

## **THE SPIRIT REALM SERIES**

### **FELLOWSHIP IN THE SPIRIT REALM**

I once asked God in one of my times of fellowship with Him this question, "Lord, who are those who are really close to You today?" And God gave me some names. However I have not met any of them. I want you to know that some of those who are very famous in Christian circles are not amongst those names. That is why when we go to heaven we will be very, very surprised. Human beings judge closeness to God by popularity and fame.

Later, while fellowshiping with a pastor, he said to me, "Brother, some of the teaching that you teach are straight from the throne of God and you don't get them in books or anywhere else." And he said that it reminded him of this person who came five to six years ago and when he ministered, the holiness of God was so powerful. He had white hair and the glory of God was constantly on him. And I said, "What was his name?" And when he mentioned that person's name I almost choked on my food (we were having lunch) because it was one of the names that God gave me. And he said that this person never travels anymore. He is from a certain part of the US.

The pastor shared with me some of the things this person was sharing five years ago. For example, he said this person was constantly walking and moving with angels. It is common for angels to wake him up and talk to him. That's how close he walked with God. He said he saw two angels and one of the angels had a sword that was drawn and the other had a belt. And on the angel who had a sword drawn out, the sword was called 'Circumcision'. The other angel had the belt, and

on that belt were the letters 'Enforcer'. That person is actually a prophet but is unknown to the world. He is known here and there but practically the average Christian does not know him. And he said that God was going to judge His house. He was going to circumcise His church - that means to cut off all the flesh in the church. And if people will not yield to God's circumcision then the second angel will operate and he will enforce it. And what you see for the past five years are some of the things that are happening which are the work of this two major angels. This person does not travel much now. He had never been sick all his life and God was about to take his wife home (they were both very old and elderly).

I am talking about the depths of God and fellowship with the Spirit, where you see angels and talk to God 24 hours all through the day. He had reached that level. One day, he was walking halfway through a tunnel and he was sad. The Lord stood in front of him and said, "Why are you downcast?" Then the light of the Lord shone upon him. As the Lord was talking to him about several things, suddenly the Lord turned 360 degrees and he saw a different face of Jesus. He had a face of sorrow and tears. Then the Lord said to him, "You know me as your Lord, you know me as your Saviour, you know me as your Healer but today I want you to know me as the Man of Sorrows."

When he met the Lord, the rest of the journey in the tunnel became easy. He understood the depth of being in the Lord and having the heartbeat of God. I won't tell you his name because you might become his fans. There is a danger when people become fans of men of God that become imbalanced themselves. They are like the carnal Corinthians Christians -"I am for Apollos, I am for Paul etc" When I heard his name, I knew he was one of those who were in the race to be closest to God.

2 Corinthians 5: 16 *"Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet we know Him thus no longer."* That tells us that the only true fellowship is in the spirit world. It says that 'from now on' and it is in reference to those who are born of the spirit of God, we will not regard one another in the flesh anymore. But we will look for that spiritual kindredness, that fellowship that lies in the spirit realm as we walk like Jesus with God the Father, intimately. It becomes a torture when you walk with those who are

still carnal.

We know each other in the spirit. How do we know each other in the spirit? There is something in the spirit realm - before that person's name was mentioned I knew who he was and his closeness of walk with God. I haven't even heard anybody mention his name but I know him in the spirit realm. I have not met him in the flesh or know how he looks like but through the course of my fellowship with God and fellowship in the spirit realm in the presence of God, I knew that person already in the spirit. There is a knowing in the spirit realm among those who walk close with God. This is what Paul was talking about - there is a knowing. When you walk close with God and others walk close with God, you can meet and say to each other, "I know you!" Where did we meet? Somewhere in the third heaven. Not in the flesh but in the spirit.

When the seven sons of Sceva tried to cast out the demons, the demons cried, "Jesus, I know. Paul, I know. But who are you?" The demons didn't know them and it was the end of their ghostbusting business. Demons recognise those who move in the spirit and fellowship with God. They knew Jesus and Paul because they were constantly in the spirit realm and they know all their activities.

Remember this: in the spirit world, all carnal activities are counted for nothing. They are like straw. I know in the natural these activities may appear tremendous. But in the spirit realm they are like straw. If a Christian live 90 % of his life carnally, that 90 % will be burnt up and there will be little left to show to God. This message must go out, otherwise Christians will find their years have been short changed when they thought they had lived for God just because they followed what men told them. It is not important what men say or do, but what God says. Even a spiritual ministry can become carnal when people begin to do it because they want a name and attention. Let me tell you, when they stand before Jesus Christ, everything that was done will be burned up. Unless their work is born out of the love of God, and born out of the pure moving of the Spirit, it cannot last. What is born of flesh is flesh, and what is born of Spirit is spirit.

How did some of the people in the Bible reach the depths of walking with the Lord in the spirit realm?

Acts 2: 34, *"For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: 'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool.' "* David seems to be always talking about the Lord and seeing the Lord. Verse 25: "For David says concerning Him, "I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for He is at my right hand that I may not be shaken"; David said, he foresaw the Lord ALWAYS before his face. David had his pitfalls but through time as David walked with God David developed a sense of seeing the Lord everywhere he went. "I foresaw the Lord always, always, always!" That is the frame of mind that comes upon you when you move in the spirit realm. The average person's mind is so weak that the slightest thought will draw them under the gravity of hell and the flesh. When you reach a stage of walking with God, you come to a point which I call a breakthrough point.

In the natural world, there is a certain point which if you move past a certain velocity, the gravity of the earth cannot hold you. Isaac Newton calculated it long ago when he formulated the Laws of Gravity. He calculated roughly what velocity it will take to launch a satellite from the earth. There is a certain velocity, if you pass that point, where you will never get back to earth. It is a critical point or a breakthrough point. Even in the natural world, like in an atomic explosion, there is what I call a 'critical mass'. A critical mass is where by natural phenomena and by natural law of chance there will be a neutron that hits right in the centre of another nucleus of a radioactive substance that will cause a chain reaction.

The gravitational force of sin and death pulls our thoughts and our minds. But there is a point you can reach in God through the Word and through the presence of God in your life that your mind begins to escape the pull of sin and death. Christians tend to be charged up after a good Sunday service or prayer meeting, but in the midweek their minds crash back to earth again, pulled down by the gravity of law of sin and death. But if you understand that there is a breakthrough point, you don't have to put up with that. There is a point as you walk with God and fellowship with God that you break away for the gravity of the law of sin and death and then you begin to ascend and never fall. Something

happens to your mind. Throughout your working day you feel "why is it I don't think of those sinful thoughts anymore? Why is it that when I look at something which normally would cause a falling into sin, that I feel the hatred and detest of it.

What has happened? You have reached the breakthrough point. Now that breakthrough point has to be maintained. Even a satellite which has reached its breakthrough point and escaped the gravitational pull of the earth can still fall back to earth if it loses its velocity. That breakthrough point in our lives can be lost if we are not careful to maintain it. There is a breakthrough point when the mind ascends above the gravitational pull and it is at that point that you really break into the fellowship of the spirit.

Col 3:1 *"If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God."* Such a simple verse, but you could take it and pray for months before you break through. That young pastor who spoke about that man who walked close with God said that talking to him was like talking to an angel. Long ago in the Methodist revival, John Wesley said that there was never a more holy man than John Fletcher. Those who reach that breakthrough point begin to take on the countenance of an angel. Paul was saying in Col 3:1 that if you know you are seated in the heavenly places with Christ, is your mind also seated there? Is your mind really up there too? If your mind is not up there then you are not seated up there. You are potentially promised that position but you are not exercising it here. So you have it, yet you don't have it. You heard it yet you don't experience it. That is what Paul is saying, "If then you are raised with Christ seek those things which are above, where Christ is sitting." Col 3: 2 tells you to set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

Now there is an old saying that says do not be so heavenly minded that you cannot be of any earthly good. That saying does not apply to the truly heavenly minded, but to the airy fairy minded people. If you are really heavenly minded, you will be ten times of more earthly use than earthly minded people. Jesus was heavenly minded, and he was more powerful than the fishermen. To the fishermen who fished all night long and caught nothing, all He had to say was, "Cast your nets on the other side" and the fishermen hauled in a great catch. He didn't need a

bank, but when He needed to pay His temple tax, He told Peter to catch a fish and open its mouth, and he will find enough money in its mouth to pay for himself and Jesus. A heavenly minded man is many times more effective because he can see beyond earthly things and solve problems ordinary people cannot solve. Jesus, or any heavenly minded person could say to a sick man, "Be thou healed," and the healing will take place. There are many people who take pride in their own worldly wisdom and earthly mindedness, but they are having problems they cannot solve or they have sicknesses they cannot get medical science to cure.

The greatest amount of energy expended by a rocket is at its take-off and not after it escapes the gravitational pull of the earth. Likewise, for a Christian to break past the pull of the law of sin and death, he may require something like 40 days and nights of prayer. However, different people require different amount of take off energy because we are have different 'weights' and weaknesses and besetting sins. Some of us have more weights than others. Some come from backgrounds that made them carry heavier weights due to the generational sins and curses. Those who have bigger weights will need a bigger rocket to blast them off, and that mean something like a 70 day fast and prayer.

There is a breakthrough point that takes place in your mind and then the presence of God takes over your life. When astronauts break past the gravitational pull of the earth, they experience weightlessness. Likewise too, when Christians break past the gravitational pull of the law of sin and death, they experience a certain kind of spiritual weightlessness. But once you have blasted off and passed that breakthrough stage, you would not want anything in the world to lose it.

But let me tell you, it is not easy to maintain it. It takes 4-5 hours of prayer to maintain that sensitivity. If I don't have 4-5 hours of prayer, I cannot hear or see the activities of the spirit world. It takes 4-5 hours of prayer to maintain it.

When you are in that realm, you will begin to have fellowship in the realm of the spirit. When you are walking in that realm, you are above the gravitational pull of sin and death. You are in the law of the spirit of life and not in the law of sin and

death. You will be able to look at a person, and see into his spirit and they cannot hide anything. I have even looked at people and seen written on their foreheads the sin in their life. I don't call them out of course - that would be embarrassing to them. And God doesn't permit that. Jesus knew the secrets of everyone who talked to Him when He was on this earth. The word of knowledge didn't operate occasionally; it was on Him all the time. In that realm you could see whether a person is walking with God, and you could tell who is a believer and who is a non believer. I am not talking about assessing them in the natural.

Remember 2 Cor 5: 16, you do not know them in the natural but in the spirit. It is not just because some people have a shiny face that proves they have the glory of God. If you walk in the spirit realm you could see the darkness in their life. You will know if a person is carnal or not. You will know the strength of the person's spirit and the kind of fellowship the person has with the Lord. When you fellowship with Christians, you do sense that some carry a stronger presence of God. You feel God's presence when you are with some of them. Their words may even be like a piercing sword from God, speaking to you right into your spirit.

When we breakthrough the law of sin and death, our minds will be renewed and our spiritual eyes will be polished and healed of spiritual cataracts. And where you would sense some spiritual activity, now you can see into the spiritual realm. I am not talking about the gifts of the Holy Spirit which you may receive regardless of your spiritual level. But I am talking about living and fellowshiping in the realm of the spirit. In that realm, you may even meet and talk with angels.

One such person was Daniel. Dan 7: 15, 16, *"I, Daniel was grieved in my spirit within my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. I came near to one of those who stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of these things."* Apparently as Daniel was having these visions, he was also aware of these spirit beings standing near by. It didn't say that he suddenly saw them and came to them. It looked like he interrupted into the Spirit world and the activity that was going on. While he was puzzled with this vision, he saw a few angels. Daniel broke into the realm and saw these angels walking about and standing and talking. I have been to the spirit realm before and God has allowed me to hear the angels discussing and talking. In that realm, Daniel must have seen them talking; he

approached one of them, and asked, "Can you tell me, what is these that I see," and the angel explained it to him. And this happened several times to show you there are lots of spiritual activities going on and Daniel sort of interrupted into that realm when he came in.

Daniel 8: 15,16, *"Now, it happened, when I, Daniel had seen the vision and was seeking the meaning that suddenly there stood before me one having the appearance of a man. And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, who called, and said, "Gabriel make this man understand the vision.'* Verse 16 was remarkable because he was overhearing the conversation of one angel to another regarding him. Now that word was not for Daniel. It was as if Daniel got into the spirit realm too early. God wanted Gabriel to come to him and deliver something to him but Daniel got there earlier and heard the conversation, even before Gabriel came into the picture. And then Gabriel came near and spoke to him.

Zechariah was another prophet who constantly broke into that realm and overhears angelic conversations. Sometimes when he didn't understand something that he has heard, he would ask God the meaning of it. There are many voices going on in the spirit world but we don't hear them. The natural man doesn't hear them but the spiritual man hears them all the time. A lot of spiritual activities are going on all the time.

Zechariah 1: 8,9, *"I saw by night and behold a man riding on a red horse and it stood among the myrtle trees in the hollow and behind him were horses, red, sorrel and white. Then I said, 'My Lord what are these?'* So the angel who talked with me said to me, "I will show you what they are." Now the myrtle trees were real but the horses were spiritual - it was definitely an open vision. "Then I said, my Lord what are these' - it didn't say when the angel appeared or whether the angel was already there with him all the time. Let me give you a clue. When you walk into that realm, you are constantly aware of your guardian angels. You are aware of all angels that move in and out in your life all the time. You are constantly working together with all the angels to glorify God; you walk with them and they walk with you. I realise that the Lord is also with us and He puts His presence in us, but God has his system of working, so we flow together with His system.

In his book, "I believe in Visions", Kenneth Hagin described one of the visions where he saw an angel standing behind Jesus. Each time he looked at the angel, the angel would open his mouth to say something to him. Then Kenneth Hagin would turn to Jesus and Jesus would start talking and the angel would keep quiet. Then the Lord told Hagin that the angel had a message for him. He said, "Lord, if you are here, why can't you deliver it to me; why must the angel do it?" The Lord replied that this was His system of working. He told him, "Did not my Word tell you, that angels are there to deliver the Word and minister to you?" In other words God was saying that this was my system of working.

Zechariah seemed to give a title to the angel who talked to him - 'The angel who talked to me.' This angel could be his guardian angel or a ministering angel. Your angel has been talking to you and you haven't heard. He may have gone to your house and tried to give you a message from God but you didn't hear. We are talking about being 'feelable and seeable' in the spirit realm. You may be having an 'unthinkable', not even an 'unfeelable'. At least if you are 'feelable', you are going somewhere.

Elijah was another man who walked familiarly with angels. In 2 Kings 1: 15 *and the angel of the Lord said to Elijah* implies that the angel was there all the time and Elijah knew it. During this time, Elijah had already called down fire from heaven and consumed two bands of fifty soldiers with their generals and now the third general with his band of fifty was waiting for him. Elijah appeared to be having his devotional time and the first two bands of fifty interrupted his devotional time. The third commander came on his knees and pleaded to Elijah to spare his life. The commander did not hear the angel, but Elijah heard because he was in that spirit realm. He heard the angel saying to him, "Go with him." And he just went with him. It was like he was so close to this angel of his that he knew that voice.

Jesus fellowshiped with Elijah and Moses on the mount of transfiguration (Matt 17, Mark 9 and Luke 9). They were talking of His coming death on the cross. Now I have to qualify that. It is not permitted under normal circumstances for departed human spirits to fellowship with those who are still alive in the flesh. But

I have no problems fellowshiping with angels as they are angels sent to minister to us who are heirs of salvation. So get acquainted with your angels but before you can get acquainted with your angels you must get acquainted with God. God can strengthen your spirit to break through into the spirit realm to have fellowship in the spirit.

Once you have spend hours in prayer and broken through past the gravitational pull of the law of sin and death on your mind, you will start hearing what is going on in the spirit realm. You will begin to see into the realm of the spirit. You break into that realm where you experience God's presence 24 hours a day, which is so deep and strong that it will carry into every area of your life.