The Real World

Chapter 3

Now the question is: What is the Real World?

The Real World is the Kingdom of God where the Spiritual controls the physical.

When you believe in God and have faith in Him, it is not bringing Him into your world, it is bringing you into His world. Whether you believe or not does not change the truth of the Real World, it exists whether you do or not, but if you do, then you go into it.

Remember the Matrix movie. The real world is the world that God made, and it is the world the way that God made it. Like in the Matrix movie, it is not necessarily the world that we see, hear, taste, feel and smell. It is the physical and spiritual world that God made. Once Adam and Eve sinned, and were kicked out of God's garden, they lost their ability to see, hear, feel, taste, and smell the spiritual world. This then is the Kingdom of God.

Whether or not you believe in the Kingdom of God makes no difference as to the reality of it. If you believe in God or not makes no difference as to whether He is real or not. The fact is He is real, but your belief does not change that reality. And so it is with the devil and his demons. They are real, and if you believe in them or not, as to whether they are real or not, makes no difference. They are real. They are powerful and they are strong. They are what they are, evil spirits. There is no magic potion, mystical spells or enchantments or belief-disbelief or sacrifice that will change that reality. They will do what they want and only the Lord can stop them.

And the Lord is the Lord, and He will do what He wants. No believing, fasting, hours and hours of praying or chanting or sacrificing or special formula of prayers and fasting and, and , and will make God do anything other then what He will do or whatever He wants to do. You cannot make God do anything. He has to be willing to do it.

The Kingdom of God is real. It is just that because we were born sinners. We were living as sinners; we have allowed satan to have control over us and of course he does not want you to know the truth; so he hides the Kingdom of God from us, just like in the Matrix movie where everyone in the Matrix does not know the truth, they only know the lie that the computer program is giving them. And so it is with us. When we sin, we give control over to satan to do as he pleases and we become his slaves.

People have many beliefs and religions, but God is God. People do not make God, nor did people make God. HE MADE US.

He is our Father. He cares for us like a true Father. He wants to be our Father and to only do what is best for us. You can find something in the Bible that **might** be a sure way of getting God to answer your prayers your way, but the truth is there is no sure way, just like there is not sure way of getting your earthly father to give you the car to drive, when he knows you cannot drive it. No special pray, fasting, chanting or incantations will make your earthly father give something to you that he knows will hurt you.

Demons are the not the same. If they want to get you, it does not matter what you believe, because your belief in them or not makes no difference, they will get you. Only our Father can and will stop them. Many religions believe that if you use special water or garments, or that you make so many prayers or combination of prayers that it will stop the evil, but the truth is it will not. Only God our Father can. God will honor your free will and He will not step on it, but you must be obedient to God and ask Him to stop them because He has conditions and rules by which the demons must obey, and the demons cannot touch you if you were not disobedient to God in the first place. You bring on the demons yourself by being disobedient.

EPH 2:1 "As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, [2] in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. [3] All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. [4] But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, [5] made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved. [6] And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, [7] in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus. [8] For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- [9] not by works, so that no one can boast. [10] For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

God has setup all of this to protect us. He requires obedience not as an egotistical, dictatorial, and as a controlling maniac, but rather it is to protect us against a superior being or beings and their henchmen the satanists and evil demons.

The idea of being obedient is to keep us away from evil spirits and keeping us close to God our Father where He can protect us. What you have to do is to learn what God is willing to do, listen to His voice (more on this later) and obey. Then you will know what He wants, what He is willing to do, and finally what He wants you to do. Now when you do it, He will do His part. A perfect example of this is below. Simple but true.

The idea here is to understand God and to understand the Kingdom of God. Anyone can teach you things, processes, and procedures, but if you understand what God is about and what God has done, then you can understand what He is going to do and why. Once you know that,

then you will know the will of God and so you will know what you are to do. Then you will be able to do the things that Jesus did and fulfill your position and relationship with God.

This is having heaven here on earth. This brings peace that surpasses understanding, this brings the Joy of the Lord to you heart.

Lets start with the beginning of our relationship with God.

3.1 Our Relationship With God

Why did God do this? Why did He make us?

So why did God do all of this? He did all of this to save us because He loves us so much. This is understandable because if He is our true Father, then like a father, He loves us and will do anything to save and protect His children. And so it also goes the other way around, that if He is willing to do anything to protect us, then He must be our true Father.

The first answer is of course in one of the most used verses in the world.

JN 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. [17] For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, **but to save the** world through Him. [18] Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because He has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. [19] This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. [20] Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. [21] But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God."

EPH 5:1 "Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children [2] and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."

Then the next question is to why did He make us.

Simply, God wanted a relationship with someone, much like humans want a relationship, which often leads to marriage and sometimes they have children.

So God created Adam and He created Adam in His own image so that Adam could have a relationship with God, and then He created Eve. We all know that God created man because He wanted a companion and a close relationship; a good relationship and companion who can interact with Him, love Him and one who would accept His love, one that He would talk with and walk with, and so He had to make this companion be like Himself. How did He treat them, Adam and Eve? God walked with them. He even talked with them. He provided everything for them.

GE 3:8 "Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as He was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. [9] But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?""

GE 3:10 He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

GE 3:11 "And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?""

GE 3:12 "The man said, "The woman you put here with me--she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.""

GE 3:13 "Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate.""

Here before they sinned, God was walking in their garden and was talking with them, just like it was an everyday thing. He is pleasant, kind, acting like a Father. He was able to care and love them as they loved Him. But now look at God after they sinned.

GE 3:14 "So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done

"Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life."

GE 3:15 "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.""

GE 3:16 "To the woman He said,

"I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.""

this,

GE 3:17 "To Adam He said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, `You must not eat of it,' "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life."

If you will notice, that God has 2 different ways of acting towards His children, that of a parent chastising His children and that of a good friend and loving Father. And so He will treat us so in 2 different ways, one way when we sin, and another way when we are a Christian: a forgiven Child of God.

As a forgiven Christian, we have the right to go boldly before the throne of God and make our petitions known and He will answer.

In short, God just wants us to treat Him like our best friend and Father. Meanwhile, here is what God is seeking from us.

DT 10:12 "And now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your **God**, to walk in all His ways, to love Him, to serve the LORD your **God with all your heart and with all your soul**, [13] and to observe the LORD's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?"

Then Jesus says:

MT 22:37 "Jesus replied: " **`Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind**.' [38] This is the first and greatest commandment. [39] And the second is like it: `Love your neighbor as yourself.' [40] All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

So is it not obvious? Like all fathers, He wants our love. That is why we have relationships such as marriage and why we have children: to love them and for us to be loved by them. That is all He wants nothing else. To love and be loved is the desire of all mankind. That is why we are made in His image. Like our parents, we have traits of them both physically and spiritually. And so it is with God. We are in His image and so we have the same traits He has. He had to make us that way. Only a same living soul is capable of giving and receiving our Fathers love.

So you ask, "Can it be that simple?" Yes. God created the world the way He wanted it and then He created the way He wanted us. But like Him, He wanted someone to freely love Him and not to be like a robot. So He had to make the world in such a way that would force us to use our free will, to choose between Him and other things, between Him and other beings, to choose between being in the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of satan.

3.2 So who is God?

Well we have seen that God is a loving Father just like human fathers. He cares and loves us like human fathers. So if He is like our human fathers then there must some reason for which He is like us: we have a mind, body and heart, and so does God. This is why He is called a trinity. Just like we are a trinity.

Look below, who is us? Us usually indicates that there is more then one. And what is "in Our image." Our usually also indicates that there is more then one. So the image of God is of more then One.

GE 1:26 "Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, in Our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.""

GE 1:27 "So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

GE 1:28 "God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.""

GE 1:29 "Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. [30] And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground--everything that has the breath of life in it--I give every green plant for food." And it was so."

GE 1:31 "God saw all that He had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning--the sixth day."

Jesus said that He only does things that are from the will of His Father and that which He hears from God our Father. So, God the Father is the Will of God. The will of everyone rests in our hearts. It is from our heart that we do everything, so our heart holds our will. And so it is with God.

Jesus is the Son of God and He is called the Word of God. All of our words come out of our mouths, which is controlled by our minds. So words come from our mind. This means that Jesus is the mind of God. He tells the Holy Spirit what to do.

It was by the Holy Spirit that everything was made. He is the power of God. He holds the soul of God. We are a living soul. Our body holds our spirit, like the Holy Spirit does for God. Our body is where our power comes from, like the Holy Spirit is the power of God. So like us we have 3 parts: a heart, mind and body; put all three parts together makes us a living soul.

GE 2:4 "This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

When the LORD God made the earth and the heavens-- [5] and no shrub of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no man to work the ground, [6] but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground-- [7] the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils **the breath of life**, and the man became a living being or **soul** (Berkeley version)."

So what is God's image? Jesus tells us that if we have seen Him, we have seen the Father, which means that the Father is like Jesus, and because Jesus was born from a woman with the attributes and traits of God, He is like us, that makes us in the image of the Father, and so the Father is like us.

JN 14:8 "Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.""

JN 14:9 "Jesus answered: "Don't you know Me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? **Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father.** How can you say, `Show us the Father'? [10] Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in Me? The words I say to you are not just My own. Rather, it is the Father, living in Me, who is doing His work. [11] Believe Me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves. [12] I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in Me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. [13] And I will do whatever you ask in My name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. [14] **You may ask Me for anything in My name, and I will do.**"

JN 17:20 "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in Me through their message, [21] **that all of them may be One**, Father, just as You are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in Us so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. [22] I have given them the glory that You gave Me, **that they may be one as we are One**: [23] I in them and You in Me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that You sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me."

JN 17:24 "Father, I want those You have given Me to be with Me where I am, and to see My glory, the glory You have given Me because **You loved Me before the creation of the world.**"

JN 17:25 "Righteous Father, though the world does not know You, I know You, and they know that You have sent Me. [26] I have made You known to them, and will continue to make You known in order that the love You have for Me may be in them and that I Myself may be in them."

So how are we like Jesus and God? Well Jesus is called the Word of God. So if we are like Him, where do our words come from? Our mind controls our mouth and every other part of our body. Everything we say and do is controlled by our mind.

But we have the mind of Christ."

God says that everything He has, He has given to Jesus, therefore Jesus controls everything, but His will, Jesus always does the will of His Father.

JN 14:9 "Jesus answered: "Don't you know Me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? [10] Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in Me? **The words I say to you are not just My own. Rather, it is the Father, living in Me, who is doing His work.** [11] Believe Me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves"

LK 22:39 "Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and His disciples followed Him. [40] On reaching the place, He said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." [41] He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, [42] **"Father, if You are willing, take this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done."** [43] An angel from heaven appeared to Him and strengthened Him. [44] And being in anguish, He prayed more earnestly, and His sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground."

So Jesus only did and does the will of His and our Father.

EPH 6:5 "Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. [6] Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, **doing the will of God from your heart.** [7] Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, [8] because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good He does, whether his slave or free."

So Jesus the Christ is the Mind of God. Because the mind controls the body and all of its strength, and everything that God does is done by Jesus, so with that, is shows that Jesus is the mind of God.

¹CO 2:16 "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?"

Likewise God has 3 parts, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; where the Father is the heart of God, Jesus is the Mind of God and the Holy Spirit is the body of God.

3.3 God a Trinity—Our Father

Our Father is the will of God. Your heart is where your will resides. Out of the treasures of your heart so will you speak. You speak from the will of your heart, and Jesus speaks from the will of our Father. So God the Father is the will of God, and so the heart of God. Out of the heart you speak. Out of the heart of God, Jesus speaks. In your heart you decide as to what you will be, what your attitudes will be, and your thoughts and ideas come from your heart.

MT 5:27 "You have heard that it was said, `Do not commit adultery.' [28] But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed **adultery with her in his heart**."

MT 12:33 "Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit. [34] You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? **For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks**. [35] The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. [36] But I tell you that men will have to give account on the Day of Judgment for every careless word they have spoken. [37] For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."

MT 15:16 "Are you still so dull?" Jesus asked them. [17] "Don't you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? [18] **But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart**, and these make a man `unclean.' [19] **For out of the heart come evil thoughts**, **murder**, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. [20] These are what make a man `unclean'; but eating with unwashed hands does not make him `unclean.' "

MT 18:35 "This is how My heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother **from your heart**."

RO 2:5 "But because of your stubbornness and **your unrepentant heart**, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when His righteous judgment will be revealed. [6] God "will give to each person according to what he has done." (done in your heart) [7] To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. [8] But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. [9] There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile; [10] but

glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. [11] For God does not show favoritism."

RO 10:5 "Moses describes in this way the righteousness that is by the law: "The man who does these things will live by them." [6] But the righteousness that is by faith says: "**Do not say in your heart**, `Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) [7] "or `Who will descend into the deep?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). [8] But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: [9] That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. [10] For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. [11] As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in Him will never be put to shame." [12] For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile--the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on Him, [13] for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.""

EPH 1:15 "For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, [16] I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. [17] I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better. [18] I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, [19] and His incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of His mighty strength, [20] which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, [21] far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. [22] And God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be head over everything for the church, [23] which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills everything in every way."

EPH 6:5 "Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with **sincerity of heart**, just as you would obey Christ. [6] Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, **doing the will of God from your heart**. [7] Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, [8] because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free."

1TI 1:3 "As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain men not to teach false doctrines any longer [4] nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. These promote controversies rather than God's work--which is by faith. [5] The goal of this command is love, **which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience** and a sincere faith. [6] Some have wandered away from these and turned to meaningless talk. [7] They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm."

HEB 3:12 "See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. [13] But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. [14] We have come to share in Christ if we hold firmly till the end the confidence we had at first. [15] As has just been said:

> "Today, if you hear his voice, **do not harden your hearts** as you did in the rebellion.""

HEB 4:12 "For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the **thoughts and attitudes of the heart.** [13] Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account."

And the will of God, like us, is living in the heart of God.

3.4 God a Trinity—Son of God—Jesus

So Jesus was in the beginning with and is God. Jesus is the Word of God. Jesus-the word or mind of God

JN 1:1 "**In the beginning was the Word**, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] He was with God in the beginning."

JN 1:3 "**Through Him all things were made**; without Him nothing was made that has been made. [4] In Him was life, and that life was the Light of men. [5] The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it."

JN 1:6 "There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. [7] He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. [8] He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. [9] The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world."

JN 1:10 "He was in the world, and **though the world was made through Him**, the world did not recognize Him. [11] He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him. [12] Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become **Children of God**- - [13] children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God."

JN 1:14 "The **Word became flesh** and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."

As you can see here, this shows 2 very important things: Jesus was with God from the beginning, hence why God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, in Our likeness…" and so why He said that, "The Word became flesh." He could not become flesh if He was not in the image of us or we Him.

The second important thing is that He said, "**Through Him all things were made...**" So it was Jesus who did all of the saying in Geneses when it said, "He said". Jesus said it and the Holy Spirit did it.

Then there are over 66 prophesies in the Old Testament about Jesus, His birth, His ministry and His death. So that we could believe in Him as being the Messiah (our savior), that He is the Son of God. The reason for this is that there will be not doubt when they are all fulfilled by one person—Our Savior. See Appendix A below for a listing.

Everything that belongs to the Father belongs to Jesus, giving Jesus control over all things. He is the mind of God, because like our minds that controls our bodies, so Jesus—the word—controls the power of God, the Holy Spirit.

JN 3:31 "The One who comes from above is above all; the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and speaks as one from the earth. The One who comes from heaven is above all. [32] **He testifies to what He has seen and heard**, but no one accepts His testimony. [33] The man who has accepted it has certified that God is truthful. [34] For the One whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit. [35] **The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in His hands.** [36] Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."

You can see that God has given all things to Jesus, because all things were made by Jesus. He follows the Will of our Father and He controls the power of God, because the mind controls the body and so Jesus controls the Holy Spirit.

3.5 God Trinity—Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit—the power or body of God. The Holy Spirit is the essence or energy that holds us and God together—that is after the Holy Spirit lives in us.

God's Kingdom is the spirit world where He lives. We must understand how the spirit world operates; because once we know that then we can operate in it and live in it, to be useful in it.

Simply put what we see, feel hear, touch and taste were once spiritual. God created the world from nothing. It was by His spirit He created everything.

GE 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. [2] Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters."

Here is the first known usage of the Word of God, "God said".

GE 1:3 "And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. [4] God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. [5] God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning--the first day."

Who was He talking to? I would gander that it was the one who had the power to create everything. Who is the power of God, none other then the Holy Spirit. He spoke and the Holy Spirit created as He spoke.

GE 1:6 "And God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water." [7] So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so. [8] God called the expanse "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning--the second day."

GE 1:9 "And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. [10] God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters He called "seas." And God saw that it was good."

GE 1:11 "Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seedbearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. [12] The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. [13] And there was evening, and there was morning--the third day."

GE 1:14 "And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, [15] and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. [16] God made two great lights--the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. [17] God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth, [18] to

govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. [19] And there was evening, and there was morning--the fourth day."

GE 1:20 "And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky." [21] So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. [22] God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." [23] And there was evening, and there was morning--the fifth day."

GE 1:24 "And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. [25] God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good."

We can see here that God created all things by His Spirit and that the spirit world can control the physical. But the Holy Spirit only did things after God Said it to be.

The Holy Spirit is the power of God, just like our body is the power of humans. So the Holy Spirit is the body of God. He holds all of God together, just like our body holds us together. The difference though is that God's Spirit also lives in us and so He connects us to God. It is through Him that we can communicate with God.

3.6 God's Great Secret: The Holy Spirit

In a previous chapter we discussed the tugging feeling in your heart for God, the touch in your heart for God, well here is why.

JN 16:5 "Now I am going to Him who sent Me, yet none of you asks Me, 'Where are you going?' [6] Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. [7] But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. **Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. [8] When He comes, He will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment:** [9] in regard to sin, because men do not believe in Me; [10] in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; [11] and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned."

This conviction is what you feel, sense or the touch in your heart. It is the Holy Spirit in your heart touching you. This is the real world of God.

After I read Matthew, the following days my Bible seemed to be stuck. It would only open to the Gospel of John starting with chapter 14, which I continued to read until John 17. And because it was always opening to there, I read it many, many times because as I found out later, it holds many secrets about God and His Kingdom.

Lets look at it together here to see what He had me read at first, and by the way, I read that part of the Bible many, many, many times until I really understood most of it. Now why did I have to read it over and over, you might ask. Well it was because it is like building blocks. You have to find the first blocks first and then after you have to read it to find the second blocks and so on. The Holy Spirit showed me and taught me something new every time I read it. Only then was I able to read the rest of the New Testament. It is a little long, but it is so important to understand. It is the heart of living, our life with God.

JN 14:1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. **Trust in God; trust also in Me.** [2] In My Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. [3] And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am. [4] You know the way to the place where I am going."

JN 14:5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

JN 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. [7] If you really knew Me, you would know My Father as well. From now on, you do know Him and have seen Him."

Note: He does not say Mohamed, or Buddha, or the Shinto way, but only through Jesus and no other.

JN 14:8 Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

JN 14:9 Jesus answered: "Don't you know Me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? [10] **Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in Me?** The Words I say to you are not just My own. **Rather, it is the Father, living in Me, who is doing His work**. [11] **Believe Me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves.** [12] I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in Me will do what I have been doing. **He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father**. [13] And I will do whatever you ask in My name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. [14] You may ask Me for anything in My name, and I will do it.

JN 14:15 "If you love Me, you will obey what I command. [16] And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor (or Helper) to be with you forever-- [17] the Spirit of truth. *The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives*

with you and will be in you. [18] I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. [19] Before long, the world will not see Me anymore, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live. [20] On that day you will realize that I am in My Father, and you are in Me, and I am in you. [21] Whoever has My commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves Me. He who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."

JN 14:22 "Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?"

JN 14:23 "Jesus replied, **"If anyone loves Me, he will obey My teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make Our home with him.** [24] He who does not love Me will not obey My teaching. These Words you hear are not My own; they belong to the Father who sent Me.

JN 14:25 "All this I have spoken while still with you. [26] But the Counselor (helper), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. [27] Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

JN 14:28 "You heard Me say, `I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. [29] I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. [30] I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on Me, [31] but the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded Me.

"Come now; let us leave.

JN 15:1 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the gardener. [2] He cuts off every branch in Me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit Me prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. [3] You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. [4] Remain in Me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me.

JN 15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing. [6] If anyone does not remain in Me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. [7] If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. [8] This is to My Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be My disciples."

JN 15:9 "As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love. [10] If you obey My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I have obeyed My Father's commands and remain in His love. [11] I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. [12] My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. [13] Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. [14] You are My friends if you do what I command. [15] I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. *Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from My Father I have made known to you.* [16] You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in My name. [17] This is My command: Love each other."

JN 15:18 "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated Me first. [19] If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. [20] Remember the words I spoke to you: 'No servant is greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed My teaching, they will obey yours also. [21] They will treat you this way because of My name, for they do not know the One who sent Me. [22] If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin. Now, however, they have no excuse for their sin. [23] He who hates Me hates My Father as well. [24] If I had not done among them what no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. But now they have seen these miracles, and yet they have hated both Me and My Father. [25] But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: 'They hated me without reason.'

JN 15:26 "When the Counselor (Helper) comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, He will testify about Me. [27] And you also must testify, for you have been with Me from the beginning.

JN 16:1 "All this I have told you so that you will not go astray. [2] They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, a time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God. [3] They will do such things because they have not known the Father or Me. [4] I have told you this, so that when the time comes you will remember that I warned you. I did not tell you this at first because I was with you.

JN 16:5 "Now I am going to Him who sent Me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' [6] Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. [7] But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor (Helper) will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. [8] When He comes, He will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: [9] in regard to sin, because men do not believe in He; [10] in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see He no longer; [11] and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

JN 16:12 "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. [13] But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; He will speak only what He hears, and <u>He</u> will tell you what is yet to come. [14] He will bring glory to Me by taking from what is Mine and making it known to you. [15] All that belongs to the Father is Mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is Mine and make it known to you.

JN 16:16 "In a little while you will see Me no more, and then after a little while you will see Me."

JN 16:17 "Some of His disciples said to one another, "What does He mean by saying, `In a little while you will see Me no more, and then after a little while you will see Me,' and `Because I am going to the Father'?" [18] They kept asking, "What does He mean by `a little while'? We don't understand what He is saying."

JN 16:19 "Jesus saw that they wanted to ask Him about this, so He said to them, "Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, `In a little while you will see Me no more, and then after a little while you will see Me'? [20] I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. [21] A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. [22] So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. [23] In that day you will no longer ask Me anything. I tell you the truth, My Father will give you whatever you ask in My name. [24] Until now you have not asked for anything in My name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete."

JN 16:25 "Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about My Father. [26] In that day you will ask in My name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. [27] No, the Father Himself loves you because you have loved Me and have believed that I came from God. [28] I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father."

JN 16:29 "Then Jesus' disciples said, "Now You are speaking clearly and without figures of speech. [30] Now we can see that You know all things and that You do not even need to have anyone ask You questions. This makes us believe that You came from God."

JN 16:31 "You believe at last!" Jesus answered. [32] "But a time is coming, and has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home. You will leave Me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for My Father is with Me.

JN 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

As you can see, He has made many promises here. The main part that He made very clear is: When the day comes, Our Father will provide the Counselor—His Helper for us—the Holy Spirit, which was fulfilled on Pentecost (more on this in the next Chapter).

Another promise is that we have the right to pray anything we want in Jesus' name and our Heavenly Father will do it. Of course the condition for that to happen is to obey His commands and to be one with God our Father. That sets Him free to answer our prayers.

Also as you can see He promises that the Holy Spirit will guide you into all truth. For He knows God, for He is part of God and so He knows the truth. An important thing is that He will only speak what He hears from Our Father.

Next important thing about the Holy Spirit is that He will help us. In another version of the Bible, the Holy Spirit is described as the Helper, for His job is to help us in all things about the Kingdom of God.

When the Helper comes, He will teach you all things and He will remind you of everything that He has said to you. This is how we know anything about God and His ways. The Holy Spirit will teach and remind you and He will guide you into all truth.

In summary, when the Holy Spirit (the Helper) comes to you, He will:

- 1. Teach you all things about God, His Kingdom and His Holy Spirit
- 2. He will guide you to all truth
- 3. He will remind you of all things that He has taught you
- 4. He will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment.

This is the secret of life with God; it is life living with and through the His Holy Spirit. Remember that everything with God is a two way street. He does have conditions for this to work:

JN 14:15 "<u>If you love Me, you will obey what I command.</u> [16] And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor (or Helper) to be with you forever-- [17] the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you. [18] I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to

you. [19] Before long, the world will not see Me anymore, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live. [20] On that day you will realize that I am in My Father, and you are in Me, and I am in you. [21] Whoever has My commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves Me. He who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."

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Here is the final condition.

JN 15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing. [6] If anyone does not remain in Me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. [7] If you remain in Me and My Words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. [8] This is to My Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be My disciples.

The conditions are:

- 1. Obey God's commands
- 2. Love one another
- 3. Remain in God's Word

Appendix A

Prophesies of Jesus

Here is a list that you can look up of the prophecies regarding Jesus' coming.

Prophecy Regarding His birth	Showing Fulfillment
Genesis 3:15	Galatians 4:4
Genesis 12:3	Matthew 1:1, Galatians 3:8
Genesis 17:19	Luke 3:34, Galatians 4:28
Numbers 24:17	Matthew 1:2
Genesis 49:10	Luke 3.33
Isaiah 9:7	Luke 1:32 and 33
Micah 5:2	Luke 2:4-7
Daniel 9:25	John 1:41 and 4:25
Isaiah 7:14	Luke 1:26-31
Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:23
Jeremiah 31:15	Matthew 2:16-18
Hosea 11:1	Matthew 4:14-15
Judges 13:5	Matthew 2:23
Regarding His Ministry	
Malachi 3:1	Luke 7:24, 27
Malachi 4:5	Luke 1:17
Isaiah 40:3	Mark 1:2-3
Psalm 2:7	Matthew 3:17, Mark 9:7
Isaiah 11:2	Matthew 3:16
Isaiah 42:1	Mark 1:11
Psalm 91:11	Matthew 4:6
Isaiah 9:1-2	Matthew 4:23-25
Psalm 22:22	Matthew 4:23-25
Deuteronomy 18:15	Acts 3:20
Isaiah 61:1	Luke 4:18-19
Isaiah 29:18	Matthew 11:4-5
Isaiah 53:3	John 1:11
Isaiah 29:13	Mark 7:6-8
Psalm 2:2	Mark 3:6
Micah 7:6	Matthew 10:35-36
Psalm 78:2	Matthew 13:35
Psalm 110:4	Hebrews 5:5-6
Psalm 118:22	Matthew 21:42
Regarding His death	
Zechariah 9:9	Mark 11:7-11

Psalm 118:25-26	Matthew 21:16
Malachi 3:1	Matthew 21:12-13
Psalm 41:9	Luke 22:47-48
Zechariah 11:12	Matthew 26:15
Zechariah 13:7	Matthew 26:31
Isaiah 50:5	Matthew 26:42
Psalm 35:11	Mark 14:57-58
Isaiah 53:7	Mark 15:4-5
Isaiah 50:6	Matthew 26:67
Isaiah 53:5	Matthew 27:26
Isaiah 50:6	Matthew 27:29-30
Micah 5:1	Mark 15:19
Psalm 35:19	John 15:24
Matthew 26:34	Matthew 26:74-75
Isajah 53:5	Romans 5:6,8
Isaiah 52:12	Mark 15:27-28
Zechariah 12:10	John 20:27
Psalm 22:27-28	Luke 23:35
Psalm 109:25	Matthew 27:39
Psalm 69:21	Matthew 27:34
Psalm 109:4	Luke 23:34
Psalm 22:17-18	Matthew 27:35-36
Psalm 34:20	John 19:32-36
Zechariah 12:10	John 19:34
Psalm 22:1	Matthew 27:46
Zechariah 11:10-11	Matthew 27:51
Amos 8:9	Mark 15:33
Mark 14:8	John 19:40-42
Isaiah 53:9	Matthew 27:57-60
Psalm 16:10	Mark 16:6-7
Hosea 6:2	John 20:1, 1 Corinthians 15:4
Psalm 68:18	Mark 16:19
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