

# Spirit World

## Chapter 4

As we read in the previous chapter,

EPH 6:10 “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. [11] Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. [12] **For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.** [13] Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. [14] Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, [15] and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. [16] In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. [17] Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. [18] And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.”

We do not fight to keep our salvation against people, although they are the ones who fight against us, but we fight against the puppet master who controls them. But how does the evil spirits control us, well lets see.

### 4.1 Evil Spirits Can Control US

How do we allow the evil ones to control us?

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."

When we are disobedient we allow the evil ones to control us. That means even Christians can be controlled by the evil ones when they are disobedient.

Another way to look at it is that in the form of the law. God has set down several laws that He cannot break no matter how much He loves us. He can persuade us, He can have others help us, and He can send angels to minister to us, but He cannot just go against His law and rules except by His rules and law.

For example we have Job. A very Godly man. He loves and reveres God with all of His heart. But enter Satan. He goes to God and they start talking about Job.

JOB 1:6 "One day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them. [7] The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?"

Satan answered the LORD, "From roaming through the earth and going back and forth in it."

JOB 1:8 Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."

JOB 1:9 "Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. [10] "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. [11] But stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face."

JOB 1:12 The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your hands, but on the man himself do not lay a finger."  
Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD."

Satan stands before God accusing us, Christians. And of course if he is right, that he has legal right to go against us because that is the penalty of sinning.

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So satan sees our disobedience and requests the right to work his evil in us. That is God's law. So He allows it. He must, it is the law of Heaven.

So he sends his demons to attack us trying to take possession of us. Thank God, He has other laws that He can use to save us.

Look at all the bad things the devil can do and how God has prepared a way or law to go against it.

JAS 5:13 "Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. [14] Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. [15] **And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. [16] Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.**"

JAS 5:17 "Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. [18] Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops."

When we pray for each other, we stand in the gap between the Lord and the devil. If we are praying for the other person for them, then the Lord will tell the devil to leave because some one has made the legal petition for forgiveness for the sinner. And that is a defense against the sin. Then God can forgive that person and so removing all right the devil might have had because that person sinned.

Most sickness is caused by sin and someone sinning. So this works for that too. Asking the elder to lay hands, anoint with oil and praying for healing, which is removing the devils schemes on that person because of their sin. (Please make note that not all sickness is caused by sin, but many are. You need to seek the Lord to differentiate the difference.)

So we must be on our guard and keep all of our windows closed. We will discuss in detail more of what this means and how it works. But window control can remove all of the devils legal rights to you. But you need to understand more of the spirit world.

### 4.2 Evil Control

But what is this control?

Well we have an enemy within us before we were born again. But the problem is that even after we are born again, he wants to take control. And he does when we are not careful.

Can the Spirit world control the physical world? Yes I believe so. How else did Jesus heal people, the Holy Spirit? How did Jesus walk on water, the Holy Spirit? How did Jesus raise Lazarus, the Holy Spirit?

So lets look at the beginning of mankind to see how all physical things were created and controlled by the Spirit world. When God made man, He gave him dominion and control over all of the world. But when Adam sinned, he gave away this dominion and control to the devil. So now the devil has control of the world, and even death until Jesus went to the devils headquarters and took it away, the key of life and death. See appendix A. below.

### 4.3 In HIS Image

Well it started with Adam and Eve. We all know that. But what happened to them physically when they sinned. Well when they were created by God He wanted a companion and so to have a good companion who can interact with Him, He had to make them be like Him.

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.

So what is God's image? Well Jesus tells us that if we have seen Him we have seen the Father. And we are like Jesus, in that we are all human.

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."

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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? Yes? Our mind controls our mouth and every other part of our body. But does Jesus speak or give His own words? No.

He says that He only does the will of His Father in Heaven.

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."

God honors many things but one of them is that He honors our free will. He wants us to be willing to love Him will of our heart, soul and mind.

MT 22:37 Jesus replied: " `Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

Why these because that is who are all are. We are in the image of God, who is the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

Your heart is where you will resides. Out of the treasures of your heart so will you speak. You speak from the will of your heart, so Jesus speaks from the will of our Father. So the God the Father is the will of God, and so the heart. Out of the heart you speak. Out of the heart of God, Jesus speaks.

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 (abundance) 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."

Jesus is the Son of God. He is the word of God. All of our words come out of our mouth, which is controlled by our mind. 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 soul, 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, body, mind and soul (heart). Likewise God has 3 parts, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

### **We are made in His image.**

But who is us? That indicates more than one. And in our image. So the image of God is of more than One.

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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."

JAS 2:25 In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies

and sent them off in a different direction? [26] As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

JAS 4:7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. [8] Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. [9] Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. [10] Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up.

### 4.3.1 God Trinity—Father—Will of God

Father is the will of God.

JN 3:16 "For God (our Father) 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."

JN 6:35 "Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me will never go hungry, and he who believes in Me will never be thirsty. [36] But as I told you, you have seen Me and still you do not believe. [37] All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and whoever comes to Me I will never drive away. [38] **For I have come down from heaven not to do My will but to do the will of Him who sent Me.** [39] And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that I shall lose none of all that He has given Me, but raise them up at the last day. [40] For My Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise Him up at the last day."

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."

MK 14:35 "Going a little Farther, He fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from Him. [36] **"Abba, Father," He said, "everything is possible for You. Take this cup from Me. Yet not what I will, but what You will."**"

### 4.3.2 God Trinity—Son of God—Jesus--The Word

So Jesus was in the beginning with and is God. Jesus is the Word. So we see here that in the beginning before man, was the Father—the will and soul of God, Jesus--the word or mind of God and the Holy Spirit—the power or body of God. Holy Spirit is the essence or energy the holds us and God together—after the Holy Spirit lives in us.

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.”**

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 He 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 17:6 "I have revealed you to those whom you gave Me out of the world. They were Yours; You gave them to Me and they have obeyed Your word. [7] Now they know that everything You have given Me comes from You. [8] **For I gave them the words You gave Me and they accepted them.** They knew with certainty that I came from You, and they believed that You sent Me. [9] I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those You have given Me, for they are Yours. [10] All I have is Yours, and all You have is Mine. And glory has come to Me through them. [11] I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, protect them by the power of Your name--the name You gave Me--so that they may be one as we are one. [12] While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name You gave Me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.”

So everything that belongs to the Father, belongs to Jesus, giving Jesus control of all things. So 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."

### **4.3.3 God Trinity—Holy Spirit—Power of God**

His 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 for God in it.

Simply put what we see, feel hear, touch and taste was 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 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: seed-bearing 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,

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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.""

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."

We can see here that God created all things by His Spirit and that the spirit world can control the physical.

So it is no wonder that we can be controlled by the stronger spirit world. Lets look as some ways that the spirit world can control us.

We fight not against flesh and blood—people, but against the evil spiritual forces. And here He indicates how to fight them. With His might, with His power, using His protection not ours. Why, because nothing we have is spiritual. We are all taught from birth and all through school to be physical. Use your brain, your will power, your determination, your muscles. We are taught to follow our feelings, such as, "If it feels good, do it. Follow your feelings." But does God say that. NO. He says that we walk by faith and not by sight—your sense, feeling, or anything physical. Why? Because the spirit world controls all of the physical world.

Lets look at what He says in Galatians about this.

GAL 5:16 "So I say, **live by the Spirit**, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. [17] For the **sinful nature** desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the **sinful nature**. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. [18] **But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.**"

Is He talking about just Sunday church here or what? He is talking about how do live daily, hourly, or every minute of the day, even the time that you are sleeping. Or does the spirit world not control our dreams too.

Then what is the sinful nature? It is the evil spiritual nature that you removed when you repented. But once it is gone, is it gone forever? NO.

MT 12:43 "**When an evil spirit comes out of a man**, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. [44] Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order. [45] **Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there.** And the final condition of that man is worse than the first. That is how it will be with this wicked generation."

That is why the rest of the New Testament was written. (More on that later.)

What is this evil spirit that left and comes back? It is the one that was living in us before the Lord removed it. But the biggest problem is that when he comes back he finds the house (us) empty, because we have not asked God through the Holy Spirit to live in us. But God says that because of our free will, He will do whatever we want. So if we want evil, He says ok and leaves and lets the evil to come in, and his 7 friends. But if we want Him to return, and we ask for His forgiveness and then repent of this evil, He is willing to return and fill us with the Holy Spirit again.

But what are some of these evil spirits? Well let's look in Galatians and maybe we will get a clue. But first here is what God taught me.

REV 3:19 "Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. [20] Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. **If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and He with me.**"

REV 3:21 "To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with Me on My throne, just as I overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. [22] He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

#### 4.4 Feelings are Spirits and Spirits are Feelings

GAL 5:19 "The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; [20] idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions [21] and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God."

After I read this (for the 100<sup>th</sup> time), God asked me, "How do you know that you have hatred?"

I said, "I am very angry or I am easy to get angry at this person."

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Then He said, "How do you know you are angry?"

Well I said, "I feel angry."

Then He said, "How do you know you are jealous?"

I said, "I feel jealous."

Then He said, "How do you know you are drunk?"

I said, "That is really easy, I feel drunk."

Then He said, "Good. Now read on."

GAL 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23] gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. [24] Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. [25] Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. [26] Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

I then read this paragraph.

He said, "How do you know you are at peace?"

I said, "I do not feel bad, but I feel peaceful. Nothing is bothering me.."

He said, "What is not bothering you?"

I said, "No bad feelings."

He said, "How do you know you have joy?"

I said, "That is really easy, I feel really happy."

He said, "So all of these things are feelings? Yes?"

I said, "Well yes. They are."

He said, "But what you just read said that hatred, anger, drunkenness all come from the sinful nature that nurtures evil feelings, and that love, joy and peace are all feelings that come from the Holy Spirit. So all of these feelings come from spirits. Read on."

GAL 6:1 "Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be

tempted. [2] Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. [3] If anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. [4] Each one should test his own actions. Then he can take pride in himself, without comparing himself to somebody else, [5] for each one should carry his own load.”

He said, ”What does this mean? Is it not your free will? I will honor your free will. If you want to receive the evil spirits, then you shall have them, but if you want to obey Me and live in My Holy Spirit, then I will follow your free will and you will receive the feelings of My Holy Spirit.”

#### **4.5 Holy Spirit’s Protection**

God has given us a process of protection, it is through the Holy Spirit. He calls it the “Armor of God”.

EPH 6:10 “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. [11] Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. [12] For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. [13] Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. [14] Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, [15] and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. [16] In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. [17] Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. [18] And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.””

This armor covers you head to feet, because when you are shot with an arrow, it is no telling where it will fall, so you have to be fully protected. But personally, I thought that it was too heavy, and asked God if there was a lighter way to understand this.

Then He proceeded to show me a picture. It was from the movie “First man in the moon”. It was of a man who made a sphere of the strongest material made by man. It was able to withstand the greatest blast made by man. He had windows in it. These windows he used to control the direction the sphere traveled.

The picture that God specifically showed me was of the man in the sphere, and all of the evil spirits trying to get into me from the windows. But that the evil spirits could not penetrate the sphere or its windows, and the windows could not be opened from the outside, only the inside. He was safe just like wearing the armor of God. They tried to

break the windows and they would shoot the windows with their arrows, but still nothing happened. They could not get in, just like they cannot penetrate God's armor, but you are free to move in the sphere, and it was much more comfortable.

Currently, I have matured and so now instead of seeing an 1890 sphere with windows, I see a force field, like in Star Trek. And like in Star Trek you can see through the force field. And like with the sphere, you control every inch of the force field with you decisions. Only that area that has the evil spirit that you agree with can open, just like a window opening. But it still operates as the armor of God. This armor of God or God's force field is given to all Christians. It is for everyone who will simply ask. But then you have use it according to God's rules. It is better then fighting the enemy without protection, but it still can have holes if you decide that you want them or that they are able to trick, deceive you to allow them in. It still operates like the others, based on your free will.

So God told me that once we are born again, that He heals us and removes every evil thing. Based on your free will, through our faith in Him, He will protect us. God has required the Holy Spirit to put us in His protective sphere. Like in the movie, this sphere is the strongest in the world, well I hope so, it is from the Holy Spirit and He is the power of God, He created everything physical.

God said that He placed windows in the sphere so that we can use them to direct us through life. Our sphere has hundreds of windows. Behind each window is an evil spirit; And these spirits control all feelings in us. God never said that we do not or will not have feelings, but that all feelings are spirits and that we have to walk by faith in what He tells us and not what the spirits tell us through the feelings they give us. This is why He requires obedience.

God says that He will knock on your door, and if we let Him in, He will come and eat with us and live in us. He always knocks and walks boldly through our door, He never sneaks through windows.

### **4.6 Window Control**

Then He indicated that all of these windows are all controlled by us, by our decisions and they are naturally controlled by our attitudes—our attitudes are pre-decided as to how we will act and react. And whatever we decide, will open the window according to what we decided on. I asked why He just does not make them doors or solid walls so that we can never get the evil spirits—evil feelings again.

He indicated that they are windows that we open and close by our free will do decide because He wants us to walk by faith not by sight daily, hourly, by every minute to follow Him. But what sight? It is used to mean all earthly or manly ways of using our feelings. Well if we did not have to decide to follow Him by faith, then we would never Seek Him. For we fight against the evil spirits and not man. The fight is nothing more then always deciding to follow and be obedient to Him.

2CO 5:1 “Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. [2] Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, [3] because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. [4] For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. [5] Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.”

2CO 5:6 “Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. [7] **We live by faith, not by sight.** [8] We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. [9] So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. [10] For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.”

The other reason that He made them windows, is that He wants us to see the evil behind the windows and hear then talk to us, so then again we need to decide using our free will to follow God or evil.

1PE 1:3 “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, [4] and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade--kept in heaven for you, [5] **who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation** that is ready to be revealed in the last time. [6] **In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.** [7] These have come so that your faith--of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire--may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. [8] Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, [9] for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”

The evil forces can be seen in them. They will tempt you to let them in, for example. If a person does something you do not like, then you see him do it, you have to decide to obey God and forgive this person or you can disobey and not forgive him, but in doing that you have decided to allow the window to open, and so let the evil spirit of anger in and consequently you will get angry. Because at that time you have agreed with the evil spirit, and that agreement opens the window to the feeling of anger and if that



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evil feeling stays long enough then that feeling will get you to open the window of hatred. Now you have 2 evil spirits and their feelings in you.

To remove them, you need to first, ask for forgiveness; then you need to repent for not forgiving that person; (in this case) you will then need to forgive that person (when you do this, the Lord will remove that evil spirit and its feeling). And then you need to ask the Holy Spirit to live in you, fill you full of love and peace, then when the evil spirit of anger comes back, he will see the house (you) full of the Holy Spirit and will not be able to go in again.

Essentially, when you ask for forgiveness, you are closing the window. Then repentance gives God the permission to remove the evil spirit in you. Think about it, just because you have closed the window, does that mean that the spirit you let in is gone? He does this by washing you clean in the sacrificial blood of Jesus from the cross. Now you are holy and pure again. So now when you pray, you can come boldly up to the throne of God and pray.

But how do the evil spirits get our attention or get us to agree with them?

Remember, from above pages, that God wants to speak to us. If all that is physical is made from the Spiritual, then we are able to hear or we can be made to hear God's Spiritual voice, but if we can hear the spiritual God's voice, than it comes to reason that we can hear the evil spirits too.

**Please note:** God has said that you are what you want, or want to be, or not to be. If you want to be holy because He is Holy, then He will guide you no how to be holy, but you have to do it or at least willing to have it. You have to decide to be it all of the time, for if not, then the enemy will break you down and eventually get in.

We can feel God's Holy Spirit and we can feel the evil spirits, then likewise if we can hear God's voice, then we can hear the evil's voice too.

You have seen cartoons or such, where you have a devil whispering in one ear and an angel whispering in the other. Both are trying to convince the person that their way is right and to do it their way. Well that is almost the truth. The evil spirits are always looking through the window, yelling and crying and pounding on the window trying to get your attention so that you will listen to them, trying to convince you that you should do it their way, the evil way. And as soon as you agree with what they are saying the Holy Spirit will lift that window, or drop that force field for them to get into you.

The key here is that as long as you allow evil spirits to live in you, you can never hear God's voice. They are creating too much static. God's voice is always small, and soft, He is not harsh or mean. The only way to hear God's voice is to close all of your

windows, and to remove all of the evil spirits living in you. Then you will have the fullness of the Holy Spirit living in you and you will hear the voice of the Lord clearly.

#### 4.7 What are these voices?

What does this mean?

JAS 1:13 "When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He tempt anyone; [14] **but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed.** [15] Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death."

There are 3 aspects here to create death in a person: 1, by his own evil desire, he is dragged and enticed away, 2.the evil desire gives birth to sin, then 3 when the sin is full-grown, it produces death.

I asked God how this works. He indicated that temptation is the evil spirits using our life situation to lead us away from God by enticing or dragging us away. They do this with thoughts or voices in our head, or from other evil feelings—such as, anger will entice us to open the window to hatred. They can mix up our thoughts, make us confused or even pretend to be us to convince us to do ungodly things. Remember, that the most important thing to God is to obey His commandments. This is how we determine if the thoughts our ours, His or from a evil source.

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 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."

1CO 7:17 “Nevertheless, each one should retain the place in life that the Lord assigned to him and to which God has called him. This is the rule I lay down in all the churches. [18] Was a man already circumcised when he was called? He should not become uncircumcised. Was a man uncircumcised when he was called? He should not be circumcised. [19] Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing. **Keeping God's commands is what counts.** [20] Each one should remain in the situation which he was in when God called him. [21] Were you a slave when you were called? Don't let it trouble you--although if you can gain your freedom, do so. [22] For he who was a slave when he was called by the Lord is the Lord's freedman; similarly, he who was a free man when he was called is Christ's slave. [23] You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men. [24] Brothers, each man, as responsible to God, should remain in the situation God called him to.”

1JN 3:21 “Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God [22] and receive from him anything we ask, **because we obey His commands and do what pleases Him.** [23] And this is His command: to believe in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as He commanded us. [24] Those who obey His commands live in him, and He in them. And this is how we know that He lives in us: We know it by the Spirit He gave us.”

1JN 4:1 “Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. [2] This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, [3] but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. **This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.**”

1JN 4:4 “You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, **because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.** [5] They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. [6] We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.”

1JN 4:7 “Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. [8] Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. [9] This is how God showed **His** love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. [10] This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. [11] Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to

love one another. [12] No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us.”

1PE 2:1 “Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. [2] **Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, [3] now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.**”

1PE 1:13 “Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. [14] As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. [15] But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; [16] for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy.””

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 15:23 “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.”

But how can we obey God’s commands? I cannot remember everything of His. I am not smart enough to learn all of what He wants me to do and I am not wise enough to know how to use what I have learned. So how can I do it?

It is easy. The Holy Spirit is the key. **Remember John 14, 15, and 16.** God promises that the Holy Spirit will teach us all things of God, He will remind us of all things He has taught us and He will guide us to all truth as long as He is living in you. But how will He do this?

One way it to read the bible, by men who received messages directly from God as they heard His voice. But we too can hear His voice and know the will of our Father. Look at these scriptures.

Well God says that His sheep hears and knows His voice. He often uses the idea of Him being the good Shepard and we are His sheep.

PS 100:3 "Know that the LORD is God.  
It is He who made us, and we are His;  
we are His people, the sheep of His pasture."

MT 25:31 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, He will sit on His throne in heavenly glory. [32] All the nations will be gathered before Him, and H will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. [33] He will put the sheep on Hs right and the goats on His left."

JN 10:1 "I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. [2] The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of His sheep. [3] The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to His voice. He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out. [4] When He has brought out all His own, He goes on ahead of them, and His sheep follow him because they know His voice. [5] But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." [6] Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what He was telling them.

JN 10:7 Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. [8] All who ever came before Me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. [9] I am the gate; whoever enters through Me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. [10] The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

JN 10:11 "I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. [12] The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. [13] The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep."

JN 10:14 "I am the Good Shepherd; I know My sheep and My sheep know Me-- [15] just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father--and I lay down My life for the sheep. [16] I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. **They too will listen to My voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.** [17] The reason My Father loves Me is that I lay down My life--only to take it up again. [18] No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord. I have

authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from My Father."

So He has indicated also to Elijah as to where He lives and how He communicates.

1KI 19:7 "The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." [8] So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. [9] There he went into a cave and spent the night.

And the word of the LORD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

1KI 19:10 He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

1KI 19:11 The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. [12] After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. **And after the fire came a gentle whisper (a small still voice).** [13] When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

1KI 19:14 He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

1KI 19:15 The LORD said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. [16] Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. [17] Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. [18] Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel--all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and all whose mouths have not kissed him."

So God is in the small still voice. God is in His word.

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."

So how do we know the Word? We have to hear it. We have to read it. We have to live it. And we have to live with it.

As we said the bible is full of His words. There are many promises in the bible. Some we can take as ours because it is for everyone, and others we cannot take and we must pray for it and wait on the Lord to give it. Here are a few that belong to everyone.

MT 6:25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? [26] Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? [27] Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

Is not this talking about our daily life our food, cloths housing, and life support. But He continues.

MT 6:28 "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. [29] Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. [30] If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? [31] So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' [32] For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. [33] **But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.** [34] Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Here is the secret.

MT 6:33 But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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So we seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and everything will be ours.

He is saying that our daily life is seeking first His kingdom and His rightness. Then after we do that He will ensure that we will get all things. All things, clothes food, housing money, anything we need to life. Kids college money, vacation money, the honeymoon trip, everything we should need or want.



## Appendix A

### Physical death of Christians

Lately, it seems that our brothers and sisters are dying one way or another. They are dying from sickness or martyrdom. We seem to get very disturbed, depressed, and upset when this happens.

Please do not get me wrong, I am not being morbid or apathetic or callous. I care very much, but being a Christian, death means something else to me, and I am very surprised that others do not have this meaning.

But Jesus had a different view of death. Lately a lot of our elderly family members are dying, or our Christian leaders are dying. When this happens here is what the Lord says to me.

John 12:23 Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. [24] I tell you the truth, **unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies**, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. [25] The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. [26] Whoever serves Me must follow Me; and where I am, My servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves Me.

JN 12:27 "Now My heart is troubled, and what shall I say? `Father, save Me from this hour"? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. [28] Father, glorify Your Name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." [29] The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to Him.

JN 12:30 Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not Mine. [31] Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. [32] But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself." [33] **He said this to show the kind of death He was going to die."**

Again He is very strongly feel that death is necessary.

"Mark 8:31 He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that He must be killed and after three days rise again. [32] He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

MK 8:33 "But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, He rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" He said. "You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."

MK 8:34 "Then He called the crowd to Him along with His disciples and said: "If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. [35] For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. [36] What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? [37] Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? [38] If anyone is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels.""

MK 9:1 "And He said to them, "I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

Death is not an evil or bad thing to Jesus; it is the glory of God. To die is to go home. To die is to be out of this corrupt body and be transformed in to the Lord's spiritual body.

Like Paul says in Phillipians 1:20

"Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, [19] for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. [20] I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. [21] **For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.** [22] If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! [23] I am torn between the two: **I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far;** [24] but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. [25] Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, [26] so that through my being with you again your joy in Christ Jesus will overflow on account of me.

PHP 3:17 Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. [18] For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. [19] Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. [20] **But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, [21] who, by the**

**power that enables him to bring everything under His control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body."**

The Lord's point of view of death shows here what is really important in Matthew 10:26.

"So do not be afraid of them. There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. [27] What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. [28] **Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.** [29] Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. [30] And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. [31] So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."

and

REV 20:11 "Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. [12] And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. [13] The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. [14] Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. **The lake of fire is the second death.** [15] **If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.**

The second death is the one to fear, not the physical death.

John 5:24 "**I tell you the truth, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent me has eternal life** and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. [25] I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. [26] For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in himself. [27] And He has given Him authority to judge because He is the Son of Man.

JN 5:28 "Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear His voice [29] and come out--those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned. [30] By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and My judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but Him who sent Me."

Many think that death will hold a lot of suffering. But with Jesus as our Lord He ensures that we do not suffer, as in Acts 7:59

"While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." [60] Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep."

To the Lord physical death is sleep.

But the full truth is that He holds the keys to live and death.

"REV 1:17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. [18] I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive forever and ever! **And I hold the keys of death and Hades.**"

HEB 2:14 "Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by **His death He might destroy him who holds the power of death--that is, the devil-- [15] and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.** [16] For surely it is not angels He helps, but Abraham's descendants. [17] For this reason He had to be made like His brothers in every way, in order that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that He might make atonement for the sins of the people. [18] Because He Himself suffered when He was tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted."

WE need to TRUST the Lord.

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.**"

So these things must come to pass before the Lord returns.

LK 21:12 "But before all this, they will lay hands on you and persecute you. They will deliver you to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. [13] This will result in your being witnesses to them. [14] But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. [15] For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries

will be able to resist or contradict. [16] You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. [17] All men will hate you because of me. [18] **But not a hair of your head will perish. [19] By standing firm you will gain life.....**

This is the real warning for Christians.

LK 21:34 "Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap. [35] For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. [36] Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."

AND

Matthew 24:42 "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. [43] But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. [44] So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

MT 24:45 "Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? [46] It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. [47] I tell you the truth, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. [48] But suppose that servant is wicked and says to himself, 'My master is staying away a long time,' [49] and he then begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards. [50] The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. [51] He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

MT 25:1 "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish and five were wise. [3] The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. [4] The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. [5] The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep."

MT 25:6 "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'"

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MT 25:7 "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'"

MT 25:9 " 'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'"

MT 25:10 "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut."

MT 25:11 "Later the others also came. 'Sir! Sir!' they said. 'Open the door for us!'

MT 25:12 "But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.'

MT 25:13 "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour."

So we must be wise Children of God who watches and are prepared. Here is what we need to pray for our brothers and sisters. This is to ensure that they do not fall into the second death.

But rather that the Lord would have us pray for the ones who are doing the killing. We need to pray for their salvation. They are the ones who have a greater chance of going through the second death and really die. If we prayed and saved all those doing the killing, then the killing will stop. I am not saying that we should not pray for those brothers and sisters that are being killed, but they are saved. Jesus came to save the sinner not one who is already saved.

John 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."

So we need to have prayer groups and time mostly for the sinners.

We need to turn on the Light and not spend time on driving out the darkness.

