

## THE SPIRIT REALM SERIES

### KEYS TO THE THRONE ROOM

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#### God's Energizing versus the devil's energizing

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The measure of God's power that can work in our life is according to the energizing force that flows from our spirit. This energy can be at different levels flowing at different times. The more energy God imparts, the more it can flow forth. There is a certain degree of energy that remains in our life because of our born-again experience - which is the first step (the seed). Then it begins to flow forth in our lives. We need to be sensitive to the energy level that the Holy Spirit is releasing because the devil also has an energy force. He uses that and activates it together with the law of sin and death, which Romans 7 speaks about as being in our body and flesh.

In Romans 7: 5 the word *member* refers to our physical or mortal body. This is an energy that is the law of sin and death. This is a type of energy that pulls people downwards into sin and death. In Rom 7: 26, this is energy of sin.

In Romans 8: 1-3 to *make you free* means to pull you out of the crutches of the gravitational pull of sin and death. The solution is given to us in Romans 8: 11. As we yield to the spirit of God, our spirits, souls and bodies come under the energy of God. When the spirit of God comes upon our lives, it is easy to resist the enemy because we have more energy and strength than the enemy.

1 Cor 12: 6,11. The energy also flows in the gifts of the Spirit. There are nine gifts of the Spirit and each one of them is different. When we study them according to the definition, we divide them into 3-3-3. When we study them according to operations, we divide them into 2-5-2 (which means the word of wisdom, and word of knowledge are together and the other five followed by the last two which are tongues and interpretation of tongues.) All these gifts are different but the Bible says that they are all from one energy source which is the Holy Spirit who is the energizer.

Each of the gifts of the Spirit is designed to flow from the same energy source. There is an energy level where very powerful miracles can take place. It is here that you have to quickly obey and flow with the Holy Spirit in order to tap on it. It takes a lot of spiritual energy to make the blind see and do creative miracles. The energy required is so strong that it cannot remain long, and when it comes, we must tap on it. It cannot remain long because our mortal body cannot stand it.

Our physical body needs to be trained to withstand stronger amounts of energy. However, some of us can carry more spiritual energy than others. It is measured by the ability to fast. If you cannot contain the passions of your body - the body's sexual drive, desire for food and all these things, you will carry less energy. The more you can control the desires and the lust of the flesh, the more your body can take in spiritual energy. Speaking allegorically, it is like you are wired from a one-phase wiring to a 3-phase wiring.

As our faith increases, as well as the understanding of the energizing of God, we can one day live in the realm of the energy level where notable miracles take place and can remain longer on us. When the anointing of God is flowing, you cannot afford to doubt or question God. All we must do is to be receptive to the Holy Spirit. We can test the genuineness of the anointing within and by the Word of God.

Doubt will rob you of your miracle. You will be like Peter walking on the water and one doubt will cause you to sink. One doubt is all it takes to prevent a notable miracle from happening.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are given for specific purposes. But because they are from the same energy source, from time to time, any of the nine gifts may operate according to the needs present around you. However, there will be particular gifts that make you function in a ministry that God has designed for your life.

Exodus 27: 16 speak of the gates of the Tabernacle that have four colours representing the four gospels. Blue symbolizes Jesus Christ the Son of God, divinity and heavenly nature. Purple symbolizes His royalty, His kingship, Jesus Christ the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. Scarlet symbolizes Jesus the Son of Man and white linen - Jesus the Son of Man.

Before you do anything to the brazen altar, you must enter the gate. From man's side we approach from the gate. When you enter the gate you enter the next part ( Ex 26 : 36) through the screen to the Holy Place. 2-5-2 symbolizes the operation of the energy of God. Because these three are laws of the supernatural, they operate together but one is more prominent than the others.

Based on 1 Cor 12, if you go by the gifts of the Spirit, you have tongues and interpretation of tongues. The first manifested gift was tongues with interpretation (Acts 2). Then from tongues, they moved to power gifts. In the book of Acts 2, God began to do many things after the outpouring of the Spirit.

Acts 2: 43 There were signs and wonders.

Acts 3 There were more healings done through faith in the name of Jesus.

Acts 4 God continued to work in their lives.

Acts 5 The word of knowledge began to operate. As the word of knowledge operated, the revelation gifts began to operate, and there was an even greater presence. It was when they reached the third level that the word of knowledge started operating together with the gift of faith.

The gift of faith is the power of the spoken word. As it begins to operate, we find that the Church moved (Acts 5: 12) into a greater dimension of the Spirit. There was a tremendous energy force released. Apparently it was only for a specific time. The manifestation of the energy force of God is for us to understand and flow with.

### **God's Energizing Through The Three Laws of the Spirit**

These three entrances are actually three different laws of the Spirit that operate together but it is progressive - one into the other. There are three laws mentioned in the book of Romans.

- (1) Law of faith (Rom 3:27)
- (2) Law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus (Rom 8:2)
- (3) Law of righteousness (Rom 9:31)

These three laws are progressions to enter into the depths of God. Each of these laws has a specific manifestation that produces something special. All three steps have faith but they are different. In Rom 4: 19, 20, Abraham was walking by the law of faith. He exemplified the law of faith working. Each of these laws has one key Greek word.

(1) In the law of faith - it is *endunamoo*, meaning a strengthening. This is the beginning of the energizing of God in our lives.

(2) In the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus - it is *eleutheroo*, meaning 'made me free' which is translated as deliverance in Rom 8:21.

(3) In the law of righteousness - it is *metamorphoomai*, meaning transformed, changed, or transfigured.

Rom 12:2 The law of faith has to do with hope actualised. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has to do with faith that is naturalised. The law of righteousness has to do with love which is the essence of God. 'Hope, faith and love' is what 1 Cor 13 talks about.

When you bring all the fullness of hope into actualising, it is the law of faith working and it brings you into the first realm - the outer court. As you begin to go faithfully into that realm, faith becomes second nature to you. Then you enter into the second realm - faith naturalised. It becomes so natural in you that you live above the law because you fulfil the law and you enter into the divine presence of His love.

There is also a different way in which you could arrange it.

(1) Empowerment from on high. Conception *endunamoo* faith conceives and receives from God.

(2) Resurrection power.

(3) Ascension. We are seated with Christ in heavenly places.

All these three realms flow together from one energy level to another into the

highest realm. All these tie up with Eph 2 when we are set free into the highest realm in God. There is a divine harmony and flow in these three realms of the supernatural.

## God's Energising for God's Work

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Lets look at some scriptures that have the Greek word *energes* which means energizing power of God. Eph 1: 20: 'which He work (energes) in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places.'

*Eph 1: 11 '..according to the purpose of Him who works (energes) all things according to the counsel of His will.*

You will only receive spiritual energy to do what God wants to do in your life. When you are not doing what God wants you to do the yoke seems to be heavy and the burden overpowering.

*1 Cor 12: 6 And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works (energes) all in all. Verse 11 says, 'But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each individually as He wills.'* Gal 2:8. *For He worked effectively (energes) in Peter for the apostleship to the circumcised also worked (energes) effectively to me toward the gentiles.* Paul here is talking about ministry grace. Gal 3: 5 *Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works (energes) miracles among you, does he do it by the works (energes) of the law, or by hearing of faith?* Here he is talking about working of miracles which comes by the hearing of faith.

When ministers stand up to minister, it is because they have received *rhema* from God. The *rhema* that you receive is directly proportional to the renewal of your

mind. If your mind is full of doubt and fear, it will cloud your ability to hear from God. The most important thing for ministers is to sharpen their hearing from God until it is so clear that they cannot be mistaken.

Gal 5: 6 *For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working (energes) through love.* The law of faith, the law of the Spirit of life and the law of righteousness is hope, faith and love. All of these operate together and to different extents. There is a point in time when it is not faith energized by love but love totally. How do we express it? The door to the outer court, the veil into the Holy Place and the veil into the Most Holy Place of the Tabernacle have the same colours. They represent Jesus in His four-fold revelation to us. As you enter the court it is hope actualised in faith and you begin to walk in that realm. As you enter the first veil. It is faith 'naturalised'. Faith becomes a natural part of your life. You don't think about exercising faith. When you enter the second veil to the Most Holy Place it is love immortalised and God and you are actually one. The ultimate is when you are rooted, grounded and established in the love of God and filled with the fullness of Him as described in Ephesians chapter three.

Phil 2: 13 *for it is God who works (energes) in you both to will and to do (energes) for His good pleasure.* Notice there are two workings of the energizing. It is God who energizes to will and to do.

Many Christians have said they are willing but their flesh is weak and some are even unwilling to do the will of God. Notice that the willing part (to do the things of God) comes from His energizing. Why do many Christians have so little power to do what God wants them to do? Everybody has developed different measures of willpower in their life according to their yieldedness to the different forces of energy. People say they have weak wills because they have yielded their will to the forces of sin that have overpowered their will so that their desire and want for sin is greater than the things of God.

But God is able to do a work in our will when we are willing to yield to Him

by energizing our will until our desire for God is greater so that we desire to do His will. When Jesus said the harvest is plentiful and the labourers few, He did not say go first. He said to pray. Why pray? Because when we pray He will energize our will in order that we may be able to do His will.

God also energizes the compassion in a minister's life for the sick. How many times have you seen the sick and the crippled and your heart went out to them wanting to help them out but the spiritual energy was not there to heal them? Your heart cries out to help them. Let it continue to weep. Let it energize the will, that wanting in your life until one day it reaches its fullness and the doing starts taking place.

To substantiate God energizing the will before the doing, let's look at other supporting scriptures. Col 1: 29 *To this end I also labour striving according to His working (energes) which works (energes) in me mightily.* Two times the energizing power of God is used.

There has to be a fullness of the energizing that takes place in our life before it can burst forth. It is the first step of the law of faith. The key word is *endunamo* which is an enduement inside of the *dunamis* of might of God coming inside of us. Unless the grace of God is working in your life first, you cannot work out anything on the outside.

James 5: 16 *The effective, fervent (energes) prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*

1 Cor 16: 9 *For a great and effective (energes) door has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.* Paul here is talking about a huge door. An open door means the grace of God is there. I have never seen the energizing of God as a door. Why is it called a door here? Actually it is not a door. It is only a door when you look at it from the human perspective. But from heaven's perspective it is a window. It is because the windows of heaven are opened. What is happening is that the strongman and all his demon forces assigned against Paul's life had been bound and his ministry is beginning to come forth.

It is so important to understand that this energizing power of God can be so great that you can walk just like Joshua did, that wherever his foot tread upon belonged to him. To claim that promise depends on what you have done to the demon principalities and powers above. Joshua received a vision of the captain of the Lord's army, an angel of God with a flaming sword. He received the spiritual authority and energy that enabled him to claim whatever his foot stepped on.

Wherever his feet took him on, all the angels of God would gather to him and scatter every demon power and wicked spirit in the high places and the land would belong to him. That is a realm we can learn to walk in, that wherever we walk all the demons around that place would scatter because the angels of God are working with us in that place. We can reach a point just like Jesus where we walk in the authority of God and it is no more a struggle wherever we go. The highest form of demon powers look as if they are not afraid of you. I have seen some of these powerful territorial spirits in many different shapes and forms and they don't seem to be afraid of you. But when you call on the name of Jesus some sort of terror strikes them and they go off. If everywhere we go we have to strenuously struggle against even the smallest demons, we would never be the glorious Church.

Do you know why Jesus was so successful when He started His ministry? It was because He faced the devil Himself for 40 days and nights and overcame him. When the devil lost which other demon could stand against Him? When Jesus came out of the desert every demon that saw Him screamed "what do you have to do with us?" When you walk in the highest realm, there is such an authority that comes on you. Smith Wigglesworth did not need to have any recommendation wherever he went to any place. When he stepped on the shores of Australia, nobody knew him. But when he left, there were thousands weeping, begging him to stay. Where is that kind of ministry found now? We have to raise our standards of ministry. Many ministers will not go to a place if they have no sponsors. Paul did not need a sponsor to go to a place. He went because God called him and in many of these places he was not welcomed.

## The First Law : the Law of Faith

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We have spoken about the 3 laws. In each law there is one key word. The first is the Greek word *endunamoo*. It is the infusing of the energy of God in our inside. Romans 4: 20 *He did not waver at the promise of God but was strengthened (endunamoo) in faith, giving glory to God.* There was an infusion of faith into his life.

1 Tim 1: 12 *And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled (endunamoo) me, because He counted me faithful putting me into the ministry.* Notice that 'endunamoo' is necessary for a successful ministry.

2 Tim 2: 1 *You therefore my son be strengthened (endunamoo) in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.* As we move into the first door which is the law of faith, it is the reception of the grace of God into our innermost being. As it keeps coming into our life, we move into the second realm eventually.

We have mentioned 2-5-2 here of the division of the gifts. In the tabernacle, there are these 6 pieces of furniture - the brazen altar, laver, candlestick, the table of showbread, the altar of incense and the ark of the covenant. How does it relate to the law of faith? The brazen altar which represents the power of the blood and the laver which represents the Word, represent faith and conscience. When you enter into the law of faith, you must operate the two successfully. *Endunamoo* comes into your life. Be sensitive of the grace on your life and flow with it. If you don't have grace on that area, don't go into it. The energizing has to do with the grace of God that needs to operate with faith and conscience.

As you enter into the next veil, that looks to be two pieces of furniture, but there are only two in the pattern up in heaven. The third furniture, the altar of incense, was not supposed to be there. It was supposed to be in the Most Holy Place. It was not supposed to be in the Most Holy Place. It was not supposed to be 2-3-1 but 2-2-2 in the tabernacle. Why 2-2-2? Because of Hebrews 9:2.

Why did Moses put the altar of incense in the second part of the tabernacle? It is because of the need to attend to the altar of incense everyday. They were not permitted to enter the Holiest Place except once in a year. For practical earthly reasons, God permitted the altar of incense to be moved out but God specifically said it must be right before the second veil, because the pattern which Moses saw in heaven, the altar of incense, was with the Ark.

Because the priestly system could not enter into the glorious Holiest Place, God set a different pattern. Heb 9: 2-4 *'For a tabernacle was purposed: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary, and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All, which had the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold..'*

Because of the limitations of the priestly system, God changed the order of the furniture in the tabernacle to 2-3-1. As mentioned earlier the first two pieces of furniture in the tabernacle represent faith and conscience which are the Blood and the Word. When you enter into the Holy Place, there are two pieces of furniture in the heavenly pattern, the candlestick and the showbread that represents two other elements to move into the supernatural in the law of the Spirit of life. It has to do with the key word liberty. The candlestick represents *dunamis* and the table of showbread represents *exousia*. When you cross the second veil, the two pieces of furniture are the altar of incense of the Ark. They represent the Urim and the Thummim which means light and perfection. Those are the highest degrees you can move in the law of righteousness.

So there is the 2-2-2 principle with the 3 laws that go along.

### **The Second Law : The Law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus**

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In Romans 8: 2 *For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free*

*(eleutheroo) from the law of sin and death. Eleutheroo means to be delivered, to be made free where you live under an open heaven. It is possible to live under an open heaven such that even if wicked spirits and rulers in high places are ruling over that place you still enjoy an open heaven above you. This is a place called liberty.*

Romans 8: 12 *Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.* The whole creation is waiting to be free from the law of sin and death, from the domain of the enemy. When you live in liberty under the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, no force of the enemy can touch you. Our body has an immune system. Basically, when you don't fall sick, it is not because germs and viruses are not attacking you, it is because your body's immune system is overcoming them. There is also a spiritual immune system and that is the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus.

In John 8: 35-36 the word *eleutheroo* was also used. The word *truth* in the Greek means *facts*. It means reality or what is called ultimate reality. Ultimate reality may not necessarily be what you are experiencing. It is things that are real and ultimate. We need to experience ultimate reality. The ultimate reality of what God has declared is called ultimate reality. If God has called you into the ministry or whatever He has for your life, it does not matter what circumstances are around you, God's will be established and the ultimate reality will be experienced ultimately. But it takes *eleutheria* to move into that.

In Galatians 5: 1, Paul talked about protecting that liberty. We stand in that liberty in Christ Jesus where we are free to obey the Spirit of God and not come under any bondage.

2 Cor 3: 17 *Now the Lord is the Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (eleutheria).* This liberty is walking in the highest realm of God. It is taking a rocket and flying into outer space and for the first time feeling the effect of lighter weight.

There is a realm of God that we can slowly enter into. In Ezekiel 47, Ezekiel

experienced 4 different levels of the river of God. At first it was ankle deep, then it was knee deep. Then waist deep; then it was so high that he needed to swim in it.

Although there are 3 laws, there are different levels of energizing. The ankle level is when you experience being born again. At the second or knee-level, we have 2-5-2 of the workings of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. At the 5 sections of the gifts of the Spirit, these can be divided into 2 sections again. The 3 power gifts are in one section and the gifts of prophecy and the gift of discernment are in the other. If you watch carefully, the gift of prophecy and the gift of discernment of spirits operate together. That is why many prophets discern and then prophesy when they operate. The section with the 5 gifts are divided into 3 and 2 and they represents the 2 levels. They are the knee and waist levels. But when you move deeper into the gift of wisdom and the gift of knowledge, it is the ultimate level where you have to swim. You experience *eleutheroo*, the spirit of liberty in the highest realm of God.

James 1: 25 *But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty (eleutheroo) and continues in it, it is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the word, this one will be blessed in what he does.* What is the law of liberty that he is referring to? It is the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus (Rom 8:21). The word free in this verse is *eleutheria* the same Greek word for liberty and freedom in Christ. That is the same force that transforms us not only to be hearer but energizes us to be doer of the word. James 2: 12.

It is a higher law. The law of liberty is the ultimate force that fulfils all the laws of Moses and commandments God gave.

1 Cor 10:29 *Conscience, I say, not your own but that of the other. For why is my liberty (eleutheria) judges by another man's conscience?* Paul here is walking into a different level where he is no more affected by the idols. Some Christians, if they go near some idols, get oppressed or get into problems. We could walk into a higher realm where Paul said, "What are these higher things (idols), they are nothing but dumb idols" not because he said it but he lived it. Walking into these places and having confronted satan and powerful demons previously, what were these (idols) to him.

They had no power over his life, but he had power over them. 1 Peter 2: 16 *'as free (eleutheria), yet not using your liberty (eleutheroo) as a cloak for vice but as servants of God.'* Notice liberty here is tied to serving God and moving into the highest dimensions God has for you. The energizing power of God frees us from the law of sin and death.

These are two laws that oppose each other. The law of faith versus the law of fear. When you conquer fear, your faith is made perfect. The law of the Spirit of life versus the law of sin and death. You are either living in one or the other.

### **Liberty that Brings Us to the Heavenly Place**

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Knowing that liberty (*eleutheria*) brings us into the highest realm, I asked the Lord this question. Eph 1: 20-21 *which He worked (energized) in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in which is to come.'* I asked the Lord, "Who are these principalities and powers and might and dominion?"

Here is the contextual interpretation in Ephesians 6: 12 *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

Did you notice there are two heavenly places mentioned in the book of Ephesians? I then realised where God wanted the Church to be. He wants us to be in the heavenly places where we sit with Christ Jesus, as in Ephesians 2:6.

The other heavenly place is where the highest type of demons dwells. Our warfare is not on this earth. Our spirit man has certain qualities. It is not limited by

geographical space, natural understanding (your spirit man knows more things than your mind does) or time. In God, you can sometimes peep into the past (by God's permission) or go into the future.

Many people think that when our spirit leaves the body, the body becomes unconscious. That is only if your spirit leaves your body under one of the states of seeing visions called a trance vision.

There are two other types of vision: 1. The closed vision. In this vision your physical man may fall asleep or fall down in some form and your spirit leaves your body. 2. In an open vision, you experience what Paul had in 2 Cor 12: 2-4. Here he was not aware whether he was in the body or not.

If it were a close vision, he would have known that it was just the spirit. But if it is an open vision, the spirit and the natural merge together as one, like the state of man before the fall. There is another type of vision called the spiritual vision where your spirit leaves, but your body is still here. It was mentioned in Acts 7: 55-56, when Stephen saw the Lord and had communion with the Lord while he was still conscious. I am talking about a realm in the spirit where we literally live in the heavenly places, and we remain there. Once you have been there, you realise the activities and things of this life pull you down.

But you can get back into the spirit and be just there in God. What I love most is to be in God, ministering to Him and standing in His presence, watching all those things happening in the heavenly places. It is possible to experience that in God. Just like Enoch who walked with God and was not, one of my desires is not to only walk with God so closely but to stand in His presence until I am just taken into Him.

There have been times when I was in the presence of God, that the people in heaven knew I was there but I needed to bypass them because I had business with God.

There have been times when my body was just on earth but my spirit was in God in the heavenlies. By the time you reach this level, Satan can no more be found. Sickness cannot exist in your body. Demons feel uncomfortable in that presence.

As much as your spirit is in the presence of God, the same equivalent presence comes down to your physical body. It is proportional. As you draw nigh to God, He draws nigh to you. Most Christians cry to God: "Oh God I want Your presence." They are putting themselves on this earth and trying to get His presence by feeling it. It is not God's presence that comes down. It is your spirit going up. Most Christians' spirit are earthbound. Some are halfway in heaven. But there are a few who learnt to walk with God; Elijah was one of them who could say "I stand in the presence of God." When you are in that realm, you always experience an open heaven and the powerful wicked spirits in the heavenly places tremble.

### **The Third Law of the Spirit**

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The law of righteousness is the third law of the Spirit.

The righteousness is not the works of righteousness of man, but the righteousness of God that can be imparted as substance from God. It is the gift of righteousness. 2 Cor 3: 6. The law of righteousness works according to one key Greek word found in Romans 12: 2. It is *metamorphoomai* translated as transform. The law of righteousness relates to transformation.

2 Cor 5: 21 *For He made Him Who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. We literally become the righteousness of Christ fully imputed upon us. This righteousness is a living substance. Rev 19: 8 And to her, it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.*

Notice this fine linen (which is from heaven) is the righteous acts of the saints, not our own acts or works of righteousness but the substance of righteousness imparted into us.

Philippians 1: 11 speaks of the fruits of righteousness. If there are fruits of righteousness, then there has to be a seed form, of it that was deposited into us and has now borne fruit.

Ephesians 2: 9-10 speaks of us being created for good works. Those works are not our own works but the gift of God that flows and forms our life. It is God who energizes us to will and to do for His good pleasure (Phil 2: 13) and He receives all the glory, because it is from Him, through Him, by Him and to Him that all things are done.

*2 Cor 3: 17-18 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (eleutheroo). But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed (metamorphoomai) into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

Now we are moving into something deeper - from the law of the spirit of life (which is in itself very powerful) to the transformation into His glory from which the key word is *metamorphoomai*. The word *metamorphoomai* is also used in the Mount of Transfiguration where Jesus was transfigured in Matt 17: 2.

Luke 9: 29 *And as He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening.* The word altered is from an interesting combination of the Greek words *ginomai heteros*. It means *to become something of a different kind*. It was not becoming another of the same kind. Jesus' being was so altered and changed that those with Him knew that He was God in the flesh. The glory of God that was displayed at that moment of time was so dazzling that the disciples did not know what to do. He was God in the flesh, which is why the Bible called Jesus the second Adam.

2 Cor 5: 21 states that *Jesus Who knew no sin was made to be sin for us that we might become the righteousness of God in Him*. The same chapter states in 2 Cor 5: 17 that those who are in Christ are a new *creation* or *species* in Greek. Those who are in Christ are a new species in God. God is doing a tremendous work in us to produce the glorious Church.

On the inside of us is the seed of God (1 John 3: 9). Although we look at each other on the outside as mere clay vessels, we can hardly believe the glory that is to come, when one day we will be caught up in Jesus when the age is ended. He even has to make a new heaven and earth in order to contain the glorious redeemed saints in their manifested glory (Romans 8). This is *ginomai heteros*, God's design in our life. Our born again spirit is so powerful that man does not belong to this earth.

The question in our minds is to what extent this can take place in our life. It depends on two things. One, the amount of *metamorphoomai* taking place in our soul and in our physical bodies. Our spirit does not need any more *metamorphoomai*. It is already born in the image of God. Our mind and body needs it.

People like Enoch walked with God so closely that their bodies became *ginomai heteros*. Even the shadow form of the *shekinah* glory in the Old Testament was already so holy and glorious. How much more glorious is the real pattern of the Most Holy Place which Moses saw in the mountains before he built the tabernacle?

How does *ginomai heteros* take place? What actually occurred in 2 Cor 3: 14, 18? *But their minds were hardened. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading away in Christ. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

The context for interpreting the veil here is the unrenewed mind. This veil is in symbolic form. It was a veil that prevented them from seeing God. That is why Romans 12: 2 says be transformed by the renewal of your mind. Something must take place in our minds first before we can see God. When Jesus died on the cross of Calvary, the second veil (which separated the Most Holy Place) was torn apart in the Temple. It was not the veil between the outer court and the Holy Place. What is the reason?

When Jesus rose from the dead, having died on the cross, and was buried for three days and descended into Hades and rose up again, there has to be a difference in the mind and spirit of man.

One day when He comes again, the other veil that separates the outer court and the Holy Place will be torn apart. That is the veil that separates the flesh from the spirit realm directly. What does that mean? It means that the soul area can receive the glory of God directly and be transformed by it. Souls can be renewed and transformed by the light of God.

2 Cor 5: 16 *Therefore from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh even though we have known Christ from the flesh.* When Jesus comes again, our bodies will receive a new spiritual body that is tangible and capable of handling God's glory. There will be no more veil separating our physical body that is tangible in the spiritual world. Until then, I want to talk about the veil that separates the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place that is already opened. That means *metamorphoomai* or transformation of the mind can now take place. Never before in the manifestations of God with man, except in the New Covenant period has there been such emphasis through the writings of Apostle Paul on the renewing of our minds until it is likened unto the mind of Christ.

We have always thought that the glory of God is just a sort of presence or shining light that comes in different measures upon our life and we are transformed as we see Him. The Hebrew word for God's presence is *panim* which literally means *face* or *countenance*. It means seeing face to face. Not just a token or reminder of the

person's existence. Presence and glory are two different words in Hebrew. The Hebrew word for glory is *kabod*. Presence is countenance or face. It is not just degrees of the glory of God. Glory is the resultant light from the presence of God. The presence is the face to face encounter with God.

There are two Greek words for presence. One is the word *prosopon*, the other is *enopion*. A third word is *katenopion*. It means face or countenance. The Greek word for glory is *doxa*. It is not the same word as presence. We are not talking of the glory of God. We are talking of the presence of God. We are talking about seeing God face to face. I am also not talking about the ministerial anointing or the glory of God that we move and operate in but am talking of God Himself and seeing God. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.

It may not be God's will that everyone sees visions or manifests the gifts of the Holy Spirit, but it is God's will that all His people can behold His presence. I want to share with you the secret of how you can do it. It has all to do with *metamorphoomai*.

In many of our hearts, we are just like the Old Testament saints, as described in 2 Cor 3: 14, even though we are New Testament saints. Our minds are unrenewed and unenlightened and so we cannot see and know God. **God has shown me that if God's people would allow their minds to *metamorphoomai* then they would see His glory face to face.** If you want to receive God's glory and anointing, He can come down and bring it to you. But if you want to have His presence, where is God today? He is up there. You must then go up!

Many times we equate presence with the glory and that is understandable, because His glory is the result of His presence. But if we want *panim, prosopion, enopion or katenopion*, His face or countenance, then we must go up.

But you say, "Lord, I am still down here in the flesh, I have not raptured yet." Who says you have to be raptured before you see Him? Ephesians 2: 4-6 says *because of His great love with which He loved us even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive*

(that is law number one - He put something into us) *together with Christ. And He raised us up together* (that is law number two - the law of the spirit of life) *and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus* (that is law number three - the law of righteousness).

We are talking of sitting in His presence. Sitting in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. It is our spirit that can ascend up in Christ Jesus.

In Colossians 2: 5 *For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit.* Let me elaborate on the four qualities of the spirit man before I explain further.

1. It can transcend in distances geographically. Your body can be here but God can take our spirit to another place.
2. Our spirits are not limited by time. We can move into the future and into the past if God permits.
3. Our spirits are not limited by the natural or intellectual knowledge alone. Our spirits know more than our minds know, although the mind takes time to understand what it receives.
4. Our spirit will have the rhythm in heaven, which is a heavenly music in our life as in Ephesians 5. Everything flows in a musical rhythm in heaven.

Our spirits have such power that we have never realised. We need to understand those qualities of our spirit man. It means that your body can be here but your spirit can ascend to heaven. It is not astral travelling as some people have described it. I am also not talking about an anointing or the gift of the spirit operating in you whereby your spirit is brought to heaven in some way, leaving your body behind. I am talking of your development of your spiritual walk with God through *metamorphoomai*. There is a realm where when we operate in the laws of the spirit, the supernatural becomes naturalised into us.

What God wants for us is that our minds be so renewed that when it is combined with our spirit man (the veil has already been torn apart) that your mind consciousness is taken up into the realm of the spirit. And you are in that realm face to face with God. Hallelujah!

God does not want to hide Himself from us. He wants to show Himself to us. He does not want us to love Him without seeing Him. Why does He raise us up to sit in heavenly places? That we may see Him face to face!

Before Adam and Eve fell into sin, the Bible says the *panim* of God was in the Garden. They could look at Him if they wanted, beholding His face. This has been the desire of God since man fell into sin. The fact is that there are many who do not know how to see God face to face and let His Spirit teach them the glory and presence of God. You may think this is something futuristic.

Let me point to John 17: 24 *Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me.* Our Lord and Saviour wants us to be seated in the heavenly places with Him. We can do that in the spirit if we know how to enter in, by letting *metamorphoomai* take place in our minds. We can enter into the Most Holy Place and see Him face to face. This is the cry of the Father heart of God and our Lord Jesus.

You may say this can take place only when Jesus comes and raptures us. Read the tenses in Greek in Ephesians 2: 6. It is in the past tense. It was fulfilled in Christ and becomes a promise for our present experience, not a promise for our future experience.

In Christ, we are supposed to ascend. The sad fact is that not many are in Him. We are of Him but we are not walking in Him. He is the escalator up into the heavenly places in Him. Colossians 3: 1 If then you were raised in Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. It is not written

in the future tense. There is a future tense and that has to do with our physical body. Our physical body will one day be caught up (1 Cor 15: 51-53). But now our spirit and soul can be caught up into that realm in His presence.

Colossians 3:2-3 *Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.* When Paul talks of with Christ, he means in the heavenly places, because Christ has already ascended. We have been raised up (means we walk in the resurrection power) and we need to learn how to ascend into that realm.

From time to time, we need to come back to earth and fulfil our earthly responsibilities, doing what is necessary in the disciplines of this life. But then, we should quickly run into His presence again and remain there. We become like angels of God waiting in His presence. When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary, he said "I am Gabriel who stands in the presence of God." When there is a job to do, the angels descend to earth and after they have finished the job, they go back and stand in God's presence again. Your spirit and soul are supposed to sit, stand and remain in the presence of God. After taking care of your earthly responsibilities, you quickly ascend into His presence and remain there.

The sad thing for many is that they touch this realm and come down and never go up again. Some are so caught up in this earthly life that they never ascend at all. Our spirit can ascend easier but the spirit and the soul must ascend together for the understanding to take place. And sometimes some parts of our souls are filled with all kinds of junk. So when the spirit tries to ascend, it cannot. The soul is filled with earthly weights. You cannot ascend in this condition because your mind has not undergone *metamorphoomai*.

I am presenting something very deep and precious. If you will get hold of the secrets that Enoch and Elijah walked in, also apostle Paul and Jesus you can walk into that heavenly realm. Some of the old saints only had a glimpse of that realm. But in these last days, more and more saints of God will begin to enter into the divine depth of His presence.

2 Cor 4: 6 *For God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, had shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

Many people have tried to picture Jesus and asked, "Pastor, how do I see God?" Only the Holy Spirit can take the paintbrush of your soul and reveal the image of God in your inside. There is no drawing of Jesus on this earth that can depict the face of Jesus sufficiently. You cannot get help from the natural. It has to be from our heart by the leading of the Holy Ghost as you allow God to *metamorphoomai* in your soul.

As you see the glory of God, the reverse takes place. Acts 7: 55-56 *But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."* Stephen received an open vision of the highest level. But I believe before that, Stephen had some form of *metamorphoomai* taking place in his life. The glory of God had already started on his life in Acts 6: 15 *And all who sat in the council, looking steadfastly at him, saw his face as the face of an angel.* We can be with God in our spirit and soul.

When God began to show me His truths about entering into His presence, it was precious. It is not just a theology but an experience in God. Theology is important. It tells you the true experiences you need to seek. Without theology, we can get into heresy. For example, theologically we know that Jesus died on the cross for our sins and we accept Him as our Saviour in our experience. The same goes for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Some of us because of our simple mindedness receive those experiences before our minds can begin to understand them. However many are taught to doubt spiritual experiences. That is why you do not see many notable miracles in the city as in the villages. God cannot work in an atmosphere of doubt and unbelief. Our mind can be useful for God if it is renewed to believe God's word first before it understands.

You cannot understand first before you believe. If God's Word says it, accept it at face value. There are so many things in the Word that are so clear-cut. For example, the Word says, "In My Name they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." But people question here and there about it.

There is too much doubt and unbelief among Christians. Even when God does something, we still doubt and the Holy Spirit is grieved and finds it difficult to work in our life.

Our God longs for a people with renewed minds and hearts who accept and understand His word without doubt. And when we enter into that realm and see His presence, there is a degree of glory and light that we never knew.