

THE HEAVENLY PLACES SERIES

THE SPIRITUAL WORLD

Lets look at Rev.4: 1-8 *After this I looked, and lo, in heaven an open door! And the first voice which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up hither, and I will show you what must take place after this," At once I was in the Spirit, and lo, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne! And He who sat there appeared like jasper and carnelian, and round the throne was a rainbow that looked like an emerald. Round the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clad in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. From the throne issue flashes of lightning, and voices and peals of thunder, and before the throne burn seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God; and before the throne there is as it were a sea of glass, like crystal. And round the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind, the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all round and within, and day and night they never cease to sing, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"*

The passage that we are looking up here is very similar to many people's experience of the throne room in heaven and what takes place there. Tonight we want to share about something different in the angle of the throne room. Sometimes when we share experiences that we have in the Lord people can't understand why we sometimes have to seek to refer and research and find out from other people or other man or woman of God who have the same kind of experience. It's very hard to bring forth something new when you are all alone with the only experience in

God. But always God gives to more than one with similar experiences.

Spiritual Experiences Produces Spiritual Knowledge

I know the ministry of the teaching of the word of God has blessed a lot of people. But what many people fail to understand is that it is not just the ability to analyze the word or to teach the word that has resulted in the teaching ministry that God has called me to. Above that people don't realize is that the wealth of spiritual experiences has produced those teaching. If all we had is just the ability to analyze, it would not have that special touch of God or that special feel that you could have that this is something that comes from God. Its something that reveals the spirit world as it is. What people fail to see when they hear really good teaching that reveals something that is in line with the word of God behind it is spiritual experience. The only way we have been able to continuously bring out fresh teaching is because of continuous spiritual experiences. There is no way we can maintain that amount of spiritual revelations coming out if we did not maintain the spiritual experiences. It has to be continuous experiences in God.

We do not understand what people mean when they talk about back sliding or getting cold in God. Maybe that's the level Christians are struggling with. When you live in revival and whether that revival affects others or not, you know you have your walk with God. You know you continue to experience the reality of God. And all truth can only be understood after experience. And no matter how difficult something is even in the natural if all you did was to experience it, you will be able to share it and to a certain extend teach it. Of course there needs to be a certain ability to analyze it to teach it. But remember it's not just the ability to analyze. It's a gift that God gives to experience Him that produces some of those things that I am able to share with you. Behind the wealth of teaching is the wealth of spiritual experience.

Which is why sometimes people who are new in spiritual experience. And they come and sometimes pride hits them. Remember knowledge puffs up and we need to learn to be humble in God the more we experience God. Sometimes we come

across young Christians and they are experiencing new things. The way they shared it, it looks like nobody else had that experience. When you walk with God and continue to live your life in God there will always be continuously new things in God, new realms in God until we walk into the glory of God. When we received an experience of understanding in God there is nothing to be proud about. No one can understand God unless God reveals Himself. And it is by His grace that He chooses to reveal Himself and to let us experience Him. It should humble us more than make us proud. We need to recognize that these experiences that we are sharing with you are very precious. People can misunderstand and misquote it but they are very precious nuggets of truth coming straight from our spiritual experiences. The one purpose that we share is so that others could have the opportunity to experience the same thing too and it would create a hunger and a thirst for God.

Kenneth Hagin's Experience

So let me read some other people's experiences at the throne room and I am going to summarize things here and put an analysis on these experiences. Kenneth E. Hagin in his book *I Believe in Visions* shared about one of his first visions of Jesus when he had a throne room experience. And he heard a voice that says here, " 'Come up hither, come up to the throne of God.' I saw Jesus standing again about where the top of the tent is. And I went to him through the air. When I reached him together we continue on to heaven. We came to the throne of God. And I beheld it in its entire splendor. I was not able to look upon the face of God but only beheld His form." The first thing that attracted my attention was a rainbow above the throne. It was very beautiful. The second thing I saw was the winged creature on either side of the throne. They were peculiar looking creatures. And as I walked up with Jesus, these creatures stood with wings outstretched. They were saying something.

As they notice Kenneth Hagin looking at them, they ceased and they folded their wings. They had eyes all around their heads and they behold in all directions at once. I stood with Jesus in the midst about 18 to 40 feet from the throne. I looked at the rainbow first; at the winged creatures second and then I started to look at the One who sat upon the throne. Jesus told me not to look upon His face. I could see only the form of a being upon the throne.

And so he had this conversation with Jesus but here is one man who saw the throne of God and he saw Jesus.

Sadhu Sundar Singh's Experience

And the other spiritual experiences that I would like to quote are from the book *The Spiritual World* by Sadhu Sundar Singh. He shares some of his deepest spiritual experiences and he made a preface on this book. And in this preface he writes this.

In this book I have attempted to write about some of the visions that God has given me. Had I considered my own inclination I would not have published the account of this vision during my lifetime. But friends whose judgment I value has been insistent that as a spiritual help to others the publication of the teaching of this visions should not be delayed. In deference to the wish of these friends, this book is now presented to the public. Fourteen years ago while I was praying my eyes were opened to the heavenly vision. So vividly did I see it all that I thought that I must have died? And that my soul has passed into the glory of heaven. But through out the intervening years this vision had continued to enrich my life. I cannot call them up at will. But usually when I am praying or meditating, sometimes as often as 8 or 10 times a month, my spiritual eyes are opened to see within the heaven and for an hour or two I walk in the glory of the heavenly spirit with Christ Jesus and hold converse with angels and spirits. Their answers to my questions have provided much of the materials that have already been published in my books. And unutterable ecstasy of that spiritual communion makes me long for the time when I shall enter in permanently to the bliss and fellowship of the redeemed.

Some may consider that these visions are merely a form of spiritualism. But I would emphasize that there is one very essential difference. Spiritualism does presume to produce messages and signs from spirit out of the dark. But they are usually so fragmented and unintelligible, if not actually deceptive that they lead their followers away from rather than to the truth. In these visions on the other hand I see vividly and clearly every detail of the glory of the spiritual world. And I have the uplifting experience of very real fellowship with the saints and the inconceivable bright and beautiful surroundings of the spiritual world made visible. It is from these angels and saints that I have received not elusive messages

from the unseen but clear and rational answers of many of the problems that have troubled me.

Then he writes here in his little book the communion of the saints was so real in the experience of the early church. That it is given a place among the necessary articles of its faith as stated in the Apostle Creed.

Once in a vision I ask the saint for a proof from the bible of this communion of the saints. And was told that it was to be found clearly given in Zech. 3:7-8. Where those who were standing by were neither angels nor man of flesh and blood but saints in glory. And God's promises on conditions of Joshua fulfilling his command is that he will be given a place of access to walk among them that stand by. And these are his fellows; the spirits of men made perfect with whom he could commune.

Some of the spiritual experiences that we have had years ago and which we started sharing only recently are beyond what many people can understand. I seek refuge among people like Sundar Singh and John G. Lake that they are those who walk with God who have come to that level who understand what we are talking about. Sometimes we criticize and we run down something we have no experience in. But the fact is that we could prove it from the bible.

Communion of the Saints

What is the reason for this communion of saints? What's the purpose? Among some of the reasons that were given were that 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. Now in this book I talked about one of the relatives who has passed away and gone home to be with Jesus; he came and helped one of those people who were standing there seeking to help. But the help was rejected. Our relatives and dear ones and at time the saints as well often come from the unseen world to help and protect us. But the angels always do. That means once in a while there are saints that have gone home who come to the aid of other saints. They were

sent by God on a mission of course but the angels are there always doing their job but the other departed saints come to help once in a while. Yet they have never been allowed to make themselves visible to us except at a few times of very special need. By ways unrecognized by us they influence us towards good by giving us holy thoughts and incline us towards God and towards good conduct. God's Spirit dwelling in our hearts complete the work of the perfecting of our spiritual life, which they have been unable to accomplish.

Demons when they work the opposite are true. They stir wrong thoughts in your life. When you go to a place where there is a certain type of demons they stir the same kind of desire in your life and in your thought. Now the opposite is true in the spirit world that the angels and some of these saints that are sent on a mission stir us in ways we don't recognize towards holy thoughts, towards good conduct, towards the right thing. We don't realize it but it has been happening all the time.

We know that in the book of Rev. 19 that some of the saints that have died and gone home to be with Jesus serve as angels. Rev.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."* I know there are real angels. But some of the saints who had gone ahead of us are on assignment serving as angels. I mean the church has been nearly 2000 years in existence. Don't tell me some of the early saints all they do is waiting up there in heaven for us playing a harp.

One of the saints was talking to Sundar Singh. And he knew that this particular angel was formerly one of the saints who lived on this earth. Then he asked this angel who was actually one of the fellow servants, "By what name you are known?" One of the angels replied, "Each of us has been given a new name which none knows except the Lord and the one who has received it. All of us here have served the Lord in different lands and in different ages. And there is no need that any should know what our names are nor is there any necessity that we should tell our former earthly name." It might be interesting to know them but what would be the use of it? "And 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. In fact he says all of us were departed saints." He had the communion of the saints.

If you don't believe in the communion of the saints you have one aspect of spiritual help cut off from your life. Now God is still working in that area even if you don't know. **But in these days God is revealing to us to help us co-operate with some of these saints to accelerate spiritual growth.** And that's the statement I made that God gave me to make. Before those revelations given to them such help from departed saints was there but were not understood nor revealed. But in a time of acceleration of spiritual growth for the perfecting of the church, God is once again reviving some of these things so that we understand it. Let me make this statement. Those who reject it will be hindered from having help. There are something we don't believe in we cut ourselves off from them. Which is why on Sunday I am teaching on angels and co-operating with them. And if we don't believe that our words and prayers affect the angels you are cut off from some of the things

. What we believe is important to the life that we live in and how we respond to it and how we are obedient to them determines even the life span of our life. The bible did say that those who honor their parents they would have long life. That shows you that there is a length of life that is affected. What happens to those who dishonor their parents? Their life will be shortened. Let me remind you there are more than one principle of the lengthening and shortening of life. And there are a lot of little details in life like going into the permissive will in many, many ways that shorten the life span of a person. We need to understand that we need a lot of help. You could say why not just have the Holy Spirit and the Lord Jesus. He has many means of helping us. It is His jurisdiction to determine how He wants to help us, to teach us.

John G. Lake's Experience

Let me also point to a man called John G. Lake who has experienced help given by a departed saint. And he has a section on spiritualism. Some of his analysis seems a bit different from Sundar Singh's. I will summarize the differences. Sundar Singh makes a statement that some of the departed saints were sent on assignment to help us here in ways unrecognized and invisible and unseen that we don't realized.

Some of you were there when I was teaching on angels. And I was reading a portion from Kenneth E. Hagin's *I Believe In Visions*. How an angel appeared to him at his caravan. And there is one statement he made that when Jesus appeared to him and reminded him about that incident and says because you didn't open yourself to it the angel could not give his message. Because we don't open to something we don't receive some of the messages that God is trying to send through that invisible barrier to us.

John G. Lake's wife was called Genie Lake. In his book under the title called *His life, his sermons, his boldness of faith* talks about his early life when he was surrounded by sicknesses and diseases and how he overcame each one of them. His wife was dying of a sickness. And on April 28th 1898 his wife was healed. And she went on to live for another 10 years. His wife died in Africa about December 22nd 1908. And the story is quite sad. There was a tremendous revival happening in South Africa. You know when God does something you always have opposition from the enemy. So don't be afraid of criticism and opposition. Remember that you know what you are doing and you know that you are walking in the perfect will of God nothing should be able to shake you.

Just to remind you that there are little attitudes in our life that is affecting our life span. For example if a person is called to the ministry but he goes to do some secular work, this will shorten his life span. He has gone into the permissive will of God. Lets say if a person is in the ministry and he becomes worldly or become covetous or money minded it will shorten his life span. He is walking into the permissive will. Or if a person in a has a call from God to be in some secular or professional work, and if he tries to interfere into spiritual matters that are beyond his jurisdiction it will shorten his life span. There are a lot of little things that shorten or lengthen our life span. We must walk carefully in the ways of God. The only security we have to live the fullness of life God wants us to have is to walk in His perfect will. We need a lot of help to live this life. We need the anointing of the Holy Spirit, we need the Holy Spirit within us, we need the word of God, we need the Lord Jesus Christ, we need angelic help, and the communion of the saints, all these things are helping us. There is a multitude of things that God has assigned to help us to walk his spiritual life.

And here is a sad story about how they had a tremendous revival in South Africa. John G. Lake preached to a congregation of about 500 Zulus. The service started out quietly that morning. He recognizes the uneasy silence that filled the air just minutes before a storm hit. He senses the Spirit was about to do something so he waited. What happen that day was like a volcano erupting both in the morning and evening service. The Spirit fell; signs and wonders began showering on the congregation. But it didn't stop there. In the days that followed there were spectacular displays of God power spilled out in the community like lava. A fiery trail of revival cuts through the hearts of people desperate for a strong man's gospel. Within week scores of people in Johannesburg and surrounding area were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, hundreds were supernaturally healed. News of this supernatural outbreak quickly spread across the nation and crowds flocked in from even remote parts of the country. The anointing that falls on Lake while he was in South Africa astounded even Lake himself. The only way he could describe it was as if liquid fire pumping through his vein. Within 18 months after stepping foot onto South African soil, he established his own tabernacle, a main church and congregation in Johannesburg and were over seeing 100 other churches in surrounding area.

While those things were taking place a controversy started over him. Lake's reputation was being questioned. Perhaps one of the intense controversies was his outward love for the black nationals. At that time in South Africa there were apartheid and he crossed those boundaries. And a lot of those people who were actually against him for mixing with the blacks gave other excuses. This seems to hit his boiling point in 1909. When Lake greeted a black South African national with a heart full of love, Lake put his arms around his neck, kissed him and called him my brother. This infuriated some of the unconverted white men to the point that they booed at Lake. Lake turned around and shouted God has made a one blood all nations of men. Then he quoted I Jn. 3:15 *Any one who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.* Still many shouted that the black devil should be kicked into the street. You see sometimes in this life we change history. And there are people who changed non-Christian history because they stood on what they believe on. As Christians we need the stamina and the boldness on what we believe for that are Christian principles and change the world.

John G. Lake was one of those who know that the true Christian gospel unites all

the races of men. He stood for that even though it was controversial. And if you want to change the world, you want to make history that changes the lives of other people, you may have to have the boldness to stand firm in the face of controversies and not be afraid of controversies. It says here back in the United States waves after waves of rumors rolled in from South Africa. Rumors that Lake was misusing the ministry's money. But by the time Lake caught wind of these rumors, he seems caught in the backlash of accusation. Though the accusations were later proven false, trust in Lake has eroded and the flow of financial gift dwindled to a trickle. Sadly this was a man who had gone to South Africa without any support from any organization, who never took collection in his meeting. And he was stuck to his decision to never make his personal needs known. Yet this rumor was circulated by the devil. You know why? The devil was frightened.

Some of you have read John G. Lake's book. You read about the part where his missionaries met together they had the Lord's Supper and they had a covenant onto death to preach the gospel. And that year he buried many of them who died for their life. Let me tell you on the judgment day those people who spread these rumors against him are going to stand and be judged with a severe judgment. The life of a missionary is to give up all for Jesus, who shed their blood and their life. They could have lived longer lives if they had a little bit more help. Many of them died. You all remember that story how over the communion table they pledged their covenant onto death. And that story has brought tears to many eyes. Now Lake's young mission, which has grown to 125 ministers in the field, began to suffer even more as difficult circumstances got worse. Ironically while thousands of South African were being saved and healed, Lake is starved and the family was often in dire need.

Then came another pounding wave of controversy the masterpiece of Satan as they call it. Not even a full year in the ministry, Lake returns home from a preaching tour and found that his dear Genie has died. Genie died from malnutrition and physical exhaustion. The reason being while Lake was away on preaching tour scores of sick people would show up at his home and wait for him to return. Most were poor and without provision and they slept in the Lake's yard. Genie would usually take what little food she and her 7 children could afford and share it with them.

In the other book on John G. Lake where he talked about the communion table and the missionaries who died., among those who died was his wife leaving 7 children. Altogether he had only had her for 15 years. She died in 1908 because some stupid fellows spread some stupid rumors and caused their finances to be ruined. And those humans involved in this rumormongering were incited by demon powers. Remember the next time you hear wrong rumors behind them are the enemy especially if they are lies. What many people don't see is the suffering that the lies cause those who have made real sacrifices. So the next time your church member or anyone who spread lies against minister. Remember you don't sit down quietly. You fight those lies. You stand up for your pastor. You stand up for your minister. Because if you don't do anything those lies can hurt and cause unnecessary suffering. And it can even cause the early termination of a good ministry in an indirect way.

Now his wife passed away in 1908 many years later while he was in America ministering. His wife appeared to help somebody in a healing. Is this spiritualism? It is not. The reason I quoted this incident is because after God showed me a lot of these things in the spirit, I said, " Lord it's very lonely when you have those kinds of revelations where nobody understand you. Lord show me some other people who have." And He led me to these kind of books.

I know there are some controversies about the communion of the saints. But we need to know that John G. Lake and others have the same kind of experiences. Those people who going against it are demonically inspired, to prevent help from being received. And prevent the Christian from growing into another realm. And prevent Christians from resolving mysteries of the experiences that they have been having.

Now John G. Lake analyzes it differently. It says here that he has an acquaintance with this W.T. State who was a victim of the Titanic. And when he was a missionary in Africa. He came to London at his invitation and expense for a personal interview. And this fellow took him to his office. This fellow is a spiritualist. And what they do is they speak to demonic spirits. This fellow has even written books of those experiences with dead persons. But these are all not of God.

And John G. Lake says that references to the divinity of Christ are very vague and are the deception of the enemy. So there is a communion of the saints and there is a deception. Remember for every thing that is true and real, there is a deception and you got to look at both sides. People who claim to contact the dead people are not from God. Communion of the saints is initiated by God and not initiated by us. We just need to be aware and recognize it.

Finally a meeting was arranged between Sir Oliver Lodge, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, W.T.State and myself. I want to say a word concerning these two great men. Both have been knighted by the king because of their scientific knowledge. We spent the whole night reviewing these experiences. Theirs were non-Christian. His was Christian and he was comparing notes. Then he said, "Gentlemen I want to tell one of my experiences that I think goes further than any these you told me. My late wife died in South Africa. I buried her on Christmas Eve 1908. The following 6th of May was the anniversary of her birthday. As I sat at the table I occupied an hour telling the family incidences of their mother and trying to fix a memory of their mother on their young minds. The baby was only 18 months old and the eldest only 14 years when she died. When I went to the office a lady tapped me on the shoulder and said, 'When you are through with your business come up to the office.' The same day that he was talking about his wife to his children. Someone who recognized him tapped him. And I recognized her as one of the members of my audience. They were a couple of gentlemen who came up to the office and handed me a card with the address. When I was through I went up to my office I recognize them as members of my audience. There was a couple of gentlemen in the room; one a French man named Masalleh and another French man. "

"As we sat talking I wondered why she had asked me to come. I observed as I watched her she seemed to be distressed. On one side of her face was purple. I stepped over and ask her if she was sick that she asked me to come. And she said certainly. I laid my hands on her and began to pray. I was conscious of the Spirit coming in power. And that purple disappeared as I watch it. The healing was so remarkable that the gentlemen were surprised. Matsalleh said Mr. Lake what is that. I said that is God. He replied everything is god. I live among the East Indians everything is god. Now that was offensive to my spirit. Not everything is God. Not everything that is manifested is of God."

"I opened the door with a push. A lady happened to be behind the door and she took an awful blow on the side she became unconscious. A few days later we discovered the skull was fractured. Not only that but the optic nerve have been detached and the eye became blind. He had spent quite a fortune on the woman and nothing availed; the eye remained blind. He said if there is God you put your hand on her and pray sight back into the eye. The Spirit was resting on my soul John G. Lake said. I stepped over and began to pray. Instantly the Spirit came upon her until she was absolutely submerged in the Spirit. She remained in that condition a little while and this strange thing took place. She arose from her chair. Her eyes were quite shut and she came in my direction. I got up and moved my chair. She walked around and came to him. She slipped her fingers down and gave me a little hug just like my late wife would have done. And said, 'Jack, my Jack, God is with you all the time. Go right on my baby, my baby I am so lonesome for you. You pray so hard. After Mrs. Lake died the little boy fell into a decline. And it requires all the energy of my soul to keep that boy alive for months. Eventually he survived."

Just a sidetrack before I continue. After Genie Lake died in 1908 the little boy was nearly going to be gone. I perceived Genie Lake must have wanted that little boy up there too. But Lake prayed and kept that boy down here. There is something we don't realize taking place in the spirit world. I am sharing all these because it has effect on your prayers.

"Now after the incident on praying for this lady. I asked her, that lady who behaved like his wife for a moment of time, I ask her to write it down. You get people to write things down so that you can analyze them. And this is what happened to that lady as he was praying for her and she got healed. Her blind eyes were opened although the optic nerve was detached it got attached back. She didn't know what she was doing but this was what she experienced in the spirit while John G. Lake was praying for her. After a while she sat down and the Spirit came upon her. She said it seems as if she escaped out of herself and traveled so far and so fast. She said, 'I was being approached by a beautiful lady. She was tall.' She gave a general description of her. Incidentally the description is exactly like his wife. She said her name was Genie. It is sympathy that brings me. I have a visual defect and the Lord healed me. You come with me I will take you to Jesus. That's what Genie said to

her. And Jesus will heal you. She linked her arms in mine and we traveled together. As we went along I observed the most wonderful landscape. Presently we came to a mountain while we stood there this lady repeated to her the entire 35th chapter of Isaiah. The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose etc. This woman did not know there was such a chapter in the bible. I told her it was the 35th chapter of Isaiah. Then they came to a broad stretch of water and on the opposite side were groups of angels. And Jesus stood in the midst in one of these groups. That lady took her to within a respectful distance and bowed in the presence of Jesus. She looked on me with sympathy and said wherefore did thou doubt. I am the Lord that healed thee. And He took the waters of the river and bathed my eyes and made me see. All these took place as we sat in the office. Presently her eyes opened and she became normal. Her employer asks he what had happened and if she could see. She looked up across the street and proceeded to read the sign on the wall. And they tested her eyesight and it was perfect.

Is this incident of God? Jesus divinity was intact. Jesus was still Lord. Jesus healed. But the interesting thing about this incident was that it happened while John G. Lake was praying for that woman. And she had the same kind of problem that John G. Lake's wife used to have. And that very morning John G. Lake was talking about his wife to his children.

You see there is something in the spirit world we don't realize. They are all closely connected. There must have been those thoughts that were flowing. Usually in the spirit world before something takes place the preparation had already began and you are drawn to those things. So he was already drawn to talk about his wife that morning. And later that day as he was praying for that woman, that woman for a moment of time became like his wife. And when she went back to her seat she had this vision of John G. Lake's wife coming to her. Introducing her, escorting her with her arm. Taking her to Jesus and letting Jesus heal her. This is communion of the saints.

Now he has a different explanation for why communion of saints takes place. This is his explanation. I believe that while Sundar Singh talks about them being sent on

a mission, John G. Lake explanation is slightly different. It is not dragging some spirits up. It isn't dragging some spirits down. There is nothing about calling spirits down from God in the word. Only about calling them out of the death that was in the Old Testament. Paul says he was caught up to the third heaven II Cor. 12:2. The attractive power is where the Lord Jesus is. Jesus Christ is the attraction of the Blood washed soul. If you are going to travel anywhere you will go His way. Then he says don't confuse yourself with a lot of Old Testament scriptures concerning the dead. In the Old Testament the dead know nothing at all. See Ecclesiastes 9:5 that he never read it in the New Testament. Now in the Old Testament you are forbidden to contact the dead. Then he says something happened to the dead in Christ when Jesus came. They changed their place of residence. And after that he began to read II Cor. 5:8 To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Now I want to fix this in your mind. He says, "The Blood washed always go there." And if you ever talk to anyone that is over there you will go to them. They are not going to leave the throne but they will say brother come up here. This is the only way you will ever communicate with them.

Now John G. Lake explains it differently in the communion of the saints. He explains it as we having to enter into that spiritual realm in order to have some of this communion taking place. Sundar Singh talked about some them being sent on mission like angels down here. The realm of the spirit is very hard to describe geographically. In II Cor. 12 here is where my analysis come. II Cor.12: 2 *I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up the third heaven - whether in the body or out of the body I do not know.* Notice how difficult it is when you are very deep in the Spirit to know whether it was your spirit going there or the revelation coming down on you. It is very hard to tell in the spirit world. How he was caught up into paradise and heard inexpressible words which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Now distance is very relative in the spirit world. But there is a key and a truth. There is a realm where the communion of saints is working all the time. But we are unaware of it, it works invisibly.

But there is a realm which becomes manifest to us only when our spirit rises up to that realm. What's that realm? Eph. 2:5-7 *Even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in*

Christ Jesus. Our spirits have to be risen up in Christ in order to understand the fullness of the manifestation of the communion of the saints. In a sense what I am saying is both the analysis are correct because the two take place at the same time. They do and they are sent on mission. But at the same time our spirit man has to have that realm, the experience of that realm being in the heavenly places.

In the book of Col. 3:1-2 *If then, you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set you minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.* Now our spirits has to be in Christ but our mind has to be in Christ. In Rom.8 it says that the carnal mind is an enmity of God. And those who set their minds on carnal things, their minds become carnal. Those who set their minds on spiritual things have a spiritual mind. It's important not only to have our spirit rise with Christ but also our mind must be renewed and raised with Christ for the things of the spirit to work in our life.

Darkened Minds Prevents Communion with the Spiritual Realm

And one of the reasons why many people are not aware or sensitive to the work of angels or even to the work of the Holy Spirit or to the work of the communion of the saints is because their mind is not set on the things above. They are too dragged down and their spirits are not risen above. There are too many things pressing on their spirit. And they will be under what I call the spirit of heaviness. And their spirit is so clouded out. Do you know that the one thing that blocks us from the spirit world is the flesh? Do you know that before Adam and Eve fell into sin, they could see the spirit world without any effort? Seeing the spirit world is the natural birthright that belongs to human kind. When Adam and Eve fell into sin they became pure flesh creatures. Before that they don't have to eat in order to live to sustain the body. Eating was an impartation and a pleasure. Just like it will be in heaven when we get back again. And all the plants that exist and all the animals that exist will live forever in the Garden of Eden. But when Adam and Eve fell into sin the world became the biological world that we know now. We were born into a fallen world and we never saw what it was like. And this world that we have is an imperfect state. But if you could have a vision of what the perfect world is like you have a better understanding and relationship with God.

When Adam and Eve fell into sin their minds were darkened according to Eph. 2 that there was a veil that cover the spirit world. And as long as we are flesh and carnal we will not see the spirit world. I do not promise you the discerning of spirits that works as the Spirit wills. But all of us can be sensitive to the spirit world and the spirit realm. In however dimension your spiritual growth works and grows in. we all need to be sensitive to the spirit world. We need to be sensitive to the dimension of the spirit realm. Our spiritual senses need to be exercised and trained to discern what is actually taking place in the spirit world. Sometimes God could train your spiritual eyes, your spiritual ears and all your spiritual senses in ways too deep for human words. The more heavenly you become the more spiritual you become. The more you are raised with Christ in the heavenly places and your mind is set on things above, the more open you are to the spirit world. And the more you can live in that spirit world, the more you bring to order the natural world.

When we pray in the Spirit and walk in the realm that God wants us to, it is that realm that we must flow in all the time. The first realm or the spirit world is where we were created to be and created for. The first point that the realm of the spirit world is opened to whoever spirit and mind is raised with Christ above need not be limited to the veil of the flesh. That is the biological part of us since we are born into this fallen world. But let your spirit and your renewed mind rise up into the realm of Christ.

Spirit Beings From Other Worlds and Other Ages

There is another little secret realm that I would like to reveal. When I was up in the spirit world God told me that all these actually came from other world. They were not only just four living creatures like that. We all are human and man orientated. When man first look up at the sky, Man says the earth is the center of the universe. The sun and all the other planets revolve round the earth. And mankind hung to that false error for thousands of years. Then finally they said we were wrong. The earth and all the other planets move round the sun. Then they say the solar system is the center of the universe. Then when the telescope grew more powerful they found out that even in our own galaxy call the Milky Way we are not even in the

center. We are only one corner of the Milky Way Galaxy.

Now in the word of God in the book of Heb. 11:3 *By faith we understand that the world was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was made out of things which do not appear.* There are many worlds before us and going to be after us. Now that kind of self-centeredness that I described that is in mankind is in theologian mind when they read the word of God. When we read the book of Genesis we think we human are special. God has made us a little lower than the Elohim. Now there is no doubt that we are special to God. But there are other worlds that God has made. And God gave me a little bit of the understanding. Remembers those four creatures around the throne. They were the best beings like them from their world. They are now serving God in this manifestation to us from this earth. And there are a lot of the other beings from another world.

Then I was looking for a companion to see whether some other had the same revelation. When we talk about this kind of thing they think we are talking about Star Wars. The only problem with this movie is a bit materialist. Life forms found only in the material world are wrong. There is a lot of other things in the spirit. The only problem with this movie is they are only based on the law of physic and natural laws. But there are a whole lot other laws we haven't discovered. They are more powerful in the spirit world.

In his preface on the Spiritual World he says this. There is repeated mention of spirits, saints, and angels in this book. The distinction I will make between them is that spirits can be both good and bad. Who after death exist in the stage intermediate between heaven and hell? Saints are those who have passed on through this stage into the higher sphere of the spiritual world. And have a special service allotted to them. Angels are those glorious beings to whom all kind of superior service has been allotted. And among them are included many saints from other worlds as well as from this world of ours who all live together as one family.

There are beings of other spiritual worlds and realm. We have a short sighted human centeredness without realizing how big God is. In other books he mentioned

in talking to God. That God said that in this world that exist of what we know. There is one primary manifestation of God, that God is love. Now there are other aspects of God we never understood and never knew. You say why do all these things thrill you so much. You remember when I shared about the trip to heaven that God gave me a glimpse of what part of my work will be up there in heaven. It is already glorious to discover your destiny on planet earth. It's even more glorious to discover a part of your destiny in eternity. When we look at the book of Genesis and see the creation of man, we always were self-centered like the early natural philosophers that analyze the universe. We think that man is the finale of God's creation.

Look there are a lot of things that went on before we came. And there are a lot of things that are going to come on after we leave. Don't let this make us feel too small. But it should make us feel how big God is. But we are still special in God. But what I want to open your heart to be the largeness of God that I saw in my vision. There are a lot of other things that happened before we came into being. There are a lot of things that happened even before the angels were created. God is not a fresh new God. There were a lot of things that happened in eternity long before. And some of those beings from those realms are serving today with God. Remember this book from Genesis to Revelation is one tiny micro quark of all the beautiful things that God is doing in His large creation of His. In the book of Revelation when Satan was bound for a thousand years it says in Rev. 20:4 *Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom judgment was committed.* Now what are these thrones? You notice that there is a sharing of certain work

Spiritual Destiny

When Satan was bound for a thousand years it says in Rev. 20:4 *Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom judgment was committed.* Now what are those thrones? You notice that there is a sharing of certain work. One of the reasons God wanted me to experience the throne room of God differently from the other people was to show me this truth. Every vision and revelation has a whole purpose tie up to your destiny. God helped me understand the throne and the purpose of throne and throne room. And the church has a place in the throne room. Now here are thrones; not just one throne but thrones. And this verse 4 is not talking about the

throne of God. It's talking about the thrones of some of the saints who are going to sit in judgment with God. Among them are the twelve apostles whom he promised to sit on thrones with him to judge. And Paul did talk about judging angels. Christian life is not just getting saved from your sin and having a ticket to heaven. If that is the only goal in your life it's the misery goal in your spiritual life. You should aim for the highest thing in God. Now you know why Paul was aiming for that. You are not just aiming for this life you aim further. When you aim further this life is peanuts. One of those secrets on people who use the karate and chop the wood. One master who could just chop and a whole row of brick go down. And he says when he sees this row of bricks. He doesn't look at the top brick. He says he look at some where inside the ground. And he is aiming at some where inside the ground. So as he hit the top brick he receives the full acceleration because there is not where he is stopping. Its somewhere further down that he is stopping. When you aim further the force is greater. A lot of Christians are aiming their life at just making it in this world. But if I could share you secrets that would help you aim for the next life this world is nothing. Any price that come you are willing to pay. And not all Christians in verse 4 sit on those thrones.

That was why Paul was talking about his desire to be in that resurrection. In the book of Phil. 3:9-11 *And be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, based on law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith, that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that if possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.* Now Paul is not talking about salvation and resurrection from the dead which is a normal believer's promise. He is talking about something else. He was not worried that he won't be physically resurrected. But he was talking about attaining to that level where he could sit on the throne at the resurrection of the dead. Paul had a very high aim. He wants to be used of God in the next level of God's dealing on this earth and in the next level in eternity.

All those 4 creatures around the throne of God. I don't know what their past life or what they were. But they must have been among the best of their kind that God chose to serve Him in the manifestation to us in this life. Remember Rev.4 you see the 24 elders. And for some unknown reason we have always interpreted it to be the 12 apostles and the 12 patriarch. Now figuratively we can use all these things to be symbolic. Let me tell you they are not just symbolic. They are real 24 thrones

around the throne. Where do these 24 elders come from? Who are they? What is their function? Now John was an apostle and he was looking at these 24 elders. And they were real people. If John was supposed to be there, what is he doing watching one of them? And all the thrones were full up. If he was here and one of the thrones was supposed to be for him as an apostle of the Lamb, then he was supposed to be there. It should be empty waiting for him. But no, these are a real group of people. And for so many years theologians have always look at it and considered the 24 elders to be the 12 patriarchs and the 12 apostles.

Because of our narrow mindedness and self-centeredness, humankind's observation of the natural world and it brings it into the bible of the biblical view. We have no place in our spiritual worldview. Originally we have no natural worldview to realize that we are only one part of the great galaxy. Now we have no spiritual worldview to realize that we are one little quark in God's spiritual realm of creation that continues to exist. And these 24 elders I believe must have been other beings from other worlds that God has created who have been faithful and have now come to the close proximity of service with God.

And they are among those that you read about in the book of Daniel. And they are given another name there. They are called the *watchers*. It's a different word from the word *angel*. The word angel in the Hebrew is the word *malak*. In Dan.4: 13 *"I saw in the visions of my head as I lay on bed, and behold, a watcher, a holy one, came down from heaven.* It could have been an angel but here the Hebrew word is not *malak*; its *ir*. And then angels don't do these things in verse 17 *The sentence is by the decree of the watchers, the decision by the word of the holy one.* There is a group of delegated authority that is there. That is a part of God's system of working. Now God is all knowing. God's role is not diminished. God could have done everything by Himself. He allows us the opportunity to work with Him. The same way God could have done without any one of these creatures. But He always works with His system that He created part of His love and sharing with His creation.

I believe that as we move on across through the book of Revelation that there are other things in store for us. In other realms that God manifest in other worlds. Maybe some have not even been created. Imagine what it is like if these creation of God had lived before us and Adam was created. I mean all of them were there.

Some were angels some were this and that. And all have a different role. Imagine after us what happens? What happens to us after this earth is redeemed. What happens to each one of us who have lived different levels with God? Some of us may be handpicked and chosen by God. And we will function in the next other things that God does. And to the next creation that God creates will be different. Some of us may have some function there. I am trying to open your spiritual heart and your spiritual mind to the bigness of our God.

Praying in the Spirit

Now having seen the big extent of God, when we come down to this spirit world in this life that we live we see how tiny it is in comparison to the largeness of God plan for eternity. Therefore I counsel you as we go into prayer, the most important way to we pray on this earth is in tongues. Our life is so dominated by our limited understanding. Sometimes people don't want to pray in tongues long because their minds want to take over. I watch how prayer meeting begins when it is fresh there are a lot of tongues. After some time their minds want to take over. They say it cannot be always like that. We must lead the prayer. But if you lead too much and don't let go of the mind's control we will loose out. Everyday we must let the Spirit just pray through us because there are things that our mind cannot comprehend and cannot know. There are mysteries too deep and too large for our finite mind. And we need to pray them in the Spirit language. The most important prayer is solely in tongue. And in your life you cannot stand praying in tongues for too long, you are too mind controlled.

We must allow the Spirit to rise within us. We must allow reasoning and analysis die down and let the Spirit of God in our life take over and let Him pray through our life. And it is not so much what we can do in God as much as what He can do through us. So the important exhortation I advise you is No. 1 pray in tongues a lot. We pray in tongue and then we feel we need to pray with something with understanding. Let go is the gist of our Christian life and let the Spirit of God control. Don't let your mind control you so much. You may have a brilliant mind fine but know its place. And don't listen to those people who say this meeting we always pray that way. On Sundays we can't do that because there are mixture. If we

don't have a place in the church of Jesus Christ for the highest spiritual development in our life where can we have it? We have different, different types of meeting. Let me say and put it straightforward in this church Fridays are not to be controlled too much; let the Spirit just go through. We have other types of prayer but there must be a place where the Spirit can go loose. Go in tongues as long and as strong as you can. Once in a while we like to take control and all that we are loosing the depths of the Spirit.

Sometimes I watch a house meeting start and pray, pray. After 6 months they start having their items changed. Why do we always fall back to those things? As if we know more than God. It is because we become more burdened by items, by needs, by things, as if God doesn't know those burdens. He knows every burden before we have them. He knows things even before we know them. There must be a time and place where we let tongues go. And that's what Friday overnight was designed for. The prime goal is to get as far deep as you can in a time consecrated to Him. Every time your mind tries to control tell your mind to shut up.

There are 2 points one is the Spirit of God the second is the word of God. If you don't have the word of God to analyze your spiritual experience Satan will come in as the angel of light. The one reason in spite of so many spiritual experiences we still hang on to the word of God is because we love the word and anything outside the word we cut away and throw off. If not for the word of God with so much spiritual experiences there would be easily deception and wrong theology. We need to analyze every manifestation. Even if a million people have the same manifestation and if it is not in line with the word it is not from God. You don't justify thing by numbers although the right thing will produce numbers.

No. 2 point is that the word of God is more powerful than our thinking and analysis. The word has principles. If my principles don't match up put them away and take God's principles and it will slowly become a clear one. The word of God must come first. Every move of God, every revival everything must be in line with the word. The reason why people don't go deep in the Spirit is because God give them one tiny little spark of experience they go outside the word. Therefore it doesn't continue. The only reason for the continuity of spiritual experience is because we continue to back it up with the word. That's why some people get only

one or two spiritual experience and stop because they don't have the word of God. Only the word of God can help us absorb those experiences.

The Portland Vision

Here is what is called the Portland vision given in May 1920 to John G. Lake. He could not sleep so he walked in the tall trees in the park. Through the park is a footpath coming down to the trees that lead up to the street. And in my vision I was seemingly out in the street at foot of this footpath. And as I look up in the park a brilliant light attracted me far up in the park. It was very slowly coming down the pathway to the street. I stood surprised supposing it was some night man on duty in the park probably searching for something. As it approached I discovered that it was an angel's presence. And the brilliant light was an illumination surrounding him. He stood a few feet from me and said to me. I have come to answer your prayer. Come with me. Three wreaths black, pink and white. One dropped in San Francisco and one in Honolulu he said, "Through great suffering, through many tribulations these have conquered." China a man a European was lying on the ground close by lay his wife on one side of here a boy about seven and on the other a girl about 10 or 12. Turning to me the angel said, "These have given their all for the Lord and his kingdom." He took a white wreath as he held it in his hand. Tears fell upon the wreath and each tear turned into a diamond. Sparkling diamonds covered it. He dropped the wreath by the head of the dead missionary.

We came to the Trans Siberian railway to Moscow and Petrograd. He explained the state of suffering of those under Soviet rule. Some scenes were so pitiful that my soul was moved to tears. He said the great red dragon that hates Jesus. He enthrones her of the human beast. He shall come to his end and none shall help. He wanted to ask about Africa but was restrained by the angel. Only limited questions were permitted and some he did not consider worthy of an answer.

The next time you can't sleep or you wake up in the morning remember what to do. Who know God may be trying to say something to you.

Johannesburg South Africa the heart of Jesus was once gathered here. Through the grace and glory and the power of God manifested here. But human pride and lack of faith has brought disappointment to the heart of Him we love. But the glory will return. And those who have suffered will be rewarded. But all self-seekers will be dethroned. The present struggle is not a struggle to obtain the knowledge of Jesus or to know His salvation. It is rather endeavor to enthrone the hidden ideal of human efficiency. These are all messages of the angel to him on various places. Palestine he was made conscious of the enmity between the Jews and Arabs. The angel said the kingdom must be in the heart of man. We came to Portland and to my amazement on approaching the building high in the atmosphere, a half a mile or more I could discern million of demons organized as a modern army. They were those apparently acted as shock troops.

At that time John G. Lake's ministry was affecting the world. When people talk about spiritual battle, some of them don't know what it is. In the ministry when you go international you battle not one, two or thousand of demons. You battle with million of demons organized as a modern army. They will charge with great ferocity followed by wave and yet another wave.

After a little while I observed they operated a restraining influence that constituted a barrier through which they could not force themselves. There was the shield of God. This multitude of demons endeavored to break the barrier or to go further but was utterly restrained. In amazement I said to the angel, "What does it mean?" He said to me, 'Such is the care of God for those that strive in unselfishness for His best. If you strive unselfishly with love to give your life to others to do what is God's will, there is a special shield about your life that million of demons cannot penetrate.'

He discerned that the heart of the angel was over this burden. The angel said human selfishness and human pride has consumed and dissipated the very glory and heavenly power that God once gave from heaven to this movement as you have beheld tonight.

We were now at the foot of the pathway again. He took a step away and in a sort of despair my heart cried out, "Angel, these are all struggling for want of an ideal. What constitutes real Pentecost? What ideal should be held before the minds of men in the will of God exhibited through a movement like this?" During all this time I carried my bible in my hand. Reaching for the bible he opened to the book of Acts. He ran his finger down over the second page to that portion where the Spirit of God came down from heaven. He said this is Pentecost as God gave it through the heart of Jesus. *Strive for this, content for this, teach the people to pray for this. For this and this alone will meet the necessity of the human heart. And this alone will have the power to overcome the forces of darkness.*

When the angel was departing he said pray, pray teach the people to pray. Prayer and prayer alone is the entrance to the heart of God. White wreath is God's best; pink second best. Black for those who have failed in the fight. The outpouring of the Spirit was not just for the day of Pentecost. Remember these are the last days. Some out pouring is not what God call the outpouring. The real out pouring is where you let go and let the Spirit of God just bubble through your life.

Tonight let go of your mind control, of your rationalizing. When you come to God in pray you don't come in theology. You come with a heart hungry for God. You don't come to a meeting and try to sort out the meeting theologically. This kind of meeting is not like Sunday meeting. This kind of meeting is where you are hungry for God. You come and all you do is to let go in God and let God's Spirit fill you life. And it must always be that way. Anything less than that is not ideal. And the highest prayer you can pray is prayer in tongue as God gave it on the day of Pentecost. So don't devalue your tongue. But revalue it to the level as it original plan.

