are the areas of temptation that satan used to pull Adam and Eve away from the Father. He used the same areas to tempt Jesus in the wilderness. He is an expert at using these cravings to dilute our love for the Father and turn our affections to the things of this life. But we should set our affections on what is above, on the values of the Kingdom of God.

## **Lust of the Flesh**

God saved his people out of Egypt, BUT subsequently destroyed those who were guilty of unbelief (Jude 1:5 TPT).

*"I will give you all the land Canaan as your inheritance" <sup>12</sup> They were few in number, when God gave promise and were all foreigners to that land <sup>13</sup> They were wandering from one land to another and from one Kingdom to another <sup>14</sup> Yet, God did not permit anyone to touch them <sup>15</sup> Don't you dare lay hand on my anointed ones. <sup>16</sup> So, God decreed a famine upon Canaan, cutting off their food supply. <sup>17</sup> He already sent a*

*man ahead of his people to Egypt, Joseph, sold as a slave.*

Psalms 105:11-17 TPT

The King of Egypt set Joseph free from prison and put him in charge (Psalms 105:20). Years later, God sent Moses to deliver Israel from Egyptian slavery, and Moses brought plagues over the Egyptians (Psalms 105:26). God freed the Hebrews from their slavery and sent them away with silver and gold. NOT ONE WAS FEEBLE (Psalms 105:37). He provided for them in the wilderness and satisfied them with heaven's bread (Psalms 105:11).

*Our father's did not fully understand your wonders and took you for granted over and over you showed them love and mercy. Yet, they were barely beyond Red Sea, when they rebelled against you.<sup>8</sup> Nonetheless, you saved them,<sup>9-12</sup> making a dry path.<sup>13</sup> Yet how quickly they forgot your miracles of power. They wouldn't wait for you to act when they were hungry,<sup>14</sup> but demanded you satisfy their cravings and give them food! They tested you to the breaking point.<sup>15</sup> So you gave them what they wanted to eat, but their souls starved away to nothing.*

Psalms 106:7-14 TPT

These rebellious people provoked the Lord to anger, ever demanding of Him to fulfil their fleshly desires.

*And the people stood up all that day, and all that night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quails: he that gathered least gathered ten homers: and they spread them all abroad for themselves round about the camp.<sup>33</sup> And while the flesh was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD smote the people with a very great plague.<sup>34</sup> And he called the*

*name of that place Kibroth-hattaavah: because there they buried the people that lusted.* Numbers 11:32-34 KJV

They were concerned about their fleshly appetites, so the Lord gave them over to their sinful lusts and devoured them.

*And he called the name of that place **Graves of Lust**, because there they buried the people that lusted.* Numbers 11:34 MKJV

Let us beware of fleshly lust. It was the downfall of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, and it is still our downfall.

*Instead, each person is tempted by his own desire, being lured and trapped by it. <sup>15</sup> Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.* James 1:14-15 ISV

### **Do Not Love the World**

*Don't set the affections of your heart on this world or in loving the things of the world. The love of the Father and the love of the world are incompatible. <sup>16</sup> For all that the world can offer us—the gratification of our flesh, the allurements of the things of the world, and the obsession with status and importance—none of these things come from the Father but from the world. <sup>17</sup> This world and its desires are in the process of passing away, but those who love to do the will of God live forever.* 1 John 2:15-17 TPT

*For all that is in the world, the **lust of the flesh**, and the **lust of the eyes**, and the **pride of life**, is not of the Father, but is of the world.* 1 John 2:16 KJV

Satan is an expert in using these cravings to dilute our love for the Father and turn our affections to the things of this life. But Kingdom values set our affections on things above and on living in the fruit of the spirit, while we are always **waiting on God's timing for promotion.**

*If you bow low in God's awesome presence, he will eventually exalt you as you leave the timing in his hands. 1 Peter 5:6 TPT*

**Don't ever be hard-hearted or stubborn, as Israel was!**

## The False Doctrine

Yashuah explicitly told the church of Pergamum that He had a *few things* against them (Revelation 2:14). **"Few things"** is the Greek word "*oliga*." It refers to "small in amount". It shows that the spiritual disease of compromise infected only a small segment of the congregation. But it could easily spread to the rest. If left unresolved or untreated, the spiritual infection will get out of control and sicken the entire church like a deadly disease. Yashuah is calling on His ecclesia to stop the spreading of this infection!

*"I will come with a sharp sword and will extract those who would not repent. I love them, but I will not allow them to pollute the church. I come with My sword of My mouth, not to wound, but to correct and to heal."*

*Acknowledgement: Rick Renner from his RIV Interpretation*

As in the days of Pergamum, the devil is launching an attack against the church by bringing a doctrinal error from inside the church. The leaders he uses have been in the church from the beginning. They are good people, and their intentions are good, but they are now erring and going off track. It is difficult to



stand up against the leaders we love, but if they are not stopped, it will have catastrophic results for the church!

Yashuah used the phrase, “**hold the doctrine**”.

- The Greek for “hold” is “**kratountas**”. It is plural and the present-active tense of the word “**kratos**”, which is a powerful grip and a refusal to let go. They held fast to false teachings and refused to surrender before Christ's authority. They became accommodating to the pagan world.
- The word “doctrine” is the Greek word “**didache**”. It refers to teaching or instruction that includes both the intellectual learning of a precept or principle and the applicable action taken because of learning that principle. It refers to a master teacher, not only able to teach principles but also how to put teachings into practice.

## ANCIENT DIVINERS

Balaam gave Balak principles of a strategic plan to destroy God's people. He then told him how to apply these principles. He operated under the spirit of divination. Ancient diviners used a variety of occult practices to see into the future. One special common practice was to slaughter an animal, spread its intestines on an altar and read the future by analysing the scattered organs.

*Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars and prepare me here seven oxen and seven rams. <sup>2</sup> And Balak did as Balaam had spoken; and Balak and Balaam offered on every altar a bullock and a ram. <sup>3</sup> And Balaam said unto Balak, Stand by thy burnt offering, and I will go: peradventure the LORD will come to meet me: and whatsoever he sheweth me I will tell thee. And he went to an high place. <sup>4</sup> And God met Balaam: and he said unto him, I have prepared seven altars, and I have*

*offered upon every altar a bullock and a ram. <sup>5</sup> And the LORD put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, Return unto Balak, and thus thou shalt speak.* Numbers 23:1-5 KJV

*And Balak said unto Balaam, What hast thou done unto me? I took thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast blessed them altogether.*  
Numbers 23:11 KJV

Balaam possibly read the intestines of the animals, but the actual cursing did not take place. Balak sent his messengers to fetch Balaam from 400 miles away and offered him a house full of silver and gold.

*And Balaam said unto Balak, Spake I not also to thy messengers which thou sentest unto me, saying, <sup>13</sup> If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the commandment of the LORD, to do either good or bad of mine own mind; but what the LORD saith, that will I speak? <sup>14</sup> And now, behold, I go unto my people: come therefore, and I will advertise thee what this people shall do to thy people in the latter days.* Numbers 24:12-14 KJV

Even when Balak referred to Balaam's reputation, there was still no Biblical proof that he could succeed in cursing people.

*How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? or how shall I defy, whom the LORD hath not defied?* Numbers 23:8 KJV

Balaam saw that divination was no match for the power of Adonai.

*Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel: according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought!* Numbers 23:23 KJV

## THERE IS NO DIVINATION AGAINST ME OR GOD'S CHURCH!

No one can curse what GOD has already blessed.

***Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.***

1 John 4:4b KJV

### A Stumbling Block

Balaam cast a stumbling block before the people of Adonai. To “cast” is the Greek word “**ballo**”, and it means to throw or hurl; it carries an element of surprise. The word “*stumbling block*” in Greek is “**skandalon**” and refers to a trap used to catch an animal. A piece of food is placed inside the trap to lure the prey. Balaam put this “food” before the eyes of Israel. The word “*before*” in Greek is “**enopion**”, and it means within the eyesight of; a bait before their eyes to lure them out.

### THE TRAP

The trap was the daughters of Moab.

*And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab. <sup>2</sup>And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the **people did eat**, and bowed down to their gods. <sup>3</sup>And Israel joined himself unto **Baalpeor**: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel. Numbers 25:1-3 KJV*

The men of Israel “ate” is the same word used in Genesis when Eve saw the fruit was good to “eat”.

**“Eat” in the Bible refers to sexual intercourse.**

The women of Moab stripped themselves of their clothes and danced naked before the men of Israel. The men bowed down to these pagan women at Baal-peor and had sexual intercourse with them. As of today, satan still uses this trap successfully.

1. The pagan women called the men onto the sacrifices of their gods and lowered their standards.
2. The men ate what was prohibited. They entertained themselves with what was wrong.
3. They bowed down to the pagan gods and accommodated what Adonai despised.
4. Israel joined Baal-peor by entering into moral and sexual defilement.
5. The anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel. Their sinful actions incurred divine judgment.
6. The Israelite men were entrapped and behaved just like the world.
7. The doctrine of Balaam is a doctrine of moral surrender.

The moment we willingly step outside the covering of Adonai's protection and blessing, we move outside of that protection and into the curse. When you surrender your moral standards to the world, you curse yourself! Adonai warns the end-time church to beware of the bait of satan. He is committed to luring you into his trap. We have to make up our minds. Either we live for this world, or we live for Adonai! He calls us to a life of separation from this world. His sword is pulled to put a halt to false teachers and leaders. Unless these teachers repent, they will be removed from their place! Let us rest assured that, as long as we walk in constant purity, we will always be under His covering. Do not allow any ministry, cell group, spiritual leader or denomination to convince you that you need their covering and protection! God is the One who will rescue you!

*He will rescue you from every hidden trap of the enemy, and he will protect you from false accusation and any deadly curse. <sup>4</sup> His massive arms are wrapped around you, protecting you. You can run under his covering of majesty and hide. His arms of faithfulness are a shield keeping you from harm. <sup>5</sup> You will never worry about an attack of demonic forces at night nor have to fear a spirit of darkness coming against you. <sup>6</sup> Don't fear a thing! Whether by night or by day, demonic danger will not trouble you, nor will the powers of evil be launched against you. <sup>7</sup> Even in a time of disaster, with thousands and thousands being killed, you will remain unscathed and unharmed. <sup>8</sup> You will be a spectator as the wicked perish in judgment, for they will be paid back for what they have done! Psalms 91:3-8 TPT*

## Thyatira

*But I have a few things against you because you allow that woman **Jezebel** to teach, she saying herself to be a prophetess, and to cause My servants to go astray, and to commit fornication, and to eat idol-sacrifices. <sup>21</sup> And I gave her time that she might repent of her fornication, and she did not repent. <sup>22</sup> Behold, I am throwing her into a bed, and those who commit adultery with her into great affliction, unless they repent of their deeds. Revelation 2:20-22 MKJV*

Notice that **Jezebel** is in the church of Thyatira. She calls herself a prophetess and teaches the Lord's servants to go astray by committing fornication and eating idol-sacrifices (Revelation 2:20). We know from the Old Testament that Jezebel was married to King Ahab. In the modern church, that could mean she is married

to the pastor. She cannot operate without a person under the influence of the Ahab Spirit. The KJV uses the phrase “thou **sufferest** that woman Jezebel”.

- “**Sufferest**” means to “allow”.
- The Greek word is “**aphiemi**”, which means to permit, to release; to let go; to liberate; to give unrestrained freedom.

What Jesus says here is that Thyatira did not restrain Jezebel. The Greek refers to “the woman”, indicating that she was a very prominent, noble woman. In the ancient scriptures, the text refers to “**the woman of yours**” because they permitted her as their wife. They did not restrain her. Remember, the Lord is speaking to the pastor, the spiritual leader of the church. This suggests the pastor’s wife was a problem in the church because she was under the influence of the Jezebel Spirit.

Jezebel seduces the church. “**Seduce**” is the Greek word “**planao**”, which means to deceive, a moral wandering; it depicts a person or nation that has veered from a solid path; as a result of veering morally, that person or nation is adrift; to morally lose one’s bearings. It is the same word describing an animal that lost its way back home. It has drifted so far off that it cannot find its way home again. Jezebel uses her husband’s pulpit to lead the people in the wrong direction. In Thyatira, there was a specific pagan trade agreement. If you were not a member, you could not work and earn money. The trade agreement operated under a buddy system. All jobs had to pass through this trade agreement. Believers lost their jobs because they did not want to participate in the pagan agreements any longer. Each trade agreement, *inter alia*, required the person to bow before pagan gods. Believers refused to do so.

**The trade meetings involved adultery, drunkenness, orgies, and idolatry.** (Today, many trading deeds are sealed with sexual and adultery activities, especially in the East). It was a place where believers did not belong. The pastor's wife tried to convince them to not give up their jobs but to blend in with the pagans. If they kept their jobs, the church could still benefit from their income.

Yashuah was against this practice. Don't lower your standards! Restrain your wife, Jezebel! The Old Testament describes how Jezebel was thrown down to her death under the anointing of Jehu. The dogs ate her carcass as the prophet Elijah had prophesied. Only her head, hands and feet remained. She was so unclean that the dogs left those body parts untouched. **Jezebel committed all seven sins god hates.**

*There are six evils God truly hates  
and a seventh that is an abomination to him:*

*<sup>17</sup> Putting others down while considering yourself superior,  
spreading lies and rumors,  
spilling the blood of the innocent,  
<sup>18</sup> plotting evil in your heart toward another,  
gloating over doing what's plainly wrong,  
<sup>19</sup> spouting lies in false testimony,  
and stirring up strife between friends.  
These are entirely despicable to God!*

Proverbs 6:16-19 TPT

**What about her husband, Ahab?** King Ahab was the most powerful king of his time and in his region, but he did not have the guts to control his wife. He did

not know how to handle her and left her unrestrained, ***“apheimi”***. The Lord warns the pastor to stand up and take the position that belongs to him. Let this be a warning to all spiritual leaders, to all God’s kings and prophets, and to all husbands who neglect their position as the head of the house. Notice that Yashuah loves this woman and invites her to repent. He urges her to change, to turn around and renew her mind. But sadly, a mature Jezebel cannot repent. She is like a dog that went so far astray that it cannot find its way home. *(A complete teaching about the Jezebel Spirit is well documented in the book, “Counterfeit for God’s Forerunners”. It can be downloaded for free from our website.)*

## **Repentance**

The word “repent” is often misinterpreted and misunderstood. It is the Greek word ***“metanoia”***, and it means a change of mind that results in a complete, radical change of behaviour; a decision to completely change or turn away from the way one is thinking, believing, or living; a total transformation affecting every part of a person's life, both inside and outside, resulting in a behavioural change. It is to behave differently and think differently.

*“Repent; **or else** I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth”* (Revelation 2:16 TPT). Yashuah believed they would repent, but **IF NOT**, *He would have to deal with them in another way*. Yashuah said to them, “If you **refuse**, I will come to you directly. I will deal with you personally.” Adonai is patient, but we must not misinterpret his delay as tolerance. **Christ will hack His way back into the church and take it back for Himself!**



Anyone leading the church astray places himself in jeopardy. He that has an ear, let him hear! May the Lord have mercy on those who do not have open spiritual ears! Those who are diluted, deceived and contaminated by the world cannot hear the truth!

**To ALL the churches: If you have an ear, listen to the Spirit!**

**To Him that overcomes, He will give hidden manna!**

### **Space to Repent**

What a merciful God we serve! Adonai hates the deeds of the Nicolaitans and their false doctrines, but He loves the person! Even to Jezebel, He gives an opportunity to repent, but she refuses.

*She is teaching that it is permissible to indulge in sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. <sup>21</sup> I have waited for her to repent from her vile immorality, but she willingly refuses to do so.* Revelation 2:20b-21 TPT

The MKJV uses the phrase “**time to repent**”, and the KJV uses “**space to repent**”. Both “space” and “time” in Greek are “**chronos**”.

*And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.*  
Revelation 2:21 KJV

### **G2540 (Strong's)**

#### ***khron'-os***

Of uncertain derivation; **a space of time** (in genitive case, and thus properly distinguished from G2540, which designates a fixed or special occasion; and from G165, which denotes a **particular period**) or interval; **by extension an individual opportunity**; by implication delay: - + years old, **season**, space, (X often-) time (- s), (a) while.

In everybody's life, there is a specific time for Adonai to deal with them. We all experience a stage when it is almost impossible to cope with the severity of the storm, just like the disciples in the storm on the Sea of Galilee as they crossed over to the other side.

*That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side". Mark 4:35 NIV*

The Messiah directed His disciples to the other side, knowing very well that He was sending them into the storm. While crossing over to the other side, they feared being shipwrecked, but Jesus revealed Himself as a true Saviour. This event brought them to a new level of relationship with their Messiah. Likewise, we often fear being shipwrecked during a storm while moving to the other side. This storm is His way to extend an opportunity for us to repent. He donates a particular period or season for repentance.

Those whom the Lord loves, He disciplines (Hebrews 12:6), and through His word, He reproofs, corrects and trains us in righteousness.

*Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. 2 Timothy 4:2 NASB*

*All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness. 2 Timothy 3:16 NASB*

*For whom the Lord loves He reprove, Even as a father corrects the son in whom he delights. Proverbs 3:12 NASB*

Don't forfeit your "**chronos**" moment when the Lord comes to lovingly make some adjustments in your life. The adjustments will be painful and inconvenient, but it will be worth it. Our lives on earth are not glamorous, but when we stand

in front of the Bema Seat, the platform of reward, our reward in heaven will be glamorous!

## Hidden Manna

Ephesus, meaning “permitted”, was a place where the people had the freedom to follow Adonai, but the devil persuaded them to meander **away from the love and character of Adonai**. Pergamum was where Adonai **corrected things in the enemy’s camp**. The enemy can infiltrate Adonai’s church, but Adonai can also infiltrate the enemy’s camp. Jesus will show up with the two-edged sword of His Word and fight those who attempt to subvert His congregation. The enemy attempts to contaminate the Christians, as in Pergamum, with idolatry, fornication, and human control, all of which are being formalised as doctrines.

**PERGAMUM-OVERCOMERS ARE PROMISED THE HIDDEN MANNA.**

Hidden manna could only be found in the Ark of the Covenant inside the Holy of Holies. This is an incorruptible word (*provision*) that is linked to the very life of Christ. It is hidden under the seat of reconciliation, upon which the Blood of our redemption is applied. In Revelation 19:12, we read about the Rider on a white horse, with eyes like a flame of fire and on His head many crowns. One glance from those eyes may pierce to the very core those who are false. Jesus’ head is His Father, and He gives the Father all the crowns of salvation, glory, honour, and power. He has a name written that no one knows, except Himself. What is the name that no one knows but He?

*To him that overcomes I will give to eat of the hidden manna and will give him a small white stone and in the stone a new name written, which no one knows except the one that receives it. Revelation 2:17b*

**THE HIDDEN MANNA IS THE INCORRUPTIBLE WORD OF ADONAI, WHICH IS HIDDEN IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST, SYMBOLISED BY THE ARK OF THE COVENANT IN THE HOLY OF HOLIES. THE WHITE STONE MEANS A COMPLETE CHANGE OF NATURE (A NEW NAME).**

The Word of Adonai has all the power and all the authority.

## Christ's Sword and Divine Judgment

As discussed in “Laying Down the Foundation, Part Two”, if we do not meet our Saviour in repentance, we will one day meet Him in judgment. He came as the Lamb to heal the broken-hearted, but He will return as the Lion of Judah to execute judgment. With his two-edged sword, He can divide even the joints from the marrow. He is the only One who can discern the thoughts and the intents of the heart. He is the only One who has the facts.

*For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12 KJV*

In Revelation, John fell down like a dead man when he saw the resurrected Messiah with a sharp two-edged sword in His mouth.

*And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. Revelation 1:16 KJV*

Jesus is walking in the midst of the churches and is well aware and well informed of what is going on. He knows our deeds, and He knows the doctrines we adhere to. On judgment day, we will not be able to fool Him. Even when we, as believers, stand in front of the Bema Seat, the platform of reward, we will receive

our true reward, whether we did good or bad. May the Lord have mercy on us, for our works will be tested by the fire.

*And if anyone builds on this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble, <sup>13</sup> each one's work shall be revealed. For the Day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try each one's work as to what kind it is. <sup>14</sup> If anyone's work which he built remains, he shall receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If anyone's work shall be burned up, he shall suffer loss. But he shall be saved, yet so as by fire. <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? 1 Corinthians 3:12-16 MKJV*

*And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges. Revelation 2:12 KJV*

### **The handwriting is on the wall! The message is one of judgment!**

In Pergamum, a deadly spiritual infection spread inside the church. Jesus knew it had to be removed or it could spread to the entire Body of Christ. Certain spiritual leaders promoted a life of compromised morality - inclusiveness rather than absolute truth. In this congregation, Yashuah refers to the Doctrine of Balaam and the Doctrine of the Nicolaitans. He expresses His hatred toward these practices and false doctrines. He warns against negotiating with the world. If we do not repent, He will come swiftly with His sharp sword and remove us from the congregation. He will stop us in our tracks and take back His church for Himself.

In the congregation of Ephesus, Jesus hates the **deeds** of the Nicolaitans (Revelation 2:6), but in Pergamum, He hates the **doctrine** of the Nicolaitans

(Revelation 2:15). Notice how it slowly progressed from a deed to a doctrine. These false doctrines are currently being taught in the church by false teachers.

Deeds, doctrines and teachings are always linked. By whose deeds, doctrines and teachings are you currently being influenced?

*He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.*

Revelation 2:17 KJV



# A HIGHER LAW

The purpose of the Law was to make us bow our knees and say: "God, HAVE MERCY ON ME! I can't do this on my own! I cannot break free from this sin!" The law wasn't given to help us overcome sin. *It was given to show that sin has already overcome you.* The Law strengthened sin and gave it power to effectively remove the deception that we could ever get rid of sin on our own. **Religion, however, turns it around and says, "The law was given to help you overcome sin." That's just not true.**

*And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. 1 John 3:3 KJV*

If you are truly born again, you will have the desire to live for God. There will be varying degrees of this purity manifesting in your actions and thoughts, BUT every born-again person seeks to purify himself. Man cannot defeat sin. It is as impossible as overcoming the law of gravity. So, shall we give up then? **God forbid! Our Father in Heaven put into effect a different plan - "another Law."**

*We aren't saved from sin's grasp by knowing the commandments of God because **we can't and don't keep them**, but **God put into effect a different plan to save us.** He sent his own Son in a human body like ours—except that ours are sinful—and destroyed sin's control over us by giving himself as a sacrifice for our sins. Romans 8:3 TLB*

I like the way Paul is explaining this in the TLB version. He is using the illustration of slaves and masters because it is easy to understand.

*I speak this way, using the illustration of slaves and masters, because it is easy to understand: just as you used to be slaves to all kinds of sin, so now you must let yourselves be slaves to all that is right and holy. <sup>20</sup> In*

*those days when you were slaves of sin you didn't bother much with goodness.* <sup>21</sup> *And what was the result? Evidently not good, since you are ashamed now even to think about those things you used to do, for all of them end in eternal doom.* <sup>22</sup> *But now you are free from the power of sin and are slaves of God, and his benefits to you include holiness and everlasting life.* <sup>23</sup> *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.* Romans 6:19-23 TLB.

Paul is saying we were once slaves to sin, and the result was death. BUT NOW, we are free from that power of sin and are slaves of God. We have received the gift of God – ETERNAL LIFE! In essence, Paul is saying that we can only overcome the law of sin and win the battle when we replace the “**law of sin**” with a higher law – the “**law of God**”.

Dr Myles Munroe explains this principle by using the example of a Boeing 747. This 225-ton aeroplane cannot easily be moved while on the ground, yet it can fly. How is this possible? How can it fly like a bird? It leaves the ground because the “Law of Gravity” is cancelled by another law - “the Law of Lift”. The Law of Gravity is not destroyed, but is used to hold the aeroplane on the ground until it reaches a speed of 260 km/h. Then it creates a new law, the Law of Lift, and the wings cancel the Law of Gravity. Amazing!

Even more amazing is that the aeroplane would destroy itself if it stayed on the ground at that high speed. It cannot stay on the ground, however, because it automatically creates another law – “**the Law of Aerodynamics**”.

**So, what is going to bring you out of your mess? LAWS!** It is laws that keep you in sin, but God also created many other laws to cancel the law of sin. Gravity



does not disappear but is replaced by another law. Depression does not disappear, but you can cancel it with another, higher law! It is impossible to cancel it, though, if you stay under the law of sin. Gravity makes the law of lift possible.

THE VERY SAME THING THAT IS HOLDING YOU DOWN WILL EVENTUALLY LIFT YOU OUT.  
FOR EXAMPLE, “**THE LAW OF LOVE**” WILL TAKE YOU OUT OF “**THE LAW OF HATE**”. ARE  
YOU CATCHING THIS REVELATION?

Once the aeroplane is in the air, it operates under a completely different law! You can look down at the earth and see that gravity does not influence you anymore, BUT you have to keep up the speed. If you drop the speed, the plane will decline. Whatever got you up there will keep you up there! It is merely a law that lifts 225 tons from the ground! Similarly, there is only one way to beat the “**law of sin**” that is keeping you down.

**YOU HAVE TO PUT A HIGHER LAW INTO OPERATION!**

**This is profound!** You need to meditate on this for a while and let it sink into your innermost being and personality.

## Free vs Freed

Let me challenge your theology today. The **Bible never talks about overcoming sin**. It teaches about being **freed** and delivered from sin (Romans 6:7, 22) through a **power** that Paul calls **another law**.

*For he that is dead is freed from sin. Romans 6:7 KJV*

**“Freed”** is the *simple past tense and past participle of free*. **FREED** used as an adjective is rare. As an adjective, it has two senses:

- Freed from bondage, such as a freed bird.
- Having become freed from entanglement; disengaged, such as a nation freed from tyranny.

As a verb:

1. To make free, as from confinement or oppression: freed the slaves.
2. To relieve of a burden, obligation or restraint: a **people** who were at last **freed from fear**.
3. To remove obstructions or entanglements from; clear: free a path through the jungle.
4. To make available: Cancelling the program freed up money for the new library.

**When slaves are freed by legislation, some are still unaware of the new law and, therefore, still under the bondage of the law of slavery.** Once they become aware of the good news, though, they can become **free by walking out in that freedom.**

*So now we can obey God's laws if we follow after the Holy Spirit and no longer obey the old evil nature within us.* <sup>5</sup> Those who let themselves be controlled by their lower natures live only to please themselves, but those who follow after the Holy Spirit find themselves doing those things that **please God**. <sup>6</sup> Following after the Holy Spirit leads to life and peace, but following after the old nature leads to death <sup>7</sup> because the **old sinful nature within us is against God**. It never did obey God's laws and it never will. <sup>8</sup> *That's why those who are still under the control of*

*their old sinful selves, bent on following their old evil desires, can never please God. <sup>9</sup> But you are not like that. You are controlled by your new nature if you have the Spirit of God living in you. Romans 8:4-9 TLB*

Likewise, Jesus Christ has already **freed** us from sin when He made that full payment on the cross and cried out:

***“It is Finished! Tetelestai!”***

The new legislation freed the slaves, but somebody had to bring them the good news before they could walk out in their freedom. ***Are you aware of this new law of freedom?*** If not, then I am bringing you the good news that **you are no longer enslaved! You are free!**

You are now controlled by your new nature. We all died with Christ when we accepted Him and were baptised (*the old man died and stayed behind in the water*). We were also raised with Christ when we came out of the water and now share His new life. All the evil desires of sinful nature were nailed to the cross and crushed. The “**law of sin**” has now been replaced by the higher “**law of God**”. This new law freed us from all the allure and power of the old law.

*For you have become a part of him, and so you died with him, so to speak, when he died; and now you share his new life and shall rise as he did. <sup>6</sup> Your old evil desires were nailed to the cross with him; that part of you that loves to sin was crushed and fatally wounded, so that your sin-loving body is no longer under sin’s control, no longer needs to be a slave to sin; <sup>7</sup> for when you are deadened to sin you are freed from all its allure and its power over you. <sup>8</sup> And since your old sin-loving nature “died” with Christ, we know that you will share his new life. <sup>9</sup> Christ rose*

*from the dead and will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him. <sup>10</sup> He died once for all to end sin's power, but now he lives forever in unbroken fellowship with God. <sup>11</sup> So look upon your old sin nature as dead and unresponsive to sin, and instead be alive to God, alert to him, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:5-11 TLB*

The **power of the life-giving Spirit** is ours through Christ Jesus and has **freed** us from the vicious circle of sin and death (Romans 8:2 TLB). Now that you are aware of the implications of this new legislation, accept the gift and walk out in freedom.

*Sin need never again be your master, for now you are no longer tied to the law where sin enslaves you, but you are free under God's favor and mercy. Romans 6:14 TLB*

*But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. Romans 6:22 KJV*

Now is your opportunity to walk out in freedom! You are free from the law of sin. A higher law has cancelled it - **the law of the Kingdom of God!** With this new law, we overcome and crush the "law of sin" by replacing it with the power of the Holy Spirit, the higher "law of the spirit". That makes us now sons and daughters of Christ Jesus our Lord.

*For if you keep on following it you are lost and will perish, but if through the **power of the Holy Spirit** you crush it and its evil deeds, you shall live.*

*<sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. Romans 8:13-14 KJV*

***This is the best news a born-again believer could hear in his life!***

***You are freed from the law of sin!***

***Walk out in freedom as a son and daughter of God Almighty!***

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## **The Answer to Living the Impossible Life**

The answer culminates in the following:

1. I am not guilty.
2. Without the Spirit of God vs...
3. ...with the Spirit of God.
4. Coming to the end of yourself.
5. Being in Christ.
6. Your soul must die.
7. Your daily walk.
8. All things add up.

### **1. I am not Guilty**

When I realised that God never imputed the sins of this world onto mankind, it changed my life!

*Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.*

Romans 4:8 KJV

God filled us only with the goodness of Jesus Christ and declared us “**not Guilty**”!

*And having chosen us, he called us to come to him; and when we came, he declared us “**not guilty**,” filled us with Christ’s goodness, gave us right standing with himself, and promised us his glory. Romans 8:30 TLB*

We grew up with the wrong theology that God was mad and punished the people of the Old Testament. Scripture is telling us something different.

*We know that it was Adam’s sin that caused this because although, of course, **people were sinning from the time of Adam until Moses**, God **did not in those days judge them guilty of death for breaking his laws**—because he had not yet given his laws to them nor told them what he wanted them to do. Romans 5:13 TLB*

God did not impute any sin on the human race, but instead sacrificed His Son, Christ Jesus, to take upon Himself all our sins. Only through Him do we get our right standing before the throne and the Father.

*...gave us right standing with himself, and promised us his glory.  
Romans 8:30b TLB*

## **2. Without the Spirit of God**

Paul is talking about the FLESH (soul). The key to understanding Romans 7 is the **personal pronoun “I”**.

- The **pronoun** is used multiple times. **I** want to do good. **I** want to keep the commandments. **I** want to love God.
- **However, the Spirit of God is not mentioned in this chapter.**
- **Paul is a believer and loves God. He is committed with all his heart, but he is operating on his own and is burning out.**

Once we yield to the law of sin, we are walking in the flesh and are carnal-minded. The body without the spirit is dead. Therefore, without the spirit of God, we are living in sin and leaving an open door for disease. Being carnally minded doesn't just tend towards death; it is death. The Amplified Bible defines death as all the miseries arising from sin, both here and hereafter. Are you depressed, beaten down, or defeated? What are you thinking about? Ungodly thinking and a carnal mind will lead to death. The flesh will always oppose the Spirit. Galatians 5:17 says the flesh wars against the Spirit. We have to take the Word of God and focus on the God behind the Word to draw His strength.

We have to speak positively.

- I'm not rejected.
- God's Word says that I'm loved.
- I'm not beaten down.
- I'm above and not beneath.

### 3. With the Spirit of God

In Chapter 8 comes the victory! The spirit is mentioned more than 15 times, hence referring to the spiritual man! Romans 8:1 is a very misquoted verse because, in most translations, the second part of the verse is missing.

*There is therefore now **no condemnation to them** which are in Christ Jesus, who walk **not after the flesh**, but after the **Spirit**.* Romans 8:1 KJV

The second part talks about those who are not **walking after the flesh**! In other words, there ***IS condemnation for those walking after the FLESH!*** There is ***no condemnation for those walking after the Spirit!***

Are you getting this revelation? When we step outside His parameters, we are back under the law. We have to obey God.

*If ye love me, keep my commandments. John 14:15 KJV*

As a man thinks, so he will become. This is where healing manifests. Victory is inside of us. We must see who we are in Christ. Then we can change our thinking and renew our minds!

*For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee. Proverbs 23:7 KJV*

*This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. Galatians 5:16 KJV*

Remarkably, ***it has already been done!***

*For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath (past tense) made me free from the law of sin and death. Romans 8:2 KJV*

Paul is giving us another part of the answer:

*For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. Romans 8:5 KJV*

*For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Romans 8:6 KJV*

Your mind has to cooperate with the Spirit, or else you are going to walk after the flesh. If you agree with God and set your mind on things above and not on things of this earth, there will be life and peace (Romans 8:5).



*If ye then **be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above**, where **Christ sitteth** on the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. <sup>3</sup>For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. Colossians 3:1-3 KJV*

As Christ died, so did we, and because we are dead, we are now FREED from the law of sin. But freeing the slaves by legislation does not mean that all are aware of the new law. Some are still under the bondage of the law of slavery.

For he that is dead is freed from sin. Romans 6:7 KJV

Acknowledge today that the power of the law of the Spirit gives life and has made you free from the law of sin.

*For the **power of the life-giving Spirit**—and this power is mine through Christ Jesus—has freed me from the vicious circle of sin and death.*

Romans 8:2 TLB

You are no longer tied to the law of sin but free to live under a new law of the Spirit. You are a servant of God. He is now your Master.

*Sin need never again be your master, for now you are no longer tied to the law where sin enslaves you, but you are free under God's favor and mercy. Romans 6:14 TLB*

*But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.*

Romans 6:22 KJV

**When the law of slavery has been replaced by the Law of the Spirit, it has “freed” all of us from sin.**

#### 4. Coming to the End of Yourself

Paul discovered that it is just not possible to beat the law of sin. We try to fight it, but the law of sin is winning the war in our minds, and that puts us repeatedly under that law. Even the law which God gave to Moses was not meant to overcome sin, but to bring the Israelites to their knees. "GOD HAVE MERCY ON US! We cannot do this on our own! We can't break this sin." The law showed that sin had already overcome us. The Law strengthened sin and gave it so much power that it would effectively remove the deception that you could ever get rid of sin on your own.

Similarly, Paul cried out: ***"O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"*** (Romans 7:24). The word **"wretched"** here means **miserable**. We are **miserable as believers**. Have you ever felt that you live such a miserable quality of life that you didn't even want to evangelise? But Paul was committed to God and delighted in the law of God. So why was he miserable?

*For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. The good things he wants to do, he doesn't do, and the things he doesn't want to do, he does. Romans 7:15 KJV*

The Bible says two seemingly contradicting things about believers. But there is a balance between these scriptures.

- We are the **old, wretched man** and can't do anything.
- We **can do all things through Christ** (Philippians 4:13).

To be able to do all things, we first have to realise that **without Him we can do nothing**. **"Oh, wretched man that I am!"**

*But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead **dwell in you**, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also **quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you**.* Romans 8:11 KJV

After Paul said, “**Oh wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me?**”, he said, “**I thank God**” (Romans 7:24-25). It takes Christ to live the Christian life. We can tap into the resources of Christ. Prayer is a wonderful experience, but we have made a religion out of it. Prayer is not the answer. All our answers are in Jesus Christ (Colossians 2:10). Prayer is what we use to focus our attention on Jesus, to draw His strength. Some people say the answer is praise and worship. It's not praise and worship either. Praise and worship are ways to direct our attention to Christ, and then we are energised (Psalms 22:3; Psalms 8:2; Matthew 21:16).

## 5. Being in Christ

**“Christ in YOU” is a mystery!**

*Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: <sup>27</sup> To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; **which is Christ in you, the hope of glory**:* Colossians 1:26-27 KJV

Now we know that **Christ is in** us! We are **new creatures** and **perfectly made**.

*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things become new.* 2 Corinthians 5:17 KJV

*That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. 2 Timothy 3:17 KJV*

**We have the mind of Christ.**

*For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him?  
But we have the mind of Christ. 1 Corinthians 2:16 KJV*

**We have “the measure of Faith”, which is the same faith Jesus had on earth.**

*...according to as God hath dealt with every man the measure of faith.  
Romans 12:3 KJV*

**Our newborn spirit is as perfect as Christ, vacuum-packed and *sealed with the Holy Spirit*, never to change again**

*In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise. Ephesians 1:13 KJV*

This is who we are in Christ, and we must walk the new life accordingly. Lay down the “**old man**” who is corrupt due to deceitful lusts, and rather put on the “**new self**”, which is the new creation after the likeness and image of God in His true righteousness and holiness (Ephesians 4:22-24). Some may say the answer is in confessing the Word, but it is focusing on God behind those words that matters (2 Corinthians 3:15-17).

*Whatever you have to do to focus your attention on Christ, do it. Just don't ever forget where your strength is. Your trust and dependence must be in Jesus Christ. Galatians 2:20 KJV*

Paul found another law or principle.

*I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.*

Romans 7:21 KJV

Paul didn't say that when he wanted to do evil, evil was lurking with him. He said that when he wanted to do good, evil was present with him to defeat him. He was a wretched, miserable believer. This is not the abundant life that Jesus promised. He came so that we could have a life of abundance (John 10:10). This does not mean bad things won't happen. Paul experienced many trials, but he could do all things through Christ, who strengthened him.

*I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.* Philippians 4:12-13 KJV

**Circumstances in life have nothing to do with one's victory.** We can do all things through Christ, who infuses strength into us. But, before we get to that point, we first have to know how weak we are. It's common for believers to start off depending on Christ and end up depending on their own ability.

**When you come to Jesus, you throw yourself on the grace of God.** You know you are a sinner and throw yourself upon the cross and the Blood that Jesus shed for you (Romans 5-9). Then you enter the church world and are told that to be a good believer, you have to pray many hours per day, read your Bible for many hours and perform many other prescribed tasks. Doing these things is good, but the motive behind doing them is often misunderstood.

**Many people think that after years of religious instruction and performing all these laws and dos and don'ts, they have arrived.** Then, they do something that disappoints them and are devastated. They blame themselves for not being stronger. True Christianity is not about becoming stronger, though, but about becoming so weak that you will never depend on your own resources and ability anymore (2 Corinthians 12:9).

The only good thing about you and me is Christ. In our flesh dwells no good thing. We have to live the Christian life the same way Jesus Christ lived the Christian life. He came from heaven and humbled and stripped Himself (Philippians 2:7-8). He lived in total dependence on the Father. He did only what He saw the Father do. He spoke only what He heard the Father speak. He could do nothing without the Father (John 5:19, 30; 8:28, 38; 12:49-50; 14:10). Then, Jesus said **WE** have to live the Christian life that same way - in dependency upon **HIM** (John 15:4-5; Galatians 2:20).

You have been saved by grace, and you're going to have to live by grace (Colossians 2:6).

Romans 6:14 says that sin shall not have **dominion over you**, for you are not under the law **but under grace**. Under the law, you had to rely on your own ability to achieve. But under grace, Jesus says that it's His strength, His ability, made perfect in your weakness. You may be good-looking, wealthy, or successful, but God says you have to come to the end of all of that.

*Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup> But what things **were gain to me**, those I counted loss for Christ.* Philippians 3:6-7 KJV

## 6. Your Soul Must Die

The soul must die. Period. We need to wean our souls as David did.

*Instead, I have composed and quieted myself like a weaned child with its mother; I am like a weaned child. Psalms 131:2 KJV*

*But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me. Psalms 131:2 ESV*

The next clue Paul gave us is that the older will serve the younger. He is talking here about a spiritual principle. When you are 20 or 30 years old before you get saved, that means that your soul is older than your spirit. After being saved, the (older) soul will then have to serve the (younger) spirit.

*“The older will serve the younger”.* Romans 9:12 ESV

Paul wanted to address the Corinthians on a spiritual level, but instead, he had to speak to them carnally. They were still babies in Christ, fed on milk. They were not even weaned yet.

*And I, brethren, **could not speak unto you as unto spiritual**, but as unto **carnal**, even as unto **babes in Christ**.<sup>2</sup> I have **fed you with milk**, and not **with meat**: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. 1 Corinthians 3:1-2 KJV*

When weaned, a baby usually throws a tantrum. When you still need milk, Paul is saying, you are unskilful in the word of righteousness and are still a baby.

*Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.<sup>12</sup> For when for the time ye **ought to be teachers**, ye have need that one teach you again which be the **first principles of the oracles** of God; and are become such as **have need of milk**, and not*

*of strong meat. <sup>13</sup> For every one that useth milk is **unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.** <sup>14</sup> But **strong meat** belongeth to them that are of **full age**, even those who by reason of use have **their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.** Hebrews 5:11-14 KJV*

We ought to be teachers ourselves, on strong meat, and our senses exercised to discern both good and evil. This is the **daily** walk of the Christian life – we need to take up **OUR crosses**.

*Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. Matthew 16:24 KJV*

## **7. The Daily Walk**

*And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. Luke 9:23 KJV*

Luke is referring to the daily working out of your soul's salvation. The flesh must die, and the older must serve the younger. Your soul must submit to the spirit.

*I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I **die daily.** 1 Corinthians 15:31 KJV*

Because of our way of thinking, we can only reap what we've sown throughout our lives. When we sow adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envy, murdering, drunkenness, revelling and unforgiveness, we will reap sickness and disease, poverty, lack of joy, peace, and die a premature death.



## 8. All Things Add Up!

*These things add up. Every one of us needs to pray; when all hell breaks loose and the dam bursts we'll be on high ground, untouched.*

Psalms 32:6 MSG

All things in life add up. When you disobey God's Word your entire life, you reap sickness and disease in your old days, as we can all testify!

*A blessing, IF <sup>H834</sup> ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day: Deuteronomy 11:27 KJV*

### Strong's Concordance H834: "ash-er"

In the original Hebrew text, the word "**IF**" refers to "**asher**", which means the "**blessing comes quickly**". The next verse talks about the curse and also uses the word "**IF**", but in this case, the Hebrew word used here is "**im**".

*And a curse, IF <sup>H518</sup> ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known. Deuteronomy 11:28 KJV*

### Strong's Concordance H518: "im"

Here, the word "**im**" means the "**curse will not come quickly**".

*"Behold I set before you this day a blessing and a curse. If you obey the commandments of your God, the blessings shall come and they shall come quickly". That is "asher".*

*"If you will not obey the commandments of your God, the curse does not come quickly but it shall surely come". That is "im".*

We cannot blame God or the devil for the results of our wrong living. God has called us for purity and for establishing His kingdom. We hold the keys to both kingdoms. **WE** decide which kingdom moves in our lives!

***MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION, AND GOD WILL WORK WITH YOU!***

*<sup>4</sup> Always be full of joy in the Lord; I say it again, rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let everyone see that you are unselfish and considerate in all you do. Remember that the Lord is coming soon. <sup>6</sup> Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs, and don't forget to thank him for his answers. <sup>7</sup> If you do this, you will experience **God's peace**, which is far **more wonderful** than the **human mind can understand**. His **peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus**. <sup>8</sup> And now, brothers, as I close this letter, let me say this one more thing: **Fix your thoughts on what is true and good and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely, and dwell on the fine, good things in others**. Think about all you can praise God for and be glad about. <sup>9</sup> **Keep putting into practice all you learned** from me and saw me doing, and the God of peace will be with you. <sup>10</sup> How grateful I am and how I praise the Lord that you are helping me again. I know you have always been anxious to send what you could, but for a while you didn't have the chance. <sup>11</sup> Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to get along happily whether I have much or little. <sup>12</sup> I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. **I have learned the secret of contentment in every situation, whether it be a full stomach or hunger, plenty or want**; <sup>13</sup> for I can do everything God asks me to with the help of Christ who gives me the strength and power. <sup>14</sup> But even so, you have done right in helping me in my present difficulty. <sup>18</sup> At the moment I*

*have all I need—more than I need! I am generously supplied with the gifts you sent me when Epaphroditus came. They are a sweet-smelling sacrifice that pleases God well. <sup>19</sup> And it is he who will supply all your needs from his riches in glory because of what Christ Jesus has done for us. <sup>20</sup> Now unto God our Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

*Sincerely, Paul*

Philippians 4:4-18 TLB



Rev 22:2  
**HEALING FOR THE**  
*Nations*

*"Ask me for the Nations as your inheritance," says the Lord in Psalms 2:8. This text is often overlooked. Over the past decade, the Lord has equipped, trained and ignited this Ministry to bring healing to the Nations. This is an assignment only the Holy Spirit can accomplish, in partnership with those who are obedient to His call.*

The assignment is clear. "Go and lay down a solid foundation on which I, your God, will build my Ecclesia (Government) to manage and steward my Estate and shepherd my sheep. Prepare the way for the Messiah for an everlasting and unshakable Kingdom to come on Earth. For My judgment is near when a final separation will come between the light and darkness, good and evil, clean and unclean. So, call unto me while I am still near (Isaiah 55:6), for there will come a time when you call on me, but I will not answer. You will seek me diligently, but you will not find me (Proverbs 1:28). There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matthew 13:42), but it will be too late."

Behold, says the Lord, for I will bring it health and cure, I will cure them, and I will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth. I will cause the captivity of my people to return, and I will cleanse them from their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me. And it shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an honour before all the nations of the Earth, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them; and they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the prosperity that I procure unto it (Jeremiah 33:6-9).

*The river was flowing in the middle of the street of the city, and on either side of the river was the Tree of Life, with its twelve kinds of ripe fruit according to each month of the year. The leaves of the Tree of Life are for the healing of the nations. Revelation 22:2 TPT*

**"This treasure in your hands will become Life and Life will become the Light in this world, once you are done with this manual," says the Lord!**