

The Faith Advantage Sunday July 24, 2005

There are two worlds – The Invisible & The Visible The unseen and the seen The spiritual and the natural The heavenly and the earthly

God is a Spirit (John 4:24).

There are many references both in the OT and NT that tell us about the two worlds that are in coexistence and their interactions. John 3:12 John 8:23 Hebrews 9:11,12, 23,24 1 Corinthians 15:44-47 2 Corinthians 4:18

The visible teaches us about the invisible

Psalm 19:1-4 Romans 1:19,20 Mark 4:26,30 Jesus used illustrations from nature to describe kingdom realities.

There is truth that is parallel to the two realms.

Principles & laws established by God govern the two realms

Creation reveals order, precision, and consistency, predictability, among other things. These help us formulate laws or principles. We operate within these laws and harness them to our advantage.

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So also, in the unseen world, there are spiritual laws.

The visible world is subservient to the invisible world

Hebrews 11:3

Everything in the natural is subject to the spiritual.

Man has been designed to operate in both realms

1 Thessalonians 5:23

The law of faith

The Scriptures talk about believing God or having faith in God.

Faith in God and His Word:

- Connects us with God
- Enables us to receive from God



- Enables us to dominate our circumstances
- Enables us to overcome this world

Faith is of the Spirit - Authored by Jesus (Hebrews 12:1) and produced in us by the Word (Romans 10:17) and the Spirit (Galatians 5:22).

Since faith is of the spirit, faith dominates the natural visible world.

You can operate in two realms

When you exercise faith in God and follow it through with corresponding actions, you are operating in two realms. This puts you at a faith advantage.

Not all have faith (2 Thessalonians 3:2).

A Common mistake

We fail to exercise faith along with what we do in the natural.

Exercising Your Faith Advantage

In the work place – favour, discord In your marriage For your children For your finances For your studies For your business In fulfilling your God appointed future For your health For your mind – peace, soundness

First the natural, then the spiritual

1 Corinthians 15:45,46

In God's workings on the earth, the natural precedes the spiritual in the order of operation. You make the first move, then God accompanies, empowers, blesses, and strengthens what you do.

You do your work of faith, then God fulfill this with His power (2 Thessalonians 1:11).

In many of Christ's miracles on earth – He told the sick to do what they could not do. When they began to act, then they experienced their healing. First the natural made a move, then the spiritual went into operation.

Sermon Notes





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