GENERAL SUBJECT—THE HUMAN SPIRIT

Message One

The Revelation of the Human Spirit

I. We need to see the basic revelation concerning God and man in the Holy Scriptures:

A. The basic revelation concerning God:
   1. The expression *God is Spirit* does not refer to the person of God but denotes God’s essence, God’s substance—John 4:24.
   2. The expression *the Spirit of God* denotes that the Spirit is God—Gen. 1:2b.
   3. The expression *the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit* denotes the Divine Trinity and indicates that God is triune; He is one God yet three—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit—Matt. 28:19b:

B. The basic revelation concerning man:
   1. Man was created by God as a tripartite man:
      a. God created man with a body formed with the dust of the ground, as man’s outer frame—Gen. 2:7a.
      b. Man was created by God with a spirit produced of the breath of God, as man’s inmost organ—Gen. 2:7b; cf. Prov. 20:27.
      c. The soul of man was the issue of God’s breath breathed into the nostrils of the body of dust, as man’s inner being (person)—Gen. 2:7c; Exo. 1:5; Acts 2:41.
   2. The spirit of man was created by God, in a particular sense, to complete God’s purpose in the creation of the heavens and the earth—Zech. 12:1; Isa. 42:5; Job 32:8.
   3. Man’s spirit is distinct from his soul—Heb. 4:12; 1 Thes. 5:23a.

C. God is Spirit for man to contact Him and receive Him into man, and man has a spirit for man to contact God and contain God that God and man may have an organic union—John 4:24; 1 John 4:13; 2 Tim. 4:22a; 1 Cor. 6:17.

D. The human spirit is very close to God the Spirit; thus, it is able to contact God and to be one with Him—John 4:24; Rom. 8:16.

II. Our spirit was particularly created by God as our particular organ:

A. God made our spirit with the breath of God—Gen. 2:7b; Job 32:8.
B. Our spirit is the lamp of Jehovah, searching all our inward parts—Prov. 20:27.
C. Our spirit was created by God as our particular organ for us to worship God—to contact and contain God—John 4:24; 2 Tim. 4:22a.
D. Our spirit was created by God for us to receive God as life and to express God—Gen. 2:9b; 1:27.
E. Our spirit was created by God for us to be joined to God as one spirit—1 Cor. 6:17.
III. Within our spirit there are three functions:
   A. The first function is the conscience, which enables us to know what God justifies and what He condemns—Rom. 9:1; cf. Rom. 8:16.
   B. The second function is the fellowship, which enables us to contact God, worship God, and commune with God—John 4:24; Rom. 1:9; Luke 1:47.
   C. The third function is the intuition, which gives us a direct sense of God and a direct knowledge from God—1 Cor. 2:11; Mark 2:8.

IV. We need to know the importance of our human spirit:
   A. In the eyes of God, our human spirit is ranked with the heavens and the earth—Zech. 12:1b; Isa. 42:5; Job 32:8.
   B. It is in our spirit that we contact God, that is, worship God—John 4:24.
   C. It is in our spirit that Christ and the Spirit indwell us, taking our spirit as God’s habitation—2 Tim. 4:22a; Rom. 8:11; Eph. 2:22.
   D. It is in our spirit that we are being built together as the dwelling place of God—Eph. 2:22.
   E. Our Christian walk is a walk according to our spirit—Rom. 8:4b.
   F. Our service to the Lord must be in our spirit with the exercise of our spirit—Rom. 1:9; 7:6; 12:11.
   G. Only the human spirit knows the things of man and is able to discern the things of the Spirit of God—1 Cor. 2:11a, 14-15a.
   H. Our human spirit is a spirit of wisdom and revelation, enabling us to know God, Christ, the church, and God’s economy—Eph. 1:17; 3:5; Rev. 21:10.
   I. It is by our spirit that we can have fellowship with God and with our fellow believers—Phil. 2:1; 1 John 1:1-3; 2 Cor. 13:14.
   J. It is in our human spirit that we are regenerated by God to have the divine, eternal life, causing our spirit to be not merely living but life—John 3:6; Rom. 8:10.
   K. In our human spirit we enjoy the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ as the bountiful supply of the Triune God—Gal. 6:18; Phil. 4:23; Philem. 25; 2 Tim. 4:22; Heb. 4:16.
   L. Our human spirit is the hidden man of our heart—1 Pet. 3:4.
   M. Our regenerated human spirit is our inner man—Eph. 3:16.
   N. Our human spirit is the faculty of our prayer—Eph. 6:18.
   O. Our human spirit takes the lead to enjoy the Lord—Luke 1:46-47.
   P. Our human spirit also takes the lead in spiritual ministry—1 Cor. 14:32.
   Q. In our human spirit we are being renewed for the new man—Eph. 4:23-24; Col. 3:10; cf. Rom. 12:2; 2 Cor. 4:16.
   R. We are filled with Christ as the Spirit in our spirit unto the fullness of God—Eph. 5:18; 1:23; 3:16-19.
   S. The reality of all spiritual matters depends on our spirit—John 16:13a; 1 John 5:6b; Rom. 8:16; 2:28-29.
   T. The apostles lived in their spirit:
      1. Paul lived in his spirit—Acts 17:16; 19:21; 20:22; Rom. 1:9; 1 Cor. 5:4; Col. 2:5; 2 Cor. 2:13.
      2. John also lived in his spirit—Rev. 1:10; 4:2; 17:3; 21:10.

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