



Sunday June 06, 2021
Spiritual Realities
Part-1 : The Unseen Realm

THE SPIRITUAL REALM

God is Spirit

God is a Spirit being

John 4:24

God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

God is an eternal, self-existent being

Psalm 90:2

Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

John 5:26

For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself,

God dwells in eternity, outside time

Isaiah 57:15

For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, With him who has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

The spiritual realm is a realm outside time

There is a real place called heaven

Heaven is where God sits on His throne

Psalm 11:4

The LORD is in His holy temple, The LORD's throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men.

Psalm 103:19

The LORD has established His throne in heaven, And His kingdom rules over all.

Isaiah 66:1



Thus says the LORD: "Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest?"

John 14:2-3

2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

2 Corinthians 12:1-4

1 It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord:

2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to **the third heaven**.

3 And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—

4 how he was caught up **into Paradise** and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

Hebrews 8:1-5

1 Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is **seated at the right hand of the throne** of the Majesty in the heavens,

2 a Minister of **the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle** which the Lord erected, and not man.

3 For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore it is necessary that this One also have something to offer.

4 For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law;

5 who serve **the copy and shadow of the heavenly things**, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "SEE THAT YOU MAKE ALL THINGS ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN SHOWN YOU ON THE MOUNTAIN."

There is energy and materiality in the spiritual realm

THE TWO REALMS OVERLAP

The spiritual realm overlaps the natural realm as the atmosphere overlaps the physical earth.

The natural realm was created by God



Hebrews 11:3

By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

Everything in the natural realm is subject to the spiritual realm

The natural realm is subservient to the spiritual.

There are specific ways to operate in each realm

BEINGS IN TWO REALMS

God, Angels, Fallen angels, People

Angels

Angels are created beings

Different kinds of angelic beings

- 1, Assignment angels (called Cherubim)
- 2, Adoration angels (called Seraphim)

Fallen angels

Some angels fell from their original state and are referred to as fallen angels or demons. Isaiah 14:9-15; Ezekiel 28:11-19; Revelation 12:3-4; Luke 10:18

People

People are tri-part beings: spirit, soul and body

1 Thessalonians 5:23

People are designed to operate in both realms

Something like an amphibian

People are capable of relationship in both realms

Relationship is the channel through which spiritual influence flows

The Fall and redemption

Man was created with dominion on the earth

Lost his original state through sin and became a subject to satan and his demons.

How satan gained control of the earth.

God has provided for our redemption.

INTERACTIONS

Angels and demons operate in the natural realm as well



Demons and their evil work
Demons work against the believer
Demons can use animate and inanimate things

Ministering angels

After creation of man, angels were assigned to engage with man. For believers we specifically know that angels are sent to assist us.

Hebrews 1:14

Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

#1, Personal spiritual development - Understand that you need to develop spiritually, just as we develop in the natural.

#2, Relationship with God - Understand how we must relate to God and receive from Him, co-labor with Him.

#3, Discern and act - Be able to discern what is happening to you and around you.

Start With The Spiritual To See Change In The Natural

In some situations, to see a change in the natural realm, we must first begin in the spiritual realm.

PRAYER

SALVATION CALL

The GOSPEL (Good News) in brief.

Here is how we RECEIVE the Good News for our personal lives.

We make it a simple A,B,C,D. We must:

ACKNOWLEDGE: our sin, the consequences of our sin, and our need for a Savior

BELIEVE: in Jesus Christ, in who He is and what He has done on the Cross, personally

CONFESS: Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior of our lives

DECIDE: to follow Jesus Christ as His disciple for the rest of our lives



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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The following is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full-length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at apcwo.org/sermons . Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture passages: John 4:24; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Hebrews 11:3

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

#1, Share your thoughts about the two realms – the spiritual realm and the natural realm.

#2, Discuss why it is important for us to understand spiritual realities – when we are all quite pre-occupied with the day to day matters of life?

#3, To what extent have you become aware that some things in the natural are affected by the spiritual, and therefore you need to start with the spiritual in order to see things change in the natural? Share candidly.



If time permits, each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey.

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another.

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

1, families to be protected and strengthened.

2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.

3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.

Close by thanking God together.