**Difference Between The Soul & Spirits (Part 1& 2)**

**Reading – Hebrews 4:6-12 [Evening Lessons]**

***1 Thessalonians 5:23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.***

***2 Peter 1:13-14 Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you, [14] knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me.***

***Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.***

**I. Spirit & Spirits** -- Hebrew (ruwach & neshamah) and the Greek (pneuma) literally means "wind."

The Holy Spirit -- ***Acts 5:3-4] But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? [4] While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.”***

***John 14:16-17] And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—[17] the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you… [26] But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.***

***Romans 8:15] For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”***

***Romans 8:26-27 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. [27] Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.***

***2 Peter 1:20-21] knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, [21] for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.***

***John 14:26] But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.***

***[Acts 2:4] And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.***

***Mark 16:20] And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.***

***1 Corinthians 12:1 through 1 Corinthians 12:11*** ***Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: [2] You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. [3] Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. [4] There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. [5] There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. [6] And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. [7] But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: [8] for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, [9] to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, [10] to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. [11] But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.***

***[1 Corinthians 13:8-13] Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. [9] For we know in part and we prophesy in part. [10] But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. [11] When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. [12] For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. [13] And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.***

***1 Corinthians 14:30-33* *But if anything is revealed to another who sits by, let the first keep silent. [31] For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged. [32] And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. [33] For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.***

***1 Corinthians 14:4] He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.***

***1 John 4:1-3] Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. [2] By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, [3] and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.***

Testing the Spirits. -- ***John 20:30-31] And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; [31] but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.***

***1 Corinthians 12:3] Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.***

***1 Timothy 4:1] Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,***

Spirits of demons and angels

* Matthew 12:22 - blindness, loss of speech
* Mark 9:17-22 - deafness, loss of speech, convulsions
* Mark 5:1-5 - insanity

***Acts 16:16] Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling.***

***Matthew 12:22-29] Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw. [23] And all the multitudes were amazed and said, “Could this be the Son of David?” [24] Now when the Pharisees heard it they said, “This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons.” [25] But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. [26] If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? [27] And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. [28] But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. [29] Or how can one enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.***

***Zechariah 13:1-2] “In that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness. [2] “It shall be in that day,” says the LORD of hosts, “that I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they shall no longer be remembered. I will also cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to depart from the land.***

Angels — literally means, "messenger" -- ***Hebrews 1:13-14] But to which of the angels has He ever said: “Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool”? [14] Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?***

***2 Thessalonians 1:7] and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels,***

***Luke 16:22] So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.***

***Judges 13:16] And the Angel of the LORD said to Manoah, “Though you detain Me, I will not eat your food. But if you offer a burnt offering, you must offer it to the LORD.” (For Manoah did not know He was the Angel of the LORD.)***

***Hebrews 13:2] Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels***

***Luke 2:9] And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.***

***Acts 12:6-10] And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison. [7] Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, “Arise quickly!” And his chains fell off his hands. [8] Then the angel said to him, “Gird yourself and tie on your sandals”; and so he did. And he said to him, “Put on your garment and follow me.” [9] So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. [10] When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him.***

***1 Peter 1:12] To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.***

***Matthew 22:30] For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven.***

***2 Peter 2:4] For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;***

***Jude 6] And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;***

**ii. The spirit of man** The defining attribute of man is that he was made in the image of God.

***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 the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” [27] So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them***

***Zechariah 12:1] The burden of the word of the LORD against Israel. Thus says the LORD, who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him:***

***1 Corinthians 2:11] For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.***

***Acts 19:21] When these things were accomplished, Paul purposed in the Spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, “After I have been there, I must also see Rome.”***

***Psalm 78:8] And may not be like their fathers, A stubborn and rebellious generation, A generation that did not set its heart aright, And whose spirit was not faithful to God.***

***Romans 1:9] For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers,***

***Genesis 41:8 Now it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled, and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt and all its wise men. And Pharaoh told them his dreams, but there was no one who could interpret them for Pharaoh.***

***1 Samuel 1:15] But Hannah answered and said, “No, my lord, I am a woman of sorrowful spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor intoxicating drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD.*** .

***Mark 8:11-12] Then the Pharisees came out and began to dispute with Him, seeking from Him a sign from heaven, testing Him. [12] But He sighed deeply in His spirit, and said, “Why does this generation seek a sign? Assuredly, I say to you, no sign shall be given to this generation.”*** - He sighed deeply in His spirit.

***Ecclesiastes 12:7] Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, And the spirit will return to God who gave it.***

***Acts 7:59] And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”***

**iii. Other meanings of Spirit** Attitude, feeling or state of mind.

***1 Samuel 16:14] But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and a distressing spirit from the LORD troubled him***

***1 Samuel 16:23] And so it was, whenever the spirit from God was upon Saul, that David would take a harp and play it with his hand. Then Saul would become refreshed and well, and the distressing spirit would depart from him.***

***Judges 9:23] God sent a spirit of ill will between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech,***

***Psalm 34:18] The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit.***

***Ecclesiastes 7:8-9] The end of a thing is better than its beginning; The patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit. [9] Do not hasten in your spirit to be angry, For anger rests in the bosom of fools.***

***Romans 8:15] For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”***

1. Bondage - an attitude that keeps a person in sin. b. Adoption - an attitude that accepts God.

Pattern of thinking and living. -- ***2 Corinthians 2:12] Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ’s gospel, and a door was opened to me by the Lord, [13] I had no rest in my spirit, because I did not find Titus my brother.***

***2 Corinthians 12:18] I urged Titus, and sent our brother with him. Did Titus take advantage of you? Did we not walk in the same spirit? Did we not walk in the same steps?***

***Luke 1:17] He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, ‘to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,’ and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”***

Breath, or our physical life. ***-- Ecclesiastes 3:19] For what happens to the sons of men also happens to animals; one thing befalls them: as one dies, so dies the other. Surely, they all have one breath; man has no advantage over animals, for all is vanity.***

***Ecclesiastes 3:21] Who knows the spirit of the sons of men, which goes upward, and the spirit of the animal, which goes down to the earth?***

***1 Samuel 30:12] And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs and two clusters of raisins. So when he had eaten, his strength [spirit] came back to him; for he had eaten no bread nor drunk water for three days and three nights.***

***Judges 15:19] So God split the hollow place that is in Lehi, and water came out, and he drank; and his spirit returned, and he revived. Therefore he called its name En Hakkore, which is in Lehi to this day.***

**iv. The soul** -- The Hebrew (nephesh) and the Greek (psuche) literally means a breathing creature.

***Matthew 2:20] saying, “Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child’s life (soul) are dead.”***

***Leviticus 17:11] For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.’***

***1 Corinthians 15:45] And so it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being.”(soul) The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.*** Acts 2:41 - 3,000 souls were added to the church.

***Romans 2:9] tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek;***

***Psalm 16:10] For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.***

***Revelation 6:9-10] When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. [10] And they cried with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”***

***Matthew 11:29] Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.***

***Matthew 26:38] Then He said to them, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me.”***

***Acts 14:2] But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds [souls] against the brethren. -- Matthew 22:27*** we are instructed to ***Love God with all your soul.***

***Ephesians 6:6***- here soul is translated as heart… ***not with eye service, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the [soul] heart,***