



WELCOME to “The Humans Side of Holiness”
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a 17-week Course sponsored by




Session 5 Review

Only God loves unconditionally. A mature, human love willing the good for our clearly chosen neighbor is self-limiting that includes a love for self. And the limiting won't be done for us.



SESSION 6 — REALITY OF SPIRIT - VISIBLE & INVISIBLE

 **Session Theme** — “You are spirit - unbodily personal power living in the spiritual realm of the Kingdom of God.”

“The law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free....”

Romans 8:2

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Romans 8 - Life in the Spirit — *Romans 8*

Temptation - seduced by the visible landscape

VS.

“Regularity” of life in Jesus



The Two Landscapes *

Romans 8:5, "Setting our minds on the things of the Spirit"
Colossians 3:1-2, "Since, then, you have been raised with
Christ...set your minds on the things above."

This is all a part of a story and the story is that the spiritual world is the real world...in the sense that it is most fundamental. It is what the visible world depends on. Faith comes in now as perception of the invisible world. Faith is the ability to make the spiritual world present to yourself in a perceptual manner.

* - presented over two dozen times by Dallas



The Two Landscapes (continued)

“Setting our minds on...

“the flesh or the spirit” Romans 8:5

“Heavenly or Earthly” Colossians 3:1-2

My natural abilities or the Kingdom of God

The flesh = death

The spirit = life



A Spiritual Person

“The words I speak to you, they are spirit and life.” John 6:63

“When, Christ, who is your life...” Colossians 3:4

“I no longer live, but Christ in me...” Galatians 2:20

Dependence upon the Kingdom of God

To live in the power of love — the life which is love — dominated by a reality that is beyond me when I enter into the invisible domain and draw my life.

What is “Life”? — Initiation • Direction • Sustenance

What is the source of my “life”?



A Primer on Hebrews

“Looking only at Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith...” 12:2

“Hebrews is one of the deepest theological books in the Bible.”

Dallas Willard

Hebrews is trying to draw us in to that and make that our reality. But in doing so it pulls us beyond our flesh, our natural abilities, and it says, “This is the real thing.”

Chapter 11 — “Hall of Faith” *Am I in that chapter?*

Do we do what they did and do we say what they said? And, frankly, we have a system of theology and practice that isn't what they're talking about.

The Purpose of Our Commission

THEME: Coming to the Place Where We Could Actually Teach People to Do the Things That Jesus Said.

“Can you actually do it?” “Should we be doing it?”

*“Faith is the substance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.” Hebrews 11:1*

“With this issue of the reality of the Kingdom of God — the spiritual reality — it doesn’t leave you any wiggle room. It just says that’s where it is. That’s what it is.”



What is Spirit?

Unbodily Personal Power

God is Spirit

God is the “Father of Spirits” — Hebrews 12:9

God’s being depends only on itself

“I Am that I Am” Exodus 3:14

The Spirit of God in Action

God is the energy who speaks matter – creation and
humankind – into existence.

Fasting & Manna • Fish & Loaves • Water into Wine

“the seen created from the unseen” - Hebrews 11:2

Created to have dominion - Genesis 1:26

The Self-Sustaining Spirit of God

In spirit you have something of a radically different kind and the intent of God in approaching humanity is to make sure that they keep that straight.

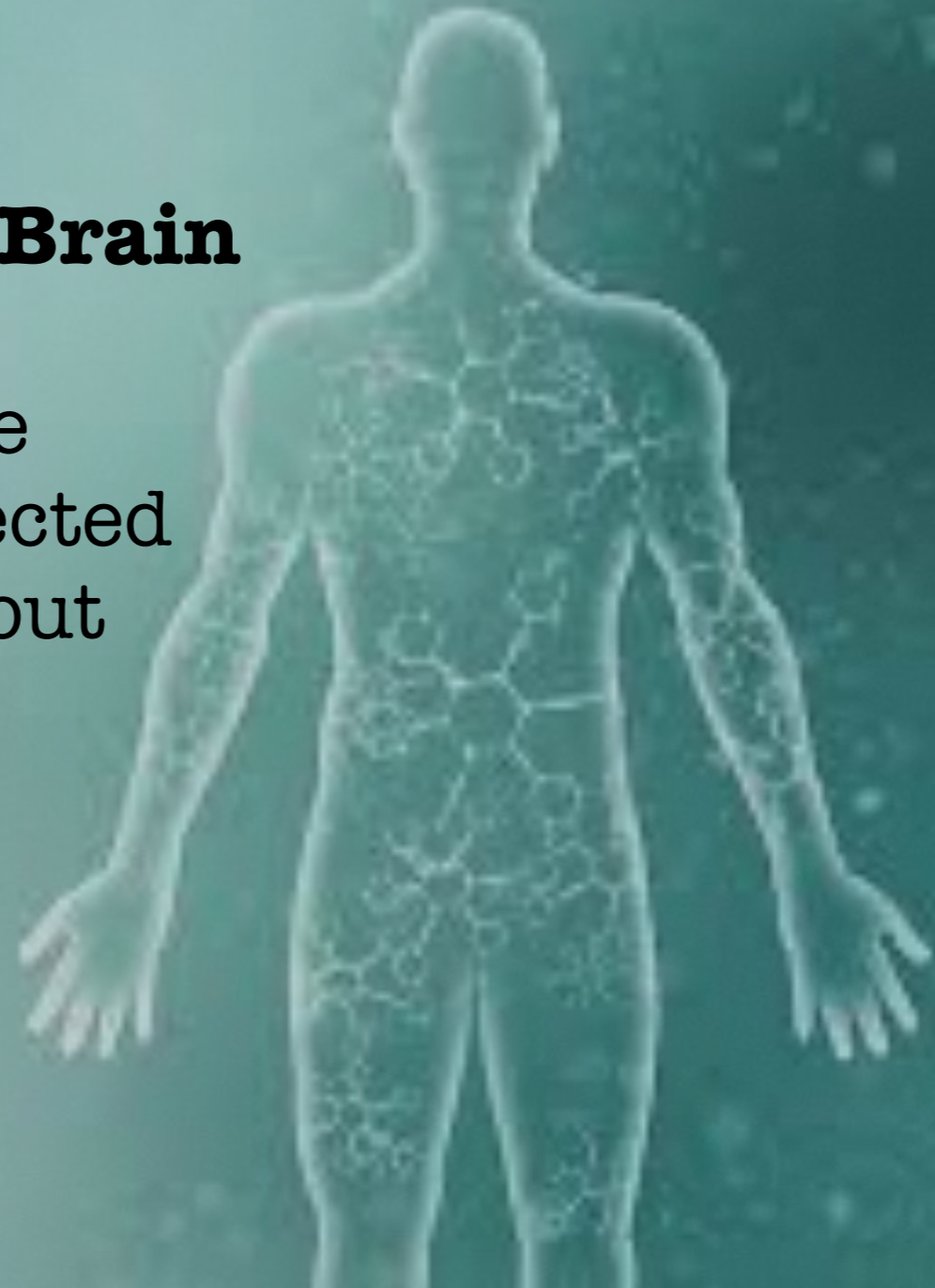
Speaking in pillar of fire, a cloud - God is not physical

“You shall not make for yourself an idol.” Exodus 20:4

The visible world is primarily the realm where human beings exert control, and very often in idolatrous situations if the idol doesn't give them what they want, they will mistreat it, get rid of it.

God is Brainless — Humans are Beyond a Brain

Our consciousness is in the spiritual realm. It is connected to the brain and the body but you can not find it there.



God is the Father of Spirits

Are you a piece of flesh or a person?

Spiritual is more than non-physical.

A “spirit” in humans that is not the Holy Spirit.

What is the Spirit in Humankind?

The “spirit” in us is the “will”, the “heart.”

“There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations - these are mortal and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals we joke with, work with, marry, snub, exploit - Immortal horrors or everlasting splendors...Next to the blessed sacrament itself, our neighbor is the holiest object presented to your senses”

CS Lewis, The Weight of Glory



Your Body in God's World is...

...fundamentally potential energy - personalized power pack.

...something you can not act without.

...meant for a sacred purpose to allow you to live in God's world by submitting it to him.

...takes on powers which are beyond the physical (the flesh).

...quickened by the Spirit of him who raised up Christ from the dead. Resurrection life becomes a part of my life and then character and power grow out of that.

“Present your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice...” Romans 12:1

You Will Not Experience Death

What is happening? A continuity of experience!

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; the one who believes in Me will live, even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die." John 11:25-26

"Truly, I say to you, if anyone follows My word, he will never see death." John 8:51



Absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. 11 Cor. 5:8

The spiritual world is the real world and you are a spiritual being that can choose to follow Jesus and learn to live in that world now. And you can live beyond fear of death because of your assurance from your life with him.

The things that we teach on these issues are absolutely fundamental to getting you to think how you could teach someone to do what Jesus said.

One of the most fundamental issues in getting people to do that is their understanding of who they are.

“Mother, who is Jesus?”, a dying Islamic little girl said.

Mother replied, “A very great man and a wonderful teacher.”

“Do you like him, Mother?”

“Oh, yes. I like him a lot.”

“Do you see him, Mother?”

“See who?”

“Jesus. He’s standing at the foot of the bed.

Do you see his crown, Mother?”

“I can’t see it, Honey.”

“He’s calling for me, Mother.”

...and then she died.



Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

(Use the Q&A on the bottom of your Zoom screen)



Q&A

80:00 + 10K

Meditation — Romans 8:1-5

V-I-M in your next 10,000 minutes...

VISION — How difficult is it for me to see the spiritual landscape?

INTENTION — Where and how do I find myself seduced by the visible landscape - “lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh, pride of life”?

MEANS — Fast this week to set my mind and feast on the invisible.

landscape and select Romans 8 as scripture to guide your spirit.



† Cross Fit

Session 6 Summary

As I learn from Jesus to draw a deathless life from the spiritual realm of the Kingdom of God, I gain the character and power of Jesus to do what Jesus taught, and teach others to do the same.



Next Week — Session 7

"THE GOSPEL - THE GREAT COMMISSION" [1:02:12]

**“AN UNCEASING SPIRITUAL BEING WITH
AN ETERNAL DESTINY IN GOD’S GREAT UNIVERSE.”**

May any fear of death or despair be replaced by life from the Kingdom of God to grace your Christlike will, mind & body, and to draw others into the reality of the spiritual realm with you after Jesus.

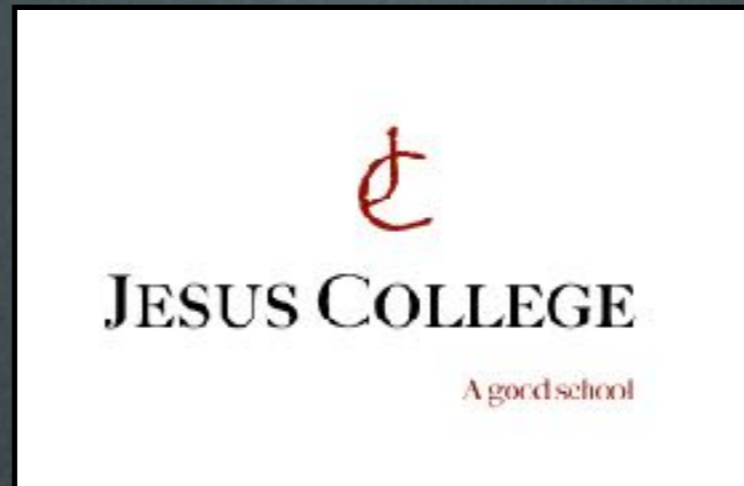
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