



The GOAL: Fearless & Free in 2003

INTRODUCTION

1 Chronicles 12:32 (NLT): From the tribe of Issachar, there were 200 leaders of the tribe with their relatives. All these men understood the signs of the times and knew the best course for Israel to take.

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Understand the Times & Know What to Do

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- Seeing “Behind the Curtain” – Job 1 & 2
- Our World has Two Realms

Seeing “Behind the Curtain”

Job 1:13-19

Now there was a day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother’s house, and there came a messenger to Job and said, “The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them, and the Sabeans fell upon them and took them and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you.”

While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, “The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you.” While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, “The Chaldeans formed three groups and made a raid on the camels and took them and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you.”

While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, “Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother’s house, and behold, a great wind came across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young people, and they are dead, and I alone have escaped to tell you.”

Job 2:7-10

So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and struck Job with loathsome sores from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. And he took a piece of broken pottery with which to scrape himself

while he sat in the ashes. Then his wife said to him, “Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die.” But he said to her, “You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?” In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Seeing “Behind the Curtain”- Job’s misfortunes

- His herds and servants were attacked by neighboring tribes and nations and hit by lightning - he lost his ability to produce income
- His children were killed by a weather disaster and his marriage was destroyed
- He lost his health

Fear: Evil people - and our enemy - know how we are designed

Joyful is Healthful

“A cheerful heart is good medicine,
but a broken spirit saps a person’s strength.”
- Proverbs 17:22 (NLT)

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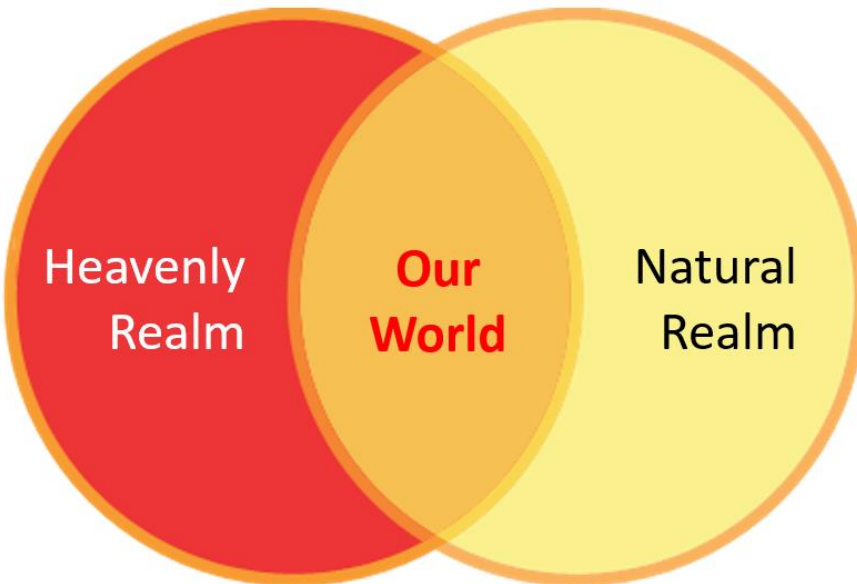


Seeing “Behind the Curtain” – Our Worldview

Ephesians 6:12 (NIV) For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 6:12 For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against the evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against those mighty powers of darkness who rule this world, and against wicked spirits in the heavenly realms.

Biblical Worldview: One World: Two Realms



“Part of living free is experiencing a restoration of our ability to be sensitive to both the heavenly and natural realms at the same time. We need to develop an appreciation for how the two realms interface with one another. We live in a very spiritual world with spiritual powers. We live in a war zone fundamentally and primarily fought in the spiritual or heavenlies realm. We live in the middle of a battle originating in the heavenlies, but which has far-reaching effects in the natural realm.”

- Mike Riches, Living Set Free

We Serve an Amazing Commander in Chief

For in him [Jesus] the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority... When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

- Colossians 2:9-10;13-15

God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with Him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus...
 - Ephesians 2:4–6

Unbeliever	Believer
Jesus Christ Ephesians 1:22	Jesus Christ Ephesians 1:22
Believers Ephesians 2:6	
Satan Ephesians 2:2	Satan Ephesians 2:2
Spirits Luke 13:11	Spirits Luke 13:11
Human Beings Genesis 1:26	Human Beings Genesis 1:26
Animals Psalms 8:6-8	Animals Psalms 8:6-8

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We are His “Ekklesia”

Mt 16:17–18 (ESV): And Jesus answered him, “...flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven...

...I will build My church [Gr: “ekklesia”], and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

APPLICATION - He has given us Divinely powerful weapons

- Know who we are – Forgiven and Adopted children of the King (Rom 8)
- We are no longer slaves to our flesh – “Bless the Lord Oh my soul” (Ps 103:1)
- Scripture is Truth - the Truth leads to freedom (John 8:31 AND 32)
- We have access to Joy (“medicine”) – His Presence (Ps 16:11)
- Walk in the Spirit with song – sing and make melody in your heart (Eph 5:19)
- Hang out with fun people who Love Jesus – join a small group (Heb 10:24)

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My 2023 Resolution: I will become Fearless and Free in 2023

- I declare that I am a forgiven, adopted child of the King
- I will learn to tell myself “Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and all that is within me, praise His holy Name!”
- I will learn His word, the Scripture - and HIS truth will set me free
- I will seek the presence of the Lord where there is Joy everlasting
- I will listen to music that connects me to the Lord with Praise & Thanksgiving
- I will become a vital member of a small group of fun devoted Jesus followers

Fearless and Free in 2023 !