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while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

II CORINTHIANS 4:18

## Looking At The Unseen

**Y**ou will not ever be a successful Christian and please God if you keep looking at things which are 'seen.' We are to look at things which are 'not seen.'

How can you look at things which are not seen? You do it with the eye of faith.

"For we walk by faith, not by sight" (II Cor. 5:7).

Man is made to live in three worlds--the physical, the mental, and the spiritual.

It is quite evident that things which have to do with the physical are in the realm of the seen.

And even things which have to do with the mental are in the realm of the seen--for the only way the mind can be educated is through the physical senses of the eye gate and the ear gate. All the knowledge a man could possess from his very first experiences in learning to the highest degree of education he could attain is gained through the physical senses.

But there is another realm--the spiritual realm! It cannot

be contacted with the physical eye, the physical hand, the physical ear, or any of the physical senses of the body. Neither can the spiritual realm be contacted with the mind--for God is a Spirit!

Jesus said to the woman at the well of Samaria, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24).

The realm of the spirit is just one step beyond this physical and mental realm. The unseen realm is just one step beyond the seen.

David said, "There is but a step between me and death" (I Sam. 20:3).

When a person dies physically he moves out of his body into that spirit realm. But you can contact the same spirit realm without dying physically, praise God, and you can live in that realm. With a step of faith you can step into it!

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The new birth is an introduction to our Father--and an

introduction to the spiritual realm.

Jesus told Nicodemus, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again" (John 3:7).

Nicodemus was thinking naturally. He hadn't made that one step beyond into the spiritual realm and he asked Jesus how it was possible for a man to enter the second time into his mother's womb and be born again. He was yet a natural man and his mind was on a physical birth.

Jesus said, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit" (John 3:6). He was referring to the fact that the new birth is a rebirth of the human spirit.

When our spirits are reborn by receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and confessing Him as our Lord--our inner man becomes a new creature in Christ Jesus! We step one step beyond the natural into the spiritual. A whole new world opens up to us! God becomes our Father in reality! We become His children!

It is sad though that folks stop when they get salvation and don't continue on in the spiritual realm.

I remember when I was born again. How wonderful it was! Yet I thought that was it--that was all I'd ever been taught and I thought I'd gone as far as I could ever go.

And it certainly was wonderful even though I was lying flat on my back on the bed of affliction, so helpless someone had to feed me, my body practically totally paralyzed. I lay on that bed 16 long months.

Though bedfast, every night I thanked God and praised myself to sleep because I was His child. I'd say, "Lord, I guess I won't be here in the morning, (I didn't know about divine healing and thought I might die in my sleep) but thank God, I'm saved. Lord, I'm going to praise myself to sleep."

It would seem like only a few minutes till I was awakened with the morning sun streaming across my bed. And the first thing I said each morning was, "Thank God for the light of another day."

I would thank Him for everything. Grandmother always had beautiful flowers and as I looked out my window I thanked Him for the green grass and those beautiful flowers. He would send the birds to my window to sing. Even though I thought I might not live through the day, I always thanked Him for all these things and that I was born again. I was looking at things unseen.

In the fall of 1933 I improved to the point where they could prop me up in bed with the Bible propped in front of me. But I could read for only a few minutes at a time before the page looked like a white sheet with black dots on it.

I labored from Matthew to the end of Mark--but then I began to see. There was an unseen force behind the words! With the eye of faith I began to see the Spirit and the Life behind those words!

I read where it said to have faith in God. I read....

MARK 11:23-24

23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

And I began to see! I began to see into the realm of the unseen. I began to see how in the spirit realm Jesus is saying something to me.

Jesus is God manifested in the flesh. You cannot see God with your physical eye. So God sent Jesus in the likeness of flesh where men could see and hear God. He began to tell me about the law of faith. I saw that you believe before you receive... That when you pray you've got to believe you've got it before you get it.

Then I began to see that He wanted me to take one step beyond where I had been before. Another step out into that spiritual realm which I'd only barely touched.

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God's healing is spiritual. We see sickness and disease manifested in the flesh, but the origin of it upon the earth was spiritual. We see people lying, stealing, and committing terrible sins, but the cause is spiritual.

I began to see into the spiritual realm. I began to see my body healed and made whole. I began to see myself walking, with no paralysis. I began to see myself doing things I'd never done before in the natural. I'd never run and played like other children. I began to see myself well.

I could see it--but I didn't know how to step into it. I knew it was there. It was just one step away. And the more I read my Bible, the more certain I was that God had made

the provision for me, if I could just get into it.

I reasoned that if I could pray a little harder, that would do it. But praying won't do it. People will say, "We're going to have to pray a little harder." But no--that's the 'seen' trying to do something. You don't find an expression such as 'hard praying' in the Bible.

Hard praying, agonizing, sacrificing, giving up something--all those are in connection with the physical. And you can't contact this realm with the physical. I know because I tried. I tried hard praying and agonizing--but it didn't work.

Jesus told us what would work. He said we were to believe--not agonize. It is believing prayer that brings results. He said that when we pray we should believe--and then we receive!

Back then I didn't know God the Father had sent an unseen One to be my teacher. (See John 14:26.) I'd read it, but it hadn't registered on me. I did not realize a Teacher was right there in the room with me. I didn't realize the unseen One was there. You can't see or feel Him. But one day, it finally dawned on me. "He's right here now! The Lord is right here. That great and unseen One is here now!"

And that unseen Spirit guides you through your spirit. You can't contact the unseen realm with your head and your ears--it is done through the unseen. And when you continue to look at the seen, there is a realm of life you miss.

It took me a year on that bed to realize I have to listen to the

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unseen One. When I began to listen to Him, within 10 minutes I was out of that bed and the paralysis disappeared on the 2nd Tuesday of August, 1934.

God is a Spirit! He's trying His best to break through into this realm. One day He did break through in the person of Jesus. He showed us how He works and what He does. If you want to see God at work, look at Jesus! If you want to hear God talking, hear Jesus!

One day I read in Matthew 8, "And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean...."

God said, "I will." And that forever settles it. He wills!

As soon as I took that one step beyond, I stepped into the realm of the spirit. And it was a step of faith. That's the way you step over there.

I had seen what I had to do while I was still on the bed. I saw that I had to believe my body was well before it really was. Jesus said, "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

I took one step beyond. I began to look at the unseen. I stepped into the realm of the unseen, where we walk by faith and not by sight. That realm is unseen with the physical eye--but there is healing and help there.

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There's another realm of the unseen waiting there for us. The realm of the infilling of the Holy Ghost. I found out that the unseen One, the Holy Spirit who did bear witness to my spirit and who had spoken to my spirit wanted to come and live within me. I learned that He wanted to make my body His temple. I began to see it.

And I found out that when He does come in, He will give you utterance in a supernatural language--one which you never learned. There is a super-

natural evidence!

Why doesn't He just come on in if He wants to? The Holy Ghost is a perfect gentleman. He will not intrude. It is up to you and me to receive Him. Paul asked, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" (Acts 19:2).

Tongues was more despised 35 years ago than now. You're in trouble now when you're a Baptist preacher who starts talking in tongues, but you were worse off then.

But thank God, I stepped into that realm. I took that one step beyond. As I looked at the unseen I came to realize that salvation isn't all of it.

But you haven't arrived either just because you're filled with the Holy Ghost and have spoken in tongues. You haven't arrived yet. That's not the end--it's the beginning!

That's not the apex of all Christian experience. Being filled with the Spirit and speaking in tongues is an entrance. It's a door into the things of the Spirit!

Some Full Gospel people think you don't have to continue to speak with tongues after you've been filled with the Spirit. But I saw that I could keep on talking in tongues. I read in the Word that speaking in tongues does something for you. It edifies my spirit.

There is a man who lives on the inside of your body. No one has ever seen you. They have only seen the house in which you live. You're on the inside looking out through the windows. No one knows what you look like.

II CORINTHIANS 4:16

16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

The inward man is unseen. The things which are temporal are seen. The things which are not seen are eternal! Learn how to let that inward man take over. Let him run things. Refuse to stop; keep on praying in tongues.

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