Let there be Light - Part 3 The Second Day

Genesis 1:6-8 – Then God said, "Let there be an <u>expanse</u> (firmament, heaven) in the midst of the waters, and <u>let it separate the waters from the waters."</u> (7) God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were below the <u>expanse from the waters</u> which were <u>above the expanse</u>; and it was so. (8) God called the <u>expanse heaven</u>. And there was <u>evening</u> and there was <u>morning</u>, <u>a second day</u>. (NASB)

<u>In Day One</u> we saw how "the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters" (Gen. 1:2).

<u>In our unregenerate condition</u> we were "<u>without form</u> and <u>void</u> and <u>darkness</u> was <u>upon</u> the <u>face</u> (identity) <u>of our deep.</u>"

Our environment and fleshly carnal desires dictate our external realm, the worldly influences of our physical realm. These are **the unstable elements** of the **waters** (soul, senses) which cause us to be tossed to and fro in our thoughts, will, and emotions.

Then God spoke and said, "Let there be light!" Then He divided the light and called it *day or movement*. And the <u>darkness</u> He called <u>night</u>; a deviation or separation. The separation of darkness has a limited state within us.

<u>Light</u> comes and separates our darkness, <u>but as yet</u> there is no <u>heaven</u> (no mind of Christ) <u>formed within</u>, and <u>no firm earth</u> (no stability of complete subjection to the heaven, the Spirit; that is our soul married to the Spirit).

<u>Heaven is His throne</u> and the <u>earth is His footstool</u> (Isaiah 66:1, Acts 7:49).

<u>Heaven</u> represents a state of being in Christ and the abode of God. His <u>throne</u> represents a seat of authority and power, and the <u>earth</u> represents the ground, the dust realm, from that which we were created, which is symbolic of Adam. The <u>footstool</u> is a place of submission and signifies a complete subjection to Christ as our all in all. No longer our soul ruling but now the Spirit ruling.

<u>Hebrews 2:8</u> says that God placed everything under man's feet. When God subjected all things to man, He left nothing outside of his control. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to man.

The representations defined in the previous paragraph can be seen in Jacob's transformation. Jacob, his name means trickster, schemer, and usurper of authority, was transformed into Israel, his new name means God rules.

It is by different *degrees*, stages of God's fire, that we learn our true condition, our true state of being in Him. As we allow God to purge us, our lives, our very beings, we become uncomfortable to say the least. Thank God for His mercy and grace because He knows what we can handle and undergo while He is purging us. He will not give us more than what we can endure as we grow into His image and likeness. As His word says in **2 Corinthians 3:18** with **unveiled face** we are being transformed from glory to glory.

<u>2 Corinthians 3:18</u> – But we all, with **unveiled** (to uncover, hide the knowledge of a thing) **face** (identity) beholding as in a **mirror** (reflection) the glory of the Lord, <u>are transformed</u> into the <u>same image</u> from glory to glory, even as from the Lord the Spirit.

<u>In Day Two</u>, an expanse (firmament, territory, sphere, a sovereign rule, kingdom, government, royal dominion) <u>of heaven</u> (mind of Christ) <u>is</u> <u>formed in His creation</u>. The expanse separates the <u>waters</u> (above waters, pure, clean, life giving) <u>from the waters</u> (below waters, urine, semen, undisciplined, uncultivated, unrestrained soul).

<u>Genesis 1:6-7</u> – Then God said, "Let there be an <u>expanse</u> (firmament, of vault of heaven supporting the water above) <u>in the midst</u> of the <u>waters</u>, and let it <u>separate</u> (divide) <u>the waters</u> from the <u>waters</u>. (7) God made the <u>expanse</u>, (firmament, heaven) and <u>separated the waters</u> which were <u>below</u> the expanse <u>from the waters</u> which were <u>above</u> the <u>expanse</u>; (firmament, heaven, above waters) <u>and it was so</u>.

Water is symbolic of the desires of the heart of fallen man.

Before being born again, a regenerate state of the Spirit of the Lord, man was consumed in his own lusts and fleshly desires of the soul.

The <u>waters below</u> (soulish realm, water of feet, urine, semen, piss, wasting, euphemism, danger, violence, transitory things) <u>are first</u> <u>divided</u> (separated) <u>by a firmament, heaven</u> (mind of Christ, exalted place, abode of God). The separation depicts our <u>understanding being</u> <u>opened</u>.

Ancient people would refer to the waters and the sky (heaven) as a duality.

Here we see God has separated that which is of Him and that which is not of Him. As we come into the understanding of our true identity we can determine, discern what is of the Spirit from what is of the flesh, what is earthy from what is heavenly, what is of the Spirit realm of God.

<u>1 Corinthians 13:12</u> – For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. (KJV)

Until now, we have only seen dimly through an opaque glass because our physical nature has ruled us and has forced us to become darkened. Our unregenerate state causes us to live in shadows, blinded with defused light, until we can see Him face to face, that is until we can see the Truth of who we really are in Him. We are blind and only see <u>in</u> **part**, that is dim shadows, until we behold Him and our eyes are opened

and illuminated to His purpose to be made in His image and likeness to have dominion.

<u>1 Corinthians 13:9</u> – For we know in part and we prophesy in part; (10) but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away. (NASB)

Ephesians 1:18 – The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints. (KJV)

<u>1 Corinthians 2:14</u> – But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God. For they are foolishness to him; because they are spiritually appraised (Man cannot understand them because they are spiritually discerned.). (NASB)

As we rise into the <u>above water</u>, <u>the heavens</u>, some of our desires and affections are purified and removed. The ones that remain have not yet been revealed. As **Hebrews 2:8** says, God has subjected all things to us (man) but we haven't comprehended or understood it yet.

Genesis 1:8 – God called the expanse <u>heaven</u>. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

Genesis 1:8 – And God called the <u>firmament</u> (expanse, supporting the water from above) <u>Heaven</u> (#8064 Shamayim – above waters, abode of God, mind of Christ, Word of God) and <u>the evening</u> (traffic, as if by <u>barter for security</u>, as a <u>kind of exchange</u>, tangible profit, <u>mingle self</u>, self-sufficient, misery, destruction, death, ignorance, sorrow, wickedness) <u>and the morning</u> (light, dawn of a new day, illumination, understanding) <u>were the second day</u>.

The Word says in <u>Hosea 6:2</u>, After <u>two days will He revive</u> (restore new life, give new strength, health & power) <u>us</u>: in the <u>third day He</u> <u>will raise us up</u>, and we shall live in His sight.

We are moving from the second day to the third day from Christ and the seventh day from Adam.

In the <u>second day the separated waters</u> came to be called Shamayin; a Hebrew word for <u>sky</u>, <u>heavens</u>. The above waters are also known as the <u>Sea of glass</u> (waters of transparency).

Genesis 1:9 – Then God said, "Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear" (dust realm, Adam, world, field, nations, wilderness); and it was so. (NASB)

<u>Genesis 1:9</u> – Then God said, "Let the <u>waters below</u> (water here is the Hebrew word Mayim which is water of feet, urine, semen, piss, wasting, euphemism, danger, violence) below <u>the heavens</u> (Shamayim – abode of God, supporting the water above) <u>be gathered into one place</u>, and let the <u>dry land</u> (ashamed, wither, confounded, to exhibit dryness, disappointment, shameful, dry up water) <u>appear</u>; <u>and it was so</u>.

We see in this scripture that the <u>dry land</u> is represented in the <u>waters</u> <u>below</u> the firmament, below heaven. Now there is a greater understanding of that which was gathered into one place that became <u>dry land</u>. As we read above, <u>dry land</u> means to be ashamed, withered, confounded, shameful. When we live in darkness, separated from our Creator, we become the dry land.

<u>Genesis 1:10</u> – God called the <u>dry land earth</u>, (dust realm, Adam, world, field, nations, wilderness) <u>and the gathering of the waters</u> (water of feet, urine, semen, piss, wasting, euphemism, danger, violence, transitory things) <u>He called seas</u> (unregenerate humanity, seafaring men; to roar); <u>and God</u> saw that it <u>was good</u>.

We see that the <u>dry land</u> and the <u>seas</u> are both represented in the "<u>water</u> below".

<u>Jeremiah 50:12</u> – Your mother shall be utterly disappointed; she that bore you shall be ashamed: behold, the hindermost (least) of the nations shall be a wilderness, a <u>dry land</u>, and a desert. (WEB)

<u>Isaiah 57:20</u> says, but "<u>the wicked</u> are like a <u>troubled sea</u>; for it cannot rest, and its <u>waters</u> cast up mire and dirt." (ASV)

From the previous verses, we can see that the <u>dry land</u> represents our withered and shameful life style when we are separated from God. The <u>seas</u> represent unregenerate humanity of the <u>earth</u>; Adam is a representation of earth because he was made from the dust. Adam fell into the <u>field</u>, the <u>wilderness</u>, which describes our uncultivated, unproductive self-life. When we live separated from God, we too live in the field, in the wilderness, instead of living in Christ with His fullness, His peace, and with the blessing Christ intended for His children.

There is another dimension of the <u>waters</u> that we find in the <u>three</u> <u>heavens</u>. The <u>first two heavens</u> are below the firmament. The third heaven rests above the firmament and is known as the heaven of heavens, God's throne.

- (1) <u>First Heaven</u> immediate atmosphere that surrounds the earth (Rev. 1:7).
- (2) <u>Second Heaven</u> the celestial heaven that refers to the solar system of the sun, moon, stars and planets (Deut. 4:19, Matt. 24:29-30).
- (3) Third Heaven the abode of God. Above the first and second heavens and separated by the firmament. Hebrews 8:1 reveals that Jesus is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Acts 7:55 confirms Christ's place and position. It says that Stephen full of the Holy Spirit looked up and saw Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

In the scriptures, more clarity is given about the various dimensions of the three heavens.

Revelation 1:7 – Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. So it is to be. Amen. (NASB)

From this scripture we can ascertain that we are in the <u>earth realm</u>. For us to <u>See HIM</u> He has to be in our atmosphere! We can see this is the <u>first heaven</u>, the sky, the atmosphere around the earth.

Now let's look at the **second heaven** represented by the sun, moon, and stars.

Matthew 24:29 – "But immediately after the tribulation of those days the <u>SUN</u> (elevated self, self-righteous) <u>WILL BE DARKENED</u> (deprived of light, no understanding, shadow, represents a form, ignorance of divine things, night, misery, death, destruction, ignorance, sorrow, wickedness, obscurity; to hide, conceal), and the <u>MOON</u> (shadow, form of truth, dimmed by traditions of men) <u>WILL NOT</u> <u>GIVE ITS LIGHT</u>, and the <u>STARS</u> (self-exalted, full pride, ego) <u>WILL FALL</u> from the <u>sky</u> (their lofty heights of self-exhortation), <u>and</u> the <u>powers</u> (strength, power & ability, influence of the soul) <u>of the</u> <u>heavens</u> (exalted place, the high places of power, superiority in their own minds) <u>will be shaken</u>.

Sun, symbolic of the light they once possessed, was given over to darkness, ignorance, sin, and error.

<u>Moon</u> is symbolic of the Church ruled by the soulish realm and is a shadow, a form of truth. The light of revelation is dimmed because of manmade traditions, doctrines, ceremonies, and rules. Unfortunately, the church valued customs of men rather than the true character and nature of God. They focused on the external rather than internal transformation; a form rather than reality.

<u>Stars</u> are symbolic of those who have become self-exalted, prideful, and self-gratifying and no longer have light, illumination, understanding, and revelation of the Spirit of the Lord.

<u>**Deuteronomy 10:14**</u> – Behold, to the LORD your God belong the <u>**heaven**</u> (first heaven; the sky, above the earth's atmosphere and the second heaven; sun, moon, and stars) <u>**and the highest heavens**</u> (throne of God, abode of God), the <u>**earth**</u> and all that is in it. (NASB)

It is now clear that the **third heaven** is the highest heaven and is where we find the throne of God. It is where purity and holiness reside.

The above waters and the below waters have been separated. Now there is another separation taking place. Genesis 1:9 says, Then God said, "Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so.

Now we have a greater understanding of the different dimensions of reality through the identification of the first and second heavens, the waters below, the sea, and dry land. All represent the defilement of humanity, the soulish realm.

In the <u>new creation</u> man (2 Cor. 5:17), the <u>waters below</u>, <u>the seas</u>, are not all removed at once. That is, until the second coming of Christ when we receive our glorified bodies; then there will be "<u>no more sea</u>". No longer will we be governed by our soulish realm and the elements of this world but we will be completely controlled by the Holy Spirit.

The natural man does not understand the things of the Spirit and has no spiritual understanding until the **water below** is eradicated (Rev.21:1).

When we live in the **world**, the **field**, we are living in an unproductive, uncultivated state in our lives that produce shame, misery, and death.

Instead of living in a <u>sea of unregenerate humanity</u> being tossed to and fro by our own self-righteous ambition and desires, **God** has **prepared** a **place** in **HIM** where there is joy unspeakable and fullness of glory. For it has been hidden for generations <u>Christ in you the hope of glory</u> (Col. 1:26-27).

<u>The highest heaven</u> is called the <u>Sea of Glass</u> and it <u>reflects the Lord</u>. The waters above are transparent and reflect Him. The Sea of Glass is like the Laver that was surrounded with mirrors. The laver also reflects. When we wash in the Word of the living water, from the waters above that is the <u>highest heaven</u>, we will reflect our Lord and Savior, Christ – the life giving Spirit.

<u>Revelation 15:2</u> – And I saw something like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had been victorious over the beast and his image and the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, holding harps of God.

To give you more understanding, the verse is broken down.

Revelation 15:2 – And I saw something like a <u>sea</u> (salt-preservative) <u>of</u> <u>glass</u> (transparent like rain, living stones, precious stones) <u>mixed with</u> <u>fire</u>, and <u>those</u> who had been <u>victorious</u> over the <u>beast</u> (those who conquered the beast can stand on the sea of glass; they overcame Adam, carnal fleshly nature, the soulish realm, that is the lust of the eyes, lust of flesh, and pride of life) and <u>his image</u> (likeness, resemblance, to give place, identity) and the <u>number of his name</u> (666 is the number of the beast (6 is the number of humanity); it means governed by humanity in their body, soul, and spirit. 7 is the number of perfection and completion. The number of the beast is one short of perfection in all areas.) <u>standing on the sea of glass</u> (water above, abode of God), <u>holding harps of God</u> (overseer, chief, without end, played only on joyous festivals and jubilee).

David played a harp called a Nevel. It was made from the almug tree and consisted of 22 strings. The Nevel was used for praising the Lord (Ps.

150:6, 48:1) and spoke of the Messiah, the Living Word, because the number of strings contained in the Nevel was the same number of letters contained in the Hebrew alphabet; 22 represented light and the glory of God.

There is <u>a heaven</u> formed <u>within you</u> by the <u>Word</u>, Christ in you the **hope of glory!** This <u>heaven</u> is the order, the pattern of heavenly things that is above not beneath.

Colossians 3:1-5 — "Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. (2) Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. (3) For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. (4) When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory. (5) Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.

<u>Hebrews 8:5</u> – [... who serve the <u>copy</u> (pattern) <u>and shadow of the heavenly things</u>, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See that you make all things according to the <u>pattern</u> shown you on the <u>mountain</u>" (governmental people of authority and power of the Lord). (NKJV)

We must allow the Holy Spirit and the Word of God to go deep within the crevices of the hidden agendas of our very being in order to dry up and eradicate the soulish waters of our humanity so that we will be empowered with His mind and heart to dwell in the heavenly realm.

The spiritual eyes of our understanding must be opened to our true identity, of who we are in Christ, so we can see our true state of slumber and can see the unproductive soulish desires of our humanity. We need to recognize and identify the earthy dust realm that must be awakened within us so that we can be purged and purified in the fire in order to glorify our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As yet, these <u>waters below</u> will continue until the <u>THIRD DAY</u>. They will continue to stir us and move us until every stronghold of our defiled <u>waters</u> are annihilated and we grow up into the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ so that the knowledge of the glory of God will fill the earth, our earth!!!

If you find yourself at the stage where your waters are being separated, take heart, for resurrection morning comes, bringing new life: herb, tree, and seed upon the land that is now dry and can support life. Wait for it, for it shall surely come, for God works until the seventh day — <u>He rests</u> when He has created man in His image and likeness!