

THE HIGH PLANE OF THE SPIRIT

Isaiah, chapter 6: *In the year that king Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim: each one had six wings: with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.*

These angelic beings were not exaggerating. The whole earth is full of His glory.

The first thing that happened to Isaiah was that he was in the temple, and he saw the Lord high and lifted up. Then he saw the great seraphim, strange creatures to us, saying one thing, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory.” And yet the Lord was looking for someone to go down and talk to the men about their rebellion, to prophesy until there would not be an inhabitant left in the city.

The whole earth was filled with His glory—“So, what’s this going on down here?” That’s what we face today, and the only way that we enter into that realm of glory is to understand that heaven is not a matter of distance; it’s a matter of another sphere, another plane. People are confused and ask, “Where are the righteous dead?” “Well, they went to heaven. Yet they are all around us. Where is the actual location of heaven? It is a place in our spirit.

Jesus Christ can be in our heart and it can seem like He’s a million miles away if we’re living on a lower sphere, a lower spiritual plane than He’s on; and yet He’s abiding in our heart.

If we live in a plane of the flesh and we sow to that plane we reap corruption (Galatians 6:8). If we live in the Spirit and walk in the Spirit; we're not under the law—what a beautiful place it is up there. Walk in the Spirit and you'll not fulfill the lusts of the flesh (Galatians 5:16). Why? Because they are fulfilled down on the natural plane, and up in the Spirit we can't fulfill them, it's too far away from them.

People haven't realized that they are looking for some experience in God to tie their hands so that they can't sin, instead of realizing that by the grace of God through the blood of Jesus, they can rise to another plane where none of these things operate.

If we get high enough in orbit, the law of gravity doesn't work. Gravity is a powerful law; every time we lift our foot up; it's pulling our foot back down. How long can we hold our foot or our hands up? How do we get around that pull? If we're high enough, there's no pull—just floating like we're in one of those space capsules.

We can live down on the plane of the flesh and have many weaknesses, or we can wait upon the Lord and renew our strength, mounting up with wings of eagles. Way up there we don't have to worry about climbing a mountain, swimming across the river and sailing across the sea with the heavenly breezes carrying us on.

“How can I do that? I have to live down here.” Haven't you had days when you were very spiritual and nothing touched you, no one irritated you; and other days everything went wrong and got to you? It depends on the plane in which you live.

If you say, “I've never had a vision; I've never had a dream that the Lord really gave me; I've never had the Lord speak to me; the Lord

never made anything really real to me, so real that I just knew Him and that He was right there; I've never sensed the presence of angels; I've never felt anyone ministering to me in the Spirit;" then you'll have to get out of the rut into which you have fallen and climb up the ladder, get up on top of the mountain; there are your deeper experiences. It's another plane; you don't have them down on the lower plane.

To Isaiah, God was saying, "Go to the people, talk to them, but they won't really hear. They'll see you, but they won't really see you; their hearts won't really grasp it. They'll hear the word, but it will not be real to them, because they'll be living on a lower plane; and I am going to judge them."

That's what God will do in this day—He will send forth a living Word. The people that are living up where that living Word can come, will be changed, transformed and recreated. Soon we must learn how to hear the living Word, so when that prophetic flow begins, we'll be up in the realm of the Spirit, and the things that are prophesied will be created in us.

There are people who come and go, saying, "I didn't understand it," because they have no ears to hear. They hear the words, but they don't hear them. They see the moving of God, but they don't see it. Their heart doesn't perceive. And that's what Isaiah was talking about.

We've come to the greatest of all truths, and we can hear it, for we've set our will to worship, and as one Body we've come to feel what is in God's heart toward us, His love to the remnant.

If we wait on the Lord with the concentration of our will and our spirit, we will learn His voice; we will see His glory; we will be led; we

will sense His presence. The things that many of us are seeking, and the goals that we have set, will be attainable by just living on a higher plane.

This ought to be our struggle: to get out of the plane where there is struggle. We should labor to enter into His rest until we cease from our works—dead works; struggling to rise to another plane ought to be our whole spiritual living.

If we live down on the plane of the flesh, we will respond to all the stimuli of the flesh: we'll react to it. If we get up into this higher realm, moving along with God, He judges the flesh in us.

“Well, I’ve never seen the glory.” You haven’t seen it? I used to think that there would be certain services in which the glory would fill the church. But now I know better. I know the glory of the Lord fills the church every service, but we don’t see it because we’re living on a plane or two below. The angels saw it: the seraphim said, “The whole earth is filled with His glory.” Do you think they told the truth? Do you think that the place we worship is filled with His glory? We may not feel it or sense it, because we don’t move up to the plane where it is being manifested.

In my Father’s house, are many mansions, (or abiding places) ...I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. John 14:2, 3.

We need to take that literally enough to believe that it means what it says. don’t believe that it means that the Lord Jesus has a place, a house, on one of the side streets of glory, and He says, “I have a place

for you when you get up here, and I want you to be up here with us,” and that Jesus is in a place hard to find.

We can live on the spiritual plane with the Lord right now. One day, we’ll be absent from the body and present with the Lord—but until that time, can’t we walk with the King and live within His glory?

If He wills that where He is, there we are to be also—we should say, “Grant it Lord, even while we’re earthbound, that we may be where You are.” That may sound ridiculous, but that is exactly what Paul said: that we’re seated in the heavenly places with Christ Jesus (Ephesians 2:6). That’s all that Jesus was working for, to be seated at the right hand of the Father and to bring us up to that spiritual plane. Are you there? Not in awareness: not in perception, not in the effectiveness of your life; but you could be there. How do you get there? Through your spirit coming into worship, and rising to that high plane, and learning to live in it.

Jesus was baptized of John and the heavens were rent asunder—separated (Mark 1:10). How could we rend the heavens asunder? By just coming into that plane.

John was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day and said in Revelation 4:1, *I saw and behold, a door opened in heaven.* Can we worship in the spirit as a prelude to open a door in the heavens for us?

This is the way men and women walked with God. They were men with callouses on their hands; aching backs after a hard day’s work, just like you and me. People looked at these men and women that walked with God and they couldn’t figure out what was different

about them; but they had entered into another plane by their worship to the Lord.

Everything that they did, was that they just lived in the presence of God. That was the thing about Job—stripped of his possessions, his children killed, all of his herds and flocks gone; and they came and told Job. Not impressed by what happened in that realm, he bowed down and worshiped the Lord, “The Lord giveth, the Lord taketh away” (Job 1).

How can we ever fulfill the Sermon on the Mount unless we live on that plane with the Lord? How can we come to the place where we turn the other cheek and it doesn't even bother us? How can we come to the place where we're not tormented and harassed with everything closing in on us? There's freedom up in the realm where the only thing we sense is God; the only thing that we're aware of is the Lord.

There are problems that we have in which we desperately want to see a circumstance change, or to break a relationship that has a harassment in it, or to see the Lord remove limitations under which we labor and can't break from.

We don't see God do it, and the more we squirm, we say, “Lord are we to resign ourselves to this or are we to resist it?” And in it He just lets us learn the best way we can. There are many things that we do not beat by seeing them ended; but God will take care of it and consider our grieving, when we come to the place where we're dead to it.

I've had many prayers answered when I finally came to the place where I didn't care anymore. I never knew why, but my prayers brought

me up to a higher plane and I was no longer reacting to the things that were oppressing me. It didn't matter anymore, I was talking with the Lord. That was what the thing was for in the first place; to get me to rise; and then the Lord took it away. II Corinthians 10:6 says, *...and being in readiness to avenge all disobedience when your obedience shall be made full.*

God is great. He loves us. Anyone that touches us is touching the apple of His eye. As much as they do it unto you, they are doing it unto Him. He is identified with us. "Vengeance is mine, I will repay," saith the Lord (Hebrews 10:30).

He looks upon the persecution and harassment of His people with utter hatred, but He does not move His hand from it, until they learn from it: to rise as worshipers into a new plane of spirit where they're dead to the world, and all of the pressures.

This is a matter of spiritual living and it can be done by someone twelve years old as well as someone ninety years old. Age has nothing to do with it; if we have the key that we seek God, we set our heart on Him and rise in the spirit. A little child that can scarcely talk can be taught to do this.

Our struggle will be to rise above our struggle. All of our effort will be to labor to get out of this place where we're laboring. That's where all the blessings are; that's where God is. How far away? He's not far away. He's right in the heart.

It's just lifting up out of the lower planes and into the plane of God. Not a matter of distance, it's the spiritual level within our own heart. It's within the power of our own will through the anointing of the

Holy Spirit to reach it. we have the key, that's the ladder; climb up there. Worship with all of your will, all of your focus on the Lord. Live and breathe God. Then you'll be able to see the glory that fills the earth, it's already here. You've been down in the lower level too often where the devil is king—get out of there now and live where the Lord is Lord, in heavenly places.

The Word of God is not understood on the lower plane. The Word of God is only understood from the highly spiritual plane, when we rise in our worship before the Lord. The Word of God should never be read when we are discouraged, to become encouraged.

It should be read with faith, to rise above our discouragement, because the Bible is true. The truth of the Bible, all of God's Word, is on a high spiritual plane, not on the lower plane.

On the lower plane there are too many contradictions. God's Word is true on the plane on which He spoke it. God says that by His stripes, ye were healed (I Peter 2:24). On the lower plane the sick are not healed, but on that higher plane they are healed. On the lower plane, people live in bondages spiritually. On the upper plane, they are blessed with all spiritual blessings in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 1:3).

The difference between all that God has provided for us, working, and not working, is the plane in which we live. It is true on the plane that God spoke it; it is not true on the plane on which many Christians are living. The Word says that we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us (Romans 8:37). On the lower plane, Christians are not more than conquerors, but up there, they are more than conquerors.

On the lower plane, Abraham looked at his body, as good as dead, and the deadness of Sarah's womb. But up in the spiritual plane, God was saying, "Abraham, you're the father of many nations." And he believed God, he staggered not at the promises. He accepted what God said. God said he was the father of many nations, so that was what he believed he was. All that he claimed in that realm, came down to the other realm to fulfillment.

Faith reaches up to the throne of God; where God beholds our truth; we're altogether true and righteous—it's released and He showers the answers down to the other realm. He's after all of our worship, because that's the key of getting up in the higher realm. We have to become worshipers. And the Father is seeking for those who will worship Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:23).