

## THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT

### We Are Spiritual People

- I. **To not be ignorant in spiritual things, to receive the things of The Spirit there first must be an acknowledgement the reality of spiritual things-1Co12:1-** Now concerning spiritual (non-carnal/physical, unearthly, heavenly, supernatural) gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant (not know by lack of information, unacquainted with)-**YL-Concerning the spiritual things-MUR-Concerning spirituals-TP-Confused about spiritual realities-CJ** Brothers I do not want you to go on being ignorant about the things of the Spirit-1Co2:12- 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. <sup>13</sup>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-**CSB**-We also speak these things, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual things to spiritual people.<sup>14</sup>The natural (unspiritual) man receives not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness (silly, absurd) unto him: neither can he know (understand, aware, acquainted with, acknowledge) them, because they are spiritually discerned
- A. Spiritual things exist and they are real-There are things non-physical, things not made of matter, things you don't see, things maybe you don't understand, there is more going on than just what we see, there is another realm-**2Ki 6:16**-Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. <sup>17</sup>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.
- B. We are to be spiritual people-One that means is we don't believe this realm is all there is, we believe things of the Spiritual realm can operate in this realm
- C. There is a spiritual realm-There are places unearthly and wickedness unearthly-**Ep 6:12**-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 (heavenly, celestial, unearthly, spiritual) places
- D. There are things unseen-2Co 4:18-While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen...the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal-Co 1:16
- E. He was seeing into the other realm-Rv 4:1-I looked and behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.<sup>2</sup>And immediately I was in the spirit
- F. God is spirit-Jn 4:24-God is a spirit
- G. We are spirit beings-1Th 5:23-Your whole spirit and soul and body...
- H. There are natural realities, there are spiritual realities-Jn 3:3-Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb,

and be born? <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things, and you believe not, how shall you believe if I tell you **heavenly** (unearthly, spiritual) things

II. **A believer can be ignorant and unacquainted with spiritual things/the things of The Spirit-1Co12:1-Co1:9**-We...do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding-AM-For this reason, since the day we heard about it, we have not stopped praying for you, asking [specifically] that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom [with insight into His purposes], and in understanding [of spiritual things]

- A. Kenneth Hagin-There is a move of the Spirit of God that will be lost to this present generation unless they are taught and led into it
- B. The enemy would like to turn the church into a natural entity and strip it from the move of the spirit and rob us of the power and presence of the Spirit-There's good music, there's an encouraging message, there's humanitarian works, but completely void of The power of the Spirit
- C. We want The Spirit in what we do-You can preach with the enticing word's of man's wisdom and without the demonstration of the spirit and power; We want The Spirit in our songs, in our preaching, we want the Spirit to be moving, the gifts to be flowing, the presence and power of God to be there-**1Co2:4**-And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the spirit and of power
- D. The heart of man hungers for real encounters with God-Jn14:21-He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him-**AM**-I will make Myself real to him
  1. Lord if this is you I want it-Whatever The Word says, I want
  2. If it's God I don't even have to understand it, I want it-Natural understanding will keep you from the things of The Spirit; Don't trust your head to tell you what's right and wrong because it doesn't know
  3. Encounters with God fill the aching soul-Encounters with God are God letting us known that He is real
- E. We're supposed to be spiritual people who have understanding in spiritual things because we learned them from the Holy Spirit-1Co2:13
- F. The greatest need of man is not natural, the greatest need of man is spiritual-Man needs The Word and an encounter with The Spirit-**Mk16:15**-Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.<sup>16</sup>He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.<sup>17</sup>And these signs (supernatural, miracle) shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; <sup>18</sup>They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick,

and they shall recover. <sup>20</sup>And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following

- G. There's a danger of living life with the form of Christianity, but void of The Spirit's reality and power-It can all look right outside, but there by no reality of the Spirit and power-**2Tm3:5**-Having the form of godliness, but denying the power thereof
- H. The Spirit moves in a variety of ways so don't pigeon hole him, just let him do what He wants to do-He can move in preaching, he can move in people falling out in the Spirit
- I. The manifestation of The Spirit has been given now we must possess it-Just because the distribution of the gifts are as He wills doesn't give us a right to be passive and we've been too passive about the moving of The Spirit-**1Co12:7**-*The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every many to profit withal*
  - 1. When The Spirit starts manifesting Himself it's for your good-Something good happens when The Spirit of God shows up; He can do that privately in your own life, He can do that in a service
  - 2. When God gives you something you have to go get it-We got to hunger for it, ask for it, be sensitive to The Spirit's moving, looking for it
  - 3. Praying in tongues is one of the big ways we'll get into the moving of The Spirit-It's how we go get the moving of The Spirit; The enemy has fought tongues to get us out of The Spirit and into the flesh
  - 4. The Holy Spirit is going to manifest Himself to people who want Him to-To people who hunger for this
- J. The danger is that believers become unspiritual-Live their lives void of The Holy Spirit's reality and power, live like natural men

**III. We are spiritual people**-1.Live with a consciousness of The Spirit's reality-1Co3:16 2.Live with a dependence on Him as our helper-Jn14:26 3.Live in constant communion with Him-2Co13:14 4.Live being led by Him-Rm8:14 5.We live staying full of Him-Ep5:18 6.See Him work through us in His gifts 7.We bear His fruit-Ga5:22 8.Experiencing His reality in our lives-Jn14:21