

## INDWELLING OF GOD SERIES

### FIVE SENSES OF THE SPIRIT-MAN

Everything that we see, that we can feel, that we can taste, that we can hear, that we can perceive with the eyes, everything is temporal. It is made of spiritual realm manifested. Something must be in the spiritual realm first before it exists in the natural realm. 2 Cor.4: 18 *while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things, which are not seen. For the things, which are seen, are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.* The invisible things in the spiritual realm make the temporal things of the material world.

Heb.11: 2-3 *For by it the elders obtained a testimony. By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. Rather the visible things are made of things, which are invisible.* The key behind it is the Word of God. Everything, which is visible, has a pattern that follows after the invisible realm. Your body was created after a spiritual image. In heaven, there is a perfect blueprint of your physically body. When God does a creative miracle on someone and restores the person's human body, the restored body will be patterned after the original blueprint found in heaven. For example, God may have designed you to be 6 feet tall. However, because of some birth deformities or injury, you may have stunted by 2 inches. When God releases a creative miracle to you, your height will be restored to 6 feet, after the original blueprint in heaven. However, that is all you can go. However, God will not add another 5 inches to your height to make you 6 feet 5 inches, since your original blueprint in heaven is 6 feet. All that is outward of your body is created following that invisible image that God has created you to be.

Physically we have what we call the five senses: the sense of hearing, the sense of sight, the sense of smell, the sense of touch and the sense of taste. It is through these five senses that we come to relate to the physical world around us. If you have all the five senses cut off, there is no way you could experience the natural world. You experienced the natural world through these five senses. So, if one, two, or three of the senses are not functioning, your experience of the natural world would be limited. Inside our body lives a spirit and a soul. Our spirit and soul have senses.

In the parable of the rich man and the poor man in the gospel of Luke, the poor man died and went to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and went to Hades. And from Hades he saw afar Lazarus in Abraham's bosom. And he was thirsty. He could see; he could touch though his physical body was dead. They had already died. But all the senses continued functioning. What kind of senses are they talking about? It is not five natural senses that we know. They are the five senses of our soul. There is an inner sense of our soul. And actually, it is your soul that has the five senses first. And then only your body has it, following the pattern of what existed first in the invisible world. The natural world is created by what is in the invisible world. So, what exist in the spiritual world will follow through in the natural world. You don't have the natural first and then the spiritual. You always have the spiritual and then you have the natural. So, in the spiritual world that our spirit and our soul exist in, there are five senses, exactly as the same five senses that we have in the natural.

In the natural if you don't have the sense of touch, you have missed something. If in the natural, you don't have the sense of sight, you will also be missing a lot of scenery and colors. Spiritually speaking if you have some of these inner senses malfunctioning, your experience of the spiritual realm is limited. As your natural experience is limited by the capacity of your five natural senses, so your spiritual capacity is limited by your five spiritual senses.

We are going to show from the Word of God all these five spiritual senses so that we know the indwelling of God within us and can experience Him. God is a Spirit and you need to contact Him through the spirit realm. You can't contact Him from the natural realm. And your main contact of the spiritual realm depends on the

development of your inner spirit and soul. They flow and they function together. Your spirit and soul function together.

## **Spiritual Ear**

First of all, we see very obviously in the bible that there is such a thing as a spiritual ear. In Revelation chapter 2 and 3 seven times at the end of the seven messages to the seven churches, the bible says, "*He that has an ear let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.*" There is a spiritual ear. We all have spiritual ears inside and we can train our spiritual ears to hear the things of the spirit. In the natural, you can train your natural ear to hear some sounds. You can train your natural ear to identify a tone. You can train your natural ear to identify a chord whether it is a "C" chord or a "G" chord. In the same way, you could train your spiritual ears to hear God and to hear the things of the Spirit. There is a spiritual ear that the bible talks about. Let me quote the bible itself in Revelation chapter 2 and 3. Verse 7 *To him who overcome I will give to eat the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God. He who has an ear, (He is not talking about your natural ears. He is talking about your spiritual ears) let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.* It is hearing with a spiritual eardrum. In heaven, we all still can hear. There are people who have died and their spirit and soul have gone to heaven. Today they are enjoying the glories of heaven. Obviously, they can hear up there. But their physical bodies are down here. How did they hear? They hear with their spiritual ears. And their spiritual ears can hear far beyond what the natural ear can hear. There are spiritual ears within us and we need to train them.

## **Spiritual Taste**

Then we have a spiritual sense of taste. We can taste certain things spiritually by tasting spiritual food. Turn to the book of Psalms 34:8 *O taste and see that the Lord is good.* King David is talking about your spiritual sense of taste. You say I didn't know we could taste things spiritually. Yes, we could. Ps.119: 103 *How sweet are Your word to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth.* He is not talking about natural food. He is not talking about a natural scroll. David is not taking a natural scroll and

munching it away. He is talking about the spiritual ability to sense the loveliness of God's Word and to taste it. When you hear the Word of God, and as you speak forth the Word of God and as you read the Word of God, there is something in you that enjoys it. That says it is lovely. The Word of God can be tasted with our spiritual sense of taste. And just as in the natural when you look at good food, your mouth starts salivating, spiritually speaking there are certain things that cause our saliva to drop. We want to taste it. There is a desire. It is associated with hunger and thirst. There is such a thing as spiritual hunger. There is such a thing as spiritual thirst. And there is such a thing as spiritual food. And there is such a thing as spiritual taste. When your spiritual hunger is satisfied, your taste bud, which is a desire for the Word of God, experiences great satisfaction and sweetness. King David understood what spiritual sweetness is like.

## **Spiritual Smell**

Then there is a spiritual sense of smell. We can smell things in the spirit realm and experience the fragrance of the Lord. In the book of Phil.4: 18 *For indeed I have all and abound. I am full having received Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God.* What kind of sacrifice was brought to him? It was an offering. Paul was not talking about the natural smell. They did not send Paul some food. They sent him an offering. And Paul said it has a sweet aroma to God.

In the Old Testament time when Noah came out from the ark, He burned a sacrifice to the Lord. God smelt it and God liked the aroma. All of you know that in the natural. When you smell burnt meat, it doesn't naturally have a nice smell. God was referring to the spiritual sacrifices that were pleasing to Him.

In the same way, the book of Leviticus talks about different types of sacrifices. He says that sacrifices has a sweet savor and aroma to Him. So there is such a thing as a spiritual smell.

## **Spiritual Eyesight**

There is such a thing as spiritual eyesight. Eph. 1:18-19 *I pray that God may give you the wisdom and revelation that the eyes of your understanding may be enlightened.* He is not referring to natural eye. He is praying for the inner eyes to be opened.

## **Spiritual Touch**

Then there is spiritual sense of touch. Heb.11: 1 *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.* Faith touches the spirit realm where your natural realm cannot touch.

## **Training Our Spiritual Senses**

Having seen all those aspects, we have to put all of them together in order to see the development of our inward man. When Christ dwells inside our life, He helps us to develop all these inner senses that are within us. Heb. 5: 14 *But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.* It says that the senses, plural, are exercised. What kind of senses? The spiritual senses of hearing, tasting, seeing, smelling and touching can be trained to discern good and evil.

Having understood that, this is the aspect where we want to apply this knowledge. There are these five external senses outside. And there are these five internal senses inside. Inside our innermost being in the part of our soul where we call the choosing part. Both these information coming from the five external senses and from the five internal senses are channeled there. It is our central processing unit (CPU). All the information of our outward man is channeled inside. All the information from the spirit realm that we perceived by the spiritual senses is also channeled there. So, inside us there is an inner central processing unit. So, inside us

we look at both information, one from the natural, one from the spiritual.

What happen if you cannot differentiate the information that is coming from this side or from that side? Confusion will reign. The success in your life in the spiritual realm is determined by your sensitivity to differentiate between the information from the spiritual senses against the information from your natural senses. For that reason when Christ dwells in our lives, He helps us to discern information from the spirit realm. And our decisions are based on information we received from the spirit realm, not information we received in the natural realm. They both are in conflict. Many times, they are in conflict for they do not go together. The devil works through the natural. God works through the spiritual. And we want the spiritual to conquer the natural.

The indwelling of Christ in our lives nurtures us and trains us. When you are born again, your spirit man has to be trained in all these spiritual areas. Just as when a baby is born in the natural world, the baby's eyes are not fully developed yet. Their sense of hearing also is developing. And every other sense of theirs is developing. They can't take all kinds of food immediately. They have to slowly adapt to different types of food. Spiritually when you are born again, your spirit man needs to be trained in all these aspects. We need to grow in these realms of the spirit to experience all these areas of the spirit man and let these areas dominate our life and not those natural areas. Inside your being, you sometimes hear something in the spirit realm. And then you hear something in the natural realm. And you can't decide. Inside you, you see something from the natural realm. You see something from the spiritual realm. And you can't differentiate them. And you get confused. Because of these sometimes people missed the Lord, The Lord did not tell them something. But they say that it was the Lord. Why do people make mistakes like these? It is because they cannot differentiate the information and the data they are receiving. Some of it is external and some of it internal. They cannot differentiate the working of their own mind and the working of God's mind in their life.

Inside us, there is a spiritual mind and there is a natural mind. You have to differentiate the two areas of the working of the mind. The natural mind thinks in a certain way. But the spiritual mind thinks in a different way. The more you renew yourself the less conflict you have from your natural mind. And here is where all

the data you received can be classified in one key word, impression. We receive impressions with our eyes. We receive impressions with our ears. We receive impressions with our nose. All these are impressions upon our natural senses. We also receive impressions from the spirit realm. What are impressions? Impressions are just data that comes whether it is in the natural realm or in the spiritual realm. They come and reflect themselves upon the screen of your life. So sometimes people receive some data that they think it is from the spirit realm. Somehow, their five spiritual senses are not trained. And they say thus says the Lord. And it never works. They don't give God the glory. Some times the opposite happens. God gives you an impression that comes from the spiritual realm. You have no way of knowing it. But it comes in the spiritual realm. And you know it. But your mind does not accept it. So, you never act on it.

Now we will go into two verses in the bible. All these will get clearer as we look at these verses. One is from John 14:17, *Even the Spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees Him nor knows Him, but you know Him for He dwells with you and will be in you.* Jesus makes a statement here saying that the world will not know the Holy Spirit because it neither know Him nor see Him. The world is not used to functioning in the invisible realm. And as Christians, we must train ourselves to function from the invisible realm. The world's education system is based on the natural realm. But God wants His people to function from the spiritual realm, the invisible realm. The action is from the invisible realm, not just in the visible realm. So, the Holy Spirit cannot be received by the world because the world is not used to the invisible. The world does not see Him. The world does not know Him. And if the Holy Spirit is invisible, His ways are invisible; His words are invisible; His revelations are invisible; His impartations are invisible, His impressions are invisible, everything is in the invisible realm. If you work only in the visible realm, you will not be able to operate in the Holy Spirit. Jesus said the Spirit comes as He will, like the wind. You cannot see Him, but you see the effects of His workings. He will dwell in you.

Then in verse 26 *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.* The Holy Spirit will bring to your remembrance all the words of God. If He brings to your remembrance means He has an effect on your thought life. To remember is to recall in the thought realm. So, the Holy Spirit brings thoughts into your inner

most being.

Lets look in John 16:13 *However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.* If you move in the invisible realm, you will be able to know things one step ahead of time or many steps ahead of time. See the natural world is built from the spiritual world. Things changed in the spiritual world first before they change in the natural. The affairs of nations changed in the spirit realm before they change in the natural realm.

If you read the book of Daniel, after Gabriel appeared to him, Gabriel said, "I must go and continue fighting against the prince of Persia. After I am gone the prince of Greece will come." Alexander the Great has not even risen yet. But in the spiritual realm, Gabriel was preparing the way for the Greek empire to rise. And that was way before history even happened. Yet, Daniel was told of something happening in the spiritual realm that will follow the natural realm. The rise and fall of nation takes place in the spiritual realm first before it takes place in the natural realm.

The moves of God in your life take place in the spiritual realm first before it takes place in the natural realm. However there is a slight little condition here. If we do not respond to the spirit realm, the plans of God for our life may never be manifested because we do not flow along with them. The indwelling of God in your life brings an indwelling presence; it brings an indwelling destiny; it brings an indwelling prompting; it brings an indwelling inspiration; it brings an indwelling revelation, everything is from the inside, deep in the depth of your spirit.

How do we get into this realm? Heb.4: 12 *For the Word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit and of joints and marrow, and it is a discerner of the thoughts and intends of the heart.* The word of God is a sword. It is a surgical knife that comes into your inner most being, into your CPU where all the information are being channeled to and which divide the data that is from the natural realm and the data that is from the spiritual realm. The Word of God comes inside like a light, shines on the inside and divides the

information clearly between what is from the natural and what is from the spiritual.

Look over here in verse 12 it says, *piercing even to the division of soul and spirit*. Who can divide soul and spirit? We can understand the division between the body and the soul. The soul is the inward part of us and is different from our body. But who can divide the soul from the spirit? Only the Word of God can. It comes to our inner most being and makes a fine division between them. For that purpose and for that reason those who don't take the Word of God into them and who do not have their information divided properly by the Word of God are often confused and cannot be led by the Holy Spirit. For the Holy Spirit will only lead you through your human spirit. And if you cannot identify which information comes from which side, you will not be able to be led by the Holy Spirit. So, the Word of God comes in and divides your soul from your spirit.

And so, when something comes from the physical realm and affects your soul, you know it. Something happens in the spiritual realm, it affects your spirit and then it informs your soul. And you know that this is from the spirit realm. How would we know it? By the Word of God.

And it is strange; the Word of God can be applied to all your five senses. The Word of God can be tasted. The Word of God can be seen. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Evidence of things not seen is the evidence of unseen things. Faith sees and faith comes from the Word of God. And the Word of God can be applied to your sense of smell. It's the Word of God that brings the fragrance of Christ. It's the Word of God that Paul talks about the word of the gospel that brings the fragrance of Christ. The Word of God can be applied to our spiritual sense of smell. The Word of God can be applied to our hearing. Faith comes by hearing. Examine that verse again Rom.10: 17 *Faith comes by hearing*. And then why does it say? *And hearing by the Word*. Shouldn't it be written *faith comes by hearing the Word*? Wouldn't that have been simpler? Faith comes by hearing the Word. That would have been clearer according to our understanding. But instead, Paul puts it this way: *Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word*. He differentiates between natural hearing and spiritual hearing. He is saying that as you constantly take the Word into your life faith comes by hearing - that is one section. How do we have faith? Then he says how do you have that kind of hearing. That kind of

hearing comes by the Word. Faith comes by hearing and that hearing comes by the Word of God. He is talking about how the Word of God comes and cleans us.

All your natural senses have to naturally be on tiptop form to function. Let me illustrate, if you are sick, your sense of taste is affected. You can't taste some food. You can't smell clearly. If you have a cold, your nose is blocked. You can't smell or if something affects your ears, do you know that your ears need to constantly clean themselves? Your eyes constantly need to be cleansed. In the natural sense, your eyes constantly lubricate itself. It is the same with the ears and with the nose. And your sense of touch needs nutrition to function properly. If you starve yourself or you are malnourished your nerves can get affected and they do not function normally. All of your senses naturally get affected if something natural like sickness or any area affects it.

In the spiritual realm, the Word of God continues to maintain these senses in your life. The Word of God is applied to all of your senses. It's applied to your spiritual ears to constantly tune your spiritual ears to recognize the Word. Otherwise, wrong perception can block your ears and you cannot hear the Word of God. Then the Word of God is applied to your spiritual sense of touch. You could touch the Word of God in the spirit realm.

We compressed these areas together into what we see to be the indwelling of God. And the indwelling of God in your life will flow through these areas. Your inner five senses touch and relate to God who dwells in you. They are the medium of exchange of information between you and the Holy Spirit who lives in you. The Holy Spirit doesn't just come and possess you. The Holy Spirit relates to you as a person. And these are the information gates that the Holy Spirit flows through. So, they have to be continually maintained in order for clear information to be transmitted so that you could act upon them.

And for our purpose to study the indwelling of God, these five senses are compressed into three realms of your thoughts, your desires and your imaginations. Just as the natural realm compresses your natural five senses in these three realms:

your mind, your desires and your imagination. All these of course will produce an action. In the natural all those five senses you perceived will produce thoughts in your life. Those thoughts and some of them will produce a desire. Some of them will produce imagination. Lets say I bring in a durian husk. The smell is so strong. You still remember it. I put it to your nose. You smell the durian. Your imagination sees a greenish fruit with thorns all over. I never put that picture inside you but you see it. Or I can take an ice cream that has no resemblance to the fruit except for the smell of durian. I put it next to your nose. Then you smell it. You have the image of that greenish-colored fruit with spikes all over it. I never put that imagination in you. But your smell produces a thought and imagination. And if you are a lover of durian, it produces a desire. Those three realms are affected by your five senses.

In the spiritual world, all the spiritual five senses affect three realms also. It affects your thought life. It affects your desire and it affects your imagination. What you receive in the spiritual realm through those spiritual senses, which are trained by the Word of God, will affect three realms. When you receive information from any one of your five spiritual senses, you will have thoughts about the will of God; you will have thoughts about doing the things of God and you will have thought about the holiness of God. You have desires towards God. You have imaginations of the works of God. Any information received from those five spiritual realms will affect and give you these three areas of spiritual thoughts, spiritual desires and spiritual imaginations. You could imagine the things of God because they are from that realm. And as you continually feed on these areas with the Word of God, meditating upon them you will receive more and more from that realm until all your desires are finely tuned to the things of God and your natural desires go off.

Your Christian life is a battle against these three realms against each other. Your thought, your desires and your imagination fluctuate into whichever realm according to which realm you tune into. If you have the Word of God, it helps you to tune into the spirit realm. So, we have to continually train ourselves in these realms by the indwelling of Christ in our lives. We have seen in the Old Testament in the last message, the garments of the priest. Spiritually we have to know how to relate that armor to our lives. All those priestly garments are reflections of Jesus Christ. So, the bible says put on Jesus Christ. But you can't put on Jesus Christ unless you put on the Word because the Word and Christ are one. You put on Jesus

by putting on the Word. Jesus said if anyone loves Me, he would keep My Word. You can't love Jesus without loving His words. See Jesus is invisible. How do you relate to Him? Through His words. You partake of His Word and allow His Word to transform your inner most being, your thoughts, your desires and your imagination.

Having established that foundation, on the practical side not every desire you have is from God. Some of your desires can come from yourself or from the influence of external forces. However, some desires are from God. And everyday as you walk in life you have a conflict of these three things. You have desires for something, you have thought about something and you have imagination for something. If you don't have these three, you are dead. To be alive is to experience all these things. And as you constantly experience these three, you are in constant state of making decisions. You decide which desire to obey. Sometimes you have the desire but you don't have the thought. The desires are there but you don't understand them fully. Sometimes you have the thought but it has not developed into a desire. Sometimes you have the imagination. So, your daily life is constantly filled with these three things.

How do we apply the indwelling of Christ in our life? You apply all those principles that we have touched on the worship and praise on the indwelling of Christ. As you worship God and let the Word of God dwell in your life, you train yourself to recognize when some of those desires are from God and obey them. For example, when you get up in the morning as you go through the day, you may have a sudden thought about somebody. Where is that thought coming? And those thoughts arise from inside not from outside. That could be from God asking you to visit that person or call that person. Sometimes you have a desire for something, suddenly you have a desire to turn to the book of Psalm 39 and you don't know why. Where did that desire come from? It is the indwelling of Christ where your spirit and soul perceives something coming from the spirit realm. Your spirit and soul perceive things coming back from the spirit realm. And from time to time, they come into your life. And you ask, "Where are they from?" Many Christians neglect them and do not recognize them. But when something that is in the natural realm, they obey it. Some people wake up with a desire to eat something. They will drive five miles all the way to eat the food they were craving for. Where did that desire come from? Sometimes throughout the day, you got certain desire for something.

Some of you experience a certain desire to buy something. Some of you experience the desire to eat something. Thoughts everyday confront you. Don't flow in them until you have check with Christ who dwells in you.

Gal.2: 20 *I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.* When Paul says you have been crucified with Christ, he is saying this: all the five senses in the natural that has an effect on your thoughts, your desires and on your imagination are crucified. Crucified means being considered dead. You don't respond to them any more. But instead you train yourself to respond to what comes from inside. For Christians it is actually very easy because now Jesus is inside us. Through training, you could see a great difference between something that is outside and something that is inside. It's quite easy for you to differentiate between things that come from the outside. Like for example if after church you walk past by those eateries, you have a sudden desire for pancakes. It is quite easy to see that the desire came from the outside. As you go window-shopping suddenly, you are hit by a million desires. You don't need a prophet to come and tell you where those desires come from. They are external stimuli hitting upon your being. There's a different way you could have done shopping. Pray, think over first, have an objective before you go out. But some people just go out without any purpose. We need a purpose. We need to know what we want to get. So there is an external stimulus.

Then there is internal thing that comes from inside. Let me assure you Christ who lives on your inside is not silent. He is alive. He is talking to your spirit man. He is relating to your spirit man. He is communicating to your spirit man. And just as in the natural, if you go to a place, you would have a natural phenomena and stimuli play on you, If you go into a spiritual atmosphere like an overnight prayer meeting, or a church fellowship or meeting, in your spiritual time you receive impression in the three realms again, thoughts, desire, imagination. It takes time to develop that. Many of them that you received come from the inside, the indwelling of Christ. For you are exposing yourself to the spiritual realm, so you could receive impression from the inside. Always follow God who lives in you. He knows best. This is no more our life. We live this life as if there is Somebody inside guiding us. Somebody inside telling us where to go, what to do, what decision to make. There is Somebody inside us and His name is Jesus.

I close by reading all these verses to show how Paul lived his life guided from the inside. Turn to 1 Cor.15: 10 *For by the grace of God, I am what I am, and His grace towards me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all; yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.*

Gal. 2: 8 *For He who worked effectively in Peter for the apostleship to the circumcised also work effectively in me toward the Gentiles.*

Turn to Eph.3: 7 *Of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power. Verse 20, Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.*

Col.1: 26 *the mystery, which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. To them God will to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*