### No Longer Bound to the Natural Realm ©

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This is teaching is a word regarding faith. Several years ago there were employees who worked for the postal company which they said apparently went off the deep end and killed several individuals and from this they coined a phrase, 'going postal'.

The enemy blinds people and he blinds us by what we don't believe. God's word is full of everything which pertains to this life; and if we don't believe the word of God, then Satan can blind us or cause us to dwell in darkness. When he blinds us, people who are bound to the natural realm fall prey to Satan's devices more easily. If a person is fired from their job, as happened in the postal service, they may only be able to see that the firing is the end of their career, the end of their livelihood. Now the enemy uses that negativity to blind them and tell them they are in a hopeless situation; they in turn respond to it by some action they will later go on to regret. Therefore, we have to be wise to Satan's devices, do we not? We must have faith to see beyond circumstances and situations.

If you enter into a hopeless situation thinking you will never come out of it there is a good chance you are going to make a dumb decision because it will be based upon emotion and not faith. Psychologists or psychiatrists tell you if you are in a place where you have been traumatized, such as, you are going through the loss of a family member, or the loss of health, or the loss of a job, something traumatic in your life has happened, they say don't make long term decisions in a short term season, because you can make some very irrational decisions and the enemy wants you to do that. He wants you to be blinded so that he can later rob you of things; and once you come out of that fog, out of that traumatic season, he can rob you even further. And this is what I feel the Lord wants to address in this teaching.

As a matter of fact before Christ came we lived, according to Hebrews, in fear of death always. However, when Jesus came, He delivered us from the bondage of sin and death. He delivered us from the bondage of Satan, from worrying about death and hell because Jesus took care of all that through the plan of redemption. Now we no longer have to fear it; but if we don't believe something that the word of God says is true about being in Christ, then Satan will use that unbelief to cripple us even as Christians.

For instance, say we were an evangelical church. We believe the gospel that we are saved; we believe we are going to heaven; but we don't want to believe in healing, in deliverance or in prosperity. In other words, the full benefits of being saved but we just believe in salvation only and not in the fullness of our redemption. What happens then if you are a saved Christian but you become sick and you don't believe in healing? You will be bound to natural elements only. Then when the doctor comes in and says we were hoping it wasn't so, but it is confirmed you have a terminal illness, this then means to the unbeliever a death sentence automatically. Death is going to be the outcome to this individual, however, to the person who has faith it doesn't mean an automatic death sentence. To the believer faith and hope arises because faith cometh by hearing; and hearing comes by the word of God. The believer says in his heart, the word of God says He sent His word and He healed them all; and by His stripes you were healed. So when the person who has been exposed beyond the

faith that saves only into the full faith of the word, into the faith that heals, into the faith of deliverance and the faith that blesses although someone curses them, when you have been taught that and you receive the diagnosis that your disease is terminal, you can say wait a minute! I do not believe that report because I have a higher report! Your report, doctor, is based on fact but the higher report, God's word, is based upon truth! Truth trumps fact every time!

Faith gives you the ability to see Beyond your limitations! Faith gives you the ability to see God's word as truth in the face of facts! So when you get faith, not just faith in Christ, but you get faith in the truth that faith can change every aspect, every area of life, and faith takes the boundaries off of the natural realm, you will know then that you are no longer bound to this natural realm.

This is why Satan doesn't want the truth made known among men. Why do you think he fights us so? Anyone can be an evangelical church but not everyone is going to be a kingdom church. A kingdom church believes in divine salvation, divine healing, divine restoration, and divine blessings. Yes, you can be delivered; no, it's not once a drunk always a drunk, or once an addict always an addict. I once was, but now I am no longer blind, I once was blind but now I see! Not everyone is going to accept the gospel of the kingdom, but that does not negate the fact that God can restore an alcoholic, an addict, or a person sentence to terminal illness! Sin is sin but Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil.

### 2 Corinthians 4:3 (NKJV): <sup>3</sup> But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

This is why the enemy doesn't want this to get out. It is hidden to those who are perishing; the very ones who need it don't get it; do you see that? Why is that?

# 2 Corinthians 4:3 (NKJV): <sup>3</sup> But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, <sup>4</sup> whose minds the god of this age has blinded,

The god of this age has blinded them. Who is the god of this age? Satan and he blinded what? It doesn't say he blinded their eyes, it says he blinded their minds. Wow, you might want to highlight that. There is something right there we need to grasp. How did he gain access to blind them? They did not believe. So if you chose not to believe then you are giving access to Satan although you are a Christian. You are giving him access to blind you about something that is true.

I could go into a lot of churches and I could not preach or teach what I minister in my own church. Why? Because they have already rejected these things, and they would call me a heretic and declare I was preaching heresy even though it is in the word of God.

Beloved, I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers, (2 John 2:2); this is scripture, is it not? But if you have rejected that, if you do not receive it or believe it, then the god of this world, Satan, will blind your mind to it.

No that doesn't work, that died with the apostles of Jesus. If it died with the apostles, then how do you explain the miracles which have been happening in my life, how do you explain how that person that was bound by an addiction is totally free and preaching the gospel now; how do you explain how that person that was crippled began walking; how do you explain the miracles that have been happening in our church? How do you explain that? I don't know, I guess you are a bunch of fanatics. No! It's God! It is God performing His word to people, but the god of this world blinds those who do not believe!

Whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest, lest, lest what? Here it is.

### 2 Corinthians 4:3 (NKJV): lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

Lest the light of the gospel; the gospel, when you preach it, you are broadcasting light. You are shining light into people's hearts. You are shining the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, into their lives.

Now the god of this world has blinded them. It says he has blinded their mind because they do not believe; but when the gospel is preached if they will believe it then the light will penetrate and shine into their understanding and it will become illuminated by the gospel, by the truth. Now instead of them being blinded by the natural realm they will begin to see into the invisible realm. They will begin to hear things. Where did that little voice come from? Who told me that? The Lord wants to open our understanding.

Satan is given the power from people to blind them spiritually when they chose not to believe the truth. We are choosing to give Satan that power when we read something in the truth of the word and then reject it. We are choosing to give him power over us. When Adam and Eve chose not to believe God the eyes of their understanding became darkened. Satan hardened their hearts. When their hearts became hardened their spiritual vision was blinded. Instead of man walking with God, man became afraid of God. Instead of having reverence for God, man became filled with sin and dishonored God and sinned against Him. Our world, after sin had entered into the heart of man, was reduced to only the natural realm.

After the fall our world was reduced to walking in the natural, understanding in the natural and becoming sensual. You only believed what you saw, what you heard, what you could feel or touch, what you could smell or what you could taste. We became bound by our senses. She looked at it, a tree desirable to make one wise. Eve was bound by her senses. There was no longer faith present.

## Romans 1:18 (NKJV): <sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

Who do what? They suppress the truth in unrighteousness. They know what truth is, but they suppress it wanting to do unrighteous things.

Romans 1:19-22 (NKJV): <sup>19</sup> because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. <sup>20</sup> For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen,

being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, <sup>21</sup> because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup> Professing to be wise, they became fools,

For since the creation of the world His invisible, His invisible attributes are what? They are clearly seen, being understood, being comprehended by the things that are made. Even His eternal power and Godhead was made known to them, God Himself has shown it to them and that left them without excuse. Professing to be wise, they became fools.

I was speaking with a friend the other day, and he said, anything you want to know, any kind of question you have, you can get on-line with your computer and hit google or bing or one of the other browsers or search engines and you can type in any question you have and you can find out the answer on just about anything on earth now. It is all right at your finger tips. Then he said, isn't it amazing we have some of the greatest wisdom right at the tips of our fingers yet we are becoming the most illiterate, dumbfounded, ignorant people on the face of the earth. We are; and you know what, it has nothing to do with technology, it has to do with sin. I just read it to you.

God has given us the attributes of God; He has even revealed to us the Godhead, the Trinity, and revealed to us His invisible attributes; but because we rejected God, and because we suppressed the truth in unrighteousness, we became wanton in our fleshly desires. We wanted to abort our babies, we wanted to have same sex marriages, we wanted prayer taken out of schools, and we wanted God out of our society! When we suppressed the truth about that, what happened? The test scores started plummeting; every time you part from God, wisdom starts falling down and ignorance starts taking its place. Professing to be wise, they became fools. This is what happens when a people refuses to believe in a living God. You become void of wisdom. Ignorance takes over.

The more that people walk in rebellion to God's truth, the greater Satan is able to blind them. There are things that our government has done in the last five or six years that before this season they would probably have been impeached or removed from office and ostracized. And you think, how is this? The more the people of God, and the people themselves, walk in rebellion to God's truth and reject it, the greater Satan is able to blind them. They will believe a lie over truth. It is a sin issue. We are living in a generation which has lost its spiritual understanding, their spiritual compass, their moral compass, and is quickly losing its wisdom and becoming foolish.

I am just pointing out the problems now; we will come to the answer here in a moment. Remember truth hurts and then it sets us free. It is hard to let go of pet doctrines when you run into the face of truth; but when you know the truth you find that truth is liberating.

Proverbs 29:18 (NKJV): <sup>18</sup> Where *there is* no revelation, the people cast off restraint; But happy *is* he who keeps the law.

Where there is no revelation, where there is no vision, the people perish is what the King James Version says. Where there is no revelation, no vision, the people perish; that is what we just read, is it not? Their eyes are veiled and they perish.

Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint, I like this phraseology because it lets you know why they perish. It is because they cast off restraint, restraint of what? Read on. But happy is he who keeps the law. Why is it that Solomon is writing and he ties revelation or spiritual vision with keeping the law? Go back to Genesis chapter three. Did Adam and Eve keep the law? No! Did they lose vision? Yes!

So if you keep the law then you will have spiritual vision. If you have spiritual vision then you will keep the law. If you have spiritual vision then you will say I do not want to do anything to impair my vision or my relationship with God or my ability to hear from God. I don't want to grieve the Holy Spirit; I don't want to quench the One by whom I have been sealed until the Day of Redemption. I don't want to do anything to grieve my relationship, my fellowship with Him, therefore I am going to structure myself, I am going to discipline myself, so that I am able to hear Him because sometimes I am going to need to hear Him.

So let's lay this out. God is a God of vision. God is a God of vision and we are created in His image and after His likeness. Do you have vision, or another way to say it, is do you have spiritual vision? Do you have an ability to see, to hear, to perceive, to understand and to know the ways of God? People who have faith in God, who have faith in His promises, also have vision. People who have vision have hope in a downturned economy. They won't take no for an answer.

Rosa Parks. No lady, you can't sit there. She said I will take no for an answer? No! She would not accept it. God created me, not you. See people who have vision hang on. People who have faith in God and in God's promises have that vision. When you have that vision you will keep God's commandments. Vision causes Christians to discipline themselves so that they will do nothing to jeopardize that vision.

Now people, who have no vision, or knowledge of God, will inevitably cast off restraint and, or, refuse to keep God's word. Let me put it another way. Whenever there is a blackout in an inner city, what happens? There is looting. When it is dark people become criminals. They cast off restraint because there is no vision. You can't see me doing it so I can do this and get by with it. But the Bible says be sure your sin will find you out.

When Satan talked Adam and Eve into sinning against God they lost their spiritual vision and became bound into trusting only what their senses told them. This is not a good place to be; this is called bondage. They had placed their faith in the wrong message and that lie caused them to have spiritual blindness.

For thousands of years this plague on mankind ruled over man's heart. We were separated by our sin from the life of God, not the love of God, the life of God; and so Jesus came to restore, to reconnect us back to the vision. Adam and Eve lost their spiritual vision, but let's look in John chapter three, verse one.

John 3:1-2 (NKJV): <sup>1</sup> There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God;

So there was something about Jesus that drew Nicodemus, this Pharisee, to Him at night.

John 3:2 (NKJV): for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

Now Nicodemus understands there is something special about Jesus, right? But he can't put his finger on it.

John 3:3 (NKJV): <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

He cannot see the kingdom of God. Now we are getting somewhere. Now four thousand years have passed since the time of Adam to the time of Christ and men have been spiritually blind and they cannot see the kingdom of God. You must be born again if you want to see.

John 3:4 (NKJV): 4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old?

Now look at the carnal mind trying to fathom what Jesus is saying when He said you must be born again.

John 3:4 (NKJV): Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

You think how dumb can he be and still be a leader? This was man's wisdom trying to figure out the wisdom of God. He was blind and he was trying to think on Jesus' terms with carnal thinking. He was not connecting because he lacked spiritual sight.

John 3:5-6 (NKJV): <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter 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.

Jesus is breaking it down for him. He is getting it down into formula feeding. He said forget the meat and potatoes, get away from the solid and let's go to formula. I am going to break it down for you Nicodemus.

John 3:6-8 (NKJV): <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

So is everyone who is born of the Spirit. This term 'born of the Spirit' dumbfounded Nicodemus.

John 3:9-12 (NKJV): 9 Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?" 10 Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things?

<sup>11</sup> Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

Now He is getting down to the crux of the matter, isn't He? For four-thousand years now humans have been walking in spiritual darkness, and we see here where Nicodemus comes to Jesus, who is what? He is the Light of the world. When is Nicodemus coming to Jesus? He came to Him at night. He is like a moth being drawn to the flame or to the light. There is a flame, a light, in Jesus and he is coming to Him at night, in the darkness. And he is saying there is something different about You. No man can do these things You are doing except God be with Him. We know there is something about You, but what is it?

Jesus doesn't want to talk about what it is that is different - which Nicodemus is addressing - but rather, He is turning Nicodemus' attention to why Nicodemus cannot discern Who I Am and the reason is you are walking in spiritual darkness. If I tell you something earthly and you do not understand, then how will you understand if I tell you something spiritual?

You say wait a minute, why didn't Nicodemus get a hold of what Jesus was telling him? Because at this time Nicodemus did not believe Jesus was the Son of God. Had he believed Jesus was the Son of God, he would have said I got it. I have to be born again of the Spirit. The inward heart has to be changed. But Nicodemus didn't go that far. He just knew God was with Christ and that He could do some great things.

Jesus wasn't shining like a lightning bug - bright one second then out the next second. His light was the light that lighted every man. His light drew Nicodemus *out of religion* to learn more about Jesus, and that is another reason he came to Jesus at night. He didn't want his religious buddies seeing him associating with the Light of the world, because that would have tarnished his reputation with them. However, this Light was drawing him out of religion, and when Jesus is crucified you see Nicodemus pop up again. Nicodemus knew that God was with Jesus because of the authority which Jesus carried.

No one could know Jesus as the Light of the world even if they were drawn to Him if they would not allow their hearts to see Him as the Son of God. Isn't that amazing? They are drawn to Him. We will speak of a scripture closer to the end of this article about how multitudes throng Him; they were drawn to Him by the multitudes. There was something that drew many to Him; many were called but not everyone believed on Him as the Son of God. But to those which believed He gave them the power to become the sons of God.

Now when you believe in Jesus as the Son of God, faith opens up the heart of humans to see Jesus with spiritual eyes and to know Him as He is.

John 3:13 (NKJV): <sup>3</sup> No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven.

Now He is talking about His spiritual identity. He did not come from earth, He descended from heaven.

John 3:14-15 (NKJV): <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in Him should not perish

So faith in Christ keeps us from perishing, right? How? It gives us eternal life.

John 3:15-16 (NKJV): <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

That whoever believes in what? In Him, in Him, your belief has to be in Him. The belief in Him, that He is the Son of God. Whoever believes in Him has access now into that unseen world. You are not bound by this seen world when you believe in Him. You are given life; God gives you life, right?

John 3:17 (NKJV): <sup>17</sup> For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Saved, saved from what? You are saved from being bound by this seen world. Without faith in Him, they could not see Jesus on a spiritual level. They were blinded.

He said if you will believe, you will see Me lifted up; and when you see Me lifted up you are going to know that I am He. I am who I said I am. When you believe on Me, I will give you eternal life. You will then have spiritual vision. You will no longer be bound by this world.

I need us to go to Hebrews, chapter eleven, before I can finish this thought.

Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV): <sup>1</sup> Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Now faith is the substance; so if you have faith then you have substance in your spirit of things that you are hoping for, and the evidence of things not seen. I can't see Jesus. You can't see Jesus. Has anyone seen Jesus in the physical lately? No, you have seen Him in the Spirit. You have known Him by the Spirit. Faith gives you the evidence of things not seen.

Hebrew 11:1-3 (NKJV): <sup>1</sup> Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> For by it the elders obtained a *good* testimony. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand

By faith we understand, did you catch that? It is by faith we have understanding. What does faith do? It opens up the eyes of our heart and now our heart can communicate with God, the Father, and the Father can communicate with man and woman, right? When He communicates with us it is Life and it is Light. It gives you the ability to see beyond death; it gives you the ability to see in the darkness that there is light; and that gives you hope! It perpetuates you! Nicodemus did not have this kind of sight because he did not yet believe in Jesus.

So it is faith in Christ alone. You can't believe in Buddha and receive this nor obtain this; nor can you believe in Mohammad and receive this. You must believe in Christ alone to get your understanding illuminated. Faith in Christ alone will give us the understanding and the vision that is needed to see the invisible world. This is where all the riches of His glory are stored. They are in the invisible world; you cannot see it, but you know it is there by faith.

You will know you have received life when you place faith in Jesus as your Savior. His life in you will cause you to have spiritual sight which will empower you as a believer to walk in the realm of the kingdom which is invisible to man. His life gives us illumination for He is The Truth, and truth illuminates the eyes of our understanding.

In my earlier teaching, (<u>Jesus Friend of Sinners</u>), I said that in Acts chapter three, the apostles had done many miracles by the laying on of hands, and the scribes and elders knew that they were unlearned and uneducated men and that they had been in the presence of Jesus. They recognized Jesus through and in the disciples or apostles. They recognized His teaching and His authority on and in them.

The universities, colleges and schools that were begun in the founding of America got their wisdom from the Bible. What made America so wise and a recognized leader in the world was the Bible. You study the Bible and it will leak over into every area of your life. I don't know how to raise children but I can read the Bible God will use His word to teach me how to raise a child. I don't know how to pastor, I don't know how to start a business, but as I get into the word it will teach me. People say that is a bunch of hogwash! No, the Bible says faith cometh by hearing, and hearing comes by the word of God! And faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen and by faith we obtain understanding! *Faith causes my understanding to increase*!

Observers of my wife, Debbie, and me have seen us be tried in our faith over the last several years, but they have also seen us grow spiritually as our faith has been tried. The wisdom is increasing. Why? Not because we are going to seminary, not because we are going to college, but because we are going on our knees and we are getting into God's word and His word is illuminating us; it is giving us a path in the wilderness to lead the people on a path of righteousness. God is doing this. We cannot do it within ourselves. Man can't. Truth illuminates our understanding. If you want smart children in school give them the word of God. Give them the word to read. They will get wisdom, they will gain understanding. In all your getting, get understanding!

Now let's go back before the beginning, to the other beginning. We are going to Isaiah chapter fourteen. This is the account of Lucifer's fall, the Archangel whom we call Satan. This nation is dying for the lack of godly wisdom and I pray the Lord will help us to get a hold of this. If we would put godly men and women into the offices of our nation at every level and this nation would turn around.

#### Isaiah 14:12 (NKJV): 12 "How you are fallen from heaven,

What did he do? He fell.

Isaiah 14:12 (NKJV): <sup>12</sup> "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *How* you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!

#### This is Satan's calling now, to weaken and destroy the nations.

Isaiah 14:13-17 (NKJV): 13 For you have said in your heart

For you have said in your heart, see where it all began. It began in his heart.

Isaiah 14:13-17 (NKJV): <sup>13</sup> For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; <sup>14</sup> I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' <sup>15</sup> Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit. <sup>16</sup> "Those who see you will gaze at you, *And* consider you, *saying:* 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, Who shook kingdoms, <sup>17</sup> Who made the world as a wilderness And destroyed its cities,

Satan introduced man to rebel against God's spiritual authority. Satan did that. Why would Satan introduce rebellion against spiritual authority to man? Here it is: to blind us. Really, that's it. Blind us, blind us to what? He introduced rebellion to spiritual authority to blind us to our spiritual inheritance as children of God. He is one of the greatest manipulative thieves that have ever been. He has robbed billions of people of their spiritual inheritance in Christ because of the blindness we have allowed him to put upon us, even as Christians. He's slick. He is smooth. But always remember he is also defeated!

He led men into sin to blind us like Samson; to rob us of our spiritual inheritance. This breaks my heart. God placed Adam and Eve on earth to take back dominion on earth. This scripture, Isaiah 14:12, happened long before Adam and Eve were created. God says I can deal with Satan and his rebellion without even touching him. I will create man, and through man, I will take dominion back on the earth.

Where was Satan cast down to? He was cast into the earth. Where did he show up at? He appears in the Garden of Eden. Why didn't he go play golf somewhere else? Why did he have to come to the only place God was dealing with man? He wanted to rob them! He said I let the rebellion rob me of mine inheritance and I will cause it to rob you. Can you imagine how far along we would be if we had not rebelled against God! Technology would be mind-blogging!

Well, that is still possible for we have been redeemed from the curse of the law of sin and death in Christ Jesus! We are new creation, we have been made new in Christ Jesus, right? We have the ability to perceive, to know and to understand the things which are of God, right? So the Father can give us the wisdom, as a matter of fact, God did it with Daniel and the three Hebrew children!

Daniel and the three Hebrew men were in Babylon and the king of Babylon was watching them. They said we do not want to eat the king's meat and delicacies but we want to eat as the Jews, and after a period of time you can check us out and test us. They agreed to their request and at the end of the time allotted they found them to

be wiser than their own people, the children of the world. Why, because they honored their God, the God of the Bible. Let us get this into our spirit!

This comes through spiritual understanding through God's word. *He has declared* it to the nations and He wants *us to declare* it to the nations also! If you and I will seek Him in humility, He will give you and me the answer if we will give Him the time! One day we will all stand before Him and give an account of the deeds we have done in this body. He will require from us that which we should have done in His name for His glory. He will say this is what you could have brought me, but what did you settle for? What we settled for and what we have allowed happen will also judge us. So Satan uses blindness to rob us of our inheritance. Rebellion results in spiritual blindness, but faith in Christ restores our sight and now we can fulfill God's will in the earth.

I have said this before in previous teachings but I want to share it again. You have Adam and then you have Jesus who is the Last Adam. Adam was placed on the earth in the garden, and he said <u>not Thy will</u>, but <u>my will</u> be done, and there was a sword which God placed at the garden to guard and protect the Tree of Life, to keep man from it, and man was driven out of the garden.

Then you have the Last Adam who goes into another garden, and while He is there Peter pulls out a sword because man is fixing to lay their hands on The Tree of Life – Jesus. Peter draws the sword and cuts off the ear of the priest's servant, and Jesus' response was, Peter, put up your sword. It was the fulfillment of what happened in Genesis chapter three that separated us from the Tree of Life. Jesus said I am the One that is going to restore you, to reconcile you back to the Father. I am The Tree of Life and I am the Gift of Life. Put your sword away. And when he did, Jesus reached down; humbled Himself as a man; picked up the ear of the servant-soldier and He <u>restored to man</u> his ability to hear God! When He restored to man the ability to hear, they took The Tree of Life and crucified Him to break the curse off of man; so now we can hear God once more and we can fulfill the will of God in the earth! See, it has all been restored to us!

We have been reconnected! We have been restored to our rightful position in Christ! Now we can go about our Father's business and do what He has called us to do, if we will be obedient and not become distracted. Jesus comes and gives us the model prayer in Matthew chapter six. Let's look at it.

Matt 6:9-10 (NKJV): <sup>9</sup> In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. <sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven.

Hallowed be Your name, holy and separate be Your name. Let us esteem Your name. Your kingdom come; Your will be done, be done where? On earth, let it be accomplished on earth as it is in heaven. In Christ we are on earth on assignment as His ambassadors to see that God's will is accomplished on earth as He has already predestined for it to happen in heaven.

What did God say after He said let there be light, and He saw the light? He said it is good. Why was it good? It was good because it proceeded from or came out of Him! Could it be anything else if it came from Him? No, for He is good! So what was He saying was good? He was saying it was good because harmony was

restored between earth and heaven! But there was one thing missing, there was no man. It was good, but it was all God.

Now God said if I can get that same agreement between My Holy Spirit and the spirit in man, it is going to be very good! That is why it says in Hebrews chapter eleven, verse five, without faith it is impossible to please, to agree with God. It is impossible to please God without faith. Without faith you cannot come into agreement with God and you will do your own thing and not God's thing. This is why God looks on some people, who claim they are serving God but they are serving themselves, and He says I am not pleased with this. They are not in agreement with Me; they are not walking in faith; they are not doing what I told them to do in the Spirit; but they have chosen to do their own agenda.

But of Jesus, He said this is My Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. He was well pleased in Him. Why? He was well pleased because Jesus said, "I always do those things which please the Father." So God said whatever Jesus does I approve because it is in sequence with what I told Him to do. God could trust Jesus in all things.

Jesus tells us when you pray, pray this way. Father, <u>not our will</u>, but <u>Your will</u> be done on earth as it is in heaven. This gets the unity between heaven and earth once again, and when there is that kind of unity you had better watch out! The gates of hell cannot even prevail against that! So what Satan will do when this happens is he will come and create a distraction.

No longer bound to the natural realm and I am going to give you an example of that right here in Mark chapter five. This is about the woman with the issue of blood. Under the law she is not allowed to be seen in public with this issue. She was classified unclean and any who touched her became unclean also. She was putting her life on the line by coming out into the public areas.

Mark 5:24-27 (NKJV): <sup>24</sup> So *Jesus* went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him. <sup>25</sup> Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, <sup>26</sup> and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup> When she heard about Jesus,

And when she heard about Jesus; how does faith come? Faith comes by hearing. Isn't that something? She was bound by the natural realm. She had spent all, all she had; she spent all her natural resources in seeking relief and was none the better. In other words the best physicians money could buy had not been able to fix her problem. She was in a hopeless situation, but, but she heard something! Isn't it amazing?

I was leaving Wendy's and a gas station, (I was working, doing drywall at the time,) and I was paying attention to my French fries and I didn't think I saw a truck, so I was going to move on into the traffic. I was driving a straight-shift and the moment I let my clutch out to shift into forward gear, God spoke to me and said, 'Look!' I didn't even have time to think about what I had just heard, I just looked! There was a dump truck right there in my face. Had I moved out into the traffic, I guarantee to you I would have been hit straight on and I would have been killed. That is how close I was to death! God will give you an ear to hear what the Spirit is saying if you

are humble. He can give you one word, one word that is all you need in your darkest hour, in your greatest trial! He gives you one word and that is all you need because it is His word! It is like it is over! I am not going to die! I am not going to die, I am going to live and declare the works of God because I heard a word! It didn't come from man; it came from the Spirit of the Living God! And you know the difference! This is why they, the rulers of this world, hung Jesus on the cross. They didn't want man to hear from God.

This woman with the issue heard! What did she hear? Jesus! This is the only One she heard about, Jesus!

# Mark 5:27 (NKJV): <sup>27</sup> When she heard about Jesus, she came behind *Him* in the crowd and touched His garment.

She came up behind Him after she heard. It was after she heard that she sought Him out. She heard with the ear but she also heard with the heart. I've heard this preached, so I'm just going to go ahead and throw it out there.

### Malachi 4:2 (KJV): <sup>2</sup> But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings;

He shall arise with healing in His wings. The garment that He was wearing had the tassels on the wings or corners, and she got down there where the wings were and she said if I can what? If I can but touch the hem of His garment I shall be made whole because He has healing! He is the Son of Righteousness and He has healing in His wings. This is from the Old Testament and she is from that era. (Remember, the New Testament has not been written yet.)

She said I will receive my healing if I can but touch the hem of His garment. And immediately, immediately, the fountain of her blood was dried up.

Mark 5:27-29 (NKJV): <sup>27</sup> When she heard about Jesus, she came behind *Him* in the crowd and touched His garment. <sup>28</sup> For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well." <sup>29</sup> Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in *her* body that she was healed of the affliction.

Immediately it was done and she felt in her body that it was done! Twelve years! The physicians of that time had put her through all types or kinds of torment. For twelve years she had worried. Twelve years she suffered with this. For twelve years she couldn't go out into public. Twelve years she has been afflicted and now she touches His garment and immediately, immediately, it is dried up. She had exhausted everything in the natural realm. No one could help her and she only grew worse. But this woman heard about Jesus and she used her faith to touch Him and was made whole. Isn't that amazing!

It is impossible to please God without faith. Without faith you cannot come into agreement with God and Satan knows this and therefore he has tried to stop man from hearing the word of God since Adam. Don't allow him to rob you of your inheritance any longer. Let faith arise and hear the gospel of Christ!

### <u>Unbelief works on earth as long as you never need spiritual help, but it is impossible to live in this world without God and make it.</u>

Choose you this day who you will serve. Believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ and you and your household shall be saved.

Deut 30:19-20 (KJV): I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both you and your seed may live: that you may love the LORD your God, and that you may obey His voice, and that you may cleave to Him: for He is thy life, and the length of your days ...