

ANGELS VERSUS SPIRITS

INTRODUCTION

We shall be dealing with a topic that not much attention is paid to the distinctions concerning it or even much study done about it amongst Believers in Christ. And as usual, that gives room to a lot of superstitious beliefs that give rise to spiritual error in understanding concerning them. By this men are kept in bondage by the belief of the lies thereof.

Fortunately, our Master Jesus the Christ came to witness concerning the truth, being himself the truth of God from heaven revealed to mankind. For it is by the knowledge and understanding of the truth revealed by the Spirit of Christ that we are set free from the lies of the Devil in this world. So in every area of life, whether it seem important to some or not, we seek to know and walk in the truth that the Master has taught. These are brought to our understanding through the revelation of the Spirit of truth that he has given to dwell in us, who teacheth us all things in truth not some things. **Jn 18:37; Jn 8:32; Jn 14:16-17,26**

In this literature, we shall be discussing things pertaining unto angels and spirits in order to differentiate between the two. Generally, they are seen to be one and the same thing without distinction, but is that so truly? When man sees an angel or any unidentified apparition or strange appearance that disappears subsequently, he says that he has seen a spirit. Are angels' spirits and are spirits' angels? If so can a man see a spirit? Or are there distinctions between spirits and angels? How can we distinguish one from the other if so?

These and many more questions we desire to unravel about these heavenly creatures, because at the end of the day the resurrected children of God must assume a nature that is similar to either one of them. So our ignorance of them now as true Believers is not acceptable and is foolishness to say the least. For we have to relate with them one way or the other as spiritually minded sons of God in this world. How do we relate in ignorance? Such gives room to errors and the enemy of our soul relishes in errors, his evil works to perform. **Mtt 22:29-30; 2 Cor 2:11**

We run to our Rabboni, Jesus the Christ who made us to know that spirits are different from angels though they seem to be like two faces of the same coin, yet he expressly distinguished between them. Even then still many Believers continue to live in ignorance of this to their shame and confusion, but we pray by the grace of God that shall not remain your lot any longer after reading this literature in Jesus name.

HEAVENLY HOSTS OR ENTITIES

Our LORD God is the Lord of hosts and it is He that created all the living creatures in heaven above, of which spirits and angels are inclusive but not exhaustive as it were. Apart from angels and spirits there are other identified heavenly beings that the Bible mentions of too. **Ps 24:10; Ps 148:2; Isa 45:12; Colo 1:16,20; I Pet 3:22**

Rom 8:38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life nor angels nor principalities nor powers nor things present nor things to come.

Eph 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

I Kings 22:19-23 (Vr.19 And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left. **Vr.20** And the LORD said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner. **Vr.21** And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will persuade him.

Job 1: 6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them. **Vr.7** And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

Isa 37: 16 O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest between the cherubims, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth: thou hast made heaven and earth.

Ps 103:19 The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all. **Vr.20** Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. **Vr.21** Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure. **Vr.22** Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.

Ezek 1:1-28 (Vr.5 Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man. **Vr.6** And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings. **Vr.7** And their feet were straight feet; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf' foot: and they sparkled like the colour of burnished brass. **Vr.8** And they had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings.

Ezek 10:1-22 (Vr.14 And every one had four faces: the first face was the face of a cherub, and the second face was the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face

of an eagle. **Vr.15** And the cherubims were lifted up. This is the living creature that I saw by the river of Chebar. **Vr.16** And when the cherubims went, the wheels went by them: and when the cherubims lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the same wheels also turned not from beside them. **Vr.17** When they stood, these stood; and when they were lifted up, these lifted up themselves also: for the spirit of the living creature was in them.

Rev 5: 6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. **Vr.7** And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. **Vr.8** And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

Rev 1: 20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

But our main focus is on angels and spirits, especially the distinctions between them, in order not to be mixed up in our understanding of their nature and operations as Christians as obtains presently. We would be doing briefs on angels and spirits, though not an exhaustive discuss on them, because our primary intent is geared at being able to distinguish between the two spiritual entities specifically without ambiguity.

CONCERNING SPIRITS

Straight out, in our perusal of spirits, we would want to state the explosive revelation that Christ our Master made known to us, which we should never ever forget or lose sight of at anytime. Why? because it is a divine foundation, which is concerning the nature of our heavenly Father, of which the Old Testament had somewhat to say also,

Jn 4:24 God is a Spirit:

Num 23: 19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent:

Our LORD God is not flesh, but He is the God of the spirit of all flesh, the Father of spirits. All spirits emanate from Him and return to Him. All spirits whether they be good or evil are servants to God the Father. It is the LORD that giveth spirit to every living creature. **Jn 15:26; Judge 9:23; I Sam 16:13-15; I Kings 22:19-23**

Num 27: 16 Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh,

Hebr 12: 9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

Jn 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

Isa 42: 5 Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:

Having identified God the Father as Spirit, we can get some good insights as to the truths concerning spirits generally, although there is no spirit like our God actually. No human being as Man on earth can or has ever seen God nor heard His voice truly. Although there are several instances in the Old Testament (O.T.) where men have been said to have seen, heard and even ate with God, but our Master Jesus, the Lord from heaven put the records straight for us and him will we believe wholeheartedly above any other. It is he that shall show us who the Father is on that day in heaven, being the one that knows and have seen Him. **Jn 3:31-34**

Jn 5:37 And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.

Jn 1:18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

Jn 6: 45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me. **Vr.46** Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.

I Tim 6:14-16 (Vr.15 Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; **Vr.16** Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

I Jn 4: 12 No man hath seen God at any time.

God, as a Spirit in His relationship with human beings as flesh, deals with us through proxies, spirits as agents or other mediums such as His angels, through visions, similitude, dreams, voices, the prophets, etc and not directly. Why? because no man can see or hear God and live truly. So whatsoever it is that has been said to have been God seen in the old is of disposition or apparition of angels, not our heavenly Father directly, be not deceived. Has any man seen the Holy Spirit before? Then why do you think you can see the God and Father of the Holy Spirit.

Gal 3:19; Acts 7:52-53; Exo 24:9-11; Jud 13:21-23; Ezek 11:23-25; Gen 6:3; Jn 3:6

Exo 33: 20 And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live.

Invariably, it can be said that no living human being can see or describe the shape of a spirit unless he be dead and in the world beyond as it were. And therefore, no one can make drawing, image or likeness of a spirit out of or from the similitude of any of the things that have been made in this terrestrial world as it were.

Deu 4: 12 And the LORD spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; only ye heard a voice. **Vr.15** Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day that the LORD spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire: Vr.16 Lest ye corrupt yourselves , and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female, Vr.17 The likeness of any beast that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flieth in the air, Vr.18 The likeness of any thing that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the waters beneath the earth: Vr.19 And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven.

As no man has seen the Holy Ghost before so also no man can see the ghost of the dead too. No man has seen his own spirit within him, talk less of seeing external spirits as it were. Therefore, it is a superstition which is based on a lie and falsehood to believe that you can see spirits whether you are awake, asleep, in dreams or visions. The Devil, also by counterfeits has reinforced this superstitious belief, by deceiving the whole world in this regard through Satanic manipulations via evil consultants, diviners, necromancers, consultants with familiar spirits, etc. **Lev 19:31; Lev 20:6; Deu 18:10-12**

THE NATURE OF SPIRITS

The natural man has always lived in superstitious beliefs concerning spirits. He believes that he has seen “a spirit” whenever a strange apparition of invisible or supernatural beings occurs, appearing from the invisible world to our visible world, having physical features of body, shape and size. So whatsoever appears and disappears and can do strange supernatural things is classified as “spirit”, but this is not true.

Our Lord Jesus taught us differently in his doctrine, for those that hear him, the nature of spirits as distinguished from other spiritual or angelic beings as it were. In his interactions with his own disciples, they also expressed the same superstitious beliefs that are prevalent amongst men, whenever men witness a supernatural occurrence. But Jesus disabused their minds from such

superstition and gave us insight to the nature of spirits as distinguished from other supernatural beings. **Acts 12:12-18; Mtt 17:1-9**

Mtt 14:22-33 (Vr.25 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. **Vr.26** And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. **Vr.27** But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, "Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. **Vr.28** And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

Christ was able to expressly make us to know that spirits are incorporeal, that is have no material form or physical substance for to be seen by mortal man, but can be seen in the spirit world anyway by angels. Spirits being intangible, disembodied do not eat food nor have need for bread to live. The Lord demonstrated this when he resurrected from the dead and appeared unto his disciples. That he was not a spirit, but an angelic or spiritual being as the resurrected Christ.

Lk 24:36-43 (Vr.36 And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. **Vr.37** But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. **Vr.38** And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? **Vr.39** Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. **Vr.40** And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet. **Vr.41** And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? **Vr.42** And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. **Vr.43** And he took it, and did eat before them.

Jn 3: 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. **Vr.8** The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

Though spirits cannot be seen directly by man, but men can hear voices or sounds when they want it to be heard or felt as it were. Also, they can take on representations or symbolic forms that man can identify and relate with, in their operations on earth at times when that is most needed. As we can see, spirits can be likened unto wind, fire, light, living water, dove, etc.. **Jn 4:10**

Acts 2: 1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. **Vr.2** And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. **Vr.3** And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. **Vr.4** And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Jn 1: 32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

Job 4:12-16(Vr.13 In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falleth on men, **Vr.14** Fear came upon me, and trembling, which made all my bones to shake. **Vr.15** Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up: **Vr.16** It stood still, but I could not discern the form thereof: an image was before mine eyes, there was silence, and I heard a voice,

Jn 7: 37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. **Vr.38** He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Prov 20: 27 The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

Ps 18: 28 For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.

Jn 1:7-9 (Vr.7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. **Vr.9** That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Jn 8: 12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life [*the Holy Ghost*].

The Spirit of Christ is the light of life that the Father lit in order to light up the candle of all those that believe in His Son unto salvation who had been in darkness all their lifetime. **Lk 1:79**

Gal 4:4-7 (Vr.5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. **Vr.6** And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts,

Also, spirits do not experience death, but rather their light can be quenched or darkened by being put out as it were. Spirits are eternal being immortal in nature and therefore have eternal life as their portion. Spirits can be grieved also. Unfortunately, ignorant Believers are given to praying for demons or evil spirits to “fall and die” and talk of “spiritual death” in the same vein where sinners are concerned, as if spirits die. These are errors in understanding of the nature of spirits due to the teachings of their religious leaders. **Gen 6:6; Ps 95:10; Isa 54:6; Dan 7:15; Hebr 3:10,17; Lk 11:33-36; Job 18:5; Prov 13:9**

Hebr 9: 14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

I Thess 5: 19 Quench not the Spirit.

Eph 4:22-24,29-31 (Vr.23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; **Vr.30** And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Ps 51: 11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

EVERY LIVING CREATURE OF GOD HAS ITS OWN SPIRIT

Our God the Creator of all things gives spirit to every entity or creature that He creates and forms with a body or flesh, whether they be angels in heaven and/or human beings on earth. For a creature to be said to be “living”, and able to move about, it must receive a spirit personal to it from God the Father of spirits at its creation.

God that is a Spirit has His own Spirit(s) that is called Holy because He is the living God. God gives of His Spirit also to those that serve and obey Him. **Acts 5:32; I Cor 2:12; Hebr 9:14; Gen 41:38; Exo 31:3; Joel 2:28-29**

Mtt 10:20 For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.

2 Cor 3: 3 Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.

I Cor 2:10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit:

Isa 48: 16 Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me.

The Bible also speaks specifically about the seven Spirits of God that do ministrations too. **Rev 3:1; Rev 4:5**

Rev 5: 6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

Isa 11:1-5 (Vr.2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

Jesus Christ, the Son of God has his own Spirit because he is the living bread that came down from heaven. **I Pet 1:11**

Gal 4: 6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts,

Rom 8: 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Lk 23: 46 And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

A devil or angel has its own spirit even as a man has his own spirit within him. Every flesh has its own spirit, whether the flesh be celestial or terrestrial, each having differing glories. Angels are flesh and bone without blood being celestial, while Men are flesh and blood being terrestrial. Our Father is the God of the spirit of all flesh. Every living creature of all flesh has its own spirit in it. God can give breath and spirit to even inanimate objects and they can live; for nothing is impossible unto Him. **I Cor 15:36-41,44; Prov 18:14; Eccl 8:8; Gen 9:15-16; Mtt 3:9; Ezek 37:3-6**

Num 27: 16 Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation,

I Cor 2: 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

Job 32: 8 But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

Zech 12: 1 The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him.

Isa 26: 9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

Rev 16: 13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. **Vr.14** For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

Lk 4: Lk 4:33-36 (Vr.33) And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice,

Ezek 10: 15 And the cherubims were lifted up. This is the living creature that I saw by the river of Chebar. **Vr.16** And when the cherubims went, the wheels went by them: and when the cherubims lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the same wheels also turned not from beside them. **Vr.17** When they stood, these stood; and when they were lifted up, these lifted up themselves also: for the spirit of the living creature was in them.

The gods of the land which are unseen but molded physically as idols that heathens worship have their own spirits too by which they operate and deceive many. **Ps 135:15-18; Ps 115:4-8**

Dan 4:8-9 (Vr.8 But at the last Daniel came in before me, whose name was Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods: and before him I told the dream, saying ,

Dan 5: 14 I have even heard of thee, that the spirit of the gods is in thee, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom is found in thee.

Animals cum beasts have their own spirit in them too. **Num 22:27-30**

Eccl 3: 18-21 (Vr.21 Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth?

BODIES AND OBJECTS SERVE AS HOSTS FOR SPIRITS

As we had stated, every “being” or “entity” must have its own spirit for it to be said to be living. And such a creature or “being” can receive/accept other spirits that can come upon it or inhabit its body as a host, apart from its own personal spirit. Like poles attract and birds of the same feather flock together; same thing were spirits are concerned – opposite or contrary spirits repel, but like spirits attract. **Lk 11:23-26; Mtt 12:24-28; 2 Cor 6:14-15; Gal 5:16-17; Mtt 7:6**

Mtt 9: 16 No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse. **Vr.17** Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved.

There are spirits that operate in heavenly and worldly realms. In the earthly plane, spirits seek out bodies, objects or substance to possess or host them, in order to manifest and operate on the earth. When men are their hosts, they establish a form of fellowship with the spirit of the man. The spirit in a man was created for fellowship purposes, and therefore he is either having fellowship with devils or the spirit which is of God within him. There is no fellowship between the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error; for two cannot walk unless they be agreed. **I Cor 10:20-21; 2 Cor 6:14-18; I Jn 1:1-3,6-7; Rom 8:14-17; Amos 3:3; Job 32:8; Mtt 8:28-34; I Jn 4:4-6; I Pet 5:8**

The heavens have their spirits too, even as the world has its own, that rule and influence territories therein - known as “territorial spirits”. Such spirits can and do inhabit the bodies of the dwellers or inhabitants of each of such realms as it were. The spirit of the world is that of

error, bondage and fear of evil. Therefore it attracts, accommodates and has easy affinity with Satan, roving unclean spirits, and spirit of the antichrist. **Rom 8:15,20-22; 2 Tim 1:7; Job 2:2-3; I Pet 5:8**

Every man born of woman into this world has this spirit of the world at work in him. And therefore is susceptible to roving unclean spirits using their bodies as their hosts to cause them to lust and envy continually. That is why unbelievers need to be delivered from such unclean spirits that make them to walk in the lust of uncleanness. In order to receive the Holy Ghost through true belief in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, you have to be made clean and free. **Ps 51:1-13; Job 14:1-5; Jn 15:3; Jn 13:1-11; Acts 11:5-10; Rev 5:9; Jn 2:24-25**

Ps 51:1-13 (Vr.5) Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Zech 6:1-5 (Vr.1) And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of brass. **Vr.4** Then I answered and said unto the angel that talked with me, What are these, my lord? **Vr.5** And the angel answered and said unto me, These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth.

I Jn 4:1-6 (Vr.3) And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. **Vr.4** Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. **Vr.5** They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. **Vr.6** We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

I Cor 2: 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

Jam 4: 5-6 (Vr.5) Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

Isa 19:1-4 (Vr.2) And I will set the Egyptians against the Egyptians: and they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbour; city against city, and kingdom against kingdom. **Vr.3** And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst thereof; and I will destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall seek to the idols, and to the charmers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards.

As we have opined, spirits are incorporeal, without substance and therefore they seek bodies to inhabit or dwell in as their hosts in order to perform certain operations, whether it be good or

evil as it were. The children of the world having the spirit of the world are susceptible to unclean, evil spirits that roam the earth seeking rest and whom to devour. Such can be oppressed and possessed by the spirit of devils, the spirit of the antichrist, Satan, etc. **Acts 19:13-16; Jn 13:2,27**

Eph 2:1-3 (Vr.2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: **Vr.3** Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

Mtt 12: 43 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. **Vr.44** Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. **Vr.45** Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

Mk 1:32-34 (Vr.32 And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils. **Vr.34** And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him.

Mtt 17:14-21 (Vr.15 Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. **Vr.16** And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him. **Vr.18** And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.

Acts 8:5-8 (Vr.7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

We can see that devils seek what to possess and can move from human bodies into animal bodies. They can also dwell in green trees, homes, erected altars, inanimate objects like idols of gold, silver, wood, etc. Such spirits are always seeking abodes to rest in. **Hosea 13:1-2; Mtt 21:17-20; Deu 12:1-3; Ezek 6:13**

Mtt 8:28-34 (Vr.28 And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. **Vr.31** So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine. **Vr.32** And he said unto them, "Go." And

when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters.

I Cor 10: 19 What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? **Vr.20** But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.

Similarly, as evil spirits can possess a man so also the Spirit of God can come upon a man by the anointing, while the Spirit of Christ comes to dwell on the inside of only the redeemed of the Lord at their new birth through baptism as it were. The Holy Ghost is received only by those that have truly come to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and obey him in his commandments. Such can no longer be susceptible to demonic possession as it were. **Acts 19:1-7; Acts 5:29-32; Gal 4:4-7; Acts 8:9-24; I Sam 19:19-24**

I Jn 4: 4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

I Sam 16: 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah. **Vr.14** But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.

Jn 14: 15 If ye love me, keep my commandments. **Vr.16** And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; **Vr.17** Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. **Vr.23** Jesus answered and said unto him, if a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

Unclean spirits inhabit unclean vessels that are corrupt, lustful and carnally minded, while the Holy Spirit inhabit cleansed, purified vessels that are spiritually minded and of a pure heart without guile as it were. There are also different degrees of possession of bodies by evil spirits depending on their numbers in the host body. Several devils can unite to be in a man. **Mtt 7:15-20; Mtt 12:31-37; Rom 8:21; I Cor 15:33; Eph 4:22,29; 2 Cor 11:3; Gal 6:8; I Tim 6:5; I Pet 3:4; 2 Pet 2:12,19; Mk 16:9; Mk 5:1-15; Acts 13:6-11**

Lk 8: 2 And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils,

CONCERNING ANGELS

Angels are heavenly beings that dwell in the spiritual realms called heaven and the portions of the earth which are invisible or unseen to human eyes, in the case of fallen angels – the lower parts of the earth. Angels are not spirits rather they are “spiritual beings” that have celestial bodies which are flesh and bone. So angels are corporeal, having spiritual bodies as it were and as such they have their own spirits within them. The source of life of the flesh and bone of angels is not blood since they are immortals, unlike human beings that are mortals having terrestrial bodies with blood. Angels live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God, doing His will. **Lev 17:11; Deu 12:23; Hebr 11:3; 2 Pet 3:5-7; Ps 103:20; Jn 6:63; Mtt 4:4; Hebr 10:7**

Angels were created for the pleasure of God the Father and are meant to minister to and serve Him, doing His every will in heaven and on earth, being at His beck and call. As such they can be made as spirits and flames of fire in order to carry out certain ministerial works at times. Therefore, angels can transform into spirits and return back to their celestial body form after performing certain functions in the spirit state as God willeth. They also can transform from being invisible to the human eye to being visible, appearing to men and disappearing at will. **2 Cor 11:13-15; Exo 3:1-2**

Ps 103:19-22 (Vr.19 The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all. **Vr.20** Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. **Vr.21** Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

Ps 104: 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty. **Vr.2** Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain: **Vr.4** Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:

Hebr 1:7 And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. **Vr.13** But to which of the angels said he at any times, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? **Vr.14** Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

Mtt 6: 9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. **Vr.10** Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven [*by the angels*].

Angels have been also referred to as “stars” in God’s heaven above the physical stars of the earth. They shine as lights, reflecting the glory of God as it were; so they are shining stars of heaven. Angels normally appear to men in shining lights. **Rev 8:10-11; 2 Cor 11:14; Jude 1:13**

Rev 1: 20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

Job 38: 7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Lk 2: 9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

Acts 12: 7 And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison:

ANGELS ARE REFERRED TO AS MEN

Angels are identified as men in heaven and referred to as the sons of God, being mighty gods in the unseen realms, even as human beings are men on earth and are made the sons of God through Christ, the only begotten Son of God. Throughout the Bible, whether in the Old and/or New Testament, God sent angels that appeared as men to the sons of men on earth to minister to them in one form or the other, delivering divine messages and carrying out divine mandates as it were. **Job 2:1; Ps 82:1-8; 2 Cor 4:4; Jn 10:34-35; I Tim 2:5**

Dan 9: 21 Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.

Rev 5:1-10 (Vr.2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? **Vr.3** And no man in heaven [as angels], nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. **Vr. 5** And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

Jn 20:11-17 (Vr.12 And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. **Vr.13** And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

Acts 1: 10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men [angels] stood by them in white apparel; **Vr.11** Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye

gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Gen 18: 1 And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; **Vr.2** And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men [*angels*] stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,

Judges 13:1-23 (Vr.3 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son. Vr.6 Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came unto me, and his countenance was like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible: but I asked him not whence he was, neither told he me his name: **Vr.8** Then Manoah intreated the LORD, and said, O my Lord, let the man of God which thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born. **Vr.9** And God hearkened to the voice of Manoah; and the angel of God came again unto the woman as she sat in the field: but Manoah her husband was not with her. **Vr.10** And the woman made haste, and ran, and shewed her husband, and said unto him, Behold, the man hath appeared unto me, that came unto me the other day. **Vr.11** And Manoah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said unto him, Art thou the man that spakest unto the woman? And he said, I am. **Vr.19** So Manoah took a kid with a meat offering, and offered it upon a rock unto the LORD: and the angel did wondrously; and Manoah and his wife looked on. **Vr.20** For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar. And Manoah and his wife looked on it, and fell on their faces to the ground.

Job 1: 6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them. **Vr.7** And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

Job 38: 7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

So angels can be made visible for men to see them physically and also in visions, dreams, trance as need be and disappear subsequently or become invisible again. Every appearance of the LORD God to men throughout the ages has been of His angels that represent Him, who stand in His presence. God is not an angel but a Spirit and no human being can see Him and yet be alive, but they can see His angels when allowed to. God has assigned angels to guide born again saints on earth. **Gen 20:3,6; Gen 28:11-13; Gen 31:11,24; Num 12:6-8; I Kings 3:5; Job 33:14-18; Mtt 2:12-13,19-22; Jn 4:24; Acts 7:53; I Tim 6:15-16; Jn 1:18; Lk 24:30-31; Mtt 18:10; Hebr 1:14**

2 Kings 6:11-18 (Vr.16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. **Vr.17** And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

Ps 34: 7 The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

Num 22:20-35 (Vr.26 And the angel of the LORD went further, and stood in a narrow place, where was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left. **Vr.27** And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she fell down under Balaam: and Balaam' anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff. **Vr.31** Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face.

Judges 13:19-23 (Vr. 9 And God hearkened to the voice of Manoah; and the angel of God came again unto the woman as she sat in the field: but Manoah her husband was not with her. **Vr. 21** But the angel of the LORD did no more appear to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was an angel of the LORD. **Vr.22** And Manoah said unto his wife, We shall surely die, because we have seen God.

Throughout the Bible, angels were never referred to as women by name nor have they appeared as women to human beings in visions or otherwise, but only in the form of men. So it would be safe to say that there is no woman angel in heaven and as such they neither marry nor are they given in marriage as the children of the world do on earth, having women in their midst. **Lk 20:34-37**

Angels as men in heaven, have the saints of God, men on earth as their brethren as it were. **Jn 20:17; Hebr 2:10-13**

Rev 19: 10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God:

Rev 22: 8 And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. **Vr.9** Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

ANGELS DO EAT FOOD

Angels have flesh and bone and eat heavenly food. Some angels that had come down to earth from heaven have been known to be entertained by men on earth and they did eat earthly food too. **Jn 6:31,49; Eph 5:29-30; Gen 2:23; Lk 24:36-43**

Gen 3: 14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

Gen 18: 1 And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; **Vr.2** And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them , he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground, **Vr.3** And said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant: **Vr.4** Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree: **Vr.5** And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said. **Vr.6** And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth. **Vr.7** And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetch a calf tender and good, and gave it unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it. **Vr.8** And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.

Exo 24: 9 Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: **Vr.10** And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness. **Vr.11** And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also they saw God, and did eat and drink.

Ps 78:23-25 (Vr.23 Though he had commanded the clouds from above, and opened the doors of heaven, **Vr.24** And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven. **Vr.25** Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat to the full.

Hebr 13:1-2 (Vr.2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

ANGELS LIVE EVERLASTING BUT CAN SUFFER DEATH

The life of angels is reckoned as of the days of heaven, which is everlasting. So angels live from everlasting to everlasting. The life of angels in heaven is everlasting, while that of human beings on earth is long lasting as per their mortal flesh. The souls of men on the other hand, being immortal in nature, are everlasting or forever even as angels are. But both are subject to the punishment of death when found in rebellion against the commandment of God – the soul and even the angel that sinneth shall die. **Ezek 18:4,20**

Everlasting as the days of heaven is seemingly reckoned on a thousand years basis and counting without end. **Hebr 1:10-12; Ps 90:2; Ps 103:17**

Deu 11: 21 That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.

Ps 89: 28 My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him. **Vr.29** His seed also will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven. **Vr.36** His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me. **Vr.37** It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven. Selah. **Vr.44** Thou hast made his glory to cease, and cast his throne down to the ground. **Vr.45** The days of his youth hast thou shortened: thou hast covered him with shame. **Vr.47** Remember how short my time is: wherefore hast thou made all men in vain? **Vr.48** What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?

The days of Satan as the cursed serpent was determined when God punished him in the Garden of Eden. Our Master Jesus Christ also made us to know of Satan's latter end in everlasting damnation in the lake of fire which is called the second death. Why? because the wages of sin is death, whether it be the souls of men or angels that sin, the same lot is their portion at the end. **Rev 20:10,14-15; Jude 1:13**

Rom 6: 23 For the wages of sin is death;

Gen 3: 14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life [*life based on the days of heaven*]:

Rev 12:7-13 (Vr.12) Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time [*before his death*].

Mtt 25: 41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire [*the second death*], prepared for the devil and his angels:

Rev 20:7-10 (Vr.10) And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever [*that is the second death*].

It is very few that know that fallen angels suffer death. Men are generally kept carnally minded, only knowing and fearing physical death, being made devoid of the knowledge of the second death, of which fallen angels are partakers of too and which is forever and ever.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SPIRITS AND ANGELS

From the foregoing, we ought to be able to differentiate between spirits and angels by now. All the same, we shall still proceed to do so specifically. As we had opined, spirits are created spirits and angels are created angels from the start. But angels can transform into spirits and back to their angelic form, while spirits do not transform into angels but remain as they were originally created. Lucifer was created as an angel, but transformed into the rebellious spirit called Satan, the Devil at his fall. As part of his deceptive antics, Satan can transform to appear as an angel of light to deceive men in visible appearance, and as a spirit to possess men invisibly. **Lk 10:18; Rev 12:7-9; Ezek 28:14**

2 Cor 11:13-15 (Vr.14) And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

Lk 13: 26 Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. **Vr.27** And after the sop Satan entered into him.

Belief in the existence of spirits and angels and the resurrection is at the root of the cause of doctrinal separation between the sects of the Pharisees and the sect of the Sadducees – the former believe in their existence, while the latter do not. **Lk 20:27; Hebr 1:7,14**

Acts 23:8 For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both. **Vr.9** And there arose a great cry: and the scribes that were of the Pharisees' part arose, and strove, saying, We find no evil in this man: but if a spirit or an angel hath spoken to him, let us not fight against God.

GOD IS A SPIRIT AND NOT AN ANGEL

God is a Spirit and not an Angel, but His Son was created as an angel and the holy angels are his fellows and brethren. Angels are called “sons of God” and referred to as “men” in heaven, but spirits are not referred to by such terms. Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God elevated above every other angel in heaven and on earth. God the Father is not a man nor is He a son of man, but His Son answers both. God is the Father of spirits, but not the Father of angels except for Jesus Christ whom He begat as His Son as it were. **Hebr 5:4-6; I Jn 5:1**

Jn 4: 24 God is a Spirit:

Num 23: 19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent:

Hebr 1: 4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. **Vr.5** For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? **Vr.6** And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. **Vr.8** But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. **Vr.9** Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Mtt 25: 31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

Hebr 12: 9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

I Tim 2: 5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

Jn 3: 13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

Spirits are eternal and do not suffer any form of death, but angels are everlasting and are subject to the second death, if iniquity and sin is found in them.

Eccl 12: 7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

Mtt 25: 41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: **Vr.46** And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

HUMANS CAN SEE ANGELS BUT NOT SPIRITS

Human beings as mortals cannot see spirits, but they can see angels when they make themselves visible, to be seen as men on earth or through visions and dreams. That is why no man can or has ever seen God the Father, but they saw the Son after his resurrection from the dead. If the Master had resurrected as a spirit he would not have been seen by any man including his apostles. Also, no man can see the Holy Spirit or their own personal spirit for that matter. **I Cor 15:3-8; Acts 10:38-41**

Jn 1: 18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

The holy angels behold the face of God being found in His very presence in heaven. Angels have form and shape, having corporeal bodies as flesh and bone, but spirits are incorporeal and are as the wind. Our Master Jesus Christ was explicit in differentiating angels from spirits when he appeared to his apostles after his resurrection. It was with the nature of an angel that the resurrected Christ assumed in appearing to his apostles, but at his birth it was as a seed of Abraham. **Lk 24:22-23; Acts 26:13-19; Hebr 2:14-16; Mtt 1:1; Lk 1:19; Mtt 18:10**

Jn 3: 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. **Vr.8** The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

Men at best can hear the sound made by a spirit, but you cannot see with your physical eyes a spirit nor even in dreams. With your own spirit you can also perceive the presence of a spirit around you or within you. **Rom 8:16,26; Mk 2:8; Deu 4:11-12,15-19**

ANGELS EAT FOOD BUT SPIRITS DO NOT

Angels can eat food both in heaven and on earth, but not spirits. And Christ used that to explicitly differentiate between angels and spirits to his apostles, whom he ate with as a demonstration of that difference.

Lk 24: 15 And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. **Vr.30** And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. **Vr.31** And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. **Vr.36** And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. **Vr.37** But they

were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. **Vr.38** And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? **Vr.39** Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. **Vr.40** And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet. **Vr.41** And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? **Vr.42** And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. **Vr.43** And he took it, and did eat before them.

Spirits do not eat food instead they can savour smells that emanate from incense, perfumes, burnt offerings and sacrifices, etc. Certain spirits are attracted by certain smells or odours, whether physically or spiritually found on men. **Ps 78:23-25; Judges 13:19-23; Phil 4:18; Isa 3:24; Job 39:25**

Eph 5: 2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

Gen 8: 20 And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. **Vr.21** And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man' sake;

Exo 29:18,25,41 (Vr.18 And thou shalt burn the whole ram upon the altar: it is a burnt offering unto the LORD: it is a sweet savour, an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

SPIRITS CAN POSSESS A MAN BUT ANGELS CAN NOT

Unclean spirits can enter into a man and possess him, but not angels. Evil angels can oppress men on the outside, but not possess them on the inside. The Holy Spirit can dwell in a man but not the holy angels. Angels do not enter into objects or bodies, rather its spirits that do. So an angel has to transform into a spirit in order to do so. **Mk 5:8-15; Jn 14:15-17; I Cor 3:16**

Lk 8: 27 And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs. **Vr.28** When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not. **Vr.29** (For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.) **Vr.30** And Jesus asked him, saying, "What is thy name?" And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him. **Vr.31** And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep. **Vr.32** And there was there an herd

of many swine feeding on the mountain: and they besought him that he would suffer them to enter into them. And he suffered them. **Vr.33** Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked. **Vr.35** Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid. **Vr.36** They also which saw it told them by what means he that was possessed of the devils was healed.

Ps 78: 49-51 (Vr.49) He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels among them. **Vr.50** He made a way to his anger; he spared not their soul from death, but gave their life over to the pestilence; **Vr.51** And smote all the firstborn in Egypt; the chief of their strength in the tabernacles of Ham:

Mtt 12: 43 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. **Vr.44** Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. **Vr.45** Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

Jn 13: 2 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him; **Vr.26** Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. **Vr.27** And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.

ANGELS CAN BE BOUND BUT NOT SPIRITS

Angels have flesh and bone, while spirits do not and therefore angels can be bound but spirits cannot be bound. Jesus Christ our Lord did not empower us to go about binding fallen evil angels and casting them into the abyss or bottomless pit, but we can rebuke them in his name. It is the angels of God assigned to bind fallen angels, including Satan that can do that, not humans.

2 Pet 2: 4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness [*bound*], to be reserved unto judgment;

Jude 1: 6 And the angels [*not spirits*] which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

Satan as an unclean, evil spirit can be cast out, but not bound, rather it is Satan as an evil, fallen angel, a strong man that would be bound and thrown into the bottomless pit in chains for a thousand years when his short time left expires.

Mtt 12:28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. **Vr.29** Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house [*angels are called men*], and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man [*not the strong spirit*]? and then he will spoil his house. **Vr.43** When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest [*as the Devil goeth to and fro*], and findeth none. **Vr.45** Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

Rev 20: 1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. **Vr.2** And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, **Vr.3** And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. **Vr.7** And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

Rev 12: 7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, **Vr.9** And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. **Vr.12** Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

Christ gave us power to command unclean spirits to come out of men, by casting them out and not by binding them as many Believers do today, continually "binding and casting". They in their ignorance never get to ask, who is loosening Satan and all the demons that they have been binding all these years? Christ showed us example while he was in the world, but many refuse to hear him in his doctrine, but rather hear religious men's doctrines instead. **Mk 3:13-15**

Mtt 8: 16 When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: **Vr.31** So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine. **Vr.32** And he said unto them, "Go." And when they were come out, they went into the herd of

swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters.

Mtt 10: 1 And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

Mtt 12: 28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

Mk 16:15-18 (Vr.16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. **Vr.17** And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

CONCLUSION

There are a lot more differences between spirits and angels than we can fully enumerate in this short literature, but we hope to do so in subsequent ones as it were. Angels are referred to as stars, while spirits are referred to as lights. God is light and the Father of lights. Therefore, spirits are lights and angels are of the light. The stars reflect the light of the Sun, even as the Moon does; holy angels reflect the light and glory of God.

I Jn 1:5 that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

Jam 1: 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Isa 14: 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

Jesus Christ is referred to as the bright and morning star, but he was also made a quickening spirit when he was glorified to be at the right of His Majesty in the heavens. By the grace of God in subsequently literatures we shall talk more on this very nature of Christ. **I Cor 15:45**

Rev 22:16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

Gal 4: 14 And my temptation which was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; but received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus.

The seven stars of God are different from the seven Spirits of God. **Rev 1:20**

Rev 3: 1 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

You can quench the spirit but you cannot say the same for angels. You cannot quench an angel.

I Thess 5:19

As the resurrected Christ assumed the nature of an angel and ascended into heaven thus, so also shall we the children of God being the children of the resurrection be made like the angels to be joined with him in the clouds at his second advent. This is the hope of all those that have his Spirit in them and who look earnestly to his glorious return on the last day. **Lk 20:35-36**

Mtt 22: 29 Jesus answered and said unto them, "Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. **Vr.30** For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

Many Believers err today where the nature and operations of angels and spirits are concerned, not even knowing what nature they are meant to be when they are to meet with Christ. A lack of spiritual understanding of these things is a manifestation of ignorance in the knowledge of the mystery of God the Father and His Christ among Believers of today. This is quite unfortunate and an error of our times, by which many are kept groping in the dark and also battling spiritual warfare in ignorance all their life time, being led by blind guides. **I Jn 3:1-3; Mtt 15:14**

True Christianity is not based on ignorance, but on the knowledge and understanding of the truth. Do not be deceived that it is when you get to heaven that you would get to know these truths or mysteries. They are already revealed by the Spirit of truth in those that are Christ's.

We pray that with a little bit of the spiritual insights shed in this literature, a major difference shall be made in the lives of those that truly seek to know the truth that setteth free. May the Lord keep your spirit, soul and body unblameable and unblemished till that day of Christ.

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