

Life after Death Part 4

The Spirit of Man

“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)

We will continue to study the Scriptures in the New Testament that contain the Word ‘spirit’, which in Greek is ‘Pneuma’.

Let us read the Scripture that speaks about the man with the Spirit of God and discuss it: ***“1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. 2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. 3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. 4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: 5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. 6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: 7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: 8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. 16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? but we have the mind of Christ.” (1 Corinthians 2:1-16 KJV)***

“1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.” (1 Corinthians 2:1 KJV) Apostle Paul wrote to the brethren of the church at Corinth, and he was telling them that the man who has the Spirit of God, declares the testimony of God, not with an excellent speech and making show as the worldly people do. His spirit that had access to The Holy Spirit of God will be taught to do things and speak things as what God wants him to do and speak. God will work through him in the peoples’ lives and will let him do things that he even is not aware that they are from God.

“2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.” (1 Corinthians 2:2 KJV) The man of the Spirit of God, endeavor to direct the

people and makes known to them Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Insisting on the Scriptures and what the Holy Spirit bringing from Word and instructions directly from God to make Christ revealed to the people in full. Paul did that to them by making them know Christ through the Scriptures that he was explaining to them. Paul was a man knitted with God and had a clear and pure motive of all what he was doing for the glory of God. His aim was only to make Christ known to them. *In the same way we need to endeavor to present to the people Christ and what Word of God the Holy Spirit directing us to utter to the people.*

“3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.” (1 Corinthians 2:3 KJV) Externally the man with the Spirit of God is weak, with fear and trembling, as little children, who are in front of giants, as David was in facing Goliath. Paul is confessing here his weakness in front of the Corinthians, he goes further and said to them: ***“For his letters, say they, are weighty and powerful; but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.” (2 Corinthians 10:10 KJV)*** Paul was a person externally not impressive but the letter that he wrote by the Spirit of God was heavy on his readers and hearers. *In the same way, when we move by the Spirit of God, we will be not impressive externally, but we will be doing the very will of God.*

“4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.” (1 Corinthians 2:4 KJV) Paul preaching was not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but demonstration and work of the Holy Spirit achieving events and miracles from the Holy Spirit. *The man with the Spirit of God sees the great power of God around Him and God is in full control of the situation.*

Elisha when he was surrounded by the army of the Syrians, his servant got afraid because was not able to see the army of God surrounding them and protecting them from the invading armies of the world as we read here: ***“15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? 16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. 17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.” (2 Kings 6:15-17 KJV)*** In the same way as we are filled with the Spirit of God let us see the armies of God surrounding us and protecting us from the invading armies from the evil one and the power of darkness.

“5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.” (1 Corinthians 2:5 KJV) Paul was telling them that their faith should not be based on what they see and weight by the reasoning of men and the wisdom of the world, but it should be based on God, on His Word and on His will, and that is the power of God. *A believer should not believe what he see or hear, he should neither believe the people around him nor believing himself and his frail ability, but believing what God had said in His Word. In such a way the believer is living in the power of God.*

“6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought.” (1 Corinthians 2:6 KJV) When our faith and stand based on the very Word of God then we are speaking and declaring the wisdom of God, and it will be sensed by those who have the Spirit of God. Paul named

them ***“that are perfect”***, those that have the Spirit of God. Paul is telling them we don’t speak the wisdom of this world which is the language of the princes of this world, who speak and talk much but finally it will come to nothing.

You also may go and listen to the leaders of this world and what they are saying and observe and see that their talk will end up to nothing. That is why there is no fruit in following the thread of news and listening to the worldwide events. *Nothing will take place unless what is ordained in the Word of God and what is in the mind of God.*

“7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory.” (1 Corinthians 2:7 KJV) *The man who has the Spirit of God speaks the wisdom of God, and what he speaks is a mystery, something obscure from the world, but is obvious to those who has the Spirit of God. Such a man may even goes deeper in the Spirit to know more about the hidden things of God.* Paul was confident in himself and before the Corinthians of what he is telling and speaking; that he is led by the Spirit of God and has the wisdom of God and what he is speaking is a mysterious thing, hidden not to him, but to the world and to those who does not have and follow the Spirit of God. *God had ordained things; things that are even before the foundation of the world, for our own good and for His glory; God will not change what is in His mind, therefore we ought to change what is in our minds and replace them with what is in the mind of God so we can receive and enjoy the good things that He had prepared for us.*

Now therefore, what kind of life you want to live and which way you want to follow? Do you want to live in fear and doubt and confusion like the servant of Elisha who is seeing the enemies surrounding him, or to live in confidence and assurance to what is taken place around you like Elisha who was seeing the chariots of fire protecting them, which was sent from God?

“8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.” (1 Corinthians 2:8 KJV) Paul told them that the princes of this world, the leaders of this world, they don’t have the hidden mystery and the treasure of God and what is in His mind toward the whole world, otherwise they would not crucified Jesus. That is why they don’t know what good things that God had prepared for those who love him. Those who do not give heed to the instruction that comes from God’s Word they are not having the Spirit of God and so they are not aware of what God had prepared for them of good things.

“9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.” (1 Corinthians 2:9 KJV) These good things that God had prepared for us it cannot be seen by eyes or heard by ears, that is why he told them, ***“Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him”***, taking that from the prophet Isaiah, ***“For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.” (Isaiah 64:4 KJV)*** In comparing 1 Corinthians 2:9 with Isaiah 64:4 we can conclude that those who love God,

are those who are waiting on God. *Impatience and lack of self control is another sign of those who are led by the flesh and their emotions.*

“10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.” (1 Corinthians 2:10 KJV) The good things that God prepared for us they can be seen and heard by His Spirit, and that is why we need to have God’s Spirit to see and hear these good things. We need to have the Spirit of God so we can search the deep things of God that He prepared for us to receive.

“11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.” (1 Corinthians 2:11 KJV) Every man knows what is inside him by the spirit of man. *In the same way, the things of God are not know to man, but only by the Spirit of God. That is why we need to be filled by the Holy Spirit and led by the Holy Spirit to know the deep things of God.*

“12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.” (1 Corinthians 2:12 KJV) We have not receive the spirit of the world that makes us ignorant of the things of God, but God had given to us lavishly His Spirit, and that will enable us to know what God had given us. *God had made His Holy Spirit available to us, that is why we need to cherish receiving the Holy Spirit of God and living in the Spirit and doing the things that God wants us to achieve for Him.*

“13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.” (1 Corinthians 2:13 KJV) The Holy Spirit that God is giving to us, not only will give us the ability to see and hear what God had prepared to us of good things, but will also enable us to speak words that man’s wisdom does not understand, a language that common people cannot grasp when we compare spiritual things with spiritual. The Spirit of God will give us Words to speak and utter, that others can not grasp what we are saying only when they are willing to accept the Spirit of God.

“14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.” (1 Corinthians 2:14 KJV) The common carnal natural people who live for the pleasure of the flesh they will neither accept nor receive the things that are uttered by the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to them, they neither discern them nor appreciate them.

“15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.” (1 Corinthians 2:15 KJV) The man who has the Spirit of God and walk by the Spirit of God he can discern and can give good judgment and right decisions on the things that is taking place around him. He can hear and see, and he can discern the will of God clearly. *When Paul said, “yet he himself is judged of no man”, what he means is that they cannot find fault or inequity in the spiritual man because he is diligent to keep himself moving by the Spirit of God, persevering in doing what God is leading him to do. You cannot judge him or penetrate him because he is full of God’s Spirit in His life, and that came on him because of his delight to live by the Spirit of God. His spirit of man had been overtaken by the Spirit of God.*

“16 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) What Paul questioned here, ***“For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him?”*** Paul was asking who can have the mind of Christ other than the spiritual man, and who can instruct the spiritual man? *The man who has the Spirit of God not that you cannot instruct him but you don't need to instruct him because he has the right mind.* Paul is saying that the carnal natural men cannot instruct us, we who have the spirit of God, because they don't know what is in the mind of the Lord as we know it and instructed by Him. *What Paul also says here and well understood that if someone has the mind of God may instruct us and we would listen because that is the same mind that we delight to have and to be increase with.* To understand more clearly what Paul was saying we may read further into the third chapter of his first letter to the Corinthians, ***“1 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. 3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?” (1 Corinthians 3:1-3 KJV)*** Paul is telling to the Corinthians that he cannot consider them spiritual but are carnal and still in the flesh because still among them envy, strife, and divisions. That is why he cannot give them meat (hard teaching) because they are still babes and cannot digest; therefore he still needs to give them milk and that what they can bear. In telling them such, Paul not only telling them about their sins but he is also telling them that they need to repent and to be changed so that they will be spiritual and will be able to digest meat that they ought to receive now to grow with and to reach to the full measure in the will of God.

My dear and beloved: Let us be challenged today to give way for The Holy Spirit of God to rule over our lives. Let us allow Him to change us so that we can see, hear and received the good things that God had prepared for us. Let us be challenged to grow and become mature so that we might receive the good things that God had ordained before the world for His glory and for our own benefits. Let us totally quit sins, worldliness and our selfish ambitions and amend our ways desiring the life in the Spirit, as we pray to God.

My prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your word that makes things clear to me and made me understand your Word and your ways.

Lord I commit myself into your hand. Lord I repent from my sins
jealousy, fighting and strife. Lord I commit myself to quit from envy,
that people will see Jesus clearly in my life.

Lord fills me with your Holy Spirit and leads me day by day by your Holy Spirit to do your will and walk in your ways. Lord helps me to grow in the Spirit of yours to see and hear all the good things that you had prepared to me and to those who love you and wait upon you.

Lord bless my brethren who came to you. Lord fill them with the Holy Spirit and give them the Holy Spirit gifts that they need in their lives in order to go and serve you. Lord bless us as a church and help us to go and evangelize reaching new people and planting new

Bible studies and new congregations for the church. Lord bless us and enlarge our territory let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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