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Well, I believe the Lord wants to speak to us from a very deep position because now we're opened up in our spirit, Amen. We want to talk a little bit about our spirit and what it means as the image of God. We read in Genesis what God did before He created man.

Genesis 1:26-27

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

And God prepared the man in His own image; in the image of God He prepared him; a male and a female He prepared them."

Now when we think of that, we think of man being "like we are". But you remember that God is Spirit, the Spirit has "no image". Now think about this. If you understand what the image of God is, then it is not spirit. The Bible says Jesus came as the express image of God.

Hebrews 1:3

"...who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person,"

But they could "see" Jesus. They could put Jesus in a box (He likes this kind of cereal, He eats this kind of food, and so and so...). But there was "no image of God", and yet the Bible says that man was created in His image and likeness. So that means when God thought about creating man, it was from inside the spirit realm. What you "wear" is what you "rule". I rule the clothes that I'm wearing because they're on me. I have the authority to take these shoes off, or this shirt, because I have authority over it. So, Adam was clothed in the earth, which He created, because that was what He was supposed to dominate. But he was all spirit because he was the image and likeness of his Creator. Now understand this because this is very important where we are going. So it was not until he sinned that he lost the ability to operate "in the Spirit". But he still had the characteristics of his Father, but sin separated him from being "the image and likeness" of his Father. That is why "his eyes were opened" and he could see his material dressing. And from that point on, his soul became his "ruler", his "god", not his spirit. So, as he began to move through the earth, he still had the characteristics and the power of the Spirit inside of him, which is why the first earth had to be flooded, because all of the offspring still had the "power" but not the "image and likeness" of God.

So, sin created this obstacle between his Creator and man. So, we know that "world" and "earth" are not the same. Are we together here? We don't use the words "earth" and "world" simultaneously. The world does not have substance, the world has "energy". It is created from thought and belief. *Thoughts are the language of the brain; feelings are the language of our body.* They create the world we live in. What we accept, believe and surrender to becomes our "governor".

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So, we create this kind of bubble that we live in from our thoughts and feelings. How many of you have seen these bubbles that you blow into the air? So, imagine this big bubble that you are living in because it is created form what you think and what you believe.



How we "think" and how we "feel" is our "state of being". For example, you wake up one day and things are going great, so you say, "I'm feeling good today!" Or you wake up one day and you get a phone call that is very nasty, and you say, "I don't feel good today." So, what happens is, your outer environment creates the way you feel. So very subtly you are a victim to your outer environment. And in this system that we live in, the victimization of people is all over, it is rampant, because at a very early age we pay attention to what changes our emotions. If this person causes us to "feel bad" we mark that person as someone who is not good to us. And we create this relationship with the *things we like* and the *things we don't like* – always scanning the environment to see what can affect the way we feel. Am I speaking the truth? Isn't that how most people live?

So, we have this "thinking" and "feeling" that creates our state of being. We call that our personality. So, our personality begins to create our "personal reality". In this bubble that we create from the way we "think" and "feel", we create all of these different people, things, and events that make us feel certain ways. And pretty soon our emotions (which is the result of an experience and is what colors the world we live in) start to become addictive for most people.

For example: It's 10 o'clock in the morning I'm supposed to be in traffic right now, I'm supposed to yell at the drivers and I'm not getting my rush.

Are you with me?

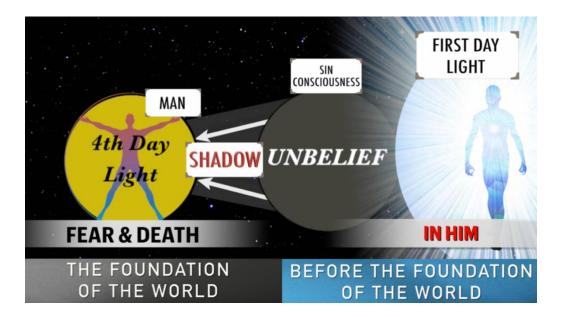
Emotions are addictive, aren't they? Am I right?

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But we want to blame how we feel on something in the external realm. So, in this world, or bubble that we create, we put these kinds of events inside of this world so that we can feel certain things according to how our *state of being* is. Just like a screen writer that is making a movie, we dictate everything in our world to affect us the way we want it to affect us. All along thinking we are a victim to the environment, not knowing we are the creators of it.

How you think and how you feel is how you respond to your environment. And that personal reality causes us to "feel" certain ways and most of the time we are just "unconscious" that we are the ones creating it. By the time you are 6 years old you have already been installed with all of these unconscious programs that run automatically when you are not conscious of them. We think over 70,000 thoughts a day, and 90% of them are the same thoughts every day.

The reason this is very important to understand is so that you can see that you are responsible for your condition. So, when I say, "before the foundation of the world", I am talking about "before the consciousness of this planet, we were in Him." And this planet, and Adam who was supposed to be the steward, created the foundation of the world through his fear and unbelief.



So as long as we believe that what we are experiencing in our outer world is real, and that we are not the participants of it, we will be unconscious our whole life. So, the way we think and the way we behave creates our emotional experiences. And because we have the same thoughts so redundantly in our life and we stay so unconscious of the programs that are running behind the scenes, we start learning different systems in this material realm that will help us change our condition. There are all kinds of psychologists, there are all kinds of physicians, there are all kinds of training where you can go to try to change your condition. And all of this is the result of our image, that we've created, trying to change an image that we don't really want to change.

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Because this image is what gives us an identity. And while we were in Him before the foundation of the world, our identity was Christ. We were light, we did not have any shadows. But because we came into this world, we took on the consciousness of Adam. And the consciousness of Adam had this blockage between him and the image of God. So now we are stuck with this situation of, "how do we understand the spirit realm from a mental image and an identity that has been steeped in sin?"

And remember how I told you before that there is matter and there is energy according to science, and everything that is material was once spirit. Remember the "energy" is in waves and particles are that little "matter" in the atom?

We can't change material as long as we are material, therefore I say, "Matter cannot change matter."

Most situations in people's lives get so bad that they end up in crisis. And many times the people in crisis go to a church, they go to a physician, they go to see someone that can try to help their condition and they end up in the same situation, and it is not until they start asking themselves the bigger questions, like "there must be another way"... in other words, they reach the "end of themselves" they are no longer interested in trying to save their identity, they don't care how they appear to someone else, they have reached the end of their road (so to speak), and then the Holy Spirit shows up in their life and they have a mystical supernatural experience with something above their physical condition. And the first thing that happens to them is this "overwhelming love", they want more. And that is how you know the Spirit of God is on you, when you are just overwhelmed with this love, you can't even contain it.

But the minute that love leaves, you run around, and you try to find it again, but you go to those places where it is just more matter and no Spirit. How many of you know what I'm talking about? It happens to many people, but those people have a genuine desire to find that love again, whatever name they give it, they want that love because they have been missing it all their life.

And it is in that spiritual realm where that love exists all the time. But you can't use a formula to get there. We all want a formula to go from A to Z, am I right? We want to know what to do and how to do it. Therefore, religion comes in and gives you the manuscript, and religion ends up "matter trying to change matter". All religion started out great, but it soon became a man-made situation trying to help people, but it used the soul to try to get a spiritual experience. Yes?

So, Jesus comes on the scene, the express image of God (which is all Spirit) and does these amazing miracles and changes the life of everyone that He comes in contact with. And during that time, they never wanted Jesus to leave, in fact, they wanted Him to sit on a throne. So, Jesus says, "It is necessary that I go, because if I go, I can send Someone who can be with you all the time." But He had to pay the price and that price was death, but the prize was resurrection. And it is the resurrection that the Church neglects to understand.

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The resurrected Christ was the image of the first Adam. People say, "Well, we want to be resurrected like Jesus was."

Jesus came to "complete the Law" folks, that was His assignment. He came as the Last Adam so that He could reside inside of everyone that was in Him before the foundation of the world. Were you "in Him" before the foundation of the world? Were you "in Him" before fear and death and all of the sin that took over the consciousness of this planet? So "who" told you to leave?

You left to create your bubble, because you are addicted to emotions, you want to feel something, you want to have a bad guy. You don't have to have a bad guy. You don't have to live in a bubble. We create our reality from what we think, what we believe and how we behave.



And we have been hypnotized to believe that "this is real". Jesus' resurrection broke the spell, you are no longer hypnotized. You can create all the hell you want in your life and say, "no, no, this is real. I'm living it." Jesus said you can have what you believe. You want to believe that, believe it. "I came to give you life and give it more abundantly." (see John 10:10)

But for some reason the Church has believed a doctrine that they have to go through tribulation, that they have to go through hell because Jesus left them a victim. So, religion creates all of these doctrines and theologies that validate your victimhood. And they make billions of dollars promoting death, destruction and tribulation throughout the earth. I'm telling you the truth. Jesus finished the work, there's nothing left for Him to do.

There's nothing left for Him to do. We are responsible for our condition. If how you think and how you feel creates your personal reality, then the person listening to me today has to take responsibility for their condition today.