

## The Natural vs. The Spiritual The Law of Opposites Part 2

Eph 1:17-18 (NKJV) "that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, **may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him**, [18] **the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling**, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,"

Luke 12:51 (NKJV) ""Do you suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, **not at all, but rather division.**"

Mat 10:34 (NKJV) ""**Do not think** that I came to bring peace **on earth**. **I did not come to bring peace but a sword.**"

John 16:33 (NKJV) ""These **things I have spoken to you**, **that in Me you may have peace**. **In the world you will have tribulation**; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.""

Jer 6:13-14 (NASB) ""For from the least of them even to the greatest of them, **Everyone is greedy for gain**. And from the **prophet even to the priest Everyone deals falsely**. [14] "And they have healed the brokenness of My people superficially, **Saying, 'Peace, peace,' But there is no peace.**"

Jer 23:1 (NKJV) ""Woe to the shepherds who **destroy and scatter the sheep** of **My pasture!**" says the LORD."

John 14:27 (NKJV) ""**Peace I leave with you**, **My peace I give to you**; **not as the world gives do I give to you**. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Eph 6:17 (NKJV) "... **the sword of the Spirit**, which **is the word of God**;"

Rev 1:16 (NKJV) "He had in His right hand seven stars, **out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword**, and His countenance *was* like the sun shining in its strength."

Heb 4:12 (NIV) "For the word of God is living and active. **Sharper than any double-edged sword**, it penetrates even to **dividing soul and spirit**, joints and marrow; **it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.**"

1 Cor 15:44-49 (NASB) "it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual *body*. [45] So also it is written, "The first MAN, Adam, **BECAME A LIVING SOUL**." The last Adam **became a life-giving spirit**. [46] However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual. [47] **The first man is from the earth, earthy; the second man is from heaven**. [48] As is the earthy, so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly, so also are those who are heavenly. [49] And just as **we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly**."

1 Cor 15:34-36 (NKJV) "**Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for some do not have the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame**. [35] But someone will say, "How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?" [36] **Foolish one, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies.**"

Jer 22:29 (KJV) "O earth, earth, earth, **hear the word of the LORD**."

Psa 149:5-9 (NKJV) "Let the saints be joyful in glory; Let them sing aloud on their beds. [6] Let the high praises of God *be* in their mouth, And **a two-edged sword in their hand**, [7] To **execute vengeance** on the nations, And punishments on the peoples; [8] To bind their kings with chains, And their nobles with fetters of iron; [9] **To execute on them the written judgment**; This honor have all His saints. Praise the LORD!"

1 Pet 4:17 (NKJV) "For the time *has come* for **judgment to begin at the house of God**; and if *it begins* with **us first**, what will *be* the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?"

James 4:1 (NKJV) "**Where** do wars and fights *come* from among you? Do *they not come* from your *desires* for pleasure **that war in your members**?"

1 Tim 1:9 (NKJV) "knowing this: that **the law is** not made for a righteous person, but **for the lawless** and insubordinate, for *the* ungodly and for sinners, for *the* unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,....."

Rom 7:21-23 (NKJV) "**I find then a law, that evil is present with me**, the one who wills to do good. [22] For I delight in the law of God according to the **inward man**. [23] 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**."

Acts 7:39 (NKJV) ""whom our fathers **would not obey, but rejected**. And **in their hearts they turned back to Egypt**,"

Rom 8:1-2 (NKJV) "*There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, **who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit**. [2] For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death."

2 Cor 10:3-7 (NKJV) "For though we walk in the flesh, **we do not war according to the flesh**. [4] **For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal** but mighty in God for **pulling down strongholds**, [5] casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, **bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ**, [6] and **being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled**. [7] **Do you look at things according to the outward appearance**? If anyone is convinced in himself that he is Christ's, let him again consider this in himself, that just as he *is* Christ's, even so we *are* Christ's."

2 Tim 2:3-5 (NKJV) "You therefore **must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ**. [4] No one **engaged in warfare** entangles himself **with the affairs of this life**, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. [5] And also if anyone competes in athletics, **he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules**. "

2 Tim 3:1-7 (NKJV) "**But know this**, that in the last days perilous times will come: [2] For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, [3] unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, [4] traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, [5] **having a form of godliness but denying its power**. And from such people turn away! [6] For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, [7] **always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth**."

2 Pet 2:1-2 (NKJV) "But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be **false teachers** among you, who will **secretly** bring in destructive heresies, **even denying the Lord who bought them**, and bring on themselves swift destruction. [2] And **many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed**."

Psa 119:142 (NKJV) "Your righteousness *is* an everlasting righteousness, And **Your law is truth**."

Psa 119:160 (NASB) "**The sum of Thy word is truth**, And every one of Thy righteous ordinances is everlasting."

John 17:17 (NKJV) ""Sanctify them by **Your truth. Your word is truth.**"

1 Tim 1:8 (NKJV) "But we know **that the law is good if one uses it lawfully,**"

Mat 22:37-40 (NKJV) "Jesus said to him, " '**You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.**' [38] "This is *the* first and great commandment. [39] "And *the* second is like it: '**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**' [40] "**On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.**"

Gal 5:14 (NKJV) "For **all the law is fulfilled** in one word, *even* in this: "You shall **love** your neighbor as yourself.""

2 John 1:6 (NKJV) "**This is love, that we walk according to His commandments.** This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it."

Psa 119:165-166 (NKJV) "**Great peace** have those **who love Your law**, And nothing causes them to stumble. [166] LORD, **I hope for Your salvation**, And I do **Your commandments.**" (notice that those who love His law have great peace! Those who hope in Yahweh's Salvation (Yeshua) obey His commandments)

Prov 3:1-2 (NKJV) "**My son, do not forget my law**, But let your **heart** keep my commands; [2] For length of days and long life **And peace they will add to you.**"

Prov 3:13-18 (NKJV) "**Happy is the man who finds wisdom**, And the man *who* gains **understanding**; [14] For her proceeds *are* better than the profits of silver, And her gain than fine gold. [15] She *is* more precious than rubies, And all the things you may desire cannot compare with her. [16] Length of days *is* in her right hand, In her left hand riches and honor. [17] **Her ways are ways of pleasantness, And all her paths are peace.** [18] **She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her**, And happy *are all* who retain her."

Isa 48:18 (NKJV) "Oh, that you had **heeded My commandments!** **Then your peace would have been like a river**, And your righteousness like the waves of the sea."

Luke 1:79 (NKJV) "**To give light** to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet **into the way of peace.**"

Luke 19:42 (NKJV) "saying, "**If you had known**, even you, especially in this your day, **the things that make for your peace!** **But now they are hidden from your eyes.**"

Rom 7:14 (NKJV) "For we know that **the law is spiritual**, but I am carnal, sold under sin."

1 Cor 2:14 (NKJV) "But **the natural** man does not receive the **things of the Spirit of God**, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned."

John 7:15 (NKJV) "And **the Jews marveled**, saying, "How does this Man know letters, **having never studied?**"

Acts 4:13 (NKJV) "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and **perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled.** And they realized that they had been with Jesus."

Luke 24:45 (NKJV) "And **He opened their understanding**, that they might **comprehend the Scriptures.**"

Phil 3:4-6 (NKJV) "though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: [5] circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, *of* the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; [6] concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning **the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.**"

2 Tim 2:2 (NKJV) "And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, **commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.**"

2 Tim 2:7 (NKJV) "**Consider** what I say, and **may the Lord give you understanding in all things.**"

Col 1:9-13 (NKJV) "For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not **cease to pray for you**, and to **ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will** in all **wisdom and spiritual understanding**; [10] that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing *Him*, being **fruitful** in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; [11] strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all **patience** and **longsuffering with joy**; [12] giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints **in the light**. [13] **He has delivered us from the power of darkness** and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His **love**."

2 Tim 2:15 (NKJV) "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.**"

Dr. Ken Blue writes:

"...**Keep Israel and the Church distinct**. Failure to distinguish Israel from the Church shows **one's inability to make right divisions in Bible study**. The distinction between Israel and the Church is as clear as the distinction between the church and the nations."<sup>1</sup> Bold his.

"The practice of **2 Timothy 2:15 requires one to seek the divisions in Scripture and obey them**. A proper division between **Jew, the Gentile and the church of God**, and a knowledge of **which group one is in**, should lead to **those parts of God's word which are intended for us**."<sup>2</sup>

1 Ki 3:9 (NKJV) ""Therefore **give to Your servant an understanding heart** to judge Your people, that **I may discern between good and evil**. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?""

Ezek 44:23 (NKJV) ""And they shall **teach My people** the difference between the **holy** and the **unholy**, and cause them to **discern** between the **unclean** and the **clean**."

Mal 3:18 (NKJV) "Then you shall again **discern Between** the **righteous** and the **wicked**, Between **one who serves God** And **one who does not serve Him**."

Heb 5:14 (NKJV) "But **solid food** belongs to those who are of full age, *that is*, those who by reason of use **have their senses exercised to discern** both **good and evil**."

We will continue this conversation next meeting!

Shabbat Shalom!

<sup>1</sup> Dr. Ken Blue, *Dispensationalism Misunderstood* (Port Orchard, WA.: Local Church Publishing 1997) pg13. pg. 16

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.* Pg. 16