

IN BONDAGE?



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Foreword: The Carpenter's Son

During His ministry, Jesus visited His hometown, Nazareth, and taught there in the synagogue. Even though the people were astonished by His wisdom, they rejected His teachings, because they did not recognise Him as Yashuah HaMashiach. To them, He was the son of Joseph, the carpenter. ***“Is this not the son of Joseph, the carpenter?”***

And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works?
Matthew 13:54 KJV

When Jesus had finished giving these illustrations, he returned to his hometown, Nazareth in Galilee, and taught there in the synagogue and astonished everyone with his wisdom and his miracles. ⁵⁵“How is this possible?” the people exclaimed. “He’s just a carpenter’s son, and we know Mary his mother and his brothers—James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas. ⁵⁶And his sisters—they all live here. How can he be so great?” ⁵⁷And they became angry with him! Matthew 13:53-57 TLB

Because of their unbelief, He could not do many miracles there.

*And he did **not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.*** Matthew 13:58 MKJV

ARE YOU PREPARED TO OBEY AND FOLLOW THE CARPENTER'S SON?

Then listen to what He is telling you in this book!

I am simply His **vessel** and a **messenger** who has freely received, and freely gives.

Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure the lepers, and cast out demons. Give as freely as you have received! Matthew 10:8 TLB



In Bondage?

We were never in bondage!

This was the response of the Jewish people when Jesus was trying to explain that He was from above and they were of this world and would die in captivity of their sin unless they believed in Him (John 8:23-24).

They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?

John 8:33 KJV

To the Jews who believed in Him, He said:

*If ye continue in My word, then are ye **My disciples** indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall **make you free**.*

John 8:31-32 KJV

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

Although we are sometimes in **debt**, suffer from **incurable diseases**, are chronically **sick**, and live in constant **fear, unforgiveness, bitterness** and **guilt**,

like the Jews, we do not realise that we are in bondage! Does this sound familiar?

See how Jesus responded:

Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin ³⁵ And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever ³⁶ If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed ³⁷ I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you ³⁸ I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father ³⁹ They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. John 8:34-39 KJV

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

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

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

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

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

John 8:44 KJV

When you are not walking in the truth, it means you are listening to a different voice/language. The conclusion is that the specific voice must be the voice of the father of all lies because he can only speak lies. There simply is no truth in any voice other than the voice of the Shepherd!

Paul is saying there are many types of voices and all of them are significant.

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

I suppose that there are hundreds of different languages in the world, and all are excellent for those who understand them¹¹ but to me they mean nothing. A person talking to me in one of these languages will be a stranger to me and I will be a stranger to him¹² Since you are so anxious to have special gifts from the Holy Spirit, ask him for the very best, for those that will be of real help to the whole church. 1 Corinthians 14:10-12 TLB

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

In Captivity

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

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

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

These are very hard words, but they are true. God is not condemning you. Neither am I. His heart's desire is for us to be set free. Open your heart to the Holy Spirit, who desires to draw you into the truth so the truth can set you free (John 8:32).

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

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

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

*And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient²⁵ **In meekness instructing** those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them **repentance to the acknowledging of the truth.***

2 Timothy 2:24-25 KJV

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

And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

2 Timothy 2:26 KJV



Part 1: Beware of the Chaldeans

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

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

Who are the Chaldeans?

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

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

Revelation 12:10 ESV

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

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

Ephesians 6:12 KJV

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

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

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

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

Paul ended this message in verse 40 by warning the people to “*take care that the prophet's words don't apply to you!*”

Other translations use different words.

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

*Take care, therefore, lest there come upon you what is spoken in the prophets: ⁴¹Look, you scoffers and scorers, and marvel and perish and vanish away; for I am doing a deed in your days, a deed which **you will never have confidence in or believe, [even] if someone [clearly describing it in detail] declares it to you.***

Acts 13:40-41 AMPC [Habakkuk 1:5]

*Don't take this lightly. You don't want the prophet's sermon to describe you: Watch out, cynics; Look hard—watch your world fall to pieces. I'm doing something right before your eyes that **you won't believe**, though it's staring you in the face. Acts 13:40-41 MSG*

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

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

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

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

2 Corinthians 4:4 KJV

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

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

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

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

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

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

Paul warned the brothers and sisters to beware of the work of the "demons" - the ***enemies that were destroying the people of God***. The sceptics were probably saying: “Paul, you must be out of your mind! All Chaldeans were destroyed in 539 BC (Jeremiah 50 and 51). There are no Chaldeans left!”

In the same way, the believers today are saying:

“There are no demons. I am a believer and they can’t do anything to me. You have to be out of your mind. This message is not for me!”

This is what the Scripture is warning us about!

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

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

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

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

*I suppose that there are **hundreds of different languages** in the world, and **all are excellent for those who understand them**,¹¹ but to me they **mean nothing**. A person talking to me in one of these languages will be a stranger to me and I will be a stranger to him.¹² Since you are so anxious to have special gifts from the **Holy Spirit**, ask him for the very best, for those that will be of real help to the whole church.* 1 Corinthians 14:10-12 TLB

This is profound! All these languages/voices are excellent for those who understand them. But to Paul, they meant nothing because he was tuned in on the Holy Spirit only, the Ruach HaKodesh. This was the meaning of Paul's message in Acts 13 when he referred to the prophet Habakkuk warning the

people to **beware of the demons**. He was warning them to not yield to their voices and become their slaves!

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

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

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

When Scripture talks about Satan, it refers to his works. He is not omnipresent like God. God is always everywhere at all times, but Satan can only be in one place at a time. Therefore, he does his works through his army of demons. Jesus referred to a woman who was bound by a spirit of infirmity (demon) for 18 years. We will come back to this scripture, but take note that this woman was a daughter of Abraham - a believer! Jesus came to free her!

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

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

1. THEY ARE THIEVES

They try to possess dwelling places that do not belong to them! By the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, He disarmed Satan.

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

The devil cannot do anything! He has an army of demons that are doing his works and he binds us through them. Their works and influence in our lives can bring us into bondage, just like the woman who suffered under the spirit of infirmity for 18 years. To further illustrate that they are thieves, Psalm 83 says the enemy made a tumult and consulted against the people, that the name of Israel (God's believers) may be no more in remembrance.

Born-again believers are under serious attack. The demons are not after the non-believers. Why not? Because they already belong to Satan!

Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God² For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head³ They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones⁴ They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance⁵ For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee: Psalm 83:1-5 KJV

See what their intentions are in verse 12!

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

Believers are His temple, His houses where the Holy Spirit is dwelling.

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

Whenever an unclean spirit leaves a person, it **wanders** through waterless places, looking for a place to rest.

Whenever an unclean spirit goes out of a person, it wanders through waterless places looking for a place to rest but finds none. Matthew 12:43 ISV

When they do find a place to rest, they bring along seven worse spirits!

When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none ⁴⁴ Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished ⁴⁵ Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation. Matthew 12:43-45 KJV

Many people come to Christ and are delivered but do not fill their houses with the Word of God. They open up a door for more demons to enter. I have often seen delivered people turn against the truth and become worse than before. We need to wash daily in the Word of God, make ourselves holy, and cleanse ourselves by immersion in the Word of God.

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

...to make her holy, having cleansed her by immersion in the word. Ephesians 5:26 TLV

The Old Testament Chaldeans were a very small nation that was never conquered. God used the Chaldeans to bring the children of Israel into bondage until they cried out to Him. Only then did He destroy the Chaldeans. Similarly, God is still using the demons for His good, until we cry out to Him and repent. Then, He delivers us and destroys the demons. We cry out to God only in times of trouble! Isn't this true?

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

*In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came **Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon** unto Jerusalem, and besieged it:² And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the **vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god;** and he brought the **vessels into the treasure house of his god:**³ And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes:⁴ Children in whom was no **blemish**, but well **favoured**, and **skilful in all wisdom**, and **cunning in knowledge** and **understanding science**, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might **teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans:**⁵ And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's **meat**, and of the wine which he*

*drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might **stand before the king**.* Daniel 1:1-5 KJV

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

Listen carefully! Satan is misleading us by darkening our understanding through ignorance.

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

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

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

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

Demons put us in bondage by imputing bad things into our minds and bodies!

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

1 John 2:16 KJV

Lust of the flesh: What you invite into your body and use your body for.

Lust of the eyes: What you invite into your mind to try to make you “smart”.

Pride of life: If you do not tithe, you are arrogantly and pridefully stealing from God and believe you can make it on your own.

When we do not tithe, we are opening a door for demons to enter!

Remember that Satan is a thief and we allow him to steal when we do not tithe. He tries to persuade us to steal what belongs to God! This is a major open door for demons!

2. THEY ARE SQUATTERS

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

Commit today to kicking the squatters out of your house!

3. THEY ARE VICIOUS

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

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

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

[The Chaldeans] are **terrible and dreadful**; their justice and dignity proceed [only] from themselves. Habakkuk 1:7 AMPC

I'm about to raise up **Babylonians to punish you**, Babylonians, fierce and ferocious— World-conquering Babylon, **grabbing up nations right and left, A dreadful and terrible people, making up its own rules as it goes**. Habakkuk 1:7 MSG

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

Their **horses also are swifter than the leopards** and are **more fierce than the evening wolves**: and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; they shall **fly as the eagle** that hasteth to eat ⁹ They shall come all for **violence**: their faces shall sup up as the east wind, and they shall gather the captivity as the sand: ¹⁰ And they shall scoff at the kings, and the princes shall be a scorn unto them: they shall deride every strong hold; for they shall heap dust, and take it. Habakkuk 1:8-10 KJV

Her princes in the midst thereof are **like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain**. Ezekiel 22:27 KJV

Her princes within her are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves; they gnaw not the bones till the morrow.

Zephaniah 3:3 KJV

4. THEY ATTACK AT NIGHT, SIMILAR TO WOLVES THAT FEED AT NIGHT!

When you are awake at night, they will tempt you to watch, do and think ungodly things.

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

BEWARE OF THE CHALDEANS, FOR THEY ARE LIKE WOLVES!

The Chaldeans were expert archers. They waited until their enemies were stuck in the mud and then they would shoot at them. When you are stuck in troubles and difficulties, that is when these Chaldeans will seize their opportunity! Paul warned the people that wolves would enter among them after he had left.

For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Acts 20:29 KJV

- Wolves and demons are always after the sheep.
- Demonic spirits will attempt to take out God's sheep.
- Wolves and sheep cannot co-exist.
- Wolves operate in "packs".
- Wolves are studying you, sizing you up for the attack. The more indifferent they seem, the more serious the danger. They are preparing for the attack!
- The more comfortable they appear to be, the deadlier they are!
- They study your moves, and when you are weak, they attack!
- They do not respect young or old!

STAY IN THE FLOCK! STAY AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE SHEPHERD!!

5. THEY ARE CUNNING

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

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

Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to shew the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.

Daniel 2:2 KJV

Demons distract and deceive us and try to predict our future!

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

They (the Chaldeans) take up all of them with the angle, they catch them in their net, and gather them in their drag: therefore they rejoice and are glad. Habakkuk 1:15 KJV

*“Take up all of **them** with the angle (hook)”* refers to men as being like fish.

And makest men as the fishes of the sea, as the creeping things, that have no ruler over them? Habakkuk 1:14 KJV

When we are weak and weary, they put out bait we cannot resist, right in front of our faces. When Satan had tempted Jesus, he departed from Him, only to come back later when He was weak. We have to realise just how cunning they are. They were masterminds at seducing King David by luring him with the naked Bathsheba the moment he stepped out on the balcony. They studied King David by watching his movements and then put out the perfect bait.

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles ^{G3180} of the devil. Ephesians 6:11 KJV

G3180 (Strong's)

methodeia

meth-od-i'-ah

From a compound of G3326 and G3593 [compare “**method**”]; *travelling over*, that is, *travesty*, (*trickery*): - wile, **lie in wait**.

WILES ARE THE METHODS, SCHEMES AND PLOTS OF THE ENEMY.

Satan and his demons are plotting against us. The world pictures Satan as a character with red horns, a tail and a fork in his hand. This picture prevents us from seeing how subtle, cunning, and *vicious* he is. Satan has an entire army of locusts and they know exactly what to do to destroy you.

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

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

The enemy shall speak significant words against the Most High and they shall wear out His saints, the set-apart ones – God's devoted people.

And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. Daniel 7:25 KJV

The Chaldeans stole from Job because they had permission to do so. Open doors in our lives give Satan permission (legal right) to steal from us.

Abraham was born in Chaldea, but God called him out of there! God ordered him to leave the land of the Chaldeans, but Abraham's descendants later returned to the Chaldeans and were held in captivity by Nebuchadnezzar.

THIS IS A SHADOW OF THE LIVES OF THE BELIEVERS!

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

1 Peter 5:8 KJV

- To be sober means to be in control!
- Do not be drunk with wine (out of control), but under control of the Holy Spirit (in control.)
- Do not be afraid, but be watchful!
- Satan is a "roaring lion" – a lion without teeth!
- Jesus pulled all his teeth! He has already been defeated!

And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. Revelation 5:5 KJV

WOLVES AND SHEEP CANNOT CO-EXIST. SHEEP NEED A SHEPHERD! When you belong to the Shepherd, He will take care of you! A Shepherd never uses his staff or rod to hit the sheep. He uses it to keep the wolves at bay.

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they
comfort me. Psalm 23:4 KJV*

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

Acknowledgement: Beware of the Chaldeans by Robert Morris

In Bondage

This is a powerful teaching from the Old Testament about the Tyron King, Nebuchadnezzar, a Chaldean whom God used to teach us the strategy of the enemy. As we move on, you will see that Jesus teaches us we are also in bondage. In my walk and search for the truth, I sense that many believers (*born again, water- and Holy Ghost baptised*) are in bondage in one way or another. If you open up your spirit to this profound truth, I will prove to you, through scriptures, that Jesus indeed came to set the captives free!

YASHUAH HAMASHIACH CAME FOR YOUR DELIVERANCE!

Scripture is very clear that the religious spirit and carnal philosophies are standing in the way of our freedom.

*See to it that no one carries you off as spoil or makes you
yourselves captive by his so-called philosophy and intellectualism
and vain deceit (idle fancies and plain nonsense), following
human tradition (men's ideas of the material rather than the
spiritual world), just crude notions following the rudimentary and
elemental teachings of the universe and disregarding [the
teachings of] Christ (the Messiah). Colossians 2:8 AMPC*

Scripture cannot be clearer! Do not fall into captivity by allowing yourself to be deceived by worldly philosophies (“plain nonsense”) or by human traditions (placing our ideas and religious tradition above God's Word). Paul states very strongly that we are disregarding the teachings of Christ the Messiah. Even Peter referred to our beloved brother Paul’s comments that people who were deliberately stupid and always demanding some unusual interpretation, twisted his letters to mean something different than what he intended.

Our wise and beloved brother Paul has talked about these same things in many of his letters. Some of his comments are not easy to understand, and there are people who are deliberately stupid, and always demand some unusual interpretation—they have twisted his letters around to mean something quite different from what he meant, just as they do the other parts of the Scripture—and the result is disaster for them. ¹⁷I am warning you ahead of time, dear brothers, so that you can watch out and not be carried away by the mistakes of these wicked men, lest you yourselves become mixed up too. ¹⁸But grow in spiritual strength and become better acquainted with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be all glory and splendid honor, both now and forevermore. Good-bye. 2 Peter 3:15b-18 TLB

Peter is warning us to not become mixed up, too! We must “*grow in spiritual strength and become better acquainted with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.*”

THE GOOD NEWS

When the Lord called me into full-time ministry, He used Isaiah 61 to appoint me *to open the prison doors for those who are in captivity!* For many years, I didn't understand this, but as I daily walked with the Lord He showed me the depth of bondage His children are in.

*The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;
2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn.* Isaiah 61:1-2 KJV

When Jesus started His ministry, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath. They handed Him the scroll of Isaiah and He read from Isaiah 61.

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read: 17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written. 18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, 19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. Luke 4:16-19 KJV

Then, Yashuah sat down, with all eyes on Him!

And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. Luke 4:20 KJV

And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears. Luke 4:21 KJV

The Amplified says, “**Today** this Scripture has been **fulfilled while you are present and hearing.**”

THIS IS SO PROFOUND!

I hope you are grabbing hold of this today! While you are reading this text, the Lord is saying to you, “I, Jesus, have been sent to heal your broken heart, deliver you from captivity (depression, oppression, possession, fear, pride, rebellion, strife, envy, etc) and recover your sight to the truth. I am here today to open your prison doors!”

Even more profound is the difference between these two passages. Compare **Isaiah 61:1-2** and **Luke 4:18-19**. Can you see the difference? In **Luke 4**, Jesus did not read the words “**the day of vengeance of our God**”. **Why not? Because Yashuah HaMashiach did not come for vengeance!**

That day of vengeance, the day of the Lord (referring to the day of His wrath), is a day still to come in the future. This is profound! Jesus came to set us free! We are living in the dispensation of grace! (See the book, “**Dispensation**”, available for free on our website, for more information.) But there comes a time when this dispensation will end and then the day of the Lord will come – the day of wrath, also called Jacob’s Trouble or the 70th week of Daniel’s prophecy.

While there is still opportunity in this dispensation of grace, let us tightly cling to these words of deliverance, because Yashuah desires to set us at liberty!

THE GOD OF THIS WORLD

The god of this world has darkened our understanding of scripture. Because of our ignorance, he prevents us from seeing the illuminating light of the Gospel. He prevents us from understanding the amazing message Jesus brought.

What is this message?

To see His image, which is in our born-again spirits!!!

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

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

*Among them the god of this world [**Satan**] has blinded the minds of the unbelieving to prevent them from seeing the **illuminating light of the gospel** of the glory of Christ, **who is the image of God**. 2 Corinthians 4:4 AMP*

*Satan, who is the god of this evil world, has made him blind, unable to see the glorious **light of the Gospel** that is shining upon him or to understand the amazing message we preach about the glory of Christ, **who is God**. 2 Corinthians 4:4 TLB*

God created man according to His image and likeness. Satan defeated mankind with his subtle lies and deceptions by which he blinded us. We cannot see the image and likeness God has imputed to us.

*And God said, Let us make man in our **image**, after our **likeness**: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.*
Genesis 1:26 KJV

*Now the serpent **was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made**. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?*
Genesis 3:1 KJV

Our religious traditions have made the Word of God ineffective.

Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.
Mark 7:13 KJV

Through the strong delusion by the god of this world, Satan, we believe a lie!

*And for this cause God shall send them **strong delusion**, that they should **believe a lie**.* 2 Thessalonians 2:11 KJV

SO, WHO TOLD YOU...?

This was the question God asked Adam after they had sinned in the Garden of Eden.

And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked?

Genesis 3:11a KJV

God continued without waiting for Adam's response.

Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? Genesis 3:11b KJV

God did not even mention the devil! How could that be? Because scripture tells us that to whom we willingly yield ourselves to obey, his servants we are!

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

There are many voices in the world and all of them have meaning. Whose voice are you listening to? Are you like Adam, without a spirit of discernment and unable to distinguish between the voice of God and the voice of the devil?

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

Are you still a baby, drinking milk and being unskilful in the Word of God? When are you going to grow up and start eating strong meat, become full of age so that your senses are exercised to discern both good and evil?

For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. ¹⁴ But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have

their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Hebrews 5:13-14 KJV

Paul says in the Living Bible Translation there are hundreds of different languages (voices) in the world, BUT to him they are meaningless! He says when someone speaks in a voice different from the Shepherd's voice, that voice, that language, is foreign and meaningless to him.

*I suppose that there are hundreds of different languages in the world, and all are excellent for those who understand them,
¹¹but to me they mean nothing. A person talking to me in one of these languages will be a stranger to me and I will be a stranger to him. 1 Corinthians 14:10-11 TLB*

But we choose to listen to various voices and languages and we understand them because we grew up in the environment of social media, TV, radio, and movies. All these voices are dumping garbage into our soul realms! The soul consists of the mind, will, emotions and the subconscious. **The battle is in our minds.** If the devil could deceive us through voices and convince us to obey them rather than the Shepherd's voice, he has control over our minds and can influence our emotions and will.

That is why the Word of God is saying that the sword (*the Word of God*) will pierce through our souls and reveal the thoughts of our hearts.

(Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. Luke 2:35 KJV

The good news is Jesus came to fulfil the prophecies.

Today this Scripture has been fulfilled while you are present and hearing. Luke 4:21 AMPC

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8:32 KJV

Deliverance

All young believers struggle with the question: “Can a born-again believer be oppressed or possessed by a demonic spirit?” Many claim it is impossible and get offended by the possibility.

Today I can tell you the truth! We make a big issue of distinguishing between demon oppressed, possessed or depressed. In reality, all these concepts simply mean being under the influence of a demonic spirit.

Scripture says, *“To whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death or of obedience unto righteousness?”* (Romans 6:16). “We have never been in bondage to anyone” is what the Jewish people said when Jesus told them that the truth would set them free (John 8:32). But let me share with you a profound revelation in the Scriptures regarding the deliverance of true born-again believers. Fasten your seatbelts! This may be a bumpy ride!

CONTINUED INIQUITY

Jesus said He did nothing out of Himself, but solely that which His Father taught Him. Because Jesus always did those things that pleased the Father, the

Father never left Him alone (John 8:28-29). To the Jews who believed in Him, Jesus said:

*If ye continue in my word, then are ye **my disciples indeed**; ³² And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

John 8:31b-32 KJV

Jesus was speaking to His disciples, those who believed in Him! He did not address unbelievers. In the next verse, Jesus mentioned that the truth would set them free. Listen to their **arrogant** response:

*They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, **and were never in bondage to any man**: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?*

John 8:33 KJV

Isn't this ironic? Throughout history, these people have been slaves. Moses delivered them from Egypt to the Promised Land and as they were speaking to Jesus, they were under the control of the Roman Empire! **But they said they were never in bondage!** Does this sound similar to the opinion of the modern church? We also believe we have never been in bondage to anyone!

Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. ³⁵ And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. ³⁶ If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. ³⁷ I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you. ³⁸ I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father. ³⁹ They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father.

Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. John 8:34-39 KJV

Jesus is saying that whosoever sins is the servant of sin. **Therefore, we are in bondage and need deliverance!** Remember, Jesus was talking to believers, and He was not finished with them yet. They were from Abraham's seed (referring to believers) but did not do what believers were supposed to do. Instead, they were trying to kill Him.

Similarly, we sit in church every Sunday, but from Monday to Saturday, and before and after the church services, we operate under the influence of a different voice, the language of the world, where a dog-eats-dog mentality applies. Finally, Jesus asked them why they did not understand His speech (voice/ language).

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

My conclusion to the above is because their father was the devil.

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

These are very hard words indeed.

WHENEVER YOU ARE LISTENING TO A FOREIGN VOICE/LANGUAGE, IT MEANS YOU ARE WALKING IN THE LIE. THE CONCLUSION IS, THE VOICE MUST COME FROM THE FATHER OF ALL LIES BECAUSE THAT IS THE ONLY LANGUAGE HE SPEAKS. THERE IS SIMPLY NO TRUTH IN ANY OTHER VOICE THAN THAT OF THE SHEPHERD!

CONTINUED ILLNESS

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

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

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

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

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

God found this woman in the “church”, but for 18 years the church merely made her comfortable in her discomfort! Churches today are doing the same

because they lack anointing and do not demonstrate the power God has given His Body to deliver people. Religion makes the Word of God ineffective. But Jesus came for your deliverance! He desires to break your discomfort to make you free, happy and at peace.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Many believe God allows both good and evil in their lives. But this is a lie from hell. God is not the author of depression, sickness, or bondage. He came to heal the sick and deliver the oppressed.

*How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and **healing all that were oppressed of the devil**; for God was with him.*

Acts 10:38 KJV

Paul confirmed this when people got healed and evil spirits left them. Diseases and evil spirits are synonymous and go hand in hand.

*And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul ¹² So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the **diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.** Acts 19:11-12 KJV*

Jesus, the 12 apostles, and Paul demonstrated the anointing and power of the Holy Spirit to deliver people. This is not demonstrated in the church any longer.

CONTINUED INFLUENCE

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

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

She presented paganism to Israel.

“Syro” means Syria and Syria refers to pride.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. Revelation 22:15 KJV

Outside the city are those who have strayed away from God, and the sorcerers and the immoral and murderers and idolaters, and all who love to lie, and do so. Revelation 22:15 TLB

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

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

Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision

³ For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

Philippians 3:2-3 KJV

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

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

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

And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter.³⁰ And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed.

Mark 7:29-30 KJV

To conclude this section, born-again believers are in captivity because of **continued iniquity** (John 8:31-36), **continued illness** (Luke 13:11-16) and **continued influence from paganism** (Mark 7:24-30). We indeed need deliverance! This was Jesus's first message when He started His ministry.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are

bruised' ¹⁹To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Luke 4:18 -19 KJV

Today this Scripture has been fulfilled while you are present and hearing. Luke 4:21 AMPC

Daily Bread

I'd like to insert a separate section here, to share a revelation I believe God gave me. This is an important link for coming out of bondage, slavery, and captivity. Don't rush over the scriptures, but take time to meditate on them. Allow God to reveal the truth to you. Ask the Holy Spirit, the Ruach HaKodesh, to reveal all hidden sins in your life that need to be repented of for deliverance. Allow the Holy Spirit to work in and through you.

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

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

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

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

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

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

But the people started murmuring because He said He was the bread that came down from heaven. They referred to **Jesus as the son of Joseph**, the carpenter. "*We know this Jesus! He is the son of Joseph the carpenter! How can he tell us to eat him and that he is the bread that came down from heaven?*"

The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven.⁴² And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven? ⁴³Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves.⁴⁴ No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. John 6:41-44 KJV

Jesus kept referring to Himself as the bread of life. He tried to explain that even though the manna in the wilderness kept Israel alive for 40 years, they still died.

And the children of Israel did eat manna forty years, until they came to a land inhabited; they did eat manna, until they came unto the borders of the land of Canaan. Exodus 16:35 KJV

I am that bread of life ⁴⁹ Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead ⁵⁰ This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die ⁵¹ I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. John 6: 48-51 KJV

Being Jews, they should have known the scriptures. God told them in Deuteronomy that from bread alone they shall not live.

*And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man **doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.** Deuteronomy 8:3 KJV*

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

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life ⁴⁸ I am that bread of life ⁴⁹ Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead ⁵⁰ This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not

die ⁵¹ I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. John 6:47-51 KJV

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

The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat? ⁵³ Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day ⁵⁵ For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed ⁵⁶ He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. ⁵⁸ This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever. John 6:52-58 KJV

When meditating on these scriptures, it is clear that Jesus was telling the people that neither **the bread He had multiplied the previous day** nor the manna their forefathers ate in the wilderness could give them eternal life.

It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God. Luke 4:4 KJV

"I am the way to eternal life. You must eat My flesh and drink My blood to enter the gates of heaven."

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

- Do you remember how I fed your forefathers with manna in the wilderness?
- I humbled you by letting you go hungry and then feeding you with manna, a food previously unknown to you and your ancestors. I did it to help you realise that food isn’t everything and that real life comes by obeying every command of God (Deuteronomy 8:3 TLB).
- Do you remember how I fed 5 000 households yesterday with two fish and five loaves of bread?
- Now I am telling you **that my children need to be filled first**. I didn't come to feed the dogs but **My flock**, so they could enter the Gates of Heaven.
- “Give us our daily bread” refers not to your ancestors in the wilderness, because they still died.
- **I am the bread of life**. I came to fulfil the prophecies to bring you out of captivity, deliver you and open your prison doors to freedom.
- Your daily bread is my deliverance to you so you can be sanctified in your spirit, soul, and body.
- For My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed and as you eat My flesh, and drink My blood, you **shall dwell in Me, and I in you**.
- As you are in Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna and will give him a white stone, and in the stone, a new name was written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it. Revelation 2:17 KJV

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. ¹⁴ If you hear and listen and obey my words you are blessed that do my commandments, and you may have right to the tree of life and may enter in through the gates into the city. Revelation 22:13-14

**"It is My desire and privilege to deliver you
so you can enter the gates of Heaven!"
"Will you allow me to?"**

Healing is the believer's Daily Bread!

God's Communion

This brings us to the next important issue of the Lord's Supper - His Communion. Jesus introduced the new covenant in His blood by instituting communion to the disciples.

This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. Luke 22:20b ESV

Through His blood, we have redemption and forgiveness of sins (Colossians 1:14). Paul explains what happens in the Body of Christ when we do not discern the Lord's body. He is talking about a physical disease problem.

For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. 1 Corinthians 11:30 KJV

Many are weak. Many are sickly. Many sleep.

The term “sleep” refers to the death of believers. This means we die prematurely because we do not discern the Lord's body. I was shocked to discover that the church’s idea of Communion does not mention the true meaning of the bread. It is the "Lord's Body" that we must discern. It is by His stripes that we were healed (*past tense – it has already been done!*).

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53:4-5 KJV

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. 1 Peter 2:24 KJV

LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name: ² Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits ³ Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Psalm 103:1-3 KJV

He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions. Psalm 107:20 KJV

That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

Matthew 8:17 KJV

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. 3 John 1:2 KJV

The message is crystal clear. Jesus descended from heaven as our daily bread to give us deliverance and eternal life. Therefore, we have to eat the bread during Communion, believing and acknowledging that we are healed by His stripes. The Lord is the same yesterday, today and forever. He has already healed us (past tense). We must only believe it when we participate in God's communion.

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Hebrews 13:8 KJV

If we don't want to be sick and die prematurely, we must have faith in the healing provided by Christ, as well as in His forgiveness. The Lord healed people in the Old Testament. He healed people in the New Testament. He is still healing people today!

Many do not discern the Lord's Body correctly during Communion.

Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.²⁸ But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.²⁹ For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.³⁰ For this cause many are weak and

sickly among you, and many sleep. ³¹For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. 1 Corinthians 11:27-31 KJV

It is not the focus of this book to discuss the reasons we are sick. The best book to read on this topic is **“A More Excellent Way – Be in Health”, by Dr Henry W. Wright.** After I had read the book, I applied Dr Wright’s revelational truths, resulting in many healing miracles taking place in people’s lives under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Ignorant Participation of Communion

Communion is one sacrament of the Church. According to Scripture, there are three sacraments:

- Water Baptism
- Communion
- Foot Washing

These are the only three sacraments in the Scriptures given as commandments. In communion, we celebrate the remembrance of Christ in two dimensions.

- His shed blood
- His broken body

Communion represents forgiveness. If we unworthily partake of it by refusing to repent before Him, we are guilty of fraud and curse ourselves because we make the crucifixion of no effect. **It is not the sacrament that saves us, but**

our obedience! We have to judge ourselves regarding **sin as the spiritual root of disease.**

Let us investigate why ignorant participation of Communion blocks our healing.

Reason 1

The first reason has to do with **repentance.**

- We must repent so that forgiveness, deliverance, and healing can be appropriated and bring forth the full benefits provided by the Lord's Supper.
- Judging ourselves involves having the discernment to specifically mention what is needed to repent of. Otherwise, we will not know what to resist, change, or renounce.
- Generic repentance and asking generically for the forgiveness of our sins without knowing what those sins are, accomplish very little.
- Many people merely say, "Father, forgive me of all my sins", and He does forgive, but there can be no repentance without knowing the specific sin that needs to be sanctified.

Reason 2

This reason has to do with believers "**eating each other alive**".

- We create, what we may call, an **auto-immune disease** in the Body of Christ. The body of believers attacks one another in relationships, in like manner as the physical body attacks itself with an autoimmune disease.

- If you say you love the Lord, yet hate your brother, the love of God is not within you! We have to keep the fellowship and relationship between one another healthy and positive.

We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. 1 John 3:14 KJV

When we partake of the Lord's Supper in remembrance of Him, we confess our willingness to lay down our lives in service one to another. When we partake of communion and ignore our brother in his need, we have negated the **fellowship** with him that is represented by communion and we are cursed. Communion is “**koinonia**”, which means **fellowship with each other**.

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? ¹⁷ For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread. 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 KJV

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 1 John 1:7 KJV

**The CUP (the Blood) is for the forgiveness of sins,
on the vertical level from God and the
horizontal level with each other.**

**The BREAD is the bread of life for the healing of our bodies
through helping one another deal with the spiritual roots of disease
and blocks to healing.**

When the Church ministers the life of God to each other, we can truly say:

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

Reason 3

This reason involves that people do not believe **healing is still relevant!**

- Note that the shed Blood of Jesus was not for the healing of diseases.
- His shed Blood was for the forgiveness of sins.
- Scriptures are clear that without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sins.

For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. Matthew 26:28 KJV

And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. Hebrews 9:22 KJV

So, when we take the **CUP**, we acknowledge that what HE did for us enables us to repent and receive **cleansing and forgiveness of all sin**.

The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. ⁸ He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. ⁹ That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. John 1:7-10 KJV

The broken bread represents the stripes that were laid on Jesus. It represents freedom from all diseases (Deuteronomy 28).

*Who his own self bare our sins in **his own body** on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by **whose stripes ye were healed**. 1 Peter 2:24 KJV*

When we do not believe that healing is still for today and thus teach the deception that freedom is not relevant any longer, but still take the bread of communion, we bring a CURSE into our lives!

The curse is the disease, but we believe we cannot be healed from it. Yet we celebrate the sacrament provided for healing. There is something theologically wrong with this picture!

This happens because we negate half of what Christ did on the cross. When ignorantly partaking of the bread and using Communion while being in apostasy, we bring a curse over ourselves because of unbelief. Therefore, many of us are **weak, sick**, and die **premature deaths**. **This is a tough reality.**

Those who do not correctly discern the Body of Christ or the work He did on the cross, open the door for sicknesses and diseases and premature deaths.

This is a major spiritual block to healing!

Reason 4

The last reason is the incorrect application of God's resurrection power in our lives! **Few born-again believers know that we have the resurrection power of Jesus Christ in us. Those who know it, do not know how to use it. This is profound and therein lies the secret to the healing of the SOUL!**

I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms.
Ephesians 1:19 NLT

The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.
Romans 8:11 NLT

Now it is up to you to believe and acknowledge these truths that God has revealed to you. All you need to do to activate your faith is to acknowledge the good news!

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



Part 2: Hardness of the Heart

I have discovered that, because of the hardness of our hearts, we are storing up wrath for ourselves on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. God is longsuffering, and He is waiting patiently for us to turn away from our sin. But because of our stubbornness, we are saving up terrible punishment for yourselves.

Don't you realize how patient he is being with you? Or don't you care? Can't you see that he has been waiting all this time without punishing you, to give you time to turn from your sin? His kindness is meant to lead you to repentance. ⁵But no, you won't listen; and so you are saving up terrible punishment for yourselves because of your stubbornness in refusing to turn from your sin; for there is going to come a day of wrath when God will be the just Judge of all the world. Romans 2:4-5 TLB

*...but after thy **hardness and impenitent heart** treasurest up for thyself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; Romans 2:5 KJV*

On the 24th of May, 2017, God focused my attention on the vision of the prophet Isaiah in Isaiah 6. I asked God about it, and in my spirit received the following message:

Isaiah delivered a message of impending disaster to his already doomed fellow children, whose persistent hardening of heart has dulled their moral sensitivity so that nothing would prompt them to heed the warning.

This was the first time God gave me a **message of warning** to deliver to His people. He also revealed to me what His intention behind the warnings was. I believe the Body of Christ misunderstands God's intentions when He issues warnings to His children. I pray that the Holy Ghost will reveal it to us so we can be set free.

Over time, God has been revealing to me a deep meaning of the “**hardness of the heart**”. It is like the same coin, with two sides. Let us first discuss the more digestible part of the “**hardness of the heart**”. The second part will deal with a dream I had, and God's warning to His beloved people.

THE HARDENING OF YOUR HEART.

The Heart itself.

The Heart

The more I share revelations with people, the more I realise how the god of this world blinds us and keeps us in darkness. Therefore, it might be necessary to first clear the issue of “**the heart**”. For a person with a medical background, the heart is merely “**a pumping organ which cannot process any information**”. How deep the deception of Satan is!

The word “**heart**” appears 833 times in the KJV Bible. What is the real meaning of loving someone with your whole heart? And what does it mean when the Lord commands us to love Him with our whole hearts?

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Matthew 22:37 KJV

In Greek, the word for **heart** is “**kardia**”, which is where medical terms such as “cardio” (vascular) come from. They refer to the heart and blood vessels. Strong’s Dictionary defines it as “***figuratively the thoughts or feelings or mind***”.

G2588 (Strong’s)

Kardia

kar-dee'-ah

Prolonged from a primary *kár* kar (Latin *cor*, “heart”); the *heart*, that is, ***(figuratively) the thoughts or feelings (mind)***; also (by analogy) the *middle*: - (+ broken-) heart (-ed).

The first time the word “heart” appears in the Bible is in Genesis.

And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart^{H3820} was only evil continually. Genesis 6:5 KJV

In Hebrew, this word is “**labe**” and refers ***figuratively to feelings, the will, intellect – the centre of anything.***

H3820 (Strong’s)

lêb

labe

A form of H3824; the *heart*; also used ***(figuratively) very widely for the feelings, the will and even the intellect; likewise for the centre of anything***: - + care for, comfortably, consent, X considered, courag [-eous], friend [-ly], ([broken-], [hard-], [merry-], [stiff-], [stout-], double) heart ([ed]), X heed, X I, kindly, midst, mind (-ed), X regard ([ed]), X themselves, X ***unawares, understanding***, X well, ***willingly, wisdom***.

In Genesis 20, is another reference to the heart, which is **H3824**.

Said he not unto me, She is my sister? and she, even she herself said, He is my brother: in the integrity of my heart ^{H3824} and innocency of my hands have I done this. Genesis 20:5 KJV

H3824 (Strong's)

lêbâb

lay-bawb'

From H3823; the *heart* (as the most interior organ); used also like H3820: - + bethink themselves, breast, comfortably, courage, ([faint], [tender-] heart([-ed])), midst, ***mind***, X ***unawares***, ***understanding***.

Strong's defines it as the Hebrew for mind and understanding. In Greek, the first time the word "heart" appears, it is in Matthew 5. It has the same reference and meaning as our original text, namely ***thoughts, feelings and mind***.

Blessed are the pure in heart ^{G2588} for they shall see God.
Matthew 5:8 KJV

G2588 (Strong's)

kardia

kar-dee'-ah

Prolonged from a primary κάρ kar (Latin *cor*, "heart"); the *heart*, that is, (**figuratively**) the *thoughts or feelings (mind)*; also (by analogy) the *middle*: - (+ broken-) heart (-ed).

In Mark 10, yet another reference appears, namely, **G4641**.

And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart ^{G4641 G5216} he wrote you this precept. Mark 10:5 KJV

G4641 (Strong's)

sklērokardia

sklay-rok-ar-dee'-ah

Feminine of a compound of G4642 and G2588; *hard-heartedness*, that is, (specifically) destitution of (spiritual) perception: - **hardness of heart**.

G5216 (Strong's)

humōn

hoo-mone'

Genitive case of G5210; *of (from or concerning) you*: - ye, you, **your (own, - selves)**.

G4641 specifically refers to hardheartedness – specifically destitution of spiritual perception – “**hardness of heart**”. This verse also refers to G5216, which means “**your own selves**”.

When combining these meanings of “**heart**”, it seems to refer to:

- The thoughts, feelings and mind.
- The will and intellect.
- The *centre* of everything.
- Unawares, understanding, X well, willingly, wisdom.
- X unawares.
- Hardness of heart.
- Our own selves.

Figuratively speaking, the heart controls our thoughts and feelings. It directs all aspects of our lives.

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. Proverbs 4:23 KJV

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he. Proverbs 23:7a KJV

Therefore, know your enemy and know yourself. Identify your main areas of weakness and set limits that make it harder for the enemy to get to your weak areas. Put up a fight in the spirit! Take up Godly anger, submit yourself to God and resist the devil. He will flee from you! (James 4:7)

We have to learn to stir up ourselves in the spirit, edify ourselves and take the kingdom violently by force!

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and men of violence take it by force. Matthew 11:12 ASV

HARDNESS OF THE HEART

Acknowledgement: "A teaching by Andrew Wommack"

Hardening of the heart is not just relevant to those who hate God or ignore His voice and corrections, but it is also present in us who believe and respond to His voice. The following scriptures will reveal profound truths to you. It could change your entire outlook on your life, faith and your complete **"heart"**. **This is a radical statement to make!**

After Jesus had fed the 5 000 with two fish and five loaves of bread, He commanded His disciples to go to the other side.

And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men. ⁴⁵ And straightway he constrained his disciples to get into

the ship, and to go to the other side before unto Bethsaida, while he sent away the people. Mark 6:44-45 KJV

Jesus walked on the water towards the ship amid a storm. **Jesus was walking on top of the same substance that wanted to destroy the disciples.** On Jesus' invitation, Peter stepped out of the boat, walked on the water towards Him and sank when he took his eyes off Jesus. But Jesus rescued him! A combination of the information provided in the four Gospels says, **"When Jesus entered with Peter in the ship, immediately the ship was at the shore and the sea was flat and calm like glass."**

Then they willingly received him into the ship: and immediately the ship was at the land whither they went. John 6:21 KJV

It was still a two-hour sail to the land, but instantly, when Jesus entered the boat, they were on the other side. The phrase, **"they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure"**, makes it sound very innocent.

And he went up unto them into the ship, and the wind ceased: and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and wondered. Mark 6:51 KJV

The TLB says that they were **"unable to take it in"**.

But he spoke to them at once. "It's all right," he said. "It is I! Don't be afraid." ⁵¹ Then he climbed into the boat and the wind stopped! They just sat there, unable to take it in! ⁵² For they still didn't realize who he was, even after the miracle the evening before! For they didn't want to believe! Mark 6:50-52 TLB

How many times has God done things in our lives that we were so astonished about that we could not take it in! Sounds very normal to me, but see what the next verse is saying.

For they considered not the miracle of the loaves: for their heart was hardened. Mark 6:52 KJV.

Seems like the disciples were **sensitive to the natural realm**, which is easy to believe, but **so insensitive to the supernatural realm** that they **could not believe it**. The reason for their unbelief was hardened hearts. **This is major!**

Hardened hearts can have a serious negative effect, as in the following story, told by Andrew Wommack illustrates. Andrew prayed for a boy with crossed eyes. He took authority and believed for the healing, but was just about to prepare the boy that his healing might come over time when he noticed the boy's eyes were fully restored. Andrew remarked in a similar way as the disciples, "I cannot believe this! It is just too good to be true!" The boy's eyes turned cross-eyed again! He prayed for him again, but his eyes were not fully restored as previously.

I had my own experience, similar to that of Andrew Wommack. I had been praying for the restoration of my vision for a few weeks. One day, just after I had prayed for somebody who received healing, I noticed that my vision was greatly restored. I mentioned to my mother how amazing and "unbelievable" it was. My eyes immediately returned to their former state!

We must reach that point where the supernatural realm would be just as normal as the natural. It should not surprise us anymore! We should walk by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7), otherwise, we limit the Holy Spirit.

How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, and grieve him in the desert! ⁴¹ Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel. Psalm 78:40-41 KJV

Unbelief exposes the condition of our hearts.

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he. Proverbs 23:7 KJV

A change in the heart's condition is a prerequisite for anything to change outwardly. Change your heart towards a specific situation first, before the situation can change and manifest in the physical realm. The reason we are shocked and amazed at miracles and supernatural provision is our hardened hearts. Hardened hearts, therefore, refer not only to those who rebel against God but also to those who can't believe in the supernatural power of the Lord. Hardened hearts are **cold, insensitive, unfeeling, and unyielding!** It should be a normal occurrence for us to experience miracles in our lives.

Consider the following.

What was Jesus's reaction when He took the bread, broke it, and gave it to the disciples after He had looked up and blessed the food? He did not jump up and down praising the Father for the miracle that had just happened. Why not? Because He was used to the supernatural realm and did not have a *cold, insensitive, unfeeling and un-yielded* heart.

Perceive ye not.

The feeding of the 5 000 in Mark 6, repeated itself. The disciples did not learn from the first incident. They still reasoned about not having enough bread. Hear Jesus' words.

And when Jesus knew it, he saith unto them, Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? perceive ye not yet, neither understand? have ye your heart yet hardened? ¹⁸ Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember? Mark 8:17-18 KJV

Understand ye not?

Being unable to perceive indicates a hardened heart. Likewise, if you hear something but do not understand it, it is an indication of a hardened heart.

Can't you see and hear?

Jesus remarked that although they had eyes, they did not see and although they had ears, they did not hear. Jesus referred again to their hardened hearts. He wants us to “tune” our ears in on Him and listen to what He is saying and teaching us.

My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

Proverbs 4:20 KJV

We need to sensitise ourselves to His teachings and desensitise ourselves to the normal world.

Don't you Remember?

If you do not remember, it means you have a hardened heart.

Having eyes, see ye not? And having ears, hear ye not? And do ye not remember? Mark 8:18 KJV

When we cannot remember the Word of God, it is because we are not focused and tuned in on Him. Many of us can easily remember the names of rugby players, the scores of games, etc., but we cannot quote any scriptures.

A good example of a hardened heart.

The Pharaoh of Egypt is probably one of the best examples of a person with a hardened heart. He simply would not let the Israelites go. If his heart was sensitive, he would have let the people go after the first plague. But he kept on refusing. When Moses asked him when to remove the frogs, he said “tomorrow”. If his heart was sensitive towards God, he would have said **“RIGHT NOW!”**

Moses told Pharaoh, "You decide when I should plead for you, your servants, and your people to remove the frogs from you and your household. They'll remain only in the Nile" ¹⁰ Pharaoh said, "Tomorrow." Moses said, "It will be just as you say, so that you may know that there is no one like the LORD our God.

Exodus 8:9-10 KJV

Finally, the Pharaoh gave in when his people and his land were defeated. But because of a hardened heart, he decided to take his armies and follow Israel. Moses had already demonstrated the supernatural power of God to him, but still, he tried to defeat them. Again, God intervened. The pillar of the cloud blocked the Israelites from the Egyptians’ sight. Pharaoh’s armies had to wait for at least 12 hours before the cloud lifted, after which they foolishly followed the Israelites into the sea.

Then the angel of God, who was going in front of the camp of Israel, moved behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front of them and stood behind them ²⁰ coming between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. The cloud remained there even in the darkness, illuminating the night so that the one side did not come near the other all night.

Exodus 14:19-20 ISV

By the time they realised YEHÔVÂH was fighting **for** the Israelites and **against** the Egyptians, it was too late for them.

Their chariot wheels began coming off so that their chariots scraped along the dry ground. "Let's get out of here," the Egyptians yelled. "Jehovah is fighting for them and against us."

Exodus 14:25 TLB

Reasons for the Hardness of the Heart

*For this people's heart is **waxed gross** ^{G3975}, and their **ears are dull** of hearing, and their **eyes they have closed**; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should **understand with their heart**, and should be converted, and I should heal them.* Matthew 13:15 KJV

G3975 (Strong's)

pachunō

pakh-oo'-no

From a derivative of G4078 (meaning *thick*); **to thicken**, that is, (by implication) to *fatten* (figuratively *stupefy* or *render callous*): - wax gross.

“Waxed gross” refers to a method used in making candles in the old days. It was not just a once-off process. You needed to put wax on the pit over and over to get the candle's desired thickness. It was a timely process. In other translations, the word **“dull”** is used. It is a lack of interest or excitement. The bottom line is that it will take time to harden your heart, as it will take time to sensitise your heart again.

Harden, not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness. Hebrews 3:8 KJV

Hardened hearts because of sin.

*Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.¹³ But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the **deceitfulness of sin**. Hebrews 3:12-13 KJV*

What are you considering in your heart?

For they considered not the miracle of the loaves: for their heart was hardened. Mark 6:52 KJV

Whatever you consider in your heart, you become sensitive towards! What you do not consider, your heart will automatically be hardened against and become insensitive towards. The word “consider” means to:

- Study
- Ponder
- Think upon

- Deliberate
- Examine
- Meditate
- Focus
- Dominate

Whatever we consider, study, focus on, or meditate on, will dominate us.

When your heart is tied to things, you become sensitive to those things. When our hearts are tied to a sport, e.g., we will idolise it and know every detail of the game. **When we consider, study, focus, or meditate on the Gospel,** we will be tied to it and know the details of the scriptures. Notice Abraham's reaction in Romans, contrasting that of the disciples. Against all hope, he believed in hope! He was already 100 years old when God promised him a child. He considered not his body dead, nor the womb of Sarah!

Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. ¹⁹ And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about a hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb ²⁰ He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; ²¹ And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. Romans 4:18-21 KJV

A miracle.

Logistically, the miracle of feeding 5 000 households through the hands of Jesus was impossible. It is logical to assume that, after Jesus had blessed and broken the bread, He gave it to the disciples, who fed the people. So, the miracle took place directly at the hands of the disciples. But still, they could not grasp it.

For they considered not the miracle of the loaves: for their heart was hardened. Mark 6:52 KJV

Afterwards, when Jesus tried to get his disciples into the boat, it seemed there was some sort of resistance.

*And straightway he **constrained** his disciples to get into the ship, and to go to the other side before unto Bethsaida, while he sent away the people. Mark 6:45 KJV*

Scripture is not clear why, but from their experience as fishermen, they could probably tell that a storm was on its way. Jesus constrained his disciples to get in. He was responsible for them. They could easily have hoisted the flags, turned around and within a few minutes be back on dry land where they came from. But they did not, because they were following His instructions.

Expecting Jesus

If the disciples, after experiencing the multiplication of the fish and loaves, **had** their **minds stayed** on how powerful the Lord was, they would have expected Him in the storm, instead of being surprised at His appearance! It is the same with us! If we could have the correct mindset about the Word of God, we would not be surprised, but expectant of miracles.

We have to know that:

- No weapon formed against us will prosper – Isaiah 54:17.
- God healed all of our sicknesses – Psalm 103:3.
- God wants us to prosper in all things – 3 John 1:2.
- By His stripes, we were healed – 1 Peter 2:24.
- Jesus did good by healing all who were oppressed – Acts 10:38.

If we could think correctly about these scriptures we would not fall apart when the doctor diagnoses us with an incurable disease. Since we are born again, we can operate in the supernatural dimension. We are spiritual beings and not human beings. When we operate in the natural realm, the natural circumstances will make us harden our hearts. As with the disciples, we will be so caught up in the storm, that we will forget about miracles.

Many of us are so occupied by our natural circumstances and realm, that we forget about our supernatural abilities. We are so dominated and controlled by the natural, that we are sensitive only to the natural and hardened towards the supernatural. We are so busy surviving from day to day that we forget to focus on the spiritual realm. Sometimes, we know that God has much more in store for us but we do not know how to get it. Our hearts are so hardened and preoccupied with the physical realm that we do not focus on the spiritual realm.

We should spend more time focusing on and considering the Word of God. There are enough truths in the Word of God to keep our minds on those scriptures all day long, meditating on them and focussing on their meanings.

(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) ⁵ Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 KJV

The disciples were not living in sin. They were obeying Jesus. Yet, there they were, in the middle of a storm, not “**considering**” the miracles.

*For they **considered not the miracle** of the loaves: for their heart was hardened. Mark 6:52 KJV*

They were so occupied with the storm that they only focused on their natural wisdom and their abilities as fishermen. They just wanted to save their own lives. They were mere humans in the physical realm. We act similarly regarding our bodily condition. Most people are focused on exercising, eating right, and using additional vitamins and minerals. But our bodies are ageing and we will one day face needing more than just physical medication to stay and walk in health.

When we choose to walk in the supernatural, we will see blind eyes open, the dead rise, and cancer healed. But we are hardened to the supernatural realm and live limited lives. We need to practise living in the supernatural realm!

Abraham and Sarah

God called Abraham out of the land of the Chaldeans and told him never to return. Returning to that country would have been a sin for Abraham.

These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. ¹⁴ For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. ¹⁵ And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. Hebrews 11:13-15 KJV

Verse 15 says that if Abraham's mind had still been in that country, he would be tempted to go back. What we think about, are the things that tempt us!

Do not think of anything you do not want to be tempted by!

If you are tempted by anything, it proves that you have been thinking about it. Sometimes, thinking back to the old days of your life, and what could have been, you will be tempted by unbelief. Abraham never considered his body, or the womb of Sarah dead, when God told them they would have a child.

*And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, **neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb.*** Romans 4:19 KJV

Abraham and Sarah focused only on the promises of God. They never considered going back or being too old to have a child. The reason some are so easily drawn into temptation is that they are thinking about it. You can't visit any place of temptation unless you are already there in your mind.

Unbelief

The disciples had already received the power and authority from Jesus and exercised it successfully. They rejoiced before the Lord that *even the demons obeyed them*.

And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. Luke 10:17 KJV

But then, unexpectedly, they couldn't cast a demon out from a boy.

*Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? ²⁰ And Jesus said unto them, **Because of your unbelief:** for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place, and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you ²¹ Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting. Matthew 17:19-21 KJV*

Jesus indicated to them that it was because of their unbelief (*note that the NIV is saying "little faith", which is an incorrect translation*). Jesus immediately explained by referring to the mustard seed. It is the smallest seed, yet Jesus said the disciples needed only that amount to cast these demons out. This was not about little faith or lack of faith, but about unbelief.

A few verses earlier, the following words were uttered.

And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me. Matthew 17:16-17 KJV

Jesus saw the inability of the disciples to meet the needs of His people. Jesus had been training them to represent Him here on earth, but still, they just could not do so. Therefore, he said to the faithless and perverse generation, “How long shall I still be with you? How long will it take for you to grasp these truths, learn them and apply them?”

We must understand the substandards of Christianity today. The Lord is not pleased with us being unable to take care of the needs of the people.

The average pastor would ask a sick person like that boy, what medication he was on or suggest taking him to a medical doctor!

Currently, the medical profession and school system are ungodly institutions used by society. It should not be this way. It is the responsibility of the church to heal and educate. The government saw the benefit of running these institutions and they “**kidnapped**” them for themselves.

I believe that a deeper reason for this is that we are all held captive by the word “church”. This word does not merely refer to any religious institution but to God’s government – His Ecclesia! I wrote a teaching, “**The Mystery of the Church**”, which fully addresses this topic.

The church should never have given the responsibility of teaching our children to a government school. Initially, the government based the education system on Godly and Biblical principles. But now, they accommodate all religions in one education system. They call good evil and evil good! Over time, we have become less involved in education and healing and have become unable to demonstrate the power the Lord gave to His ecclesia. As a result, the government took over the medical care and education of our society.

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

Sometimes, sickness gets rooted so deep that we not only need physical healing but also emotional healing!

As a man thinketh, so he will be. Proverbs 23:7

Sometimes, people get healed, but in their minds, they still see themselves as sick! This is why Jesus asked the father how long the child had been sick.

And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. ²¹ And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child. ²² And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do anything, have compassion on us, and help us. ²³ Jesus said unto him, if thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. Mark 9:20-23 KJV

When the disciples could not cast the spirit out, the father's hope faded, and he said, "**If you can do something**". Jesus' words, "**If you can believe**", proved that the father also had a responsibility to believe for his son's healing! Jesus did not take all the responsibility on Himself. He gave some to the child's father. Our responsibility is to recognise the power and authority Jesus has given us and use it to get breakthroughs and miracles!

Faith

Many may justify themselves by saying that although they had faith and believed for a miracle, they are still sick. As much as this could be true, we must realise that in direct opposition to this are the forces of unbelief. Unbelief and faith cancel one another out.

*Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? ²⁰ And Jesus said unto them, **Because of your unbelief:** for verily I say unto you, If ye have **faith as a grain of mustard seed**, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.²¹ Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting. Matthew 17:19-21 KJV*

FAITH CAN BE CANCELED BY UNBELIEF!

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Mark 11:23 KJV

So, belief and unbelief can be in the heart simultaneously, and they will cancel one another out. This is what happened in Jesus's home town. He could not do any mighty works because of the unbelief of the people living there.

And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. ⁶ And he marvelled

because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching. Mark 6:5-6 KJV

Jesus led a blind man out of Bethsaida because of the people's unbelief. He took the man away from the people's unbelief and healed him in private.

*And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him: ²³ And he took the blind man by the hand, and **led him out of the town**; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought. Mark 8:22-23 KJV*

Everything was not only up to Jesus. The people in need of healing had to believe. That is why Jesus told the boy's father, "**if you can believe – anything is possible!**"

*Jesus said unto him, **if thou canst believe, all things are possible** to him that believeth. Mark 9:23 KJV*

Even Jesus had to deal with unbelief during His ministry on earth! A little leaven permeates the whole lump, likewise, a little unbelief will stop faith!

*Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a **little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?** 1 Corinthians 5:6 KJV*

Get rid of your unbelief! If you have **faith as little as a mustard seed**, you can move a mountain into the sea without touching it! That is how powerful faith is if it is not diluted by unbelief! If you constantly believe in God, you will receive faith. Just as faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God, likewise, unbelief will come by hearing lies and deception!

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Romans 20:17 KJV

Most people put more faith in a doctor's words than in the Word of God! The pastor's Sunday message seems to bear more importance than the Word of God! Parents often influence and manipulate their children so much that it can fade out the last bit of faith they may have for something specific to happen in their lives. When doctors, pastors and parents rule others by their words, it is time to stand your ground and believe what God's Word says and not what tradition believes.

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

If you condemn the weapons formed against you, they will automatically NOT prosper! The moment words are spoken against your belief system, you ***immediately must condemn and rebuke them***. Deal with them immediately!

No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD. Isaiah 54:17 KJV

If you delay, such words will eventually poison your belief system and your faith will fade. These words are like little seeds taking root.

Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof. Proverbs 18:21 KJV

Words of unbelief are seeds that grow and destroy your faith! Stay single-minded about what God is saying. We are trying to stand with one foot in the world and the other in the Word of God. This is double-mindedness. It robs us of our faith and stops us from receiving miracles and from operating in the supernatural realm.

Mark confirms this issue of having faith and unbelief at the same time.

*And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I **believe; help thou mine unbelief.*** Mark 9:24 KJV

Most Christians desire more faith. They regularly read and study the Word, but few realise that both faith and unbelief come by hearing. Listening to negative messages throughout the day contradicts our faith. After studying the Word of God, you can dismiss everything you gained by watching TV for the rest of the day or by listening to the news and negative people.

I suppose that there are hundreds of different languages in the world, and all are excellent for those who understand them, ¹¹but to me they mean nothing. A person talking to me in one of these languages will be a stranger to me and I will be a stranger to him. 1 Corinthians 14:10-11 TLB

Fasting and Praying

Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.
Matthew 17:21 KJV

This is a very misquoted scripture in the Bible. At face value, it may sound as if “**this kind**” is referring to the demon, but it is not. The context of the scripture

is faith and unbelief. So, when Jesus talked about “**this kind**”, He was not referring to a demon, but to “**this kind of unbelief**”. Demons do not obey according to the amount of faith you have, but they must obey the Name of Jesus! There isn’t a single demon who will not obey the Name of Jesus!

CAUSES OF UNBELIEF.

- **Ignorance:** If you do not understand what the Word says, you will be ignorant of it.
- **False doctrines:** Wrong teachings and half-truths can keep you from speaking in tongues, for example. The antidote would simply be to hear and believe the truth.

Unbelief enters through your five senses - what you see, hear, smell, taste and feel. When you pray in faith for somebody to be healed, but the person passes away, the situation gets worse! People’s negative comments and the things you see are contrary to your belief system. These things will minister unbelief to you. Likewise, the disciples previously had a lot of success, but when they saw the boy falling on the ground and into the fire, their five senses took over, and because of their unbelief they couldn’t cast the demons out.

PRAYING AND FASTING ARE THE CURE FOR THIS KIND OF UNBELIEF.

When praying to God, you are moving beyond the physical realm and entering into the spiritual realm. We are speaking and praying to a God that we cannot see or hear, but one day, suddenly, we hear His voice! Over time, you realise that there is more to faith than what you experience through your five senses. It is then that your spiritual senses open up. We need to train our senses to stop fighting us but submit to us. Then we can heal the sick.

In today's modern world of technology, we are greatly exposed to negative thoughts. The media is not out there to positively influence us but to sell the sensation which comes with all the problems of the entire world. We can't even handle our personal problems but are now facing the problems of the entire planet. It will drain and fade out all our faith unless we take a stand against it.

THOSE WITH A MEDICAL BACKGROUND ARE MOST DIFFICULT TO HEAL.

These people have been trained in unbelief. They diagnose a disease, consider it incurable and tell the patient that he has limited time to live. To them, there is no room for faith or the supernatural.

This kind of unbelief can only be dealt with through prayer and fasting!

This is profound! Jesus sends us back to studying the Word until unbelief is replaced by the truth of the Word of God!

For with God nothing shall be impossible. Luke 1:37 KJV

It is by praying and fasting that we get our senses exercised and have faith and belief restored to a place where anything is possible for GOD.

For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe ¹⁴ But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Hebrews 5:13-14 KJV

Our appetite has such a strong desire that it daily stands in the way of discovering spiritual truths. Most people get so miserable when they haven't

eaten for a couple of hours! The body needs to be disciplined! By fasting, you deny your flesh. Fasting will afflict you, and that is how you overcome the flesh. You will soon reach a place where you lose your appetite. It will prove to you that man does not live by bread alone but by the Word of God!

But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Matthew 4:4 KJV

THE HARDENING OF YOUR HEART.

A Warning.

We now come to the second part of the hardness of the heart – the other side of the coin. This is the part God shared with me during the night of 24 May 2017 from Isaiah 6. It made such an impact on me, that I ministered to my household on the 28th of May 2017, and we took communion. The moment I started speaking, an emotion came over me that was hard to describe. It had never happened to me before. Afterwards, my daughter came to me and told me what she had seen in the spirit as I was speaking. What an amazing experience we had that day!

From her diary:

“While my Dad was speaking to us, explaining what the Lord had shown him, I saw in the spirit how all of us were on fire. Suddenly, I saw Jesus kneeling in front of my Dad and removing his shoes. He started to wash my Dad’s feet with the “water of sanctification”. The sponge He used looked like feathers that were alive. They were “feathers of salvation”. While this was happening and while fire was

still upon all of us in the room, a mighty angel came to each of us with a large sword. He touched every one of us with his sword. Then Jesus took my Dad in his arms and said:

“My dearest son, you are now a new creation in Me.”

When I received the cup of wine, I saw a white horse. The Lord said it was a “war horse” representing the battle between the spirit, soul (mind) and body! Hence, the necessity for sanctification and purification to make it unto full salvation!”

Before I release God’s revelation from Isaiah 6, I want to share direct quotations from a book by **Sarah Jubilee**, **“Jubilee – Sounding of the awakening blast of the horn”**, written at the young age of 15.

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“It is 1:30 am as Yeshua woke me up again... I dreamt that I was just standing and I heard a voice asking me, what do you see? I said I see a fire, as I saw a large fire burning in flames... again the voice spoke and asked me, look, what do you see inside the fire? I saw rainbows moving inside the fire like aurora lights!”

The Lord started to speak directly to Sarah. *“Inside the fire is the fullness of My Spirit! There is much wisdom hidden inside of Me, locked up in Me for those who seek My heart! I want My people to focus on Me, love Me and not focus on what I can do for them...”*

*“Look and see... turn your attention, when your eyes make contact with My eyes you will see what I see. There are many deceptions because people turn their eyes from Me, truth is inside of Me, it’s who I am! Let Me tell you something, My love, **My heart is burning***

with passion for My people but they are not entering My sanctifying fire where Holy Spirit can do her refining and purifying work. I am gentle and I will do it little by little. My people think that because I want change in you that I do not accept you already just the way you are! NOTHING can make Me love you more or less, but if you love Me, you will obey Me and allow Me to bring change in your heart! Know the voice of your Shepherd! Through My prophets and messengers, I am crying out in the wilderness that you will prepare the way for Me. I AM the King but My people do not obey My commands but they rather listen to news and negativities, they lend out their ears to the things of this world but they don't sit and listen to Me the way they sit in front of the TV. They don't get so caught up in Me the way they get caught up in 'the game', they don't speak to everyone they see about who I am the way they can talk so much about the latest worldly events! Be careful My people of what you observe for it sows seed inside your heart and it will bear fruit..."

"These things I am telling you are to bring My people higher, to open their ears to hear My will because many do not know. It's not to condemn, I don't want to make you feel guilty, I want you to obey. Be teachable My children!" "My People are so fault finding and have so much unbelief, when I do speak they doubt if they really heard correctly, when I give a gift they say I chose the wrong person, not me Lord! Don't you think I know best? It's because My people focus on their inability and not on Me, don't you think I am able? My people if you would let Me, My Spirit could move powerfully through you! Too long this world has carried on in rebellion, enough now, they have rejected Me enough! The time has come... No one will

know the hour, Babylon it will catch by surprise but My bride will know when I am near because she will hear the sound of the trumpet!" "I truly do not speak to everyone the same... I speak in many different ways for My children I have created each of you differently and know your hearts! If your heart is pure you will hear Me clearly but if your heart is defiled I will speak and it will go unheard because of your soul's clutter, you wouldn't even know I was talking! It's **very** important to purify your hearts, **it is your preparation for My return** because it is where I will pour My oil in for those who wait on Me and who walks in obedience! I cannot pour My oil into a vessel that is full! I can only give extra oil to those who have cleansed their hearts in obedience and humbled and emptied their hearts from the things that defiled it."

"Do you know why I love it when you wait on Me? It's because you lay aside yourself! I like your silence, there is a time for you to speak and there is a time for you to silence your mind so that I can speak! The way that you enter in is through repentance, REPENT and you will see My Kingdom come! Will you also please tell My people the importance of acknowledgement and confessing? It's not the same as repent! You have to search your heart so that you can acknowledge sin and then repent of it. People are so full of pride, they expect Me to deliver when they are supposed to look inside themselves and acknowledge!" "Don't be like Adam and Eve and hide it from Me in shame and guilt! I am faithful to forgive through the shedding of My Blood! There is only forgiveness of sin through My Blood! My Blood is everything you need! Thus you need to

prepare your hearts through Repentance, but you have to acknowledge it to be sorry for it!"

SEED

"There is seed inside you, My seed! Let Me tell you about seeds... seeds operate through words! When you listen to My words seed are sown into your heart. Those words grow inside of you and it becomes what you put on the altar! Also the words that you observe that are not Me are also sown as seed in you and it also grows and becomes what you sacrifice." "Your hearts are the altars that you sacrifice things on daily... what you sacrifice is what you present before Me. When My seed is in your heart you will sacrifice praise and worship, you will be a living sacrifice! But when there is sin seed sown in your heart, what you will bring to the altar will be a sacrifice made to demons and not to Me! They will eat the fruit that you bear, because the seed that was sown in the first place was not My seed! For that reason it is very important to read My Word continually because it is what sows My seed in you and it will produce fruits that are worthy of Me! I feed on the fruits you know, I search the earth for those who present fruit to Me worthy of receiving. I will only feed on something that comes from a pure heart!"

"And then people wonder why even My people have demons... My people are partaking of things that are not from Me, it sows the seed in them and the seed grows into ungodly fruits that you bring to the altar, you feed the demons! If you feed them for too long they will move in because you become their satisfaction! You give them all

that they hunger for, so why won't they stay! You are your fruit... present yourselves holy unto Me! For I hunger to eat fruits that praises Me, that is presented to Me in purity! You either bring sacrifices to Me or to demons! Look at Adam and Eve; they sacrificed to the serpent, the devil, because they lend their ears out to words that would lead them to the wrong fruit! Those words the serpent spoke to them was his seed that he sowed into man, because they observed what he said and thought about it, only to become what they did! What you observe becomes what you think, then it becomes what you do and eventually it becomes who you are... the seed comes through whatever you listen to, focus on, partake of and observe, and the sacrificing through the fruit thereof... I long for My people's hearts, mind, will, emotions, words and focus to be a living sacrifice, holy unto Me, that bears My fruit because My seed cannot grow in you if there is no dying to self, just as the promise of what will happen to Abraham's seed could only be fulfilled through laying down..."

Most assuredly I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much grain! ²⁵ He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life! ²⁶ If anyone serves Me let him follow Me, and where I am there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, he My Father will honour! John 12:24-26 NKJV

"People think there has to be no more sacrifices made, I do not ask you to make sacrifices for sin anymore, for I was the perfect sacrifice for sin, but I do ask you to sacrifice, it's not an animal sacrifice, but a

heart sacrifice where you lay aside yourself and live in holiness! My promise could only be fulfilled through Abraham's obedience to sacrifice his Son. Isaac was Abraham's seed and his seed had to die for the promise to be fulfilled. For you to receive My abundant life which is My promise to you, a sacrifice of self has to be made. Abraham was willing to sacrifice his, I sacrificed My Son, will you be willing to sacrifice your soul in obedience to Me? Sacrifice is about obedience, you will know from your fruit whether you obey Me because if you do, you will be humble but when you obey the ruler of this world, the serpent, you will bear self-centred fruits."

HOLES IN YOUR SOUL

*"My people it's holes in your soul that keeps you from My presence! My anointing comes and goes out of the holes... when will My people stop nagging? When will they see that I HAVE completed everything **but they have to use what I have put in their hands to become whole?** Wholeness is a process; it is not something you receive at salvation! It's a work of My Spirit in you as you allow Me to take you through the painful process. My people you have to allow Me to take out the bee stinger, otherwise there will only be more and more pain and hurt! You have to trust when I tell you to FORGIVE, it's the first step to becoming whole, it's taking out the stinger that injects the poison of bitterness into your heart. Ask Me and I will help you get it out, but then you have to do what I am asking you....."*

"Because you belong to Me you are all deadly allergic to the sting of unforgiveness! Blessing is the instrument that I will use to take it out; you just have to allow Me. People will always hurt, reject, neglect,

misuse and abuse you but you are Mine and I freely give you the antidote to the deadly sting... you just have to inject it by forgiving and blessing and it can never harm you! Don't put your eyes on man but on Me! This is one step My people has to learn in becoming whole!"

WORDS OF YOUR MOUTH

"The words of your mouth are a powerful weapon, it either kills or destroys or it blesses and brings life! I don't like swearing, people think it's just words; it's not, because it doesn't honor Me! Keep your mouth shut if you don't have Me on your lips! If you cannot bless and speak life keep quiet! I honor speech that honors Me. Do you think senseless speaking brings life? NO, it keeps your eyes on circumstances where speaking life keeps your eyes on Me! You will become very quiet when you realize how many of your words do not honor Me! The road is narrow! Do not tell situations or your circumstances over and over to everyone you see, bring them to Me and if you cannot speak life about them, keep your mouth shut! Speaking life is almost always the opposite of what the situation or circumstances are. Life is in Me! When you speak life you speak Me into the situation! I desire to use My people's mouths as instruments and mighty weapons carrying life, authority, blessing and fire but they would not yield to My desire! Please honor Me with your speech through blessing and speaking Life!" "The gates are closing... very soon there will be no more time to enter as those who persevered and endured are waiting and those whose lamps are filled with oil is already inside the gates! It's just those coming in at the last second

and then it will be closed for those who have been lukewarm, who was half way there! Inside the gates the marriage feast will take place where the Bridegroom and His bride, that has made herself ready, will be married while the others will have to wait outside until the time comes for Us to return! Those that have only given and restricted Me to fill their spirits with oil, and not the vessel of their soul, cannot enter...you have to surrender and lay down every part of yourself completely. **I have saved their spirits but they would not allow Me to save their souls**, for they continued in their ways...for those will be too late, they will find themselves before a closed door, because they had the chance to but they were marrying and enjoying their soulish lives so much that they would not lay it down!" "Those who will go to war with Me will overcome by My Blood, the words of their testimony and because they did not love their lives to death! How can I allow a virgin inside who is a virgin but that doesn't give herself to Me?! How can I let her in if she cannot go to war with Me? Those who are ready to go to war with Me have gone through the test in their lives on earth- they overcame by My Blood, the word of their testimony and they have not loved their lives to death therefore they are prepared, for My bride is a warrior bride!" "How can I allow those in who I know are not able to war with Me because they could not overcome and they did not pass the test! I tell you the truth, not all will enter the marriage feast, only those who have Me in their souls also, whose mind, will and emotions have been emptied of its own and that has surrendered and given it to Me. That has ME in their minds and thoughts that are not conformed to this world but that have been transformed through renewing and who live

according to My good, acceptable and perfect will, whose emotions are not controlled by self but by My Spirit. Those are My wise virgins! They took up their cross and did not love their lives too much. She allowed Me to make her soul whole, she laid aside all her filthiness and overflow of wickedness in her heart and she has received with meekness My implanted Word, rooted in her heart and it saved her soul! Those are My true Bride!”

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*“There are important steps to the healing of the soul... Firstly you need to bring your broken, hurt, unsundered soul to Me and lay it down before Me on My altar so that I can shine My light on your heart and reveal to you what is inside. On your journey to freedom and wholeness **FORGIVENESS** is the first step! I can do nothing if you do not forgive... with forgiving comes blessing, blessing is like giving, it breaks the bondage! After forgiving and **blessing** comes **LOVE**! You need something to replace and fill the space in your soul and it’s My love! You need to come to Me and receive My love because it is what you need to change your thoughts. My love will enable your heart to change towards whatever you were offended by.”*

*“Many ask Me to help them forgive and then wait for something supernatural to change in them, **forgiving is a choice to change**. I am the only One, who can change your heart, but I need you to change your thoughts, I cannot change your heart if you do not change your thoughts! You have all the tools in your hands, just start to use them, I long for My people’s hearts to be healed so that they can be free.”*

*“A heart that has been defiled leads to bondage... I died for all to be healed, forgiven, whole, free, saved and redeemed! When you accept Me I come into your spirit and make your spirit new and one with Me. Many only preach on the fact that you ARE healed, forgiven, free, new and that you are **not a sinner anymore when the truth is in your spirit** you are all that [1 John 5:18], but in your **soul** you are **still a sinner**, still unhealed, broken and unsaved until you die to the old man. Why won't they teach My people on the importance of surrendering the soul, where I heal the hurts and make you whole, and where your thoughts become one with My thoughts?!”*

“It's a VERY important aspect in your walk with Me, because if your soul has not been healed, surrendered, submitted, sanctified, humbled and made whole you cannot fully receive what I have in store for you! There is a certain way that I do things... My shepherd's are supposed to lead My flock in the truth, in My ways, but they are only focusing on what I have done and not also on what you have to do with what I have given you!”

*“Listen to ME My people, when you hear teachings that are only ever telling you about what I have done and not also teachings on what you have to do with it, then it is not the full truth and you are being led astray. It is not so that you have to do nothing, what I ask of you are obedience. It was not My plan for you to stop at My Grace, move deeper into Who I Am because I am also Holy, I look at the heart and I do see the **rebellion in your soul**. I have saved you but, My Grace does not cover the things in your soul if you don't repent it [Romans 6]! Your soul is not saved by accepting Me, and you will not be safe*

from the coming things if your soul is not saved, your soul is saved by repenting and by that I mean changing, renewing, transforming, sanctifying and purifying!”

*“My bride is a SPOTLESS bride, I tell you if you have not gone through this process you are lukewarm - warm in your spirit because My Spirit lives there but so cold in your soul because anger, unforgiveness, pride, self-centeredness, rebellion and disobedience lives there. Mix the hot and the cold and you know what I will do with you! There is no more time to hush hush, there is no more time to sleep and be ignorant and lazy, I am telling you the truth there is no more time. You have to wake up and see the truth according to Me and not your pastor, listen to Me, wake up! I put everything in your hands that you need, many tools like **My Book as your Sword** to cut through your wrong thoughts, attitudes of the heart, wrong beliefs and circumcise your heart, like forgiveness, My Blood, prayer and more.”*

“I am the Potter, My Spirit picked you up and mixed you, you who are dust, with My Spirit, who is living water and made you clay in My hands. I know what My Father likes and I want to mould and change you into a vessel that will honor Him, allow Me! I desire that your soul and spirit may again be one as I made it in the beginning, in unity with Me because there you can freely receive My fullness.”

“If you miss this very, very important step of working out your salvation through your soul being saved you will miss out on the abundant life that I have planned for you here on earth [John 10:10]

*because you sit with your one foot in and your other foot out. My daughter tell My people that the old first has to come out, many want to receive what I want to give but they don't get rid of the baggage that holds them back... that is why I allow testing and tribulation because it presses you so that the filthiness can come out! It's like a worm that is inside of you that you picked up because you were in a place, busy with things you were not supposed to be, the worm eats you from the inside and it is your sinful soulish nature... when I allow pressure it pops to the surface, when I allow it please take hold of it through the tweezer of acknowledgment and **TAKE IT OUT by repenting!** Many people don't take it out because from the outside you look okay, they cannot see what that thing does to you on the inside and it is too discomforting to just take it out."*

"When you do take it out that thing will leave an empty space that needs to be filled with My Word and My Truth because it is what will set you free and My Love will heal you! Please hear My words My children and do what I ask of you, it's a matter of being lukewarm where you will have to wait outside, or, being My bride where you go into the marriage feast with Me! The things that you think satisfies your soul on this earth will pass away and then what will you have? Let Me tell you; a title, an achievement, status or money or any material things of this world will help you nothing, I look at your heart and it will be according to what is inside!"

"DO NOT be conformed to this world, to what is good, acceptable and perfect in this world, live according to MY Kingdom!"

REBELLION

Throughout history, humanity has been rebelling against God. It started in the Garden of Eden and continues today. The children of Israel rebelled in the wilderness despite all of God's miracles and provision. Even in the New Testament, the Jews rejected Jesus Christ. It is heartbreaking when you follow the scriptures from Genesis to Revelation and see how God, with longsuffering and goodness, constantly pours out His love on His people. In return, man's heart hardened more and more over time.

The moment I realised that God never imputed the sins of this world on mankind, it changed my life!

Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

Romans 4:8 KJV

God filled us with the goodness of Jesus Christ and declared us **Not Guilty!**

And having chosen us, he called us to come to him; and when we came, he declared us "not guilty," filled us with Christ's goodness, gave us right standing with himself, and promised us his glory. Romans 8:30 TLB

We grew up with the wrong theology that God was mad and that He punished the people of the Old Testament. Scripture is telling us something different.

We know that it was Adam's sin that caused this because although, of course, people were sinning from the time of Adam until Moses, God did not in those days judge them guilty of death for breaking his laws—because he had not yet given his laws to

them nor told them what he wanted them to do.

Romans 5:13 TLB

God did not impute any sin on the human race, but sacrificed His Son, Christ Jesus, to take upon Him all our sins. Through Him only, do we get our right standing before the throne of the Father.

*...gave us **right standing with himself**, and promised us his glory.*

Romans 8:30b TLB

When the people stood at the Jordan River, God desired for them to enter the Promised Land of His rest, joy and peace. Instead of believing in Him, they rebelled again. God's wrath came upon them and He sent them back into the wilderness. Thousands of years later, in the book of Hebrews, Scripture still refers to this incident.

...and again in this passage, "THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST."

⁶Therefore, since it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly had good news preached to them failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷He again fixes a certain day, "Today," saying through David after so long a time just as has been said before, "TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS." Hebrews 4:5-7 NASB

The GNB version uses the words "**stubborn**" and "**rebelled**".

*So then, as the Holy Spirit says, "If you hear God's voice today ⁸do **not be stubborn**, as your ancestors were when they **rebelled** against God, as they were that day in the desert when they put him to the test ⁹There they put me to the test and tried me, says*

God, although they had seen what I did for forty years.

Hebrews 3:7 GNB

Because of stubbornness and our rebellious spirits throughout the ages, our hearts have become hardened and we have unrepentant hearts.

*But because of your stubbornness and **unrepentant heart** you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God.* Romans 2:5 GNB

We are participating in an important race and, therefore, we need to be steadfast until the end. Do not be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. When you hear His voice, harden not your hearts!

*But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest **any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin**.¹⁴ For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence **steadfast unto the end**.¹⁵ While it is said, Today if ye will hear his voice, **harden not your hearts**, as in the provocation:¹⁶ For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit **not all that came out of Egypt by Moses**.* Hebrews 3:13-16 KJV

This is what God's warning in Isaiah 6 is all about.

God delivered a message of impending disaster to Isaiah's already doomed fellow children, whose persistent hardening of heart had so dulled their moral sensitivity that nothing would prompt them to heed the warning.

As already mentioned, this was the first time God gave me a **message of warning** to his people. I sense that the Body of Christ misunderstands God's

warnings. Hopefully, after you have discovered the truth God showed me, the truth will set you free!

Isaiah's Vision of the Lord

*In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. ²Above it stood the seraphim: each one had six wings; with twain, he covered his face, and with twain, he covered his feet, and with twain, he did fly. ³And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. ⁴And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; **because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.** ⁶ Then flew one of the **seraphim** unto me, having a **live coal in his hand**, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: ⁷ And he laid **it upon my mouth**, and said, Lo, this hath **touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.** Isaiah 6:1-7 KJV*

God told me to warn His people who are fast ripening for this judgment of hardening (reprobation), and to call them to repentance! As in the days of Isaiah, it seems as if the call to **repentance** is still **fruitless** because the children of God harden themselves. The goodness of God constantly draws His people unto Him in repentance, but the long-suffering of God has been wantonly abused.

Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? Romans 2:4 KJV

If you could only see God's heart for you today – His love and kindness for you to acknowledge the truth! The truth will set you free.!

In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; 2 Timothy 2:25 KJV

In meekness, I am delivering this message to you!

THE VISION

The vision was given to the prophet Isaiah in the year King Uzziah died and the throne of David was empty. God never empties areas in our homes, hearts, nations, or the church, without being ready to fill them again. He sometimes empties them deliberately so He can specifically fill them. These empty areas cause **sorrow and loss but are meant to prepare us for the vision** of God, and their purpose should be to purge the inward eye, so we may **see Him**.

- The essential point of Isaiah's vision was the revelation of Jehovah as king of Judah.
- That revelation guaranteed defence and demanded obedience.

The hovering Seraphim's attitude was that of service. The significance of their attitude is visualised as follows.

- "With two he covered his face that he might not see."
- "With two he covered his body, that he might not be seen."

- “With two he stood ready for service by flight whithersoever the King would send.”

Such awe-stricken reverence, such humble hiding of self, such alacrity for swift obedience, such flaming ardours of love and devotion, **should be ours too!** Their song celebrated the holiness and the glory of YEHOVAH of hosts. We must remember that the root meaning of **holiness** is **separation** and that the popular meaning of **moral purity** is secondary and derivative.

- **Separation**, of course, includes **purity**, as seen from the immediate effect of the vision of the prophet, but the conception is much wider than that.
- God’s ‘glory’ is the flashing lustre of His manifested holiness, which fills the earth as the train of the robe fills the temple.

Consciousness of sin.

The effect of the vision on the prophet, as with a flash, was the kindling of Isaiah’s **consciousness of sin**. This is the first stage of the vision.

- He expressed it regarding his **words** rather than his **works**, partly because, in one aspect, **speech is even more accurate than acting a cast**, as it were, of character.
- Not only the **consciousness of sin**, but the dread of **personal evil consequences from the vision of the holy God**, oppressed his heart. We see ourselves when we see God.

When the thought of God’s holiness flashes on a heart, like an electric searchlight, it discloses flaws which pass unnoticed in dimmer light. The easy-

going Christianity, which is the apology for religion for so many of us, have no deep sense of sin because it has no clear vision of God.

I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. ⁶ Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes. Job 42:5-6 KJV

“Then flew one of the seraphim unto me.”

The live coal in his hand is both a token and an instrument of **purification**, as the next verse explains. He had taken it with the tongs from off the altar of burnt offering, which stood in the court of the priest. The seraph took it from the altar to show that men are to expect the expiation of sin and purification from it, only by such means as God has appointed, and particularly by the mediation of Christ, whom that altar manifestly represented, and by that purifying and refining grace of the Holy Spirit, which was signified by this live coal, and is conferred on none except through the merit of Christ’s sacrifice.

Sin Recognised.

The next stage in Isaiah’s experience is that **sin recognised and confessed is burned away**.

- **Cleansing** rather than **forgiveness** is emphasised.
- The latter is, of course, included, but the main point is the **removal of impurities**.

It is mediated by one of the seraphim, who is the messenger of God, which is just a symbolical way of saying that God makes penitents “partakers of His

holiness”, and that nothing less than **divine communication will make cleansing possible.**

- It is affected by a live coal.
- Fire is purifying. The New Testament teaches that the true **cleansing fire** is that of the **Holy Spirit.**
- The live coal was taken from the altar. The atoning sacrifice had been offered there, and cleansing depends on the efficacy of that sacrifice being applied to us.

“And he laid it upon my mouth.” It was merely touching his lips, not burning them. All vain glory, *ambition, ignorance, and pride*, would be done away with by only one view of Christ in His glory. We are undone, if there is not a **Mediator** between us and this holy God. A glimpse of heavenly glory is enough to convince us that all our righteousness is as filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6). No man would dare speak to the Lord if he saw the **justice, holiness, and majesty of God**, without **discerning** his glorious **mercy and grace in Jesus Christ.** The live coal may denote the assurance given to the prophet, of pardon, and acceptance of his work through the atonement of Christ. Nothing is powerful to cleanse and comfort the soul, but what is taken from Christ's satisfaction and intercession.

This was done to signify not only that all the gifts and graces that purify the mind and fit us for the discharge of a particular duty or function come from God, but that there must be a real application and communication of them to our souls. It is not sufficient that we **hear, think, and speak of them**, or even that we desire them, and believe them to be attainable, but we **must receive**

and possess them. Observe this, for it is of infinite consequence to your salvation.

“Lo, this hath touched thy lips, and thy iniquity is taken away.”

This is a sign that the **guilt of sin is removed** by pardoning mercy, and corrupt disposition and inclination to sin, by renewing grace. Therefore, **nothing can hinder** us from being accepted by God as a worshipper, in concert with the holy angels, or from being employed by God as a messenger to the children of men. The **taking away of sin is necessary to our speaking with confidence and comfort, either to God in prayer or from God in preaching.** Those shall have their sin taken away who complain of it as a burden and see themselves in danger of being undone by it. To those whom God sends, it is a great comfort that they go for God, and may, therefore, speak in His name, assured that He will bear them out.

Readiness for Service.

The third stage in the prophet’s experience is the ***readiness for service*** which springs up in his purged heart. God is seeking volunteers. There are no pressed men in His army. The previous experiences made Isaiah quick to hear God’s call, and willing to respond to it by personal consecration. Take the motive-power of redemption from sin out of Christianity, and you break its mainspring so that the clock will only tick when it is shaken. It is the Christ who died for our sins to whom men say, “Command what Thou wilt, and I obey.”

The Prophet's Commission

Isaiah was not sent to his work with any illusions as to its success, but, on the contrary, he had a clear premonition that its effect would be to deepen the **spiritual deafness and blindness of the nation**. We must remember that, in Scripture, the certain effect of divine acts is uniformly regarded as a divine design. Israel was so sunken in **spiritual deadness** that the prophet's work was only to immerse the mass of 'this people' farther into it. To some more **susceptible souls**, his message would be a truly divine voice, rousing them like a trumpet, and that effect was what God desired; but to the **greater number, it would deepen their torpor and increase their condemnation. If men love darkness rather than light, the coming of the light works only judgment.**

Isaiah recoils from the dreary prospect and feels that this dreadful hardening cannot be God's ultimate purpose for the nation. So, he humbly and wistfully asks, how long it is to last. The answer is twofold.

- Heavy with a weight of apparently utter ruin in its first part, but disclosing a faint, far-off gleam of hope in its second.
- Destruction and the casting of Israel out from the land are to come.

Though a **goodly tree is felled**, a **stump remains** which has vital force {or substance} in it, so, even in the utmost apparent desperateness of Israel's state, there will be in it **the holy seed**, the **remnant**, the **true Israel**, from which again the **life shall spring** and stem and branches and waving foliage will once more **grow up**.

Directly after this message, the Lord directed me to Ezekiel 3.

EZEKIEL 3

As Isaiah had to remember that Israel was so sunken in spiritual deadness that his works would only be to immerse the mass of this people farther in it, likewise, Ezekiel also had to deliver a message, not to a far-off foreign land where he could not understand the language, but to the people of Israel!

*And he said to me: “Son of dust, eat what I am giving you—**eat this scroll! Then go and give its message to the people of Israel.**”*

*²So I took the scroll. ³“Eat it all,” he said. And when I ate it, it tasted sweet as honey. ⁴Then he said: “Son of dust, I am sending you to the people of Israel with my messages. ⁵I am not sending you to some far-off foreign land where you can’t understand the language— ⁶no, not to tribes with strange, difficult tongues. (If I did, they would listen!) ⁷I am sending you to the **people of Israel**, and they won’t listen to you any more than they listen to me! For the **whole lot of them are hard, impudent, and stubborn.***

Ezekiel 3:3-7 TLB

As these people were stubborn and hard, so did God make Ezekiel hard and stubborn, too, so he wouldn’t be afraid of them even when they appeared to be angry.

But see, I have made you hard and stubborn too—as tough as they are. ⁹I have made your forehead as hard as rock. So don’t be afraid of them, or fear their sullen, angry looks, even though they are such rebels. Ezekiel 3:8-9 TLB

Like Isaiah, Ezekiel had a message to deliver.

Then he added: “Son of dust, let all my words sink deep into your own heart first; listen to them carefully for yourself.”¹¹ Then, afterward, go to your people in exile, and whether or not they will listen, tell them: ‘This is what the Lord God says!’”¹² Then the Spirit lifted me up, and the glory of the Lord began to move away, accompanied by the sound of a great earthquake.¹³ It was the noise of the wings of the living beings as they touched against each other, and the sound of their wheels beside them.¹⁴⁻¹⁵ The Spirit lifted me up, and took me away to Tel Abib, another colony of Jewish exiles beside the Chebar River. I went in bitterness and anger, but the hand of the Lord was strong upon me. And I sat among them, overwhelmed, for seven days.
Ezekiel 3:10-15 TLB

The Lord’s instructions were very strong. “If you do not warn my people, then you are under the penalty of death and I will punish you!”

At the end of the seven days, the Lord said to me:¹⁷ “Son of dust, I have appointed you as a watchman for Israel; whenever I send my people a warning, pass it on to them at once.¹⁸ If you refuse to warn the wicked when I want you to tell them, ‘You are under the penalty of death; therefore repent and save your life,’ they will die in their sins, but I will punish you. I will demand your blood for theirs. Ezekiel 3:16-18 TLB

But if you warn them, and they keep on sinning and refuse to repent, they will die in their sins, but you are blameless—you have done all you could.²⁰ And if a good man becomes bad, and you refuse to warn him of the consequences, and the Lord

destroys him, his previous good deeds won't help him—he shall die in his sin. But I will hold you responsible for his death and punish you.²¹ But if you warn him and he repents, he shall live, and you have saved your own life too. Ezekiel 3:19-21 TLB

Furthermore, the Lord told Ezekiel that He would make his tongue stick to the roof of his mouth so he could not reprove until there would be a message from God to deliver, and then the Lord would loosen his tongue.

I was helpless in the hand of God, and when he said to me, “Go out into the valley and I will talk to you there”²³ I arose and went, and oh, I saw the glory of the Lord there, just as in my first vision! And I fell to the ground on my face.²⁴ Then the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet. He talked to me and said: “Go, imprison yourself in your house.²⁵ and I will paralyze you so you can't leave;²⁶ and I will make your tongue stick to the roof of your mouth so that you can't reprove them; for they are rebels.²⁷ But whenever I give you a message, then I will loosen your tongue and let you speak, and you shall say to them: ‘The Lord God says.’ Let anyone listen who wants to, and let anyone refuse who wants to, for they are rebels. Ezekiel 3:22-27 TLB

Paul's Message

After this, the Lord directed me to the message of the Apostle Paul in Romans 1. **Note that Paul makes a distinction between the flesh of Jesus and the Spirit of Jesus.**

[The Gospel] regarding His Son, Who as to the flesh (His human nature) was descended from David, ⁴And [as to His divine nature] according to the Spirit of holiness was openly designated the Son of God in power [in a striking, triumphant and miraculous manner] by His resurrection from the dead, even Jesus Christ our Lord (the Messiah, the Anointed One). ⁵It is through Him that we have received grace (God's unmerited favor) and [our] apostleship to promote obedience to the faith and make disciples for His name's sake among all the nations, ⁶And this includes you, called of Jesus Christ and invited [as you are] to belong to Him. Romans 1:3-6 AMPC

Similarly, in the flesh, we are descendants of our earthly fathers and mothers! Our human body is flesh and it is born out of corruptible seed.

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

This is why we need to be born again of the Spirit to be saved.

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

Our mortal body must put on the immortal spirit, and this corruptible body must put on incorruption to enter eternal life.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 1 Corinthians 15:53 KJV

God loves us so much that He never imputes our sins on us.

God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:19 KJV

But, Paul referred also to Jesus' divine nature, according to the Spirit of holiness who raised Him from the dead, so we could receive the everlasting grace which opened the door to eternal life.

Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: ²⁷To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Colossians 1:26-27 KJV

These are profound truths! Paul is revealing the mystery, the revelation that was hidden for many ages: “**Christ in you**”! You are indeed a **new creature**.

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

You are perfectly made.

That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. 2 Timothy 3:17 KJV

You have the mind of Christ.

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

You now have the measure of Faith, which is the same faith Jesus had.

...according as God hath dealt with every man the measure of faith. Romans 12:3 KJV

Your newborn spirit is as perfect as Christ, vacuum-packed and **sealed with the Holy Spirit.**

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

Now God announces: “This includes YOU!” Jesus called you, just as you are, to belong to Him!

*And this **includes you**, called of Jesus Christ and invited [**as you are**] to belong to Him.* Romans 1:6 AMPC

Then, Paul made a very important announcement in this context, which I shall explain as we move on. He said, “**I am willing and eagerly ready to preach the Gospel to you.**” Similar to Isaiah, who immediately became a volunteer when he saw the Glory of God when God purified him, Paul was willing to go and warn the children of Israel and to preach the Gospel (the Good News).

What is this Good News?

It is God’s resurrection power that works unto salvation for deliverance from eternal death.

So, for my part, I am willing and eagerly ready to preach the Gospel to you also who are in Rome. ¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the Gospel (good news) of Christ, for it is God’s power working unto salvation [for deliverance from eternal death] to everyone

who believes with a personal trust and a confident surrender and firm reliance, to the Jew first and also to the Greek, ¹⁷ *For in the Gospel a righteousness which God ascribes is revealed, both springing from faith and leading to faith [disclosed through the way of faith that arouses to more faith]. As it is written, the man who through faith is just and upright shall live and shall live by faith.* Romans 1:15-17 TLB

Walking after the flesh leads to death.

*We know that the Law is spiritual; but I am a **creature of the flesh** [carnal, unspiritual], having been sold into slavery **under [the control of] sin.*** ¹⁵ *For I do not understand my own actions [I am baffled, bewildered]. I do not practice or accomplish what I wish, but I do the very thing that I loathe [which my moral instinct condemns].* Romans 7:14-15 AMPC

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

The flesh is that which is not born again and under control of the Holy Spirit.

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

In Romans 1:16, Paul says he is not ashamed of the Gospel. He has discovered the truth, which is good news for us, and of that, he is not ashamed, because when it comes to us in meekness, it is for our correction and eternal life.

For God's [holy] wrath and indignation are revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who in their wickedness repress and hinder the truth and make it inoperative. ¹⁹For that which is known about God is evident to them and made plain in their inner consciousness, because God [Himself] has shown it to them. ²⁰For ever since the creation of the world His invisible nature and attributes, that is, His eternal power and divinity, have been made intelligible and clearly discernible in and through the things that have been made (His handiworks). So [men] are without excuse [altogether without any defence or justification]. Romans 1:18-20 AMPC

*But God shows his **anger** from heaven against all sinful, evil men who push away the truth from them. ¹⁹For the truth about God is known to them **instinctively**; God has put this **knowledge** in their hearts. ²⁰Since earliest times men have seen the earth and sky and all God made, and have known of his existence and great eternal power. So they will have **no excuse** when they stand before God on Judgment Day. Roman 1:18-20 TLB*

Paul says we know the truth about God **instinctively**. God has put this knowledge in our hearts! The English Oxford Living Dictionary defines “instinctively” as “A person doing or being a specified thing **naturally** or **automatically**.” The Free Dictionary by Farlex defines it as “things that arise from a natural tendency or impulse: an instinctive desire to help others; an

instinctual respect for authority; an intuitive feeling that something is wrong; a visceral reaction to scandalous news."

I pray that you will receive a clear understanding that the moment God breathed the breath of life into man's nostrils, He automatically put the knowledge of Himself in our hearts and in nature, so we can have an intuitive awareness of Him!

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

God did this so **no one would have any excuse** when we stand before God on Judgment Day! Because God put the instinctive truth in our hearts, we know and recognise Him as God. But many do not honour and glorify Him or give Him thanks.

Because when they knew and recognized Him as God, they did not honor and glorify Him as God or give Him thanks. But instead they became futile and godless in their thinking [with vain imaginings, foolish reasoning, and stupid speculations] and their senseless minds were darkened. ²²Claiming to be wise, they became fools [professing to be smart, they made simpletons of themselves]. Romans 1:21-22 AMPC

Instead of honouring and worshipping God for His daily care, they became godless, foolish in reasoning, with stupid speculations and silly ideas of what God was like and what He wanted them to do. The result was that their foolish minds became dark and confused. Because of darkened minds, they claimed themselves to be wise without God and became utter fools.

Yes, they knew about him all right, but they wouldn't admit it or worship him or even thank him for all his daily care. And after a while, they began to think up silly ideas of what God was like and what he wanted them to do. The result was that their foolish minds became dark and confused. ²² Claiming themselves to be wise without God, they became utter fools instead. Romans 1:21-22 TLB

These scriptures are the Word of God and not my own opinion. When we reason God out of the equation, we exchange Him for idols.

And by them the glory and majesty and excellence of the immortal God were exchanged for and represented by images, resembling mortal man and birds and beasts and reptiles. Romans 1:23 AMPC

*And then, instead of worshiping the glorious, ever-living God, they took wood and stone and **made idols for themselves**, carving them to look like mere birds and animals and snakes and puny men. Romans 1:23 TLB*

When human reasoning kicks in, most believers will immediately defend themselves by saying that they do not have any idols. But anything that requires more of your time or devotion than what you offer God, is your idol. These are hard words, but they are the truth. Paul explains the result of idol worship. God gives those people up to the lusts of their hearts!

Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their [own] hearts to sexual impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves [abandoning them to the degrading power of sin],

²⁵Because they exchanged the truth of God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, Who is blessed forever! Amen (so be it). Romans 1:24-25 AMPC

The **lust** of the **eyes**, the lust of the **flesh** and the **pride** of **life** are what conceive sin. You can lust after many things, but let's quote scripture rather than giving you a list of my own thoughts.

Stop loving this evil world and all that it offers you, for when you love these things you show that you do not really love God; ¹⁶for all these worldly things, these evil desires—the craze for sex, the ambition to buy everything that appeals to you, and the pride that comes from wealth and importance—these are not from God. They are from this evil world itself. ¹⁷And this world is fading away, and these evil, forbidden things will go with it, but whoever keeps doing the will of God will live forever. 1 John 2:15-17 KJV

The Apostle Paul is speaking here with very direct and hard words, **“Stop loving this evil world and all it offers you.”**

So God let them go ahead into every sort of sex sin, and do whatever they wanted to—yes, vile and sinful things with each other's bodies. ²⁵Instead of believing what they knew was the truth about God, they deliberately chose to believe lies. So they prayed to the things God made, but wouldn't obey the blessed God who made these things. Romans 1:24-25 TLB

Instead of believing the truth about God, they deliberately chose to believe lies. When people reach this point, men and women give up the natural plan God intended for them.

For this reason God gave them over and abandoned them to vile affections and degrading passions. For their women exchanged their natural function for an unnatural and abnormal one, ²⁷ And the men also turned from natural relations with women and were set ablaze (burning out, consumed) with lust for one another—men committing shameful acts with men and suffering in their own bodies and personalities the inevitable consequences and penalty of their wrong-doing and going astray, which was [their] fitting retribution. Romans 1:26-27 AMPC

Then, they suffer in their bodies and personalities the consequences and penalty of their wrong-doing – a penalty in their own souls.

*That is why God let go of them and let them do all these evil things, so that even their women turned against **God's natural plan** for them and indulged in sex sin with each other. ²⁷ And the men, instead of having normal sex relationships with women, burned with lust for each other, men doing shameful things with **other men** and, as a result, getting paid within their own souls with the **penalty** they so richly deserved. Romans 1:26-27 TLB*

Their **hearts are hardened** so much that they do not acknowledge God, approve of Him, or consider Him worth knowing. So, God gives them over to a reprobate mind to do those things which are not convenient.

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate ^{G96} mind, to do those things which are not convenient. Romans 1:28 KJV

G96 (Strong's)

adokimos

ad-ok'-ee-mos

From G1 (as a negative particle) and G1384; *unapproved*, that is, *rejected*; by implication *worthless* (literally or morally): - **castaway, rejected**, reprobate.

The word “**reprobate**” in the original Greek is “**adokimos**”, which means rejected, castaway and, by implication, literally and morally worthless!

When you decide to **reject your salvation**, you can never come back into salvation again. God gives those over to a reprobate mind, meaning that He takes away the conviction of the Holy Spirit.

Reprobate means "beyond hope".

You will not be convicted of your need for a relationship with the Lord unless the Holy Spirit is dealing with you (John 6:44).

As long as He is still dealing with you, your mind is not reprobate!

However! If someone fulfils the qualifications of Hebrews 6 and still renounces their salvation, God removes the Holy Spirit and the person becomes reprobate!

Without conviction, they no longer know wrong from right. Not only do they love the wrong that they do, but they also embrace all those who join them in rebellion against God. Reprobate people display a total lack of desire for and response toward the Lord.

- Are you still willing to repent of what you've done wrong?
- Do you still desire a relationship with the Lord?

If YES, then you are NOT reprobate!

The good news is that the Holy Spirit is still dealing with you.

For the reprobate ones, it means God has given them over to do whatever comes to their minds, like covetous greed, envy, jealousy, murder, strife, backbiting, gossiping and even hating God.

And so, since they did not see fit to acknowledge God or approve of Him or consider Him worth the knowing, God gave them over to a base and condemned mind to do things not proper or decent but loathsome, ²⁹Until they were filled (permeated and saturated) with every kind of unrighteousness, iniquity, grasping and covetous greed, and malice. [They were] full of envy and jealousy, murder, strife, deceit and treachery, ill will and cruel ways. [They were] secret backbiters and gossipers, ³⁰Slanderers, hateful to and hating God, full of insolence, arrogance, [and] boasting; inventors of new forms of evil, disobedient and undutiful to parents. ³¹[They were] without understanding, conscienceless and faithless, heartless and loveless [and] merciless. ³²Though they are fully aware of God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve to die, they not only do them themselves but approve and applaud others who practice them. Romans 1:28-32 AMPC

THE MESSAGE FROM GOD IS CLEAR!

- Some people reach a stage of spiritual deafness and blindness.

- There are still those susceptible souls who will listen to the warning of God's voice, but to a greater number of people, it would increase their condemnation.
- If men love darkness rather than light, the light works judgment.

God enlightened my understanding of His judgment.

- God's judgment is always there for correction and purification.
- With purification comes separation, meaning that you are now holy and separated for God's purpose only.
- But, if a person's heart is hardened so much that they turn away from God, destruction is the consequence of His judgment.

Why is that? Paul gives us the answer. God is more interested in your salvation than in your fleshly body!

And cast out this man from the fellowship of the church and into Satan's hands, to punish him, in the hope that his soul will be saved when our Lord Jesus Christ returns. 1 Corinthians 5:5 TLB

The same verse in KJV says, *"to deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus."* Again, Paul addressed the acts of abomination and fornication among the people.

It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife² And ye are puffed up and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you³ For I verily, as absent in body,

but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed⁴ In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ⁵ To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

1 Corinthians 5:1-5 KJV

If you choose to turn back to your God, our Lord Jesus Christ, as when a **goodly tree is felled**, a **stump remains** which has vital force {or substance} in it, so, even in the utmost apparent desperation of your state, there will be in it **the holy seed**, the **remnant**, the **true spiritual you**, from which the **life shall spring** again, and stem and branches and waving foliage once more will **grow up**!

Paul was not ashamed of bringing them the good news of the Gospel. Even realising that this Gospel may bring severe pain and hurt, he was glad, for the pain turns us back to God!

*I am no longer sorry that I sent that letter to you, though I was very sorry for a time, realizing how painful it would be to you. **But it hurt you only for a little while**⁹ Now I am glad I sent it, not because it hurt you but because the pain turned you to God. It was a good kind of sorrow you felt, the kind of sorrow God wants his people to have, so that I need not come to you with harshness¹⁰ For God sometimes uses sorrow in our lives to help us **turn away from sin and seek eternal life**. We should never regret his sending it. But the sorrow of the man who is not a Christian is not the sorrow of true repentance and does not prevent eternal death.* 2 Corinthians 7:8-10 KJV

Now you can get rid of the sin in your life and rejoice in eternal life!

*Just see how much good this grief from the Lord did for you! You no longer shrugged your shoulders but became earnest and sincere and very anxious to **get rid of the sin** that I wrote you about. You became frightened about what had happened and longed for me to come and help. You went right to work on the problem and cleared it up, punishing the man who sinned. You have done everything you could to make it right. ¹²I wrote as I did so the Lord could show how much you really do care for us. That was my purpose even more than to help the man who sinned or his father to whom he did the wrong.*

Romans 1:11-12 TLB

For even though I did grieve you with my letter, I do not regret it [now]; though I did regret it --for I see that the letter hurt you, though only for a little while ⁹ yet I am glad now, not because you were hurt and made sorry, but because your sorrow led to repentance [and you turned back to God]; for you felt a grief such as God meant you to feel, so that you might not suffer loss in anything on our account ¹⁰ For [godly] sorrow that is in accord with the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation; but worldly sorrow [the hopeless sorrow of those who do not believe] produces death. ¹¹ For [you can look back and] see what an earnestness and authentic concern this godly sorrow has produced in you: what vindication of yourselves [against charges that you tolerate sin], what indignation [at sin],

what fear [of offending God], what longing [for righteousness and justice], what passion [to do what is right], what readiness to punish [those who sin and those who tolerate sin]! At every point you have proved yourselves to be innocent in the matter ¹² So even though I wrote to you [as I did], it was not for the sake of the offender nor for the sake of the one offended, but in order to make evident to you before God how earnestly you do care for us [and your willingness to accept our authority].

2 Corinthians 7:8-12 AMP



Part 3: Spirit-Soul-Body

In Part 1, we dealt with believers being under the influence of demons. Paul warns us to beware of the Chaldeans. They are demons looking for vacant places to dwell there. The devil is the father of lies and he is a thief (John 10:10; John 8:44), therefore, his army of demons is occupying God's houses that do not belong to them (Psalms 83:12). There are many spirit voices, and all of them are significant (1 Corinthians 14:10). When you listen to these voices, you yield to them and become their slave (Romans 6:16). Jesus showed us in various scriptures how the sons and daughters of Abraham (believers) were bound by demons. He came for their deliverance (John 8:31-47; Luke 13:11-17; Mark 7:24-30).

In John 8, Jesus made a profound statement! He said the servants abide not in the house forever, but He, the Son of God, abides forever! That means you have to get rid of the squatters in your house for Jesus to abide there!

And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. John 8:35 KJV

Then, in Part 2, we dealt with the hardness of our hearts. Not only does it involve unbelievers and those who disobey Christ, but also believers who do not consider the supernatural more of a reality than the natural. When our hearts are hardened, it becomes increasingly difficult to identify hidden sins in our lives. Therefore, instead of yielding to the Word of God, a hardened heart will be blinded by the god of this world who withholds us from being sanctified and purified for our Bridegroom.

The Lord showed Sarah Jubilee that our souls are not yet redeemed when we give our hearts to the Lord, although we have made it unto salvation. We must work out the salvation of our souls daily!

Therefore, my dear ones, as you have always obeyed [my suggestions], so now, not only [with the enthusiasm you would show] in my presence but much more because I am absent, work out (cultivate, carry out to the goal, and fully complete) your own salvation with reverence and awe and trembling (self-distrust, with serious caution, tenderness of conscience, watchfulness against temptation, timidly shrinking from whatever might offend God and discredit the name of Christ).

Philippians 2:12 AMPC

Before we can get rid of these squatters and understand the beginning of the renewal of our minds to change the condition of our hearts, we must first understand who we are. Initially, I was confused when people spoke about the soul and the spirit. They used terminology and mixed it in such a way that nobody could be able to grasp the scriptures and get deliverance. Then, I read a book by **Andrew Wommack, “Spirit, Soul and Body”** and another by **Dr Henry Wright, “A More Excellent Way, Be in Health”** and also listened to a teaching by **Katie Souza - Healing your wounded soul.**

A new world opened up to me and I received deliverance!

Freely I have received and freely I shall give away. I desire to help you get rid of the squatters in your house, as I got rid of my own. Interesting that Jesus connects the casting out of devils with healing the sick, cleansing the lepers, and raising the dead. The Father's heart for us is surely to be set free!

*Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils:
freely ye have received, freely give. Matthew 10:8 KJV*

Once you understand spirit, soul, and body, the rest will fall into place and you will be delivered. That is the good news of the Gospel!

Understanding Ourselves as Spiritual Beings

In this section, I'd like to give enough background for you to understand and distinguish between the spirit, soul and body from a Biblical perspective and **NOT** as psychology defines it. The Bible is our only source of truth and clearly states that we are spirit, soul, and body.

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

From the beginning, the Lord has been confirming this truth. When He formed man from the dust of the earth, there was no life in him, until God breathed His Ruach (the breath of life) into his nostrils.

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

When you are looking in a mirror, you only see a reflection of your face, not your real face. You have to believe what you see. Likewise, we need to look into the scriptures to see a reflection of who we are in the spirit. When the Bible tells you something about your spirit, you have to believe what you read.

Each of us is a **spirit**, with a **soul**, dwelling in a **body**, which is our earthly suit for living on earth. Technically speaking we are, at least after being born again, not human beings, but **spiritual beings**.

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

2 Corinthians 5:1 AMP

The soul consists of our mind, emotions, will and the subconscious. As we will see later on, the **carnal mind** (soul) can base information only on our **five senses**, namely **sight**, **smell**, **taste**, **hearing**, and **feelings**. These senses have nothing to do with your spirit, as the spirit cannot be seen, smelled, tasted, heard or felt. We can only feel the soul and body, but not the spirit. That is why our carnal mind always tells us that nothing significant has happened in the spirit. This is a lie! We need to get our carnal minds out of the way.

Anything happening in our **spirit** is based on **FAITH** and not on feelings or emotions. That is why the carnal mind (the flesh) should get out of the way. You can feel both the body and the soul. Someone can speak harsh words to you that will hurt you, without physically touching your body. With our words, we can make others glad, sad or mad. We are aware of the conditions of our bodies and souls because we are constantly in touch with them. Our bodies are constantly feeding us information on their conditions. The soul does the same. We know when we are happy, hurt, angry, mentally worn out, or sharp and ready to go. We are aware of fear and depression because we are always in touch with our souls.

Our spirits, on the other hand, cannot be accessed in any natural way.

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

This is a profound truth! Take a few minutes to let it sink in.

I struggled for many years because of my lack of knowledge, and poor understanding of who and what I was. **Flesh is flesh and spirit is spirit.** You cannot mix the two. Jesus declares that there is no direct connection between spirit and body (flesh). They are interrelated, as we will later see, but spirit is spirit and flesh is flesh.

Why did God make us like this? **If God did not split the spirit from the soul, He couldn't redeem us from eternal death and hell! We simply cannot contact the spirit through emotions or the physical body. This is one of the significant problems of the Christian life!**

Understanding spirit, soul, and body unlocks the spirit realm. **We can experience who we are and what we have in Christ!** Since we can't see or feel the spiritual realm, the only way to perceive spiritual truth accurately is through the Bible. **Take God's Word and simply believe it!**

Remember that you have to change your mind to believe the Word of God because all else are lies from the devil, who is the Father of all lies!

God's Word reveals spiritual reality.

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

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

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

James 1:23-25 AMP

When looking in a mirror, you are merely viewing your reflection. No one has ever seen their own faces. It's the same with your born-again spirit. God's Word perfectly reflects who you are in the spirit. It's the only way you can know your spirit. You cannot just assume that you would be aware of God's power inside of you, because that which is spirit is spirit and that which is flesh is flesh. You must look in God's mirror and trust the spiritual reality you see.

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

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things become new. ¹⁸And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

2 Corinthians 5:17-18 KJV

OLD THINGS have passed away! Note the past tense! All things have become new! “All things” are of God. Your body remains the same, though. We will only one day in the future receive our glorified bodies. You are also still as ignorant as before your born-again experience.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. ⁵⁴So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

1 Corinthians 15:53-54 KJV

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

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

Your soul wasn't saved either! This might sound strange to those who use terminology like "I'm a soul-winner" or “I rejoice to see a soul saved”. In reality, the New Testament only mentions soul salvation a few times and none of them in the context of the born-again experience (Hebrews 10:39; James 1:21, 5:20; 1 Peter 1:9).

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

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

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

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

For we know in part, and we prophesy in part: ¹⁰ But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. ¹² For now, we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. 1 Corinthians 13:9-12 KJV

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

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

Old things have passed away and all things have become new! This complete transformation is not just a process. It is describing a change that has already been done - an accomplished fact!

Where did this complete change occur?
Not in your body or soul, BUT,
according to God's mirror, in your BORN-AGAIN SPIRIT.

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

How can we break free from this captivity?

Well, I have excellent news for you! I was captive myself and am now helping many people to break free from this captivity! You can also be set free!

Understanding the Soul

I strongly believe that having an unclear understanding of who we are, as discussed, is the main reason the Body of Christ is in captivity. It is a lack of knowledge that keeps us in bondage.

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

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

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

HOW DOES IT WORK?

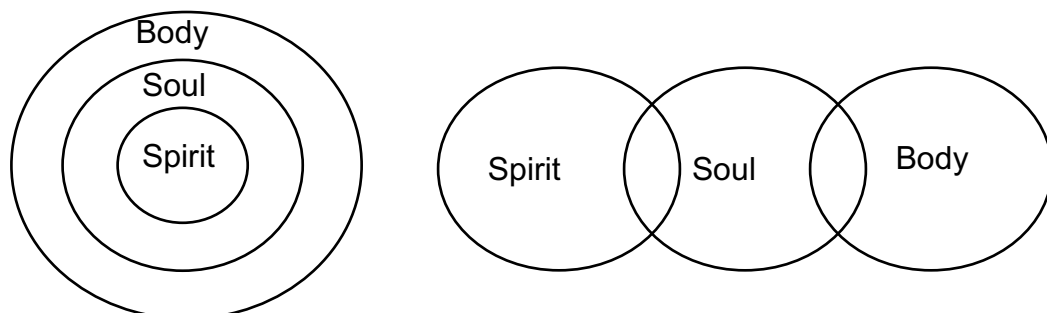
How is it possible that evil spirits can have access to the human spirit? They access our thoughts through brainwaves!

- There are four types of brainwaves: Alpha, Beta, Theta and Delta.
- Brainwaves operate in the realm of the physiological brain.
- Each of these brainwaves is necessary for the comprehension of thought.
- The three brainwaves, Alpha, Beta and Theta, facilitate images and thoughts, and how we as living beings process them.

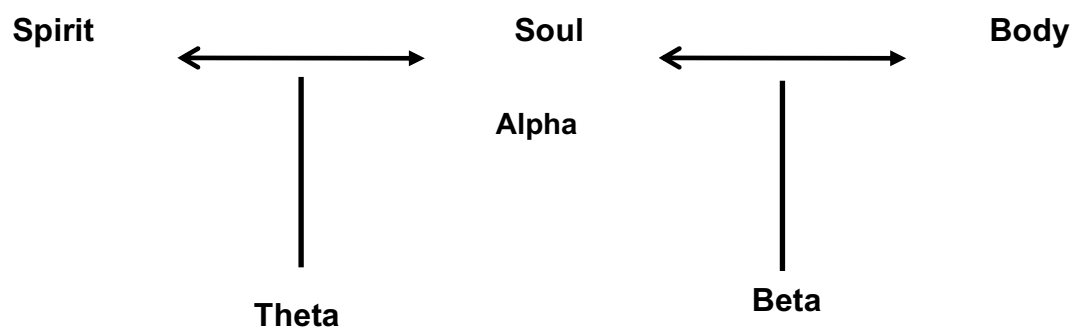
- Delta waves function during the dream state and will not be discussed here.

These give us our deductive reasoning, our personalities, and the compositeness of our existence. **The real YOU is your SPIRIT.** When God created man, He first created the body and the soul, but there was no life in it. Life only came when God BREATHED into man and His spirit became alive. ***“The body without the spirit is dead”*** (James 2:26).

The soul consists of the MIND, EMOTIONS and WILL. Reality is not just the physical realm we live in but it includes the spiritual realm. This is a physical illustration of the spirit-soul-body combination. Our SOUL is the bridge between the spirit world and the physical world.



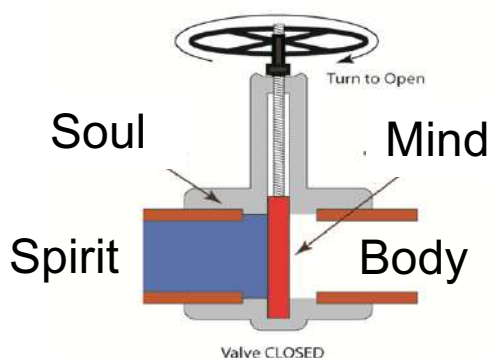
When someone speaks to you, you comprehend the words through two of your five physical senses - sight and hearing.



As you are listening, your **Beta** brainwaves are being activated. They allow your brain to pick up **images of sight** and **sound through an electrochemical** process. You are taking **snapshots** and **pictures**. This is **short-term memory**. Your brain records the experience coming from the physical world. **This process programs your SOUL!** Your SOUL involves:

- Your intellect
- Your mind
- Your emotions

Your will, the ability to make decisions, and the recording of your good and bad experiences, take place in the soul. Our souls function in the physical realm. When we experience tragedy, it breaks our hearts. This happens in the physical realm. Our bodies are trapped in the physical world, BUT the soul can move to and fro. Therefore, it can also function in the spiritual realm/world, as it is the bridge between the spirit and the physical world.

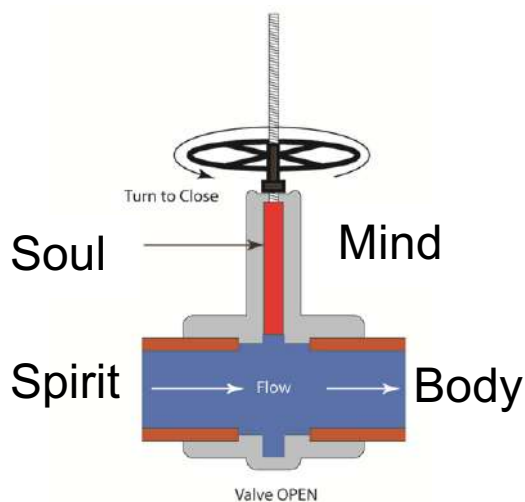


The **mind** is a **valve** that shuts down what is supposed to flow from the spiritual mind/realm to our souls. Inside of us, in our spirits, we always have the fullness of God as born-again Christians. We must open up our souls to what is true in the spiritual realm. For without **FAITH**, it is impossible to please God!

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

We must BELIEVE every truth in the spiritual realm. The more we hear it, focus and meditate on it, the more our minds are renewed, resulting in us becoming new people! The unrenewed mind shuts down everything in the spiritual mind. Therefore, scripture is telling us that first our *“hearts and minds must be made completely new”* (Ephesians 4:23 GNT). This can only happen when we wash our minds with the water of the Word of God.

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



Only after the Word of God has renewed your mind, can the valve be opened for new information to flow from the spirit to the soul and the mind. Instead of your old mind being in charge by telling your spirit what to do and what to believe, suddenly your spirit will now be in charge and will tell your mind to submit. The order

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

THE PROCESS OF PROTEIN SYNTHESIS

As we meditate on things, protein synthesis occurs. It involves RNA and DNA, but specifically RNA. Thoughts that are being recalled repeatedly, become a permanent part of our biology.

God wants to train you so that His **law will not just be in your spirit**, but a part of your **personality** as a human being. The enemy wants to train us too, and he uses the same pathway, namely Theta waves. This is the law of sin as part of your personality, as opposed to the law of GOD. There is a battle because according to scriptures, both laws are in our members, even as Christians.

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

The law of sin is reinforced by *the fallen nature* of a being in sin, or because the mind has not been renewed. Everything you perceive externally is recorded in your long-term memory, which becomes part of your biology.

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

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

THE RENEWED MIND

Now it makes much more sense that scripture says to renew your mind!

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

By now, it must be clear that we are spiritual beings, with a soul, living in a body. We are born in sin out of a corruptible seed! Before we were born again (baptised in water and with the Holy Spirit), we were under the control of the prince of the air who worked in us - the sons of disobedience!

In which at one time you walked [habitually]. You were following the course and fashion of this world [were under the sway of the tendency of this present age], following the prince of the power of the air. [You were obedient to and under the control of] the [demon] spirit that still constantly works in the sons of disobedience [the careless, the rebellious, and the unbelieving, who go against the purposes of God]. Ephesians 2:2 AMPC

These are hard but true words. If it were not so, why would God say, “*That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit*” (John 3:6 KJV).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

When you confess with your mouth and believe in your heart that God is Lord,

you come out of darkness into the light and yield and submit to God.

To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. Acts 26:18 KJV

Then, Christ is in you. You are perfectly made and a new creature. Some translations say "a new species".

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

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

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

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

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

has the same measure of faith that equals the measure of faith Christ had when He walked on the earth.

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

After you have heard the word of truth and made it to salvation, you are "SEALED" by the Holy Spirit. Your spirit will never change again. You are perfectly made in Christ. Once you understand this, it will change your life forever!

The following facts are crucial in your life: you are a **spiritual being, born-again out of incorruptible seed** (the Word of God), you have **the measure of faith** and are **vacuumed to eternity**.

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

So what is left for us to do? The renewing of our minds, which are part of our souls.

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

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

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. ⁵⁵ death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. 1 Corinthians 15:52-56 KJV

HOW DOES YOUR MIND BECOME RENEWED?

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

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

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

The Journey of Sanctification

Theta Brainwaves

Theta brainwaves are the pathways of impressions, thoughts, and pictures, allowing your brain to be connected to your spirit man. Theta brainwaves are active at about four and a half beats per second. When we yield our minds to the enemy, we are activating the pathway between the soul and the spirit, allowing evil spirits to access the human soul through thoughts. If we didn't have Theta brainwaves, we would never have had a conscience to speak to us. We would never hear the **voice of the Holy Spirit bearing witness to the truth**. We would never be convicted of wrong or right and never be tempted by the devil and his kingdom. An evil spirit can speak to your spirit and you will perceive its thoughts on the soul level through Theta brainwave activity. Your spirit knows everything your soul does and vice versa, because of theta.

Many people don't realise temptation can come as EMOTIONS and FEELINGS.

Satan does not necessarily come to us with suggestions of murder or adultery, but with aspects of **human failure** to give us a **personality of human failure**.

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

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

The only way Satan's kingdom could have access to Adam and Eve, was by them permitting him through disobeying God's command. When they ate the

fruit, their spiritual eyes were opened. Spiritual understanding came, and they knew good and evil. They realised they were naked and were ashamed of it. When God came to the garden, GUILT and FEAR entered them.

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

Trained to believe lies.

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

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

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

I am writing these things to all of you, my little children because your sins have been forgiven in the name of Jesus our Savior.

¹³ *I am saying these things to you older men because you really know Christ, the one who has been alive from the beginning. And you young men, I am talking to you because you have won your battle with Satan. And I am writing to you younger boys and girls*

because you, too, have learned to know God our Father.

1 John 2:12-13 TLB

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

1 John 2:15-18 TLB

But you are not like that, for the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you know the truth. ²¹ So I am not writing to you as to those who need to know the truth, but I warn you as those who can discern the difference between true and false.

1 John 2:20-21 TLB

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

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

These are very important and sharp words from John. First, he mentioned those who won the battle against Satan. ***The battle is in our minds!*** Then he warns us to stop loving this world (*come out of the world*) as it brings evil desires, a sex craze, ambitions to buy everything we see and the pride of wealth of this world. 1 John 2:16 in the KJV, refers to it as "***the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life***". These are not of the Father but of the world.

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

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

But, says Paul, the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will believe what you have been taught and will have close fellowship with God. Those who have received the Holy Spirit do not need anybody to teach them anything. God Almighty will teach them! Therefore, my friend, let yourself be washed clean by the Word of God. As you read the Scriptures, Alpha waves will give you the ability to have cognitive, deductive reasoning. Alpha waves record all the

things that you perceive externally and internally, integrated to produce deductive reasoning. This becomes the compositeness of the identification of your personality and your soul.

Wholeness.

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

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

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

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

The Enemy.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Feelings.

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

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

Worrying about the economy, your mother-in-law, finances, and the 6 o'clock news, will certainly create images of what can potentially go wrong in the future. The enemy trains your long-term memory to worry constantly, and as a result, it becomes a part of your personality. Then, after some time, that thought, through protein synthesis, becomes a permanent part of your biology. **The Bible says we must not take thought of tomorrow!** So, all the worry is to get you to violate this one Scripture.

Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. Matthew 6:34 KJV

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

- The central nervous system, the endocrine system, and homeostasis are being affected until you are like a scarecrow flapping in a hurricane.

- All of this is because you believe that is who you are and physiological manifestations are occurring to prove it.
- An imbalance of the sympathetic nervous system occurs.
- This causes the cell membrane of the cardiovascular system to narrow. The **opening is not large enough to accommodate the volume of blood**, which increases blood pressure.
- Now you use a drug (beta blocker) that opens the blood vessels and you appear to be out of danger.
- But you are still worrying and **fearing, and your soul is not sanctified**. You are still not a doer of the Word!

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

- We serve the law of sin with the flesh - the mind.

- Why? Because it has been weakened by the enemy over time.
- The weakened mind is where the enemy attacks you.
- To get out of captivity, you must renew your mind and heal your soul.

A CHOICE

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

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

The law of God says to forgive and not pay attention when wrong is done to us. Why is this so hard to do?

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

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

- You CHOOSE to FORGIVE, not because you feel like it, but to obey God's will!
- Forgiveness is superior to unforgiveness.
- Love is superior to hate.

- Being a peacemaker is superior to being a troublemaker.
- Being merciful is superior to being merciless.
- Patience is superior to impatience.

THE ENEMY IN OPERATION

LET ME SHARE WITH YOU A FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE.

I was ministering to a lady in her early 70s, helping her with arthritis, osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis. She suffered from all three diseases at the same time! After ministering scriptures to her over two days, she walked upright without pain! It was an amazing experience! A few weeks later, we baptised her. *Considering the conservative Dutch Reformed background of this 70-year-old lady, it was a miracle in itself.* She also told me she could not sleep at night because of high-frequency urinating and asked me to pray for her bladder. I first followed the pathways and roots, all under the leadership and inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Subsequently, I asked her a few questions. "Do you have any **heart** problems?" "**No**", she said. "Do you take any medication for **high blood pressure**?" "**No**", she answered again! Her daughter reminded her that she did indeed take medication for high blood pressure. I asked her if she had **high water retention in her feet**. "**Yes**", she replied. "*Look at my swollen feet.*" She then told me the doctors had given her a pill to stop urination during the night.

Thank you, Lord, You are always right!

The Lord had taught me earlier that a high-frequency urinary problem could be connected to a heart failure root problem, called **congestive heart failure**. Congestive heart failure (CHF) is a chronic progressive condition that affects

the pumping power of the heart muscles. Though often simply referred to as “**heart failure**”, CHF specifically refers to the stage in which fluid builds up around the heart and causes it to pump inefficiently.

We have four heart chambers. The upper half of the heart has two atria and the lower half has two ventricles. The ventricles pump blood to the body organs and tissues and the atria receive blood from the body as it circulates back from the rest of the body. CHF develops when the ventricles can’t pump blood in sufficient volumes to the body. Eventually, blood and other fluids can build up inside the lungs, abdomen, liver, and lower body.

There is a left-sided and a right-sided CHF. Left-sided CHF is the most common type. It occurs when the left ventricle doesn’t properly pump blood into the body. As the condition progresses, fluid builds up in the lungs, making breathing difficult. Right-sided CHF occurs when the right ventricle has difficulty pumping blood to the lungs. Blood builds up in the blood vessels, causing fluid retention in the lower extremities, abdomen, and other vital organs.

As explained earlier, the spirit of **FEAR**, when permitted, can cause **High Blood Pressure**. High blood pressure puts an extra strain on the heart and blood vessels because the cell membrane of the cardiovascular system narrows. The opening is not wide enough to accommodate the volume of blood, and blood pressure increases. Taking high blood pressure medication opens the blood vessels and you appear to be out of danger.

But you are still not sanctified!

Fluid retention in the lower extremities builds up during the daytime and when you go to bed, all the excess fluid is excreted through the bladder. This is the reason for the high urinary demands during nighttime.

WOW! This was an eye-opener for me!

This proves how subtly the enemy works. I am not against doctors, but spiritually rooted diseases, sicknesses, bondages and captivity are not within the field of the medical profession. In addition, the financial reward doctors receive for practising is astronomical. This, too, is a strategy of the enemy.

BEWARE OF THE CHALDEANS!

The lady confirmed. *“When I travel to my children, I am very anxious and stressed and by the time I reach my destination, my feet are swollen.”*

The thief was caught and we could pray!

We spoke to the mountain. “FEAR, in Jesus' Name we rebuke you and cancel all your rights and dominion. You must go immediately, in Jesus' Name!” We got rid of the squatters and excessive urinary demands during night time fled out of the house!

DO YOU HONESTLY DESIRE TO CHANGE? IT IS A CHOICE!

**GOD WILL HELP YOU TRANSFORM BY THE RENEWING OF
YOUR MIND.**

**ALLOW HIM TO WORK THROUGH THE PATHWAYS OF YOUR
THOUGHTS.**



Part 4: Be Aware of Soul Ties

Accepting and acknowledging that we are in captivity, and understanding how we are functioning through spirit, soul, and body, **paths the way to deliverance**.

This section deals with what we call “soul ties”. Very few people understand the implications soul ties can have on us. I have experienced the fullness of soul ties in my own life and am eager to share these aspects with you.

A SIGNIFICANT DREAM

On the 4th of November 2012, the Lord appeared to my wife in a dream. *She dreamt we were on holiday in a beautiful, small town. All the houses were painted white, and the roofs blue. When she asked the Lord, “Where are we? What is the name of the town?”, God answered, “ZION”.* When I heard the word “Zion”, it grabbed my attention. I immediately realised God was trying to tell us something. But it was a five-year journey to discover the fullness of the meaning of this dream and what the Lord had said to us, and also what He wanted to achieve with us.

I am sharing, in short, the symbolism in the dream.

Walls: *God’s promise and place of protection and safety – the New Jerusalem or salvation.*

White: *Symbol of holiness and purity, praise and worship, glory, victory and happiness.*

Roofs: *God's protection and oversight. This is a promise on the one hand and a responsibility on the other hand.*

It may not sound like much, but since this dream occurred at a very low point in our lives, you will understand what God was saying to us. According to worldly standards, I was a very successful businessman but had lost everything. Both my new wife and I had recently gone through divorces and she had lost her only son in an inexplicable car accident. My own three children were living with their mother and I could see them falling away into deep depression.

On the 4th of April 2009, the Lord woke me up at 3 pm and told me to read the messages to the seven Churches in Revelation. Again, it took me eight years to fully grasp the message the Lord gave me that morning. One thing the Lord showed me was that I had been tolerating the Jezebel spirit in my life! That was one reason for my suffering! Unfortunately, I did not realise it until then.

Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. Revelation 2:20 KJV

With this background, you may have a better understanding of the Lord's message to us.

The Meaning of the Dream

*"I want you to make time to get to a **place** of rest and restoration where the Holy Spirit can start with your emotional and spiritual healing. The white walls symbolise My sanctification and purification in you to overcome in victory and happiness. The blue roofs are My protection and oversight for you. This is My promise, but you also have a responsibility to repent from all your hidden sins.*

If you do so, My promise is valid for you. It also points to spiritual revelations. Be aware and sensitive to the Holy Spirit for divine revelations."

What an amazing Holy Spirit journey I had afterwards!

True to His promise, God revealed so many divine revelations that I have been sitting in my office for the past years to write them all down. Freely I have received and freely I shall pass on! Over time, God has been dealing with my hidden sins, soul ties, and DNA bondages personally. This was not just a once-off ritual, but a long-term process during which God has been showing me many truths. Whenever God revealed something, I took the time to meditate on it so I could fully understand the significance of it. Then, almost four years after the dream, God miraculously moved in my life. I believe it was because my heart was ready for it. God dealt intensely with me over 30 consecutive days. Each night, He downloaded new information about what I needed to repent of. I willingly did so and shared it with my own household, so they could also repent. We performed intense spiritual warfare.

God also made me aware of soul ties. At that stage, the terminology was not familiar to me. I went into my study, prayed in tongues and made a list of things the Holy Spirit revealed to me to confess. As I prayed, the Lord revealed the names of people I had soul ties with. To me, that was the most intensive deliverance ever, and I realised the importance of being set free from ties. Speaking of "*Soul and DNA Ties*" may sound technical and may even be academically incorrect. Let me explain.

SOUL TIES

A soul tie is a linkage in the soul realm between two people. It links their souls together, which can bring forth either beneficial or negative results.

THE POSITIVE EFFECT OF A SOUL TIE

In a godly marriage, God links the married couple together. The Bible says they become one flesh. As a result, they are bound together and will uniquely cleave to one another. The purpose of this cleaving is to build a very healthy, strong, and close relationship.

*And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother,
and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh.*

Matthew 19:5 KJV

The close friendship between King David and Jonathan is often used as an example of a good, godly, healthy and positive soul tie.

*And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto
Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David,
and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. 1 Samuel 18:1 KJV*

It may come as a surprise to you, but this scripture says the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David and not vice versa. Scripture does not say it was a “godly soul tie”. It was an **ungodly soul tie** and I will prove it to you from the Scriptures! I could not find a single verse approving of us tying our souls to anything or anybody else but God and our spouses. That the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved David as his own soul, does not imply that it was godly. Before going into detail, let's examine the negative effects of a soul tie.

THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF A SOUL TIE

Soul ties can be used to the devil's advantage. Soul ties formed during sexual relationships outside of marriage cause people to become defiled.

*And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her, **and lay with her**, and defiled her. And his **soul cleaved unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob**, and he loved the damsel, and spoke kindly unto the damsel.*
Genesis 34:2-3 KJV

A soul tie is the reason a person often still has feelings towards an ex-lover even though they have no right to be attracted to that person any longer. Even 20 years down the road, a person may still think of and long for their first lover, even though both may already have their own separate families.

Demonic spirits can also take advantage of ungodly soul ties and use them to transfer spirits from one person to another.

Ungodly Soul Ties

Let us return to David and Jonathan. There are many books written about their relationship. 1 Samuel 18:1 is often used to confirm the soul tie between King David and Jonathan as a good thing. But nowhere in the Bible could I find any approval from God's side, nor any indication that our souls should be tied to a person, animal, or object. God says, "**I am your God, a consuming fire, a jealous God**". This shows God does not want to share us with anybody or anything else!

You are not to bow down to them in worship or serve them; because I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God. Exodus 20:5 ISV
Indeed, the LORD your God is a consuming fire. He is a jealous God. Deuteronomy 4:24 ISV

When Satan tempted Jesus to bow down before him, Jesus said, “You shall worship the Lord your God and serve only HIM!” He then commanded Satan to go! We must also get rid of anything that is taking Jesus’ place in our lives! “Go, in Jesus' Name!”

Then Jesus told him, “Go away, Satan! Because it is written, 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'”

Matthew 4:10 ISV

Read the following scriptures to see for yourself the one-sided, unhealthy and ungodly relationship Jonathan had with King David!

And he said unto him, Fear not: for the hand of Saul my father shall not find thee; and thou shalt be king over Israel, and I shall be next unto thee; and that also Saul my father knoweth.

1 Samuel 23:17 KJV

David hid five times from Saul, who wanted to kill him. Three times, Saul found him, although Jonathan was the only person who knew where David was! That raises a question! See what David wrote about Jonathan.

And if he come to see me, he speaketh falsehood; His heart gathereth iniquity to itself: When he goeth abroad, he telleth it.

Psalms 41:6 ASV

Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, Who did eat of my bread, Hath lifted up his heel against me. Psalm 41:9 ASV

Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me. Psalm 41:9 ESV

This confirms what the Lord whispered in my ears when I was praying in tongues during my soul-tie-breaking session! You can never trust any person – no matter how good, sweet and legitimate the relationship may appear. I see many people these days having closer relationships with same-sex friends than with their spouses! This is unhealthy and opens doors for demonic forces to capture them using soul ties. Never make a covenant with anyone except with God and your spouse.

I am always sceptic when a person comes to me with soft and charming words. Most of the time, they have bad intentions in their hearts! This is what scripture confirms in Psalms, directly from King David's mouth, who had first-hand experience.

And this, my best friend, betrayed his best friends; his life betrayed his word. All my life I've been charmed by his speech, never dreaming he'd turn on me. His words, which were music to my ears, turned to daggers in my heart. Psalm 55:20-21 MSG

*He hath put forth his hands against such as be at peace with him: he hath **broken his covenant**. ²¹ The words of his **mouth** were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet were they drawn swords. ²² Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.* Psalm 55:20-22 KJV

Without going into too much detail, Jonathan operated under the spirit of Jezebel! The spirit of Jezebel always wants to be next to the person in authority. Jonathan walked next to David, with the deepest intention of playing both sides of the fence. If Saul were to kill David, Jonathan would

become king. But if David were to kill Saul, Jonathan knew he would probably die, for according to protocol, if anybody from the outside became king, they killed all the descendants of the previous king. That is why Jonathan played both sides and said:

*"Don't be afraid," he said to him, "because my father Saul will never find you. **You will be king over Israel and I will be second to you.** Even my father Saul recognizes that."* 1 Samuel 23:17 TLV

Jonathan made three one-sided covenants with David.

*So Jonathan made a **covenant with the house of David**, saying, Let the LORD even require it at the hand of David's enemies.*
1 Samuel 20:16 KJV

Jonathan was aware of the political dynamics between the family of David and that of his own family. It was common for the new royal house to kill all the potential rulers from the old royal house. Jonathan knew that David and his descendants would one day rule over Israel, and he wanted a promise from David and his descendants that they would not kill or mistreat the descendants of Jonathan.

*And if I remain alive, please **keep your sacred promise and be loyal to me**; but if I die, ¹⁵ **show the same kind of loyalty to my family forever.** And when the LORD has completely destroyed all your enemies, ¹⁶ may our promise to each other still be unbroken. If it is broken, the LORD will punish you." ¹⁷ Once again Jonathan made David promise to love him, for Jonathan loved David as much as he loved himself.* 1 Samuel 20:14-17 GNB

Beware of someone wanting to make a covenant with you because of a deep friendship. On the surface, it may appear legitimate, but you cannot know a man's heart! The enemy is a master of deception and he will camouflage himself as an angel of the light!

And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 2 Corinthians 11:14 KJV

Godly Soul Ties

I beg to differ from what most people present as a Godly soul tie. I cannot prove it, but God revealed to me in my spirit that there is scripturally only **one Godly soul tie**, but it can be split into two.

SOUL TIES IN MARRIAGE

The only Godly soul tie is **in a marriage**. God, our Creator, is our Husband and we are married to Him and Him alone!

For your Maker is your husband; the LORD of the Heavenly Armies is his name, and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; he is called the God of the whole earth. Isaiah 54:5 KJV

...saith the LORD; for I am married unto you. Jeremiah 3:14a KJV

...for I am your husband. Jeremiah 3:14a ISV

God is currently preparing the way for a new marriage. His bride must be a virgin and He will not share His wife with anything or anybody else because He is a jealous God.

*Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came to me and said, "**Come! I will show you the bride, the wife of the lamb.**"* Revelation 21:9 ISV

*The **Spirit and the bride say, "Come!"** Let everyone who hears this say, "Come!" Let everyone who is thirsty come! Let anyone who wants the water of life take it as a gift!* Revelation 22:17 ISV

*You are not to bow down to them in worship or serve them; because I, the **LORD your God, am a jealous God.*** Exodus 20:5 ISV

*Indeed, the LORD your God is a consuming fire. **He is a jealous God.*** Deuteronomy 4:24 ISV

According to the Scriptures, there can only be a **soul tie** within a **legal marriage**. We are first married to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and then God also allows us to be married to our spouses. Furthermore, if we abide in the Lord, He abides in us.

If you abide in me and my words abide in you, you can ask for anything you want, and you will receive it. John 15:7 ISV

*He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, **dwelleth in me, and I in him.*** John 6:56 KJV

When we eat His flesh and drink His blood we are in Him and He is in us! What an amazing prayer Paul gave us in Ephesians! He is praying that the Holy Spirit will dwell in our innermost beings and personalities and settle down, abide and make His permanent home in our hearts so we may be filled in all our being unto the fullness of God. Then, we can have the rich measure of the divine presence of Him and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God!

*May He grant you out of the rich treasury of His glory to be strengthened and reinforced with mighty power in the **inner man** by the [Holy] Spirit [Himself indwelling your innermost being and personality]. ¹⁷May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in love and founded securely on love, ¹⁸That you may have the power and be strong to apprehend and grasp with all the saints [God's devoted people, the experience of that love] what is the breadth and length and height and depth [of it]; ¹⁹[That you may really come] to know [practically, through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be filled [through all your being] unto all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself]!*

Ephesians 3:16-19 AMPC

Do you agree that this is a Godly soul tie? If God's intention with a soul tie is for us to be tied to Him so we would hear His voice inside of us, have His mind inside of our spirit, be sealed and vacuum-packed with the spirit and have the faith of Christ, do you think that God, **our Husband** and **Bridegroom**, would share us with anybody else? Therefore, the only Godly soul tie I believe is in marriage – first, with God, and then, with our spouses.

So, the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. ²²Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to

the man. ²³ The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; because she was taken out of man, she shall be called 'woman'. ²⁴ For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and cleave unto his wife, and they will become one flesh.
Genesis 2:21-24 NIV

This is the famous "leave and cleave" passage concerning marriage. Already in the very beginning, God intended that husband and wife should break soul ties with their parents before marriage. Why is that? It is because few things are as destructive to a marriage as when one or both partners are still emotionally tied to a parent, and often, as a result, manipulated and controlled by a meddling parent. So, interestingly enough, we see that the first Bible reference to a soul tie is an admonition to break it. Many quote scriptures, referring to it as soul ties between parents and children, between believers, and between friends. But I think it is quoted out of context. These quotations rather refer to a good, godly relationship that we ought to have with all people, and the love we need to share, which, of course, is right. We have already thoroughly discussed the soul tie between King David and Jonathan, which everybody thought was a good tie and covenant, but which was proven otherwise. Likewise, a parent should not tie his or her soul to children. This does not mean, however, that a parent cannot have a good and loving relationship with their kids! But we are not to tie our souls to anybody else, not even to another believer.

I beseech you, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, that there be no divisions among you; but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. 1 Corinthians 1:10 KJV

*For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you...
² that their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in
love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding,
to the acknowledgment of the mystery of God, and of the Father,
and of Christ; Colossians 2:1-2 KJV*

In these verses, believers are encouraged to knit their lives together like threads in a garment, each thread intricately interwoven with the others. This is a picture of how God wants the Body of Christ to function, **but none of these refer to soul ties**. This is the way God laid down ordinances for His Body to operate on earth by loving and helping each other.

*For because of Him the whole body (the church, in all its various parts), closely joined and firmly knit together by the joints and ligaments with which it is supplied, when each part [with power adapted to its need] is working properly [in all its functions], grows to full maturity, building itself up in love.
Ephesians 4:16 AMPC*

*[For my concern is] that their hearts may be braced (comforted, cheered, and encouraged) as they are knit together...
Colossians 2:2 AMPC*

... and not holding fast to the Head, from Whom the entire body, supplied and knit together by means of its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God. Colossians 2:19 AMPC

How Soul Ties are Formed

Soul ties have various origins. The following list is not complete, however.

Sexual relations: Godly soul ties are formed when a couple is married.

“For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh” (Ephesians 5:31).

The Godly soul tie that God intended between a husband and wife is unbreakable no man can break (Mark 10:7-9). However, when a married person has ungodly sexual relations outside the marriage, an ungodly soul tie is formed. *“What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh”* (1 Corinthians 6:16). Such ungodly soul tie is destructive and fragments the soul. People with many past relationships find it difficult later in life to bond or be joined to someone, because of their fragmented souls.

Close relationships: A close relationship with someone of the same sex and/or different sex also results in a soul tie. Many speak of the good relationship between King David and Jonathan, but, as proven, it is not God's intention for us to tie our souls with anybody else but Him and our spouses. Of course, we can still have good relationships with others, but beware of forming soul ties with them!

So, how do soul ties happen? When you idolise somebody or give someone more of your attention and time than God Almighty and (secondly) your spouse, you are walking on dangerous grounds and are exposing yourself to soul ties. People often spend so much time with good friends, that they neglect their relationship with God and their spouses. This way, we open doors for demonic activities and these

squatters will enter through the backyard. Before long, they will take over the entire house. Soul ties can also form by bad relationships. Idolising celebrities and royals can cause a bad soul tie to form. You can even create a soul tie with a music group or singer by becoming obsessed with them, which explains the powerful pull towards certain music or songs that seems almost irresistible.

Vows, commitments and agreements: Vows are known to bind the soul (Numbers 30:2). Marriage consists of vows and binds the two people together (Ephesians 5:31). Therefore, I have little reason to overlook the concept of vows or commitments as a means to create soul ties.

How to Break Soul Ties

I would like to share my testimony with you. It is a bit embarrassing, but might be worth noting. Hopefully, it will warn you against the dangers of a soul tie, so you can be set free.

After being married for 17 years, I went through a divorce. At that time, I was not aware of the enemy's works, nor had the spiritual knowledge that I currently have about authority, using the resurrection power that is in me that believes, understanding who I am in Christ through an understanding of the spirit, soul, and body, or how the enemy keeps us in bondage with sickness and poverty, to mention only a few.

In retrospect, I realise God was trying to teach me many things which I heard but could not understand. Born-again, spirit-filled believers and many pastors could not explain these things to me.

I gained first-hand experience with the Jezebel spirit in my first marriage. Somebody gave me a book with the title "Jezebel" about five years before my divorce, but I never read it. One day, God revealed this spirit to me, but I did not know how to get out of its snare. I have always wondered why Elijah, after killing 3 000 Baal prophets, fearfully ran away from Jezebel into the desert, begging God to take him to heaven. With this question in my mind, God replied:

"This is how much power the Jezebel Spirit has."

Then, one day, while in the field, I screamed out to God to deliver me from this spirit! I could not stand it anymore and I wanted a way out! It felt as though my soul was dying. I understood what Elijah must have felt like that day when he fled from Jezebel.

I remarried after my divorce and about 3 to 4 years into my second marriage, my wife and I realised we were not free from the influence of the Jezebel Spirit. By what my children told us, I realised that my previous wife knew what was going on in my dreams and finances. She even knew the colour and make of the new car I had bought, even though there was no way she could have seen it at that stage.

I discussed the situation with someone who explained to me what was going on in the spiritual realm. For the first time, my wife and I became aware of ungodly soul ties and the impact they had on our

lives. I realised you cannot step into a second marriage unless you break the soul tie with your previous spouse. The soul tie that was still intact left a door open for demonic activities to influence my new marriage. That same hour, we broke these soul ties with our previous spouses. First separately and then together. Afterwards, my kids confirmed how their mother's attitude had changed - peace had settled over her house.

From experience, I can tell you how important breaking these forces is to get freedom from many other bondages which we will discuss later.

Another testimony.

A young man whom I was leading through deliverance, was facing severe demonic visitations and torment due to an ungodly soul tie. I led him to break the soul tie and the attacks stopped completely!

And the Babylonians came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their whoredom, and she was polluted with them. Ezekiel 23:17 KJV

HOW TO BREAK A SOUL TIE.

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, identify the names of all the people in your life you were involved with through:

- Sexual activities **outside of marriage**, or sexual activities in **previous marriage(s)**. Fornication is perhaps one of the most common ways to create nasty soul ties.

- Any **animal** or **item** that you were emotionally attached to at any stage. At the most vulnerable stage in my life, I trained and rode horses and told people how therapeutic they were in the healing process of the souls of people. Horses are often used in therapy to help people with wounded souls. God revealed to me that this was wrong. Wounded people, and even therapists, often form soul ties with the animals.
- Any ungodly **physical** and **emotional relationships** with a person of the same or opposite sex, animal or object other than God and your spouse!
- If any **gifts** were given to you during unholy relationships, such as rings, flowers, cards, underwear, or jewellery - **get rid of them!** They symbolise the ungodly relationship and can hold a soul tie in place. If you have repented of and forsaken the unholy practices but are still friends or are now in a legal, godly relationship, I don't deem it necessary to destroy all the gifts you have been given. I would still encourage you to get rid of anything that symbolises the sinful, ungodly practices in the relationship, though, such as lingerie and love letters or even the smallest gifts kept as reminders of the ungodly relationship, such as dried leaves in your Bible. God showed me souvenirs I was still in possession of from school relationships. The message from God was clear! I had to get rid of them! **God wants us to be cleansed, holy, sanctified and whole for HIS use only. He is preparing a marriage with a virgin Bride, which is us. So, be a virgin for Him. He is coming soon!**
- Any rash **vows or commitments** that played a part in forming soul ties, should be renounced and repented of, and broken in Jesus' Name. Even words like "***I will love you forever***", or "***I could never love another man***", need to be renounced. They are spoken **commitments** that need to be

undone verbally. As Proverbs 21:23 tells us, "*Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.*" The tongue can bring the soul great troubles and bondage.

Repent of all sins that caused soul ties! Forgive any person involved, if you still have anything against them.

ACTIVATING THE BREAKING OF A SOUL TIE

Voice Recording

Heavenly Father, right now I open a case in the Heavenly Courts and record my voice to be a full witness, to put on record my confession to breaking all ungodly SOUL TIES that I am aware of and all soul ties that I am not even aware of, in Jesus Name.

Activation

Heavenly Father, right now, I access the courts of heaven (*engage imagination*) and acknowledge You, Jesus Christ, as my advocate, lawyer and mediator. I stand in Jesus, under the Blood of Jesus Christ shed on Calvary for me. I am legislating for myself, and on behalf of my generational bloodline and DNA, and I am confessing the following ungodly SOUL TIES that I am aware of:

Ungodly sexual relationships outside of marriage:

Sexual Relationships with my previous SPOUSE(s):

SOUL TIES with any animal:

Any ungodly physical and emotional relationship:

I am **confessing, asking** and **accepting**, FATHER GOD, Your FORGIVENESS for all mentioned ungodly soul ties and I am bringing in front of Your throne ALL UNGODLY SOUL TIES **I AM CURRENTLY NOT EVEN AWARE** of, to BREAK the YOKE of all BONDAGES in the Mighty Name of Christ Jesus.

Father God, I confess my **UNGODLY SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP** with _____, and my **UNGODLY PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS** with _____ before you as sin and ask you to judge this sin in my bloodline/DNA, to cleanse me and my generations and divorce it permanently from my bloodline. I ask, declare and decree that I am untangling this from my bloodline/DNA permanently. I ask for Your forgiveness, Lord! I ask for a seven-fold return of spiritual blessings that have been withheld from me due to these ungodly SOUL TIES in my past.

I declare and decree that I am cleansed and protected by the Blood of Jesus Christ and that everything, all my SINS, all the SINS of my ancestors back in time to Adam and Eve, and all the SINS of people that have spoken against me, have been forgiven and PAID in FULL by Jesus Christ on the Cross when He cried out, ***"It is Finished, Tetelestai!"***

I acknowledge the authority given to me by Jesus Christ, and the Resurrection Power – His Dunamis Power, that is in me who believes. With this authority given to me, I now release the DUNAMIS POWER over my SOUL and my BLOOD and declare and decree my DNA has been washed by the Blood of Jesus Christ and my blood and DNA have been cleansed right now in all my generations backwards and forwards forever and ever.

In JESUS NAME, I break now the POWER, all communication lines of witchcraft, adultery, idolatry, sorcery, any spirits of insecurity, rejection, pride, arrogance, manipulation, control, rebellion, stubbornness, envy, and strife.

I break the POWERS of Jezebel over me and my generation in Jesus' Name. Jezebel, I am speaking to you right now! I break your communication lines and witchcraft right now in Jesus' Name! I cut it off in Jesus' Name and break it by the Blood of Christ Jesus. I declare and decree right now in the COURTS of HEAVEN that there are NO more ungodly soul ties and ungodly attachments, or any

ungodly communication lines between me and any person or thing in the Mighty Names of Christ Jesus.

*Praise GOD! I praise Your Name for Your forgiveness, Lord, and the protection of Your BLOOD. Thank You, Jesus, that we are protected by Your BLOOD. Thank you, Lord, for my NEW freedom! To Christ alone am I TIED! You are My SOUL TIE, Lord Jesus! You are my First Love! I will only communicate with you, Jesus. **I am Free!***

Testimony

I met a lady in her early sixties. She was still working and was struggling to survive financially. I explained to her the concept of soul ties and gave her the teaching I had written. A week later, she called my wife and testified that she had broken the soul tie with her previous husband. The following morning, the bank called her and informed her that they had written off a R40 000 debt, as the insurance company had agreed to pay it. It was a miracle for her and she walked out in freedom! It strengthened her relationship with her Abba Father.

What a Mighty God we worship!

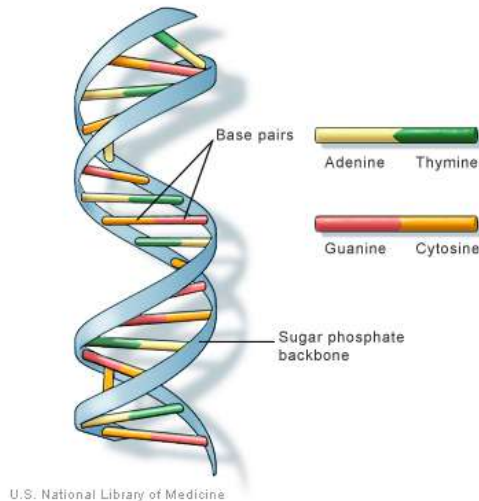
DNA Ties

Technically, there might not be such a thing as DNA ties, but as I explain this concept, you will agree that our DNA is more tied to alien-like garbage than we realise.

WHAT IS DNA?

DNA, or deoxyribonucleic acid, is the hereditary material in humans and almost all other organisms. Nearly every cell in a person's body has the same DNA.

Most DNA is located in the cell nucleus (*where it is called nuclear DNA*), but a small amount of DNA can also be found in the mitochondria (*where it is called mitochondrial DNA or mtDNA*).



Credit: U.S. National Library of Medicine

The information in the DNA is stored as a code made up of four chemical bases: adenine (A), guanine (G), cytosine (C), and thymine (T). Human DNA consists of about 3 billion bases, and more than 99 per cent of those bases are the same in all people. The order, or sequence, of these bases, determines the information available for building and maintaining an organism, similar to how letters of the alphabet appear in a certain order to form words and sentences. DNA bases pair up with each other, A with T and C with G, to form units called base pairs. Each base is also attached to a sugar molecule and a phosphate molecule. Together, a base, sugar, and phosphate are called a nucleotide. Nucleotides are arranged in two long strands that form a spiral called a double helix. The structure of the double helix is somewhat like a ladder, with the base pairs forming the ladder's rungs and the sugar and phosphate molecules forming the vertical sidepieces of the ladder. An important property of DNA is that it can replicate, or make copies of itself. Each strand of DNA in the double helix can serve as a pattern for duplicating the sequence of bases. This is critical when cells divide because each new cell needs to have an exact copy of the DNA present in the old cell. DNA is a double helix formed by base pairs attached to a sugar-phosphate backbone.

In layman's terms, a DNA structure resides in every living organism. **DNA defines what you are made of and what species you are connected to.** DNA can duplicate itself, and this is how families are established. The DNA of each parent can be found in the child they created together. During my search on the topic of DNA, I found another outstanding testimony of Sarah Jubilee, then a 16-year-old child. I acknowledge her information and share with you what the Lord showed her, which is similar to what the Lord put in my spirit regarding "DNA Ties".

DNA STRUCTURE - A WORD FROM "I AM" TO HIS TRUE SET-APART BRIDE IN THESE END TIMES

July 9, 2013, at 6:23 am

"... given through His beloved daughter, Sarah (16 years old) on 5th July 2013 ... Please NOTE that this Word from the mouth of Yahushua haMashiach is not specific to South Africa, but is for His Set-apart Bride collectively."

(You can read the full version on the link: <http://www.tribulation-now.org/2013/07/10/you-dna-must-be-born-again/>)

Here are more direct quotations from her book.

"I am busy gathering My bride into the arc where she will be safe. It is only those who have cleansed their DNA, those who have pure blood that can enter. Sarah, tell My people to give attention to what I will tell you now, it is very important, it is a matter of purity and harlotry, salvation and deception, luke-warmness and fire... Give ear!"

I could not put it in any better words than God Almighty did. In His own words, He said to cleanse your DNA and get rid of all the ties in your soul and DNA! The Bridegroom is on His way to save His bride – *a pure virgin*, cleansed by the Blood of Jesus Christ. The Lord showed Sarah what the seed looked like during conception and how He made the human spirit, soul, and body.

*“Look inside the seed, do you see the written things? It is a code, it’s a DNA code, it’s far above what any human can understand. That code, My love, determines who that baby will be, that code will form its character, **personality, likes and dislikes**. It forms the **body** and it forms the **soul**, but not the spirit. **The spirit is born of Spirit, My Spirit. In your spirit, you inherit My DNA when you are saved**, but this **DNA, this seed, and inheritance** is not **saved yet**. Sarah, inside of that seed is blessing and curse, sin and righteousness as an inheritance from your fathers.”*

Jesus explained to Nicodemus that except a man is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

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

When we are born of the flesh, we are born from a corruptible seed. Peter confirms that being born again is not of corruptible seed but of **incorruptible** seed – the “**Word of God**”.

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

1 Peter 1:23 KJV

God is telling us that the spirit is born of Spirit – His spirit, but our flesh is born out of flesh, an corruptible seed that has not yet been saved. This DNA, the corruptible seed, must change to put on incorruption. Your DNA has been tied to the corruptible seed and needs to change. The mortal must put on immortality and the corruptible must put on incorruption. Once this happens, death is swallowed up in victory, our DNA changes, is cleansed and we walk out in victory!

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

1 Corinthians 15:53-54 KJV

Now, the following makes even more sense. *“Inside of that seed is blessing and curse, sin and righteousness, as an inheritance from your fathers.”* This is the reason and motivation for you to clean up your DNA. When we are born again, we are baptised into Christ and become an entirely new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17). The Greek also means “**creature**”. When you become a new creature, your DNA changes. This is what DNA coding is about – it indicates what species you are!

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

2 Corinthians 5:17 KJV

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From G2936; original *formation* (properly the act; by implication the thing, literally or figuratively): - building, **creation**, **creature**, ordinance.

Sarah continues:

*“This DNA is very, very important. Inside of the DNA code, there are supposed to be key essentials so that your body and soul can function the way I purposed them to. These seeds in the DNA are love proteins, and when you are born, the seed will sprout if it is exposed to the right elements. The mother and father are to nurture, comfort, affirm, accept, and love this gift from Me and the result will be gender identity and spiritual identity, a healthy and whole soul and body. But now the babies are being exposed to **trauma** – even at birth – with the way this precious child comes into this world. The children are vulnerable to whatever the parents expose them to, even in the womb, and it has a great effect on them. It is the parents work to build the child’s identity through teaching them to find their identity in Me, but they are exposed to the **trauma of rejection...**”*

This is what DNA ties are about. Because of the trauma we experience in this *sinful world*, doors are being opened for demonic forces to influence us.

Sarah:

*“Your soul area is your mind, will, emotions, desires. The seed in your DNA grows like trees throughout your soul. For example, **if you inherited a seed of rejection**, that seed will carry the **hurts and pain of the generations** before you. That seed is in you and when you **experience any kind of trauma**, trauma at birth, as a child, or any kind of trauma, the **seed sprouts and a stronghold** forms inside your soul. A stronghold forms to suppress the pain. The **stronghold is always rooted in pride**, and fear keeps it in place. These trees are **rebellion** against Me. This tree bears **ungodly fruit** in your soul like perfectionism, judgment, fear, pride.....”*

Paul lists the works of the flesh, the corruptible DNA. These are ties in our DNA that God wants to cleanse.

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

We all struggle to understand why God creates imperfect and disabled babies. But is it His work?

Sarah:

*“This seed of rejection, for example, can affect your body in many ways, sometimes the **sickness manifests** in a later stage because of **trauma**, and other times, because of **open doors** in the mother and father. Because of **generational curses**, **spirits latch on to the DNA** and the baby can be born with a **defect**, a **disease** or **disabled**. It is part of the **curse** that came upon man at the fall. Sarah, there are many things I want to teach you about the DNA. My people have a lack of knowledge!”*

If we obey Him, He will make us a great nation and all these blessings will be ours. Read the blessing from Deuteronomy 28:2-14.

If you obey the LORD your God and faithfully keep all his commands that I am giving you today, he will make you greater than any other nation on earth. ²Obey the LORD your God and all these blessings will be yours: Deuteronomy 28:1-2 GNT

But God's Word is clear that if we do not obey Him, we will come under a curse and many evil things will come upon us. Read Deuteronomy 28:16-68.

But if you disobey the LORD your God and do not faithfully keep all his commands and laws that I am giving you today, all these evil things will happen to you. Deuteronomy 28:15 GNT

When mankind disobeys God's Word, incurable diseases and epidemics will come upon us, even diseases and epidemics not mentioned in the Bible. The medical handbook for diseases and epidemics contains over 6 000 pages. It is thicker than the Bible. Many of these diseases are medically incurable.

*...he will send on you and on your **descendants incurable diseases** and cohorrible **epidemics** that can never be stopped. ⁶⁰He will bring on you once again all the dreadful diseases you experienced in Egypt, and you will never recover. ⁶¹He will also send all kinds of **diseases and epidemics** that are not **mentioned** in this book of God's laws and teachings, and you will be **destroyed**.* Deuteronomy 28:59-61 GNT

We have become a nation disobedient to the Word of God! Our DNA are tied up!

Sarah:

*"I also want to teach you about the DNA structure: It is an order. There are 2 orders –**one comes out of hell and the other out of Who I AM!** Out of Hell comes the order of **Baal** and man plays the harlot with it, and I will call My order the **order of I AM!** This is the **structure of your DNA.**"*

Decide who you want to worship! If it is the Lord your God, worship Him then, and Him alone! Allow Him to break all the ungodly ties in your DNA. But if Baal is your god, worship him then with ungodly ties in your DNA.

*Elijah went up to the people and said, "How much longer will it take you to make up your minds? If the **LORD is God**, worship him; but if **Baal is God**, worship him!" But the people didn't say a word.* 1 Kings 18:21 GNT

Sarah:

*"Inside the order of **Baal is the structure**, the nature and the **seed of lucifer**. The curse is a result of it, most **sicknesses are a result of it**,*

***spiritual death** is a result of it, **poverty** is a result of it and **destruction** is a result of it. I have spoken to you a lot about the pure bride and about what it means to be the **pure bride**. The pure bride has **My DNA**, she has My structure, **My order, My nature and My seed in her**. **The blessing** is a result of it, life is a result of it, **prosperity** is a result of it, **holiness** and **righteousness** are a result of it.”*

In contrast with the fruits of the flesh in Galatians 5:19, are the fruits of a pure bride who has the DNA of the great “I AM”.

But the Spirit produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness. Galatians 5:22 GNT

The time has come for the wedding of the Lamb and the Bride must prepare herself for this wedding. Are you prepared?

Let us rejoice and be glad; let us praise his greatness! For the time has come for the wedding of the Lamb, and his bride has prepared herself for it. Revelation 19:7 GNT

Are you ready to meet your husband? Are you a cleansed virgin?

*And I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared and ready, like a **bride dressed to meet her husband**. Revelation 21:2 GNT*

When the sign is given in heaven for the Bride, the wife of the Lamb, to be shown to the Bridegroom, will you be identified as the “**Bride of I AM**” or will your DNA show you are of another “species” – the “**Harlot**” bride with the DNA structure of Baal?

One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came to me and said, "Come, and I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." Revelation 21:9 GNT

Are you perhaps one of those who are still enjoying the lifestyle of Babylon?

On her forehead was written a name that has a secret meaning: "Great Babylon, the mother of all prostitutes and perverts in the world." Revelation 17:5 GNT

Sarah:

"My bride has I AM flowing through her veins while the harlot bride – that has not **cleansed her DNA** – has **hell operating through her** ... mixed seed. My people are playing harlot because they have the order and the structure of Baal in them – that is why they are **double-minded**, that is why they are still **sick**. Even though by **My stripes you were healed**, they have remained still sinful, unholy and unrighteous, but they call themselves Christians. I tell you the word Christian is reserved for those who are lukewarm. **You are either My bride, holy, pure and righteous**, building your spirit house upon the Rock of Ages, living in **My Kingdom**, or you are a 'Christian', **lukewarm**, so-called **saved** but **deceived**, so-called good but led astray without even knowing it. This 'Christian' is part of the harlot, she is, in fact, **worse than the sinner** because she is the same as the sinner in heart, but she thinks she is good."

God is saying that because of our mixed seed, because of the ties in our DNA, because our DNA still has the structure of both Baal and "I AM", we are **double-minded**. The Word of God calls us to cleanse ourselves as sinners,

purify our hearts and get out of a double-minded mindset. Let us cut off the DNA tie of Baal and become single-minded on HIM!

*Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. **Cleanse** your hands, ye **sinners**; and **purify your hearts**, ye **double minded**.*

James 4:8 KJV

When we are double-minded, we will always be unstable in our ways and that is why we are neither cold nor hot, but lukewarm. If you are lukewarm and double-minded, He says, ***“I will spue you out of my mouth.”***

*A **double minded** man is **unstable** in all his ways.* James 1:8 KJV

*So then because thou art lukewarm, and **neither cold nor hot**, I will spue **thee out of my mouth**.¹⁷ Because thou sayest, **I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing**; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and **miserable**, and **poor**, and **blind**, and **naked**:* Revelation 3:16-17 KJV

The call is clear! Break every soul tie and break your DNA tie with Baal! **How should we do that?**

Sarah shares the answer:

*“My people, if you want to go into the ark like Noah, you have to cleanse your DNA through **applying My blood through repentance**, through **petitioning in My heavenly courtroom**. Remember, your spirit can be holy and righteous, and you can think you are on the right road because of it. **But if you do not take the next step through cleansing your DNA and working on your soul dimension, you are divided within yourself – in your spirit, on fire, and in your soul, cold, and therefore you are mixed, mixed and lukewarm.** My bride is*

not mixed, she is single-minded and in unity with Me, one in soul and spirit.”

We break ties through **repentance**, recording a petition in the heavenly courtroom, and applying HIS Blood! This is the answer to be set free, purified and cleansed to be ready for the Bridegroom, for the wedding is going to take place very soon!

Sarah:

*“I want My people to **break down the altar**, the order and the **structure of Baal** in your blood (DNA) that your **forefathers** have cast up. Like Gideon had to break down the altar of Baal.”*

And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him, Take thy father's young bullock, even the second bullock of seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that thy father hath, and cut down the grove that is by it: ²⁶ And build an altar unto the LORD thy God upon the top of this rock, in the ordered place, and take the second bullock, and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the grove which thou shalt cut down.

Judges 6:25-26 KJV

Sarah:

*“I was petitioning and repenting for my DNA and while I did that I saw the structure of the DNA and I saw 2 doors inside of my DNA (blood). There was a **black door** and a **golden door**. The **golden door was closed** and the **black door was open**. Out of the black door the DNA structure flowed, on the black door was written ‘Order of Baal/Curse’ and on the golden **door was written ‘I AM** (which is filled*

with the FULLNESS of ABBA's character, attributes, nature, in the name of I AM is the fullness of who He is/Blessing)."

"There were things written on the black structure that flowed out of the black door. I recognized it as **pride and rebellion** against I AM (everything YHVH stands for), the nature of hasatan. So, I started to pray for I AM's light to shine in my DNA and I just started to repent and I saw the structure going back into the black door like it was being reversed. I literally saw Yeshua inside of my blood, He closed the black door (**shattered the order of Baal and curses**) and the door and the structure disappeared. **It is as if the black door was a gateway to hell.**"

"Each and every human has these 2 doors in their blood; **hell operates through the black door through pride, rebellion, and curses** – it is his nature flowing out of it; while **I AM and blessing** flows through the way, the truth and the life. **My people, you are in a DNA war**, awaken and see that the battle you are in is a blood battle, the enemy is out to defile your blood. **Break down the order of Baal** inside of you through **repentance and petitioning**. Your DNA is who you are, it is the core of you, I want who you are to be a vein, a vessel for I AM, for who I AM to flow through you and be an altar of worship, singing holy (set-apart), holy (set-apart), holy (set-apart), holy (set-apart) ...!"

"While He said that, the golden door flung open and a white structure flowed out, with **golden and silver writings on it**. **I AM's character and nature** was inside of it – humility, holiness(set-apartness), love, gentleness, etc. "Sarah My love, this is the message for this hour, teach **My people how to sanctify their DNA because**

this is what My bride looks like. I see what flows out of that door is His seed [love and righteousness]. If it is the black door, it is hasatan's seed [pride and rebellion]. Father's seed births purity and holiness (set-apartness) and **results in a set-apart virgin bride**, where Satan's seed births pride, harlotry, idolatry – it is mixed seed – and this makes you a harlot bride that can give birth to Nephilim babies.”

“Yeshua showed me that the written things on our DNA become what our mind meditates upon. Your mind records whatever is inside the DNA. For example, when there is generational racism seed in your DNA, you have a judgmental, prideful, racist stronghold in your mind (of course you don't acknowledge it as that) because you inherit the seed from your fathers, it hides in you and when trauma occurs it explodes like a bomb in your soul. It is the same with **homosexuality**; if there is a seed of rejection, to which a spirit latches that attacks and breaks down your identity physically because there is no love inside of that seed, it can very easily manifest in one becoming homosexual. The homosexual spirit is the **stronghold** that the structure of your soul puts up to defend itself, but it comes out of a seed of rejection out of the pits of hell.”

“We are in a spiritual battle that manifests in the natural and the war is already won, if we would just start to apply the Blood of the Lamb, we would start to taste victory and freedom. Our weapon is the BLOOD OF THE LAMB (which carries Yeshua's DNA) because it is the fullness of I AM's LOVE poured out for our salvation, redemption, deliverance, healing, freedom...**REPENT**, so that you can be called righteous like Noah was righteous in all his generations!”

Breaking DNA Ties

Note:

I wrote a teaching on hidden sins that may help you identify those subtle aspects in life that are tied to your DNA. As I have already explained, after protein synthesis has taken place, long-term memory enters our DNA and our descendants are born with pride, anger, or any other malfunction or diseases. These are inherited. But the good news is that we are the generation that can now break it and come free!

As additional information, the following are the **key roots** behind diseases:

- Bitterness
- Accusation
- Occultism
- Envy
- Jealousy
- Rejection
- Unloving spirits
- Addictions
- Fear

When the Lord showed me James 3:16, I made a decision. “In my house, there will be no more strife and envy!” Strife and envy are the roots of ALL EVIL!

For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. James 3:16 KJV

STOP ALL FIGHTING IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD RIGHT NOW!

Stop fighting with yourself, with your spouse, with your children, with your family, your friends, and with every person around you. **STOP RIGHT NOW!**

If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Romans 12:18 KJV

Stop kicking stones and hitting things with a baseball bat out of frustration, because **how we react and respond in life matters a lot!**

- How we respond determines whether we draw the blessings of God or...
- the devil, who will come to steal, destroy and kill.
- You empower the one you yield to!
- When life is good, you are cooperating with God.
- When your life is a mess, you are allowing the devil into your life.

Be aware! Satan can be transformed into an angel of light!

And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 2 Corinthians 11:14 KJV

Satan is the savour of death which leads to death and GOD is our savour of life and He brings us life. The choice is ours!

For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: ¹⁶To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things? 2 Corinthians 2:15 KJV

Our attitudes bring forth an aroma that attracts either God or the devil!

- When we are oppressed, the smell/fragrance/aroma of our spirit attracts the enemy. He comes to steal, kill, and destroy.
- When we have joy all the time, that smell/fragrance/aroma of our spirit attracts GOD, the Holy Spirit.

The devil is called Beelzebub, meaning "lord of the flies".

- He and his hosts are attracted to decay.
- Flies find a happy breeding ground in spoiled flesh and multiply there in unbelievable numbers.
- Issues such as bitterness, jealousy and hatred qualify as the decay of the heart that invites the devil to influence you!
- Fear is also the decay of the heart, which attracts the demonic in the same way as bitterness and hatred do.
- Flies know the scent of decaying meat and, likewise, fear spreads a similar decaying scent that the demons recognise.

But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. ¹⁵ This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. ¹⁶ For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

James 3:14-16 KJV

Satan has no power except by our agreement. Fear becomes the heart's response when we come into agreement with Satan's intimidating suggestions. God warns us against the **sin of unbelief**.

I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

Luke 18:8 KJV

There is much to say on the topic of unbelief, but let me encourage and comfort you with these words: **“Submit to God and ask Him to cleanse, sanctify and purify you. The devil shall flee from you!”**

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

Spend time with the Lord and allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you your own and generational ties that might still be intact. Investigate the causes of the deaths of your grandparents and parents on both sides. Even a small thing like a car accident could be a link to generational curses that you need to deal with. Make a list of everything the Holy Spirit reveals to you!

The message God gave me on the 4th of April 2009 at 3:40 pm, was the same He had given to His seven churches, namely to **“overcome”**. ***What must we overcome?***

- The World
- The Flesh
- The Devil



Part 5: The Believer's Battle

LIVING THE IMPOSSIBLE LIFE

Every believer is facing a battle!

What I have shared with you so far about my life, was not my experiences as an unbeliever. No, my friend! I met the Lord very early in my life but was held captive in **religion** for many years. I read from an Afrikaans Bible which came from Dutch Translations and not from the original Aramaic, Hebrew or Greek versions. Only the pastors had these original translations. I believed every word the pastor said as being the truth.

The Lord warns us against two beasts, one rising out of the sea and another coming up out of the earth. These two beasts represent a **religious** and a **political** figure which will deceive and mislead the earth!

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

Revelation 13:1 KJV

And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

Revelation 13:11 KJV

The cornerstone of the institutional church has been corrupted by the world system. The Word of God is clear that His Bride must come out of Babylon!

Apart from this spiritual war going on daily, there is also a battle going on in each believer's individual life. Early in my life, I was already struggling with

this battle of the believer. The Lord revealed the full truth to me over 30 years. Freely I have received and freely I will share this with you! Today, the original Aramaic, Hebrew and Greek texts are freely available to all of us at the click of a button. A new world is opening up to those seeking the truth.

My own sincere desires

Throughout my life, I have had many questions few people could answer. As I grew up, I studied, searched, asked and cried out to the Lord and He revealed many truths to me and answered all my questions. He was so wonderful and faithful to reveal things I did not even ask for! *“Don’t trust in man, in whom there is no help for your there”* (Psalm 146:3).

Since childhood, I have loved the Lord but lived a life of frustration. Deep inside me, I had the desire to do right, but always ended up doing wrong. I messed up so many times in my life. I had the desire to love others, but destroyed relationships and hurt people. The more I tried to overcome my shortfalls, the worse it seemed to get. One issue I struggled with as a young believer, was the concept of Romans 7.

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

One weekend, during a church camp at university as a first-year student, I asked a theology professor what Romans 7:15 meant. *“For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.”* He gave me an unsatisfactory theological answer which I did not understand. God has revealed the truth to me since. I want to share it with you so the truth will also set you free to live a life of freedom, peace, and joy, in Jesus’ Name.

What is the “Believer’s Battle” we are facing?

Please note that this battle is not the battle of the **unbeliever**. It is the battle that born-again, water-baptised, Holy Spirit-filled, tongue-speaking believers are struggling with daily in our walk with Christ Jesus! Not realising where this battle is taking place clouds our understanding and allows the enemy to keep us in captivity.

They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of their ignorance and hardness of heart.

Ephesians 4:18 KJV

Satan blinds our minds from the truth by keeping us from seeing the light of the good news of the Gospel and preventing us from changing into His image and likeness.

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

2 Corinthians 4:4 KJV

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

descendants of Abraham. The Jews had the same mindset when Jesus told them they would be His disciples indeed if they would abide in His word (John 8:31), and that the truth would make them free (John 8:32). They replied, “***We are Abraham’s descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone***” (John 8:33). How ironic! The descendants of Abraham had been enslaved for 430 years and were at that time under the rulership of the Roman Empire!

HOW ABOUT YOU? ARE YOU FREE?

IN CAPTIVITY

The Lord is **WEeping** because His flock is carried away in captivity!

*But if ye will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for your pride; and mine eye shall weep sore, and run down with tears, because the LORD'S flock is carried away **captive**.* Jeremiah 13:17 KJV

They are in bondage because they have no **KNOWLEDGE**.

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

They are in captivity because they **REJECT** knowledge.

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

People are led away by **LUST** and never come to the knowledge of the truth.

Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. ⁶ For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, ⁷ Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 2 Timothy 3:5-7 KJV

The consequence is that the Lord also **REJECTS** them!

I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. Hosea 4:6b KJV

HELL ENLARGED herself and opened her mouth for the multitudes to descend into it!

Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it. Isaiah 5:14 KJV

We are in a **BATTLE**, *whether we realise it or not!* The battle is against principalities, powers, and rulers of the darkness of this world.

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

The devil is **ROARING** like a lion, seeking someone to devour.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 1 Peter 5:8 KJV

The Lord commands us to **COME OUT OF CAPTIVITY**. There comes a day (that day is today!) that the Lord will send somebody with an anointing to bring the TRUTH to set you FREE!

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

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

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

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

The Good News

The good news is that the day is coming when the SUN of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings and beams.

*For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. ² But unto you that fear my name shall the **Sun of righteousness arise with***

healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. Malachi 4:1-2 KJV

*But unto you who revere and worshipfully fear My name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with **healing in His wings and His beams**, and you shall go forth and gambol like calves [released] from the **stall and leap for joy**.* Malachi 4:2 AMPC

You will gambol and leap for joy, like calves released from the stall!

A vision

On the 25th of November 2016, the Lord gave me a vision of waters that were in front of me. The sun was rising over the waters and the Lord led me to the “sea of glass” in Revelation 4:6. He reminded me of Malachi 4:2, which says over those who fear the Lord’s name the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings and beams.

The Lord desires to arise and restore you with healing in His wings and beams. Wings refer to His “glory” and beams to His “light”. On that day, when you receive your healing and freedom from whatever you were in bondage to, you will go forth and gambol like calves released from the stall and leap for joy!

THE PROBLEM

There is a reason so many Christians struggle to live the Christian life. If we could know the root of the problem and deal with it, we would live a victorious, joyful life. But somehow, born-again believers, baptised with the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues, all struggle **because of a lack of knowledge! Today, this very day is the day to cease your struggles and come**

to a place of rest! *“There remains, therefore, a rest for the people of God”* (Hebrews 4:9 KJV). Allow God to do what He desires.

Don Krow, a pastor at Charis Bible College with Andrew Wommack, wrote:

“I have been through many struggles during my life. I've also seen many miracles. I was on a deathbed in 1976 and God raised me up. We saw our stillborn daughter restored to life. About five years ago I came to work for Andrew Wommack and I was destitute. I had pastored a church and there had been a split. I was burned out and tired of trying to live the Christian life.”

“Then the Lord began a process of renewing my mind. Over a period of several years, God has opened a picture more clearly to me. As a result, I have ceased my struggles and come to a place of rest. I have learned to let God do what He wanted to do all the time.”

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

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

He distinguishes between two natures inside of him.

*It seems to be a fact of life that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. ²²I love to do God's will so far as my **new nature** is concerned; ²³⁻²⁵but there is something else deep within me, in my **lower nature**, that is **at war** with my mind and **wins the fight** and makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. In my mind I want to be God's willing servant, but instead I find myself still enslaved to sin. Romans 7:21-25 TLB*

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

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

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

*...but I discern in my bodily members [in the sensitive appetites and wills of the flesh] a different law (rule of action) at war against the law of my mind (my reason) and making me a prisoner to the law of sin that dwells in my **bodily organs** [in the sensitive appetites and wills of the flesh]. Romans 7:23 AMPC*

This law wars against the mind.

Let's evaluate what Paul is telling us in Rom 7:23 by looking at each of the

following individual aspects in more detail.

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

WARRING THE BATTLE

Paul says this **law wars against the mind!**

But I see another law in my members, warring ^{G497} against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. Romans 7:23 KJV

The meaning of the word “**warring**” in the original Greek is “**to attack**”. There is a principle attacking your mind!

G497 (Strong's)

antistrateuomai

an-tee-strat-yoo'-om-ahee

From G473 and G4754; (figuratively) to **attack**, that is, (by implication) **destroy**: - war against.

You are either going to win or lose the battle in the mind.

This war is scheming against you, trying to deceive and defeat you. It is warring against your mind, trying to **bring you into captivity** to what Paul calls the “**law of sin**”. We can call this “**the law of the flesh**”. The “**law of sin**”, as Paul puts it, and the “**law of the flesh**”, as we put it, are so closely related that they can hardly be separated. There is a war going on in our minds between

the “***new nature***” and “***old nature***” and when *the war in the mind* wins, it brings us into ***captivity to the law of sin***. So, the law Paul is referring to is the “***Law of Sin***”. In the “***new nature***”, Paul refers to his “***spirit***” and in his lower nature, which is the “***old man***”, Paul refers to the “***flesh***”. These are major concepts to grasp and understand so we can walk out in victory! First, you have to realise that you are CREATED with a ***spirit, soul*** and ***body***. God, our Creator, formed our ***bodies*** from dust and when He breathed into man’s nostrils, He breathed life. That is our ***spirit***, and we became a living ***soul***.

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

God created us this way for a significant reason. He knew man would rebel and turn against Him, and had the soul and spirit been one, God could not have redeemed us. God separated the spirit from the soul and gave us another chance to choose. *When we choose Him, His blood brings atonement for us and we are redeemed.* Now, if we accept Jesus Christ, we can have eternal life!

God clearly states in His word that we are not in the “***flesh***” but in the ***Spirit***.

*But ye are not in the ***flesh***, but in the ***Spirit***, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.* Romans 8:9 KJV

God is commanding us to walk in the Spirit. There is a very good reason for this command, namely, that we should not ***fulfil the lust of the flesh***! The flesh lusts against the Spirit and the Spirit against the flesh.

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. Galatians 5:16-17 KJV

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

"THE BATTLE"

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

You simply cannot contact your spirit through your emotions or physical body. This is one of the great problems of the Christian life! If you don't understand that spiritual reality can't be felt, you will be confused that God's Word declares you have the **same power** that raised Jesus from the dead.

...and if the Spirit of God, who raised up Jesus from the dead, lives in you, he will make your dying bodies live again after you die, by means of this same Holy Spirit living within you.

Romans 8:11 TLB

If you think that the TRUTH can be discerned through your natural senses, you will be baffled when the Bible says you are a brand new creature who can do the same miraculous works Jesus did (2 Corinthians 5:17, John 14:12). Unless you have a proper understanding of spirit, soul and body, you will search that power in your body and soul, and conclude that you do not possess that kind of power. If you cannot see, taste, hear, smell or touch what the Word reveals about you, you will immediately be in conflict. This apparent disparity

between your experience and God's Word will cause you to raise your hands in frustration and conclude that the Word is not true.

This is the “**Battle of the Believer**” that is taking place in our souls and spiritual realm. When Christians live like unbelievers, they will get the same results – **DEATH**. Believers who don't understand or apply the knowledge of God in their lives gravitate toward carnal-mindedness. Without spiritual knowledge and understanding, your mind can't be renewed and the life of God in your spirit can't be released. That's why understanding the revelation of spirit, soul, and body is the first step towards walking a life of peace and freedom.

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

ANOTHER LAW

Paul is trying to explain this sinful nature he calls a law. “Are we sometimes following a “**different law**” in our lives than the law of God?”

*If then I do that which I would not, I **consent unto the law that it is good**. Romans 7:16 KJV*

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

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

We believe that we are not guilty of this, but we are!

When we hate a brother, we are affirming a new gospel that overthrows the Gospel of our God! The Gospel of God says to forgive our brothers. When we hold onto unforgiveness and bitterness toward our brothers, we are in fact following a different law, a different gospel, and a different way of thinking than that of God. Likewise, when we allow fear to rule our lives we are affirming the gospel of FEAR. Fear destroys FAITH, which is of God. When we allow guilt to rule our lives we are affirming the gospel of guilt to the destruction of forgiveness by God. We are the ones who are setting up another gospel! These are tough words, not to condemn you, but to bring you the truth.

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

Sin involves the overthrowing of the government, the laws, and the precepts of God. By doing so, we are establishing another gospel for mankind to follow, not to their benefit but to their destruction. There is not enough emphasis on the dimension of sin in the church. We think we have no sin in our lives! It is important to understand this battle and to know where it takes place. We must identify our sinful nature.

Sin

We are referring to **sin** as the “**law of sin**”, the “**flesh**”, and “**self-sufficiency**”.

SELF SUFFICIENCY

The soul is the mind, will, and emotions, and it is selfish! Self-sufficiency means operating apart from the Spirit. Self-sufficiency is what **happened** to Adam and Eve when they ate from the **Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil**. We often try to be God and do things in our own strength and ability. We have all the resources we need in Christ but yet operate like unbelievers. We are capable of many bad things when we operate in the realm of the flesh, regardless of the new creation man that we are in Christ.

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

SIN WARS AGAINST THE MIND

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

mind is from yourself! This is why the Lord gave us weapons for this specific war so that we can overcome it.

*For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of **strong holds**;) ⁵ Casting down **imaginations**, and **every high thing** that exalteth itself **against the knowledge of God**, and bringing into **captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ**. 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 KJV*

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

I have to bring these thoughts under obedience to Christ!

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

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

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

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

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

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

For all have sinned ^{G264}, and come short of the glory of God; Rom 3:23 KJV

G264 (Strong's)

hamartanō

ham-ar-tan'-o

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

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

SIN MEANS TO COME SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD

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

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

We must overcome, as God told me in 2009, and as He told the seven churches in Revelation. We must overcome to stand before the throne and sing a marvellous song of victory with all the saints. To understand this better, let's look at Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words.

"Sin" as a noun.

Sin can refer to an action, but Vine says the earliest known use has largely been lost in the New Testament. He says sin is a principle.

- It is a source of action.
- It is not the act itself, but an inward element that produces the act.
- Then he says that sin is a governing principle or power.
- Sin is an organised power that acts through the members of the body.
- The body is the instrument.

Sin as the governing power that tries to operate through our bodies, is personified. He lists 16 scriptures in which sin is personified.

- To personify something is to give it personality.
- In the Old Testament, wisdom was personified. Wisdom was not a person, but wisdom "cried" from the streets (Prov. 1:20).

It seems as if the Apostle Paul **personified the word sin** in Romans 5-8.

- Sin does not seem to have a personality, but
- It seems to **have a tactic**.
- It schemes against you and tries to deceive and beat you.

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

*AND YOU [He made alive], **when you were dead** (slain) by [your] trespasses and sins. ²In which at one time you walked [habitually]. You were **following the course and fashion of this world** [were under the sway of the tendency of this present age], following the prince of the power of the air. [You were obedient to and under the control of] the [demon] spirit that still constantly works in the sons of disobedience [the careless, the rebellious, and the unbelieving, who go against the purposes of God]. Ephesians 2:1-2 AMPC*

It is this old spirit that is dead in trespasses and sins. This spirit is who we were in Adam, outside of Christ. See if you can find the revelation in the following scriptures.

When Adam sinned, sin entered the entire human race. His sin spread death throughout all the world, so everything began to grow old and die, for all sinned. ¹³We know that it was Adam's sin that caused this because although, of course, people were sinning from the time of Adam until Moses, God did not in those days judge them guilty of death for breaking his laws—because he had not yet given his laws to them nor told them what he wanted them to do. Romans 5:12-13 TLB

This old spirit was crucified with Christ and a new creation was raised.

Sin need never again be your master, for now you are no longer tied to the law where sin enslaves you, but you are free under

God's favor and mercy. ¹⁵ Does this mean that now we can go ahead and sin and not worry about it? (For our salvation does not depend on keeping the law but on receiving God's grace!) Of course not! ¹⁶ **Don't you realize that you can choose your own master? You can choose sin (with death) or else obedience (with acquittal).** The one to whom you **offer yourself**—he will take you and be **your master**, and you will be **his slave**. ¹⁷ Thank God that though you once chose to be slaves of sin, now you have obeyed with all your heart the teaching to which God has committed you. ¹⁸ And now **you are free from your old master, sin**; and you have **become slaves to your new master, righteousness**. ¹⁹ **I speak this way, using the illustration of slaves and masters, because it is easy to understand: just as you used to be slaves to all kinds of sin, so now you must let yourselves be slaves to all that is right and holy.** ²⁰ In those days when you were slaves of sin you didn't bother much with goodness. ²¹ And what was the result? Evidently not good, since you are ashamed now even to think about those things you used to do, for all of them end in eternal doom. Romans 6:14-21 TLB

Paul is sharing a profound truth with us. We are free from our old master – sin! We are now slaves to a new master – righteousness! Let these words sink in. When you receive this revelation in your spirit it is the beginning of your freedom! **Old things are passed away and everything has become new in our spirits.** You may fail at times, but your delight will be to do the will of God.

Diseases

The truth about sicknesses and diseases.

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

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. 2 Timothy 3:16 KJV

*For the **word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.** ¹³ Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.*

Hebrews 4:12-13 KJV

The Word of God is like a two-edged sword! It divides and splits the spirit and soul of man and discerns the thoughts and intents of the heart. Over **80%** of sicknesses and diseases are **spiritually** originated. It is in the realm of the spirit

where the church must deal with the spirit of man through the Word of God. No doctor or psychologist deals with the spirit of man. To forgive my brother or my neighbour, I must ***first separate sin from myself*** and the other person. I'm not in unity with sin. I reserve the right to deal with sin, get it out of my life and remain who I am in Christ. I can exchange compassion for bitterness according to the knowledge of God. The sin that dwells within, yields fruits of self-hatred, bitterness, unbelief, doubt, fear, jealousy, envy, competition, and strife. The latter is mentioned in the same verses as murder, adultery, and fornication!

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; ²⁹ Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, ³⁰ Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, ³¹ Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful. Romans 1:28-31 KJV

Sin gives Satan access to your body and soul!

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

Satan wants to bring death into your life by whatever means possible.

- Sickness, disease, poverty, shame, depression, discouragement and all sorts of other nasty things.

- Why allow the enemy to come against you?
- As Christians, we do not have to live a perfectly holy life for God to accept us and be pleased with us.
- Our actions and attitudes determine how we get along with other people.
- That's why it is greatly to our advantage to live a holy life.

Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

*¹⁸For I know that in me (**that is, in my flesh,**) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. Romans 7:17-18 AMPC*

Paul is making it very clear that sin is “**in me**”. It is in our **FLESH**. The body without the spirit is dead. Unless born again, there is absolutely nothing good in us. John 6:63 says the spirit quickens but the flesh profits nothing. This is the struggle both believers and unbelievers have in the physical body!

*For as the **body without the spirit is dead**, so faith without works is dead also. James 2:26 KJV*

*Confess your faults one to another, and **pray** one for another, that ye **may be healed**. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:16 KJV*

We must separate ourselves from the sin that dwells within us and in our neighbour. We need to see our sinning neighbour as God has been seeing him from the foundation of the world. The Spirit of God lives within him and he has been redeemed. God loves him, although he's got some sin tagging along, that needs to go because it is interfering with his sonship, sanctification and

position before God. That is the area that needs to be dealt with, as in our own lives.

The foundation for your freedom is **discernment** and **separation**. This means seeing sin for what it is. We must separate ourselves from the sin that dwells within us. Romans 7 shows that we need to separate ourselves and our hearts from the sin within. That is when sanctification begins and we are on our way to FREEDOM! It is not what enters us that defiles us, but the things that come out of us. We are hung by our tongues! We can only speak either life or death (Proverbs 18:21). Nothing in-between.

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

*And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. ²¹For from within, out of the **heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,** ²²Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: ²³All these evil things come from within, and defile the man. Mark 7:20-23 KJV*

Look at the profound words in Galatians about the works of the “**flesh**”.

Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, ²⁰Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, ²¹Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time

past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Galatians 5:19-21 KJV

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

Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

¹⁸ For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. Romans 7:17-18 KJV

God wants to sanctify your spirit, soul, and body.

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

The Old Man

“The Impossible Life”

Now that we have a better understanding of the spirit, soul, and body, and understand there is a war going on in the mind between the spirit and the soul, we can analyse what the scripture is telling us about our flesh - the old man. When Paul is saying that he had learned to separate himself and his heart from

his sin, he is talking about his flesh - not the human flesh, but the "**FLESH**" of the "**carnal nature**".

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

Paul is referring to the "**carnal**" man in the "**flesh**", also known as "**the old man**". In Greek, the word "flesh" means carnally minded, the human nature/being with its frailties, and physical or moral passions. The Greek word is "sarx".

G4561 (Strong's)

sarx

flesh (as *stripped* of the skin), that is, (strictly) the *meat* of an animal (as food), or (by extension) the **body** (as opposed to the **soul** (or spirit), or as the symbol of what is external, or as the means of kindred, or (by implication) **human nature** (with its frailties (physically or morally) and passions), or (specifically) a *human being* (as such): - **carnal** (-ly, + -ly minded), flesh ([-ly]).

As a man thinks, so he will become.

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he. Proverbs 23:7a

*This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust
of the flesh. Galatians 5:16 KJV*

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

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

Paul is talking here about his **carnal nature**, that **unrenewed part** of him that doesn't match the nature of God within him. He realised that it was not him, for he knew his heart before God was good. So, he concluded that it was something else within him that was sinning. Yet, the conclusion was that it was sin dwelling within that acted through Paul and became sin to him. More than once, Paul concluded that his actions as a Christian and apostle were not from himself, but it was evil/sin that was dwelling in him. It is the same with us. We have a heart for the Lord, but the harder we try, the more we struggle, proving the need to **separate ourselves from the sin** that dwells within and acts out its nature through us.

For whatever God says to us is full of living power: it is sharper than the sharpest dagger, cutting swift and deep into our innermost thoughts and desires with all their parts, exposing us for what we really are. ¹³ He knows about everyone, everywhere. Everything about us is bare and wide open to the all-seeing eyes of our living God; nothing can be hidden from him to whom we must explain all that we have done. Hebrews 4:12-13 TLB

What an amazing scripture. God already knows everything and desires to reveal our entire shortcomings to us, not to condemn us but to heal and sanctify us.

This sin that dwells within Paul is identified in Hebrews 4:13 as the creatures that need to be exposed before Him.

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

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

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

Paul discovered that sin was a law. He explained it as follows:

- He tried to do well but failed.
- He tried to do well again and failed again.
- So, he tried to be holy but failed.
- He tried to keep the commandments but failed.
- Then, he concluded that there was a law of sin at work in his members - a law of defeat coming against him.

What did Paul mean by “law”?

If you were to shoot someone, the police would arrest you and take you to jail. This is applicable all over the world. It is a universal law that if you kill someone you will be arrested and prosecuted. A law is consistent. It works the same way all the time. An even better example is the law of gravity. The law of gravity applies everywhere. Its natural power works the same all over the globe.

Can you beat it?

Have you tried to beat the “**law of sin**”, which seems to hold you down with its own power? You may be convinced to overcome. You may commit yourself to a specific area and then recommit yourself a couple of times. Can you say no to sin and defeat it? You can, but it's like defeating the law of gravity.

You can hold an object in your hand to prevent it from falling. For a while, you are defeating the law of gravity. Eventually, your hand and arm will become tired and you will drop it because there is a natural power in the law of gravity pulling on your hand.

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

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

Many of us have lived our Christian lives this way. We commit to exercising more willpower against sin. Paul says, “*For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not*” (Romans 7:18 KJV).

The more we try to beat sin or to exercise more power over it, the less we succeed. Paul confirms this when he says the things he wishes to do, he does not do, but the things he does not want to do, are the things he does!

For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. ¹⁵ For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. Romans 7:14-15 KJV

*We know that the Law is spiritual; but I am a **creature of the flesh** [carnal, unspiritual], having been sold into slavery **under [the control of] sin.** ¹⁵ For I do not understand my own actions [I am baffled, bewildered]. I do not practice or accomplish what I wish, but I do the very thing that I loathe [which my moral instinct condemns].* Romans 7:14-15 AMPC

In the KJV, Paul is saying he is "**CARNAL**" and in the AMP he refers to "**a creature of the flesh**" (unspiritual). Even though he was not just any believer but an apostle for at least 20 years, he had many challenges while living a Christian life. We can relate to that. Paul serves the law of God but has sin dwelling within him.

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

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

For from within out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornication, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness and evil eye, blasphemy, pride foolishness - all these evil things come from within and defile the man. Mark 7:20-23 KJV

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

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

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

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

In my lower nature, that is at war with my mind and wins the fight and makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. In my mind I want to be God's willing servant, but instead I find myself still enslaved to sin. Romans 7:23-24 KJV

When we **walk in the spirit**, we **shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh**.

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. Galatians 5:16 KJV

A New Nature

Let us have a look at the next part of our original text.

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

Understanding your “**new nature**” will allow you to have a much better understanding of all the scriptures to put everything into place. Let's put everything into perspective by looking at some scriptures about who we are in Christ. When you are born again and baptised in water and the Holy Spirit, the **old man is crucified** and the body of sin is destroyed. You will serve sin no more!

*Knowing this, that our **old man is crucified** with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.* Romans 6:6 KJV

Now, through the **crucifixion** of Christ, I live and **Christ lives in me**. The life that I now live in the flesh, I live by Faith.

*I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but **Christ liveth in me**: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*
Galatians 2:20 KJV

You are a **new creation in Jesus Christ**. Some versions mention new “species”.
We change from human beings to spiritual beings!

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

We are **one spirit** with the Lord!

*But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.
1 Corinthians 6:17 KJV*

We are not in the flesh but **in the spirit**. If we do not have the spirit of Christ,
we do not belong to Him!

*But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit
of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ,
he is none of his. Romans 8:9 KJV*

It is a **mystery** that **Christ is in YOU!** It is a revelation hidden from all ages and
generations!

*Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from
generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: ²⁷ To whom
God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this
mystery among the Gentiles; **which is Christ in you**, the hope of
glory: Colossians 1:26-27 KJV*

These are profound truths. Paul is revealing the mystery, the revelation
hidden for many ages. But now we know that **Christ is in us!**

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

You are **perfectly made**: *“That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works”* (2 Timothy 3:17 KJV).

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

You have **“the measure of Faith”**, which is the same faith Jesus had: *“According to as God hath dealt with every man the measure of **faith**”* (Romans 12:3b KJV).

Your newborn spirit is as perfect as Christ, vacuum-packed and **sealed with the Holy Spirit** never to change again: *“In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise”* (Ephesians 1:13 KJV).

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

SANCTIFICATION

Because there is a battle going on between our **“old carnal man”** and our **“new spirit man”** and knowing that our old way of thinking invites sicknesses and diseases to enter our bodies, we realise that we need sanctification. It is God's desire.

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

Jesus was identifying all the defiling wrongdoings within the **carnal man** and Paul recognised this in Romans 7. In 2 Corinthians, Paul developed it as a spiritual principle of **sanctification** for the church.

*Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us **cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh**^{G4561} and **spirit**^{G4151}, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. 2 Corinthians 7:1 KJV*

Again, in Corinthians, the word “**flesh**” in the original Greek refers to “**sarx**” and the word “**spirit**” refers to “**pneuma**”. **Sarx** is the flesh, the body, the carnal human nature, and **pneuma** is breath or figuratively a spirit. Jesus was talking about things in the heart of man that needed to be dealt with. Paul picked up the same topic in 2 Corinthians, 1 Thessalonians and Romans 7, and said that it applied not only to himself but to every one of us.

I am working out my salvation daily through grace and mercy, applying the love of the Father, the Word of God, and the work of the Holy Spirit, so that my heart, my soulish man, can be purged of all evil. I finally got the picture, and in my thoughts, I have become spiritually and psychologically one, so I can fulfil the Scriptures. In my spirit, I already have the mind of Christ. I need to draw it out of my spirit into my soul by the renewing of my mind.

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. 2 Corinthians 3:18 KJV

The process of sanctification starts by removing the spiritual, biological and psychological diseases of life - both generationally and personally. When we come before God and take an honest look at ourselves, survey our past generations, and deal with the sin, God will give us a “make-over”! Can you see how all these are linked with the profound scripture in Hebrews 4:12?

For whatever God says to us is full of living power: it is sharper than the sharpest dagger, cutting swift and deep into our innermost thoughts and desires with all their parts, exposing us for what we really are. ¹³ *He knows about everyone, everywhere. Everything about us is bare and wide open to the all-seeing eyes of our living God; nothing can be hidden from him to whom we must explain all that we have done.* Hebrews 4:12-13 TLB

The Lord is saying to us today:

- I am knocking. Will you open the door of your heart so I can enter?
- Will you invite Me and the Holy Spirit in to cleanse and sanctify you and remove the things that are separating you from Me?
- Will you allow me to heal and deliver you and establish My heart for you?
- Will you enter into that degree of the covenant with Me?
- Will you allow me to be a God to you?
- Will you allow me to be your Saviour, Healer and Husband?
- Will you allow me to fellowship with you?

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. ²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open. Revelation 3:19-20 KJV

This scripture addressed the believers in the Church of Laodicea. They believed the Lord was in their hearts when He was standing outside. Isn't this a tragic picture of the church today? In this state, we will one day hear Him say, "Depart from Me for I never knew you!"

Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. ²¹ Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? ²³ And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Matthew 7:20-30 KJV

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. Romans 6:6 KJV

"Is" indicates present tense. We have to work out our salvation daily!

Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling. Philippians 2:12 KJV

Therefore, my dear ones, as you have always obeyed [my suggestions], so now, not only [with the enthusiasm you would

show] in my presence but much more because I am absent, work out (cultivate, carry out to the goal, and fully complete) your own salvation with reverence and awe and trembling (self-distrust, with serious caution, tenderness of conscience, watchfulness against temptation, timidly shrinking from whatever might offend God and discredit the name of Christ).

Philippians 2:12 AMPC

Because of what Jesus did for us on the cross according to Romans 6:6, it is now possible that the body of sin may be destroyed in your life.

*Your old **evil desires** were nailed to the cross with him; that part of you that loves to sin was **crushed** and fatally wounded, so that your sin-loving body is no **longer under sin's control**, no longer **needs to be a slave to sin**.* Romans 6:6 TLB

This is what we call **sanctification**. God wants us to be whole again and desires to sanctify us in spirit, soul, and body so we can be blameless when He returns to fetch us as His bride. God wants a pure and holy bride and will not defile Himself with a second-hand whore.

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

In our soul realm, we are being washed in a process called sanctification, because we all sin in our carnal, fleshly, old man, human nature.

Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and

blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness because the Spirit is truth. ⁷For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. ⁸And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. ⁹If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. ¹⁰He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. 1 John 5:5-10 KJV

The same sins that can be found in the unbeliever, are also present in the believer. “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). Both the saved and unsaved are falling short of the glory of God. This is why Paul asks:

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? Romans 6:1 KJV

Paul supplies the answer:

God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Romans 6:2 KJV

How is it then even possible to live in sin if we are DEAD to SIN? Our spirit doesn't become righteous through our good actions and attitudes. Righteousness comes by confessing Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. When you are born again God gives you this brand-new spirit. Righteousness is NOT based on your actions. Our new nature desires to live holy and we do not want

to give the devil access to our soul and body through sin! If you are truly born again, God has changed your nature!

Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Romans 6:3 KJV

You are no longer a child of the devil who loves to sin. Although you do still sin, it is not your nature anymore! Your spirit has been changed and you no longer enjoy or embrace sin. Every born-again believer has a built-in desire to live holy.

And every man that hath this hope in him purifies himself, even as he is pure. 1 John 3:3 KJV

When we preach the Law, we strengthen the Law by legalism and religious works.

The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.
1 Corinthians 15:56 KJV

Mankind was destroyed by sin and we deceive ourselves to think we are good. God gave the Law to show us what the real standard is! THE LAW made sin come alive so we would recognise our need for a Saviour! The Law makes us sin more by causing us to lust for the very thing that is forbidden.

For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. Romans 7:9 KJV

You cannot mix the law with grace (Galatians 1:7 TPT). The problem with many believers is that they mix the Old Testament (Law) with the New Testament (grace). Most people cannot understand how God can act so differently toward mankind in the Old Testament compared to the New Testament.

Without a clear understanding that the coming of Jesus Christ changed everything, they have the impression that God is indeed fickle. But He is the same in the Old and the New Testament.

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.

Hebrews 13:8 KJV

Because of our positional obedience, we should not be serving sin, although many do, and that's not historical, but present tense.

Has the body of sin been destroyed in your life or are you still serving sin?

Let not sin therefore rule as king in your mortal (short-lived, perishable) bodies, to make you yield to its cravings and be subject to its lusts and evil passions. Romans 6:12 KJV

This does not mean that sin is not reigning in your body. It means that you **should not let it reign** and **should not** obey it.

*Do not continue offering or yielding your bodily members [and faculties] to sin as instruments (tools) of wickedness. **But offer and yield yourselves to God** as though you have been raised from the dead to [perpetual] life, and your bodily members [and faculties] to God, presenting them as implements of righteousness. Romans 6:13 KJV*

Although we are still yielding our members as instruments of unrighteousness, Paul is saying we **should not**. We should yield ourselves to God and our members as instruments of righteousness unto God. Who is your master and who are you a servant to - **sin, unto death, or obedience unto righteousness?** If you decide to serve sin then sin becomes your lord and you become its slave.

*Sin need never again be your master, for now you are no longer tied to the law where sin enslaves you, but you are free under God's favor and mercy. ¹⁵ Does this mean that now we can go ahead and sin and not worry about it? (For our salvation does not depend on keeping the law but on receiving God's grace!) Of course not! ¹⁶ **Don't you realize that you can choose your own master?** You can choose sin (with death) or else obedience (with acquittal). The one to whom you offer yourself—he will take you and be your master, and you will be his slave.*

Romans 6:14-16 KJV

Those who continue to walk after the flesh bring themselves back into condemnation, resulting in Satan having a legal right to their lives until they repent!

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Romans 8:1 KJV

When we are washed by the water of the Word of God, we start acting according to the Word and the old man disappears. It is almost like old icons on your iPhone or computer. After not being used for some time it requests to be removed from the screen. **Likewise, when you are not using old pathways anymore, which were there because of the law of sin, they can also be removed because new pathways have been formed (the renewing of your mind) under the Law of the Kingdom of God.**

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, ²³ Meekness, temperance: against

such there is no law. ²⁴ And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. ²⁵ If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Galatians 5:22-25 KJV

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

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

ALL THINGS are become new (present tense)! This means old things have passed (past tense). All things are of God. If we do not understand spirit, soul, and body we will constantly be confused, frustrated and ultimately in unbelief when we read these scriptures.

Although Christ's atonement provided for you physically, your body has not yet been saved. It's been purchased but not yet redeemed. Jesus purchased your glorified body through His death, burial and resurrection and although full payment has been made, you still have a corrupted body while you wait to receive your immortal, incorruptible one. At this moment, you have not yet received the redemption of the purchased possession. After you have been born again, your body remains the same as before your born-again experience. The time will come for us to receive our glorified bodies.

*For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this **mortal must put on immortality**. ⁵⁴ So when this **corruptible shall have put on incorruption**, and this **mortal shall have put on immortality**, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is*

written, *Death is swallowed up in victory.*

1 Corinthians 15:53-54 KJV

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

Your soul was not saved either when you became born again.

Soul salvation happens when an emotionally discouraged and mentally defeated Christian starts believing God's Word and then experiences victory, peace, and joy. Your soul can then be transformed to the degree you that you renew your mind, change your attitudes and conform your values to the Word of God.

This process does not happen automatically. In your soul, old things have not passed away and all things have not yet become new. The transformation of your soul is an ongoing process and won't be completed until the day Jesus returns to fetch you!

When the Change is Complete.

When you receive your glorified body - you'll also receive your glorified soul!

For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. ¹⁰ But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. ¹² For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. 1 Corinthians 13:9-12 KJV

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

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

2 Corinthians 5:17 KJV

Old things have passed away and all things have become new. This total transformation isn't just an ongoing process, but it also describes a change that's already been finished - an accomplished fact!

Where did this complete change occur? According to God's mirror, it did not happen in either your body or your soul BUT in your BORN-AGAIN SPIRIT!

TWO MASTERS

It is not possible to serve two masters. Either you will love the one or hate the other! This is very important to understand concerning certain diseases before you can be healed! You can't hang onto self-hatred and expect to be healed of lupus, for example.

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Matthew 6:24 KJV

We have a **choice**.

Don't you realize that you can choose your own master? You can choose sin (with death) or else obedience (with acquittal). The one to whom you offer yourself—he will take you and be your master, and you will be his slave. Romans 6:16 TLB

You can choose whose slave you want to become. You can offer yourself to the law of sin (death) or the law of God (life). To whom you offer yourself, he will be your MASTER. That is why God offers us the opportunity to choose.

I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: Deuteronomy 30:19 KJV

God calls the heaven and the earth *as witnesses* that He sets before you today the opportunity to choose between life and death. He also gives you the answer to the correct choice. Choose Me! Choose Life, so I can become your MASTER!

WHO DO YOU CHOOSE?

WHO WILL BE YOUR MASTER?

A Higher Law

The purpose of the Law that God gave to Moses, was to make us bow our knees and call out, "God HAVE MERCY ON ME! I can't do this on my own! I cannot break free from this sin!" The law was not given to help us overcome sin. *It was given to show us that sin has already overcome us.* The Law

strengthened sin and gave it so much power that it could effectively remove the deception that we can get rid of sin on our own. **Religion, however, turns it around and says, "The law was given to help you overcome sin." That's just not true.** If you are truly born again you will have the desire to live for God.

And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. 1 John 3:3 KJV

There will be varying degrees of this purity manifesting in your actions and thoughts, BUT, every born-again person seeks to purify themselves. Man cannot overcome and defeat sin. It is just as impossible as to overcome the law of gravity.

So, shall we give up then? **God forbid! Our Father in Heaven put into effect a different plan - "another Law".**

We aren't saved from sin's grasp by knowing the commandments of God because we can't and don't keep them, but God put into effect a different plan to save us. He sent his own Son in a human body like ours—except that ours are sinful—and destroyed sin's control over us by giving himself as a sacrifice for our sins. Romans 8:3 TLB

I like the way Paul is explaining this in the TLB version. He uses the illustration of slaves and masters because it is easy to understand.

I speak this way, using the illustration of slaves and masters, because it is easy to understand: just as you used to be slaves to all kinds of sin, so now you must let yourselves be slaves to all that is right and holy. ²⁰ In those days when you were slaves of sin you didn't bother much with goodness. ²¹ And what was the

result? Evidently not good, since you are ashamed now even to think about those things you used to do, for all of them end in eternal doom. ²² But now you are free from the power of sin and are slaves of God, and his benefits to you include holiness and everlasting life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:19-23 TLB

We were once slaves to sin and the result was death. BUT NOW, we are free from that power of sin and are slaves of God. We have received the gift of God – ETERNAL LIFE! In essence, Paul is saying that we can only overcome the law of sin and win the battle when we replace the “**law of sin**” with a higher law – the “**law of God**”.

Dr Myles Munroe explains this principle by using the example of a Boeing 747. This aeroplane, weighing 225 tons, cannot easily be moved while on the ground, yet, it can fly. How is this possible? How can a 225-ton aeroplane fly like a bird? It can leave the ground because the “**Law of Gravity**” is cancelled by another law - “**the Law of Lift**”. We do not destroy the Law of Gravity, but we are using the Law of Gravity to hold the aeroplane on the ground until it reaches a speed of 260 km/h. Then it creates a new law and the wings cancel the Law of Gravity, and the Law of Lift takes over. Amazing!

Amazing, also, that if the aeroplane stayed on the ground at that high speed, it would destroy itself. It cannot stay on the ground, however, because it automatically creates another law – “**the Law of Aerodynamics**”.

So, what is going to bring you out of your mess? “LAWS!”

Laws keep you in sin, but God also created many other laws to cancel the law of sin. Gravity does not disappear but is replaced by another law. Depression does not disappear, but you can cancel it with another, higher law! It is impossible to cancel it, though, if you stay under the law of sin. Gravity makes the law of lift possible. That very same thing that is holding you down will eventually kick in and lift you out of it. For example, “**the law of love**” will take you out of “**the law of hatred**”. Are you catching this revelation?

More good news is that once that aeroplane is in the air, it operates under a completely different law! You can look down to earth and see that gravity does not influence you anymore BUT you have to keep up the speed. If you drop the speed the plane will incline. Whatever got you up there, will keep you up there! It is merely a law that lifts 225 tons from the ground! Similarly, there is only one way to beat the “**law of sin**” that is keeping you down.

PUT A HIGHER LAW INTO OPERATION!

This is profound! You need to meditate on this for a while and let it sink into your innermost being and personality.

Free vs Freed

Let me challenge your “theology” today. The **Bible never talks about overcoming sin**. It teaches about being **freed** and delivered from sin (Romans 6:7, 22) through a **power** that Paul calls “**another law**”.

*For he that is dead is **freed from sin**.* Romans 6:7 KJV

FREED is the *simple past tense and past participle of free*. As an adjective, it has two senses.

- Freed from bondage.
 - Having become freed from entanglement; disengaged.
 - Familiarity information: **FREED** used as an adjective is rare.
1. To make free, as from confinement or oppression: freed the slaves.
 2. To relieve of a burden, obligation or restraint: a **people** who were at last **freed from fear**.
 3. To remove obstructions or entanglements from; clear: free a path through the jungle.
 4. To make available: Cancelling the program freed up money for the new library.

“To loose, unloose, unloosen, release, liberate, release, discharge, set free, disengage, forgive, unbound; unrestricted, detached allowed, permitted, unrestricted, unimpeded, at liberty, open, clear, able, loose, unattached, unregulated, disengaged, untrammelled, unobstructed, unhampered, unengaged.”

“Freed the slaves by legislation” does not mean all slaves were necessarily aware of the new law and, therefore, some were still under the bondage of the law of slavery. Once they became aware of the good news, though, they could become **free and walk out in that freedom**.

So now we can obey God’s laws if we follow after the Holy Spirit and no longer obey the old evil nature within us. ⁵ Those who let themselves be controlled by their lower natures live only to

*please themselves, but those who follow after the Holy Spirit find themselves doing those things that **please God**.⁶ Following after the Holy Spirit leads to life and peace, but following after the old nature leads to death⁷ because the **old sinful nature within us is against God**. It never did obey God's laws and it never will.⁸ That's why those who are still under the control of their old sinful selves, bent on following their old evil desires, can never please God.⁹ But you are not like that. You are controlled by your **new nature** if you have the Spirit of God living in you.*

Romans 8:4-9 TLB

Likewise, Jesus Christ has already **"freed"** us from sin when He made that full payment on the cross and cried out, **"It is Finished, Tetelestai!"**

Are you aware of this new law? If not, then I am bringing you the good news. **You are no longer enslaved! You are free!** The new legislation freed the slaves, but somebody had to bring them the good news before they could walk out in their freedom. You are now controlled by your new nature. Paul explains that we all died with Christ when we accepted Him and were baptised (*the old man died and stayed behind in the water*). We were also raised with Christ when we came out of the water and now share His new life. All the evil desires of sinful nature were nailed to the cross and crushed. The **"law of sin"** has now been replaced by the higher **"law of God"**. This new law freed us from all the allure and power of the old law.

*For you have become a part of him, and so you **died with him**, so to speak, when he died; and now you share his **new life** and **shall rise as he did**.⁶ Your old evil desires were nailed to the cross with him; that part of you that loves to sin was crushed and fatally*

*wounded, so that your sin-loving body is no longer under sin's control, no longer needs to be a slave to sin; ⁷ for when you are deadened to sin you are freed from all its allure and its power over you. ⁸ And since your old sin-loving nature "died" with Christ, we know that you will share his **new life**. ⁹ Christ rose from the dead and will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him. ¹⁰ He died once for all to end sin's power, but now he lives forever in unbroken fellowship with God. ¹¹ So look upon your **old sin nature as dead and unresponsive to sin**, and instead be **alive to God**, alert to him, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:5-11 TLB*

The **power of the life-giving Spirit** is mine through Christ Jesus and has **freed** me from the vicious circle of sin and death (Romans 8:2 TLB). Now that you are aware of the implications of this new legislation, accept the gift from Christ Jesus and walk out into freedom.

Sin need never again be your master, for now you are no longer tied to the law where sin enslaves you, but you are free under God's favor and mercy. Romans 6:14 TLB

*But now being **made free from sin**, and become **servants to God**, ye have your **fruit unto holiness**, and the end **everlasting life**. Romans 6:22 KJV*

Now is your opportunity to walk out in freedom! You are freed from the law of sin. A higher law, that of the **Kingdom of God**, has cancelled it! With this new law, we overcome and crush the law of sin by replacing it with the power of

the Holy Spirit, the higher “law of the spirit”. That makes us now sons and daughters of Christ Jesus our Lord.

*For if you keep on following it you are lost and will perish, but if through the **power of the Holy Spirit** you crush it and its evil **deeds**, you shall live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. Romans 8:13-14 KJV*

This is the best news a born-again believer could ever receive!

You are freed from the law of sin!

Walk out in freedom as a son and daughter of God Almighty!

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The Answer to Living the Impossible Life

I discovered that the answer to this question I had asked about 30 years ago, culminates in the following.

1. I am not guilty.
2. Being without the Spirit of God vs...
3. ...having the Spirit of God.
4. Coming to the end of yourself.
5. Being in Christ.
6. Our souls must die.
7. Our daily walk.
8. All things add up.

1. I am not Guilty

It changed my life when I realised God never imputed the sins of this world onto mankind! Wow!

*Blessed is the man to whom the Lord **will not impute sin.***

Romans 4:8 KJV

God filled us with the goodness of Jesus Christ and declared us “**not guilty!**”

*And having chosen us, he called us to come to him; and when we came, he declared us “**not guilty,**” filled us with Christ’s goodness, gave us right standing with himself, and promised us his glory. Romans 8:30 TLB*

We grow up with the wrong theology that God was mad and punished the people of the Old Testament. Scripture is telling us something different.

*We know that it was Adam's sin that caused this because although, of course, **people were sinning from the time of Adam until Moses**, God did not in those days judge them guilty of death for breaking his laws—because he had not yet given his laws to them nor told them what he wanted them to do.*

Romans 5:13 TLB

God did not impute any sin on the human race, but sacrificed His Son, Christ Jesus, to take upon Him all our sins. Only through Him do we get our right standing before the Father.

*...gave us **right standing with himself**, and promised us his glory.*

Romans 8:30b TLB

2. Being without the Spirit of God

Paul is talking about the FLESH (soul). The key to understanding Romans 7 is the personal **pronoun "I"**.

- The **pronoun** is used multiple times. **I** want to do good. **I** want to keep the commandments. **I** want to love God.
- The Spirit of God is not mentioned in this chapter.
- Paul is a believer and loves God. He is committed with all his heart but is operating on his own and is burning out.

Once we yield to the law of sin, we are walking in the flesh and are carnal-minded. The body without the spirit is dead. Therefore, without the spirit of God, we are living in sin and leaving an open door for disease to enter. Being carnally minded doesn't just tend towards death, it is death. The Amplified Bible defines death as all the miseries arising from sin, both here and

hereafter. Are you depressed, beaten down, and defeated? What are you thinking about? Ungodly thinking and a carnal mind will lead to death. The flesh will always oppose the Spirit. Galatians 5:17 says the flesh wars against the Spirit. We have to take the Word of God and focus on the God behind the Word to draw His strength.

We have to think positively.

- I'm not rejected.
- God's Word says that I'm loved.
- I'm not beaten down.
- I'm above and not beneath.

3. Having the Spirit of God

In Chapter 8, the victory comes! Paul mentions the spirit more than 15 times, referring to the spiritual man! Romans 8:1 is a very miss-quoted verse because in most translations the second part of the verse has been left out.

*There is therefore now **no condemnation to them** which are in Christ Jesus, who walk **not after the flesh**, but after the **Spirit**.*

Romans 8:1 KJV

There is no condemnation for us who are in Christ Jesus! But the second part, ***which is missing in some translations***, clearly talks about those who are not ***walking after the flesh!*** In other words, Paul is saying that there ***IS condemnation for those walking after the FLESH!*** There is ***no condemnation for those walking after the Spirit!***

Are you getting this revelation? When we step outside His parameters, we are under the law again. We must obey God. As a man thinks, so he will become.

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee. Proverbs 23:7 KJV

This is where healing manifests. Victory is inside of us. We must see who we are in Christ. Then we can change our thinking and renew our minds!

*This I say then, **Walk in the Spirit**, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. Galatians 5:16 KJV*

If ye love me, keep my commandments. John 14:15 KJV

*For the **law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus** hath (past tense) made me **free** from the law of sin and death. Romans 8:2 KJV*

It has already been done! Paul is giving us another part of the answer.

*For they that are after the **flesh** do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are **after the Spirit** the things of the Spirit. Romans 8:5 KJV*

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

Your mind must cooperate with the Spirit or else you are going to walk after the flesh. If you agree with God, and set your mind on the things above and not on the earth, there will be life and peace (Romans. 8:5).

*If ye then **be risen with Christ**, seek those things which are above, where **Christ sitteth** on the right hand of God. ² Set your affection*

on things above, not on things on the earth. ³For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. Colossians 3:1-3 KJV

As Christ died, so did we, and because we are dead, we are now FREED from the law of sin. But freeing the slaves by legislation does not mean all are aware of the new law. Some are still under the bondage of the law of slavery.

For he that is dead is freed from sin. Romans 6:7 KJV

The power of the law of the Spirit gives life and frees us from the law of sin.

*For the **power of the life-giving Spirit**—and this power is mine through Christ Jesus—has **freed** me from the vicious circle of sin and death. Romans 8:2 TLB*

You are no longer tied to the law of sin but free to live under a new law of the Spirit. You are a servant of God. He is now your Master.

Sin need never again be your master, for now you are no longer tied to the law where sin enslaves you, but you are free under God's favor and mercy. Romans 6:14 TLB

*But now being **made free from sin**, and **become servants to God**, ye have your **fruit unto holiness**, and the end **everlasting life**. Romans 6:22 KJV*

When the law of slavery has been replaced by the Law of the Spirit, it frees us from sin.

4. Coming to the End of Yourself

Paul discovered it is not possible to beat the law of sin. We try to fight it, but the war in our minds is winning and that puts us repeatedly under the law of

sin. Even the law of the Old Testament which God gave to Moses, was not to overcome sin, but rather to bring them to their knees to confess, "God HAVE MERCY ON ME! I can't do it on my own! I can't break this sin." The law showed that sin had already overcome us. The Law strengthened sin and gave it so much power that it would effectively remove the deception that you could ever get rid of sin on your own.

Similarly, Paul cried out, "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" (Romans 7:24). The word "**wretched**" here means **miserable**. Paul is saying that we are **miserable as believers**. Have you ever felt that your life has such a miserable quality that you didn't even want to evangelise? Paul was committed and delighted in the law of God. He wanted to please God. So why was he miserable?

For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. The good things he wants to do, he doesn't do, and the things he doesn't want to do, he does.

Romans 7:15 KJV

The Bible says two seemingly contradicting things about believers. But there is a balance between these scriptures.

- We are the **old wretched man** and can't do anything.
- We can do all things through Christ (Philippians 4:13).

To be able to do all things, we first must realise that **we can do nothing without Him**, and cry out, "**Oh wretched man** that I am!"

*But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead **dwell in you**, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also **quicken***

your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Romans 8:11 KJV

After Paul had said, “**Oh wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me?**”, he said, “**I thank God**” (Romans 7:24-25). Only Christ can live the Christian life. We can tap into the resources of Christ. We have wonderful experiences in prayer, but we've made a religion out of it. The point isn't the prayer. All our answers are in Jesus Christ (Colossians. 2:10). Prayer is not the answer. Prayer is for focusing our attention on Jesus, for drawing His strength. Some people say the answer is praise and worship. It's not praise and worship either. Praise and worship are ways to direct my attention to Christ, and then I am energised (Psalm 22:3; Psalm 8:2; Matthew 21:16).

5. Being in Christ

“**Christ in YOU**” is a **mystery**, a revelation hidden from all ages and generations!

*Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: ²⁷ To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; **which is Christ in you**, the hope of glory: Colossians 1:26-27 KJV*

Now we know that **Christ is in** us! We are **new creatures**! “*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things become new*” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

We are **perfectly made**! “*That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works*” (2 Timothy 3:17).

We have the **mind of Christ!** *“For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ”* (1 Corinthians 2:16).

We have *“the measure of Faith”*, which is the **same faith Jesus had** on earth! *“according to as God hath dealt with every man the measure of faith”* (Romans 12:3).

Our newborn spirit is as perfect as Christ, vacuum-packed and ***sealed with the Holy Spirit***, never to change again. *“In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise”* (Ephesians 1:13).

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

Some may say the answer is in confessing the Word, but it is focusing on God behind those words that matter (2 Corinthians 3:15-17).

*Whatever you have to do to focus your attention on Christ, do it.
Just don't ever forget where your strength is. Your trust and
dependence must be in Jesus Christ. Galatians 2:20 KJV*

Paul found another law or principle.

*I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with
me. Romans 7:21 KJV*

Paul didn't say evil was lurking with him when he wanted to do evil. He said evil was present with him to defeat him whenever he wanted to do good. He

was a wretched, miserable believer. This is not the abundant life that Jesus promised. He came so that we could have a life of abundance (John 10:10). This does not mean bad things won't happen to you. Paul experienced many trials but said he could do all things through Christ who strengthened him.

I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. ¹³ I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Philippians 4:12-13 KJV

Circumstances in life have nothing to do with one's victory. We can do all things through Christ who infuses strength into us. But, before we get to that point, we first must know how weak we are. It's common for believers to start off depending on Christ, and end up depending on their own abilities.

When you come to Jesus you throw yourself on the grace of God. You know you are a sinner and you throw yourself upon the cross and the Blood that Jesus shed for you (Romans 5-9). Then, you enter the church world and learn that to be a good believer you have to pray many hours per day, read your Bible so many hours and do many other prescribed things. Doing these things is good, but the motive behind doing them is often misunderstood.

After years of religious instruction, establishing laws and applying do's and don'ts, many people believe they have arrived. Then, they do something disappointing and are devastated. They accuse themselves of not being stronger. True Christianity is not about becoming stronger, though, but about becoming so weak that you will never depend on your own resources and ability anymore (2 Corinthians 12:9).

The only good thing about you and me is Christ. In our flesh dwells no good thing. We have to live the Christian life the same way Jesus Christ lived the Christian life. He came from heaven and humbled and stripped Himself (Philippians 2:7-8). He lived in total dependence on the Father. He did only what He saw the Father do. He spoke only what He heard the Father speak. He could do nothing without the Father (John 5:19, 30; 8:28, 38; 12:49-50; 14:10). Then, Jesus said **WE** have to live the Christian life that same way - in dependency upon **HIM** (John 15:4-5; Galatians 2:20).

You have been saved by grace and will have to live by grace! (Colossians 2:6)

Romans 6:14 says sin shall not have **dominion over us** for we are not under the law **but under grace**. Under the law, we have to rely on our own ability to achieve. But, under grace, Jesus says that it's His strength, His ability, made perfect in our weakness. *You may be good-looking, wealthy, or successful, but God says you must come to the end of all of that.*

Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. ⁷ But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Philippians 3:6-7
KJV

6. Your Soul Must Die

The soul must die. Period. We need to wean our souls as David did.

Instead, I have composed and quieted myself like a weaned child with its mother; I am like a weaned child. Psalm 131:2 KJV

But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me.

Psalm 131:2 ESV

The next clue Paul gave us, is that the older will serve the younger. He is talking here about a spiritual principle. When you are 20 or 30 years old when you get saved, your soul is older than your spirit. After being saved the (older) soul will then have to serve the (younger) spirit.

The older will serve the younger. Romans 9:12 ESV

Paul wanted to address the Corinthians on a spiritual level but had to speak to them carnally. They were still babies in Christ, fed on milk. They were not even weaned yet.

*And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto **carnal**, even as unto **babes in Christ**.² I have **fed you with milk**, and not **with meat**: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. 1 Corinthians 3:1-2 KJV*

During the weaning of a baby, the baby usually throws a tantrum and rebels. When you still need milk, Paul is saying in Hebrews, you are unskilful in the word of righteousness and are still a baby.

*Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.¹² For when for the time ye **ought to be teachers**, ye have need that one teach you again which be the **first principles of the oracles of God**; and are become such as **have need of milk**, and not of strong meat.¹³ For every one that useth milk is **unskilful in the word of righteousness**: for he is a **babe**.¹⁴ But **strong meat** belongeth to them that are of **full age**,*

*even those who by reason of use have **their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*** Hebrews 5:11-14 KJV

We ought to be teachers ourselves, on strong meat, and our senses exercised to discern both good and evil. This is the **daily** walk of the Christian life – we need to take up **OUR crosses**.

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. ²⁵ For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. Matthew 16:24 KJV

7. The Daily Walk

And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.
Luke 9:23 KJV

Luke is referring to working out your soul's salvation daily. The flesh must die and the older must serve the younger. Your soul must submit to the spirit.

*I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, **I die daily.*** 1 Corinthians 15:31 KJV

Because of our way of thinking, we can only reap what we've sown throughout our lives. When you sow adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envy, murdering, drunkenness, revellings and unforgiveness you will reap sickness and disease, poverty, lack of joy, peace and you will die a premature death.

8. All Things Add Up!

These things add up. Every one of us needs to pray; when all hell breaks loose and the dam bursts we'll be on high ground, untouched. Psalm 32:6 MSG

All things in life add up. When you disobey God's Word your entire life, you reap sickness and disease in your old days, as we can all testify! This is what the Word of God is also telling us.

A blessing, IF ^{H834} ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day: Deuteronomy 11:27 KJV

Strong's Concordance H834: "ash-er"

In the original Hebrew text, the word "**IF**" refers to "**asher**", which means the "**blessing comes quickly**". The next verse talks about the curse and also uses the word "**IF**", but in this case, the Hebrew word used here is "**im**".

And a curse, IF ^{H518} ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known. Deuteronomy 11:28 KJV

Strong's Concordance H518: "im"

Here the word "**im**" means the "**curse will not come quickly**".

"Behold I set before you this day a blessing and a curse. If you obey the commandments of your God, the blessings shall come and they shall come quickly". That is "asher".

*“If you will not obey the commandments of your God, the curse does not come quickly but it shall surely come”. **That is “im”.***

So, we cannot blame God or the devil for the results of our wrong living. God has called us for purity and for establishing His kingdom. We hold the keys to both kingdoms. **We** decide which kingdom moves in our lives!

MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION AND GOD WILL WORK WITH YOU!

*Always be full of joy in the Lord; I say it again, rejoice! ⁵Let everyone see that you are unselfish and considerate in all you do. Remember that the Lord is coming soon. ⁶Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs, and don't forget to thank him for his answers. ⁷If you do this, you will experience **God's peace**, which is far **more wonderful** than the **human mind can understand**. His **peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus**. ⁸And now, brothers, as I close this letter, let me say this one more thing: **Fix your thoughts on what is true and good and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely, and dwell on the fine, good things in others.** Think about all you can praise God for and be glad about. ⁹**Keep putting into practice all you learned** from me and saw me doing, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰How grateful I am and how I praise the Lord that you are helping me again. I know you have always been anxious to send what you could, but for a while you didn't have the chance. ¹¹Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to get along happily whether I have much or little. ¹²I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. **I have learned the secret of***

contentment in every situation, whether it be a full stomach or hunger, plenty or want; ¹³ *for I can do everything God asks me to with the help of Christ who gives me the strength and power.* ¹⁴ *But even so, you have done right in helping me in my present difficulty.* ¹⁸ *At the moment I have all I need—more than I need! I am generously supplied with the gifts you sent me when Epaphroditus came. They are a sweet-smelling sacrifice that pleases God well.* ¹⁹ *And it is he who will supply all your needs from his riches in glory because of what Christ Jesus has done for us.* ²⁰ *Now unto God our Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

Sincerely, Paul

Philippians 4:4-20 TLB



A Word from the Author

This book is all about Yahshua HaMashiach. If not for Him, I wonder where I would have been. With kindness, longsuffering and indescribable love, He constantly drew me closer to Him and taught me how to pitch my tent with Him, as He is pitching His tent with Me.

It is only when we allow the Holy Spirit to do His work in us, that something significant happens on the inside. The Ruach HaKodesh is a master of heart transplant, sanctification, purification, holiness and making us whole again. When people closest to you remark with great astonishment that you have changed and have transformed for good, it is proof of the final death of the old man and a new life in the spiritual man. "How great is our God!" YEHOVAH Elohim took me out of darkness, out of Babylon (sometimes with force) into the light, and perfectly orchestrated my life to be transformed into His image. There are no words to express the overwhelming thankfulness, joy, peace and love I have received from Him. I could not even imagine in my wildest dreams the good works He had in store for me! I am only His vessel. Therefore, all the glory to YEHOVAH Elohim, who is the author of this book!

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IN BONDAGE?

"We were never in bondage to any man!" This was the reply of the Jewish people when Jesus told them He was from above, they were in the world and would die in their sins if they did not believe in Him. Their arrogance blinded them. They had been in bondage in Egypt for 430 years before Moses delivered them. Later, they went into slavery in Babylon for 70 years, and as Jesus was speaking to them, they were under the rule of the Roman Emperor. Yet, they believed they had never been in bondage to any man. Believers are often in debt, chronically sick, living in fear, and captive in bitterness and guilt, but still believe they are not in bondage.

Jesus came to set us free, if we would only believe in Him. He desires to deliver us, as He declared when He quoted from Isaiah 61 at the beginning of His Ministry.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, and he has anointed me to be hope for the poor, freedom for the brokenhearted, and new eyes for the blind, and to preach to prisoners, 'You are set free!' I have come to share the message of Jubilee, for the time of God's great acceptance has begun. Luke 4:18-19 TPT

What a wonderful promise from Jesus that He was the fulfilment of Old Testament prophecies when He said:

Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your ears. Luke 4:21 MKJV