

Life after Death-the Spirit of Man

“And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Thessalonians 5:23 KJV)

According to **1 Thessalonians 5:23**, the third component of humans is ‘spirit.’ The Word ‘spirit’ is repeated more than 500 in the Scriptures. The spirit is different from the soul. The spirit is something that is linked with the unseen and the invisible world. The Scripture that we will study shall give us more awareness about this third component of man.

In the Old testament the word that used for the word ‘spirit,’ and is related to our topic is ‘Ruwach,’ and it has the following possible meanings:

1. wind, breath, mind, spirit
 - a. breath
 - b. wind
 1. of heaven
 2. quarter (of wind)
 3. breath of air
 4. air, gas
 5. vain, empty thing
 - c. spirit (as that which breathes quickly in animation or agitation)
 1. spirit, animation, vivacity, vigour
 2. courage
 3. temper, anger
 4. impatience, patience
 5. spirit, disposition (as troubled, bitter, discontented)
 6. disposition (of various kinds), unaccountable or uncontrollable impulse
 7. prophetic spirit
 - d. spirit (of the living, breathing being in man and animals)
 1. as gift, preserved by God, God's spirit, departing at death, disembodied being
 - e. spirit (as seat of emotion)
 1. desire
 2. sorrow, trouble
 - f. spirit
 1. as seat or organ of mental acts
 2. rarely of the will
 3. as seat especially of moral character
 - g. Spirit of God, the third person of the triune God, the Holy Spirit, coequal, coeternal with the Father and the Son
 1. as inspiring ecstatic state of prophecy
 2. as impelling prophet to utter instruction or warning
 3. imparting warlike energy and executive and administrative power
 4. as endowing men with various gifts
 5. as energy of life

6. as manifest in the Shekinah glory
7. never referred to as a depersonalised force

“And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.” (Genesis 1:2 KJV) The spirit here is for the Holy Spirit. ***“And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.” (Genesis 6:3 KJV)*** The same here, the spirit here is for the Holy Spirit.

“And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but there was none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh.” (Genesis 41:8 KJV)

The spirit here is for the spirit of man. The spirit of Pharaoh was troubles with a dream from God. God is reaching us certain times through dreams. There is no record in the bible about dream that had not come from God.

“And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?” (Genesis 45:38 KJV) Here the spirit is the Holy Spirit of God that dwell in man, and here was dwelling in Joseph when he showed prudence and wisdom that cannot come, but only from God, when he explained by the Spirit of God the dream to Pharaoh and the gave Him the solution for the coming famine.

“And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them: and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived.” (Genesis 45:27 KJV) Here Jacob revived after he heard the good news about Joseph. The spirit here in the ***‘the spirit of Jacob’***, might reflect on the soul of man and its feelings as hearing the good news.

“And Moses spake so unto the children of Israel: but they hearkened not unto Moses for anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage.” (Exodus 6:9 KJV) Here described the spirit of man, the spirit inside the Israelites who were troubled by the cruel bondage and the repeated and the long term troubles that they received from Pharaoh. This here the spirit might reflect on the soul of man and its feelings and what troubles had passed through because trials of life. The Lord sent Moses to give them the good news that the Lord would be saving them from the bondage that they were in. But they were still struggling to believe because the pain they were passing through (anger, bitter feeling), due to the cruel bondage of Pharaoh.

When God asked Moses to announced to the Israelites to bring materials to support the making up of the tabernacle of God with all the ark of the covenant and all its furniture, they came with willing spirit stirred up by God, ***“And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the LORD's offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service, and for the holy garments.” (Exodus 35:21 KJV)*** Here the spirit is the spirit of man that was stirred up by the Spirit of God as they heard the message of God to them. That is why it is important to hear, read and preach the Scriptures to stir up the spirit of man to obey God and come and do His will and achieve the required assignments; Jesus said ***“The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” (Matthew 26:41 KJV)***

“And he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship.” (Exodus 35:31 KJV) Here God filled with the spirit of God Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah to help in doing the ark, ***“32 And to devise curious works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, 33 And in the cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of wood, to make any manner of cunning work. 34 And he hath put in his heart that he may teach, both he, and Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. 35 Them hath he filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of work, of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, even of them that do any work, and of those that devise cunning work.” (Exodus 35:32-35 KJV)*** The spirit here is the Holy Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit of God equips His church with talents and skill to let His Word be accomplished and executed with diligence and precision whatever God wants to do in the midst of His people..

“Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God.” (Leviticus 19:31 KJV) The spirit here is the evil spirit, and the work of Satan and demons with all its work in witchcraft, etc.

“And the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled: or if the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be not defiled.” (Numbers 5:14 KJV) This spirit of jealousy it could be from God the Holy Spirit to expose the sin, or it could be a man’s spirit of jealousy that stirred by his sinful nature. In both situation the wife will be brought to the priest who will let her drink the water with the curse, and then after the Lord will reveal, if she will die, because she was unfaithful, or she will live and conceive if she had not sin against her husband. So adultery was truly fought against by God. If they are caught they will be stoned, and if not, God will stir up the spirit of man and drive him by jealousy to bring the wife to the priest, that she will die by the bitter water.

“And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone.” (Numbers 11:17 KJV) The Spirit here is the Holy Spirit of God, that God will allow to be shared with other elders with Moses to help him in his leadership to the congregation of God.

“But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it.” (Numbers 14:24 KJV) This is the spirit of man that Caleb had and followed God wholeheartedly and willingly obeyed Him.

“And they fell upon their faces, and said, O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and wilt thou be wroth with all the congregation?” (Numbers 16:22 KJV) Moses and Aaron prayed to God when Korah rebelled against them. They addressed the Lord, as the Lord of the spirits of all flesh.

Again Moses addressed God with the same title, the God of the spirit of all flesh, when he requested him to appoint a man to lead the congregation after his death, ***“Let the LORD,***

the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation” (Numbers 27:16 KJV)

“But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him: for the LORD thy God hardened his spirit, and made his heart obstinate, that he might deliver him into thy hand, as appeareth this day.” (Deuteronomy 2:30 KJV) Here the spirit is the spirit of man, who was willfully sinning against God, obstinate, whose spirit was against the spirit of God. This can also reflect on the moral attitude and the inclination of his mind.

“And the LORD said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him” (Numbers 27:18 KJV) Here the spirit of Joshua agreeing and in line with the Spirit of God

“And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD.” (1 Samuel 1:15 KJV) Hannah, a long term afflicted and oppressed person, her spirit is now sorrowful and sad, reflecting of what her soul was passing through. Certain times the Scripture might use the word spirit to describe the status of the soul of that man.

“But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.” (1 Samuel 16:14 KJV) The Spirit of God departed from king Saul and evil spirit sent by God to torment him

“And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.” (1 Kings 10:5 KJV) The queen of Sheba was astonished to what she had seen in the palace of Solomon; it reached the situation that her spirit was humbled in respond to what she had seen. The spirit here is more about the mind and the thought of man

“But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no bread?” (1 Kings 21:5 KJV) Here mean by the spirit is the sad emotion in man relates to external event that had saddened him.

“Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee.” (1 Kings 22:23 KJV) These lying spirits are evil spirits allowed by God to be in the mouth of the false prophets of king Ahab to deceive him.

“Moreover the LORD stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabians, that were near the Ethiopians.” (2 Chronicles 21:16 KJV) Here the Lord stirred up the spirit of man of the Philistines to come and take a decision to be against king Jehoram, because of his sins against God. This is how God trouble us and send us enemies when we disobey Him.

“Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD spoken by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying” (2 Chronicles 36:22 KJV) The same here the Lord stirred up the spirit of

king Cyrus to promote the Jewish that they can move and go to rebuild the house of God. **“Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all them whose spirit God had raised, to go up to build the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem.”** (Ezra 1:5 KJV)

Ecclesiastes 12:7 tells us about the spirit of man is a separate entity from the body: **“Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.”** (Ecclesiastes 12:7 KJV) The spirit of man is another category from the soul of man as we read earlier. The soul of man when he departs will go either to hell or heaven, but here the spirit of man will return unto God who gave it. **“Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth?”** (Ecclesiastes 3:21 KJV)

“1 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said, 2 If we assay to commune with thee, wilt thou be grieved? but who can withhold himself from speaking? 3 Behold, thou hast instructed many, and thou hast strengthened the weak hands. 4 Thy words have upholden him that was falling, and thou hast strengthened the feeble knees. 5 But now it is come upon thee, and thou faintest; it toucheth thee, and thou art troubled. 6 Is not this thy fear, thy confidence, thy hope, and the uprightness of thy ways? 7 Remember, I pray thee, who ever perished, being innocent? or where were the righteous cut off? 8 Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same. 9 By the blast of God they perish, and by the breath of his nostrils are they consumed. 10 The roaring of the lion, and the voice of the fierce lion, and the teeth of the young lions, are broken. 11 The old lion perisheth for lack of prey, and the stout lion's whelps are scattered abroad. 12 Now a thing was secretly brought to me, and mine ear received a little thereof. 13 In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falleth on men, 14 Fear came upon me, and trembling, which made all my bones to shake. 15 Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up: 16 It stood still, but I could not discern the form thereof: an image was before mine eyes, there was silence, and I heard a voice, saying, 17 Shall mortal man be more just than God? shall a man be more pure than his maker?” (Job 4:1-17 KJV) Here Eliphaz the Temanite, mentioned his experience about the movement of the spirit, and more likely is the Holy Spirit, when he said, **“15 Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up.”** (Job 4:15 KJV) This could be the spirit of God, or could be a spirit of angel that cross before him. Some describe the same experience when the hair of their body stand describing the movement of the Holy Spirit.

Elihu said, **“But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.”** (Job 32:8 KJV) So here the Scripture tell that there is a spirit in man and that spirit receives inspiration from the Almighty. **“For I am full of matter, the spirit within me constraineth me.”** (Job 32:18 KJV) So here also Elihu describes that inside him the spirit that constraineth him. The spirit of man that is under the influence of the Spirit of God is controlling him, and he is led by it. Further he said and acknowledge, the Spirit of God is working on him and in him, **“The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.”** (Job 33:4 KJV)

In the book of Psalms, **“Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.”** (Psalm 32:2 KJV) The spirit of man when is in full

submission to God it has no guile, nor bitterness nor wickedness nor corruption, **“Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.”** (Psalm 31:5 KJV) Jesus before he died on the cross he cried this prayer to God, **“And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.”** (Luke 23:46 KJV)

The Greek word for ‘spirit’ is ‘Pneuma’, and it has the following meaning:

1. the third person of the triune God, the Holy Spirit, coequal, coeternal with the Father and the Son
 - a. sometimes referred to in a way which emphasises his personality and character (the Holy Spirit)
 - b. sometimes referred to in a way which emphasises his work and power (the Spirit of Truth)
 - c. never referred to as a depersonalised force
2. the spirit, i.e. the vital principal by which the body is animated
 - a. the rational spirit, the power by which the human being feels, thinks, decides
 - b. the soul
3. a spirit, i.e. a simple essence, devoid of all or at least all grosser matter, and possessed of the power of knowing, desiring, deciding, and acting
 - a. a life giving spirit
 - b. a human soul that has left the body
 - c. a spirit higher than man but lower than God, i.e. an angel
 1. used of demons, or evil spirits, who were conceived as inhabiting the bodies of men
 2. the spiritual nature of Christ, higher than the highest angels and equal to God, the divine nature of Christ
4. the disposition or influence which fills and governs the soul of any one
 - a. the efficient source of any power, affection, emotion, desire, etc.
5. a movement of air (a gentle blast)
 - a. of the wind, hence the wind itself
 - b. breath of nostrils or mouth

“Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:3 KJV) Those who are humble before God their spirits poor before the Spirit of God and submissive to God. Therefore, theirs will be the Kingdom of God.

“Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.” (Matthew 4:1 KJV) Jesus was led by the Spirit in the wilderness. Our spirits should be responsive and humble to be led by the Spirit of God, **“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.”** (Romans 8:14 KJV) And when we give way for the Holy Spirit to rule over our spirits then the message will come out from us, **“For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.”** (Matthew 10:20 KJV) The Jewish were not able to resist Stephen with the spirit that he was speaking with, **“And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.”** (Acts 6:10 KJV) As we are filled with the Holy Spirit, then other spiritual gifts will be manifested in our lives. **“Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I**

will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles.” (Matthew 12:18 KJV) This is a prophecy about Jesus and it will be also fit to us to be applied over our lives. We need to be watchful and awake not to oppress the spirit with our flesh, our lust and worldliness. Jesus warned about that, *“Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” (Matthew 26:41 KJV)*

In the New Testament we can read more about evil spirits of demons, that cause various sicknesses, *“When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick.” (Matthew 8:16 KJV)* We drive all these evil spirits by the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus. *“But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.” (Luke 11:20 KJV)* The finger of God is the Holy Spirit that the Jewish despised, therefore Jesus told them, *“But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.” (Luke 12:10 KJV)*

“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. 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.” (John 3:5-6, 8 KJV) To be born again is to be borne by the Spirit of God. When we are born again the Holy Spirit of God will overshadow our spirit, the spirit of man. God wants us to worship Him and serve Him with the Spirit and truth, *“23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.” (John 4:23-24 KJV)* We feed our spirit with the Word of God, *“It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.” (John 6:63 KJV)*

In the Book of Acts there is more about the Holy Spirit and His work in the life of the church. In the book of Romans Paul wrote the following: *“For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers.” (Romans 1:9 KJV)* Paul served God with his spirit, in the newness of the spirit, *“But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.” (Romans 7:6 KJV)* that the spirit of man is superseded, controlled, outdated by the Spirit of God. That would made us spiritual minded to differentiate us from being carnally (flesh) minded, *“5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.” (Romans 8:5-6 KJV)* Having the Spirit of God inside us, superseding the spirit of man, will make us eligible for the following:

1. To have the redemption of our bodies when Jesus would come: “22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.” (Romans 8:22-23 KJV) Until that fulfilled we will be in groaning and in pain. The Spirit of God

will help us to bear while we are waiting for that. Every day we wake up, ahead of us responsibilities to do and burdens to carry. The Spirit of God will help us to do that. As we are born again we have the Spirit of God to sustain our spirit, and we need to face life with the Spirit of God and not by our flesh. We certain times forget that we have the Spirit of God and we start to operate by the flesh. That is one of the common pitfalls. Therefore we need to always remember to work and operate with the Spirit of God. We need to feed our spirit by the Spirit of God and that we can do daily reading the Bible and daily we pray and meditate on God’s Word to feed our spirit and to replenish it to be sustained.

2. Give us the privileges to pray according to the mind of God as we receive by the spirit of God that tells us what is in the mind of God: “26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.” (Romans 8:26-27 KJV) Our body and soul are weak and cannot grasp what is going on around us and what are the things to come. But the spirit in us as is the same of the Spirit of God, then we can receive what is in the mind of God of revelations and plans as we pray. The Spirit of God in prayer encourages us and helps us to build up our faith and our trust in God, and makes up overcome the hardship that we are passing through, *“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” (2 Timothy 1:7 KJV)* As we pray we overcome and we will have power and the victory as the Spirit of God gives us power, give us to love, to forgive and to overcome our limitations in our relationships with others. In addition to that gives us sound mind that we will be having right and appropriate thought that goes along with what it is in the mind of God. When we rely on our flesh we will receive fear from the spirits of the world. But when we read the Word of God and pray we receive the Holy Spirit that will give us power, love and the correct mind to see things according to God’s will.

To the contrary to the Spirit of God that is taking the place in our renewed spirit of man, there is the spirit of the error, the antichrist and the falsehood, and these we will receive when we operate by our flesh. That is why when our life is led by the work of the flesh and when we feed our spirit with worldly TV programs, Facebook, U tube, we will be inviting these antichrist spirits into our lives.

“1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. 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. 5 They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. 6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.” (1 John 4:1-6 KJV) We are called to discern what kind of spirit we are dealing with (Verse 1). Already there were false prophets spread in the world, and upon that, evil deceiving spirits are spread. We need to ask ourselves: Are we dealing with the Spirit of God, or we are dealing with the spirit of the false prophets, that will mislead us with plans and thoughts that comes not from God. In verse 2-3 Apostle John give to His church

the way how they will differentiate between them, based, if the spirit confessed that Jesus Christ come by the flesh (from God), or not come by the flesh (not from God). Apostle John put to them the outlines to differentiate between the spirits based on fact he brought from the Scripture; that Jesus born by the flesh. Even today we can differentiate between the spirit of God and the spirit of the world based on the Scriptures, that we are daily read, meditate and receive from the Holy Spirit of God. The spirit that contradicts the Scripture is the spirit of antichrist. The spirit of antichrist will sure come because it is already released in the world (verse 3). That is why the Holy Spirit gifts give us discernment to differentiate between different spirits, **“to another discerning of spirits.” (1 Corinthians 12:10 KJV)** The Spirit of God that is in us is greater than that in the world, and that is why we can overcome even we are little children (verse 4). After we start to rely on the Spirit of God operating on our spirits, the spirit of man, to deal with life events we will be able to discern and follow the Spirit of God and go into the way that God is leading us. We will be also able to see the spirit of antichrist and error that is opposing the Spirit of God. They are of the world and that is why the worldly people hear their worldly suggestions plans (verse 5). While we are from God; therefore those who knew God they hear us, but those who does not know God, they don't hear us, and in this way we differentiate between the spirit of truth and the spirit of error. After we differentiate between them we should not allow our flesh to connive with the spirit of error. We should be firm and steadfast not to follow the spirit of error or the antichrist. We should also not allow them to intimidate us. We will do well if we keep focus on our Bibles, reading, meditating and praying at his feet.

Now we come to the man with the Spirit of God: **“1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. 2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. 3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. 4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: 5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. 6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: 7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: 8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. 16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? but we have the mind of Christ.” (1 Corinthians 2:1-16 KJV)**

“1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.” (1 Corinthians 2:1 KJV) Apostle Paul writing to the brethren of the church at Corinth, and he was telling them that the man who has the Spirit of God, declares the testimony of God, not with an excellent speech and making show as the worldly people do. His spirit that had access to The Holy Spirit of God will be taught to do things and speak things as what God wants him to do and speak. God will work through him in the people lives and will let him do things that he even is not aware that it is from God.

“2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.” (1 Corinthians 2:2 KJV) The man of the Spirit of God, endeavor to direct the people and makes known to them Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Insisting on the Scriptures and what the Holy Spirit bringing from Word and instructions directly from God to make Christ revealed to the people in full. Paul did that to them by making them know Christ through the Scriptures that he was explaining to them. Paul was a man knitted with God and he had a clear and pure motive of all what he was doing for the glory of God. His aim was only to make Christ known to them.

“3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.” (1 Corinthians 2:3 KJV) Externally the man with the Spirit of God is weak, with fear and trembling, as little children, who are in front of giants. As David facing Goliath. Paul is confessing his weakness in front of the Corinthians. He goes further and said to them: **“For his letters, say they, are weighty and powerful; but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.” (2 Corinthians 10:10 KJV)** Paul was a person externally not impressive but the letter that he wrote by the Spirit of God was heavy on his readers and hearers. When we move by the Spirit of God, we will be not impressive externally, but internally we will be doing the very will of God.

“4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.” (1 Corinthians 2:4 KJV) Paul preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but demonstration and work of the Holy Spirit achieving events and miracles from the Holy Spirit. The man with the Spirit of God sees the great power of God around Him and God is in full control of the situation.

Elisha when he was surrounded by the army of the Syrian, his servant got afraid because he was not able to see the army of God surrounding them and protecting them from the invading armies of the world.

“15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? 16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. 17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.” (2 Kings 6:15-17 KJV)

“5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.” (1 Corinthians 2:5 KJV) Paul was telling them that their faith should not be based on what they see and weight by the reasoning of men and the wisdom of the world, but it should be based

on God, on His Word and on His will, and that is the power of God. A believer should not believe what he see or hear, he should neither believe the people around him nor believing himself and his frail ability, but believing what God had said in His Word. In such a way the believer is living in the power of God.

“6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought.” (1 Corinthians 2:6 KJV) When our faith and stand based on the very Word of God then we are speaking and declaring the wisdom of God, and it will be sensed by those who has the Spirit of God. Paul named them ‘that are perfect’, those that have the Spirit of God. Paul is telling them we don’t speak the wisdom of this world which is the language of the princes of this world, who speak and talk much but finally it will come to nothing.

You also may go and listen to the leaders of this world and what they are saying and observe and see that their talk will end up to nothing. That is why there is no fruit in following the thread of news and listening to the worldwide events. Nothing will take place unless what is ordained in the Word of God and what is in the mind of God.

“7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory.” (1 Corinthians 2:7 KJV) The man of whom has the Spirit of God speaks the wisdom of God, and what he speaks is a mystery, something obscure from the world, but is obvious to those who has the Spirit of God. Such a man may even goes deeper in the Spirit to know more about the hidden things of God. Paul was confident in himself and before the Corinthians of what he is telling and speaking; that he is led by the Spirit of God and has the wisdom of God and what he is speaking is a mysterious thing, hidden not to him, but to the world and to those who does not have and follow the Spirit of God. God had ordained things. Things that are even before the foundation of the world, for our own good and glory; God will not change what is in His mind, therefore we ought to change what is in our minds and replace them with what is in the mind of God so we can receive and enjoy the good things that he had prepared for us.

Now therefore, what kind of life you want to be and which way you want to follow? Do you want to live in fear and doubt and confusion like the servant of Elisha who is seeing the enemies surrounding him, or to live in confidence and assurance to what is taken place around you like Elisha who was seeing the chariots of fire protecting them, which was sent from God?

“8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.” (1 Corinthians 2:8 KJV) Paul told them that the princes of this world, the leaders of this world, they don’t have the hidden mystery and the treasure of God and what is in His mind toward the whole world, otherwise they would not crucified Jesus. That is why they don’t know what good things that God had prepared for those who love him. Those who does not give heed to the instruction that comes from God’s Word they are not having the Spirit of God and so they are not aware of what God had prepared for them of good things.

“9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.” (1 Corinthians 2:9 KJV) These good things that God had prepared for us it cannot be seen by eyes or heard by ears, that is why he told them, **“Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him”**, taking that from the prophet Isaiah, **“For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.” (Isaiah 64:4 KJV)** In comparing **1 Corinthians 2:9** with **Isaiah 64:4** we can conclude that those who love God, are those who are waiting on God. Impatience and lack of self control is another sign of those who are led by the flesh and their emotions.

“10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.” (1 Corinthians 2:10 KJV) The good things that God prepared for us they can be seen and heard by His Spirit, and that is why we need to have God’s Spirit to see and hear these good things. We need to have the Spirit of God so we can search the deep things of God that He prepared for us to receive.

“11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.” (1 Corinthians 2:11 KJV) Every man knows what is inside him by the spirit of man. In the same way, the things of God are not know to man, but only by the spirit of God. That is why we need to be filled by the Holy Spirit and led by the Holy Spirit to know the deep things of God.

“12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.” (1 Corinthians 2:12 KJV) We have not receive the spirit of the world that makes us ignorant of the things of God, but God had given to us lavishly His Spirit, and that will enable us to know what God had given us. God had made His Holy Spirit available to us, that is why we need to cherish receiving the Holy Spirit of God and living in the Spirit and doing the things that God wants us to achieve for him.

“13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.” (1 Corinthians 2:13 KJV) The Holy Spirit that God is giving to us, not only will give us the ability to see and hear what God had prepared to us of good things, but will also enable us to speak words that man’s wisdom does not understand, a language that common people cannot grasp when we compare spiritual things with spiritual. The Spirit of God will give us Word to speak and utter, that others can grasp what we are saying only when they are willing to accept the Spirit of God.

“14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.” (1 Corinthians 2:14 KJV) The common carnal natural people who live for the pleasure of the flesh they will neither accept nor receive the things that are uttered by the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to them, they neither discern them nor appreciate them.

“15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.” (1 Corinthians 2:15 KJV) The man who has the Spirit of God and walk by the Spirit of God he can discern and can give good judgment and right decisions on the things that is taking place around him. He can hear and see, and he can discern the will of God clearly. When Paul said, **“yet he himself is judged of no man”**, what he means is that they cannot find fault or inequity in the spiritual man because he is diligent to keep himself move by the Spirit of God, persevering in doing what God is leading him to do. You cannot judge him or penetrate him because he is full of God’s Spirit in His life, and that came on him because of his delight to live by the Spirit of God. His spirit of man had been overtaken by the Spirit of God.

“16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? but we have the mind of Christ.” (1 Corinthians 2:16 KJV) What Paul questioned here, **“For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him?”** Is asking who can have the mind of Christ other than the spiritual man, and who can instruct the spiritual man? The man who has the Spirit of God not that you cannot instruct him but you don’t need to instruct him because he has the right mind. Paul is saying that the carnal natural men cannot instruct us, we who has the spirit of God, because they don’t know what is in the mind of the Lord as we know it and instructed by Him. What Paul also says here and well understood that if someone has the mind of God may instruct us and we would listen because that is the same mind that we delight to have and to be increase with. To understand more clearly what Paul was saying we may read further into the third chapter of his first letter to the Corinthians, **“1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. 2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. 3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?” (1 Corinthians 3:1-3 KJV)** Paul is telling to the Corinthians that he cannot consider them spiritual but are carnal and still in the flesh because still among them envy, strife, and divisions. That is why he cannot give them meat (hard teaching) because they are still babes and cannot digest; therefore he still needs to give them milk and that what they can bear. In telling them such, Paul not only telling them about their sins but he is also telling them that they need to repent and to be changed so that they will be spiritual and will be able to digest meat that they ought to receive now to grow with and to reach to the full measure in the will of God.

My dear and beloved: Let us be challenged today to give way for The Holy Spirit of God to rule over our lives. Let us allow Him to change us so that we can see, hear and received the good things that God had prepared for us. Let us be challenged to grow and become mature so that we might receive the good things that God had ordained before the world for our glory. Let us totally quit sins, worldliness and our selfish ambitions and amend our ways desiring the life in the spirit, as we pray to God.

My prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your word that makes things clear to me and made me understand your Word and your ways. Lord I commit myself into your hand. Lord I repent from my sins _____. Lord I commit myself into your hand. Lord fills me with your Holy Spirit and leads me day by

day by your Holy Spirit to do your will and walk in your ways. Lord helps me to grow in the Spirit of yours to see and hear all the good things that you had prepared to me and to those who love you and wait upon you. Lord bless us and enlarge our territory let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.