



Sunday June 27, 2021
Spiritual Realities
Part-4 : Rules of Engagement
Supernatural Sunday

Review:

God from the spiritual realm created the natural realm.
God spoke the natural realms into existence.
The natural world is subject to the spiritual.
The Fall of Lucifer and a third of the angels.
The Fall of man and God's redemptive work.
Adam's race and the New Creation race (the one New Man)

God's perspective of the natural.
The believer's perspective of the spiritual.
Learning to live from the spiritual into the natural is especially important.

Today: Rules of Engagement

How do we bring the spiritual to bear on the natural in our life situations?
How do we engage the spiritual realm, as believers, as spiritual beings, to bear upon the natural?

Four Main Rules of Engagement

#1, The Cross of Jesus Christ

Always engage the natural world based on the Cross.

1 Corinthians 1:17-24

The message of the Cross is the power of God and the Wisdom of God

Romans 8:32

He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

Sin has been dealt with once and for all.

2 Corinthians 5:21

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.



Reject feelings of guilt, shame, unworthiness, inferiority, etc.

The Cross tells me that I am worth everything to God.

Sickness and disease was dealt with on the Cross.

Isaiah 53:4-5

4 Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.

5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

Wholeness (shalom) was provided for us on the Cross.

Sinful addictions and bondages were broken on the Cross.

Romans 6:6,7,14

Satan was defeated on the Cross.

We are enforcing the victory of the Cross in people's lives.

The Cross established us in blood covenant with God.

We are in a blood covenant with God.

Isaiah 54:10

For the mountains shall depart And the hills be removed, But My kindness shall not depart from you, Nor shall My covenant of peace be removed," Says the LORD, who has mercy on you.

We are receiving what God has made available for us through the finished work of Christ on the Cross.

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

16 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, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread.

How the unsaved use this principle:

They engage the spiritual world by making their own sacrifices.



#2, Submission to God

Walk in submission to the Father of spirits.

Hebrews 12:9

Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?

A place of yieldedness, consecration and dedication to God.

God created us a beings with a free-will. We willingly come into submission to God.

In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve submitted to satan.

Luke 4:6

And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.

James 4:7

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Authority and power flows through submission and consecration.
God's kingdom is extended through our submission.

We obey the Word of God.

We walk in obedience to His Word.

We live a life of holiness and purity.

We express our consecration and dedication to God in different ways. Praying, fasting, worship, giving, etc.

When we desire to change in the natural, we must first come into submission to God.

James 3:16

For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.

Ephesians 4:27

nor give place to the devil.



#3, Faith in God

Jesus emphasized the importance of having faith in God.

Matthew 9:28-29

28 And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord."

29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you."

Mark 11:22-23

22 So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God.

23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

We must learn to walk by faith in God.

Ephesians 6:17

Take the shield of faith

1 John 5:4

Whoever is born of God overcomes the world

Luke 8:25

Where is your faith

What can I do with my faith in God, in this situation?

How can I walk by faith in this situation?

Listen to the sermon series on "Faith"

The natural man says: seeing is believing

The spiritual man says: believing is seeing. We believe and therefore will see. John 11:40.

#4, Words We Speak

God spoke the worlds into existence.

Psalm 33:6,9

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made.



Hebrews 11:3

The worlds were framed by the Word of God.

God's Word is a carrier of His design, power and creative ability.

Hebrews 4:12

God's Word is alive and full of power.

Proverbs 18:20-21

20 A man's stomach shall be satisfied from the fruit of his mouth; From the produce of his lips he shall be filled.

21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

Our words engage the spiritual with the natural.

Romans 10:8-10

With the heart man believes unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Hebrews 3:1

Hight priest of our confession.

Free APC Book: Speak Your Faith

apcwo.org/books

Dominion and authority are exercised through words.

Your words are like a connector of the spiritual into the natural.

Ephesians 6:17

Take the sword of the Spirit which is the

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#2, Our submission to God

#3, Faith in God

#4, Words we speak

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: *Psalm 33:6,9; 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, What do you understand by bringing the spiritual to bear upon the natural? Discuss examples from the Bible that illustrate this (e.g. David killing Goliath, etc.)

2, Review the 4 statements that were shared as “Rules of Engagement”. Discuss each statement, and how you would apply them to bring the spiritual to bear on the natural. Think of real life scenarios and how you would practice these?

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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.