

## Pastor Paul's Newsletter 9-30-23

### The Natural World is Being Controlled by the Spiritual World

When Jesus came to this earth, He constantly spoke about the spiritual world. He knew that nothing happens in the natural world without the spiritual world causing it. Now there are two kingdoms in the spiritual world; the Kingdom of God and the kingdom of the devil. I want us to look at some Scriptures that bear this out.

Matthew 12:26-28 KJV And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? [27] And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges. [28] But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the Kingdom of God is come unto you.

Notice Jesus said that the devil has a kingdom, and God has a Kingdom. In these verses we see the kingdoms are invisible to our natural eyes. Let me give you an illustration. When I was a boy, phones were very primitive. There were no wireless phones, but telephone companies sent linemen out to stretch wire across miles and miles of our country. If you talked to someone back then, your voice would be transmitted across those wires.

Today we pick up our phones and speak to people around the world, wirelessly. Our voices are transmitted through walls of buildings and even thousands of miles through space to hook up with satellites; which, in turn, transmit our voices back to earth. You can't see these transmissions with your eyes, but we know they are there.

Mankind is ever advancing into greater knowledge of our natural world. Things we thought impossible 100 years ago are being discovered today. Well, God is starting to reveal to us His spiritual world as well. He is also revealing the devil and demons. The Bible is a spiritual Book that gives us instructions on how to live a spiritual life. It tells us that we are not our bodies, but we are spirits just like God. The Bible is not just a Book to teach us how to behave, it is to teach us our spiritual life that will change our behavior. We can now live spiritual lives, because we are spiritual beings; not just human beings. Let's look at more Scriptures that bear this out.

John 3:5-6 KJV Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. [6] That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 6:63 KJV It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

Romans 8:1-6 TPT So now the case is closed. There remains no accusing voice of condemnation against those who are joined in life-union with Jesus, the Anointed One. [2] For the "law" of the Spirit of life flowing through the anointing of Jesus has liberated us from the "law" of sin and death. [3] For God achieved what the law was unable to accomplish, because the law was limited by the weakness of human nature. Yet God sent us His Son in human form to identify with human weakness. Clothed with humanity, God's Son gave His body to be the

sin-offering so that God could once and for all condemn the guilt and power of sin. [4] So now every righteous requirement of the law can be fulfilled through the Anointed One living His life in us. And we are free to live, not according to our flesh, but by the dynamic power of the Holy Spirit! [5] Those who are motivated by the flesh only pursue what benefits themselves. But those who live by the impulses of the Holy Spirit are motivated to pursue spiritual realities. [6] For the mind-set of the flesh is death, but the mind-set controlled by the Spirit finds life and peace.

In these verses we see that we have entered into a new spiritual life. We are born-again spirits! We now have the ability to live like God on the earth through our new nature that we received through our new birth in Christ. Now we still have our flesh that we received from Adam's sin, and it wants to live against God's standards; but the more we know ourselves after our new spiritual life, the more the flesh will lose its power to continue in sin.

Love you,  
Pastor Paul

#### This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday      Micah 4

Tuesday      Micah 5

Wednesday      Micah 6

Thursday      Micah 7

Friday      Nahum 1

Saturday      Nahum 2

Sunday      Nahum 3