

Lesson 12

C) Spirit

- We have seen that man was created in the image and likeness of God; man was created to be God's reflection here on earth. Man could have everything in common with God, because he was created with a spirit and the Bible tells us that God is spirit.

⇒ **John 4:24**

- Man could understand God perfectly, because the spirit was placed in him for that; it is in the spirit and only in the spirit that you understand the things of God. There is no way that we can understand and know God, understand God's Word for life, intellectually. You can even understand it intellectually, but it won't make sense for your life.

⇒ **I Corinthians 1:18~25**

⇒ **I Corinthians 2:12~16**

- With my spirit I know God and spiritual things; with my soul I know the intellect, the emotions and the intellectual world; with the body I know the material world.
- We often want to understand God in our emotions. For example, when we're not emotional we say: 'God seems so far away'. It's because we want to have God in our emotion and there is no connection with emotion. The spirit has no emotion, it can even touch my emotion, but I don't depend on having emotion to know that God is with me, to know that Jesus never leaves me, never abandons me. The Word of God says, my spirit believes, it's over, that's how it works. My soul may not be happy, but the Bible has said, it's over. That's knowing God through the spirit.
- The spirit is basically made up of three areas: intuition, adoration and conscience.

C.1) Intuition

- In no way does it refer to that natural intuition with which we are born, and which manifests itself directly in the soul. For example, sometimes we think of someone, the phone rings and it's that person; this has nothing to do with our spirit, it's not a gift of prophecy, a gift of a word of knowledge. When this happens, it's a normal thing of the soul, which should be dealt with normally without too much concern, some have more others have less.
- The soul has incredible power and is often manipulated by Satan to make us feel signs and miracles, saying that they are powers of the spirit, and they are not, they are powers of the soul; we don't know what the soul is capable of. The misused soul of man, in disobedience to the Word of God, is even capable of commanding the spirit to leave the body and do things from a distance. All parapsychology uses the powers of the soul, completely outside of God's standards. The power is not of Satan, it is of the soul of man, but it is influenced by Satan and his demons.

⇒ **Matthew 7:15~23**

- This intuition is not that of the spirit. The word intuition in the spirit is only to differentiate it from reasoning, it is an intuition. ***'It is the ability to receive God's revelation in the Word.'***

- After reading a passage from the Bible and re-reading it several times, does it make sense to you? Does it seem like you'll never forget it? Then you say: how come I didn't see that before? The intuition worked; you received the revelation of God's Word in that passage.
- You saw it with your spirit and not with your intellect, even though we have the impression that it's in the intellect; it's because everything comes to our mind. Only when it makes sense (*'spiritual click', 'it hit me'*) do you say: now I've understood everything, now it makes sense. This understanding is what comes into practice, you start to apply it in your life. ⇒ **James 1:21~25**
- When we understand from God's Word that we have authority over demons (*before it was just a half-hearted belief, it was mental*) and it makes sense, we use it, and we'll see that it works. With intuition I've seen that it's true and I'm going to use it; it's what comes into your practical life. That came from the spirit, if it was from the intellect I wouldn't have to read it over and over again. When something makes sense and comes into your life, like something very important that you've just learned and will never let go of, that's when the intuition of the spirit has acted.
- Intuition comes to my mind, but I don't see this mechanism; nobody sees it, nobody notices it. You only perceive the result, which is what has made sense and entered your life, because to understand the Word of God is to live it. There's no point in saying you've understood and not living what you've understood. 'Reading the Word of God and not living it is the same as not reading it.'
- The intellect wants to see and says: *'I want to see in order to believe'*. Faith, on the other hand, says: 'I don't see, but I believe'. Often only when you believe will you see; ⇒ **John 11:40**. It is through the intuition of the spirit that we understand the things of God. God can only reveal his Word in the spirit, because that's where the likeness is. I will only understand the language of God where there is likeness to God; it is in the spirit that the language of heaven is spoken.

C.2) Adoration (Worship)

- **'Adoration is our response,'** it is only done in the spirit and is not an isolated act. Praise is an isolated act, worship is not. Worship is a life responding to the source of life, responding to God's revelation.
- Every time in your daily life that you think of God, that everything brings your mind to God, that recognition that God is everything in you, that is worship.
- Worship is our response to God's love; it is produced in our spirit. This response is due to the love that God has poured into us, because we don't have that love to respond to God's love. *We love Him because He first loved us* ⇒ **I John 4:19**. This love, which comes in response to God's love, is worship.
- I worship only with my spirit. The devil deceives us by confusing worship with emotion; *'if you're not in the clouds'*, you don't worship! Yes, you do. It is through faith that you recognize God's revelation. Every time you recognize God's revelation, you receive it as truth for your life and the response is automatic, it's something that becomes part of your life, that's worship. Worship is produced in our spirit by God's own love.

C.3) Consciousness (Awareness)

- It's the literal use of this word: 'to know – with'; ***'consciousness in the spirit, it's my knowledge with God.'*** Knowledge on the same level, in the same way that God knows, I know; it is God's standard, present in the knowledge of everything.
- It is with my conscience that I recognize the Word of God. In this sense, I have knowledge with God, not just knowledge of God, but together with God.
 - ⇒ **Proverbs 8:13**
 - ⇒ **Proverbs 6:16~19**
 - ⇒ **Proverbs 9:10**
- Be careful, because we have the carnal conscience, which has nothing to do with the spiritual conscience. The carnal conscience is developed, it does good or evil not for the good or evil itself, but for convenience. For example: I drive at 70 mph on the highway, not to obey the law, not because I'm happy to obey the law, but because a guard might come along, and the fine would be very expensive.
- The carnal conscience is elastic; this conscience is easier for us to detect. Satan sets his standards, undermines them through the media and everything he uses, and your conscience stretches, stretches; things you couldn't even dream of saying become normal. For example: homosexuality is normal, free love is normal, abortion is normal because everyone does it! And your conscience accepts it, it's like a rubber band, it goes a long way. Everything becomes normal.
- This conscience should take care of morality or rather maintain morality. The expression '*new morality*' is very strange. The carnal conscience acts on the basis of convenience, it's convenient, it's comparative, it's elastic. *New morality is making the immoral accepted by society, it's changing morality.*
- '***Spiritual conscience is literally knowing with God, it is knowing and recognizing the Word of God***', knowing in a practical way. It is a conscience of conviction; it do good for good's sake and reject evil for evil's sake; it is completely different from the carnal conscience.
- It was placed in us to walk according to God, so it was placed in the spirit. It is not influenced by the accumulation of knowledge, by the environment or by creation. But it has a totally spontaneous, direct and immediate judgment; good is good and evil is evil and when evil is done it accuses. ⇒ **Romans 2:1~16**
- This is the ideal man, when the spirit is in full function, obeying God's chain of command: **spirit - soul - body**. God's standard is within man, he has arrived by intuition, he walks in practice and can understand the purpose of everything that God wants.
- ⇒ **I Peter 1:16**; '*Be holy, for I am holy*'. It is in the spirit that you understand this, and this is the standard. It's high, difficult to understand, but God wouldn't put it in the Bible without there being an option for us to comply. It's a process that the church of Jesus Christ has to go through. Whoever is born again is the church of Jesus Christ, whose Father is holy and whose children have to be holy. That's why I say that I have to be correct, so that my son can see the pattern in me; the son walks in the pattern of the father. This is the model from heaven; it is distorted today by sin, but it is impregnated in man.