

The Spiritual Realm.

Lesson 2: Angels and the Higher Dimension

2 Corinthians 12:1-4 *I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. 2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. 3 And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— 4 and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter.*

I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord: In other words, all this boasting is getting us nowhere, so let me make a shift. Let me take it to the next level. Let me show you I am by recounting an experience I had where I was called up to the “Third Heaven”

Whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows: What he is saying is, I don’t know if I was called up into the third heaven physically, or if it was a vision while I remained on earth. But God knows.

Revelation 1:10 *I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet*

In the Spirit: phrase found 4 times in the book, A supernatural spiritual experience. John spiritually goes into the heavenly dimension.

Acts 7:54–60 *Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. 55 But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 56 And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” 57 But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. 58 Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. 59 And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” 60 And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.*

He, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven: Stephen looks straight into heaven and sees God’s glory and Jesus right before him

Acts 9:3–7 *Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. 4 And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” 5 And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 6 But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” 7 The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one.*

He heard a voice saying: Saul/Paul hears a loud voice. Close enough to be heard.

Matthew 3:16–17 *And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; 17 and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”*

He saw the Spirit of God descending: Spirit is seen resting on Jesus - not a dove, but like a dove

Matthew 17:5 *He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”*

Acts 1:9–11 *And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into*

heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Understanding Spatial Dimensions

- **Definition:** A **spatial dimension** is an extent in a direction.
- In our three-dimensional world, that means **length, height, and width**—each perpendicular to the others. A dimension measures the extent of space.

Concept of Hyperdimensions

- A hyperdimension simply means more than three spatial dimensions.

Understanding Through Analogy – Flatland

- Flatman lives in a **two-dimensional** world—he knows only length and width.

Applying the Analogy to Angels

- When an angel—a spiritual being—enters our three-dimensional realm, he appears *three-dimensional* to us.

2 Kings 6:15-20 *When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, “Alas, my master! What shall we do?” 16 He said, “Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” 17 Then Elisha prayed and said, “O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see.” So the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. 18 And when the Syrians came down against him, Elisha prayed to the Lord and said, “Please strike this people with blindness.” So he struck them with blindness in accordance with the prayer of Elisha. 19 And Elisha said to them, “This is not the way, and this is not the city. Follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek.” And he led them to Samaria. 20 As soon as they entered Samaria, Elisha said, “O Lord, open the eyes of these men, that they may see.” So the Lord opened their eyes and they saw, and behold, they were in the midst of Samaria.*

Genesis 28:10–12 *Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. 11 And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. 12 And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it!*

The top of it reached to heaven: Heaven was close enough for the ladder to reach.

2 Kings 2:9–11 *When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.” 10 And he said, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so.” 11 And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.*

Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven: Heaven was close enough for him to be seen entering heaven.

Isaiah 6:1 *In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.*

Ezekiel 1:1 *In the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I was among the exiles by the Chebar canal, the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.*

Picture heaven as close to me

Picture God as close to me