

HEART READY 2 - PARTICIPATING IN THE INVISIBLE REALM

I. INTERSECTIONS BETWEEN THE SEEN AND UNSEEN REALMS

A. PETER IN PRISON AND THE CHURCH IN PRAYER

Acts 12:5 Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church. **6** And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison. **7** Now behold, **an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison;** and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, “Arise quickly!” And his chains fell off his hands. **8** Then the angel said to him, **“Gird yourself and tie on your sandals”;** and so he did. And he said to him, **“Put on your garment and follow me.”** **9** So he went out and followed him, and **did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision.** **10** When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him.

1. TWO DIMENSIONS IN ACTION

- **THE CHURCH PRAYED IN ANOTHER PLACE** - *Faith for change*
- **PETER THOUGHT HE WAS HAVING A VISION** - *Not real. No one saw them - guards with chains, two guard posts. He was asleep.*
- **IT WAS AN ANGELIC DELIVERANCE** - *Physical contact, Locks, chains, iron gate, no problem. How were they hidden? Angel solid*

2. IT'S INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT BOTH THE CHURCH AND PETER WERE CONFUSED ABOUT WHAT WAS HAPPENING -

3. THIS WAS AN INTERSECTION OF THE VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE REALMS. *The Church' prayed, God sent an angel. No one believed it.*

Acts 12:15 But they said to her, “You are beside yourself!” Yet she kept insisting that it was so. So they said, “It is his angel.”

- **REALITY IS BIGGER THAT WHAT EYE CAN SEE.** *Visible Light - 0.0035 % of electromagnetic spectrum*

- **EVEN WHEN WE BELIEVE IN THE HEAVENLY REALM WE STILL MAY NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON.** *There is a learning curve! INTERACTION WITH INVISIBLE*

ILLUSTRATION - *System for insulation in porch walls. Shake my leg.*

II. HOW TO PARTICIPATE WITH GOD IN THE INVISIBLE REALM

A. THE DOOR OF SALVATION - *Access to another realm - Heaven*

John 10:7 *Then Jesus said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.* ⁸ *All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them.* ⁹ *I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.* ¹⁰ *The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.* (EXPERIENCE: in-out, up-down)

Eph. 2:4 **But God**, who is rich in mercy, because of His **great love** with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, **made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)**, ⁶ and **raised us up together**, and **made us sit together in the heavenly places** in Christ Jesus, ⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

1. **BECAUSE OF GOD'S LOVE** We are not dead anymore
2. **BY GOD'S GRACE** We are raised up to sit with Him on His throne
3. **MADE ALIVE** - *We pursue mystery to embrace life at higher levels*

B. THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST PREPARES US FOR MORE

1. **SO, IF JESUS IS ALIVE WHY CAN'T WE SEE HIM?** Ascension

Acts 1:9 *Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, **He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.***

2Cor. 5:7 *For we walk by faith, not by sight. MYSTERY TEACHES TRUST*

2. CHRISTIANITY IS DESIGNED TO PREPARE US FOR MORE -
Parable of 10 Virgins - *The Unfaithful were foolish and did not prepare, the faithful did prepare*

Matt. 25:5 But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.

JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN'T SEE IT DOESN'T MEAN IT'S NOT HAPPENING - DON'T GET COMPLACENT!

3. DEALING WITH THINGS SEEN AND UNSEEN IS CENTRAL TO THE PRACTICE OF OUR FAITH. YET, SO MANY DON'T PRESS IN.

Heb. 11:27 By faith he (MOSES) forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible. ***28 By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them. (MOSES' HOPE WAS IN THE INVISIBLE GOD - SEEING HIM)***

C. PENETRATING THE LEVELS OF THE UNSEEN REALM

1. PRAYERS OF FAITH - ***Submission, Trust, Authority***

James 5:17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. ***18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.***

2. THE WORD OF THE LORD - FIRE - HAMMER - ROCK

Jer. 23:29 "Is not My word like a fire?" says the LORD, "And like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?

3. MATCHING ACTION TO OUR FAITH - *What did Peter walk on?*

Matt. 14:29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. (HOW MANY PHYSICAL LAWS WERE SUSPENDED IN ORDER FOR THIS TO HAPPEN?) JUST DO IT

4. PRESS TOWARD MYSTERY - ASK! SEEK! FIND! Promised results!

Matt. 7:7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ***8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks***

finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

5. PART OF ABIDING IS TO DEVELOP THE INTIMACY OF WALKING WITH GOD - *Like Enoch or Jesus!*

Matt. 14:23 *And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there.*

Luke 9:28 *Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. Transfigured*

- ***This is what happened when people were watching Jesus. What happened when nobody was watching?***

6. THE SKILL OF BEING IN THE SPIRIT - PRACTICE REGULARLY!

Rev. 1:9 *I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, ¹¹ saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,"... **Amazing Revelation!***

7. REPENT OF FEAR OF HOLY SPIRIT AND THE UNSEEN REALM

"FEAR NOT!" Angels say time and again. Taught not to pursue mystery

Luke 12:32 *"Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. GOD DOESN'T WANT TO KEEP YOU OUT!"*

III. THE MYSTERY OF THE UNSEEN REALM IS NOT A BARRIER, IT IS INVITATION TO MORE OF GOD - LEAN IN TO HIM and Discover of Him

Luke 8:16-18 TPT

*"No one lights a lamp and then hides it, covering it over or putting it where no one sees its light. No, he places the lamp on a lamp stand so others benefit from its brightness. [17] Because this **revelation lamp** now shines within you, nothing will be hidden from you—it will all be revealed. **Every secret of the kingdom will be unveiled** and out in the open, **made known by the revelation-light**. [18] So pay **careful attention to your hearts** as you listen to my teaching, for to those who have **open hearts**, even more **revelation** will be given to them until it overflows. And for those who do not listen with open hearts, what little light they imagine themselves to have will be taken away."*