

Spirit of God, Spirit of Man Seven Spirits of God I

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Today we're going to study about the *Spirit of God* and *the spirit of man*, and we will also cover *the seven spirits of God*:

- What are they?
- How do they work?

The Bible has an awful lot to say about the Spirit, so this is not going to be going right down the line with what the Holy Spirit is and so forth. Let's start out with the basic principle of why we need the Spirit of God, and this also tells us what God is and how we approach Him, and so forth.

John 4:23 tells us an awful lot. A lot of people, just to give you an example, think this way: 'If I feel good about it and it works for me, therefore, God has to accept it.' or 'that God does accept it.' *Well, that's not true!*

John 4:23: "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the **true** worshippers..." I want to emphasize the *true* because:

- there are false worshippers
- there are false brethren
- there are false apostles
- there are false religionists

They are the majority in the world and that's just the way that it is, because God said that there would be few. Jesus also said that when He returns, would He find faith in the earth?

"...the true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth..." (v 23). No one is going to fool God, no one is going to come with the wrong attitude, no one is going to come contrary to the Word of God and worship God. All of those things are vain, but what this tells us is:

"...for the Father is indeed **seeking those** who worship Him in this manner" (v 23). Keep in mind *seeking those*—the Father is seeking. How does He seek? We'll answer that question later.

Verse 24: "God *is* spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in Spirit and in Truth." He says it twice! The world believes that since God is spirit—Jer. 23 says that 'God fills'—does He not fill heaven and earth? They think that God is just a big energy source out there, that He's not a person Who has form and shape, and that's what they call the 'transcendent' God.

The Bible shows that *God is a person*, and *He is in one place*, and that's on His throne in heaven above. He controls and upholds the vastness

of the universe and He uses Christ as the Administrator to do that (Heb. 1) by the very 'word of His power,' and He does it by His spiritual power and force. There is a far greater connection with spirit, not being the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is separate because that is a begetting from God the Father that He puts in us, but it is spiritual power that God uses. We also know that Jesus told Phillip, when Phillip said, 'show us the Father.' What was Jesus' answer? '*If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father*'—verifying that God is a person and that God has form and being, and we'll see this again here a little later.

Let's understand something about life, about creation, about God, all contained in these first four verses of the Gospel of John. That's why we need to understand that the very first thing that people need to do in coming to understand God is to really get serious about it and prove the things from the Bible. Oh, a lot of people like to have God as a hip-pocket helper like a rabbit's foot, or to command God to come and rescue them when they are in trouble and things like this. But that's not what the Bible reveals. God and His creation is intimately involved in it and upholds and supports it by the power of His Spirit. That's how God does everything and as we will see we are far more connected in that process than we have ever understood. All of creation, all of humanity is far more involved in that process of God, because He's the One Who set it in order and made it possible.

1-John 1:1: "In *the* beginning was the Word... [*before the beginning was*] ...was the Word..." This shows the preexistence of Christ. The Word is Christ personified. **He is** the Word of God; **He spoke** the Word of God, New Testament and Old Testament.

"...and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (v 1). As a matter of fact, for all of those who wonder if Jesus was God before He came in the flesh, if you can't understand it from v 1 I can't help you.

I have studied in great detail every one, nearly every one, of the refutations that Jesus was God before He became flesh come from Jewish scholars who want to reduce Jesus to a man, a Prophet or a wisdom Teacher. Since the Word is Christ you could also say, 'In the beginning was Christ and Christ was with God and Christ was God.' Note:

- 1-Tim. 3:16, that He was God 'manifested

in the flesh’

- Philip. 2:5-9, that He ‘divested Himself and was made in the form of man

Verse 2: “He was in the beginning with God. **All things came into being through Him**... [so much for evolution] ...and not even one thing was created that came into being without Him” (vs 2-3).

So, when scientists use everything that God has already created—if they do cloning, if they do in-vitro fertilization and so forth—that is **only because of what God has first done**—which tells you that **men cannot do anything without Jesus Christ whether he believes in Him or not!** It’s impossible, because God gave life to all human beings! We’re going to see this in a unique creation that is functioning through a *special spirit* that God has given man. We need to understand that.

Titus 1 is really something! When we read this we’re going to see how much you miss when you don’t read the first couple of verses of the introduction.

Titus 1:1: “Paul, *a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God’s elect and the knowledge of the Truth that is according to Godliness; in the hope of eternal life, which God Who cannot lie promised before the ages of time*” (vs 1-2). Isn’t that amazing?

Revelation 13:8—Christ was “...the Lamb slain from [before] *the foundation of the world [earth]*.” showing that the whole plan of God was all planned out, all set to go. God does not do things by happenstance; that God does not do things by evolution, *God does it by design and deliberation* and He’s got a fantastic plan of which *we are the key and focal point!*

We’re going to see, and we have read this many times, but we need to emphasize things a little differently sometimes so we can understand it because this is important. This ties directly in with John 1

Genesis 1:1: “In *the beginning* God...” The Hebrew there is ‘Elohim’—plural, the ‘I AM’—and we know from John 1:1-2 that Christ and the Father were existing before the beginning as time relates to human beings.

Verse 1: “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. And the earth was without form and void, and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep, and the Spirit of God moved...” (vs 1-2). This is the **power of God**, that’s how He does things. We’re going to see He *commands*, that is after He has planned obviously and they come into existence.

“...and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters” (v 2). Then God created everything *through the power that He* had there to

do it.

This is what we need to understand, and today the insanity is that you cannot even get Intelligent Design—the theory of it—into public schools to be taught alongside the theory of evolution. They say that you cannot have faith intermixed with science. Listen, the biggest false faith in the world is *belief in evolution* because it never happened, and they call that *science*.

- Who is more insane?

The truth is, in the light of God’s Word, it is true insanity! Insanity is that *you do not recognize and function in reality!*

- Is that not true?
- Isn’t that what insanity is? *Yes!*

You may not be demon possessed or Satan-influenced but, if you believe in evolution you believe in an insane, impossible, incalcitrant, absolutely blind faith in insanity. That’s what evolution is. If some evolutionist hears this and doesn’t like it, then it’s up to you to disprove it. And I tell you what, do not go out on the top of a mountain someday and shake your fist at God, because **He will answer you**, because **He knows** what you do. He made us in such a way that *He can always know what we do*. Now that’s amazing!

Isaiah 40:21—after he compared to an idol: “Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood *from* the foundations of the earth? *It is He Who sits above the circle of the earth...*” (vs 21-22). So, they knew it was round, they never believed it was flat.

“...and its people *are* like grasshoppers; *it is He Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain...*” (v 22). God did it:

- through His Word
- through His power
- through His Spirit

“...and spreads them out as a tent to dwell in; Who brings the rulers to nothing; He makes the judges of the earth as vanity.... [here God says of the evolutionists]: ...No sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown, no sooner do they take root in the ground, then He shall blow upon them, and they shall wither, and the whirlwind shall take them away like stubble” (vs 22-24) If you don’t believe that just read what’s going to happen in Rev. 8-19. That’s exactly what God is going to do.

Verse 25: ““To whom then will you compare Me, or who is My equal?” says the Holy One.” Then He says, ‘You want a lesson? *I’m going to teach you a lesson!* You want some intellectual convictions so that you can humble yourself?’ *Yes!*

Verse 26: “Lift up your eyes on high, and behold, who has created these *things*, who brings out their host by number?...” Billions and billions of galaxies and the vastness of the universe that cannot be discovered, that cannot be counted by man. Notice how powerful God is! Notice how God knows all about His creation, everywhere in the universe.

“...He calls them all by names by the greatness of His might, for He is strong in power; not one fails” (v 26). That’s pretty powerful to understand, that’s something that we need to know and realize.

In Gen. 1 when God created, how did He do it? Let’s go back and see. This is why Jesus, Who created all things, was the One Who spoke here in Genesis 1—and ‘*all things came into being by the One Who spoke the Word.*’ And that’s by the Spirit and power of God. The Holy Spirit of God, which He gives to us (as we’ll see later) *is special!* And that’s tremendous for us to understand.

Genesis 1:2 “...the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.” It’s by ***the power and Spirit of God*** that all the physical things are made.

Verse 3: “And God said, ‘Let there be light.’ And there was light.” God does it! He speaks it! And all the way through here He spoke everything! He created everything down through day five. All the fish of the sea, the fowl of the air, the oceans, the firmament, the clouds, the sun, the moon; put them in order. God did it all *for us* so we would have a perfect environment to live in as part of the plan of God for what He has for us as human beings. That’s what’s so fantastic about it.

Verse 24: “And God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind—livestock, creeping things, and beasts of the earth—each after its kind.’ And it was so.” That’s something to keep in mind!

Now let’s see some of these great scientists and if they think they are so good by cloning. What all these great, exalted, vain scientists ought to do: Do not start with an egg or sperm from an animal or human being. You go, as God said, ‘Create your own dirt and make your own life’; then let’s see what you do, because all you are doing is using the building blocks of what God has already made and set in motion.

Let’s look at the uniqueness of man, v 26: “And God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness’...” That contains an awful lot and tells the whole purpose in life. Who does the ‘Us’ refer to? *Jesus Christ and the Father!* They’re both involved. “...make man in Our image...”—we’re made after the image of God, so as you look at yourself and what you are seeing, you are seeing the

image and the true reality—God! God looks like us! We look like God! “...after Our likeness...”

If you have *The Christian Passover* book, you read the chapter The Nature of God/The Nature of Man because I cover it very thoroughly there.

God is always generous. God is always good, and since He made us after His image and after His likeness and gave us intelligence—thought and mind, creative ability—God also gave us something to be a perpetual challenge to us, for all people through all time. That’s fantastic!

“...and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of heaven and over the livestock and over all the earth...” (v 26). He gave it to man as a present, as a gift, and gave him rulership over it. Everything is subordinate to Him.

“...and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth” (v 26). God created man *in His own image* and we’re going to see how He created him because He created him ***differently*** than He did the rest of His creation, because He spoke the rest of His creation into existence but *not* man.

Verse 27: “And God created man in His *own* image, in the image of God He created him. He created them male and female. And God blessed them. And God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it...’” (vs 27-28).

We’ll cover a little bit about reproduction here. That is a tremendous and fantastic process that God has created in all human beings and every animal that reproduces itself, and they all do, and God made it possible. And to confound man so man would never be able to fully comprehend God, He gave so many different ways of reproduction that the scientists are absolutely astounded. When you consider all the animals and insects and fish and everything that has life that reproduces itself.

“...‘Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of heaven and over every living thing that moves upon the earth’” (v 28). God got done with that and He saw it was very good!

Now let’s see the special relationship that man and woman have with God that no other creature of His creation has, not even the angels. The angels are made out of spirit, but we’re not going to get into the angelic world today, we want to talk about the power of God, the creation of God, and the Spirit of God.

Genesis 2:7: “Then the LORD God formed... [with His own hands] ...man *of* the dust of the ground... [not only is he made in the image of God, but God *personally* formed him] ...and

breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.”

We also know that God created in the mind, a language, because Adam talked to God; Adam named all the animals. Then we know that God took a rib of Adam and formed and created his wife Eve from whom all human beings have come. That is a special relationship, in order to set man aside and make him profoundly different than all the rest of the creation of the earth.

This is why evolution cannot work, and this is why they can take and experiment, which they are doing. I’m not saying they can, but men do—they shouldn’t, but they do—taking human brain cells and injecting them into mice and into chimpanzees and monkeys trying to make them more intelligent. But the truth is it is not the gray matter of the physical brain that gives intelligence. The advertising industries already followed along with that, they have an ad where there is a chimpanzee sitting down on a park bench talking to a man. They have another ad where mice become the scientists experimenting on men who are in little mazes trying to find Pepsi Cola.

We’re not going to get into the choices that God gave man, which He did—symbolized through the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil and the Tree of Life—but God gave choice! God knew what man would do, therefore, that’s why Christ was slain *before the foundation of the world* because man needed to be saved. God gave such grave potential to human beings that He gave none of the other animals, and they weren’t made in His likeness and after His image. So, **God did something special for man!**

God put in man what is called in the Bible **‘the spirit of man.’** This is a spiritual component and function of man that God put in there. It is the *spirit of man* that gives him:

- thinking power
- intelligence
- capacity
- the ability to have a relationship with God
- the ability of God to have a relationship with man

This is tremendous!

Zechariah 12:1: “The burden of the Word of the LORD for Israel. Thus says the LORD, who stretches forth the heavens, and lays the foundation of the earth, **and forms the spirit of man within him.**” Every human being that is conceived and born **God forms**, just like with the rest of creation, *that spirit within* him. So, in what we call the *physical inheritance*—contribution of the father and the mother, the egg and the sperm—there is a spiritual component involved. It has to be! **God forms it!**

If you have seen the documentary on *National Geographic* called In the Womb (be sure and see that)—that is just absolutely stunning! It shows the development and creation of a baby from conception through modern technology that they call 3-D and 4-D that it looks just like a movie and you can hear all the sounds as well as the sights. What is fantastic about it is that **at the instant of conception** 80% of what you are and will be is preprogrammed in the genes and chromosomes and the *‘spirit of man’* that comes from your father and mother. Environment only accounts for about 20%.

It’s kind of like a spiritual chip. Very interesting! What is Satan’s counterfeit? *The implantation of a chip to control you, take away your free moral agency!* That’s why God says do not receive the *mark of the beast*.

Job 32:1—even though he believed in God, the attitude of Job was as hard and as incalculant and as self-righteous as the evolutionists; couldn’t convince him of anything, although Job was not an evolutionist. I’m just saying that that’s *the attitude* revealed here.

Job 32:1: “And these three men ceased to answer Job, because he *was* righteous in his own eyes. Then was kindled the anger of Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the family of Ram. His wrath burned against Job, because he had justified himself rather than God” (vs 1-2). Isn’t that what the evolutionists always do? *Yes!*

Verse 3: “Also his wrath was kindled against his three friends, because they had found no answer and *yet* had condemned Job. Now Elihu had waited to speak to Job, because they *were* older than he in days. When Elihu saw that there *was* no answer in the mouth of these three men, then his wrath was kindled. And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said, ‘I *am* young, and you *are* very old; therefore, I was afraid, and dared not show you my opinion. I said, “The aged should speak, and the multitude of years should teach wisdom.” But **there is a spirit in man...**” (vs 3-8).

That’s what is formed in man, and this is the spiritual component of man that we’re going to see is very profound and very important, and relates to the Spirit of God and is also what *the seven spirits of God* seek out.

“...and the inspiration of the Almighty gives them understanding” (v 8).

So it is the *‘spirit of man’* that gives us the understanding! *That’s how we think!* Not just the gray cells of our brain. They’ve done studies and they have found there’s not much difference in the gray matter of the brains of different animals and elephants and chimpanzees than the gray matter in the brains of men. What is the difference? *It is the*

spirit of man!

Job 33:4: “**The Spirit of God has made me...**” Let that sink in deep! The whole process, appropriation and reproduction of children, though the product is physical, *is powered by the power of the Spirit of God*. When you look at that fantastic presentation *In the Womb* and it shows that the cells start dividing and it shows, *at a set time*, the beginning of the heart starts beating. *At the set time* the brain begins forming and all of the nerves are communicating. *The set time!* That which you are watching is the action of the Spirit of God within the womb to create a human being! God is directly involved in it as it says in John 1 that ‘without Him was not anything that came into being came into being.’ That’s amazing!

“...and the breath of the Almighty has given me life” (v 4). When the baby is born and takes its first breath there are so many miraculous things that must take place, and it’s the breath of the Almighty Who created the air so it can breathe? **God did!**

It’s kind of a miniature reenactment of God breathing into Adam’s nostrils the breath of life. When the baby is born it must breathe the first time, which it has never done before. The heart must all of a sudden have an instantaneous change in the flow of blood, and that’s why the hole is there in the heart, which gradually closes in almost 99.99% of the cases. Once in a while the hole doesn’t close and they are able now to go in and surgically close the hole, but that hole closes. The veins that fed the baby coming from the placenta through the umbilical cord into the navel then drain of their blood. Then it goes into the rest of the system, all of this automatic **because God created it!** Then those veins shrink down to virtually nothing and remain in you.

That’s why when you press in on your belly button you get sort of a ticklish or painful sensation because those nerves are still there and those blood vessels—though they have been miniaturized into nothing—are still there and that tells you, **you were born of your mother**. You’re not your own, *God created you*, and *God prepared you* in the body of your mother. God created women to have children as a direct instrumentality of God’s creation!

There are many other things. I’m going to bring a series of sermons later going through ‘spirit’ in the Bible. Spirit has more to do than just the Holy Spirit. The Spirit, as the power of God, is used in many, many different ways.

Let’s see how David understood, and this is a fantastic Psalm, and this applies to every human being who has been born through the process of procreation and God designed this fact: the father is the one who impregnates; he is the one who causes the begetting. The seed from the father, as soon as it

penetrates the egg of the mother, the egg seals so no other sperm can enter. That’s a special miracle of God. BAM! There you are. At that instant you are created, that’s the start of it. That’s something! Now also, the father always determines the sex of the child, because he has been given the chromosomes for female and male; the mother only has the chromosomes for female. This is a fantastic and just almost so scientifically accurate and correct description of human life that it is phenomenal.

Psalm 139:1: “O LORD, You have searched me and have known *me*.” How does God search? *He can search and know!* He does **it because you have a spiritual component, which is the ‘spirit of man’** that unites with your brain and gives you intelligence. We’re going to see how powerful this is a little later, because He also says that **you’re going to be judged for every idle word you have spoken during your entire life**. God has a way of doing that.

Verse 2: “You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thoughts afar off.” *Yes, He created us!* Should He not be able to do that? If He isn’t, He’s not much of a Creator! Don’t you think that every man who has built his own car or motorcycle or house or whatever, from designing the plans, getting the material, building it and putting it together, don’t you think he knows every part about that and how it works? *Of course!* God is greater than any man! He knows everything about us!

Verse 3: “You measure my going about and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.” Who put in you all the abilities to do anything anyway? **God did!**

Verse 4: “For there is not a word on my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, You know it altogether.... [He gave the ability and power of God in speech] ...You have enclosed me behind and in front, and laid Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it” (vs 4-6).

Now we can understand a little bit more in understanding the ‘spirit of man’ and understanding how procreation and the development of life in the womb takes place—but, not much more. You stop and think about it!

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Verse 9: “If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the farthest parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me. If I say, ‘Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me shall be night’; even the darkness does not hide from You, but the night shines as the day; as is the darkness, so is the light to You, for **You have possessed my reins...**” (vs 9-13). Very profound statement!

What are ‘the reins’? *It’s part of the human spirit that God has created to know you at any time He desires to.*

“...You have knit me together in my mother’s womb.... [***A woman’s body is not hers when she is pregnant, because she is the custodian and keeper of another human being!*** Protector, nurturer, everything.] ...I will praise You, for **I am awesomely and wonderfully** made...” (vs 13-14).

In the study of the human body, it’s almost endless the things that they’ve studied on the human body, the human cell, the human flesh, the human bones, eyes, hands, feet. Every part of the human body is miraculously and specially made! The hand is a miraculous thing. The use of the mind and the ability to think, the ability to speak, to have emotions, to have feelings, and to do the different things like sing, stay in balance, do athletics—all of those things!

“...**I am awesomely and wonderfully made; Your works are marvelous** and my soul knows it very well” (v 14).

Verse 15 becomes modern scientific terminology, because this is what they call a human being right after conception: “**My substance...**” They call it *substance!* Aren’t we well advanced in this modern age? (with sarcasm)] ...was not hidden from You when I was made in secret...” Though they can observe the growth and development, they do not know how it is done. The Bible alone tells us how it’s done. ***‘The Spirit of God formed me,’*** said Elihu. That’s how it’s done!

Now, every new creation within the womb of the mother, of another human being, *is a special spiritual creation by God.* He set the whole process in motion. He gave all the laws so that it happens the way that it does.

He says here: “...when I was made in secret and intricately formed in the lowest parts of the earth.... [that’s a metaphor for *in the womb*] ...**Your eyes did see my substance, yet, being unformed...**” (vs 15-16).

When you watch that video, or see it on National Geographic—In the Womb—you will see that, yes, there is a time when you are imperfect, but you are still you. They always make the statement: ‘Well, there’s not much difference between the way that different forms of life look at the stage of conception.’ It always comes out as a human being and nothing else, so all of the comparisons are just foolishness and falsely called ‘science.’ “Your eyes did see my substance, yet, being unformed...” In other words, God is interested and directly involved in new human life! Keep in mind about the horrors of abortion with this.

“...and in Your book...” (v 16). Today that’s called ‘genes’ and ‘chromosomes’—it is a book. And what are they trying to map, scientifically, of human beings? *They trying to make the ‘genome’ book*—mapping all the genes and chromosomes of human beings. They will never be able to get a perfect genome. They estimate that the genome, in tracking and writing the ‘genome’ book they have of genes and chromosomes, may perhaps be 3%. It’s probably a whole lot less than that because of the fantastic variations that God has created within the human inheritance.

“...and in Your book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet, there were none of them” (v 16). If you watch that documentary In the Womb you will see that’s exactly how it happens. They know exactly when it happens.

Now, let’s think on this: How much do parents really do for their children? God creates them; God causes them to be born. Mother’s have to feed them, and breast milk is the best. *That’s what God made;* there can’t be anything better. By the way, if you want to create a lot of medical problems for your children later on in life, feed them all of this synthetic baby formula that they have on the market and you’re going to destroy a creation of God; just look at it that way. Out of pure selfishness, women do not want to have their figures—for the sake of selfishness, so they can ‘look good’—they are willing to destroy their children.

The baby is set to grow and develop, according to what God has pre-programmed in the body in the way of glands and hormones and so forth—children grow If you feed them correctly, if you take care of them, they will be healthy. If you teach and train them they will be able to use their minds and make right decisions and choices and reach the full potential of the intellect that God has given them—and they have the ‘spirit of man’ in them. But, ***every human being is a special creation of God,*** and God has put in every human body all of those abilities that—if parents will do what they should—they will grow to become full, mature adults and be able to be functioning and useful in life.

Verse 17: “How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they are more than the sand; when I awake, I am still with You” (vs 17-18). In other words, the marvelous thing of God creation of human beings and forming them by His Spirit within the womb of the mother is a tremendous and a fantastic creation. I want to emphasize this because ***the ‘spirit of man’ is that which God can use to call people,*** deal with people. And that’s why ***human beings are unique!***

Let's look at a couple of others things here that are important for us to understand. Because every human being has the 'spirit of man'—both male and female—God is able, through that, to keep track of:

- who you are
- what you are
- how you think
- what you think
- everything like this

He will use that '*spirit of man*' in you to begin to call you and deal with you. Quite a marvelous thing!

Matthew 10:28: "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body, but do not have power to destroy the life..." The *King James* says 'soul' because that comes from the Greek 'psuche'—which is mostly translated *life* throughout even the *King James Version*.

Most who believe in the immortality of the soul will not tell you that. So, it should be properly translated *life*, because ***the life contained in the 'spirit of man' goes back to God***, that's why! And it is spirit and everything that you are is recorded; every experience that you have gone through is recorded in that '*spirit of man*' and it has got to have all of the DNA and RNA and genetic code of you as a special creation of God, it has got to be encoded on that '*spirit in man*.' That's how God is going to be able to perform the resurrection.

Can't "...destroy the life; rather, fear Him Who has the power to destroy both life and body in Gehenna" (v 28). This shows us that God can take spirit and transform it into another complete use from what it was before. God also shows, as we see in the book of Rev., that He builds things that we would call 'physical things,' from spirit. New Jerusalem is wholly and completely composed of spirit, though it is manifest in a way that spirit beings can see it as a physical object. So there's another whole realm of the power of God and His creative abilities with spirit, that we only have a little inkling into when we read Rev. 21 & 22.

Verse 29: "Are not two sparrows sold for a coin? And *yet* not one of them shall fall to the ground without your Father *taking account of it*." That doesn't mean that when a sparrow falls that the Father is immediately aware of it. It means that the life that He put in the sparrow also, when it dies or falls, ***God knows***, because wherever He has put life, that comes from Him—so *He knows!*

Verse 30: "But even the hairs of your head are all numbered."—*every human being!* Why? ***Because God put in your genes and chromosomes so your body would develop its own hair—its color and its texture!*** So ***God knows!*** Isn't that something? ***He does know that*** because of the '*spirit of man*' that is

in him. At any time God wants to know He can—at any time that God wants to—test your attitude; He'll check your 'reins.'

Let's look at something else here I already alluded to. We can understand how God does it because everything that you are, everything that you live through, every experience that you have gone through in your whole life ***is recorded in the 'spirit of man.'*** Brain surgeons know that if they poke certain parts of the brain, it will call up memories that have been stored there and will be expressed through the 'spirit of man' and the person will re-live that experience. That's something! If your memory's going bad, don't worry about it. Whatever you are has been stored there.

Matthew 12:36: "But I say to you, for every idle word that men may speak, they shall be held accountable in *the* day of judgment. For by your words you shall be justified, and by your words you shall be condemned" (vs 36-37). How will you be justified by your words? Let's see how that is.

Here's how to get every idle word removed from the 'spirit of man.' Note: Matt. 6, the model prayer. What are we to pray every day, which are part of our words. '*Forgive us our sins.*' When you're forgiven your sins, you are justified. So, *by your words you shall be justified*; by crying out to God in repentance and asking for forgiveness, you are justified. If you never pray to God and you live an evil, wicked life, you're going to be judged for *every idle word and condemnation to you because you didn't believe God!* That's a pretty fair deal. Notice how it's done here:

Proverbs 16:6: "By mercy and Truth iniquity is purged, and by the fear of the LORD *men* turn away from evil."

Let's see what else God does when we repent. By your words, by your prayers, by yielding to God and asking forgiveness you are justified by God ***through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ!*** Maybe this will help you be more earnest in asking forgiveness, and help you be in more earnest to forgive others.

Psalms 103:1: "Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His Holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits" (vs 1-2). One of the greatest benefits God has given is *to keep you alive!* *By breathing* from the first day you were born till the very last breath in however long you live. Isn't that amazing? *Yes!* That's a fantastic benefit! A miracle happens every time you breathe, and all the processes with the body. It's so common we don't even think about it until we start choking or we start smelling something bad, or we get short of breath or whatever.

Verse 3: “Who forgives all your iniquities...”—when you repent, because ***you must repent to God directly!*** And by your words you shall be justified, or by your words you shall be condemned. Isn’t that something? So, the only way to clean up the mind and the ‘spirit of man’ in you, is through the power of God’s Spirit.

“...Who heals all your diseases; Who redeems your life from destruction... [by the power of the resurrection] ...who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies” (vs 3-4)—and so forth. You can read all the rest of Psalm 103—a very powerful, powerful Psalm. “...Who heals all your diseases...”

Now, since every human being has the ‘spirit of man’ in him, and it says that God is ‘seeking those who worship Him in Spirit and in Truth,’ how does God do that?

Now we’re going to study about the *seven spirits of God*, and this will conclusively show that the *seven spirits of God* are of the power of God. Nowhere, ***nowhere*** in the entirety of the Bible does it ever speak of the Holy Spirit as a person. Everything in the *King James Version* and the other versions that do so is a flagrant mistranslation! In some cases deliberate mistranslation, because those who know the Greek know better! If you don’t believe me, just read Appendix K: The Exegesis for the Translation of the phrase the Holy Spirit [John 14, 15, 16]. (*The Holy Bible in Its Original Order*) and you will see that admitted by some of the greatest scholars of the Greek.

We’re going to see that the *seven Spirits of God* are what Christ uses to seek out those who are seeking God, because did not Jesus say, ‘Seek, and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened?’ So, if a person is seeking, how’s he going to know that he’s going to connect with God? And how is God going to know who is seeking Him? Well, it’s all in the ‘*spirit of man*’ and the ‘*seven spirits of God.*’ We’re talking about *before* conversion. After conversion is another thing. This is *before conversion* when someone in his heart and mind says, ‘Oh, I really want to know about God. How do I find God?’ And God will work out circumstances.

- lo and behold, he may come across a Bible
- lo and behold, he may meet someone who knows the Truth
- lo and behold, he’ll be searching out the Scriptures

Remember, connected with this: One of the great tools that Jesus said of His Word is, ‘***The words that I speak to you, they are Spirit and they are Life.***’ God uses the *spirit of man*, the *Word of God* and the *seven spirits*, to find those who are

seeking Him. Quite an amazing thing!

Revelation 1:4: “John to the seven churches that *are* in Asia: Grace and peace *be* to you from Him Who is, and Who was, and Who *is* to come; and from the seven spirits that are before His throne.”

- What do these *seven spirits* do?
- Why are there seven?

This is different than the Holy Spirit of God. We’ve covered many sermons on the Holy Spirit of God.

Christ is the One Who uses and directs the *seven spirits of God*. Jesus said, ‘All authority in heaven and earth has been given to Me.’ Remember, we are far more of a spiritual creation, with the *spirit of man* in us, than even people in the Church like to give credit to God for. That is stunning to read, where Elihu said, ‘The Spirit of God has formed me.’ He forms the *spirit of man* in us. God is actively involved in His creation, by the process—physically and spiritually—that He has set in motion.

Revelation 3:1: “And to the angel of the Church in Sardis, write: ‘These things says He Who has **the seven spirits of God** and the **seven stars**...’” The *seven stars* are the messengers to the seven churches. So, the ***seven spirits are different*** than the *seven stars!* These are not angels. The *seven spirits* are before the throne of God, they are used and directed by Jesus Christ. For what?

Jesus has the *seven spirits*, He uses the *seven spirits*; let’s see what they are. This is something that today, because of modern technology, we have more of a parallel and more understanding of what they are. It would be almost impossible to understand them even a hundred years ago. They may have had a little inkling when they began with radio and electricity. Maybe even a little more inkling when they came into the computer chip. But today, with satellites and surveillance equipment we can understand more of the spiritual parallel of that concerning the *seven spirits*.

Revelation 5:6: “Then I saw, and behold, before the throne and the four living creatures, and before the elders, *was* standing a Lamb as having been slain, having seven horns... [the seven churches] ...and **seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God** that are sent into all the earth”—constantly going into the earth.

They are the eyes of God! This, under the direction of Christ, tells Him what’s going on at any place on the earth that He needs to know at any time He desires. Just like giant surveillance cameras, and the power of these, they go into all the earth seeking those who are seeking Him. That’s how God begins to call someone. If someone doesn’t want to know

about God, they recognize that he doesn't want to know about God and they go on. But it also tells the condition of what things are.

Let's see how it communicates back to God. The eyes go out; they are like news-gathering surveillance cameras of God going into all the earth. Gen. 18 is where the Lord and two angels had dinner with Abraham and after Sarah was informed that she would bear Isaac in the following year, as they were leaving:

Genesis 18:17: "And the LORD said, 'Shall I hide from Abraham the thing which I do, since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I know him...'" (vs 17-19).

- How does He know him? *By the Spirit!*
- Does he have the Spirit of God?
- Does He test the reins? *Yes!*

Because He was with Abraham, He talked with Abraham, He knows him.

"...that he will command his children and his house after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment, that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which He has spoken of him.' And the LORD said, 'Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous'" (vs 19-20). How did He know that? *By the seven eyes that go through the whole earth to see what's going on, on the earth!*

Verse 21, God said: "I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which has come to Me. And if not, **I will know**" (v 21). That's how God knows!

That's why it said there in Psa. 139, where are you going to go to get away from God? *You're not*, because you've got the *spirit of man* in you and God has the *seven eyes* that are going through the whole earth to know where the evil is and to know where those who are seeking Him are. It's better than 'global positioning'! *It doesn't miss!*

But the difference between men and God is this: *Men use it to oppress and control; God uses it to know what's going on*, because He's given free choice:

- He does not interfere and take it away
- He knows whether you sin or whether you don't
- He knows whether you repent or whether you don't

This is fantastic! God is not way off and disconnected. He's got the means and the ability, through His Spirit and *the spirit that He puts in every human being*—and when I say 'spirit' I'm

talking about:

- the *seven spirits of God*
- plus the angels of God
- plus the whole spiritual realm of which we know virtually zip [nothing]

God is in constant contact with the earth and the whole universe!

Comment was made about all the human beings that He has made on this little, itty-bitty earth in the massiveness of the universe, and now you know how special the earth is and the human creation is; made in the image of God. Having the *spirit of man*, having a characteristic of God, even when you are not called of God by having the *spirit of man*, which God forms in you, to give you"

- intellect
- thought
- feeling
- emotion
- everything that you are as a human being

And it's permanently, absolutely recorded—amazing!

Let's see how the *seven eyes* work. If there is anyone who is truly seeking God—***He will know; He will answer.*** He won't answer dramatically. He'll give you a little bit and see if you agree with that and go forward.

2-Chronicles 15:1: "And the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded. And he went out to meet Asa, and said to him, 'Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. The LORD *is* with you while you are with Him... [you've got to be in agreement with God] ...And if you seek Him...' (vs 1-2)—because the eyes of the Lord go 'to and fro' on the earth for those who seek Him. The *seven spirits of God* are constantly doing this.

"...He will be found by you. But if you forsake Him, He will forsake you" (v 2). Very clear!

Now then, He had a great revival! If people don't want God around, He knows it and withdraws. The *seven spirits of God* then keep track of everything—whether for good or for evil. God knows *how* and *when* to withdraw.

Verse 3: "And for a long time Israel *had been* without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law. And when they turned in their trouble to the LORD God of Israel, and sought Him, He was found by them" (vs 3-4). If you seek you shall find; if you repent, forgiven! Here it is altogether.

Verse 5: "And in those times *there was* no peace to him who went out, nor to him who came in,

but great tumult *was* upon all the inhabitants of the lands.” That’s why lives are in turmoil and upset because they reject God, they turn from God, they’re not willing to repent and the *seven spirits of God* are the *eyes of God*:

- to know whether it’s so
- to know the extent of the sin
- to know the extent of the problems and difficulties
- to know the extent of the repentance
- to know the sincerity of the people involved

God does it through the *seven spirits!*

Verse 6: “And nation was destroyed by nation... [sounds like today] ...and city-by-city, for God troubled them with every adversity. But you be strong and do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded.’ And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage and put away the abominable idols out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities, which he had taken from Mount Ephraim. And he renewed the altar of the LORD before the porch of the LORD” (vs 6-8). They offered offerings and everything was wonderful.

Now then, they had a sin. Instead of trusting in God, Asa wanted to have an alliance. When he tried to make that alliance and fight against the king of Israel, he sought out the Syrian for a league between them (2-Chron. 16:1-3) and then:

2-Chronicles 16:4: “And Ben-Hadad listened to King Asa and sent the commanders of his armies against the cities of Israel....” There’s one thing you never do, you never fight tribe against tribe and hire and alien army to do it. And Judah, over in Palestine thought to listen. Now then, when Asa did that it was a great sin.

Verse 7: “And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah and said to him, ‘Because you have relied on the king of Syria and have not relied on the LORD your God, therefore, the army of the king of Syria has escaped out of your hand. Were not the Ethiopians and the Libyans a huge army with many chariots and horsemen? Yet, because you relied on the LORD... [at that time] ...He delivered them into your hand... [so you could conquer them] ...for **the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth...**” (vs 7-9).

Those are the ‘seven eyes’ which Christ directs. He is the Lord God of the Old Testament. He knows precisely all the time everywhere, concerning all things down through all history, and nothing escapes! That’s what the *seven spirits of God* are, the *eyes of the Lord* that go to and fro through the whole earth.

“...to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart *is* perfect toward Him.... [*repentant faithfully, and believing in Him*] ... In this you have done foolishly; therefore, from now on you shall have wars” (v 9).

Notice, he hardened his heart. He could have repented like Manasseh, but he didn’t do it:

Verse 10: “And Asa was angry with the seer and put him in a prison house. for *he was* in a rage against him because of this. And Asa oppressed some of the people at that time. And behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, lo, they *are* written in the Book of the kings of Judah and Israel. And in the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa *was* diseased in his feet until his disease *was* very grievous. Yet, in his disease he did not seek to the LORD, but to the physicians. And Asa slept with his fathers and died in the forty-first year of his reign” (vs 10-13).

He died in the 41st year of his reign. He had two years to repent. God sent upon him the affliction to see if he would repent and return to God.

So, that’s how the *seven spirits of God* work! That’s why we have the *spirit of man* in us, so that God can, at any time, **know** the thoughts of anyone anywhere. And for those who seek Him, they shall find Him, because the *seven eyes of God* are going ‘to and fro’ on the earth.

What are ‘the seven spirits of God’? ***The seven eyes of God that He sends in all the earth to know what’s going on.***

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Spirit of God, Spirit of Man Seven Spirits of God II

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As I mentioned in the first sermon, I was amazed that when we get into studying about the ‘spirit of man’ and man’s reaction—how it interacts with his mind, his heart and his emotions—and how important that is with God. I think we need to realize that as God created us in His image; ***He personally made us with His own hands!***

Then, as we read in the book of Job where Elihu said that ‘the Spirit of God formed me,’ and how human beings are created and so forth, it just really brought to mind that God has made us special, *to have a relationship with Him!* That’s why He’s given us the *spirit of man*—so that we can communicate with God, God can communicate with us and that we can receive the Spirit of God, and eventually develop the character of God.

Someone gave me a very interesting thing, which I thought was fairly profound and I’m convinced it’s probably really true. A woman read in the Bible that God refines like silver is refined, and in the refining God is watching while the refining is going on. She went to a silversmith and said, ‘I would like to see how you refine silver.’ He said, ‘Okay, I’ll show you.’ So, he got the silver, and he said the first thing you need to do is put it in the ‘hottest part of the flame.’ It melted and she could see some of the things burning off and some of the slime going to the side. She asked him, ‘How do you know when it’s purified.’ He said you have to be careful with it because if you don’t watch it all the time you could burn it up and destroy it. But you watch it ‘until you can see your image in it’—which is pretty profound.

So, if we are being refined like silver, God is watching us. What is He waiting for? He is waiting for His character in us to be reflected back to Him. We are made physically in the ‘image of God’; we have been given a spiritual character and quality that none of the animals have, while they have been given a spirit of whatever animal they are to give them the instinct to function and have a wee bit of intelligence. *We’re the only creation of God made in His image that can have a relationship with Him.*

It all begins with the *spirit of man*. Let’s review ‘the seven spirits of God.’ This is how God deals with the whole world. All men and all women have the *spirit of man*. Christ is the One Who directs the ‘seven spirits of God’; these are called the ‘eyes of God.’ I know we’ve covered this, but I think it’s important that we review it so we understand. Not all spirit is *Holy Spirit*. God has made things composed of spirit. Just like everything that we see on the earth

is composed of the dust of the earth. But not everything that’s on the earth equals human beings. So likewise, God has created certain things out of spirit in the spirit realm. He’s created angels and they are called ‘ministering spirits,’ but we know that they have form and shape. Some of them have form and shape as human beings. Some of them have form and shape as we would call ‘animal.’ And they all have different functions. We also have the spirit that God uses to do things other than make beings. This is where the *seven spirits* come into play. The seven spirits are active in the world and also in the Church.

Revelation 1:4: “John to the seven churches that *are* in Asia: Grace and peace *be* to you from Him Who is, and Who was, and Who *is* to come; and **from the seven spirits that are before His throne.**” Since Jesus has all authority, He uses the *seven spirits* to keep in constant touch and communication with what’s going on, on the earth.

Revelation 3:1: “And to the angel of the Church in Sardis, write: These things says **He Who has the seven spirits of God...**” Notice these are not *Holy* spirits. The Holy Spirit comes from God the Father and Jesus Christ.

Revelation 5:6—here we find that the *seven spirits* are called the ‘seven eyes of God’: “Then I saw, and behold, before the throne and the four living creatures, and before the elders... [and the angels—thousands and thousands of angels] ...*was* standing a Lamb as having been slain, having seven horns and **seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God** that are sent into all the earth.”

As I mentioned before, we can understand this because we know about satellites, spy systems and drone planes and so forth—they can fly along and they can pick up anything; they can read license plates from hundreds of miles above the earth. So, if men can do that with the physical things, think what God does with a machine, as it were, called ***the seven eyes of God*** that goes through the whole earth seeing what’s going on. There are seven continents, I wonder if there’s *an eye* for each continent—we don’t know! This is talking about a *spiritual* realm.

But when God took two angels with Him and was going to go destroy Sodom and Gomorrah, He said, ‘We have come down to see if the *cry* that has reached us from Sodom and Gomorrah is as bad as it is.’ Of course, Abraham probably figured, yes, it is as bad or worse. ‘So, Lord, what if there are fifty, will you spare it?’ Then he got all the way down to ten, He said, yes, he’d spare it for ten. And

as it turned out there were only three that were willing enough to obey God and leave.

Let's see what these *eyes of God* do and what they are for, 2-Chronicles 16:9: "For the **eyes of the LORD**... [the *seven spirits* which are called 'the eyes' of the Lord] **...run to and fro throughout the whole earth**... [God knows what's going on at all times on the earth] ...to show Himself strong in the behalf of *those* whose heart is perfect toward Him..."

Let's see what happened here. Azariah was one of the prophets of God, 2-Chronicles 15:2: "And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, 'Hear you me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. **The LORD is with you, while you be with Him**...'—key important principle. If you are not with God and doing what God says, you cannot expect Him to be with you; and *He knows!*

"...And if you seek Him, He will be found by you..." (v 2). We find the same thing in the New Testament: 'Seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened; ask and you shall receive.'

With the *seven spirits*, which are the *seven eyes*, God is in communication with the whole world. He does deal with people that He does not call for salvation at this particular time. With that He knows those who are truly seeking Him. We'll see the operation of that a little later on—how He deals with people that He calls.

But nevertheless, a person who would be in real difficult trouble and prays to God and asks God to help him or her, *that prayer God can answer*. It's not a matter of salvation, but it's a matter that in that particular time, they cry out to God, they're trusting Him—even if it's momentarily—*God will hear them and answer the prayer*. Now, if they go on their merry way and forget about it later on, well then, obviously they're going to find themselves in difficult circumstances later on.

Again, the whole point that I want to make in this is very important: *God is in constant communication with the things going on*—on the earth—all the time, everywhere. And **God knows!**

Here we have an angel, a messenger of God, Zechariah 4:1: "And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me..." We'll see how God deals with people in their sleep many, many times; and even with world leaders.

"...as a man that is awakened out of his sleep. And he said to me, 'What do you see?' And I said, 'I see, and behold, a lampstand, all of it gold, and a bowl on its top, and its seven lamps upon it, and seven pipes to the seven lamps on its top; and two olive trees beside it, one on the right side of the bowl...' (vs 1-3).

Verse 14 will tell us what these two olive trees are. This is prophecy going back to Rev. 11 about the two witnesses: "And he said, 'These *are* the two anointed ones who stand by the LORD of the whole earth.'" That is referring to the two witnesses. It says, 'These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands' (Rev. 11). Special mission for God!

Verse 4: "And I answered and spoke to the angel who talked with me, saying, 'What *are* these, my lord?' Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, 'Do you know what these *are*?' And I said, 'No, my lord.' Then he answered and spoke to me, saying, 'This *is* the Word of the LORD to Zerubbabel, saying, "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the LORD of hosts" (vs 4-6). What we're finding here is several aspects of the operation of the Spirit of God—an angel and also the Spirit of God—to do things.

Can the Spirit of God stir people up to do things even though they are not converted? *Yes!* Let me just mention something here: How many have listened to the whole works of *The Messiah* by Handle—fantastic music! We don't know if he was converted or not—do we? But we can tell by the music and the inspiration of the music that God had to inspire it. So, let's assume that the man was not converted, but seeking to do something for God. And God said, 'All right, I'm going to send My Spirit to be with him to inspire him to do it.'

Moses gave the message that they were going to build the tabernacle and he wanted to take up an offering from all of those who were willing-hearted:

Exodus 35:21 "And they came, everyone **whose heart stirred him up**... [that's an important thing; we're going to see the heart] ...and everyone whose **spirit** moved him..." We have the heart and the *spirit of man* working together, and God will use that to do what He wants.

"...They brought the LORD'S offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all His service, and for the Holy garments."

Verse 29: "The children of Israel brought a **willing** offering to the LORD, every man and woman whose heart made them willing to bring all manner of things for the work, which the LORD had commanded to be made by the hand of Moses."

Exodus 36:1: "And Bezaleel and Aholiab shall work with everyone wise of heart to whom the LORD has given wisdom and intelligence..." Here God is imparting a special gift to them. That's not necessarily by the Holy Spirit, but by the spirit to do that. The Holy Spirit is reserved for the begetting from God the Father.

“...to know how to do every work of the service of the sanctuary, concerning all which the LORD had commanded.” And Moses called Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise-hearted man in whose heart **the LORD had put wisdom, even everyone whose heart stirred him up** to come to do the work” (vs 1-2). So yes, God can use people who are not converted to do His will.

Exodus 35:31: “And He [God] has filled him with the Spirit of God in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all kind of work.” That doesn’t necessarily mean that it is the Holy Spirit of begettal; there’s a difference. This is God giving part of His Spirit, which is more than just the Holy Spirit, to do the things that needed to be done. There we have it right there.

A couple comments were made about Pharaoh and hardening the heart and so forth. This shows you how God and work and dealing with people, not necessarily in a way of converting them but using them to do what He wants. After all, if you are going to make all the implements for the tabernacle and everything that is there, according to the plans that God gave Moses, then you have to have people skilled to do it. It has to be done the way that God wanted it done. After the account of Aaron and the making of the ‘golden calf’ you wanted to get men to do what God wanted rather than make a golden calf.

Let’s see how the *eyes of God* work. Let’s see what it says of those seven. We just saw an example.

Zechariah 4:6: “...‘Not by might, nor by power, but **by My Spirit,**’ says the LORD of hosts.” God can stir up the spirit of men. He can give them of His Spirit, though not a begettal for salvation, to do and accomplish His will. So, when some people do something that is absolutely fantastic and inspiring and they say, ‘I had God’s help’—probably did!

In building the things of the temple and so forth: “...the headstones with shoutings, ‘Grace! Grace unto it!’” (v 7).

Verse 9: “‘The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house...’ [v 10]: ...For who has despised the day of small things?...” God rejoices in small things, even the least who accomplish what He wants.

“...for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel.... [that is to build the temple] ...These **seven are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth**” (v 10).

What I want us to understand is that *God is in communication with the whole earth*—whether

for good or whether for evil—to *carry out His will*; to accomplish what He wants done. As in the case of Judas Iscariot, *to accomplish His will and also to use Satan the devil*, and how Satan also interferes with *the spirit in man* to also accomplish his will.

Psalm 33:12: “Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, and the people He has chosen for His own inheritance. The LORD looks down from heaven; He beholds all the sons of men” (vs 12-13).

How does He do it? *With the seven eyes!* If He wants to get personally involved, He will! As in the case of martyrdom of Stephen, when the heavens opened and he looked and said, ‘I see the Son of man standing at the right hand of God.’ Normally He’s seated, but in this event He was standing and looking—like it is here:

Verse 14: “From His dwelling place He looks intently upon all the inhabitants of the earth. Together He fashions their hearts alike; He considers all their works. The king is not saved by a great army; a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.... [look at Goliath] ...A horse is a vain thing for safety...” (vs 14-17). Look at Joash, he thought he would go out on a chariot when the Lord said ‘don’t go fight.’ Joash said, ‘I’m going to go fight and disguise myself.’ He went out and what happened? *BANG! An arrow got him!*

“...neither shall it deliver any by its great strength. Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear Him, upon those who hope in His loving kindness, to deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive in famine” (vs 17-19). So, *God knows! He is there!* You think about some of these miraculous things that have happened.

One just happened in the storm Katrina. There was a whole family that was stuck on a boat out there in this storm and no one could get to them, and no one knew where they were; one little boat out there in the thrashing of the storm in the sea. They all survived, and I just imagine that they all prayed and God heard and answered that prayer. Not for the sake of conversion, but because they prayed and trusted in Him for deliverance. So, He did! *God knows!*

This would help an awful lot with the instruction of children if they understood this. There’s a little book that use to be read and taught in all the grade schools back in the 19th century. It was a primer all about God, commandments of God, and everything just absolutely marvelous! It was in the 19th century, but it went back 125 years before that to 1776 and taught in all the schools in America. Amazing thing! Of course, you go back before that when the pilgrims came; they came with a Bible, *The Geneva Bible*. That’s how people educated themselves, by reading the Bible. Here we have how

God is in contact and in communication with people. Let's come over here to

Psalm 34:14: "Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.... [Why?] ...**The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry**" (vs 14-15). When God looks down and sees evil, what happens?

Verse 16: "The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.... [and He does, *without a doubt!*] ...The righteous cry, and the LORD hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are of a contrite spirit" (vs 16-18). This is all done because *God is watching the earth!*

In our world today, because we are enamored with the accomplishments of men and so busy in kicking God out of everything, people know very little about God; know very little about what we're reading here. What God is doing, because they are 'so almighty' and 'so important' and 'know everything' that there is... You can see that in the debate that's raging even in the news between evolution and Intelligent Design.

Job 34:21: "For His eyes *are* on the ways of man, and He sees all his steps. There is no darkness, nor shadow of death where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves" (vs 21-22). What did Jesus say? *We're going to have to come before the throne of God and give account for every idol word that has been spoken.* So, here's part of it. **God knows!**

Job 36:1—Elihu said, as we pointed out before, 'the Spirit of God in me' and so forth: "Elihu also proceeded and said, 'Bear with me a little, and I will show you that *I have yet* to speak on God's behalf. I will fetch my knowledge from afar, and I will ascribe righteousness to my Maker. For truly my words *are* not false; He who is perfect in knowledge *is* with you.... [he's not taking any credit for himself] ...Behold, God *is* mighty, yet He does not despise any; *He is* mighty in strength of understanding. He will not preserve the life of the wicked, but gives to the poor their right. He withdraws not His eyes from the righteous..." (vs 1-7).

God is watching over us all. How many times have things been done, or you have done what you would call 'mundane, physical' things that you know could only come from God? That can happen in many different ways. You can avoid an accident. You can be out looking for something, shopping, and all of a sudden a fantastic bargain that no one else in the whole store has discovered—you come upon it! *Yes!* Along with that, let's understand this:

- if God knows the number of hairs that you have on your head
- if God is concerned with even the smallest thing:
 - ✓ Is He not concerned with the smallest thing?
 - ✓ With the cells and things that make up our bodies and compose everything that there is?

His eyes are on us all the time **if** we do the things that please Him.

- that doesn't mean we're without troubles and problems
- that doesn't mean we don't have sins we need to overcome
- that doesn't mean our attitude is perfect and righteous all the time

You may be even mad and ticked-off about something, because of the difficulty you're going through. But that doesn't mean God has given up on you. It just means He knows what you're going through.

Verse 7: "He withdraws not His eyes from the righteous, but *they are* like kings on the throne; yea, He establishes them forever, and they are exalted. And if they *are* bound in chains, and are held in cords of affliction" (vs 7-8)—because of their sins.

Remember what Manasseh did? *Fifty-five years of abomination!* Sent off into captivity, bound in fetters by the king of Assyria into Babylon and he was put into prison. Lo and behold *he repented!* Not like the jailers today. If they throw you in jail, they want to forget you. So, God was inspired and answered his repentance; caused him to be brought out of the dungeon, sent him back to Jerusalem as the vassal king under the Babylonian-Syrian Empire at that time. What did Manasseh do? *He destroyed all the idols and abominations that he set up in the house of the Lord!* Very interesting!

Verse 9: "Then He shows them their work, and their transgressions, that they have behaved themselves arrogantly. He also opens their ears to discipline and commands that they return from iniquity. **If they obey and serve Him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures**" (vs 9-11). You can take this and you can apply it to kings, prime ministers, presidents, and so forth, and because God deals with all the leaders of the world, this is the thing that He does.

Verse 12: "But **if they do not obey, they shall perish by the sword**, and they shall die without knowledge" (vs 9-12). God is active and intervening!

Peter says, 1-Peter 3:12: "...the eyes of *the* Lord *are* on *the* righteous..." I tell you, "...the eyes of *the* Lord..." and the different uses and the different forms of *spirit* that are in the Bible, it's just really kind of overwhelming.

- How long have we been in the Church?
- How long have we studied the Bible?
- How long have we known this and that and the other thing?

—and never really got into this. Amazing! But, that's the way life goes.

Jeremiah 32:17: "“Ah, Lord GOD! You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and stretched out arm. Nothing is too great for You. You show loving kindness to thousands, and repay the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them. The great, the mighty God, the LORD of hosts, *is* His name, Great in counsel and mighty in work; for Your eyes *are* open on all the ways of the sons of men, to give every one according to his ways and according to the fruit of his doings” (vs 17-19).

Verse 27: "Behold, **I *am* the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?**"

- God knows!
- He keeps up on His creation!
- He knows exactly what's going on!

A lot of people are saying the way that the earth is heating up that it's got to be all of the carbon-dioxide and everything we're putting into the air. *NO!* It's coming from within the earth. You can't heat the oceans from exhaust hovering over it, raising the temperature five to seven degrees. It has to come from the heat from inside the earth.

Let's look at something else that goes with the *spirit of man*. We've talked about the heart, the mind and the spirit. There's another aspect of men that is a little difficult to comprehend, but this is kind of something that God can use, and that man also uses. It's something that God created in us. Something that is there that defines it in a way that we don't know. The best thing I can figure is this: It is how God can direct us or test us or find out how we are doing at any time. It is called '*reins*.'

Psalms 139:13: "For You have possessed my reins...." I'm still not clear on this and how it works, but it has do with the *spirit of man* the mind and the heart. This is describing part of the mind that is called '*reins*' that men know nothing about. So the best they can come up with to interpret it, since the Hebrew word is close to what 'kidneys' are, they say this is 'kidneys.' *No!* It's something beyond that. This undoubtedly has to do with how God guides us,

but also that every man does have control over his 'reins' to a certain extent.

This is likened to reins with a horse. When you first break a horse—and I saw a wonderful documentary on how to break horses without getting on them and getting yourself all kicked out—it's understanding horses, understanding 'horse language' in their looks and their emotions and what they are. This one man was so fantastic. First of all he made friends with it. Then he had no trouble training it to put the bit in its mouth and put the saddle on it's back and work with him gradually—walk around with it—and finally he was able to get on and no bucking, kicking and everything. He could use ***the reins to direct*** the horse wherever he would go.

Now, when a horse is trained well, you don't even need the reins. The rider and the horse know each other so much that the rider just has to lean to the left, the horse will go to the left; lean to the right, go to the right; built on trust, respect and love. This man who trains the horses this way, people come to him to help break bad habits that their horses have gotten into because they didn't know how to handle them, and the horse didn't know how to respond.

Here's what we are *not* to be. We do have the reins, but then we are admonished. Here's what God tells us to be careful of. All of this has to do with the

- spirit of man
- the reins of man
- the eyes of the Lord
- the Spirit of God

—all together.

Those of us who have the Spirit of God—because we've repented, have been baptized and received the begettal of the Holy Spirit—***all of these things apply to us!*** Not all of them apply to the whole world and everybody in the world. But everyone has the 'spirit of man'; everyone has the 'reins.' We're going to see a little later here that *choices* have a lot to do with it, as brought out right here:

Psalms 32:8: "...I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you, My eye shall be upon you.... [God is watching over us] ...Be not like the horse, or like the mule, which have no understanding—which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, else they will not come near you" (vs 8-9). That is a horse that isn't controlled. *We're not to be like that!*

Let's look at some of the things concerning *the reins*, Psalms 7:8: The LORD shall judge the people; judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, and according to my integrity within

me.... [that has to come from God] ...O let the evil of the wicked come to an end, but establish the righteous, for the righteous God tries the **hearts and reins**" (vs 8-9).

So, *the reins* are connected to the heart. The heart is connected to the mind and emotion. The mind, emotions, heart and reins are all connected to the *spirit of man*, which then needs the Spirit of God.

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God possesses the *reins!* (Psa. 139:13) In other words, through the *reins* God is able somehow to communicate to man without necessarily verbalizing it. Through the *reins*, Psalm 16:7: "...the LORD Who has given me counsel; my heart also instructs me in the nights."

I know that many times I have come across things just by lying in bed thinking, or lying in bed praying. I know that God has given me the understanding and He must have done it through what is called the *reins*. God controls the *reins*, He has given you the spirit, and He has given you the mind, and if the *spirit of man* is not working in you, **your mind is not working**. The mind and the heart are connected. So we have:

- the reins
- the mind
- the heart
- the spirit

all together—and we can add in there that's what produces:

- emotion
- intelligence
- thinking

What all of that is, is a spiritual operation in a physical body.

Today they're able to make robots, and they're even trying to get them more human. But they will only work in what they have been programmed to do. That's why human beings are different. They function entirely different.

- Does this mean you're awake or asleep? *It could be both!*
- How is that you're thinking on a problem, you can't solve it, you go to bed thinking about it, you wake up in the morning and you have the solution?
- What has happened?
- *Your mind, your spirit and reins all working together to come to a solution!*
- How are you able to come up with things after you've thought on them?

- *Maybe you've forgotten something and it comes back to you, and so forth!*

We're going to see how God dealt with David, which is differently than He deals with people in the world. The thing we thought of in the past is that God doesn't deal with anybody in the world; He only deals with us. *Not so!* God created all human beings. But He does deal with those whom He's called and given the Holy Spirit to in a special way.

Psalm 26:1: "Judge me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity. I have trusted also in the LORD without wavering. Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; **try my reins and my heart**" (vs 1-2). Here we have the *reins and the heart*:

- God is testing
- God is proving
- God is developing character in us

How?

- through the reins
- through the heart
- through His Spirit

Verse 3: "For Your loving kindness is before my eyes; and I have walked in Your Truth." The marginal reference to 'reins' at this point is 'the mind,' rather than kidneys. It just came upon me: When you look at both parts or both hemispheres of the brain, they do look like large kidneys.

Psa. 73 is a very good example of how God works with you and how you come to a solution when you go to God, especially when you're up against something you cannot understand. That's what happened here. This is a Psalm of Asaph. Asaph was one of the priests there at the special sanctuary where David had the Ark of the Covenant in his house. He couldn't understand how the wicked were prospering, and why those who were righteous were having difficulties. It seemed as though that those in the world, who prosper in the world and increase in riches, look like they have every blessing and benefit that you could ever want. He's perplexed in this. So he says:

Psalm 73:13: "Surely I have made my heart pure in vain..." Trying to overcome human nature and lust and things like this—and yet, 'I'm not rewarded in the way that it seems that the wicked are rewarded, and the wicked have everything that they want and reject God. This was a terrible predicament that he couldn't figure out.

"...and washed my hands in innocence, for all the day long I have been plagued and chastened every morning" (vs 13-14). Just like it gets back to the silver that I mentioned earlier. You put it in the hottest part of the flame and you hold it there, but

you have to watch it until it comes to the point of purification.

Verse 15: “If I say, ‘I will speak thus’... [give my opinion] ...behold, I would have betrayed the generation of Your children. When I thought to understand this, it was too painful for me” (vs 15-16).

Have you ever had a headache trying to figure something out and you just can’t figure it out, and it just ‘knocks you for loop’; or the problem is so great that your mind just kind of tilts. Have you ever played a pinball machine? You hit it and hit it and hit it and finally it goes tilt! Sometimes mentally we do that? *Tilt!* There he is. “...it was too painful for me” to know.

Watch as we read this, v 17: “Until I went into the sanctuary of God...” He was able to do that because he was the one in charge of the sanctuary where the Ark of the Covenant was in the house of David. Today, through prayer and crying out to God, we can enter into the sanctuary of God in heaven above

Let’s see the parallel: “...**then understood I their end**” (v 17). In other words, prosperity in the world is not the sum total of goodness in life.

Verse 18: “Surely You set them in slippery places; You cast them down into destruction. How have they been brought into desolation, as in a moment! They are utterly consumed with terrors” (vs 18-19). When these things come upon them, they totally fall apart! Why? *They trusted in their wealth; they trusted in the physical things instead of God!*

Verse 20: like a dream when one awakens; so, O LORD, when You awake, You shall despise their image, for **thus my heart was grieved and I was pricked in my reins**” (vs 20-21). Here it has to do with:

- heart
- emotion
- understanding

—and *being* “...**pricked in the reins**...” means that you come to the right conclusion! So, when he went to God and asked for help to understand this—and repented, and saw that the wicked are not that prosperous and all that sort of thing—then *his ‘reins’ were pricked!*

Verse 22: “So foolish was I, and ignorant; I was like a beast before You.” WOW! I tell you! Have you ever gone through anything like that? *Yes!* Like this ad for Vonage phones; don’t do stupid things.

This is something we need to learn and know, v 23: “Nevertheless I am always with You...”

We need to learn this: In spite of everything that goes on, ***never give up on God, because He’s never giving up on you!***

“...You have held me by my right hand. You shall guide me with Your counsel, and **afterward** receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but You? And besides You I desire none upon earth. My flesh and my heart fail, but God is the rock of my heart and my portion forever, for lo, those who are far from You shall perish; You have destroyed all who go a whoring from You. And me, it is good for me to draw near to God; I have made the LORD God my refuge, that I may declare all Your works” (vs 22-28).

Here is a perfect example of how God works with us through trials and difficulties to lead us to understanding **how** God deals with us through trials and difficulties—and He’ll see us through.

Jeremiah 11:18: “And the LORD has given me knowledge of it, and I knew. Then You showed me their doings. But I *was* like a docile lamb being brought to the slaughter. And I did not know that they had plotted devised plots against me, *saying*, ‘Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name may be remembered no more.’ But, O LORD of hosts Who judges righteously, **Who tries the heart and the mind**...” (vs 18-20).

Somehow in the midst of all the trials and difficulties we are going through God is there *trying the reins, the heart, the spirit* and so forth.

“...let me see Your vengeance on them. For to You I have committed my cause” (v 20).

Jeremiah 17:9: “The heart *is* deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it? I the LORD search the heart, **I try the reins**...” (vs 9-10). God is keeping, or can keep at any time He wants, a spiritual temperature on all of us. ***He tries the reins! He tries the heart!*** He does it to those who are in the Church, as well.

Talking about the Church in Thyatira and all the problems and difficulties that they were going through, Revelation 2:23: “And I will kill her children with death... [those who get involved with Jezebel, the world and fornication, spiritual fornication and all of that] ...and all the churches shall know that I am He **Who searches the reins and hearts**... [all of it together] ...and I will give to each of you according to your works.”

We have:

- the eyes of the Lord
- the seven spirits which are the seven eyes
- the reins and the heart

Now let’s look at *the spirit that is in man*. We’ve seen how that

- the ‘spirit in man’ has been formed by God within us
- He’s given it to us
- The Spirit of God forms us

Let’s see something else that the ‘spirit of man’ does.

The *spirit of man* can be affected in many different ways. We’ll see what the *spirit of man* is for. Then we’ll see what the *spirit of man* is for God. This all ties in with what we’ve covered with the heart and the reins and so forth.

1-Corinthians 2:11: “For who among men understands the things of man except *by* the spirit of man which *is* in him?...” This gives us *intellect!* This gives us *thought!* And also, as it says in James 2, for ‘without the spirit the body is dead’ (James 2).

- it has to do with life
- it has to do with thought
- it has to do with intellect
- it has to do with choice

God has given us choices. He says, ‘I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing, therefore, choose life that you and your seed may live, and love God.’ All of these choices involve the *spirit of man*, the heart and the mind, and God *tries the reins*.

“...In the same way also, the things of God no one understands except *by* the Spirit of God” (v 11).

We’ll get back to the rest of that. We want to focus in on the *spirit of man* and how that works and how God works with the *spirit of man*. I find this really quite a fantastic thing. It helps open up our understanding to realize that God is more involved in the world and people—whether converted or not converted—than we have ever thought of. Because He’s given us the *spirit of man*, He has given us a mind, heart and reins, He is able to intervene and help us in many different ways.

Proverbs 20:27: “The **spirit of man is the lamp of the LORD**...” In other words, through the reins, God knows everything about everyone. But He chooses not to exercise this in a policeman-like fashion. Isn’t that amazing? Just think how men would use this power to rule and control and make automatons out of everyone. God doesn’t do that. He gives choice. He gives righteousness or sin, good and evil, life and death.

“...searching all the inward parts of the belly” (v 27). In other words, your whole life is completely open before God! Remember the incident when Nathaniel started coming up to Jesus and He said, ‘Behold, an Israelite in whom there is no guile’ (John 1)_[transcriber’s correction] And it says, ‘I saw you under the tree before Peter called you.’ And

what was Nathaniel’s response. ‘My Lord, my God!’ because he understood directly that only God could have the power to do that. That’s why it says in another place, ‘no thought can be withholden from God.’ Why? *Because He made and created us!*

Let’s look at some other things concerning the *spirit of man* and what it does and so forth. Let’s come to Job. And I’m amazed how much there is in the book of Job. Let’s understand something concerning the book of Job. Did you realize that the book of Job was written long before the time of Moses, and is one of the oldest books in the Bible. How much they understood about the spiritual things is how God worked and how God deals with people in the earth was really amazing.

Job 20:1: “And Zophar the Naamathite answered and said, ‘Therefore, do my thoughts cause me to answer...’” (vs 1-2). Here he is, his mind is whirling around. Just like you when you’re sitting listening to a conversation. You’re hearing, just like we’re going through the Scriptures here, and I’m teaching and so forth, your mind is working and when you have a good comment raise your hand, that’s a good time to put it in, because you’re thinking right along with it—just like it is here.

“...my thoughts cause me to answer, even because of my inner turmoil.... [In other words, ‘I want to tell you something, Job, before I forget.’] ...I have heard the rebuke, which puts me to shame, and the spirit of my understanding causes me to answer” (vs 2-3). There again, the *spirit of man* is making things work *with the mind, the heart, the emotions, the reins!*

Prov. 16 has quite a bit about the *spirit of man* and how it functions; Proverbs 16:1: “The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, are from the LORD.... [God gave all the ability] ...All the ways of a man *are* clean in his own eyes... [everyone thinks he’s right] ...but **the LORD weighs the spirits**” (vs 1-2).

We find another essential thing that is important, especially for us today in the age that we are living. Here’s the key, the way you bring your mind, spirit and emotions into control is this way:

Verse 3: “Commit your works unto the LORD, and your thoughts shall be established.”

- you have got to go to God
- you’ve got to repent to God
- you’ve got to ask God to help you

on a continuous and daily basis. Sometimes even a minute-by-minute basis, just depending on what the circumstances are and where you are and what’s happening and what you’re doing.

Here’s how you overcome sin—begins

within—v 6: “**By mercy and Truth** iniquity is purged...” Tie that together with v 3.

Where does sin originate? *In the mind!* Jesus said, ‘Out of the heart of men proceed evil thoughts and so forth (Mark 7). If you commit all your ways to the Lord, your thoughts shall be established! That’s what’s important. And by *mercy and Truth*, by having the Truth of God in you, God’s mercy in you and extended to you, iniquity then is purged.

“...and by the fear of the LORD *men* turn away from evil” (v 6). Quite a fantastic thing!

Verse 18: “Pride...”—which is part of human nature and part of the evil expression of the *spirit of man* through the mind.

“...*goes* before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall... [Pharaoh! A prime example! Job! Nebuchadnezzar!] ...*It is better to be* of an humble spirit...” (vs 18-19)—rather than a haughty spirit; which shows that with your mind, with your emotion, with God’s Word and—obviously, those of us converted with God’s Spirit in us—with the humility. Then we will gain the spiritual growth and understanding we need. “*It is better to be* of an humble spirit...”

We have control over our spirit! *A haughty spirit by choice and practice, or a humble spirit by choice and practice* is reflected by what is called in the world today *attitude!* Even people in the world understand that. Have you ever been in a really good attitude? *Yes!* You’re feeling *good!* *On top of it!* *Everything’s fine!* Then all of sudden something comes along and BAM! all of a sudden you’re in a ***bad attitude!*** *Yes!* *We all go through that—don’t we? Yes!*

The solution is v 3: “Commit Your works unto the LORD, and your thoughts shall be established.” Because it does affect your spirit and you are in charge and control of your spirit. God has given that to you to have the power to think, the power to choose. But you have to choose what is right.

Verse 19: “*It is better to be* of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.” You can tie that in with what we read in Psa. 73.

Verse 32 tells it all: “He who is slow to anger *is* better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit is better than he who takes a city.” This is very important, which shows that *we have to control our spirit!* God has given the Spirit to do so, which means that with God’s Spirit:

- by choice
- by committing our works to the Lord
- by having mercy and Truth

purge iniquity from within, our thoughts will be established, and therefore, we are responsible for the choices which we make—whether they be for good, or whether they be for evil. God expects us to rule our own spirit. And that is a life-long project that you have to keep working on all the time! It’s not something that you can come up and say one day, ‘I have conquered myself.’ *No way!* Life is growing and overcoming.

This also talks about the *eyes of the Lord* and the *spirit* and so forth; Proverbs 15:1: “A soft answer turns away wrath... [that is a lifetime project for me] ...but grievous words stir up anger.” That’s how arguments come about. You get mad! You’re not controlling your spirit! You become filled with pride and selfishness. So, you have to make your stand for yourself against others rather than standing for Truth and righteousness! Quite a difference!

Verse 2: “The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly, but the mouth of fools pours out foolishness.... [keep in mind both of those verses] ...**The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good**” (vs 2-3). How does He do that? *Through the seven spirits, which are the seven eyes, which go through the whole earth to know what’s going on!*

Verse 4: “A wholesome tongue *is* a tree of life, but perverseness in it crushes in the spirit.” What does that mean? *That means that you can train your spirit to be so perverse that it’s a breach of the use of the spirit that God has given to man!* That’s why some people are dedicated to evil and can’t change!

Isn’t that because they don’t have the *fear of God?* *Yes!* *Because they do not have the primer that was given to the American children in public schools for over 125 years!* Oh yes, we are so smart we’ve got to get rid of God! ***First step to great trouble! and a downfall!*** It gets down to the choices. See how all of this comes together.

What we are talking about is a whole package—the parts of a whole package. And a whole person, with all of those things going, is still deficient because every one of us needs the Spirit of God to complete it. Without the Spirit of God—which requires repentance and baptism and yielding to God and to study God’s Word, to know what it is so we can change our very minds and hearts—there is never any solution to controlling the mind, controlling the spirit, controlling the emotions.

Today they try and do it with drugs. In the schools they have more Prozac, and it’s because silly women—most of them who are teachers—cannot handle strong-minded boys and girls, so they put them on Prozac and Ritalin. They need strong male

teachers with discipline, with absolute definitions of right and wrong to train the mind, the heart, the spirit and the emotion of those young children, so they will be equipped to make choices.

Today, what they have in school are cognitive dissidents. Little minds of children cannot handle adult choices. When they give cognitive dissidents to children to give an outcome based solution, they are not telling them why they're wrong, good and evil. Children's minds are made for the absolutes: this is right and this is wrong; do this, don't do that. That's all a part of teaching them to grow up.

When they grow up and they haven't internalized those things in their minds as children growing up, then when they grow they can still go off and make the wrong choices. That's why you read in the Old Testament about these good kings and what happens? *Their kids turn out to be 'crappy'! and sinful!* Their parents didn't teach them that. On the other hand, you have an evil and wicked king—like Manasseh and Amon—and out of that you have one of the most righteous kings: Josiah! It's an amazing thing when you read through there about the ways of the kings and so forth; it's amazing how that followed.

I think part of it is that the children are so close to those things that they're being taught that are right and they listen, but they don't practice because, in their own minds, they want to do differently. It's natural for kids to want to do the opposite of what their parents teach them. I think a lot of it comes out that way. Now, not all children are that way. Some are not that way, but some are.

This does affect the heart and mind, v 13: "merry heart makes a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken." I think that's what's the matter with a lot of people out in the world today, their spirits are broken. I think that's what you call *depression!* It can be healed

- by going to God for His help, through His Spirit
- by making the choice to not let the sorrows get you down

Sometimes that's very hard. It can be said, 'Well, that's easy to say.' *Yes, it is easy to say,* but it is hard to do! But nevertheless, it is the solution.

There are many ways you can see this happen. When you are depressed and down, what do you tend to do? *If you have a television you want to get something that is light, that is uplifting, that has some good, clean comedy!* If you like to have music that uplifts you, that helps healing the spirit. Also, the modern music today is made to destroy and pervert the spirit. So, this shows the difference. If you get down and depressed:

- you want to hear good things
- you want to hear cheerful things
- you want to hear good music
- you want to be around people that will uplift you

That's important. That will help heal the 'broken spirit.'

Proverbs 17:22: "A merry heart does good *like* a medicine..." They also know this. What do they try and do with people who are in depression? They even have such a thing now that is called 'laughter therapy.'

"...but a broken spirit... [so it can be broken; it can be perverse] ...dries the bones" (v 22). It affects your health. That's why people with prolonged mental problems and depressions become sick. Why does it say 'bones'? *Because from the marrow of your bones blood is produced, and the life is in the blood!* What it's saying here is that a "...broken spirit..." brings about a shriveling of the body or premature aging. It affects the very core of your life. As we have seen, if there's a breach in the spirit—there's a broken spirit—it can be healed. But you have to work at it.

Proverbs 18:14: "The **spirit of a man** will sustain his infirmity..." There are people who use the spirit that they have to go through any difficulty in life and have a positive outlook and not worry about the difficulties that they find themselves in.

One day I came out to the parking lot here, and as I was going out to get in my car, here came this hand-cranked bicycle with the big wheels on the back and a little wheel in front and the handles to turn it, and there was a man with no legs. He was out having a ball cranking his little tricycle and he had an antenna on the back with a flag on it, so wherever he went someone could see this flag wagging. He was going wherever he wanted. And I bet he was going 15 mph just going through the parking lot. I thought: Here's a man who has a choice. He could sit home and lie in bed and say, 'Oh, what an awful thing. I lost my legs.' (I don't know how he lost them.) 'I have no hope in life. I don't want to live any longer. I don't want to do anything anymore. This is terrible! My life has been taken away from me!'

That's the next one: "...but a broken spirit who can bear?" (v 14). This man said, 'All right, I've a life to live.' I'm just guessing what he thought, because he was not lying in bed. 'I have life to live. I can still do things. So, I'm missing my legs. Can I still be as whole a person as I can?' *Yes!* Why? *Because he chose to do what was right!* "The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity, but a broken spirit who can bear?"

Proverbs 25:28: “He who *has* no rule over his own spirit *is like a* broken down city without a wall.” Think of that in relationship to opening up to demon possession and influence. Ruling over your own spirit means you must rule over it ***by making right choices based upon the Word of God!*** That’s how you rule over it. God gave the spirit; He expects us to rule over it rather than let it be depressed or broken or bitter.

- 1 Peter 3:12
- James 2
- John 1
- Mark 7

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Proverbs 29:22: “An angry man stirs up strife, and a furious man abounds in transgression. A man’s pride shall bring him low, but honor shall uphold the humble in spirit” (vs 22-23). Quite a contrast!

All the things that we talked about we all go through one way or the other!

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