

4TH DIMENSION - THE ROOF (SPIRITUAL)

Love Sees The Unseen

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A. The Roof

- The uppermost covering of a building
- The top covering of a building
- The final structural layer of a building

1. Quenching the Spirit

1 Thessalonians 5:19 AMP

Do not quench [subdue, or be unresponsive to the working and guidance of] the [Holy] Spirit.

2. Test All things

1 Thessalonians 5:20-21 AMP

Do not scorn or reject gifts of prophecy or prophecies [spoken revelations—words of instruction or exhortation or warning]. But test [a]ll things carefully [so you can recognise what is good]. Hold firmly to that which is good.

B. Spiritual Dependence

1. No one Knows God Except the Spirit of God

1 Corinthians 2:10-12 AMP

- Yet to us God has unveiled and revealed them by and through His Spirit, for the [Holy] Spirit searches diligently, exploring and examining everything, even sounding the profound and bottomless things of God [the [a]divine counsels and things hidden and beyond man's scrutiny].
- For what person perceives (knows and understands) what passes through a man's thoughts except the man's own spirit within him? Just so no one discerns (comes to know and comprehend) the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.
- Now we have not received the spirit [that belongs to] the world, but the [Holy] Spirit Who is from God, [given to us] that we might realise and comprehend and appreciate the gifts [of divine favour and blessing so freely and lavishly] bestowed on us by God.

2. The spiritual is completely dependent on the One who reigns in the Spirit... it is beyond our comprehension and our abilities:

Ephesians 3:20 NIV

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.

- Paul points them to God
- Points to His ability

- Juxtaposes our requests to this ability
- Gives **ownership** to the power operating within us, to God

1 Corinthians 2:9

But as it is written: 'Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.' But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit.

- Writing to the Corinthian church
- Paul quotes Isaiah 64:4
- The original text not only speaks of those who are loved by God but speaks of those who **wait** on Him:

Since ancient times no one has heard,
 no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you,
 who acts on behalf of those who wait for Him. - Isaiah 64:4

Limitless— "Do not put a roof on something God has not finished building."

C. Spiritual Instruction

- **This is How You Are to Build**

Genesis 6:15 NIV

This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be three hundred cubits long, fifty cubits wide and thirty cubits high.[b] Make a roof for it, leaving below the roof an opening one cubit[c] high all around.[d] Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks.

- As leaders, are we building up to God's specifications?
- Architectural note "To Engineer's Design & Detail"; "To Manufacturer's Spec"

- **The Holy Spirit Said**

Acts 13:2-3 NIV

While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

- As leaders, are we assigning as per the Holy Spirit's voice?
- They heard the Holy Spirit

- **The Holy Spirit Warns**

Acts 16:6 NIV

Paul and his companions travelled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia.

Acts 20:23 NIV

I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me.

D. The Powerless Church vs the Powerful Church

- Mark 9:14-29
- Acts 9:14-21

- **What are You Arguing About? Conflict ...**

Mark 9:14-19 NET

When they came to the disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and experts in the law[a] arguing with them. When the whole crowd saw him, they were amazed and ran[b] at once and greeted Him. He asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?"

- Debates and Conflicts
- What are we really arguing about?
- What is the world and society expecting from the church?

- **You Unbelieving Generation!**

Mark 9:17-19 NET

A member of the crowd said to him, "Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that makes him mute. Whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams at the mouth, grinds his teeth, and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to cast it out, but[c] they were not able to do so." [d] He answered them, [e] "You [f] unbelieving [g] generation! How much longer [h] must I be with you? How much longer must I endure [i] you? [j] **Bring him to Me.**"

- What fears come from this passage?
- Have we tried praying for healing and it did not happen? How did that affect us later on?
- Learning to bring things to Jesus.

- **After Receiving Power: The Apostles Heal Many**

Acts 5:12-14 NIV

The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade. No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number.

- **As A Result...Crowds Gathered**

Acts 5:15-16 NIV

As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed.

E. Conclusion: Application**1. Routine & Discipline****Acts 2:42 NIV**

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Paul's Instruction to Every Church**Ephesians 6:18-19**

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Colossians 4:2-3

Devote yourselves in prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 ESV

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Philippians 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

- What is our prayer routine?
- What is the prayer routine of the church?
- How often do we teach about the person of the Holy Spirit
- How often do we teach about the application of the gifts and growing in them?

When we are spiritual, we witness better!**Galatians 5:22-26 NIV**

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.