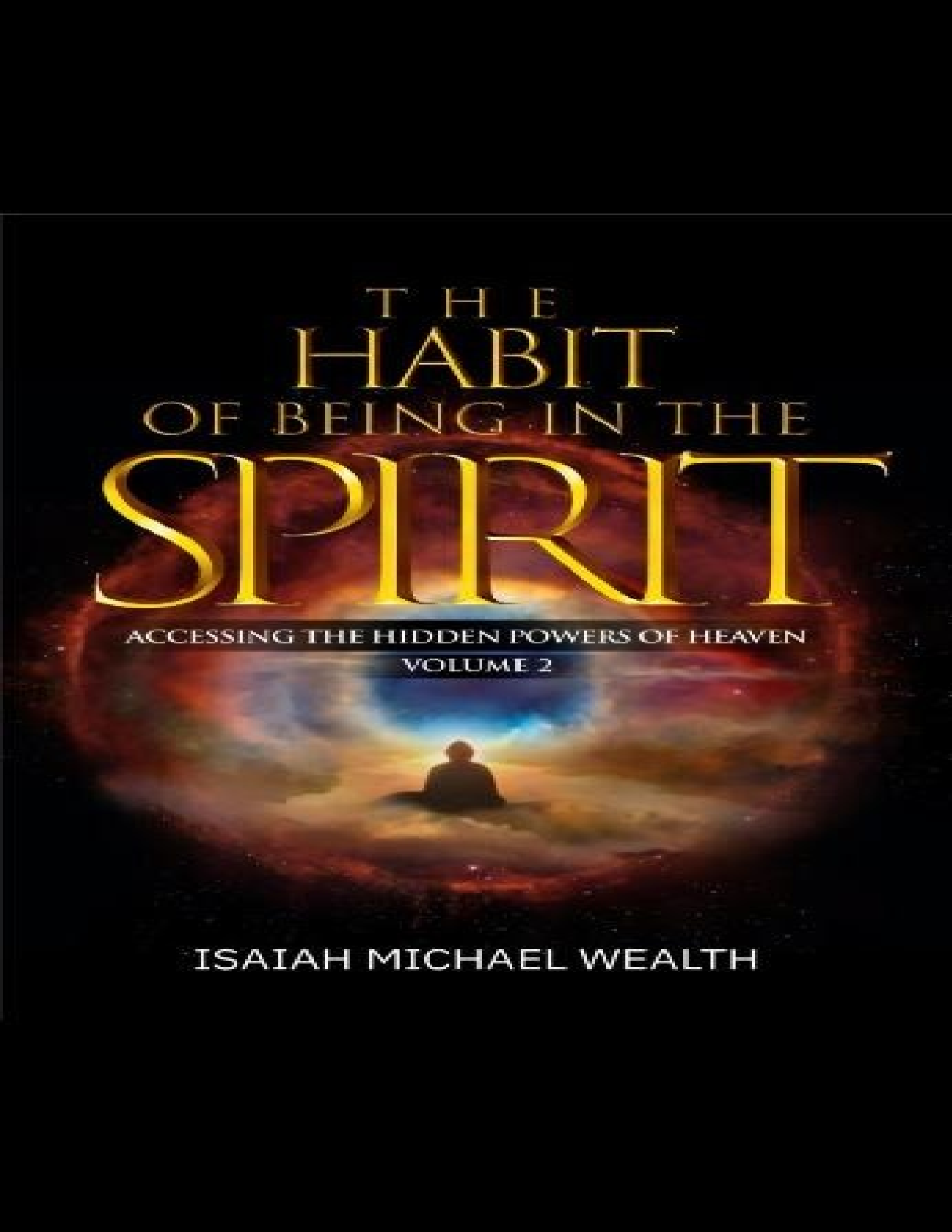
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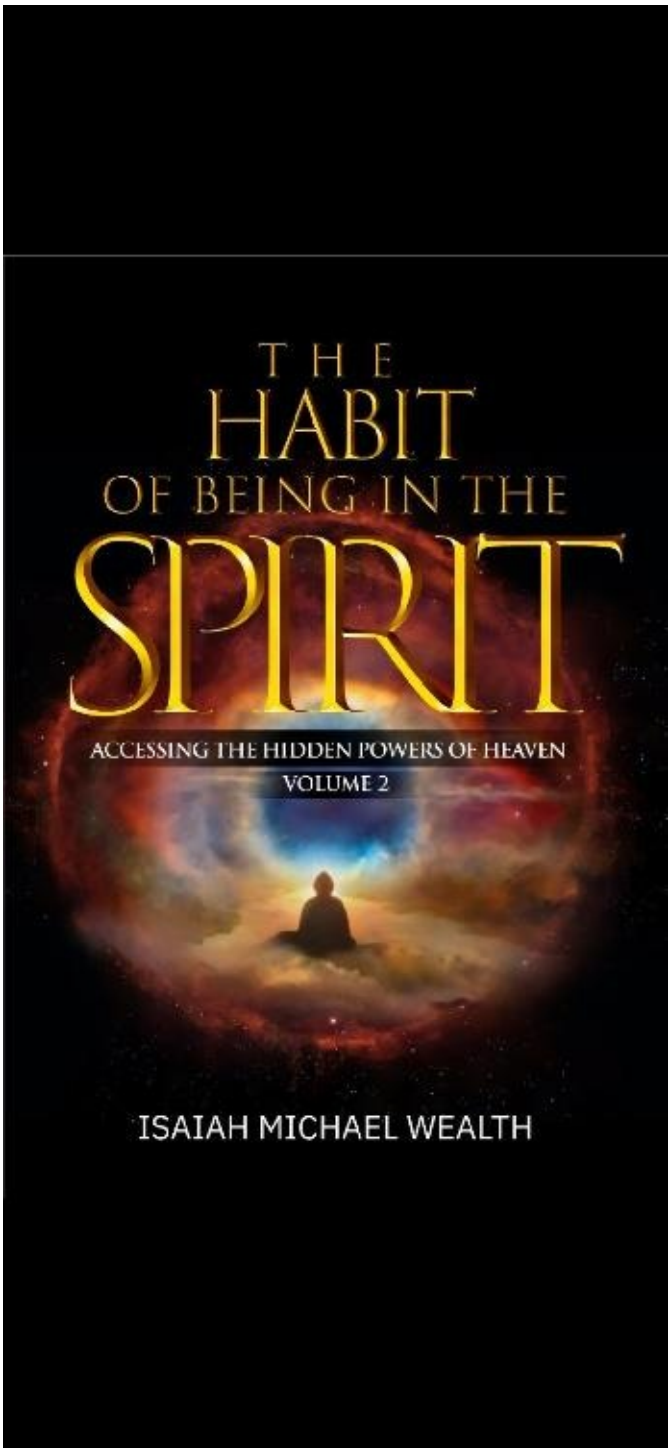

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INTRODUCTION

And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.

Revelations 4:2

The life a believer ought to be a supernatural one. We have been born into a heavenly or spiritual realm and thus should be able to interact with that realm and access the fullness of its powers and glory. In other words, the believer should not be disadvantaged in any way as we have the ability to fully function in and from the realm of the spirit where everything that manifest in the physical realm is determined..

Also, just like the fictional 'superman" a believer should be able to by-pass time and space and be transported into different parts of the world and into different realms by the Spirit. The scriptures clearly show us this. But sadly, this is not the reality as some believers are limited and manipulated by Satan and his cohorts where they are supposed to reign. This is largely because they do not understand the realms of the spirit-how to function in it and the limitless possibilities when one lives or functions from that realm, this Satan and his demons understand. Thus Satan will do anything to stop the believer

from attaining full spiritual faculty functionality.

I want you to know that there are limitless possibilities to a believer who understands the realm of the spirit. However, full functionality in the spirit requires the believer to develop the habit of being in the spirit. In other words, the believer has to learn how to enter, stay or spend more time in the spirit. This is what the Holy Spirit will have me reveal to you in this book.

I will share with you the necessity of being in the spirit, the different levels and dimensions of being in the spirit and the effects of being in the spirit. I will also share with you some amazing experiences I have had in the realms of the spirit.

Just like John in the scripture shared above, I have been transported in the spirit countless times to see, hear, interact and experience life in that realm, and I am so excited to be able to share these experiences with you in this book.

One thing is for sure - this revelation will change your life if you will give yourself to reading and deeply meditating on it by the Spirit.

CHAPTER ONE

THE NECESSITY OF BEING IN THE SPIRIT

Everything we do that will be acceptable to God and give us access into the presence and power of God must be done in the spirit and this includes our worship. In the first book of this series accessing the hidden powers of heaven, I emphasized the necessity of worship in partaking of the holiness of God. However, the kind of worship that makes us partake of God's power which his holiness is one done in the spirit.

> ***God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.***
>
> ***John 4:24***

I want you to notice the word must. This connotes necessity or something that is compulsory, a requirement for another to happen. Also, when we say something is a must we are saying that it cannot be overlooked or trivialized. For instance if I say" you must

come see me at 5pm today" by using the word must, I am simply saying that only 5pm is acceptable to me. Again in many schools or colleges, students have compulsory and elective courses. The compulsory courses are those you must do in order to graduate, you do not have an option if you intend to graduate. In the same vein, if you intend to worship and access God's holiness, worship in the spirt is not optional. It is a must or compulsory if our worship will be acceptable to God and produce results.

> ***For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.***
>
> ***Philippians 3:3***

Also every other spiritual activity we carry out whether prayer, study of the word, etc. must be done in the spirit.

> ***Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;***
>
> ***Ephesians 6:18***

God is a spirit and cannot relate with anything in the flesh.

> ***God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.***
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> ***John 4:24***

For example, giving offerings in the flesh, praying in the flesh etc done in the flesh does not get to him. It does not cross into the spirit where God resides. This is why it is waste of time. The intensity and duration of your activity does not change it. It can be likened to a goat attempting to communicate with a human being. No matter how much effort he puts into it, he cannot successfully communicate his thoughts to man. Only Worship in the spirit is acceptable to him. And when we do not worship in the spirit, we do the opposite, which is worship in the flesh. This cannot please God, and it is completely unacceptable.

> ***So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.***
>
> ***Romans 8:8***

Did you see the word 'cannot" This should make you sit up. When we engage God in the flesh, we cannot or in other words are unable to or lack the ability to please him.

But how does one become fleshly? We become fleshly by minding or living by the perception of the flesh.. This is what it means to be carnally minded and to be carnally minded is enemity against God.

> ***Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God,***
>
> ***Romans 8:7***

The Good News bible translation makes it much clearer;

And so people become enemies of God when they are controlled by their human nature neither indeed can be .

Romans 8:7 (Good News Bible)

In the above translation, the carnal mind is an enemy of God and is not subject to the Law of God and therefore God cannot communicate with it. This is because God cannot speak outside his jurisdiction-where his law operates

For Example, a Nigerian court cannot issue warrant to an American in the US because that American is not subject to the law of Nigeria. The minute you leave a country, the laws of that country cease to operate on you. A carnal mind is outside the country of God, it is not in the spirit where God resides. The carnal mind is therefore not within the jurisdiction of the law of God and it cannot be.

Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

Romans 8:7

Therefore, No matter how much they try, those who are in the flesh cannot please God, it is not negotiable. It is thus a total waste of time to try to engage or access God in the flesh. The scriptures say It will not profit you.

> ***It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.***
>
> ***John 6:63***

But I want you to remember that we who are saved are not in the flesh. We are in the spirit.

> ***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***
>
> ***Romans 8:9***

But the fact that you are not in the flesh does not mean you cannot go back there. You go back when you begin to tend towards the flesh by becoming carnally minded. If your soul which is the seat of your mind will and emotion is more tilted to the flesh, you will be in the flesh even though you should not be but when your soul is more tilted to the spirit then you will be in the spirit. In other words, your spirit becomes more dominant in perception. When your mind is too attached to the things of the world, your mind begins to connect more with the flesh, it may eventually become stuck with the flesh.

I will handle this more in chapter 5 of this book.

We can therefore see that not all worship or spiritual activities aid us in engaging God in his holiness. The duration and intensity

of worship is irrelevant if it is done in the flesh because no flesh can glory in his presence. (You can learn more in the first book in this series - Accessing the Hidden Power of Heaven).

> ***That no flesh should glory in his presence.***
>
> ***1Corinthians 1:29***

As you prepare for a deeper fellowship with God and a deeper level of engagement in the realms of the spirit, you should put this into deep consideration. Is your worship in the spirit or in the flesh? It is possible to be a believer for many years and never once really worshipped in the spirit. It is possible to be a pastor and never once accessed the throne of God in worship. It is also possible to have been saved many years but having never offered up prayers in the spirit. All of our prayers or spiritual activities are supposed to be in the done in the spirit.

> ***Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;***
>
> ***Ephesians 6:18***

But how can one fellowship in the spirit, whether in prayer, worship or even in the study of the word when he does not understand the different levels and dimensions of

living in the spirit. How can you walk in what you do not understand? This is what I would be unraveling by the spirit in the following chapters.

CHAPTER TWO

THE VARIOUS LEVELS OF BEING IN THE SPIRIT

The phrase "being in the spirit' is one that has become a cliché among believers today. Many easily use the phrase for simple things like coincidentally wearing same shoe or color of dress, being in the same place at the same time without forcknowledge etc. for instance, when I meet someone who wore same color of clothes with me, I may say "wow you were in the spirit" Thus we may began to trivialize something so fundamental and key in our Christian experience.

Being in the spirit is a very serious and diverse thing, and many who have experienced it but do not even know because they do not understand it, hence they cannot continue or perpetuate it. Perpetuation is a product of understanding. I always say that what you do not understand, you cannot replicate.

There are four (4) states or levels of being in the spirit. Let us consider them

1. Living in the spirit
2. Being filled with the spirit
3. Walking in the spirit
4. Being in the spirit

The 4 actually are states of being in the spirit in terms of the language being scriptural, but the fourth one is literarily being in the Spirit. This is a state where you are literally transported into the spirit realm.

There are different dimensions and depth one can experience in the spirit and as a child of God, you should be experiencing them all. If you are saved or born again, you are already experiencing number one which is living in the spirit.

1. Living in the Spirit

The unsaved man is dead in the spirit. The scriptures shows that he is dead in trespasses and in sins. However when he gets born

again, He is given life or quickened in the spirit.

> ***And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; He becomes alive to God in the realms of the spirit and can thus function in the realms of the spirit Ephesians 2:1***

> ***And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;***
>
> ***Colossians 2:13***

You were quickened or given life in the spirit when you got saved. This life you received is eternal life, the life in Christ.

> ***And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.***
>
> ***He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.***
>
> ***1Johnn 5:11-12***

Thus the apostle Paul is quick to remind us that we who have received Christ, we are not in the flesh but in the spirit.

> ***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.

Romans 8:9

Thus it is clear that as a born again child of God, you automatically live in the spirit. By this I mean your spirit is alive in the realms of the spirit. However in the scripture above, Apostle Paul premises our life in the spirit to the spirit dwelling in you. This means that the minute you got born again, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in you. He is given as the earnest or down payment of your salvation

Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

2Corinthians 1:21-22

Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit by whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise

2Corinthians 5:5

Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption

of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:14

He comes to dwell in you and it is He in you that quickens or gives life to your inner man.

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

1Corinthians 3:16

for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

2 Corinthians 6:6

Does this mean that he is in your bones and flesh? No! He is in your spirit. However he can supply life to your mortal body, and that is now a believer can live in divine health. (See my other book: Enjoying Divine Health).

But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

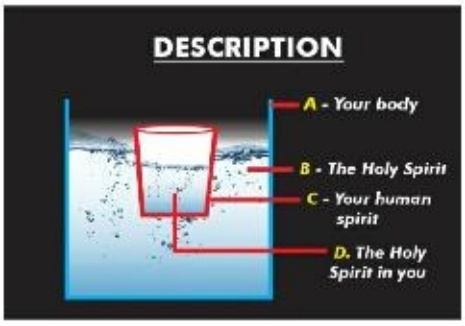
Romans 8:11

Remember your spirit is in your body but if your body is cut open, your spirit will not be

seen because your spirit is in the spirit, yet it is in your body.

As a young Christian I often struggled with this understanding that every child of God lives in the spirit. We are human beings so how this is this possible? but the lord told me that what we may observe is often different from what is scriptural. What is scriptural is what is consistent with the word of God and what we observe is what we experience.

I want you to consider the diagram below.



In the diagram above, the bowl or bucket you see represents your body. The cup in the bucket represents your spirit and the water in the bucket represents the Holy Ghost.

So you can deduce from the diagram that the Holy Spirit represented by the water in the bucket is in your body - represented by the bucket. But your spirit represented by the cup is in him i.e the water in the bucket. Thus If you are born again your spirit is in the Holy Ghost and he dwells in your body. It is the indwelling of the spirit that quickens and makes you alive in the spirit.

Therefore, Living in the spirit means that you are alive in the realms of the spirit. And this happens when the spirit indwells you at the point of salvation. It means you now have the ability to function in the realm of the spirit. However, this is just the beginning. There is a deeper level. Come with me.

CHAPTER THREE

BEING FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

Being born again or living in the spirit is just the foundational or entry level of functionality in the realms of the spirit. When a child is born, although he is born with all he needs to function in life, he has to be nourished to develop that capacity that is already resident in him. Living in the spirit is thus not enough, you need to be filled with the spirit.

> ***And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.***
>
> ***Acts 2:4***

> ***And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;***
>
> ***Ephesians 5:18***

When you get that saved, you receive a measure of the Spirit. Diagram one below shows us this:



Diagram 1: Living in the Spirit

You can see in the diagram that the cup has a measure of water in it but it is not full. When we get saved, we received a measure of the spirit, we however need to be filled with the spirit. Some persons call it the infilling of the Spirit, some others call it the baptism of the Spirit, but this happens only after we are saved.



Diagram 2: Being filled with the spirit

In the first diagram, you see that the cup though in the water, containing some water, is not immersed and fully filled with water. But in diagram 2 above, the cup is not just in the water, it is fully immersed in water, making the cup full of water. Likewise, when you got saved like I explained earlier, the spirit

begins to dwell in you but you are not filled in the spirit. Just like the cup, you thus need to be filled with the Spirit by being immersed in the Holy Ghost to activate your full functionality in the realms of the spirit. This is what is popularly called Holy Ghost baptism.

When we receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost, we can move to a higher dimension of being in the Spirit. And when we are filled with the spirit, we receive the power of the Holy Ghost to cause desired changes in every area of our lives. This is what we see in Acts chapter 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. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.***
>
> ***Acts 2:2-4***

Did you see that, the Holy Ghost came upon them and they were filled with the Spirit. I want you to take note of the construction used in verse 4. It says "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost" It means that before this time, though they were already living in the Spirit, they moved to a higher dimension by being filled with the Spirit.

Watch this! In John chapter 20, you will see that they already received the Holy Spirit when Jesus breathed upon them.

> ***And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:***
>
> ***John 20:22***

Yet in Acts chapter 1, he tells them to wait in Jerusalem to receive the Spirit.

> ***And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.***
>
> ***Acts 1:4-8***

Was he contradicting himself? He was not. When He breathed on them, they received the Holy Spirit and they were quickened in the spirit, but he told them to tarry in Jerusalem for the infilling of the Spirit that would empower them for the work he would have them do.

So the disciples were living in the Spirit in a lower dimension, having not been filled with the Holy Ghost until Acts chapter 2, in the upper room.

> ***And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.***
>
> ***Acts 2:2-4***

Here, they were filled with the Spirit and began to speak with other tongues.

We see another example of this when Apostle Paul met the disciples in Acts chapter 19. They believed in Jesus and therefore had been baptized to John's baptism but they had not been filled with the Holy Ghost.

> ***He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since***

ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

Acts 19:2-3

And Apostle Paul laid hands on them and the Spirit came on them like he did the disciples of Jesus in the upper room and filled them and they began to speak with tongues.

And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

Acts 19:6

I want you to take note of a similarity between what happened in Acts chapter 2 and in Acts chapter 19. You will notice that in both instances the people were filled with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues. Why praying in tongues? Tongues is a way by which we keep ourselves filled with the Spirit.

It is important to note that the fact that you are filled with the Holy Ghost does that mean that you will remain filled with the spirit. Going back to Acts chapter 2, we see that the disciples of Jesus were filled with the spirit.

And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and

it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:3-4

But in Acts chapter 4, when the disciples came together to pray after their persecution, they were filled with the spirit again.

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness

Acts 4:31

What happened to their initial infilling? If they were filled before, why are they being filled again? This is because after you are filled, as you deal in this world, your level of being filled depletes. As you go about the activities of the day like talking, eating, working, your level of being filled reduces because these activities make you more aware of the flesh than of the things of the spirit. This is why you should continuously speak in tongues because whenever you pray in the Holy Ghost you get filled with the spirit again and again. This is necessary as we see in the scripture below;

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Ephesians 5:18

I want you to take note of the word drunk in the above scripture. To be drunk here does not just mean to be full of alcohol. According to the Mariam Webster's dictionary, bring drunk is being dominated or controlled by an intense feeling. So what Apostle Paul means here is that we should not be dominated by strong drink or in this case the flesh, instead we should be dominated and filled with the Spirit. And he shows us how in the next verse of the same chapter;

> ***Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;***
>
> ***Ephesians 5:19***

Did you see that, speaking yourselves in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Psalms and hymns are not the same as "spiritual songs" if not, they would not have been differentiated. Psalms and hymns refers to songs done in the understanding, but spiritual songs are those done in tongues or in the spirit. Thus Apostle Paul tells us to be filled with the spirit by the instrumentality of tongues. Remember using diagram number 2, in this stage the water which represents the Holy Spirit now fills the cup - your spirit. This is what happens when you speak in tongues, you become filled with the Holy Ghost.

Speaking unto God and being edified

Also when you speak to yourself praying in tongues, you are speaking unto God and you are being edified.

> ***For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.***
>
> ***1Corinthians 14:2***

> ***He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.***
>
> ***1Corinthians 14:4***

Speaking the wisdom of God

The Holy Spirit is the animator of your spiritual experience. God planned that when you connect in tongues, you connect to his wisdom.

> ***Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even***

the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

1Corinthians 2:6 -7

The wisdom of God is the blue print of your glorious destiny. Thus when you are full of the spirit, you automatically begin to speak the wisdom of God.

Releasing miracles, signs and wonders

When you are full of the spirit which you can attain by speaking in tongues, you connect to the wisdom of God and can begin to release miracles, signs, and wonders.

There is a connection between wisdom and miracles and we see this in Mark chapter 6.

And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands?

Mark 6:2

Notice that they marveled at the wisdom given to him to work miracles. Wisdom activates miracles and you can access that wisdom by speaking in tongues continually.

Increasing in strength

When you speak in tongues, your strength increases in the realms of the spirit.

> ***Who is as the wise man? and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? a man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed.***
>
> ***Ecclesiastes 8:1***

The word "boldness" in the scripture above is the Hebrew word "*oz*". *Oz* means strength. Also the word "face" in Hebrew is "*panaheim*" it means appearance or countenance. This therefore implies that the strength of your countenance increases with wisdom. When you speak in tongues, your strength increases in the realms of the spirit. Wisdom changes the "*oz*" of your "*panaheim*"

> ***A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.***
>
> ***Proverbs 24:5***

Walking in power

When you are filled with the spirit, you will be a man of power. It is not enough to have faith; faith and power must work together,

> ***Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power:***

2Thessalonians 1:11

Faith or Godliness without power is equal to religion. *So* you need to have *dunamis* which is power and *peistis* which refers to faith. Believing is not enough, it is believing plus power that produces results.

> ***Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?***
>
> ***Luke 1:34***

In the above scripture, we can see that Mary believed that she can carry a child but she could see that it was impossible to carry a child without knowing a man, that was why she asked the question in the above scripture. The angel went on to reply her in verse 35.

> ***And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.***
>
> ***Luke 1:35***

Did you see that? She was only going to conceive without a man by the power of the spirit. So you see that there must always be power backing your faith. Your faith must rest on a base and the power of God is the base or foundation upon which faith is built. This is why Jesus instructed his disciples to wait for the in filling of the Holy Ghost to

receive power. But you must remember that this power comes when you are filled with the Holy Ghost just like we see in the life of Stephen chapter 6 vs 5.

> ***And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:***
>
> ***Acts 6:5***

The scripture above highlights a fundamental characteristic of Stephen, he was a man full of faith and full of the Holy Ghost. We see something similar in verse 8 of the same chapter;

> ***And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.***
>
> ***Acts 6:8***

However this time, he is full of faith and full of power. Looking at this mathematically or scientifically, if like terms cancel like terms, Holy Ghost is equal to power. This means that when you are full of the Holy Ghost, you will be full of his power and you will do great and mighty wonders just like Stephen.

> ***And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.***
>
> ***Acts 6:8***

We can thus conclude that being filled with the spirit by praying in tongues is the key to walking in the power of the Holy Ghost.

In summary, to walk in the power of the Spirit, you simply have to do the following;

1. Receive the infilling of the Holy Ghost.

2. Continue being filled by continually praying in tongues.

3. Listen and obey the Holy Ghost as he speaks to you.

I recommend that you study my books 'prayer study course series' and "God's greatest gift ever" to know more about how to engage the Holy Spirit in prayer.

CHAPTER FOUR

WALKING IN THE SPIRIT

So far, we have established that as believers, we live in the spirit. However, we need to be filled with the spirit to access a higher dimension of that experience.

More so, working in the Spirit is another way to experience yet deeper experiences of living in the Spirit. Hence in this chapter, we will be discussing about walking in the Spirit.

Apostle Paul introduces us to the concept of walking in the spirit in Galatians chapter 5;

> ***This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.***
>
> ***Galatians 5:16***

Thus to walk in the spirit is not the same as living in the spirit. They are two different concepts. It is possible to live in the spirit and not walk in the spirit. This is why the apostle Paul admonishes believers (that although by salvation we live in the spirit, we also need to walk in the spirit) to have a deeper experience in the Spirit by walking in the Spirit.

> ***If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.***
>
> ***Galatians 5:25***

And when you are not walking in the spirit, you are walking in the flesh. The flesh of man and the spirit are always contrary one to another.

> ***For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.***
>
> ***Galatians5:17***

There is a constant battle between the flesh and the spirit which Paul highlights in Romans chapter 7.

> ***For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good,***

> ***evil is present in me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.***
>
> ***Romans 7:14-25***

This is the reason for the struggles we often feel in doing what we know is right; the war between the flesh and the spirit. Many desire to do good things yet they still find themselves doing evil. The Apostle Paul calls this a war.

> ***But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?***
>
> ***Romans 7:23-24***

However, this war happens when the concentration of the things in your mind is of the flesh and as a result you begin to follow

after the flesh. When you follow your flesh it is called waking in the flesh. But God does not want us to walk in the flesh. This was the reason the law came into existence, it was God's temporary way of putting the flesh under. But if a man is saved and walks in the spirit, he does not need the law. To be above the law, you must walk in the spirit.

> ***This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.***
>
> ***Galatians 5:16***

> ***But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.***
>
> ***Galatians 5:18***

Take note here that it says "if we walk" this is because it is possible for a believer to walk in the flesh and when we walk in the flesh, we will produce the works of the flesh.

> ***Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such***

things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:19-21

I want you to notice that these things listed are called "the works of the flesh". It does not say the works of Satan. These are the fruits we produce when we walk in the flesh. But on the other hand, when we walk in the spirit, we will produce the fruits of the spirit.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Galatians 5:19-22

But what does it mean to walk in the spirit? Simply put, to walk in the spirit is to be led by the spirit.

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

Galatians 5:16-18

Watch this! First in verse 16 of the above scripture, the Apostle speaks about walking in the spirit, then in eighteenth verse, he

substitutes it with being led by the spirit. This shows us that walking in the spirit is equal to being led by the Spirit.

Living in the spirit which is having the salvation measure of the Spirit is therefore not just enough, you need to be filled with the spirit speaking in tongues (like we emphasized in the previous chapter) to being led by the Spirit.

When you are full, drunk or dominated by the spirit, it becomes easier to walk in the spirit or to be led by the Holy Ghost.

> ***And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;***
>
> ***Ephesians 5:18-19***

This is why the infilling of the spirit is important. The intent of infilling of the spirit is to enable you walk in the spirit.

Walking in the spirit is therefore submission to the spirit. The struggle ends when we yield to the spirit. Jesus says this in the scripture below.

> ***My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:***
>
> ***John 10:27***

His sheep hear his voice and follow his leading, and these are the sons of God.

> ***For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.***
>
> ***Romans 8:14***

Sonship is not just by being born again i.e. living in the spirit but by hearing his voice and obeying i.e. walking in the spirit. This in turn will lead to the highest dimension of being in the Spirit.

CHAPTER FIVE

BEING IN THE SPIRIT

In this state of being in the spirit, one can be literarily transported into the realms of the spirit. This is the result of being filled with the spirit and walking in the spirit. This is a phase that God wants us all to begin to function in, where we can begin to fully experience life in other realms.

We can be transported from this earthly realm into the spirit. The Apostle John lived in this dimension.

> ***I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,***
>
> ***Revelation 1:9-10***

In his introduction, John reminds us that he is our brother, one of us and companion in the tribulation. So he was not a spirit or some supernatural being. Yet he tell us that he was in the spirit. This shows that this is a realm or experience that God wants us to live in and enjoy.

I also want you to take note of John's construction in verse 10. He says "I was in the spirit". This is a totally different construction. This is not living in the spirit, walking in the spirit or being led by the spirit. Here he was literarily in the realm of the spirit which is apart from this physical realm.

The two experiences of the heavenly realm

There is the physical realm and there is spiritual realm, and in the spirit realm, there is the heavenly realm, where God dwells. And you can have access into that heavenly realm in two different ways. We see this in revelation chapter 4.

> ***After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.***
>
> ***Revelation 4:1-2***

In verse 1 while on the island of Patmos. John looked saw a door in heaven and then a voice calls him to come up to heaven. In this state, he was seeing an open vision of heaven. But we see in verse two that after the voice called to him, he was in the spirit. In this case,

this was not an open vision, he was literarily taken into the realms of the spirit.

I want you to notice that in both cases he saw heaven but one he was in a visionary state and in the other he was taken or high jacked into the realm of the spirit. So we can identify 2 kinds of experiences one can have of the heavenly realm.

1. You can be given access into the realms of the spirit through a vision while still being present body, soul and spirit in the physical realm. This is what we see in verse one of Revelation Chapter 4.

> ***After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.***
>
> ***Revelation 4:1***

This is a working of the spirit. You do not always have to be in the spirit to see things in the spirit. The Holy Ghost can show you things through a vision.

2. You can also have an experience of the heavenly realm through the spirit. Here you are not just being shown things, you are taken into the spirit,

spirit, or spirit and soul, or spirit soul and body, and you experience things yourself. In this case, you are not present in the physical realm. For instance, there are two ways of watching a football match live. One can watch LIVE in the stadium or watch LIVE on TV. Both cases are LIVE, but in one, you are there in the stadium physically, while in the other, you are not there physically but have access to what the person in the stadium can see. This is made possible by a technology. Much in the same way, the visionary realm is an advanced spiritual technology. This is what we see from verse two of the above scripture as John is taken in the spirit to see heaven and he is also able to fully interact with this heavenly realm.

> ***And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.***
>
> ***Revelation 4:2***

Like John, It is the right of every believer to see the kingdom of God and function in the heavenly realm. When you are born again you are automatically positioned to see the kingdom of God.

> ***Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again,***

he cannot see the kingdom of God.

John 3:3

This is because you are already alive in the spirit.

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.

Romans 8:9

You must therefore walk in the spirit as this positions or move you to the exact point or location where you can be taken in the spirit. At this point, you can be taken to experience different things in the realms of the spirit just like we see in the case of John. You can even be taken by the spirit into different nations and cities without using any transportation means known to man. This is what happened after Philip baptized the Ethiopian Eunuch.

And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing. But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.

Acts 8:39-40

Did you see that! Phillip was caught away by the spirit. In other words he vanished and the Eunuch did not see him anymore. But I want you to take note of the verses before Philip vanished.

> ***Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?***
>
> ***Acts 8:29***

The spirit led Philip instructing him to go after the Eunuch. Philip was led by the spirit and as a result of this, he experienced the supernatural. He vanished and he was taken to another city without any means of transportation. But this only happened after being led by the spirit.

There is so much we can enjoy in the realm of the spirit, if only we can fully yield ourselves to be led by the spirit.

Aspects of being in the spirit

Earlier, we talked about the two experiences of the heavenly realm, which is either through a vision, or through the spirit. These would give us a better understanding of the two different aspects of being in the spirit. By aspects I mean depth of being in the spirit.

The awareness aspect and the aspect where you are literarily in the spirit.

- **The Awareness Aspect of being in the spirit.**

So many things happen in the realm of the spirit that we do not know of because we are not conscious of that realm. You may not feel it or sense it but things are happening in that realm. For instance there are radio waves in the air just around you but you cannot see them, but once you bring in a radio device and tune the antenna it immediately picks the signals and then you can hear. Ordinarily you would not have been able to hear the activities in the radio realm.

In the same way, this first aspect deals with your level of awareness of the realms of the spirit. When your awareness of the realms of the spirit gets above 51% in comparison to the physical realm, in other words, being more aware of the physical in relation to the spirit realm, you are already getting into the aspect of awareness with reference to being in the spirit.

At this point it is important to note that that there is a physical realm and there is a spiritual realm. Man is a spirit that has soul and lives in a body.

> ***And the very God of peace***
> ***sanctify you wholly; and I pray***
> ***God your whole spirit and soul***
> ***and body be preserved blameless***

unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

Man interacts with the physical realm with his body and the spiritual realm with his spirit. But the determining factor in his awareness is the soul. The soul is basically a communication channel. When a man's souls is connected more to his body, he becomes more aware of the physical realm. Also when his soul is more aware of the things of the spirit then he is in the spirit with reference to the aspect of awareness. The soul is thus the umpire between the body and the spirit.

Therefore, being in the spirit is becoming more aware or more yielded to the spirit realm while being in the body is being more aware or more yielded to the physical realm.

The aspect of awareness to being in the spirit is where your soul partners or begins to tend to the spirit by virtue of consciousness and thus begins to experience more of that realm. And your consciousness is what brings you into this reality. For example, when you become conscious of buying a particular car, you begin to notice that brand of car everywhere you go. You therefore have to be conscious of the spiritual realm to begin to notice the activities in that realm.

When your consciousness of the spirit realm gets to 51%, you are aware of the spirit.

Awareness being the state of consciousness and the perception of your soul. This is the reason why many people cannot connect to God or the realms of the spirit. They are more aware of the physical or their soul perceives more from the physical, thus are always in the body. If you are not aware of the spirit, you can only hear physical things. There is an awareness where the perception of your soul is in the spirit not in the body.

And you can get your soul to this point or level when you engage your spirit in activities that edifies it, or rather through the aforementioned activities or experiences in the previous chapters, like being saved, speaking in tongues, and walking in the spirit.

For instance when you speak in tongues, study and meditate on the word, and worship, you are positioned to be more aware of the spirit. In particular, when you pray in tongues, your awareness of the spirit realm heightens. When these are done in the spirit, they act as a catalyst to drive you to the second aspect which is literarily being in the spirit.

2. Literally being in the spirit.

The second aspect of being in the spirit, is literal catapulting of one's spirit or soul and spirit, or spirit, soul and body into that realm of the spirit. In this aspect, you go beyond

awareness into literally being in the spirit. Here you can literarily stand in the spirit. When you are almost 99% aware of the spirit realm, at anytime, anywhere you can be taken into the spirit. This is what I call crashing into the spirit, and this is what happened to Ezekiel.

> ***Moreover the spirit lifted me up, and brought me unto the east gate of the LORD'S house, which looketh eastward: and behold at the door of the gate five and twenty men; among whom I saw Jaazaniah the son of Azur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people. Then said he unto me, Son of man, these are the men that devise mischief, and give wicked counsel in this city:***
>
> ***Ezekiel 11:1-2***

I want you to notice the words "the spirit of the Lord lifted me" this was an operation of the spirit. He fell or crashed into the realm of the spirit and accessed the mind of God about the wicked who were taking counsel against the city.

This was also the experience of Apostle Paul which he described in 2Corinthians 12.

> ***I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God***

knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.

2Corinthians 12:2

But I want you to also notice that this happened after he finished praying. When we pray in the spirit, your spirit prays.

For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.

1Corinthians 14:14

And as you spend more time or go deeper in prayer, your soul begins to tend more to your spirit and your level of awareness in the spirit increases. And when your level awareness get to certain level, anything can happen. You can be suddenly taken in the spirit.

Furthermore, when you are in the spirit, heaven can be simulated for you as a parable, though you may not be in heaven. We see an example of this when Ezekiel was taken to the valley of dry bones.

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones, And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry. And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered,

O Lord GOD, thou knowest. Again he said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the LORD. So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them. Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

Ezekiel 37:1-10

We also see this In Acts chapter 10, where the heavens were opened and a scenario was simulated for peter by the spirit just to communicate a message to him.

> ***And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance, And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending upon him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth: Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air. And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.***
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> ***Acts 10:9-13***

This is why you have varying accounts from persons who visited heaven and hell. Some while in the spirit saw the real heaven or hell, while others saw a heaven or hell simulation.

In some other cases, you are taken to a location that is neither heaven nor hell. Here you are taken in the spirit and scenario is created in the spirit by the Holy Ghost to give you revelation or a message. We see this kind of simulation in the book of Daniel chapter 7.

> ***In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head***

upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters. Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it. And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh. After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it. After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it

had ten horns. I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

Daniel 7:1-8

In this state of simulation, what is used is whatever best represents the real thing.

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones, And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry. And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord God, thou knowest. Again he said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon

you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the Lord. So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them. Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord God; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

Ezekiel 37:1-12

In the above scriptures, prophet Ezekiel was carried out in the spirit and taken into a valley of dry bones where he was commanded to prophesy. However this valley of dry bones was a simulated scenario or environment by the Holy Ghost to give Ezekiel a message and a prophetic instruction about Israel.

Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say,

our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.

Ezekiel 37:11-12

At other times, he was taken or carried into a real place in the realm of the spirit like was see in revelation chapter 1,

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like

wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter; 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.

Revelation 1:10-20

In this instance, he was carried into the heaven where he saw the lord Jesus, We see another example of this is revelations chapter 4;

And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

Revelation 4:2-5

This was not simulation but the real heaven hence the amazing level of details. I have taken time to highlight these scriptures that reveal to us the possibilities in the spirit because I believe God wants to begin to take us into this dimension. I myself enjoy this transportation in the spirit often having had several encounter with the lord Jesus and also have been taken in the spirit to see and experience different things. I will share some of these experiences in the last chapter.

However, every believer by virtue of salvation has been positioned to enjoy this life

that transcends the physical realm but we ought to develop a habit of being in the spirit to function in this. We can achieve this by consciously positioning our soul towards the spirit man. The more we tend towards the spirit or the more our soul becomes more aware of the spirit, the more we can function and enjoy the realms of the spirit.

> ***For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.***
>
> ***Romans 8:5***

When your soul becomes more aware of the spirit, you increase the possibility of crashing into the spirit. This also determines the frequency with which you have these spiritual experiences. They can become common place in your life if your soul is attached or tends to the spirit man for longer periods.

> ***If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.***
>
> ***Colossians 3:1-2***

CHAPTER SIX

EFFECTS OF BEING IN THE SPIRIT

There are 3 major things that happen to us when we develop the habit of being in the spirit. These are the effects of being in the spirit. They are.

1. Hear
2. See
3. Carried away

1. **Hear**: One of effects of being in the spirit is that you will begin to hear the voice of God and the voice of angels.

> ***And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.***
>
> ***Acts 8:26***

> ***Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.***
>
> ***Acts 8:29***

God is always speaking to us but the problem is that we do not hear him. Like I said earlier, the radio signal though always present is not audible until you get radio Set, turn it on and set it to a frequency. In the same way, God

is always speaking to us but if you are not in the spirit you will not hear him. If your awareness of the spirit realm is not at least at 51%, you most likely will not hear anything. But when you begin to mind or become conscious of the spirit realm, you will begin to hear the voice of the Holy Ghost. When your soul begins to partner more with your spirit, you will begin to hear in the spirit what others did not hear even though they are physically present with you. We see an example of this in the scripture below.

> ***Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, an angel spake to him.***
>
> ***John 12:28-29***

God spoke in response to the request of Jesus, but only Jesus heard what God said. Some people heard thunder, other assumed it was an angel. Only Jesus heard exactly what God said. Likewise, God often speaks, many times in response to our prayers but we do not hear him.

There is so much God wants us to access in the spirit and there is much God wants us to hear. But he is a spirit and those who will hear must be in the spirit.

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

John 4:24

We must be at the same wave length with him. In first Samuel chapter 3, God wanted to relay a message to Samuel and called to him. But he did not stop him from going to Eli and he would have left if Samuel could not discern his voice.

That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I. And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down. And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again. Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him. And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child. Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant

heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place. And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth. And the LORD said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle.

1Samuel 3:4-11

It took the discerning spirit of Eli to know that it was the voice of God and then he instructed him on how to respond. And after Samuel gave the right response, God began to speak. This is the character of God, as much as he wants you to hear him, you must step up to his level. You must be in the spirit to connect with his voice.

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. And I turned to see the voice that spake

with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

Revelation 1:10 -12

In the above scripture we see that John was in the spirit on the Lord's Day and he heard a great voice. He was able to hear the voice because he was in the spirit. Remember physically, he was on the island of Patmos and he was taken into the realm of the spirit where he heard the voice of Jesus speaking to him.

Many times in my life and ministry I have heard the voice of God clearly speaking to me, giving me information about people, things and places which I could not have not known.

Sometime ago I went to Owerri, Nigeria for a meeting, which was also attended by some of my top pastors from different parts of the country. After the meeting, one of my pastors who had come to attend the meeting from Benin City was about returning to his base, a journey meant to be roughly 2hours. However, that morning, while I was basking in the presence of God, I was in the spirit, and the Lord spoke to me that this pastor who had just left will reach his house in Benin city at exactly 15mins to 12. This did not seem plausible to me at the time because based on the time of his departure and the distance he had to cover on the journey, he should arrive his destination at least 2hours earlier than the time the Lord mentioned to me, having left early that morning. But just to put it on

record what the Lord told me, I told another pastor who was with me to be a witness because I had heard from God.

At 10am I placed a call to the pastor whom the Lord had spoken to me about just to check on him and see how his journey was going in a bid to confirm the prophecy. But to my surprise, he told me that he was already in his city, and more or less about 30mins away from his house. So I thought to myself that maybe I did not really hear this from God as he had arrived the city and should be home before 10:45am, yet the prophecy says he would be home 15minutes before 12 Noon. I then told him to call me as soon as he gets home.

Later on, I was in the bathroom when I heard a loud shout from the other pastor who I had told about the prophecy as a witness. He ran towards me with my phone ringing in his hands, and he was screaming, 'You are a prophet! You are a prophet!!'. The pastor who left to Benin was calling and the time on my phone was exactly 15minutes to 12 Noon. How accurate!

When I picked the call, the pastor told me that he just arrived his house and he decided to call me as I had instructed. Still surprised, I asked him why it took him so long to get to his house even though he had arrived Benin City over an hour before. He then revealed that he decided to visit a few places and run some errands before heading home. It was at

this point that I told him what the Lord had told me earlier that morning.

This happened because I had begun to cultivate the habit of being in the spirit.

My ministry is characterized by accurate prophecies about nations and individuals many of which I heard because at that time I was in the spirit thus I could connect and receive heavenly information. These prophecies are all on record. (You can watch these videos on our YouTube Channel: Isaiah Wealth Ministries).

2. See: Another effect of being in the spirit is that you will begin to see into the realms of the spirit. There is so much activity going around us that you cannot see. Angels are constantly on the move between the heavens and the earth. The fact that you cannot see this does not mean it is not happening.

> ***And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.***
>
> ***Genesis 28:12***

And God wants us to see this heavenly realm just like Stephen in Acts chapter 7

> ***But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God,***

and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

Acts 7:55-56

Take note that Stephen looked up, and he saw. It is thus possible to look and see nothing as all the others did not see what he saw.

Sometime ago, I was ministering in a camp meeting in Abuja, Nigeria, and suddenly I was in the spirit and saw a pair of kidneys hanging over the head of one of the brothers who was testifying in the meeting. So I called him and told him what I had seen in the spirit. He immediately confirmed that his father suffered from and eventually died of kidney failure, as this was something common in their family. Then the Lord told me to tell him that He is giving Him a brand new set of kidneys. How amazing!

If you are not in the spirit, you will not see in the spirit. Even Jesus Christ himself when he was baptized looked and saw the spirit descending on him like a dove.

And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

Mathew 3:16

Again we see this in revelation chapter 1

> ***I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;***
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> ***Revelation 1:10,12***

In this instance, John first heard a voice and then he turned and saw. But all this happened when he was in the spirit. In Revelation chapter 4, John being in the spirit, saw a throne set in heaven, and the one who sat on the throne

> ***And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.***
>
> ***Revelations 4:3***

Peter also saw when he was taken in the spirit in a trance,

> ***And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance, And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet***

knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth:

Acts 10:10-11

As we have seen above, in the bible days, it was not unusual for the prophets and apostles to see in the spirit, and this should be our experience too. But we can only see when are in the spirit.

In my life, these are common experiences. My eyes have been opened severally to see the Lord Jesus Christ. I have been taken in the spirit to see many things that are not visible to the naked eyes. One time, I travelled to another country to pray and spend time with God and when I got to the hotel where I lodged, it was the most beautiful hotel I've ever seen with the most beautiful scenario and the most beautiful room. So I went outside to pray. Later I went back to my room and as I slept, the word of the Lord came to me saying "get up, animals are moving". So I got up and began to pray. I slept off as I was praying and my eyes were open to see that the same room and all the beauty it had was gone, instead of the beauty, I saw that the walls had stuff written all over it with nauseating and disgusting things . The toilet was a pit toilet, and it was a horrible sight. The place was beautiful physically but in the spirit, it was dirty. And I also saw people walking into the room and walking out. The doors were locked physically but in the spirit it was wide open. And God said to me, get up and get out of here! So I packed my things

immediately and returned back to my base. But when I came in there I did not see it. I only saw beautiful hotel and beautiful room. It was when I was in the spirit that I saw the true state of my environment. Thank God for the privilege we have by the power of the Holy Spirit to be able to see how things truly are in the realms of the spirit.

Life is spiritual and the realm of the spirit is real but many are not conscious of this. For instance, you live in a house, do you know what has and is happening in that location spiritually? God has to open your eyes in the spirit, and you have to position yourself to see by being in the spirit.

Take for instance, Prophet Elisha who had his city surrounded by soldiers. His servant who only saw in the physical realm began to fret because all he could see were fierce soldiers, chariots, and horses.

> ***And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! How shall we do? And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.***
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> ***2Kings 6:16***

Prophet Elisha was however not perturbed by what he saw in the physical because he

was in the spirit and could see that they were not helpless. He had to pray that the Lord should open the servant's eyes to see the reality in the spirit.

> ***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.***
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> ***2Kings 6:17***

And when the servant's eyes were opened, he too could see that though it looked like they were overwhelmed in the physical, they were actually well defended in the spirit. This is why you too must learn the habit of being in the spirit so you can see the true state of things.

3. Carried Away: When you are in the spirit with regards to awareness, you can be carried away into the spirit. In this case you are carried in the spirit and are able to relate and interact with materials in that realm. This is not hearing, or just seeing, here your spirit is taken by the Holy Ghost into realm of the spirit.

> ***The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me***

down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones,

Ezekiel 37:1

The New Living Translation of the scripture gives us better understanding of the above scripture.

And the lord took hold of me and I was carried away by the spirit of the lord to a valley of dry bones

Ezekiel 37:1

Thus, we see that Ezekiel was carried away in the spirit to the valley of dry bones. See other examples of this in the scriptures below.

Moreover the spirit lifted me up, and brought me unto the east gate of the LORD'S house, which looketh eastward: and behold at the door of the gate five and twenty men; among whom I saw Jaazaniah the son of Azur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people.

Ezekiel 11:1

So the spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the LORD was strong upon me. Then I came to them of the captivity at Telabib, that dwelt by the river of Chebar, and I sat where they sat, and re-

mained there astonished among them seven days.

Ezekiel 3:14-15

Did you see that? The Spirit lifted him and took him away. That is transportation by the Spirit.

In some cases, you can be carried away by the Spirit to another location or a different part of the world. This is exactly what happened to Phillip after he baptized the Ethiopian Eunuch.

And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet. Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip

that he would come up and sit with him. The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth. And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man? Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went

on his way rejoicing. But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.

Act 8:27-40

Philip was caught away and later reappeared in another city preaching the Gospel.

You can be carried away into the spirit in two different ways;

1. Out of body travel: This is when only your spirit is carried away and your body is left behind. This was the experience of Apostle Paul as described in the scripture below.

I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

2Corinthians 12:2-4

2. With body travel: This is what we see happen to Phillip in the scripture above. He was transported soul and body from one location to another just as we discussed ear-

lier. (Please refer to my book "The Language of the Prophetic" to know more about the different types of spiritual travel.)

Sometimes, it is difficult to know the difference between these two ways of spiritual travel except that when it is with body transport, the people in the location to which you have travelled will see you physically and be able to interact physically with you. For instance, if you injure yourself in that location, you would find yourself injured also when you return to your previous location.

These ways of transportation are by the workings of the Spirit and I have experienced them.

At one time, I was praying in the spirit in my room when suddenly I was in the spirit, and the Lord took me to another country. When I landed in that place, I began to preach to real people and to prophesy. At a point, I was wondering how I was going to get back to my room, but the Spirit led me towards a particular point from which I found myself back in my room.

I enjoy these experiences in the spirit but to experience them you must develop the habit of being in the spirit. First you must be born again by accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord and saviour, because this gives you access both to the Father and to the realms of the spirit.

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

John 3:3

Secondly, you must be filled with the Spirit and speak in tongues.

For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

Ephesians 2:18

Also, you must meditate on the word of God and allow the Holy Spirit lead you based on that word. This is what is referred to as being led by the Spirit.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Romans 8:14

All these are to lead you into literarily being in the spirit.

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