

John3:13 No man (no one, not even one) *hath ascended up* (completeness of action, to go up, to come up) *to* (motion into) *heaven*, (immediate communion with God in the third heaven) *but* (except) *he that came down* (completeness of the action) *from* (motion out of) *heaven, even the Son of man which is* (continuous, repeated action) *in* (remaining in) *heaven*. (Immediate presence of God, the kingdom of heaven)

Jesus lived in the eternal realm, He knew where He came from, He knew where he was going, and he lived there in the present, even while on earth.

Nicodemus came to Jesus by night and said, “We know you are teacher come from God, for no man can do these miracles except God be with Him.”

Jesus walked in an open heaven; He lived in such an intimate communion with the Father, that the Father manifested His perfect will through his life. The kingdom of heaven came down into the earthly realm-the result was miracles-the will of God being done in people’s lives. Jesus gave Nicodemus a natural example-(a type)-he said unless you are born again you are not going to see or enter into the kingdom of God. But Nicodemus did not understand, so Jesus told him straight forward-I live in heaven-what you are seeing is the will of God in heaven being done on earth.

Jesus went to prepare a place for us, so that we too could live in this realm. Jesus had the Spirit without measure-when we were born again we received the spirit in a measure-but that measure of the spirit will continually increase until we are filled with all the fullness of God as we learn how to walk in the Spirit-to live in the heavenly places in Christ.

Jesus lived in heaven, the eternal realm-(his blood was already shed in the eternal realm)-but he did not yet ascend in the natural realm, because his blood was not yet shed-in the time realm. When in the time realm-(natural)-his blood was shed it became an eternal event. As we learn to live in the presence of God we are no longer focused on time, except to redeem it.

For God's will to be done in our lives' requires a miracle. God's will is a spiritual condition, a state of heart, our heart in tune with and communing with His Spirit and out of that relationship we begin to experience His will in the other areas of our life.

We are a three part being. All three parts of us have to receive the Life of God. When our spirit receives the life of God, it becomes aware of God. When our soul receives the life of God it becomes aware of God, and when our body receives the life of God it becomes aware of God-we can sometimes feel the life of God in our body when it receives healing, or comes into contact with God.

There are three levels we can live on. The natural, the soulish, and the spiritual. The natural person lives on the natural level of the five senses. A soulish person lives on the religious level, but does not yet have his five spiritual senses trained to discern the difference between good and evil. This is the realm of deception, where one is controlled by thoughts and feelings that are not proceeding from God's Spirit. A spiritual person is a person who walks in the spirit and is aware of the Spirit of God, one who is led by the Spirit-who sets their mind on the things of the Spirit and experiences the life of the spirit and peace. They live the ascended life, in the heavenly places in Christ. We start out on the natural level, move into the soulish level where we come into a sin and religious consciousness. When we are filled with the Spirit a door opens where we can begin to move out of the level of sin and religion, into the level of God consciousness-heaven.

1 cor 3:3 for (the reason) *ye are yet* (present time) *carnal*: (flesh) *for whereas* (of place-level of life) *there is among you envying* (jealousy and anger, intense desire to possess) *and strife* (the expression of enmity, to fight, argue, contentions) *and divisions* (separations), *are ye not carnal* (proneness to do, tendency to satisfy the flesh, under the influence of), *and walk* (the whole of activities) *as men*. (a human being)

The Corinthian's were not spiritual but carnal. Their spirits were born of God, but their minds were not renewed and they lived on a human level or soulish level where their thinking and emotions were not under the control of the Spirit of God, but the flesh. They did not keep their spirits in contact with God, and quenched or grieved the Spirit of God in them. Paul had to rebuke them; he said they were acting like fallen sons and daughters of Adam and eve. This level of life does not inherit the kingdom of God, because this type of manifestation does not exist there. They were not poor in spirit, but were leaning upon their own understanding and were following men.

To live on the soulish level is to live independently of God, to walk in the spirit we must learn how to depend upon the Spirit of God and live in Him. The beginning of a walk in the spirit starts with a broken spirit.

Psalm 51:17 *The sacrifices* (the kind of sacrifice the one offering it ate) *of God are a broken spirit* : (the breaking of the spirit, to bring to the moment of birth) *a broken and contrite heart*, (to be crushed spiritually and emotionally, bones broken-the structure of our life torn down) *O God, thou will not despise*. (To treat with proper respect)

Psalm 51:10 *Create* (something only God can do, bring into existence, to engrave, entirely new production) *in me a clean* (pure, genuine) *heart, O God and renew* (revitalizing, to rebuild, restore) *a*

right (fixed-steadfast, established) *spirit within me*. (Literally-in his inner being, the center part, bowels)

Peter was a self-made man, he truly believed that he would never deny the Lord-the whole structure of his life had to be shattered. After he denied the Lord three times he came to the end of his self-reliance and was broken in spirit, he wept bitterly, and he stood at the door of a new life. On the day of Pentecost when the Spirit came upon him, he stood up a new man, and entered into the greater works. At the end of Jesus' ministry 120 walked with God, at the beginning of Peter's 3,000 were saved.

A broken spirit is not able to function on its own; it looks to the lord who becomes its strength. It maintains an attitude of repentance and humbleness and softness-gentleness. It is in this type of spirit that God is able to inscribe His law. It is through a broken spirit that we are enabled to turn from our self unto the Lord. It is through our focus on the Lord that we draw strength.

When reliance upon ourselves fails us, and we accept our powerlessness to keep His standard, we begin to look to the Lord for deliverance. He delivers us up out of the realm of temptation into Himself-it is in this atmosphere of His presence that we develop the intimacy to know Him. It is in the intimacy of knowing Him that we are transformed into His image and partake of the glory of His nature. Once we have tasted of the goodness of the Lord (His glory) we hunger and thirst for more. Nothing else can satisfy our innermost need, thus begins our pursuit for more of the Lord. The key is having a meeting with the Lord. Every time we meet the Lord He meets our need. We must learn how to discipline ourselves to have a meeting with the Lord, and to learn how to guard our heart from the things that drain His life from us.

Gen 17:1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine the Lord appeared to abram and said unto him I am the Almighty(El Shaddai, fertility, abundance) God: walk before me and be ye perfect-and Abram fell on his face.22)and He left talking with Him and God went up (ascending)from him. God came down from the spirit realm-(heaven) - into the natural realm-(earth) - and talked to Abram and then ascended back up into the spirit realm-heaven

God appeared to Abram, made an everlasting covenant with him-to be his God, changed his name and called him Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.-He said the sign of the covenant will be circumcision-any male who fails to get the male organ of reproduction circumcised-will be cut off-he has broken my covenant.

Abraham and his wife were too old in the natural to have children-it was impossible and both of them laughed at God-the human mind is at enmity with God.*18:14 is anything too hard for the Lord?*

When God speaks a word-it becomes an eternal reality in the spirit. In order for that word to manifest in the natural it has to be received as a personal word to you from God-hearing his voice, then that word has to be held onto- until the human unbelief is burned out of man-the word has to be refined by fire-until it becomes pure gold.

Rom 4:17 As it is written, (engraved) I have made (a spiritual condition-finished result of an action. Set in place, ordained, destiny, foundation laid.) thee a Father(progenitor) of many(much, number) nations(race), before(in the sight of) him whom he believed , even God who quickeneth(to make alive) the dead, and calleth those things which be not (not in existence, that which does not exist)as though they were .(so that, they come into existence) Who against(contrary to, no hope in the natural) hope believed in hope,(confident expectation) that he might become(to begin to be, change of state) the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken , so shall thy seed be. And

not being weak in faith, he considered not his own body now as good as dead, when he was about a hundred years old, neither the deadness of Sarah's womb. He staggered (to be in striving with oneself, to doubt, hesitate, and waver. It is from two words to separate from and to decide. It is in the passive voice meaning-receiving influence to be divided in one's mind.

Abraham made a decision to not allow himself to be influenced by any outside influences other than what God said personally to him- he heard the audible voice of God) *not at the promise of God through unbelief*(human nature of unbelief); *but was strong* (to words 1- in, to remain in a state 2-to strengthen. It is in the passive tense and it speaks about remaining in a spiritual place where we are receiving strength. To increase in strength, to be made strong, vigorous.)*in faith, giving* (completeness of action. To render up, yield, give forth, it is to yield to the impartation of faith that gave him strength) *glory* (to give honor, to worship) *to God; and being fully persuaded* (to be fulfilled, being established or brought to an end and completed reaching its goal) *that, what he had promised* (the finished result of the action received. It is a legal term for eternal life.) *he was able also to perform*(producing and bringing forth the word.). *And therefore it was imputed* (specific point in the past. To reckon, to put down on a person's account.) *to him for righteousness.*(Righteousness fulfills the claims of that which is just-justice. It is conformity to all that God commands or appoints. God himself is the standard so He offers himself-His spirit-as a gift.)

God revealed Himself to Abram and spoke a word to him; in the natural it was impossible. But Abram made a decision to believe the word God spoke; he entered into a covenant with God by obeying the command to be circumcised in the natural. By doing what he could do in the natural-through physical obedience- he entered into a relationship with God where God could give him His faith through an

awareness of His presence. The Spirit of God would come upon certain people in the old-covenant -where in the atmosphere of His presence- they could believe and do the impossible. It was in this atmosphere where the invisible became more real than the natural, that Abrahams and Sarah's faith was perfected and Issac was conceived.

Gen22:1 And it came to pass after these things, that God did test Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham;and he said, Behold, here I am. And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son, Issac, who thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah(two words-to see, God); and offer him(ascending, speaking of our worship) there for a burnt offering(total burning, consecration.) upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass , and took two of his young men with him, and cleaved(break into, split open) the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him. Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place afar off. And Abraham said unto his young men, abide here with the ass; and I and the lad will go (walk) yonder and worship (slaughter, kill.), and come again (reestablish, change into) unto you.

11) And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven,and said, Abraham, Abraham; and he said, here am I. And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him; for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou has not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.And Abraham lifted up his eyes , and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in the thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram, and offerd him up(ascending) for a burnt offering in the stead of his son. And Abraham called the name of the place Jehovah jireh (the Lord will see to it, the Lord will provide); as it is said to this day, in the mount (authority) of the Lord it shall be seen.

God blessed Abraham with a son and then asked him to give that blessing back to Him. It is in the place of total consecration where our love is perfected, that we enter into the ascended life.