

The Unseen But Very Real Spirit World

Throughout the long centuries of the Creator God's dealings with humanity, He has given to His prophets an almost endless variety of spiritual experiences.

At an important time in the life of God's prophet Isaiah, God gave him the unusual privilege of gazing through an open window into a heavenly spiritual world still invisible to everyone around him.

God had planned a great task for Isaiah.

But this young man was involved in the court life of a successful king and Isaiah seemed to be satisfied with his world that was strongly focussed on King Uzziah.

How was God going to get Isaiah's attention?

The same way God frequently does, by removing the object of Isaiah's attention.

Isaiah 6:1-4 [NIV] *"In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.' At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke."*

Isaiah in a vision given by God had his attention transferred from King Uzziah's dead body to the eternal King of kings.

The glory and holiness of God was revealed to Isaiah and he responded as any human being would and should.

Isaiah 6:5 [NIV] *"'Woe to me!' I cried. 'I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.'"*

Isaiah saw his own sinful and unholy nature.

Isaiah 6:6-7 [NIV] *"Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, 'See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.'"*

Isaiah's sins were then atoned for, the death penalty redeemed by the future sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 6:8 [NIV] *"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'"*

Out of gratitude for this cleansing Isaiah offered his future to the Creator God.

Isaiah 6:9-13 [NIV] *"He said, 'Go and tell this people: "Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving." Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.' Then I said, 'For how long, O Lord?' And he answered: 'Until the cities lie ruined and without inhabitant, until the houses are left deserted and the fields ruined and ravaged, until the LORD has sent everyone far away and the land is utterly forsaken. And though a tenth remains in the land, it will again be laid waste. But as the terebinth and oak leave stumps when they are cut down, so the holy seed will be the stump in the land.'"*

The Creator God then gave Isaiah a job of work that would continue to be fulfilled by God's people right down to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, when what was described would happen.

Hebrews 1:1-3 [NIV] *“In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.”*

God has revealed Himself and His reason for the existence of humanity many times and in many ways through the prophets, then at last, perfectly through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 11:8-10 [NIV] *“By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.”*

Abraham, a man of faith and a friend of God, [**James 2:23**] was able to endure the trials he faced throughout his life because he focussed his desires on the vision he had been given of as yet an invisible future prepared for him and all who are his children, physically and spiritually.

Galatians 3:6-9 [NIV] *“Consider Abraham: ‘He believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.’ Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham. The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: ‘All nations will be blessed through you.’ So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.”*

All true Christians who have the same faith and vision of the future as Abraham are called children of Abraham.

Our desires and the driving force of our life must be our clear vision of an invisible spirit world and what the Creator God is preparing for us here on this earth at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

By now, all who are reading this article must know that I truly believe there is another world, a spiritual world.

Although it is for us at this time an invisible realm of our Triune God, I believe it is real.

This spiritual realm ruled over by the Creator God as King of kings is a world into which all human beings, who believe in it and the promises made by God, can enter by a new birth.

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I have no doubts about this parallel world whatever “Bible experts” may say.

This invisible world that the Creator God has revealed in His Word, the Christian Bible, is more real, more lasting, more eternal than the physical world we now live in.

This is why God has given us prophets and His revelation in His Word, the Christian Bible.

The Creator God wants us to be able to look into this coming new world in vision and believe it to be our future.

When people around us learn that we are involved in this spiritual Kingdom of God that is yet unseen, they think we are prime candidates for a mental institution.

But this we know, that these same people are subject to the cruel tyranny of material and temporal things that decay and pass away.

Of all the calamities that has been forced upon this world of human beings by Satan, [2 Corinthians 4:4; 1 John 5:19] the ruler of this present world, is the willing surrender to materialistic values, is the worst.

Much of our apathy towards spiritual things and values is an unspoken response, *“I’m just human, I do not have time to think about God and eternity very much.”*

Of course we do not have much time!

Satan is doing everything he can do to keep us busy with physical things that we do not find time to think about the important things that God has given us life to learn and experience, His spiritual world and His purpose for creating human beings.

Such understanding **cannot** be received from God amongst the noise and confusion of our present-day society.

Psalms 46:10 [NIV] *“Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”*

We have to spend regular time in a quiet place to know the Creator God that we should worship and surrender our lives to, so that He can bring us to spiritual maturity.

Romans 12:1-2 [NIV] *“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is, his good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

This is a major scripture that I seek to apply to every day of my life. I recommend this to any other person who comes to know the Eternal Creator God and His plans for their future.

Jesus Christ left us an example of this praying to our Creator God in a quiet place away from the distractions of society, [Matthew 14:23; Mark 6:46; Luke 6:12; Luke 9:28].

It was in the silence and when alone that the Creator God met with those He wished to use in some way.

Enoch *“walked with God”* – no mention of any family members with him [Genesis 5:22, 24].

Abraham was unquestionably by himself when God talked with him, [Genesis 15:7-20] and showed him the future of his family and descendants. Note it was at night that this vision was given, a time of silence.

Jacob twice had unusual experiences with heavenly visitors. Each time he was alone in the silence of night-time, [Genesis 28:10-16; Genesis 32:22-32].

Moses knelt in the presence of God at the burning bush, he was alone and silent, [Exodus 3:1-6].

I doubt that Isaiah would have had his glimpse into the spirit world and the future of humanity if he had not been silent and alone.

Many of King David’s psalms were prayers of loneliness, composed in the silence of solitude.

All this convinces me that we can have communion and fellowship with the Creator God and experience the vision and power of a future world on earth.

This “other world” is not above geographically or astronomically, it is above in quality of life, that is the Kingdom of God, into which human “flesh and blood” cannot enter, [1 Corinthians 15:50] but we can be in touch with it and eventually enter into it.

Christians at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ as the “*firstfruits*” of that Kingdom or created family of God.

We are aware throughout the Old Testament and in the New Testament as well, wonderful heavenly and angelic creatures walked among the people of God.

Two angels visited Lot, [**Genesis 19:1**].

Three angels visited Abraham, [**Genesis 18:1-33**].

Jacob saw many angels, [**Genesis 28:12**].

Gideon saw an angel while he was threshing wheat, [**Judges 6:11-12**].

Samson’s mother, [**Judges 13:2-21**].

All of these people were normal sane people, their subsequent lives and experiences proved it.

But in matters of faith, worship and obedience, they had been in touch with another world largely invisible.

They had heard another and more compelling voice than that of human beings.

They had seen an other-worldly vision and had communed with the powers of the world to come.

I have never had a vision or a dream that amounted to anything, so I am not a visionary in that sense.

But I believe wholeheartedly that we have all the assurance we need to know we are **not** alone in this world, God has **not** abandoned this world.

I believe God does have His messengers, who are real even while they are invisible to us.

Matthew 18:10 [NIV] *“See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.”*

Little children do have guardian angels.

Matthew 4:11 [NIV] *“Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.”*

Angels restored strength to Jesus Christ the human Son of Man.

Acts 12:3-11 [NIV] *“When he saw that this pleased the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. This happened during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover. So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him. The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. ‘Quick, get up!’ he said, and the chains fell off Peter’s wrists. Then the angel said to him, ‘Put on your clothes and sandals.’ And Peter did so. ‘Wrap your cloak around you and follow me,’ the angel told him. Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, ‘Now I know without a doubt that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from Herod’s clutches and from everything the Jewish people were anticipating.’”*

An angel supernaturally brought Peter out of prison.

Angel appeared to Zechariah, [Luke 1:11-20].

Angel appeared to Mary, [Luke 1:26-38].

Angel appeared to Joseph, [Matthew 1:18-25; Matthew 2:13, 19].

Angels appeared to shepherds, [Luke 2:8-16].

Angels announced the resurrection of Jesus Christ, [Matthew 28:1-7].

If you ask me “*have you ever seen an angel?*” my honest answer is no. But I have experienced at least one time being saved from death, supernaturally, when I was **not** in a condition to save myself.

This was while being trained as a National Service pilot in the RAF.

While flying solo and performing aerobatics, I became unconscious, yet after plunging from 15,000 feet to near ground level before I came to flying straight and level hands off. Don't ever tell me we don't have guardian angels, mine being one who learnt how to fly an aircraft!

We dare **not** deny the teaching of God's Word, the Christian Bible.

Another yet unseen world impinges upon the visible world we live in.

1 Peter 1:3-9 [NIV] *“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, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade, kept in heaven for you, 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. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 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 honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. 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, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”*

I feel that Peter provides a kind of benediction to what we have been studying.

New Testament faith is believing on a report about things yet unseen.

This is the difference between real New Testament faith and any other kind of so-called believing.

It is characteristic of the true Christian that they believe there is real world co-existing with this physical world.

There are three qualifying thoughts to this understanding.

First – this unseen world is a real world, there is never any contradiction between spirit and reality.

Second – this real spiritual world co-exists with our physical world. There is **not** a great vacuum between the two.

A physical analogy is the light and heat coming from the sun co-exist and do **not** exclude each other.

Third – the physical world around us and the invisible spiritual world are accessible one to the other, the gate swings in both directions.

God sent His eternal Son from the spiritual world into our physical world.

The martyr Stephen's human spirit [**Job 32:8**] left the physical world and entered into the spiritual world, [**Ecclesiastes 12:6-7**].

Our prayers enter the heavenly spiritual world and God's answers enter into our physical world.

The Christian believes that **none** of the things that they can see and touch are really worth very much.

The Christian endures as seeing the invisible but real spiritual world.

For a Christian what is real and lasting is spirit, **not** physical matter.

A Christian believes this and lives in the light of it, this distinguishing them forever from all brands of materialism and all kinds of superstition and idolatry.

It is possible to be a believer in the invisible and **not** a Christian, but it is **not** possible to be a true Christian and **not** believe in the invisible spirit world.