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The Real You

"The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly." Proverbs 20:27. (The margin reads, "The spirit of man is the lamp of the Lord.")

We are going to talk on the subject of being led by the Spirit of God. How does the Spirit of God lead us? How do we discern the voice of the Spirit? We see, first of all, that the writer in the book of Proverbs said that the spirit of man is the candle, or lamp, of the Lord. That means that God is going to enlighten us and guide us through our spirits.

The trouble with us many times is that we seek guidance every other way except the way that God said it was going to come. Too many times we go by what is happening in the realm of our own physical feelings or physical senses. However, nowhere does God ever say that He will guide us in that area.

Then many times we look at it more or less from a mental standpoint. But God said here that the spirit of man is the candle of the Lord. So that means that He will guide you through your spirit.

Remember this, that man is a spirit being. He does have a soul, and he lives in a physical body; but he is a spirit being because he is made in the likeness of God. Jesus said, "God is a Spirit..." When the body is dead and in the grave,

man lives on. In speaking of physical death, Paul said, in Philippians 1:23, "For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better." To show you he was talking about physical death, he went on to say in verse 24, "Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you."

Paul declared, "I am going to depart, and I'm going to be with the Lord." Who was he talking about when he said "I"? He was not talking about his body, because his body wasn't going to depart from this world. The inward man is the real man.

Paul made this statement also, in II Corinthians 4:16, "For though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day." So there is an outward man and an inward man. The outward man is not the real you, but merely the house you live in. The inward man is the real you.

Before we will be able to discern as we should how God will guide us through our spirits, we will have to find out what our spirit is. This inward man is the spirit of man. Peter said in I Peter 3:4, "But let it be the hidden man of the heart." He spoke of the "man of the heart." So when the Bible speaks of the heart, it is speaking of the spirit, the inward man or the hidden man. It is the real man.

Paul says in II Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature."

Again, he is talking here about the inward man, the real man, the real you. You certainly didn't get a new body when you were born again. We will have a new body one day, thank God; but when you were born again, the real you became a new man in Christ Jesus.

I think many times our terms are so indistinct in describing spiritual things that they are really confusing. It would be much better for us to say things differently than we do. It would be better to say them like the Bible says them, then we wouldn't be so confusing. For instance, the Bible records Paul's prayer for the church at Thessalonica in I Thessalonians 5:23, "I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." Paul begins on the inside and comes to the outward man.

Most people quote that verse by putting the body first instead of the spirit first. I was reading a message someone had preached in a periodical the other day. I noticed that this was one scripture that the man preaching the sermon used, but he quoted it backwards. He put the body first. I've decided the reason a lot of people do that is because they are more body conscious than they are spirit conscious.

We need to become more spirit conscious than we are body conscious. We'll not be able to

understand what God is saying to us in our spirits and spiritual things will be indistinct to us until we become spirit conscious.

I am a spirit being, I have a soul, and I live in a body. Our thinking has been so wrong and we have confused this truth. I have discovered that this is true even with preachers as I have talked with them through the years. Some of the leading Bible scholars in our land have seemed startled when I asked them, "What is the difference between the spirit of man and the soul of man?" They would look at me and say, "Well, I always thought they were the same."

They couldn't be the same. If you will notice, the way they are used many times in preaching, the impression is left that the spirit and the soul are the same. Yet Hebrews 4:12 says, "For the word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit." We, in our thinking, are not able to divide them as we ought, so therefore we are more soul-conscious than we are spirit-conscious. In referring to the spirit of man in so much of our preaching and teaching, we speak of the soul. We have many people therefore that are soul-conscious. They are soulish and psychic, but they are not spiritual. They don't go deep enough.

Born again, spirit-filled people should be able to discern what the spirit of man is. Paul said, "For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful." Your understanding is part of your soul. He says, "My understanding is unfruitful." He wasn't praying out of his soul.

"If I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth," said Paul.

"The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly." I like that expression. Do you remember what Jesus said in the 7th chapter of John's gospel? John 7:37-39, "In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)" As a result of receiving the Holy Spirit, out of your "belly" shall flow rivers of living water.

The Amplified translation of I Corinthians 14:14 reads, "For if I pray in an (unknown) tongue, my spirit (by the Holy Spirit within me) prays." When you pray in tongues, it comes out of your innermost being--that is your spirit. So Proverbs 20:27 says, "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly."

In another translation, instead of saying "...out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water," it says "...out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water." So, in other words, the spirit of man is our innermost being. When Paul says, "I pray God your whole spirit...", he starts on the inside, the innermost part of man, and comes to the outside. "I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body..." So then the spirit of man is the innermost being--the real man.

The soul is not the innermost being at all. The spirit of man is really the part of man that is born again, receives eternal life, and becomes a new creature in Christ Jesus. It is not

his soul that is born again, yet we sometimes leave that impression.

The saving of the soul is a process. James wrote a letter to the church, to Christians. We know the letter was written to the church because in the 5th chapter he asks, "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church..." Yet in the very first chapter of the book of James, writing to born again, spirit-filled people, he said, "...receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls."

A man's spirit--the innermost man, the real man, the hidden man, the inner man--receives eternal life and is born again. His intellect and his emotions, which compose the soul, have to be dealt with. They are not born again. They are renewed. Paul speaks about the renewing of the mind in Romans 12:2. "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Psalms 23 talks about the Lord restoring my soul. The 23rd Psalm belongs to us. We are living in the 23rd Psalm today. It says, "He restoreth my soul."

Jesus said, "That which is born of the Spirit is spirit." So our spirits are born again, and our soul can be restored or renewed by the Word of God. With our spirits we contact the spiritual world, with our souls we contact the intellectual world, and with our bodies we contact the physical world.

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ALL FAITHS CRUSADES

TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Multitudes of our friends here at home have expressed their desire for another Crusade here in Tulsa. We are happy to announce one for November.

The Crusade will be held at Sheridan Assembly Christian Center Auditorium, 205 South Sheridan Road, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

This location is one block south of Admiral & Sheridan Road.

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Testimonies in Brief

The Lord has continued to bless me through your ministry ever since I received the Holy Spirit through your teachings. Many of my family including my mother and husband have received the Holy Spirit since then. Your monthly lessons have always been what I needed. My whole family have benefited from your radio broadcasts and your literature. D.H.

The Spirit of God has put a desire in my heart to write this note. I am 28 years old, we are Methodist, filled with the Spirit and we love Jesus. My husband is going into the ministry. Because of your ministry, we have a desire to press on with Jesus and to help others know riches too. Thank you for entering into what Jesus wanted you to do. M.H.C.

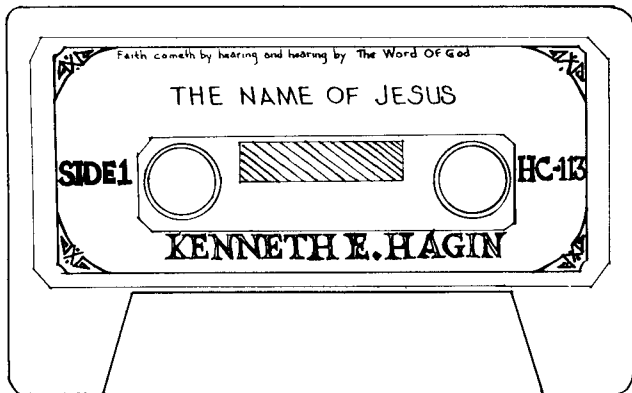
I didn't know what faith was until hearing your lessons on faith. I thank the Lord for the privilege of hearing you explain it so simply. I have had a marvelous healing from phlebitis and other answers to prayer in these past three weeks! I give the praise to Him who gave the promises in His Word. I thank you for showing me how to believe and act upon His Word. J.K.B.

Your reply to my request came last Friday. Thank you for your letter. It surely was a blessing to me. I had asked you to agree with me that God had healed whatever was causing pain in my lower back. That night I knew I had my healing. Thank you again for your prayer in agreeing with me. May God bless you always. M.W.B.

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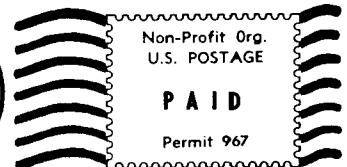
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