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THE INWARD MAN

I Thessalonians 5:23, "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."

In the scripture we have a glimpse of the three-fold man--spirit, soul, and body. Here we are going to talk about the spirit of man, which is the real man, the inward man.

I notice when folks quote this, verse, as a usual thing they will get it in reverse. They will say body, and soul, and spirit. To me that is a dead give away that they are more body conscious than they are spirit conscious. I notice that in religious magazines and periodicals very seldom will the writer get this verse of scripture right when quoting it. They will nearly always put body first.

God doesn't put body first. Paul said, "I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ." Man was created in the image and the likeness of God. Because he is created in the image and likeness of God, then man is in the same class with God.

I think it would be very interesting for us to turn back to the very first chapter of Genesis. Let's read together Genesis 1:26, 27, "And God said, Let us

make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth on the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

Jesus said, in John 4:24, "God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." God is a spirit. Man was created in the likeness and the image of God. If God is a Spirit and if man is created in His image and after His likeness, he must of necessity be a spirit. We know he has a soul, and we know he lives in a body, but he is essentially a spirit being.

Peter makes an observation in I Peter 3:4, talking about the spirit of man. He said, "But let it be the hidden man of the heart." In this passage he tells the women of the church to see to it first of all that the hidden man of the heart is adorned with a quiet and a meek spirit. Peter talked about "the hidden man of the heart." We are simply making observation of the fact that the spirit of man is a man.

Paul said about the same thing, but he used different language. For instance, in II Corinthians 4:16 he said, "Though the outward man perish (the margin reads 'is decaying'), yet the

inward man is renewed day by day." There's an outward man, and there is an inward man. The outward man is the body, the inward man is a spirit man, made in the likeness and image of God.

Psychology has called this inward man of the heart a subconscious mind. They have recognized that conscience is the voice from an inward personality. In I Corinthians 2:14 we read, "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." So the natural man cannot know himself.

There is no psychiatrist or psychologist that really knows himself if he hasn't been born again. They think primarily that man is just body and mind, or body and soul; but man is spirit, soul, and body. Not only can he not know himself, but he cannot know God. Consequently the student of psychology, unless he has received eternal life, cannot understand himself much less understand somebody else. He can't do it.

This subconscious mind, if you want to call it that, is the real man. That is what Peter is calling "the hidden man of the heart," and what Paul is calling "the inward man." This man is the real you. He is a spirit man, and that is the reason he can

never die. Man can die physically, but when the Bible speaks of spiritual death it doesn't mean that a person ceases to exist.

Man can never cease to exist spiritually. He goes on living when he is dead physically. A spirit can't die. We see that all through the Bible. In the Old Testament when it came time for the people of God to die, the Word says that they were gathered unto their fathers. We know that in the teaching of the Old Testament, they would go down into Hades.

Hades means the place of departed spirits. We translate it hell, but there is more than one word translated hell. Spirits don't die, they just depart. Jesus Himself told us a story, and of course it is an Old Testament story because Jesus was ministering as a prophet under the old covenant.

In Luke 16:19-22, Jesus said, "There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day; and there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, and desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died..." It is talking about physical death--he died physically.

It goes on to say, "...And was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom." Many have tried to make this a parable, saying that Lazarus means one thing, and the rich man means the Jews, and so on. Jesus Christ said, "There was a certain rich man." I believe He told the truth about it. The word "certain" means "for sure."

Lazarus died and the angels carried him away--not his body,

but him. What I am trying to impress on you is this, this hidden man of the heart, this inward man, this spirit man, is the real you. He lives forever. Lazarus was carried by the angels. Where did they carry him? To the place of departed spirits, or Hades. They couldn't have carried his body, because angels are spirits themselves.

Physical men could carry the body, but physical men couldn't carry the spirit. The angels could carry the spirit because they are spirits. They carried him away. If this was the only section of scripture we had to build this teaching upon, we might be prone not to accept it. However, we have other scriptures that substantiate the teaching.

When Jesus was on the mount of transfiguration, Peter, James, and John were there with Him. Moses and Elijah appeared there and talked to Him. Moses had been dead for a number of years, and some people think that God raised Moses from the dead physically. The 15th chapter of I Corinthians will let you know that He didn't. Here it is talking about physical resurrection, and if you will read that closely you will find that Jesus was the first one that was ever physically resurrected.

If God had raised Moses from the dead, he would have died again anyhow. Many people are raised from the dead, but they go ahead and die later. So Moses wasn't physically resurrected from the dead. Yet he appeared there and talked to Jesus. Elijah appeared too. He had gone up in a whirlwind and a chariot of fire, but the Bible says Moses died.

Again, in the Old Testament the Bible tells us that God permitted the prophet Samuel to come up out of Hades. We know,

of course, that Saul had gone to the witch of Endor to try to contact Samuel's spirit. These witches are like the spiritists today. They claim to contact the spirits of those who have died. If you will read the story closely, you will find that the witch of Endor did not bring Samuel up, for when Samuel came up she was astonished and fell over backwards.

If you have been used to talking to spirits, you wouldn't be astonished because one of them came up. What happened was that she had been in contact with evil spirits that would know and tell her things about the departed. But here God just overruled the situation. That is the only logical explanation that you can find.

God overruled the situation and let Samuel come up. It was the spirit, the real man. His body had been buried and was in the tomb; but God let his spirit come up out of Hades, the place of departed spirits. He gave a little word to Saul that God wasn't going to hear him because he had backslid and was out of fellowship.

He also gave him the word that by that time the next day Saul and his sons would be with him. I don't know whether that means he would be with Samuel in the part of Hades called Abraham's bosom, or whether he meant they would just be in the place of departed spirits. Which side they were in I don't know. I'm not the judge. But that time the next day they were there, weren't they?

If one man was still alive in spirit after he died physically, then all men are. Isn't that right? So then you see, the Old Testament substantiates the story that Jesus gave of the beggar, that when he died physically the angels carried him away. Did you notice in speak-

ing of Samuel it says he came up? It wasn't his body, but it was him.

What I am trying to establish with you is the reality of the inward man; the fact that the inward man is an eternal man; the fact that the spirit world is just as real a world as this world; the fact that heaven is just as real a place as the city you live in; that departed saints of God go to heaven and live there with Jesus just as much as you live here; that they are conscious of the fact that they are there just as much as you are conscious of the fact that you are here.

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Testimonies In Brief

I thank you so very much for the wonderful material you have been sending me upon request. I have received so much more than I anticipated---How wonderful our Lord is and I again thank you for all you are doing for me through your writings. E.Z.

You will never know how much your letter of April 13th has meant to me, starting with, "I will agree with you in prayer..." It was exactly what I needed and I claimed at once Matthew 18:19. Praise the Lord. I know it will be done. And I have committed everything to Him, as you said, "Leave everything to God - He will work it out." M.S.

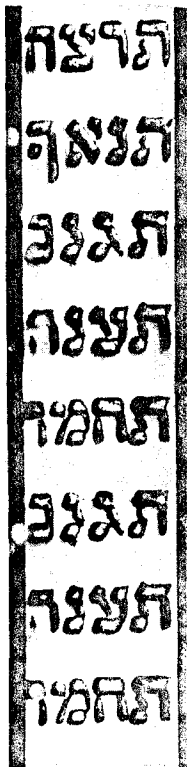
I want to thank you for your prayers for my grandson. God has performed a wonderful miracle for him. He had been almost blind in his right eye. Last week they took him to a specialist and confirmed that he now has almost perfect vision in this eye. I certainly praise and thank God for this. What a great God we have. W.H.

Approximately eight months ago, I had a most wonderful spiritual experience. At that time I feel that I really found Jesus Christ as my Saviour. I was able to stop smoking immediately, stopped all profanity immediately, and stopped and lost any desire for liquor immediately. Praise the Lord, isn't Jesus wonderful! J.W.

I wrote for four of your books recently. Since I received your books, I have been filled with the Holy Spirit. I would like to express my gratitude for your help in beginning my new life. S.L.

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