

Chapter Ten

Spirit, Soul, And Body

We must remember, the physical follows the spiritual. God's hierarchy of spiritual authority is this: the spirit is to rule, then the soul, and then the physical body. The spirit houses one's will, and it becomes regenerated by the Holy Spirit when a person invites Jesus Christ to become their Lord and Savior and they believe that God raised Him from the dead.¹

The soul, on the other hand, comprises one's personality, thoughts, emotions, etc. It is often thought of as the mind of an individual. In God's order of authority, the spirit (which houses one's will) is to rule under the authority of the Spirit of God. Then the soul (which houses the emotions, thoughts, conscious mind, reasoning, etc.) is to be submitted under the authority of the spirit, and then the body likewise to the soul. Thus one's spirit, soul and body are to become subject under the Spirit of God.

The order and functioning of spirit, soul and body is a major Biblical principle. Although many people confuse these three, they are noted separately in the Scriptures for a purpose.² You would do well to ask the Holy Spirit to really teach it to you.³ Most of the world is subject to the demands of the body or the soul. But in God's order of life, both of these are to be subjected to the Word of God via the Spirit of God in the born-again believer.

Thus it is that the physical things in life are parallel to the spiritual things in life. This is true for every person, whether they are believers or non-believers in Christ. It is set up this way by our Creator, God. If the spiritual balance with God is out of whack, things in the physical will be unbalanced also. Unforgiveness is sin, and like any sin left untended before God, it is a major cause of spiritual imbalance.

Having faith for healing involves some principles, and we all need to grow in this area. Just because one has prayed and God moved in one situation in one's life does not mean that they have either the faith or the revelation needed for the next situation. Revelation rarely ever works twice for "similar" situations. Much like manna that was gathered for one day at a time, fresh revelation from the Bread of Life is needed for each day.

¹ *Romans 10:9-10 that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

² *1 Thessalonians 5:23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

³ For more thorough understanding of this topic, please see the *Acts 29 Course on the Holy Spirit, Volume I* noted in the resource appendix.

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How Can I Get My Healing From God?

Each combination of circumstances, faith levels, sins, understanding of the Scriptures, and revelation from God are different each time. We must reach up to God for each and every solution, and move in faith on the revelation received. This is precisely why the more time we spend with Jesus on our knees, the more we will learn how to gain and keep our healing and deliverance, and also how to minister like He did. He'll enroll us and show us how in His School of the Holy Spirit.

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