

The Spirit World

The Classification of Angels

Part 1

1. The *Bible* reveals another dimension of time and space called the spirit world, which is obscured by our fleshly bodies with its limitations.
2. The spirit world is occupied by spirit beings that may be classified.
 - **Seraphim.** *Isaiah 6:2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly...6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:*

The word seraphim (Heb. *burning, fiery*) is of uncertain origin. It resembles the current Hebrew word sarap, "to burn."

The prophet Isaiah beheld in a vision these celestial beings standing above Jehovah as He sat upon His throne (Isa 6:2,6). They are described as each of them having three pairs of wings; with one they covered their faces (a token of humility), with the second they covered their feet (a token of respect), while with the third they flew. They seem to have borne a general resemblance to the human figure, for they are represented as having face, voice, feet, and hands.

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The seraphim that Isaiah saw hovered above on both sides of Him that sat upon the throne, forming two opposite choirs and presenting antiphonal worship. After one group of cherubims sang the other group responded.

And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory (Isaiah 6:3).

The work of the seraphims was to celebrate the praises of Jehovah's holiness and power (v. 3) and to communicate messages between heaven and earth (v. 6).

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Since the seraphims are beings expressive of the divine holiness they demand that the saint shall be cleansed before serving.

Isaiah 6:6-8 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: 7 And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. 8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

The person who would serve the Lord must be sanctified.

2 Tim 2:21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

From their antiphonal chant ("one called out to another") we may conceive them to have been ranged in opposite rows on each side of the throne. See Cherubim.

- **Cherubim.** *Genesis 3:24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.*

The word *cher'ub* is in the Hebrew *kerubim* and in the Greek *cheroubim* and can be translated *held fast*.

Cherubim are first mentioned in *Scripture* at the expulsion of Adam and Eve from Eden (Gen 3:24), when their assignment was "*to guard the way to the tree of life.*" By guarding the Tree of Life the cherubim would make it impossible for man to return to Paradise. In this account there is no mention of their nature or form.

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The next reference to cherubs in *Scripture* is in association with the furnishing of the Tabernacle (Ex 25:18-20), where directions are given to place two golden cherubim upon the top of the Ark of the Covenant.

Exodus 25:18 And thou shalt make two cherubims of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat. 19 And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: even of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof. 20 And the cherubims shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.

The cherubs were to be of "*hammered work*," which means the metal was to be beaten with the hammer and rounded, and not solid. They were fastened to the Mercy Seat or lid of the Ark and, facing each other, stretched out their wings so as to form a screen over the Mercy Seat. They were called the "cherubim of glory".

Hebrews 9:5 And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.

Cherubim were also woven into or embroidered upon the inward curtain of the Tabernacle (Ex 26:1; 36:8) and the veil (26:31).

Exodus 26:1 Moreover thou shalt make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with cherubims of cunning work shalt thou make them.

The two cherubim placed by Solomon in the Holy of Holies (1 Kings 6:23-28; 8:7; 2 Chron 3:7-14) were made of olive wood, overlaid with gold.

1 Kings 6:23-28 And within the oracle he made two cherubims of olive tree, each ten cubits high. 24 And five cubits was the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the cherub: from the uttermost part of the one wing unto the uttermost part of the other were ten cubits. 25 And the other cherub was ten cubits: both the cherubims were of one measure and one size. 26 The height of the one cherub was ten cubits, and so was it of the other cherub. 27 And he set the cherubims within the inner house: and they stretched forth the wings of the cherubims, so that the wing of the one touched the one wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house. 28 And he overlaid the cherubims with gold.

The statue cherubims had bodies ten cubits high [15 ft], and stood upon their feet, like men. The length of their wings was five cubits [7 ft 6 in]. They stood "*facing the main room*," which means in the Holy Place, the outward wing of each cherub touched the wall and the tip of the other wings touching each other.

The cherubim are mentioned poetically in Scripture.

Psalms 18:10 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.

They were seen by Ezekiel as four living creatures and later by John on the isle of Patmos.

Ezekiel 1:5-14 Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man. 6 And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings. 7 And their feet were straight feet; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled like the colour of burnished brass. 8 And they had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they

four had their faces and their wings. 9 Their wings were joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward. 10 As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle. 11 Thus were their faces: and their wings were stretched upward; two wings of every one were joined one to another, and two covered their bodies. 12 And they went every one straight forward: whither the spirit was to go, they went; and they turned not when they went. 13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, and like the appearance of lamps: it went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning. 14 And the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning.

Revelation 4:6-9 And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind. 7 And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. 8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. 9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,

From an excavated pair of cherubs supporting the throne of King Hiram of Byblos (c. 1200 BC) a creature with a lion's body, human face, and conspicuous wings is indicated.

The Assyrians and other Semitic peoples used symbolic winged creatures, notably winged lions and bulls, to guard temples and palaces. Egyptians also had winged creatures in some of their temples.

The cherubim of Solomon are said to have "stood on their feet" (2 Chron 3:13).

Ezekiel says they "appeared to have the form of a man's hand under their wings" (Ezek 10:8).

The representations of the *Bible* stress the human likeness but also indicate the animal characteristics.

Undoubtedly it is not wrong to think of the cherub as at Byblos; that is, as a winged lion with human face.

In any case, they are celestial creatures belonging to the spiritual realm and not at all to be confounded with any natural identification

- **Angels.** *Genesis 19:1 And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;*

The appearance of most angels does not seem to be as dramatic as the seraphims or cherubims. They are represented as looking much like humans but with extraordinary powers that can suspend or supercede the natural laws of the universe or comply with them.

- ❖ **Angels can eat a meal.** *Gen 19:1 And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground; 2 And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night. 3 And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.*
- ❖ **Angels can unlock prison doors that are secure.** *Acts 5:19-20 But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, 20 Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.*
- ❖ **Angels can communicate a divine message.** *Luke 1:11-13 And there appeared unto him [Zacharias] an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. 12 And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. 13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.*
- ❖ **Angels can administer judgment that produces death.** *2 Sam 24:16 And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough: stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD was by the threshingplace of Araunah the Jebusite.*
- ❖ **Angels have unusual physical strength.** *Matt 28:2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.*
- ❖ **Angels can administer a gentle rebuke.** *Matt 28:5-6 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. 6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.*
- **Principalities.** *Romans 8:38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities [demons], nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come.* The word for principalities is *arche* (*ar-khay'*) and speaks of the government or rank of angels. Apparently even the fallen angels they have a hierarchy of order.

- **Powers.** *Eph 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers.* The word is *dunamis* (*doo'-nam-is*) and speaks of miraculous power and usually by implication, a miracle itself. Fallen angels have the ability to work miracles and to energize individuals to perform lying wonders. Paul spoke of a person “*whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders*” (2 *Thess. 2:9*).
- **Rulers of Darkness.** *Eph 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*
- **Wicked spirits.** *Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*
- **Thrones.** *Col 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:*
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- **Spirits in prison.** *1 Peter 3:19 By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;*
- **Demons.** *Luke 8:27 And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs.*
- **Seducing Spirits.** *1 Tim 4:1 I Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;*

3. The angels are many in number.
 - *Hebrews 12:22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels.*
4. Angels do not possess the attribute of omnipotence though they are mighty in power. One angel alone destroyed 185,000 Assyrian soldiers in a single night. Another angel rolled away the stone from the tomb of Christ.
 - *2 Thessalonians 1:7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,*
5. Some angels are glorious beings because they are holy.
 - *Luke 9:26 For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.*
6. Angels have great knowledge but are does not possess the divine attribute of omniscience.
 - *Dan 9:21-22 Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. 22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.*
7. Elect angels are sent to be ministering spirits to those who are the heirs of salvation.
 - *Hebrews 1:13-14 But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? 14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?*
8. Holy angels will one day take vengeance on the wicked.
 - *2 Thessalonians 1:7-8 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, 8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:*
9. The elect angels are responsible for gathering the elect of Israel throughout the earth.
 - *Matthew 24:31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.*
10. Angels minister to the physical needs of God's people including Christ during the days of His humanity.

- *1 Kings 19:4-8 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers. 5 And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat. 6 And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again. 7 And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee. 8 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.*
- *Matthew 4:11 Then the devil leaveth him [Jesus], and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.*

11. Among the Principalities and Powers of the spirit world there are three distinguished leaders: Michael, Gabriel and Lucifer.

12. Michael is mentioned three times in the book of Daniel as he ministers to the nation of Israel.

- *Daniel 10:13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.*
- *Daniel 10:21 But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.*
- *Daniel 12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.*
- In Jude 1:9 Michael is called the Archangel. *Jude 9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.*
- In Revelation 12:7 Michael is placed in command of the army of heaven. *And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels.*
- It was Michael who cast Satan out of heaven. *Revelation 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his*

angels, 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

- On the last day of human history it is the voice of Michael that the earth will hear announcing the return of Jesus Christ. *1 Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:*
- Long ago Michael contested the devil for the body of Moses. *Jude 1: 9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.*

13. Gabriel is mentioned by name four times in association with the redemptive work of God.

- *Daniel 8:16 And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision.*
- *Daniel 9:21-27 Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. 22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding. 23 At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision. 24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. 25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. 26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. 27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.*
- *Luke 1:19 And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.*
- *Luke 1:26-27 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, 27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.*

14. Gabriel holds a prominent position in heaven for he said to Zacharias “*I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God*” (Luke 1:18).
15. Satan is called by a variety of names in the *Bible*, few of which are flattering.
- Satan is referred to as Lucifer [lit. *brightness, morning star*] in Isaiah 14:12 *How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!*
 - Satan is referred to as the Anointed Cherub that Covereth in Ezekiel 28:15. *Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.*
 - Satan is called “*the Devil*” [lit. *adversary, opponent*] in 1 Peter 5:8. *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.*
 - Satan is called Beelzebub [lit. *lord of the flies*] in Matthew 12:24. *But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow [Jesus] doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devil?*
 - Satan is called Belial [lit. *worthless*] in 2 Corinthians 6:15. *And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?*
 - Satan is called Adversary in 1 Peter 5:8 *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.*
 - Satan is called Dragon in Revelation 20:2 *And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years.*
 - Satan is called an Old Serpent in Revelation 20:2. *And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years.*
 - Satan is called the Prince of the Powers of the Air in Ephesians 2:2. *Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:*
 - Satan is called the God of this World (Age) in 2 Corinthians 4:4. *In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*

16. Originally, Satan was created to reflect the glory of God. He was appointed to be the guardian or protector of the throne of God and to rejoice at the creative works of God such as creation.
 - *Job 38:7 [And God asked Job, Where were you] when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*
17. Lucifer was perfect in all his ways until iniquity was found in him.
 - *Ezek 28:15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.*
18. How iniquity found its way into a moral universe is a great mystery but it might be related to free moral agency.
19. To be a free moral agent implies the ability to make a choice.
20. When God created the angels and the glorious beings of heaven He created them as free moral agents but there was no evil in them for a good tree cannot bring forth corrupt fruit (Matt. 7:15-18).
21. However, evil could enter the universe and did when the free moral agents chose – not between good and evil – but between the will of God and their own will.
22. As long as the decision was made to do the will of God there was no sin and no evil in the universe nor was overcoming evil necessary for the perfection of righteousness.
23. However, the moment Lucifer became selfish and self centered and acted upon that decision then evil came into existence and sin or iniquity was found in his heart.
24. Another point of origin for sin's entrance into the universe was the beauty of Lucifer, which led him to inordinate pride.
 - *Ezek 28:17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.*
25. The pride of Lucifer caused a continuing moral downward spiral, which produced a decision to revolt against the Most High God and replace Him.
 - *Isa 14:13-14 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the*

sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

26. Lucifer became Satan or God's Adversary and in that role as an adversary or opponent he accused God and thus became the Devil for such is the meaning of the word devil (lit. *accuser*).

27. For his revolt against divine authority, for becoming an opponent of God and for making a false accusation Lucifer and his follower of angels were judged. A special place of divine wrath was prepared for the devil and his angels.

- *Isa 14:15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.*
- *Rev 12:7-9 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*
- *Matt 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:*

28. Though all fallen angels will be judged some have already been sent to a place of darkness.

- *2 Peter 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;*
- *Jude 6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.*

29. The specific accusation Lucifer initially made against God might be discerned by noting the accusation against God made to Eve in the Garden of Eden.

30. Basically Lucifer said that God does not mean what He says and so cannot be trusted. Also God is trying to protect Himself and not let others be like him.

- *Gen 3:4-5 And the serpent [Lucifer] said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.*

31. The sins of inordinate pride leading to self-centeredness and then to a revolt against divine authority are not the only sins of Satan. Lying and murder are also associated with him.

- *John 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*
32. Of the many lies Satan tells perhaps the greatest is the one whereby he asserts that the kingdoms of this world belong to him and he can give them to whomsoever he chooses. This lie Satan boldly told the incarnate Christ.
- *Matt 4:8- Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; 9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. 10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.*
33. The Bible declares in Psalm 24:1 *The earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.* God has never surrendered His sovereignty to Satan nor will He.
34. What is true is that Satan has much freedom to work havoc in the hearts and lives of individuals and nations but always under divine constraint.
- *Job 1:7 And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.*
 - *Job 2:6 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life. 7 So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.*
 - *Dan 10:12-14 Then said he [Gabriel] unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. 13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia. 14 Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days.*
35. What is also true is that Satan has a rival kingdom to the kingdom of heaven. He is the ruler of the kingdom of darkness.
- *Matthew 12:24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils. 25 And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: 26 And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand?*
36. Satan's kingdom is well organized.

- *Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

37. Satan's kingdom is characterized by a system of thought or a philosophy of life and doctrine of which the Christian is not to love.

- *1 John 5:19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world [i.e., Satanic system] lieth in wickedness.*
- *1 John 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*

38. The means by which Satan gets and keeps the subjects in his kingdom may be noted.

- Satan gets new subjects initially by the natural act of procreation. *Rom 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: Ephesians 2:3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.*
- Satan keeps subjects in his kingdom by acts of deception.

For those with a licentious lust pattern Satan promises to satisfy their inner cravings and for a while he does. *Gal 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.*

For those with a religious inclination Satan deceives and satisfied in that area as well with money, promotion and new ideas which stimulates the ego. *Speaking to the Pharisees in John 8:44 Jesus said, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. "*

- Satan keeps his subjects by blinding the eyes to spiritual realities. *2 Corinthians 4:3-4 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*
- Satan keeps his subjects by distracting them from the Word of Truth. *Matt 13:18 Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. 19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.*

- Satan keeps his subjects by offering a false doctrine. *2 Peter 2:1-2 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. V*

Galatians 1:6-9 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: 7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

The major false doctrine Satan offers is that of a salvation based upon good works. Those who embrace this doctrine will be judged by the same.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

39. While Satan is an effective enemy of the faith his powers are limited and his time is short.

- *Rev 12:12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time*

40. Satan is declared to be a bound enemy.

- *Revelation 20:1-3 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.*

41. The binding of Satan does not mean his cessation of activity only his limitation. Specifically he is bound that he should deceive the nations no more.

42. This binding can happen because of the first advent of Christ. The Stronger Man [Jesus] has come to bind the strong man [Satan].

- *Matt 12:25-29 And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against*

itself shall not stand: 26 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. 29 Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? And then he will spoil his house.

The Spirit World The Tri-unity of the Godhead

Part 2

1. The most important Personage in the spirit world is God.
 - *John 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*

2. In *Scripture* God the Father is presented in a tri-unity with the God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.
 - At the baptism of Jesus the Father was present, the Son was present and the Spirit was present. *Matthew 3:16-17 And Jesus [God the So], when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God [God the Holy Spirit] descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: 17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased [God the Father].*
 - The tri-unity of God is taught in the Old Testament. *Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.*
 - Perhaps the sun illustrates the relationship of the members of the tri-unity for the sun consists of heat, light and chemical action.
 - God the Father, like the heat of the sun cannot be seen but He can be felt. *John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*
 - God the Son, like the light rays of the sun can be seen for it is the Son who makes God visible. He is the light of the world. *John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John 14:9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?*

- God the Holy Spirit, like the chemical reaction of the sun, gives life and power and forms the image of God in the sensitive plates of the human heart. *2 Cor 3:6 "the spirit giveth life."*

The Spirit World

The Fallen Angels

Part 3

1. The *Bible* reveals that sometime in eternity past a large part of the angelic host sinned.
 - *2 Peter 2:4-5 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell [Tartarus], and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment.*
2. Some of these sinning angels have been placed in everlasting chains under darkness to await the Great White Throne Judgment.
 - *Jude 6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. 7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.*

Note. *"Here see what the condition of fallen angels is: they are in chains, bound under the divine power and justice, bound over to the judgment of the great day; they are under darkness, though once angels of light; so horribly in the dark are they that they continue to fight against God, as if there were yet some small hope at least left them of prevailing and overcoming in the conflict" (Matthew Henry).*

Note. If God did not spare the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, if God did not spare the angels but cast them down to hell, so God will not spare the unrighteousness. The Christian must flee from *"fleshly lusts that war against the soul" (1 Peter 2:11)*. *"These lusts,"* says Matthew Henry, *"consumed the Sodomites with fire from heaven, and they are now suffering the vengeance of eternal fire; therefore take heed, imitate not their sins, lest the same plagues overtake you as did them. God is the same holy, just, pure Being now as then; and can the beastly pleasures of a Ps 4:4 moment make amends for your suffering the vengeance of eternal fire? Stand in awe, therefore, and sin not,"*

3. Normally, when angels are in the presence of men they appear in the form of a man. However there are exceptions.
 - **Satan appeared to Eve as a serpent.** *Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?*

- **Demons were once allowed to possess swine.** *Mark 5:13 And forthwith Jesus gave them [the demons] leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.*
4. Fallen angels can do much damage to the bodies and minds of men. Some forms of physical and mental illness have an origin in demonic activity.
- **Demons can cause mental illness.** *Matthew 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. 24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.*
 - **Demons can cause paralysis.** *Matthew 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness...and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.*
 - **Demons can cause blindness.** *Matthew 12:22 Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind.*
 - **Demons can cause loss of speech.** *Matthew 12:22 Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.*
 - **Demons can cause children to be sick.** *Matthew 17:14 And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying, 15 Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. 16 And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him. 17 Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I suffer you? Bring him hither to me. 18 And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.*
 - **Demons can cause the body to become physically deformed.** *Luke 13:11 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. 12 And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. 13 And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.*

Note. Demon possession and demonic influence must not be confused with diseases. The distinction is noted in *Matthew 4:24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.*

5. Demons can possess men, children and women.

- *Luke 8:2 And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils.*

6. Demons delight in inflicting pain and torture.

- *Luke 9:37 And it came to pass, that on the next day, when they were come down from the hill, much people met him. 38 And, behold, a man of the company cried out, saying, Master, I beseech thee, look upon my son: for he is mine only child. 39 And, lo, a spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and it teareth him that he foameth again, and bruising him hardly departeth from him.*

7. Demons induce violence, screaming, public nudity, and necromancy while giving unusual strength.

- *Luke 8:26 And they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is over against Galilee. 27 And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs. 28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not. 29(For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.) 30 And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him. 31 And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep. 32 And there was there an herd of many swine feeding on the mountain: and they besought him that he would suffer them to enter into them. And he suffered them. 33 Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked. 34 When they that fed them saw what was done, they fled, and went and told it in the city and in the country. 35 Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.*

8. Those who disobey the commandments of Christ will find themselves taken captive by Satan at his will in the form of addictive behavior. Realizing this Christians are not to strive with individuals caught up in sin lest they be arguing with a demon of darkness. Rather, Christians are to be patient and teach and pray. Some forms of demonic activity cannot be overcome except through fasting and prayer.

- *2 Tim 2:24-26 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, 25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; 26 And that*

they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

- *Matt 17:19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?...Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.*
9. While the power of Satan is great the power of Christ is greater still. Christ has come to destroy the works of the devil.
- *1 John 3:8 For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.*
10. Only by faith in the power of God and the promises of Christ can there be victory over the Evil One.
- *1 John 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.*
 - *1 John 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.*
11. In combating the devil the Christian must consider himself to be a soldier of the Cross. Like a good soldier he must put on the divine armor God has provided.
- *Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:*
12. Christ has won the strategic victory over Satan at the Cross. The tactical victory also belongs to the believer provided the methods of spiritual warfare are implemented.
- **Watch.** *Matt 26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.*
 - **Pray.** *Ephesians 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.*
 - **Flee.** *1 Cor 6:18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. 19 What? Know ye not*

that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

- **Resist.** *James 4:7 Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*
 - **Bring every thought into captivity.** *2 Cor 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.*
 - **Fear God.** *2 Cor 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. Ps 111:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth forever.*
 - **Believe.** *Rom 11:21 For if God spared not the natural branches [covenanted Israel], take heed lest he also spare not thee. Heb 10:31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*
13. Those who do not win the tactical victory over Satan and the fallen angels shall one day be united with them forever in the lake of fire.
- *Rev 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.*
 - *Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*
14. Those who do win the tactical victory over Satan and the fallen angels shall judge them.
- *1 Cor 6:3 Know ye not that we shall judge angels?*
15. Until the Day of Judgment there is to be no seeking to have contact with the fallen angels though demons are very anxious to make their power and presence known.
- *Leviticus 20:6 And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people.*

- *Leviticus 20:27 A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them.*
 - *Deuteronomy 18:10-11 There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, 11 Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.*
 - *Isaiah 8:19 And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? For the living to the dead?*
16. Demons are called seducing spirits in the New Testament.
- *1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.*
17. Demons have a particular worldview to articulate and a particular set of beliefs to institute in order to seduce individuals to give them power and influence in a life.
- *1 Timothy 4:1-3 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.*
 - **Forbidding to marry.** Some *Bible* students believe this refers to advocating celibacy. During the twentieth century the Catholic Church paid over a billion dollars to settle lawsuits brought by individuals against priests who had violated young boys. Other students of the *Bible* believe the reference is to the abrogation of the marriage relation thereby allowing the practice of free love. In either case there is the advocacy of the breakup of the institution of marriage.
 - **Giving heed to seducing spirits.** The reference is to forming affinities in spiritual séances or allowing spirit guides to come and take control of the mind.
 - **Abstaining from meats.** It is a philosophy of the demons to induce people to become strict vegetarians for a vegetable diet renders the body more susceptible to spiritual forces than a meat diet. All food is to be received with thanksgiving. In fact God has commanded meat to be received with by those that believe and know the truth.
18. Demons have their own personalities. Jesus conversed with them, asked them questions, and received answers.

- *Luke 8:26 And they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is over against Galilee. 27 And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs. 28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not. 29 (For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.) 30 And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him. 31 And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep. 32 And there was there an herd of many swine feeding on the mountain: and they besought him that he would suffer them to enter into them. And he suffered them. 33 Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked.*

19. However, demons can and do impersonate the personalizes of others in order to seduce souls which is the greatest danger of séances and opening the mind to Spirit Guides. In his book *Think and Grow Rich*, Napoleon Hill advocates conjuring a counsel of the dead to seek advice. But those who come to the counsel table are not the dead living again but live demons that have yet to die the second death.

20. The grand objective of demons is to make men and women and young people instruments of unrighteousness.

- *Romans 6:13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.*

21. Under the authority of Satan, demons counterfeit legitimate spiritual realities.

- **There is a counterfeit gospel.** *Gal 1:6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:*
- The gospel of atheism is that God does not exist and so there is nothing to fear.
- The gospel of agnosticism is that God may not exist and so life can be lived in relative freedom.
- The gospel of deism is that God exists but He is not concerned about the affairs of His creation. He has established laws to govern the universe.
- The gospel of the New Age is that man is god.
- The gospel of Christian Science is that sin is an illusion.
- The gospel of Mormonism is that man may become a god.

- The gospel of universalism is that no matter what is said and done God will save all including the fallen angels.
 - The gospel of self-esteem theology is that there is redemption and power in positive thinking.
 - **There is a counterfeit doctrine.** *Eph 4:14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;*
 - **There is a counterfeit ministry.** *2 Cor 11:15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works*
 - **There is a counterfeit communion table.** *1 Corinthians 10:20-21 But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. 21 Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.*
 - **There is a counterfeit way of salvation and that is by good works.** *Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.*
22. The fraudulency of spiritualism is exposed in *Scripture* by Saul's encounter with the witch Endor. When Samuel did appear to Saul the witch was more shocked than anyone. Familiar or Evil Spirits may impersonate the dead but they cannot produce them.
- *1 Samuel 28:3-25 Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land. 4 And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gilboa. 5 And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled. 6 And when Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams nor by Urim, nor by prophets. 7 Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and inquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor. 8 And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me him up, whom I shall name unto thee. 9 And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die? 10 And Saul sware to her by the LORD, saying, As the LORD liveth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this*

thing. 11 Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel. 12 And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? For thou art Saul.

Note. God did not break His own law against spiritism by allowing the spirit of Samuel to come back from the other world for Samuel came to rebuke Saul and to pronounce a judgment on the king for this transgression. Saul died because he sought counsel of the witch. *1 Chronicles 10:13 So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the LORD, even against the word of the LORD, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to inquire of it.*

23. There is no reason for Christians to seek spiritism to find out about the state of the dead. A full revelation of the Christian and the non-Christian is given in *Scripture*. God has given Moses and the Prophets to guide the church. They should be heard. To expose one's heart to spiritism is to place self on Satan's ground and to invite a personal invasion of a demon or the control of an evil spirit.

- *Luke 16:29-31 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. 30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. 31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.*
- *Isaiah 8:19-20 And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? For the living to the dead? 20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.*

The Spirit World

The Elect Angels

Part 4

24. The angels are called the “*sons of God*” in five places in the Old Testament.

- *Genesis 6:2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.*
- *Genesis 6:4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.*
- *Job 1:6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.*
- *Job 2:1 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.*
- *Job 38:7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*

Note. In the *New Testament* the phrase “*sons of God*” refers to those who have been born again. A “*son of God*” refers to a being brought into existence by a creative act of God.

- *John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*
- *Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*
- *Romans 8:19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.*
- *Philippians 2:15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;*
- *1 John 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.*

- *1 John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.*

Note. Adam's natural descendents are not the special creation of God in the same sense that Adam was. Adam was created in the "likeness of God" (Gen. 5:1). His descendant are born in his likeness according to Genesis 5:3 for we read that Adam "begat a son in his own likeness, after his image." That image was now a fallen image. It was fleshly. Therefore, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh" (John 3:6). It is only by being born again that men become the "sons of God".

- *John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? 5 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. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.*

25. In their original state the angels were created without their capacity to procreate as far as the *Scriptures* indicate. Therefore they are not given to one another in marriage though there does seem to be both male and female angels.

- *Matthew 22:30 For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.*
- *Mark 12:25 For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels which are in heaven.*
- *Luke 20:35 But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: 36 Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.*
- **Male angels.** *Rev 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels.*
- **Female angels.** *Zech 5:9-11 Then lifted I up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came out two women, and the wind was in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork: and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heaven. 10 Then said I to the angel that talked with me, Whither do these bear the ephah? 11 And he said unto me, To build it an house in the land of Shinar: and it shall be established, and set there upon her own base.*

26. While angels are spirit beings clothed in celestial bodies, these bodies are not ethereal in the sense they are mere ether for they have a materialistic form.

- **Angels can fly.** *Daniel 9:21 Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.*
- **Angels can assume the form of a human.** *Genesis 18:1 And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; 2 And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,*
- **Angels can eat meat.** *Genesis 18: 6 And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth. 7 And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetcht a calf tender and good, and gave it unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it. 8 And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.*
- **Angels can eat bread.** *Genesis 19:1-3 And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground; 2 And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night. 3 And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.*

27. The elect angels minister to those who are the heirs of salvation.

- *Heb 1:13 But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? 14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?*

The Spirit World

Heaven and Hell

Part 5

1. The *Bible* speaks of only two places for the spirits to dwell: heaven or hell.

- *Luke 23:43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.*
- *Luke 16:22-23 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; 23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.*

2. The Christian church did not know the concept of a place of purgatory until 600 years after Christ. It had its origin in the belief that individuals were not fit to go immediately to heaven and so had to enter an intermediate place where prayers and masses of others alone could move them into heaven. The main purpose of this devilish doctrine was to secure a source of revenue. It was discovered that people would pay for masses to deliverer the souls of their loved ones and friends from the torments of purgatory.
 - *2 Peter 2:1, 3 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies ...And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you...*

3. The concept of annihilation of souls is also something that is not taught in the *Bible*. Annihilation is the doctrine that the wicked are destroyed at death or later after the Great White Throne Judgment.

4. If the wicked are destroyed at death then there is no such thing as the resurrection of the wicked dead and their judgment both of which are clearly taught in Scripture.
 - *John 5:28-29 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, 29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.*
 - *Revelation 20:12-15 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*

5. The wicked do live after death.
 - **The Rich Man lives in hell.** *Luke 16:22-24 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; 23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. 24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.*
 - **Judas lives in hell.** *Mark 14:21 The Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him: but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had never been born. Acts 1:25 That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.*

- **Fallen angels live in hell.** *Jude 6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.*
6. When the Bible speaks of the destruction of the wicked it simply means the wicked go to a place of loss and ruin, not that they are blotted out of existence. An item destroyed means that it no longer is fit for the purpose it was made or intended; the form of its existence has changed.
- *Exodus 10:7 And Pharaoh's servants said unto him, How long shall this man be a snare unto us? Let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God: knowest thou not yet that Egypt is destroyed?*
 - *John 2:18-22 Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things? 19 Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. 20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? 21 But he spake of the temple of his body. 22 When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.*
7. In as far as there is eternal life for the righteous so there is an everlasting punishment for the unrighteous.
- *Matthew 25:46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.*
8. The lifetime of the Lord God Almighty is said to be forever and ever which means for the ages of the ages. And that is the same time given for the punishment of evil and the life of the righteous. The wicked are to exist as long as the righteous are to exist.
- *Revelation 4:9-10 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, 10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,*
 - *Revelation 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.*
 - *Revelation 22:5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.*

9. Jesus mainly taught the doctrine of hell as He made the following points.

- **In hell there is wailing and gnashing of teeth.** *Matthew 13:49-50 So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, 50 And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.*
- **In hell the fire is unquenchable.** *Mark 9:43-48 And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: 44 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. 45 And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: 46 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. 47 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: 48 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.*
- **In hell there is torment in flames of fire.** *Luke 16:22-24 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; 23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. 24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.*
- **In hell there is eternal consciousness.** *Luke 16:25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.*
- **In hell there is compassion for the lost.** *Luke 16:27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: 28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.*
- **In hell there is no second chance to be saved.** *Luke 16:26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.*
- **In hell the souls of the unrighteous will dwell with the demons so there is horror upon horror.** *Matt 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:*
- **In hell the population consists of individuals who want to be there.** *Rom 1:26-2:1 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: 27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge,*

God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; 29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, 30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: 32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

10. In contrast to hell is a place called heaven.

- **Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people.** *John 14:1-2 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.*
- **Heaven is the eternal home for the saints.** *2 Cor 5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) 8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.*
- **Heaven the dwelling place of God the Father and God the Son.** *Acts 7:55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God.”*
- **Heaven is a place that can be perceived and enjoyed by the senses.** Philip was told that he would see heaven with his own eyes in John 1:51: *And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.*
- **Heaven is a place where no one sleeps.** There is no night in heaven. *“And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.”*
- **Heaven is a place without hunger.** *Revelation 7:16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.*
- **Heaven is a place where no one is thirsty.** *Revelation 7:16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. Revelation 7:16*
- **Heaven is a place where teardrops are dried.** *Revelation 7:17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.*
- **Heaven is a place without painful memories in contrast to the rich man in hell who was told to remember former events.** *Isaiah 65:17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.*

- **Heaven will be a glorious place.** *Revelation 21:2 “And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.”*
- **Heaven is a suitable habitation for God and man.** *Revelation 21:3 “And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.”*