

SPIRITUAL ENCOUNTERS

EXPERIENCES IN THE SPIRIT WORLD SERIES

The spirit world is highly populated. Just as in this natural world you see a lot of people in the cities, the spirit world is also very highly populated. Can you imagine one third of the angels fell and some of them became what you consider wicked spirits in the high places? Then what about those disembodied spirits that came about in Noah's time as the result of the flood. The whole earth was populated in Noah's time before the flood. The half-breed race that was produced through the angels mixing with human flesh died and were disembodied. There are so many of them here on this planet. Then not counting the other two thirds of angels that remained faithful, plus all the Old Testament saints and the New Testament saints for the past 2000 odd years till this day. The spirit world is highly populated. Think about every one who was born into this world having a guardian angel. Plus all the other types of angels, and you can imagine how crowded things are in the spirit world. We should not surprise when we say there is a hosts of angels surrounding us. It is not just an occasional one angel here, or one angel there. Those who are in the natural world don't understand that the spiritual world is crowded. In fact if there are 5 billion people in this world, there are more than that number of spirit beings right now. Out there in the spirit world, spirit beings are constantly moving to and flow on this earth. We cannot describe all the spirit beings.

We want to talk about the good spirits the angelic beings. Tonight we are talking about spiritual encounters and how to live in that realm of the spirit. In fact it is always there but it is how much we experience it or are aware of it. If you are someone given to visions you reach a point where you can classify them. Of course if those who have not seen as much as a vision or the things of the spirit world, they will think all spirit beings are the same. It would just like someone who has not traveled outside their country and they think that everyone is just the same.

The story is told about the first white missionary who went to Africa. The white man goes there and the natives there said that he was some creature from outer space. What the black African didn't know in the early missionary days was there was more to come. A missionary told me how he went to a village part of Malaysia where very seldom they see a white man. When he went there the whole village came out to look at him. What the villagers didn't realize is that there are many more of his kind elsewhere.

So it's the same way that those who have no experience in the spirit world, when they see something they say they are angels. They don't realize that there are so many types of angels. We cannot even say that we have realized all the different types of angels. And in no way are we going to say that these are the only classifications. There may be many other types.

As you go deeper into the realm of the spirit, you begin to see something else in the spirit. You see the world of the spirit is not the world you fully understand. In this life we can only understand a small portion of the spirit world. And sometimes the smartest of us think that we have all our theology in order. Then you see something else in the spirit and your theology has to be reorganized. You thought you have placed everything together until you began to see something in the spirit.

You began to see angels that do not have wings. And not only that they don't dress in angels' clothing. They dress in humans' clothing. And not only that, some of them look like are from different races. You ask, "Are there Chinese angels, Indian angels?" So your mind begins to be boggled. And you are wondering how to explain this phenomenon. At your level it would suffice to know whether the angel was the devil or from God.

I have come across other books and I find that others have experienced it too. Like Roland Buck in his other book by his daughter *The Man Who Talk With Angels*. And he talked about how one angel from Africa came. And he looked like an African.

If you ask a normal Christian how many types of angel he thinks there are. He might say, "There are Worship angels, Warring angels and Ministering angels. Do you know there are more than those? I want to talk about those that come to this earth.

Worship Angels

There is a particular group of angels that are called the worship angels. They look different and many of them have wings. Quite like the Seraphim and the Cherubim who are always around God's throne and remember they have 6 wings. And they constantly sing onto God. And there are types of worship angel that constantly sing onto God. They always sing a new song onto God. They are always teaching new songs. It is these angels that teach people new songs. And this group of angels spends all their time worshiping. They don't anything else; they don't go off to fight God's battles. That is the work of other different angels. These worship angels don't really come and bring your needs. All they do is worship God. And they bring an atmosphere of praise and worship wherever they go. And they teach us new songs in God. They are called the worship angels.

Messenger Angels

Then there are messenger angels. Gabriel heads them. They are like the dispatch boys of God. All they do is to bring the message. Then they appear to human beings then they disappear again. Apparently all these angels seem to demonstrate that they have certain wings.

Ministering Angels

They are the different group of angels. They are the called ministering angels. Ministering angels have a special ability to come in disguise. They look almost like a

human being. In fact they could come right in and sit in the church as a human being. We could even have welcomed them at the door and said goodbye to them after the service. Think about it this way. If I in the natural want to come in disguise lets say to India. What would I, a Chinese, have to do? Perhaps I may have to apply something on my skin to make it as dark as an Indian's skin. Only then I would really be in disguise. If I were to just dress up as an Indian and go out on the streets of India, of course they would see through my disguise.

These angels do not really have any races. There is no race in the spirit world. But you can be assured they are very good at disguising. They are God's special spies. And the ministering angels are those who are able to provide for our needs. And it is these angels that the book of Heb.13:2 *Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.* This is a different group of angels altogether.

In Percy Colette's tape series on *I Went To Heaven*, he was just about to take off to heaven with his guardian angel, he said that his guardian angel was as excited as he was to go to heaven. His guardian angel also has not been to heaven for quite sometime. He has been guarding Percy Colette for nearly 70 odd years. And it seems that when the guardian angel went there the guardian angel said there were a lot of changes in heaven.

The guardian angels may look like you. In fact sometimes they could exactly look like you.

In the book of Acts 12 when Peter was released from prison, he went knocking on the door of the house where they were having a prayer meeting. When the servant girl came out and saw Peter, she could not believe that it was Peter at first. Finally she went back and told the people that Peter was standing outside the door. The people answered her in Acts 12 that it was his angel. In other words they believed in guardian angels. And they thought that his guardian angel had come. The people thought that she saw his angel which may look like him. But don't take that too theologically and say all our guardian angel look like us. It doesn't mean that if you

wear glasses your guarding angel also wear glasses.

They have the ability to appear in human form. In the spirit there is no races. But the same ministering angle can appear as an Indian, as a Chinese or as any race. That's the only way they can be in disguise. It is the ministering angels that have that ability. They are unique in a sense of their closeness and their affinity to the human race. That's a group by themselves.

Warring Angels

The other group of angels is known as warring angels. Michael the Archangel is the head among them. And he has a group of other angels under him, all fierce and war like angels but yet with a holy countenance. These are the angels that fight the forces of darkness.

You see when God shows you this sort of thing He doesn't give you the theology for that. The theology comes through the Spirit of truth. But when you are seeing in the spirit world, when you are having a vision, you are not trying to theologize; you are just looking. These warring angels look very fierce. Not fierce in an evil way but powerful and frightening. Frightening in a sense that you know that this is not the same group as the ministering angel whom you could say play with. This is a group of angels that you don't even dare to touch. It puts an awesome fear in your life and I have seen them only a few times. They appear huge and big. Not like a human being at all. The ministering angles are like human beings. But these warring angels are tremendous by themselves.

The warring angels seem to have special work to do as a result of the prayer of God's saints. Like Michael the Archangel was assigned to Daniel's aid because Daniel prayed.

You see one of them appear in the book of Revelation chapter 10. And his coming was so awesome that John specially noted that this is a different angel altogether. Possibly this group of angels may be classified among the warring angels.

Rev. 10:1-6 Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, wrapped in a cloud, (Its not just because he was close to the presence of God because Gabriel also was close to the presence of God. Gabriel says he stands in the presence of God. To get a message and be a dispatch angel, he would have to hear from God directly. But the countenance is different he says) with a rainbow over his head, and his face was like the sun, and his legs like pillars of fire. He had a little scroll open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea, and his left foot on the land, (Can you imagine how big he was, however he was not the Lord; he was an angel,) and he cried out with a loud voice, like a lion roaring; when he called out, the seven thunders had sounded. And when the seven thunders had sounded, I was about to write, but I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Seal up what the seven thunders have said, and do not write it down." and the angel whom I saw standing on sea and land lifted up his right hand to heaven and swore by Him who lives for ever and ever.

Apparently this is a totally different manifestation of the angel different from the others. Who was this angel? I believe this angel is that group that we call angels of destruction, angels who execute God's wrath and judgment. They may be classified among the warring angels, may be only because there is not enough scriptures for me to put them together. So I will put them categorically in a section by themselves.

Now this is the same type of angel, there may be a number of them, this is the same angel who was there in the book of Exodus when all the Israelites were spared and the first born of the Egyptians died. Some people couldn't understand who that was. They thought it was the devil that brought destruction through the 10 plagues. When God told the Israelites to kill a lamb and put the blood on the doorpost so that when the Angel of death passes by they would be spared. Some people think that it was the devil. It was not the devil; it was God Almighty. God and the devil are never partners. Our theology has to be systematic straight and logical. That's what theology is the understanding of God and His manifestation. How can God and the devil be in partnership? It was the angel sent by God. You can call him the angel of death. Although he is different from Satan but he is an

angel of destruction who executes God's wrath. In fact if any Israelites did not have the blood they would also be struck dead by the same angel.

In the book of Psalms chapter 78, look at the description here in verse 49. It's the Psalms about the Exodus. And the book of Psalms 78 is talking about the 10 plagues that have occurred. And all the destruction that has occurred to Egypt in verses 43-46. He talks about how the plagues have occurred and the destruction was made in Egypt. Now in verse 49 he says *He cast on them (now the them was referring to Egypt) the fierceness of his anger, wrath, indignation and trouble by sending angels of destruction.* Now if you have an old King James it says *by sending evil angels.* Did you see that? However the word *evil* is different from the word *destruction*. The Hebrew word is actually not the word *evil*. Destruction is different. Here God is not talking about an evil angel with an evil malicious attitude and motive. But He is talking about an angel of destruction or as the Hebrew word also means judgment. He sends an angel of judgment, an angel with the ability to destroy.

That is the same angel that God sent among the Syrian camp. And one such angel can wipe out the entire Syrian army. Don't play around with those angels. They are frightening in a human sense. If you walk with God and you fellowship with God there is nothing to be frightened about the awesome work that they perform. This is why sometimes I tend to see them as warring angels. But yet they seem special in their function.

In the book of II Sam. 24 when David sinned it was not the devil who came and destroyed him although the devil tempted him to sin to number Israel. But it was an angel of God who brought the punishment. Not one of the fallen angels but one of the upright angels appointed by God who is under the command of God.

II Sam. 24:16 *And when the angel stretched forth his hand towards Jerusalem to destroy it, the Lord repented of the evil, and said to the angel who was working destruction among the people. "It is enough; now stay your hand."* Now that cannot be an evil angel. That cannot be a demon. That was a special angel who was under the command of God. We are told here in verse 17 *Then David spoke to the Lord when he saw that angel who*

was smiting the people. The angel came and when the angel strike the people they die. The people who were struck down did not see the angel. Which is why I say these angels of death are not ministering angels.

Those who are not experienced in the spirit world think angels are just angels. They don't realize there are many types of angels. And you have to have a certain respect for different types of angels. What we do with the ministering angels is that I go close to my ministering angel. I understand his voice. When you are close to someone you recognize their voice. And that angel has a different voice from the other angels. You become so sharp in the spirit you could differentiate it. As I was lying down resting today one of those who was quite familiar came and whisper to me and said tonight you shall talk to them about this and he gave me 3 points. That is why we say that when you live in the spirit world you are in a different world altogether. Although we don't open our mouth and talk much about these things, it doesn't mean we are strangers to the spirit world. But those who are strangers to the spirit world would blare their mouth. They don't realize that those who are in the spirit see some things that they don't. And they don't realize how dangerous to meddle with the spirit world. If you don't understand the law of gravity you will still die if you jump off a cliff. A law whether natural or spiritual is no respecter of person. We have to respect those laws God made in the spirit world.

In I Chron. 21 is a repeat but with some details given to us. I Chron. 21:15 *And God sent the angel to Jerusalem to destroy it;* Now this is one of those angels I am talking about. They had the power to destroy. And if they just touch you with their sword you will die instantly. Verse 18 *Then the angel of the Lord commanded Gad to say to David that David should go up and rear an altar to the Lord on the threshing floor of Ornan.* Verse 20 *Now Ornan was threshing wheat; he turned and saw the angel, and his four sons who were with him hid themselves.* Isn't Ornan a marvelous guy? He is minding his own business threshing wheat. He heard about the destruction that has happened. He is threshing wheat with his 4 sons with him. His 4 sons looked and say there is a big angel and all of them hid behind the bushes. Ornan looked and just kept on threshing. David also saw the angel and they had an offering to God. And the angel was instructed to put back his sword.

Some of you think that that is Old Testament. Angels' work never changes. It is men

who have different dispensations, not angels. When God divided His angels into various work it was for His whole eternity. In Acts 12:21-23 *On an appointed day Herod put on his royal robes, took his seat upon the throne, and made an oration to them. And the people shouted, "The voice of god, and not of man!" Immediately an angel of the Lord smote him.* That is an angel of God not of the devil. What kind of angel was that? It was an angel of destruction that Psalms 78:49 talks about.

Look at Psalms 35 and see that David understood these kind of angels. When you have been in the spirit world long enough, you understand these angels and what their work is. Which is why we always encourage people who know the Word to move into worship. A lot of people who are talented in music and who know how to compose song don't go into composing worship songs because they lack the word and theological content. All their songs would be just *Praise you, praise you.* But when David composes songs he has theological content. The sad thing is that those who are theologically heavy tend not to be singers. So we need a balance in that. The only way is to encourage those who are already singers to get deep in the word. You can never sing beyond what you have received in revelation or in understanding from God. You can never sing or describe things beyond your spiritual experience. You may take somebody else's song and sing it. That somebody else's song will bring you into the height of experience. Now you know why worship is important. When you have a song that comes from somebody's experience that you yourself have not experience yet. But as you keep singing it and try to understand the fullness of it, you may enter into that experience yourself.

But what we want is a new song unto the Lord. The new song we sing is limited by your spiritual experience. The deeper you are in your spiritual experience the higher you go. When we introduce a song on *Jesus Savior, Jesus lover, Everlasting Father Mighty God is He*, I receive a note from a sister that said why not all you personalize it. Like *Jesus Savior* is addressing Him personally. Then we reached a place where *Mighty God is He*. I mean that was exactly what I heard sung. They don't understand in the spirit realm that God is so big that He is sometimes referred to in the third person. When we look at the Psalms sometimes it moves from the first person to the third person, third person to the first person. It moves about.

If what the sister say is true then you know what will happen. Because the contention is that we must sing to God and not about God. That is one line of reasoning. If that is so every song we sing should be *You, You are Lord*. Think about how dull our worship will be. Our songs have only a limited expression. The wordings are important but the heart is also important. If you have a problem with addressing *You* and *He*, read Psalms and you understand that David had no problem. When you reached a certain depth in the spirit, you sometimes need to encourage yourself to keep on going. When you reached a point of singing *Mighty God is He* you are telling yourself *He is mighty come lets do it again*. It is like a refrain in that song. *Jesus Savior, You reign supreme, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God is He*. You began to refer back and then go back to Him. There is a reciprocal thing in every song. You can never sing or compose and get a song beyond your spiritual experience. In the natural is also true. You can never get into a song or tune beyond your musical training or talent.

Do you know that Kenneth Hagin could not carry a tune? He even went for voice training and his teacher gave up on him. A mighty man of God he got one area he couldn't do. But in his latter days he moved into poetry. He got word content the only thing he couldn't do is to put a tune into it.

Ps. 35:5 *Let them be like chaff before the wind, with the angel of the Lord driving them on!* Don't you simply use that prayer. Perhaps what David is singing for was from his position as a king. If you were a ruler of a nation and you are in contact and intimate with God. And you know all these nations are rising against you. You may be calling on angels too. None of us are in his position. You are just a small little soldier in Christ and then you have some problem with your neighbor or your boss and say *angel of God pursue them*. Father God will say, "He prayed what he knows not." Some Christian when they learn a truth the slight opportunity they have, they would apply it wrongly. So here is this David and he says, "*Let the angels of the Lord chase them.*" Verse 6 *Let their way be dark and slippery, with the angel of the Lord pursuing them!*

That is very fierce of David. He is man after God's heart. He says let the angels pursue them. You could not believe that he is such a temperamental guy. That's David the mighty man of war. You see David with the shepherd's heart; you also

see David the mighty man of war. What we are talking about is there is a group of angels who are awesome and carry a tremendous force of judgment. I know when I see one of them that there is going to be destruction somewhere.

Departed Saints

Besides this group of angels there is a realm that we want to conclude by talking about how to move into that realm. I have met in the spirit world a lot of departed saints. I know what the book of Deuteronomy says how we should not seek contact in a sense of a medium trying to contact someone who has died. I want you to know I have no desire to do it. But it is just that in a vision you may meet people like Kathryn Khulman or any other departed saints. I met Watchman Nee and John Sung in the spirit.

When I was in my third year in the ministry, I was on a 3-day fast and I saw a vision of 2 mountains and a valley and a huge tall building. And the tall building was not quite completed but only the structure was completed with huge tall pillars and you need to fill up all the walls. And high on that building was a few people. I recognize 2 but I didn't recognize the others but they were all Asians. And I recognize that one of them was Watchman Nee and one of them was John Sung. I was standing on the valley some distance from the building and they were waving to me. I understood part of the vision but I understood the whole vision only about 10 years later. What was happening was that I know that John Sung and Watchman Nee had a special call in God. What was happening is that I was being called to complete the work that they started. That was my destiny. Which is why if you read my books carefully sometimes you see an element of Watchman Nee in my analysis. Sometimes you see an element of John Sung there. It is not that I have received their anointing; it is just that I have to complete the work that they had begun.

Once in the early days of my ministry Watchman Nee came to me in a dream. And in that dream I submitted some papers to him for marking and he was like my teacher. And he passed it back and I looked back and said, "My God, so many red marks." Today of course I could analyze his teaching. And I realize that Watchman

Nee's teachings never cross that line of the baptism in the Spirit. Most of his books are very good. But there are some that are not very clear. Especially on the soul and the spirit area in the *Latent Power Of The Soul* that can confuse people. The gist of that book is to destroy and get rid of the soul. The correct teaching is to build up the soul and strengthened the soul up. That is the confusing part. But I am talking about the early days.

Kathryn Khulman was another one whom I have met. When these things happen I am concerned about the scriptural basis of it. I do not want to receive any vision or any encounter or any manifestation without a scriptural basis. So I began to ask God about it. Then God began to show me some other things and I realize that there were some in the spirit world who were working as angels but who don't seem to be angels. They seem to be the departed saints who were serving God. And there was a sister who came to me and said she saw a group of these angels of different size. She saw some angels that look like children. So I could not explain it. Spiritual experiences are like this. You experienced it first and your mind still doesn't understand. So you keep it in your drawer and you don't want to share it until you understand it. After many years later the Lord began to speak some things to me and showed me that some of those saints who have died also sometimes serve as angels. And sometimes some of the children in paradise are allowed trips to this earth. I mean heaven is active. You don't just go to heaven and float on a cloud. Put it this way we have kindergartens for the children. School children sometimes have tours, accompanied by their teachers, to places of interest for learning. Likewise, occasionally the children in heaven under escort of angels are allowed to come down to this earth for excursion and learning. And that was what actually happened. There were times when the departed spirits are allowed to visit this earth.

In Rev. 17:1 *Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me. Verse 3 And he carried me away in the Spirit. Verse 7 The angel said "Why marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman. Then he saw other things in chapter 18. Then in chapter 19:9-10 And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are true words of God." Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God." For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.*

The translation says I am one of you one of the Blood bought saints who were close to God serving God as an angel. The word angel just means messenger. Why does God choose a Blood bought saint? Did you notice that this same angel could explain to John the mystery of the harlot? Did you notice that in the book of Peter? It tells us in I Pt. 1: 12 *It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things which have now been announced to you by those who preached the good news to you through the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, thing in which angels long to look.*

Now there are angels that are pure angels. They were never human beings at all. But there are human beings that serve as angels and they are different. Because angels can never understand what we felt when we sing *Amazing Grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me*. Not a single one of the angels can fully understand the impact of a born again spirit singing *Amazing Grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me*. Gabriel and Michael may understand to a certain extend. But they have never experienced what sin was like. And they have never experienced the grace of redemption. Now neither were we be able to sing the song that the 144,000 sang who went through the tribulation and who confronted the anti Christ. It is because we did not experience what they experienced.

The bible says in Rev. 14:3 *And they sing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the hundred and forty four thousand*. We described the song of the Lamb in this series earlier about the note of victory in all of us. So we also recognize that we as living in this dispensation as pre-tribulation days will never understand in fullness what Jews especially the hundred and forty four thousand go through and face in their life and are able to sing a song that we cannot sing. In the same way angels could accept the fact that they cannot sing some songs that we can sing, because they have not experienced sin and redemption. They may have other songs that we may not be able to sing. So each creation of God is different and unique.

But here I Peter tells us there are some things the angels cannot understand like the mind of a redeemed saint can. And it was a redeemed saint who could explain to

John the apostle what some of the mysteries were. Because the mysteries have to do with those things by the grace of God that only man was allowed to deal with. And so for such matters sometimes God predestined a human spirit who was redeemed and has walked with God to function in the place of those angelic beings. Many of those angels who explained a lot of the mysteries of redemption are actually departed spirits.

But if it were Michael or Gabriel who understand dispensation, they can explain dispensation to man like Gabriel explained it to Daniel. But then there are other things that belong to man but doesn't belong to angels. God has to send a departed saint as an angelic being to counsel and teach a prophet. Now Sadhu Sundar Singh also said something like that. Let me just read from his book *The Spirit World*. It says:

Here I asked one of the angels. I asked them can you tell me by what names you are known as. One of the angels replied each of us have been given a new name which none knows except the Lord and the one who have received it. All of us here have served the Lord in different lands, in different ages. And here is no need that any should know what our names are. Nor is there any necessity that we should tell our former earthly names.

Some of the angels who appear to people who do not have wings are actually departed saints who have been serving God for sometime. And many times those angels who were very close explaining a lot of things to a human being are departed spirits. They may have been apostles, pastors, teachers, evangelists or prophets but now they are angels. You know why some of them have to be called home early because God has other work for them. Remember this the spirit world exist whether you believe it or not. Your belief or disbelief theologically doesn't change the spirit world, doesn't change God. It only affects the one who doesn't accept and limit their own thinking and their own life from the greater blessings of God.

And it says here *nor is there any necessity that we should tell our former earthly names.* It might be interesting to know them but what could be the use. *Then we do not want*

people to know our names lest they should imagine us great and give honor to us instead of to the Lord. Who has so loved us that He has lifted us up out of our fallen state and has brought us to our eternal home. Where we would forever sing praises to His loving fellowship. And this is the object that He created us.

Sadhu Sundar Singh walked so close with God I believe he was one of those who was actually caught up. And Sadhu Sundar Singh in one of his books said he asked one of the saints, "Are there any other saints who were translated?" They said, "Yes there are many." We think we only got Enoch and Elijah and Moses who went ahead of time. I mean the Western world have not even heard of Sadhu Sundar Singh. I thank God that the nation of India had at least produced a saint and may every nation produce more.

There were others like John Fletcher who lived in the time of John Wesley. When John Fletcher died John Wesley said the world has lost one of the holiest men on earth. It is said that when he went into a city and left, the people were crying and said, "In our life time we can only see one angel of a man and now you are going away." I want to encourage you because we are teaching in a closed group. This kind of teaching we cannot teach outside. I want you to know that it is possible to live like an angel on this earth. Perhaps you have been so long in the secular world, so long in the natural world, so long living with half-baked Christians who claimed to be normal Christians. When what is normal is actually divine nature. And what we are talking about that people called Christianity at university level, is actually Christianity at normal level. That God wants to raise up a group of Christians who stop at nothing and understand that they could walk like God, walk like Jesus on this earth. They will be able to overcome every work thrown against them. It is a walk that doesn't just include a walk of power, a walk of love but it is also a walk of suffering. The world will always persecute those who are like God. Darkness never likes light. And you may have to go through much suffering and misunderstanding to reach that realm until you are highly purified. So there is a realm that we can ascend to, that we could relate.

The spirit world is full of spirit beings. They may be invisible to your natural eyes but they are there. And they try to communicate to us as well. Although we should not worship angels and be side tracked and our focus is on Jesus, but understand

that there is a whole realm out there. It doesn't mean that when we all get to heaven then I don't pay attention to you and say we all must concentrate on God. So we never talk to each other in heaven because Jesus is the most important thing. Some are so intellectually argumentative they look like they are great intellectual giants. But their arguments are childish as far as argument is concerned. No doubt we worship Jesus but in heaven there will be time to visit one another. There will be time to fellowship. There is the higher truth that wherever you go you cannot run from the presence of God. Its just like the fishes in the sea wherever they are they feel the water. Wherever you are you will know and sense the presence of God.

There is a realm that I want to conclude so that you will be opened to the spirit world. See in the spirit world in relating to angels and spiritual encounters, which tonight you may encounter. There is a whole host of them around here. Some of them may be affecting your thoughts and your desires while you are praying.

This is another statement that our friend Sundar Singh said. He may not have understood the Word of Faith message but the other things he has. He said: *Our relatives and dear ones and at times the saints as well often come from the unseen world to help and protect us but the angels always do. Yet they have never been allowed to make themselves visible to us.*

Do you know that for an angel to actually appear to you they need permission from the Father? They may be around you, they may be helping you but do you know that they are not allowed to appear. They have never been allowed to appear to us except for a few times of very special needs. Although they may be invisible but we like to train you to be sensitive to them so that you know them. We want Christians to be developed and opened to the spirit world. But you notice that in my teaching I emphasize on renewal of the mind and our intellectual development and training in God. Without the other part we will be so far out of the world that nobody can relate to us.

He continues and says, *a few times they are allowed to appear.* Don't be discouraged if tonight you pray all night and your eyes keep looking around, looking for vision

but never see them. They are not allowed to appear unless you got special needs. But whether they appear or not they are always around. And you can actually hear them. Like before coming here an angel did appear to me and he just spoke to me. He said tonight you tell them these 3 things. You tell them about different types of angelic beings. Then you will tell them about the departed spirits. And thirdly you will tell them about their thought life and how important it is.

The Thought Life

Then he says *unrecognized by us they influence us towards holy thoughts and incline us toward God and towards good conduct. And God's Spirit dwelling in our hearts completes the work for the perfecting of our spiritual life which they have been unable to accomplished.* You notice that 3 things I mentioned here. They influence towards holy thought, incline towards God and towards good conduct. And then God's Spirit completes the work which they are unable to do.

Even Kenneth Hagin himself make mention of this but in just one sentence. I don't know why he didn't go deeper. Perhaps in America it is highly unacceptable. He said just as the demons influences us in bad thoughts, angels have an influence on us in good thought. We know that good thought can also come from the Holy Spirit. He said that there are spirit beings also influence us in good thought.

So there are 2 witnesses here: Sadhu Sundar Singh and Kenneth Hagin. So there is something that you all may have felt. Although they are invisible right now to many of you, some of you are thinking how then do I relate to the spirit world and move into that realm. Be conscious of the various degrees of thoughts. Some people think there are only 2 types of thought: good thoughts and bad thoughts. They don't know there are many degrees and levels of thought. Each of your thought has a specific gravity. Specific gravity of any object in water defines of what level the object floats in the water. You let more water in the chamber and the submarine sink. So the specific gravity can go down and go up. We all swim and float but we all float at different levels.

And there are different levels of our thought even tonight if you pray and function. Our desires have different gravity or different weights if you want to put it. Sometimes they are light sometimes they are heavy. The lighter thought can go up the heavy thought cannot go up. Our desires also got different levels. Now you understand what I mean by torture. Sometimes when you talk to people all their desires are all heavy. And you feel the heaviness around them. You feel the pressure of the natural around them. Because all their thought and desires are heavy. They are earthbound.

Then there are different degrees of heights they ascend to. When you meet someone who always talks about the Lord you know that is the level they always live in. The spirit world is concerned about a person's motive, which is why sometimes people don't understand my actions or my inactions in something. And love is the prime motive waiting force and not just judgment or decision-making. In the natural world you are just a decision maker. But when you move into the spirit realm your nature changed. You operate in love and not just in wisdom. Wisdom without love is destructive. Because of that love and compassion and the sense of the spirit you could not act or do something you know would be destructive to another person.

Let me give some examples of some of these thoughts. Here is a book *My Glimpse Of Eternity*. The author actually died and went to heaven. She was desperately praying for healing but never got healed. While she was on the hospital bed having a sort of cleansing operation, God was dealing with her life. Three times she felt the presence. The first time the presence came she knew it was the Lord but she never saw the Lord. The third time she saw the Lord. The third time she went into heaven. But the first 2 times she felt like many of you felt. Just like tonight when I speak some of you felt something different. It is because I am talking about the things of the Lord. I am talking about my experience of the Lord. It's a different atmosphere we have. Something that is timeless even if I take the whole night to talk about that you know that there is something that if you hear carefully and open your spirit it will change your life. See many of you felt a presence and you may receive some thoughts and impressions but no visible manifestation. That was what she had the first time. The second time the presence came into the hospital bed. She saw nothing she heard nothing but her mind was drawn to certain

thoughts. The third time she died and she went into the outer part of heaven. This gives you the understanding of why some people cannot be healed. When I pray for someone, I sense not only the spirit I sense the vibrations that come from the person's life. Sometimes there are conflicts in a person's life and you got to speak some words to the person until their soul and their spirit and their physical body are in harmony. Then you could pray for them and the power just goes straight to them. But if for some reasons that divine harmony cannot come, then they could only partially receive and not fully.

In the second time the presence came this was what she said took place. While she was lying on the bed she says: *I woke up in a panic. My hospital bedroom was dark. Only a dim light flittered through the slightly ajar door. Desperately I reached out for the warm presence that had comforted me during bad moments in recent days. Lord help me. Lord will I ever get well? Please take away my pain. At once the throbbing in my head eased slightly. My panic subsided and I was not alone. The Comforter had returned. Then gently but firmly I felt Him probing my life. What did you learn today from your husband? That question was there in my life. And I am sure I didn't ask it myself. My husband's pathetic effort to cook a meal showed how much he needed me. That's what he wants, isn't it Betty? To have your family totally dependent on you. Again this thought has come from the outside. This thought came from the presence it was the Lord probing her life. When John her husband and Brenda her daughter are so dependant on you Betty. Betty will never ask herself such thoughts. This was the Comforter himself. By now I was wide-awake. These thoughts deeply disturb me. Was I blocking my husband and daughter from God?*

The reason I had to read this book is this. It is very hard to describe some of the things of the spirit I am talking about the different types of thought. And you will understand what I say that the natural man torture the spirit man, because they are not sensitive to this finest area of thought.

I sort of desired to turn away from this painful revelation about myself. But there were no condemnation in the presence only loving concern. Then it seems that the two of us were seated side by side. In front of a screen on which is a series of sins of my life was flashed on the screen. Scene one my parents, younger brothers and I were driving our old car to church on a hot summer day. The car has no air-conditioning. Yet I angrily shouted at my brother that the windows must be kept shut or my hairdo will be ruined.

Scene two: a kitchen scene after my marriage to John. At 5.30 a.m. I am baking biscuits when John sleepily appears asking why the early rising. I want your mother to know that you have a wife who gets up early every morning to fix your breakfast.

Do you know all these things in the natural will not affect the natural man? This is the degree I am talking about. These are the things the Lord brought before her.

Scene three, in a local departmental store I spent hours trying to find a matching mother-daughter outfit for Brenda.

This is something that many people call window-shopping. A lot of these things that become acceptable become sin. But out there sin is only the breaking of the 10 commandments. But when you get so close with God a flirting thought like that becomes sin.

I explain that intensity of my search. It gives my daughter a sense of security to dress like her mother.

Now you understand what I mean when the Lord comes to you, no body that really have met the Lord or met an angel of God will ever be proud again. And no body that really has met the Lord will come out without more love. Which I why a lot of those so-called prophets, people who claim to know a lot of things but they have their pride and they operate in the flesh, they haven't really met Him. When you meet Him you will be like Job. And you will say I am just but dust and ashes. All you want to do is to repent.

Scene four, late at night in our bedroom I give the room a romantic aura by lighting some candles. Next comes a spray of perfume. John my husband watches me from the bed with

mixed emotion. Just one time I like you to forget the trappings come into my arms and say that all you really want is me.

This kind of scene flashed before her.

Scene five John and I are talking one evening in our home. He has met a young husband and wife who had such marital problem. Their infidelity was well known about town. They were looking for help says John. And I like to have them for dinner and then take them to our church afterwards. I tell John that the neighbors might think its strange if we identify with people of low reputation. That it would be best for them to go to church directly and have my father minister to their needs. (Her father is a pastor incidentally.)

Five scenes flashed before her. Scenes that the world treats as common daily events. Now you know how uncommon the daily events are to one accustomed to the spirit world.

Now all of these scenes on the surface might seem typical of family life. Yet as each one flashed before me I was gently made aware of truth about myself. The first scene showed my determination to protect my hairdo in the car at the expense of others. I mean the others were sweating away. I say why not wind up the whole car window. My determination to protect my hairdo was not only self-centeredness. It was beginning of a pattern to get my own way and that God said was wrong. See in life we never get our own way.

The second scene my early rising to take biscuits was not to show John how much I love him. But to impress others what a good wife I was. I want your mother to know.

Third scene the search in the departmental store for the matching garment. *My great search to find a matching mother-daughter outfit. And she told the sales clerk so that her daughter can have security in a mummy like her.*

Fourth scene, the romantic trappings. The candles and perfume act was not to make it easier for me to give myself more completely to my husband. It was a bit of fantasy on my part to make our physical relationship seem better than it was. And to give me study material to impress others with a romantic quality of our marriage.

The sixth scene, my turn down of the adulteress couple was the most devastating scene of all. Seeing my self righteousness and pride made me want to want to put my head under the pillow in shame. How this act must have grieved the Spirit of God. Tears float down my cheek. Forgive me Lord forgive me.

I want you to know and I say with heavy heart 99% of people I talked to are like that. They don't understand the realm that you can move into. Once you have seen Jesus and you have tasted the things of the spirit you are different. When people treat you the same and they don't regard that the spiritual quality of the relationship they can have with you is as torture.

And at the end of the encounter with the Lord, the Lord changed her life and relationships. She made this statement at the end of the book. *Why had I not been able to accept people as they were rather than always wanting to change them? Why could I not live fully and joyously in the present moment? Now I know I had to die in order to live. A lot of people do not know the cross; they do not know what the true spiritual life is like.*

I close with Matt. 5. You know the book of Matt. 5 and 6 that Jesus is concerned about our higher thoughts. And that will tell you why some people don't see the spirit world. Matt. 5:8 *Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.* No doubt the things of this natural life can be painful and needed. Sometimes when I talk in fellowship and I find somebody who is so concerned for their natural life 99% of the time I feel a sort of pity for him or her. No doubt God is concerned about your daily bread.

When the 2 brothers came to Jesus and the one who was deprived of the inheritance says Master tell my brother to share my inheritance with me. Jesus rebuked him and said beware of covetousness. Which is why people think they can move you with riches and wealth. They don't understand once you get into the spirit it is a small thing. There are other things that you look for in people's life.

Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. If you are pure in heart you can't stand impurity. If you are pure in heart and pure in thought I guarantee you from time to time by the permission of the Almighty Father you will see the spirit world. The only reason you are not seeing the spirit world is the gravity of the law of sin and death. Your thoughts are like the instrument of a telephone line by which the vision can come to you. So if it do not attach up there, there is no flow to you. If it is always down here you will live and die with only a faint impression of the spirit world.