



LIVING FROM ABOVE

Session 13: Open Heaven Realities

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I. REVIEW: AS IT IS IN HEAVEN—FULFILLING HEAVEN'S MISSION

- **No Separation**

- Heaven and earth were never intended to operate independently of one another.
- God's plan was always for the two to work together, with Heaven influencing earth.

- **The Influence of Heaven**

- Witnessed in the dream of Jacob: Angels ascending and descending on the ladder from heaven to earth.
- Heaven conducting business with the earth!

- **Jesus: The "Ladder Replacement"**

- Jesus lived and functioned on earth as a man anointed by the Holy Ghost, continually drawing from the supply of heaven and distributing its power, provision, and blessings to those around Him.
- **John 1:51**
NKJV "And He said to him, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'"

NLT "Then he said, 'I tell you the truth, you will all see heaven open and the angels of God going up and down on the Son of Man, the one who is the stairway between heaven and earth.'"

AMP "Then He said to him, 'I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man [the bridge between heaven and earth].'"

- You will see heaven coming to earth through Me!
 - The things you see Me do.
 - The things you hear Me say.
 - How I respond or react.
 - How I handle pressure / persecution / storms / needs / sickness.
 - **ALL** My actions and responses are the flow of heaven.



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○ **John 14:12**

NKJV “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father.”

- Something so powerful is going to happen when I go to My Father. You will be able to do the same works of heaven that I have done and greater.
- Why? The same heaven that was open to Me while on earth will now be open to you!

II. OPEN HEAVEN REALITIES

A. Heaven Is Open—The Baptism of Jesus

1. **Matthew 3:13-17**

NKJV “Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. And John tried to prevent Him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?’ **But Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.’** Then he allowed Him. When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, **the heavens were opened to Him**, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.’”

2. While Jesus’ baptism was different than ours, there is still a correlation between His baptism and ours.
 - a. Jesus entered the waters not as a sinner needing cleansing, but as the sinless Son of Man identifying with those He came to save.
 - He identifies as us so we can identify with Him.
 - b. Jesus’ baptism was a visible demonstration of His **complete surrender** and **submission** to the Father's will.
 - Likewise, when we are saved or born again, we are not simply receiving Jesus to escape hell.
 - We are surrendering our lives to Him, yielding ourselves to His Lordship, His purpose, and His will.
 - c. Upon baptism—as He yielded to the purpose of the Father—the heavens were OPENED to Jesus!
 - When you are I yield our lives to God through being born again (which is represented by baptism), HEAVEN IS OPENED!
 - d. The open heavens allowed for the coming of the Holy Spirit when Jesus was baptized.
 - We now live with the continual awareness and reality of the Holy Spirit’s abiding presence within us.



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- e. Once the heavens were opened at Jesus' baptism, the **voice** of God was heard: *"This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."*
 - One of the greatest realities of an open heaven is your ability to hear the voice of heaven.

B. Jesus Was Not the Same After This Experience

1. Jesus was not the same in His earthly ministry after His baptism and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him.
2. **Mark 1:9-13**
NKJV "It came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw **the heavens parting** and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove. Then a voice came from heaven, 'You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.' Immediately the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness. And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan, and was with the wild beasts; **and the angels ministered to Him.**"
3. Note how Jesus was driven into the wilderness afterward.
 - a. The wilderness can serve as a picture of our earthly life—a place where we encounter temptation, opposition, adversity, and the pressures of this world.
4. Yet, like Jesus, we are not left to face these things alone.
 - a. **Vs. 13:** The angels ministered to Him in the wilderness.
 - b. He wasn't alone or left without the help of heaven.

C. An Open Heaven Was Not a One-Time Event for Jesus—or for Us

1. The open heaven Jesus experienced at His baptism was not a momentary spiritual event that quickly came and went.
 - a. Heaven did not open only to close again.
 - b. Throughout the remainder of His earthly ministry, Jesus lived and functioned under an open heaven, continually experiencing the presence, power, and assistance of heaven wherever He went.
2. When He yielded Himself to the Father's will heaven opened, and the supply of heaven remained upon His life.
3. When we are saved—yielded to God's plan—Heaven is opened over our life.
 - a. Heaven remains open for us.
 - b. We are never without the help of heaven.
 - c. We are never without heaven's supply



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D. Fellowship: The Key to Accessing Heaven's Supply

1. The reason many Christians fail to receive heaven's supply, wisdom, and assistance is not because heaven is closed to them, but because they are not **actively fellowshiping with heaven**.
 - a. Heaven is open, but they are not taking advantage of the access they have been given through Christ.
2. "Fellowship": Communion, companionship, close association, mutual sharing, and active participation in a relationship.
3. Our fellowship with God has been restored.
 - a. In Eden, God came to man. Today, we come to God.
 - b. In Eden, God came to earth. Now we come to heaven's throne.
4. Fellowship fulfills Hebrews 4:16.
 - a. **Hebrews 4:16**
NKJV "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."
 - b. Key words / phrases in this verse:
 - "Boldly": Confidence; speaking freely; assurance; fearlessness. Not arrogance, but confidence because of our relationship in Christ. Access and entrance.
 - "Mercy": Kindness; compassion; relief; compassionate help or assistance.
 - "Grace": Gracious provision; divine enablement. His favor expressed through generous assistance.
 - "Help": Assistance; real assistance, not just sympathy.
 - "Need": A situation that requires attention; lack (something needed).
 - "*grace to help*": Grace is available to supply help when needed.
 - "Come": Approach; to come near; to draw near in fellowship; to present oneself; movement toward.
 - c. We are invited to fellowship and approach. We do the approaching.
5. Fellowship represented through communion:
 - a. Communion, also called the Lord's Supper, represents our intimate relationship, spiritual union, and ongoing fellowship with Jesus Christ.
 - Notice the keyword here is **UNION**.
 - Union means being joined together in such a way that two become one in relationship, sharing a common life, identity, and purpose.
 - b. Through Christ's death and resurrection, we have been brought into relationship with Him. We belong to Him, and He dwells within us.



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- c. However, many are living their Christian lives from a **sense of distance** rather than from the **reality of their union** with Christ.

PASTOR'S NOTE: *It is possible for people to be saved and still conduct their lives as though they are separated from Christ, rather than living as though they are in UNION with Him. My union with Christ is an established spiritual reality, but my awareness of that union influences how I fellowship with Him. The reality of my union doesn't change, but my experience of fellowship is greatly influenced by how I see that union.*

E. Jesus Fellowshipped Heaven

1. Jesus did not merely live under an open heaven. He actively fellowshipped with heaven.
 - a. He maintained continual communion with His Father, receiving His wisdom, direction, strength, and assistance while carrying out His earthly ministry.
 - b. He lived in continual awareness of the Father's presence.
 - **John 8:29**
NKJV "And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him."

AMP "And He who sent Me is [always] with Me; He has not left Me alone, because I always do what pleases Him."
 - Jesus lived with the heavenly reality that the Father was always with Him.

PASTOR'S NOTE: *We must also develop and maintain a continual awareness of the Father's abiding presence, recognizing that wherever we go and whatever we face, He is always with us. We are never alone or disconnected from His presence, wisdom, strength, and assistance. The key is not trying to get God to come near but becoming continually conscious of the One who is already with us.*

2. He continually consulted the Father.
 - a. **Luke 6:12**
KJV "And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God."
 - He prayed.
 - His prayer was from a place of UNION rather than DISTANCE.
 - b. Consulting the Father (i.e. prayer) is not an attempt to get heaven to open. It is taking advantage of the access to heaven that Jesus has already provided.



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- c. We are not trying to establish a connection with heaven. We are learning to fellowship from the connection we already have through Christ.
 - 3. He continually received from heaven's supply.
 - a. He received direction:
 - **John 5:19**
KJV "...the Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise."
 - b. He received His Words:
 - **John 12:49**
KJV "For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak."
 - c. Jesus was never begging heaven to move. He was receiving from an open heaven.
 - d. When you consult heaven correctly, you WILL receive from heaven generously.
 - e. When we learn to consult heaven with the confidence of sons and daughters, rather than the uncertainty of strangers, we position ourselves to receive freely from the Father's generous supply.
 - 4. Jesus lived in and by the power of the Spirit.
 - a. **Luke 4:14**
KJV "And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about."
 - b. The fellowship of heaven allowed an open heaven to continually work in everything and everyone that Jesus encountered.
- F. Fellowshiping with Heaven Involves:**
- 1. Communicating with heaven.
 - a. Maintaining an active prayer life, talking with the Father, and listening for the Holy Spirit's direction.
 - 2. Consulting heaven.
 - a. Seeking God's wisdom and counsel rather than depending entirely upon natural understanding.
 - 3. Receiving from heaven.
 - a. Drawing upon the grace and strength made available through Christ.
 - b. **Hebrews 4:16 NKJV** "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."



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4. Agreeing with heaven.
 - a. Bringing our thoughts, words, and actions into agreement with God's Word and His will.
5. Responding to heaven.
 - a. Acting upon the direction of the Holy Spirit and putting God's Word into practice.