

## Deliverance (*Setting the captives free*):

There is a war going on between 2 realms. It is not an equal war but a war nonetheless. It is between the Kingdom of God and the dominion of darkness. We know the battle is won, but we live in a fallen world where the enemy is aiming to steal, kill and destroy. As Christians we play a huge role in 'Heaven invading earth', so we need to have some understanding of the enemy and his strategies.

**Matthew 16:17-19** *"Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."*

**Matthew 16:17-19 TPT** *Jesus replied, "You are favored and privileged Simeon, son of Jonah! For you didn't discover this on your own, but my Father in heaven has supernaturally revealed it to you. I give you the name Peter, a stone. And this rock will be the bedrock foundation on which I will build my church—my legislative assembly, and the power of death will not be able to overpower it! I will give you the keys of heaven's kingdom realm to forbid on earth that which is forbidden in heaven, and to release on earth that which is released in heaven."*

Scripture	Caution
1 Peter 5:8-10	Be Aware
Ephesians 5:8-11	Expose the deeds of darkness
Ephesians 6:11	Stand against the devil's schemes
Ephesians 4:26	Foothold
James 4:7	Submit yourself to God, resist the devil and he WILL flee
2 Timothy 2:25-26	Be enlightened as to escape the traps of the devil
2 Corinthians 2:11	Beware of the devil's schemes
2 Corinthians 4:4	He has darkened the minds of unbelievers, therefore bring light

It is very important to know that the enemy has **been defeated** in principle through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus:

- 1 John 3:8
- Colossians 1:13, 2:15
- Acts 10:38, 26:15-18
- Luke 4:18-19, 10:17

We are called to appropriate this so the enemy is being defeated in practice by the church:

- through the authority given to us by Jesus
- through the enabling anointing of the Holy Spirit
- through the proclaiming of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God and the Word of God under the direction of the Holy Spirit
- through our obedience and submission to Jesus by humbly serving King Jesus and mankind.

Please remember:

- Jesus did not launch a Spiritual Warfare Campaign on behalf of the demonized.
- He did not hunt them down.
- He did not provoke them into manifesting
- He did not cast them out as a central focus of His ministry

He only dealt with them when:

- He was asked to.
- When they tried to impede His redemptive ministry and hinder the purposes for His coming (this came in all forms and disguises eg. Peter)

So if something is impeding Jesus' redemptive work and purposes in you and me, let us DEAL WITH IT.

**Hebrews 7:20-25** *“And inasmuch as He was not made priest without an oath (for they have become priests without an oath, but He with an oath by Him who said to Him: “The Lord has sworn And will not relent, ‘You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek”), by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant. Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.”*

# **The Three Heavens**

## **Third Heaven**

Habitation of God

God enthroned

Angels minister constantly

We're seated here with Christ

Where the will on God is never challenged

## **Second Heaven**

Habitation of satan and fallen angels

Spiritual battleground

Kingdoms of this world control from here

The will of God is always resisted

## **First Heaven**

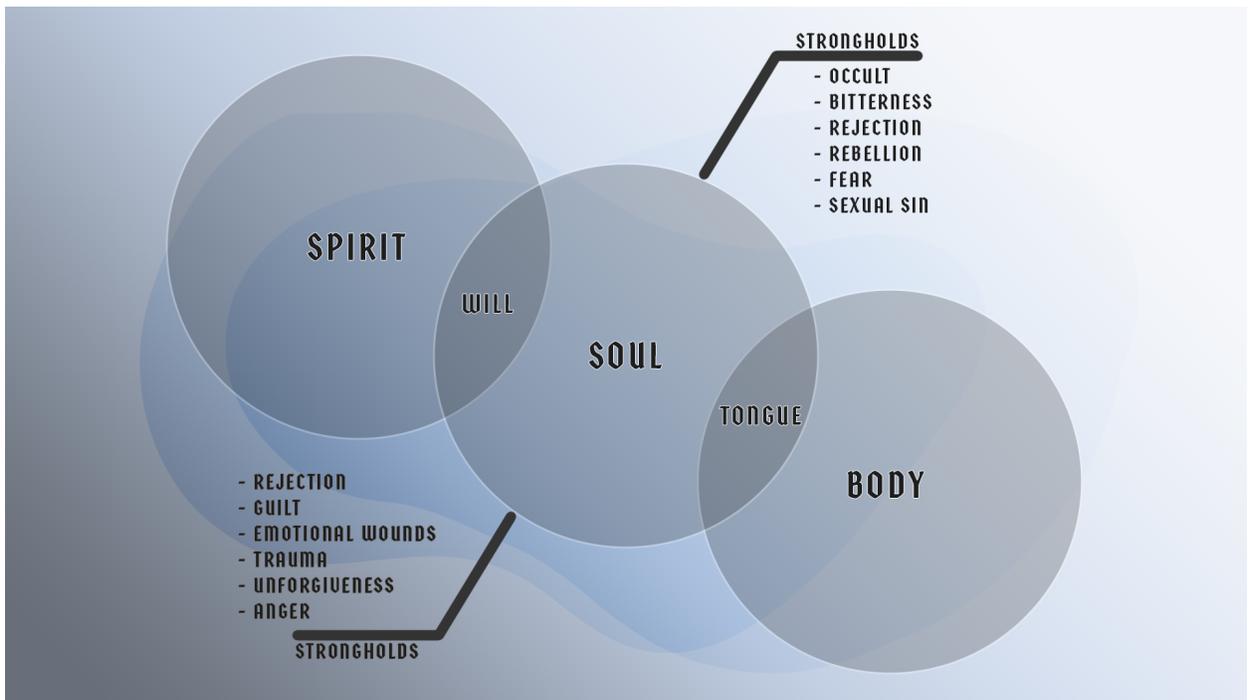
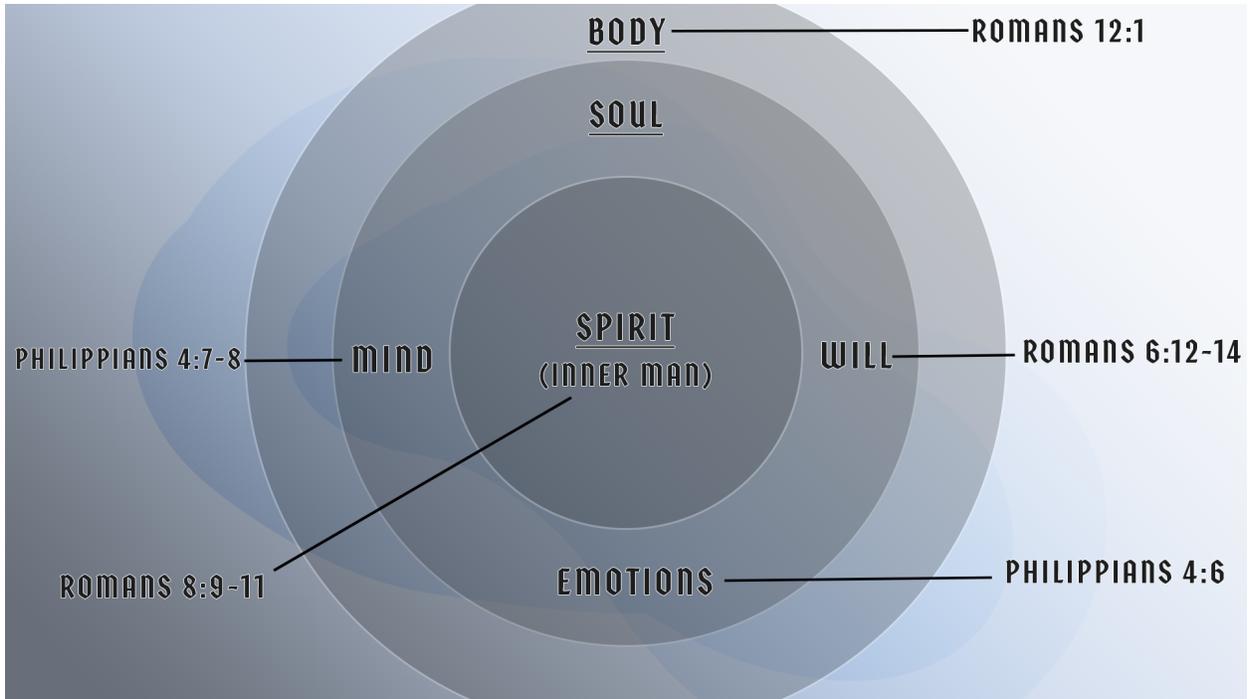
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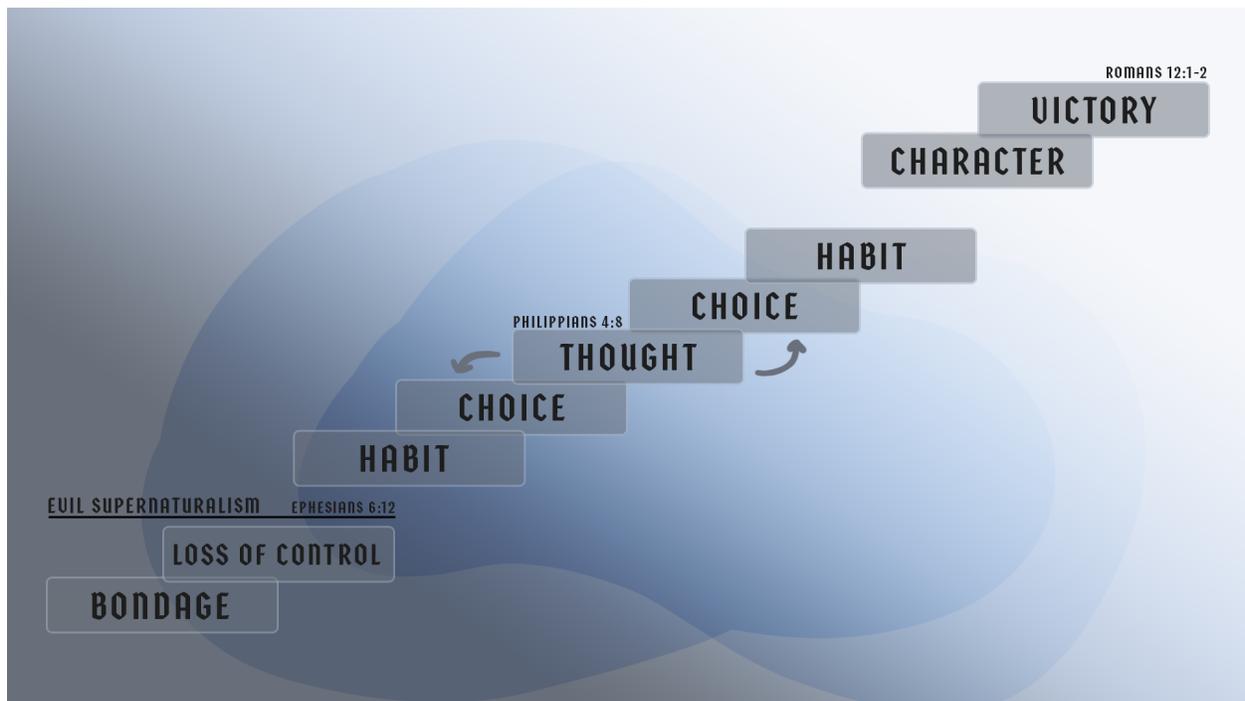
Kingdoms of this world

Angels serving God

Angels serving satan

The Kingdom of God is within us





## Developing a healthy mind:

***A healthy mind is not an option if you want to walk in freedom, it is essential.***

The QUALITY of our ACTION is basically based on the QUALITY of our MINDS:

***Isaiah 55:8*** “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord.”

***Proverbs 23:7a*** “For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.”

***Romans 12:1-2*** “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

Every ACTION of our lives is first CONCEIVED or SEEN in our minds before they are acted on. We think before we do anything or before we act. It might just be a split second or there may be a long time in-between thoughts and actions. But there is ALWAYS a thought process prior to an action.

**Wrong thoughts** will release **wrong emotions**. It is possible to be afraid when there is nothing to be afraid of, simply because we are thinking wrong thoughts.

**Wrong concepts** will produce **wrong living**. Our thoughts precedes our attitudes whether or not there is any reality to these thoughts.

Thus wrong thoughts will lay the foundation for wrong ways and wrong behavioral patterns.

**A proper thought pattern will enhance a proper, biblical expression of our emotions.**

# Renewing the Mind

A person will not retain deliverance if their mind is not renewed. **Romans 12:2** - “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

**How to keep the mind renewed:**

**Let the Holy Spirit rule both the conscious and unconscious mind.**

- **Isaiah 26:3** “You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.”

**Don't dwell on negative things.**

- **Philippians 4:8** “Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.”

**Fill your mind with God's Word.**

- **Philippians 2:5** “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.”

**Cover your mind with the blood of Jesus, even dreams.**

- **2 Corinthians 10:4-5** “For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ”

**Be careful of what you watch, listen to, and read.**

- **Hebrews 12:1-2** “Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”