

THE EXERCISE OF THE HEART AND THE SPIRIT IN GOD'S ECONOMY

Lesson Two

The Inward and the Hidden Parts of Man (1)

I. The three parts of MAN—SPIRIT, SOUL, and BODY—1 Thes. 5:23:

1 Thes 5:23 And the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly, and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A. Our spirit and soul must be distinguished and divided—Heb. 4:12; Luke 1:46, 47; Phil. 1:27.

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and operative and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit and of joints and marrow, and able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Luke 1:46 And Mary said, My soul magnifies the Lord,

Luke 1:47 And my spirit has exulted in God my Savior;

Phil 1:27 Only, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, that whether coming and seeing you or being absent, I may hear of the things concerning you, that you stand firm in one spirit, with one soul striving together along with the faith of the gospel,

B. The inward parts are the parts of the soul and the hidden part is the spirit—Psa. 51:6.

Psa 51:6 Behold, You delight in truth in the inward parts; / And in the hidden part You would make known wisdom to me.

II. The three parts of the SOUL—MIND, WILL, and EMOTION:

A. The MIND:

1. Knowledge—Prov. 2:10; 19:2; 24:14; Psa. 139:14.

Prov 2:10 For wisdom will enter your heart, / And knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;

Prov 19:2 Also it is not good for a person to be without knowledge, / And he who makes haste with his feet sins.

Prov 24:14 Know that wisdom is such for your soul; / If you find it, then there will be a latter end, / And your hope will not be cut off.

Psa 139:14 I will praise You, for I am awesomely and wonderfully made; / Your works are wonderful, / And my soul knows it well.

2. Consideration—Psa. 13:2.

Psa 13:2 How long will I take counsel in my soul / And sorrow in my heart day after day? / How long will my enemy be exalted over me?

3. Remembrance—Lam. 3:20.

Lam 3:20 My soul remembers them well / And is bowed down within me.

B. The WILL:

1. Choosing—Job 7:15.

Job 7:15 So that my soul would choose strangulation / And death rather than my bones.

2. Refusing—Job 6:7.

Job 6:7 My soul refuses to touch them; / They are like putrid food to me.

3. Making a decision—1 Chron. 22:19; Psa. 27:12; 41:2.

1 Chron 22:19 Now set your heart and your soul to seek after Jehovah your God; and arise and build the sanctuary of Jehovah God, in order to bring the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah and all the holy vessels of God to the house that is to be built for the name of Jehovah.

Psa 27:12 Do not give me over / To the will of my adversaries; / For false witnesses have risen up against me, / And those who breathe out threats.

Psa 41:2 May Jehovah keep him and preserve him alive; / May he be blessed in the land; /

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And do not give him over to the will of his enemies.

C. The EMOTION:

1. Love—1 Sam. 18:1; SS 1:7; Psa. 42:1.

1 Sam 18:1 Now when he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan became knit with the soul of David; and Jonathan loved him like his own soul.

S.S. 1:7 Tell me, you whom my soul loves, Where do you pasture your flock? / Where do you make it lie down at noon? / For why should I be like one who is veiled / Beside the flocks of your companions?

Psa 42:1 As the hart pants / After the streams of water, / So my soul pants / For You, O God.

2. Hatred—2 Sam. 5:8; Psa. 107:18; Ezek. 36:5.

2 Sam 5:8 And David said on that day, Whoever would strike the Jebusites, let him go up to the watercourse and strike the lame and the blind, who are hated by David's soul. Therefore they say, The blind and the lame shall not come into the house.

Psa 107:18 Their soul loathed all food, / And they drew near to the gates of death.

Ezek 36:5 Therefore thus says the Lord Jehovah, Surely in the fire of My jealousy I have spoken against the remnant of the nations and against Edom, all of whom have appointed My land to themselves for a possession with the joy of all their heart, with despising in their soul, for their pasture and plunder.

3. Joy—Isa. 61:10; Psa. 86:4.

Isa 61:10 I will rejoice greatly in Jehovah, / My soul will exult in my God; / For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, / He has wrapped me with the robe of righteousness; / I am like a bridegroom who wears the headdress of the priest, / And like a bride who adorns herself with her jewels.

Psa 86:4 Cause the soul of Your servant to rejoice, / For unto You, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

4. Grief—1 Sam. 30:6; Judg. 10:16.

1 Sam 30:6 And David was very distressed because the people spoke of stoning him, for the soul of all the people was bitter, every man because of his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in Jehovah his God.

Judg 10:16 And they removed the foreign gods from their midst and served Jehovah. And His soul could no longer bear Israel's misery.

5. Desire—1 Sam. 20:4; Deut. 14:26; Ezek. 24:25; Jer. 44:14.

1 Sam 20:4 And Jonathan said to David, Whatever you say, I will do for you.

Deut 14:26 And you shall exchange the money for anything that your soul desires, for oxen, for sheep, for wine, for strong drink, or for anything that your soul would like; and you and your household shall eat there before Jehovah your God and rejoice.

Ezek 24:25 As for you, son of man, surely on the day when I take from them their strength, the joy of their glory, the desire of their eyes, and what they have set their heart on, their sons and their daughters,

Jer 44:14 And there will not be one who has escaped nor a survivor of the remnant of Judah, who went to sojourn there in the land of Egypt, even to return to the land of Judah, where they desire to return to dwell; for they will not return, except for some who will escape.

QUESTIONS:

1. What are the three parts of man? What verse in the Bible put the three parts together in one verse?
2. How to discern or divide the spirit from the soul?
3. What are the three parts of the soul?

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HYMN:

<p>Hymn 742</p> <p>1 Man is a being of three parts, The body, soul, and spirit too, Th' eternal purpose to fulfill With God's inheritance in view.</p> <p>2 The body is the outward part That man a world-sense may possess; Thus he may touch the outward things And bodily himself express.</p> <p>3 The soul within-the inward part- Is but the very self of man; The sense of self it give to him To touch the psychic world of man.</p> <p>4 The spirit is the inmost part With which the Lord he may receive; The sense of God it gives to man That he the spirit-world perceive.</p> <p>5 Within the soul of man there are The mind, emotion, and the will; These are the functions for the man His human nature to fulfill.</p> <p>6 Within the spirit of the man, Are found the conscience, fellowship, And intuition, which thereby The man to worship God equip.</p> <p>7 The man must exercise his soul To choose that God he may possess, And by his spirit God partake, And thru his body God express.</p> <p>8 Man's spirit had to be reborn With life divine to him conveyed; His soul must be transformed by God, His body like Christ's body made.</p> <p>9 'Tis by these steps of work divine In each of man's three separate parts That man is mingled with the Lord And His expression full imparts.</p>	<p>Hymn 746</p> <p>1 Lord, teach us to discern the spirit From soul that we Thyself may know; Thou art the Spirit in our spirit, In oneness mingled with us so.</p> <p>2 Lord, teach us to discern the spirit The soul-life ever to deny, And ever follow Thee in spirit, Thyself, the Spirit, to apply.</p> <p>3 Lord, teach us to discern the spirit That we may never set our mind Upon the flesh but on the spirit, That sin and self no more may bind.</p> <p>4 Lord, teach us to discern the spirit That we may never soulish be, But truly spiritual, in spirit To know all things discernibly.</p> <p>5 Lord, teach us to discern the spirit That subtle self exposed might be, That by the cross to it applying We'll live not by ourselves but Thee.</p> <p>6 Lord, teach us to discern the spirit That we may be transformed in soul, Till we're conformed to Thine own image, Till we're matured and reach the goal.</p> <p>7 Lord, teach us to discern the spirit To us Thy living Word so give That soul from spirit be divided And in the holiest place we'll live.</p>
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