

THE HIDDEN MAN

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INWARDMAN

Paul delighted in the inner man

Rom 7:22 For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man.

The inner man is being renewed

2 Cor 4:16

Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.

The inner man is strengthened by the Holy Spirit with might

Eph 3:16

that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, (NKJ)

We face inward toward the mercy within us

Exod 25:20

"And the cherubim shall stretch out their wings above, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and they shall face one another; the faces of the cherubim shall be toward the mercy seat. (NKJ)

God formed the inward man

Ps 139:13

For You formed my inward parts; you covered me in my mother's womb. (NKJ)

God desires truth in the inner man

Ps 51:6

Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom. (NKJ)

The inward man of the unborn (the unsaved)

Ps 5:9

For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is destruction; their throat is an open tomb; they flatter with their tongue. (NKJ)

Ps 64:5-6

5 They encourage themselves in an evil matter; they talk of laying snares secretly; they say, "Who will see them?"

6 They devise iniquities: "We have perfected a shrewd scheme." Both the inward thought and the heart of man are deep.

Luke 11:37-40

37 And as He spoke, a certain Pharisee asked Him to dine with him. So He went in and sat down to eat.

38 And when the Pharisee saw it, he marveled that He had not first washed before dinner.

39 But the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees make the outside of the cup and dish clean, but your inward part is full of greed and wickedness.

40 "Foolish ones! Did not He who made the outside make the inside also?"

The struggle of the new man

Rom 7:22-23

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.

The inward man being renewed each day

2 Cor 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. (NKJ)

The inner man needs might

1411 { doo'-nam-is }

from 1410; TDNT - 2:284,186; n f

AV - power 77, mighty work 11, strength 7, miracle 7, might 4, virtue 3, mighty 2, misc 9; 120

GK - 1539

1) strength power, ability

1a) inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature, or which a person or thing exerts and puts forth

1b) power for performing miracles

1c) moral power and excellence of soul

1d) the power and influence which belong to riches and wealth

1e) power and resources arising from numbers

1f) power consisting in or resting upon armies, forces, hosts

POWER

Power is the ability or strength to perform an activity or deed. Power is sometimes used with the word authority. If power suggests physical strength, authority suggests a moral right or privilege.

One can have power to perform a task but not authority to do it. Jesus Christ had both power and authority and He bestowed these upon His followers. Go into all the world.

Eph 3:16

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We can perform miracles

MIRACLE

1. (1411), "power, inherent ability," is used of works of a supernatural origin and character, such as could not be produced by natural agents and means.

Philip did miracles in Jesus name

Acts 8:13

Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done. (NKJ)

Jesus a prophet dishonored

Mark 6:5

Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. (NKJ)

MIGHT (Noun), MIGHTY, MIGHTILY, MIGHTIER

1. (1411), "power,"

Sarah received might to give birth to Isaac

Heb 11:11

By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised. (NKJ)

How the LORD deals with the unborn

Exod 15:7

And in the greatness of Your excellence you have overthrown those who rose against You; you sent forth Your wrath; it consumed them like stubble. (NKJ)

wrath of God abides in the unsaved

John 3:36

"He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him." (NKJ)

1. There are three types of hunger
 - the body hunger- the things of the world
 - the soul hunger - the things of the mind
 - the spirit hunger - for righteousness

2. There are two natures
 - The nature of God
 - The nature of the devil

The father of the unsaved is Satan

John 8:39-44

- A. 39 They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is our father. (They claimed a religious position in the faith of God.)

- B. " Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham. (The works of Abraham is faith because children followed in their parents footsteps)

- C. 40 "But now you seek to kill Me, (The devil always seeks to destroy the works of God) a Man (Here we see Jesus proclaiming his coming from God as a man, and also leaving them with no excuse as to accepting the gospel.) (God's most supreme creation is man who is the very image of his creator)

- D. who has told you the truth (The truth is contrary to lies just as the light is contrary to darkness)

- E. which I heard from God.(Those who are in tuned with God will hear his word)

- F. Abraham did not do this. (Shame on those who practice their rituals above God's Holy Law)

- G. 41 "You do the deeds of your father. (According to the nature that is within them)
- H. "Then they said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father-- God." (Religious people will always defend their religion)
- I. 42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, (whoever claims to belong to God will live a life of love)
- J. for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. (Truth can only come from God)
- K. 43 "Why do you not understand My speech? (The unregenerated cannot comprehend the word of truth because it is hidden from him spiritually)
- L. Because you are not able to listen to My word. (The unsaved is deaf to the voice of God)
- M. 44 "You are of your father the devil, (The true origin of all who do not believe is the devil because he is an unbeliever)
- N. and the desires of your father you want to do.(They that are of the devil carry out his purposes because they cannot help themselves)
- O. He was a murderer from the beginning, (Here is the very heart of Satan) and does not stand in the truth, (He is unable to stand because he cannot retain the word of God)
- P. because there is no truth in him. (There is no room in him for the truth) When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. (His conversation)

The carnal man cannot receive the things of the Spirit.

A. The carnal mind is an enemy of God

Rom 8:7-9

7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

B. The carnal Christian is not grown

1 Cor 3:1

And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ.

1 Cor 3:3

for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?

1 Cor 3:4

For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal?

C. The natural man cannot receive from the Spirit

1 Cor 2:14

14 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.

The works of the flesh

Gal 5:19-21

19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,

20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,

21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. (NKJ)

Now the works of the flesh

4561 sarx (sarx);

extension) the body (as opposed to the soul [or spirit], or as the symbol of what is external, (by implication) human nature with its frailties [physically or morally] and passions), or (specifically) a human being (as such):

KJV-- carnal

Scripture connected with the word flesh

Flesh and blood cannot reveal God

Matt 16:17

Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. (NKJ)

The flesh is weak

Matt 26:41

Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." (NKJ)

The two become one

Mark 10:8

`and the two shall become one flesh'; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh.

The spirit does not have flesh and bones

Luke 24:39

"Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have." (NKJ)

Now the works of the flesh are evident

5318 phaneros (fan-er-os');

shining, i.e. apparent (literally or figuratively); publicly, externally:

KJV-- abroad, + appear, known, manifest, open [+ly], outward ([+ly]).

Our work will become clear

1 Cor 3:13

each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. (NKJ)

Paul's testimony was clear to everyone

Phil 1:13 so that it has become evident to the whole palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ; (NKJ)

* The devil cannot hide his works because God will let it be made known

The Nature Of God

The Divine Nature Of God

Acts 17:29

"Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising. (NKJ)

The Divine nature of God in the believer

2 Pet 1:4

by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. (NKJ)

The fruit of the Spirit

Gal 5:22-23

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

The fruit is all good

Eph 5:9

(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth)

Two kinds of trees

Matt 7:17

"Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. (NKJ)

Either good or bad

Matt 12:33

"Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit. (NKJ)

Only God can produce this fruit

God has the power to withhold the fruit

Gen 30:1-2

1 Now when Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister, and said to Jacob, "Give me children, or else I die!"

2 And Jacob's anger was aroused against Rachel, and he said, "Am I in the place of God, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?"

The old man was crucified

Rom 6:6

knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. (NKJ)

The old man of the former life is dead

Eph 4:22

that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, (NKJ)

We have put off the old man

Col 3:9

Do not lie to one another, (seeing that -THIS WORD WAS ADDED) you have put off apekduomai (ap-ek-doo'-om-ahee);
despoil:
KJV-- put off, spoil.
the old man with his deeds, (NKJ)

Col 2:15

Having disarmed (apekduomai) principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it. (NKJ)

The natural man cannot receive spiritual things

1 Cor 2:14

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. (NKJ)

THE NATURAL MAN

{ psoo-khee-kos' }

from 5590; TDNT - 9:661,1342; adj

AV - natural 4, sensual 2; 6

GK - 6035

1a) having the nature and characteristics of the breath

1a1) the principal of animal life, which men have in common with the brutes

1b) governed by breath

1b1) the sensuous nature with its subjection to appetite and passion

5590

AV - soul 58, life 40, mind 3, heart 1, heartily + 1537 1, not tr 2; 105

1) breath 1a) the breath of life 1a1) the vital force which animates the body and shows itself in breathing , of animals ,of men ,life

2a) the seat of the feelings, desires, affections, aversions (our heart, soul etc.)

2b) the (human) soul in so far as it is constituted that by the right use of the aids offered it by God it can attain its highest end and secure eternal blessedness, the soul regarded as a moral being designed for everlasting life2c)

The three convictions of the Holy Spirit

John 16:8

A. "And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin
He convicts the world by reminding us that we are descendants of the first man Adam who sinned by disobeying the Lord when he was asked not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, so therefore there is no excuse for the sin of unbelief.

B. and of righteousness,

Christ is our righteousness and only he can make us pure by the washing of his blood. We are insufficient to save ourselves, for our righteousness is as filthy rags.

C. and of judgment: By this statement it is clear that every man shall stand before the judgment of God. No one will escape the wrath of God for rejecting the only solution to their sin, which is Christ and Christ alone.

The resurrected body is strong through the Holy Spirit

1 Cor 15:42-46

42 So also is the resurrection of the dead.

The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption.

Burying the dead is like sowing them; it is like committing the seed to the earth, that it may spring out of it again. And our bodies, which are sown, are corruptible, liable to putrefy and moulder, and crumble to dust; but, when we rise, they will be out of the power of the grave, and never more be liable to corruption.

42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is to be understood in the context of reaping and sowing. It reflects the same principle of unity and diversity. The resurrection body is related to the earthly body in the same sense that the plant is related to the seed. Yet, it will be different. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption.

43 It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory.

Ours is at present a vile body, Phil. 3:21. Nothing is more loathsome than a dead body; it is thrown into the grave as a despised and broken vessel, in which there is no pleasure. But at the resurrection a glory will be put upon it; it will be made like the glorious body of our Saviour; it will be purged from all the dregs of earth, and refined into an ethereal substance, and shine out with a splendor resembling his.

It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power.

It is laid in the earth, a poor helpless thing, wholly in the power of death, deprived of all vital capacities and powers, of life and strength: it is utterly unable to move or stir. But when we arise our bodies will have heavenly life and vigour infused into them; they will be hale, and firm, and durable, and lively, and liable no more to any infirmity, weakness, or decay.

43-44. Paul enlarges upon the contrast between the two. The one is sown in dishonor ...

weakness ... a natural body. It is raised in glory ... power ... spiritual.

45. So it is written. Tantamount to saying, "and this agrees with Scripture." Adam was made a living soul seems to have in mind the earthly animal nature given to Adam in the original creation. This seems to suit the parallel ideas in verses 46 through 49. The last Adam was made a quickening spirit (lit., "the last Adam became a quickening spirit"). The expression last Adam was coined by the Apostle Paul as a reference to Christ (cf. also Rom. 5:14). The contrast here is not so much between the soul and the spirit as it is between "living and "life-giving". The

principle of life is common with all men. The last Adam is infinitely more than that (Jn 5:26). The one partakes of temporality, the other of eternity.

44 It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

45 And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual.

4. He illustrates this by a comparison of the first and second Adam: There is an animal body, says he, and there is a spiritual body; and then goes into the comparison in several instances.

- 1) As we have our natural body, the animal body we have in this world, from the first Adam, we expect our spiritual body from the second. This is implied in the whole comparison.
- 2) This is but consonant to the different characters these two persons bear: The first Adam was made a living soul, such a being as ourselves, and with a power of propagating such beings as himself, and conveying to them a nature and animal body like his own, but none other, nor better. The second Adam is a quickening Spirit; he is the resurrection and the life, Jn. 11:25. He hath life in himself, and quickeneth whom he will, Jn. 5:20, 21. The first man was of the earth, made out of the earth, and was earthy; his body was fitted to the region of his abode: but the second Adam is the Lord from heaven; he who came down from heaven, and giveth life to the world (Jn. 6:33); he who came down from heaven and was in heaven at the same time (Jn. 3:13); the Lord of heaven and earth. If the first Adam could communicate to us natural and animal bodies, cannot the second Adam make our bodies spiritual ones? If the deputed lord of this lower creation could do the one, cannot the Lord from heaven, the Lord of heaven and earth, do the other?
- 3) We must first have natural bodies from the first Adam before we can have spiritual bodies from the second (v. 49); we must bear the image of the earthy before we can bear the image of the heavenly. Such is the established order of Providence. We must have weak, frail, mortal bodies by descent from the first Adam, before we can have lively, spiritual, and immortal ones by the quickening power of the second. We must die before we can live to die no more.

46-48. However, it was the natural which came first; it was the spiritual which came afterward. Adam is of the earth, Christ is the Lord from heaven. The former is thus earthly, the latter is heavenly.

Moses was strong in sight and in body

Deut 34:7

Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died. His eyes were not dim nor his natural vigor diminished. (NKJ)