

# HIS VISITATION

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**GREETINGS** in the wonderful name of Jesus! I'm so glad to bring you the Gospel of the goodness of God and the grace of God. The resurrection power of Jesus Christ is what this is all about. It's all about the Good News that God has conquered sin and death and that He, by His Spirit, can make us partakers and visit our lives with His life making everything new in our life. Jesus prayed that it would be on earth as what it is in heaven... everything made new by Him.

Today's message is not a Live stream. It is a prerecorded message. I apologize that it is not live and that you can't fellowship together today. I know that many of you love the fellowship that there is in our Live webcast but Helena isn't feeling well today and I don't want to put her under pressure to do the Live mixing so that is how we are doing this.

**PRAYER:** Father, I want to thank You so much for Your grace, Your mercy and Your kindness. Thank You that we can sit here and talk about Your resurrection power and what You have come to do for man. Holy Spirit, empower me in bringing the Gospel to people in a powerful way so they can understand the dimensions of Your kingdom, the dimensions of the love that You have given us, to the point where they can experience what You have brought forth for us. Amen and amen

Today we are going to talk a little bit about God's visitation to the earth. The Bible says that God will visit us. Psalm 8 says, "What is the children of man that You visit them?" ***:4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visit him?*** This can be bit of a technical message today. We are going into **Hebrews 2** in some detail but let me start off with this:

***2Corinthians 1:8 For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:***

When I read this verse, it really blessed me when I looked at the difficult times that Paul was going through and how He was helped by God, how the love actually brought forth a manifestation of how God deals with man and helps man come forth in his life. At this time in my life I am not going through a difficult time but I do know of many people who do go through difficult times and I know this will really encourage you.

There are people who struggle with depression. There are people who struggle with sickness that you don't find any healing from when you've been prayed for many times and you are basically waiting to die. You don't know how to deal with these things and you might be going through a very, very, difficult time. I want to teach this and preach this for the encouragement of the body of Jesus Christ. We can know in this world we have some persecution. We will sometimes have something come against us and in that time we can be in a place where we are so powerfully impacted by His grace that we see the absolute victory that He has in store for us and we can start to experience the fruit of that.

The way we read the Bible is very important. When we read the Bible, we cannot read the Bible in its original setting. Many people will say that is the most accurate way of reading any Old Testament passage or New Testament passage. It is always in its original setting.

I can say that is true about the early Church and the New Testament but when we look at the Old we cannot read the Bible like that any more. When Jesus came to the earth in His resurrection, there were some fatal things that changed in Judaism, that changed in the world, When we look at Judaism and we look at what they were awaiting and what they were looking for is, they were looking for freedom from the oppression of the Romans. Then that the Messiah would come and set them free and that in the reign, the rulership, that would then be in Jerusalem as they are set free will spread all over the world and that the peace that can come through obeying the Law can flood the whole earth. That is what they were thinking of. Then some of the sects of Judaism, some of the people believed in a resurrection. They even believed that some of the older saints that have died will be raised.

There were other sects of people who were powerfully in charge back then. They were called the Sadducees who didn't even believe in a resurrection at all. They didn't see it that way. So resurrection was almost like it is in the Church today. It was treated as a side issue. Today in the average Church, they do not put a great focus on the resurrection although they believe in the resurrection. It is something that is there but that is not what it all revolves around. It all revolves around the cross and Jesus who died and that is all. When Jesus died it is all about believing that Jesus died and then the focus is receiving the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Holy Spirit and walking in the power of the Holy Spirit and spreading the Gospel. That is the focus.

When Jesus was raised from the dead, everything changed. The view of the resurrection changed. What people believed about the resurrection changed. How the resurrection worked, changed. You must realize that the people on the earth just before Jesus was born in His day and age as well as the first part of the early Church, they really didn't understand everything. They were puzzling it out. They were looking for certain things and Jesus came and actually gave definition to things. Like the Pharisees. they believed in a resurrection but they didn't know how this resurrection would take place and what would cause this resurrection. They just believed in a resurrection.

When we look at Jesus, when He was raised from the dead, there has never been in that Jewish mind, people who were raised with the resurrection of Jesus. They saw dead people being raised but they were still raised into a mortal body. When people like Elijah went up or Enoch who wasn't found, they couldn't see them any more. They couldn't talk to them anymore. They were gone and they didn't see death. That was what they were mindful of but a resurrection like the resurrection of Jesus, such a thing was never seen that a person could die and then be raised and then after his resurrection appear here as someone you know and appear there as someone you don't know. It wasn't known to them. Then all of a sudden, one day, after many days, 40 days, He made Himself known to people all the time, five hundred men at one time. He appeared to the apostles and they ate food, they touched Him and then one day He went into the heavens, into a cloud. He went into the different dimensions with His spiritual body. Once they saw that, they were reminded of the words that Jesus said. Now remember that Matthew, Mark, Luke, John wrote what they wrote in hindsight. I don't believe it was that long after the death of Christ because some of the things weren't really sorted out if you read it carefully. Jesus basically said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life." They then would put emphasis on that because of this resurrection and what it would imply to us. That is all going to be the visitation of God. What is this visitation of God?

Like I said today this might be a little technical but I'm going to enjoy myself here and I trust that you can co-enjoy with me. So what took place is that Jesus died. He was raised. After His resurrection they were mindful and they remembered that He said, "On the third day I will be raised." Then they remembered and said, "He is the resurrection!"

Then the Pharisees started to take their understanding of the resurrection and fit it into Christ and then come to a conclusion of a final resurrection. So, the resurrection that was in the end, was brought into the middle of time and we saw this man resurrected and then in this resurrection, we can be raised one day. As we see all of this, and try to solve it out, we come to wonderful conclusions that can actually impact our lives today. At the end of the day, when I look at any doctrine, I ask myself, "What does it mean for me today? What does it mean today and what is the final conclusion of this?" To me, when we look at the resurrection, it brings life to me today in bringing forth the fruit of the Spirit as well as the blessed hope of conquering physical death which is immortality in the return of Jesus Christ. That is what it is. It gives me everything that pertains to life and godliness now. I mean, what more do you want than that? That is what we need today and the end of it is in conquering physical death.

So the first thing is when we look at Scripture, we look at the Apostle Paul and the way they looked at Scripture, the way they looked at the resurrection. This is the point I want to make: As they looked at the resurrection, it changed the way they looked at Scripture. 1 Samuel 7, the way they looked at the resurrection of the seed of David. All of a sudden, the people who read it back then didn't see it as a man that would die on a cross and be raised. When they read that, they did not understand that but Paul comes and he puts everything in the perspective of the resurrected Jesus. In the Old Testament, everything revolved around the obedience to the Law and then awaiting a Messiah who can set them free from the rule of Rome or whatever the oppression would be. That is what they awaited. Then this spreading of this Law System throughout the world so the peace of Jerusalem would be spread all over the world and so God would govern the earth and peace would be upon the earth. That is what they were thinking of but when Christ came and He was raised, everything changed. The lives of the early Church did not revolve around the Law. Their lives revolved around this astonishing event that was called the resurrection where Jesus was actually raised from the dead. That was something that was never heard of, thought of, or seen!

I am not talking about the resurrection of Lazarus. That's not the same resurrection that Jesus had. As they were pondering upon this resurrection, and they interpreted Scripture from this resurrection event and then they looked towards the future from this resurrection event they started to do their evangelism, their Church planting, the writings of the Letters and all those kind of things. So the commutative platform, from where you look at all Scripture, would be the Messiah, crucified and raised. That's how we look at everything. That is how we will address problems in life. That's how we address sickness. That's how we address the fruit of the flesh in our lives. That's how we address pain and hurt and all those things in our lives.

We can clearly see in *2 Corinthians 1*. how Paul does that. He said:

***5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds by Christ.***

***6 And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.***

***7 And our hope of you is steadfast, knowing, that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so shall you be also of the consolation.*** (That consolation talks about the resurrection. That is what he is talking about that there.)

***8 For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:***

**9 But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raises the dead:**

**10 Who delivered us from so great a death,** (That now talks about eternal death, talking about the destruction, or what will happen to man should Jesus have not come.) **and does deliver** (In other words, He delivers us from eternal death and that He did in His resurrection and today He delivers us from certain situations that we are in.): **in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;**

**11 You also helping together by prayer for us...**

He is simply saying, "You guys in Corinth are about to go through a difficult time and I see hard times coming and hard times can come your way but I want you not to be ignorant of what we have been going through. I want you to know that we, as these apostles, are going through the very same thing and even worse. We were at a place in Asia where we were even despaired of life where we had the death sentence in ourselves that we would not want trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead."

Look at Paul's practical application of the resurrection and the power of the Holy Spirit:

When you read the word, Spirit, in the Bible, don't think of ghosts. Think of the resurrection power or the force that raised Christ from the dead. That is why when the Bible says, "Walk in the Spirit and you shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh." What is he talking about? Walk in the revelation of the resurrection of Jesus Christ wherein it is said that He was raised from the dead and conquered sin and death. As you walk in that revelation you find the resurrection power of Jesus, bringing forth fruit in your life and you shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh. Isn't that amazing! We thought walking in the Spirit means that I am going to obey all the commands that Jesus said, or be a good Christian, or whatever we connected to that. But what Paul meant when he talked about walking in the Spirit, he connected it to the resurrection where Jesus was raised from the dead according to the Spirit of holiness, the Holy Spirit. He was raised from the dead by the Holy Spirit. Then this Spirit was poured out upon us so that we, who do not trust in our flesh but trust in the Father, can have the resurrection that the Spirit would bring forth and manifest in our lives. That's what it is all about.

Paul comes here and let us see how he practically applies the resurrection in the most difficult situations. What did he do? He said that we were in the place where we had the death sentence in ourselves. That means that situations were so difficult that it brought something upon us where we know that by human ability we cannot get out of this. Plus they had the revelation that inside themselves, like Paul says, "Dwells nothing good. If I must apply will power and Old Law Systems and knowledge of man to try and get out of this, it is not going to satisfy. So I had the death sentence inside myself. I know that by myself I cannot do this but that I can trust in the Lord who raises the dead."

Let me give you a practical example in the here and now. We had major fires in South Africa. One of the most beautiful towns in South Africa, called Knysna, which is part of the Garden Route. People love to go from Capetown and drive all the way up the coast to Knysna and Port Elizabeth. We have this beautiful Garden Route It is just outstanding! On of the highlights would be to visit Knysna where they have these two heads with a massive lagoon with water coming in. It is such a beautiful place. And some of the most affluent people live there as well. We had this major fire coming with wind speeds of 60 plus miles per hour pushing this fire right into towns and that was one of the towns. Many of the houses burned down and people were just sitting there, ashes, with houses burnt down. I know that some of them don't even know it the insurance is going to pay for them. The fire also went into the very poor areas. In South Africa we have the rich areas and poor areas right next to each other. The fire went through the shacks and burned down the squatter camps and people would lose everything.

In times like that, what would bring consolation in the now? What would bring peace in the now? What did Paul do? He said, "In my own power, I cannot restore this. In my own power I cannot get over this. What I am going to have to do is that I have to come to the calculation that my own ability cannot cure this." Like, if your house burned down what would be consolation is if you say, "Well, maybe I can never rebuild this. I cannot cure the hurt in my heart about this because in myself I see the death sentence." I think that a very important thing to get in your heart is that you come to a conclusion that by self power you give yourself a death sentence. If you are in a jail and you have a death sentence you are not getting out of it. That is a very important place to be at is to say, "Finding my life in, if my house burned or not, is not good. That will destroy my life. I only believe in the God who raises the dead." When our belief is in the revelation of God raising the dead, which is the mercy seat, there is a supernatural power called the power of the Holy Spirit which raises us up into a new. The God who delivered us from eternal death and gave His Spirit as the proof of life in us, He still delivers today in small situations. The house that burned would be a small situation connected to conquering the death of humanity in the resurrection. He solves those things for us. In those times He gives consolation and peace and joy in that.

So when we look at that and we look at the Apostle Paul, we can see that the revelation of the resurrection was central in the early Church. It was that they looked from the resurrection, they looked back at Scripture, interpreting Scripture in that way and then from the resurrection they looked forward into the future and from the resurrection they would apply truth to their own lives. That's why the message of the resurrection is the Gospel. It's THE Gospel. If you want to ask, "What is the Gospel?" The Gospel is a man was raised from the dead.

Now let me explain the resurrection as the mercy of God, the mercy seat. This is Jesus appearing to Mary: *John 20*:

***11 But Mary stood without the grave weeping; and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the grave,***

***12 And she saw two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus was laid.***

***13 And they say to her, Woman, why do you cry? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.***

***14 And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not who it was.***

***15 Jesus said to her, Woman, why do you cry? Who are you looking for? She, supposing him to be the gardener, said to him, Sir, if you have borne him hence, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.***

***16 Jesus said to her, Mary. (That word, Mary, was actually her original name that He called her by.) She turned herself, and said to him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.***

***17 Jesus said to her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say to them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.***

What happened here is so beautiful. Jesus is resurrected and in the resurrection you find Mary come there and she didn't see Jesus in the grave. She was astonished and sad. When she went into the grave, she saw two angels, one at the head and one at the feet. So imagine that there was a rock where they laid Jesus on and there is an angel on each side. In the Jewish mind there is one thing that had two cherubim or two angels that were next to a flat piece of wood and that was called the Ark of the Covenant. On the Ark of the Covenant, they had two angels and between that they had the place where the presence of God is, the place where the presence would come in God's visitation with man. That would then be in the grave the place where we find no dead human anymore but a resurrected Jesus. That is the mercy seat. In Afrikaans it is not called the mercy seat. It is called the versoendeksel. Versoen means reconciliation and deksel means lid.

In other words, the lid or the place of reconciliation, the place where you would come and reconcile with someone or have an exchange... the place of visitation is between those two angels which in this case is the grave where we can see that the presence of Jesus dwells in the revelation of the resurrection. Can you see that? So many times we say, "We want the power of God in our lives. We want the presence of God in our lives. We so wish for a visitation of God. The way that the visitation manifests, the way that God visits your life is not just by a feeling of things happening to you. When we look at a visitation, a church preacher would say, "We want the visitation from the Lord." Then they count that with signs, wonders and miracles and supernatural things that happen. Then they would say that it was a visitation of the Lord. No, that was just signs, wonders and miracles.

The true visitation and the way that God visits people is not the way that we visit. To a certain degree it does but I want you to hear what I am trying to communicate to you here The way that we visit is we go and a person might be a very sad person or very negative or critical person. Let's say that a person is a critical person but yet that person is your friend and you fellowship with that person. One day you would say that you want to go drink coffee at his house. You are not a critical person. You would visit and you would leave and he is still the critical person and you are who you are. That means that you have visited him but it was an outside visitation. It was not a visitation where your joy includes him.

The way that Jesus visits, and I'm going to take this from Hebrews and explain to you later, He comes and He becomes man. Then He resurrects man and then He visits man with His very being and life. That is how He visits us and the way that visitation takes place is in the resurrection. You might ask me how I get visitation and the grave and the resurrection altogether. It's very simple. When we had the temple, there was the Ark of the Covenant. Then whenever the presence of the Lord would come down and God would speak to Moses, or visit people, the glory would appear between these two cherubim and from there God, from the mercy seat or from the platform of reconciliation, He would speak to man.

How does God speak? What does God say? How is the word of God communicated to people on the earth? It's very simply in this: in the resurrection. God speaks from the resurrection. If you want to hear the voice of God, He speaks from the revelation of the resurrection. The voice of God for Paul when he was in the most difficult time, the voice of God was the resurrection. "I believe in the God who raises the dead." Can you see that? That's how Paul, in the most difficult times, applied the revelation of the raising of the dead was greater than His circumstances. Glory to God!

Before I get into Hebrews I want to use a very simple example and what this resurrection is all about. In this bit of a technical message I trust that there is some simplicity that will really help you. We had a preacher in South Africa who sprayed Doom, an insecticide, in people's faces, and prayed for them. He basically used it as an anointing oil to show that God is a healer.

I think he took the scripture that says if you drink something deadly nothing will happen to you. Now, I've got a can of that here today. Doom Insecticide. The label says, "Harmful... dangerous". It is poison. You should not inhale this. I cannot use this as a breath freshener. That's not going to be good to me. If I partake of this, it will bring forth death in me. The company who makes this warns you. They say that this is dangerous. It is harmful. They warn you. It's almost like God said to Adam and Eve, "Don't eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil for in the day you partake of it you will surely die."

So if I get this in me and it starts to show its effect in my body, it will show in the form of dizziness, convulsions, nausea and me not being in my right mind, saying things and seeing things that are not there. In this case what I would need something that is an antidote to this, that can stop this. I would need something that has conquered the death this brings. Then in those terms, I would define salvation being saved from sin and death. In the case of man we find that the Doom that we got in was through Adam. Adam disobeyed and he inhaled that which kills. God said, "Let us make man in our image and our likeness." That man was Adam and this man inhaled it and then we find the children of man, which is us, having the same death.

The death was on account of disobedience and what would take place on account of this disobedience was that death started to manifest. Then the side effects of it, or the signs of death, which would be convulsions, vomiting, saying things that are not right, being out of your mind, all these things would be likened to sin meaning that is not the life that was planned. That was not partaking of the life that was dreamt. So we found the disobedience and we found the sins and what you would do if you see that someone has inhaled something like this and is dying under the poisonous effect of it is you would want to save him from that death. That is what you would want to bring forth and that is exactly what Jesus came to do. He had to come and not confuse us with the convulsions or the hallucinations that comes forth because of the poisoning. That's why the Bible says that He has not imputed our trespasses onto us because He knew that it was the poison bringing this forth. Then what He did was, and this is how I see it in the baptism of John, He took the poisoning to Himself and then died. The poison had its maximum work and then was raised. When He was raised, what happens in that is that is how God saves us from sin and death.

If somebody gets this Doom in his body, and he gets a lot of it, these days these things aren't as harmful as they used to be. Years ago, when you would get this in you, you would quickly die. These days they are odorless and not as poisonous and you need to use so much on an insect. I remember when you used this years ago you just sprayed a little and all the insects died. This stuff worked. The sad thing is people get brain damage and other effects as well. If you get a lot of this in and you are dying, the worse thing would be to have a bottom line conclusion on who the person is by what he is going through because of this poison that is inside him. You cannot do that. That would be sin. That would be absolutely wrong. Imagine you were the cause of those convulsions because you were upset because this person was disobedient and actually went and sprayed too much of it in his own face. What I mean by that is sometimes we think that the suffering we are going through is God punishing us. No, God doesn't punish us with bad times and sickness and disease and all those kind of things to get us closer to Him. That is not what He does! Neither are the convulsions we see in the world today on account of God's anger towards Adam. Neither was the pain Jesus went through, if you want to call it convulsions or the hallucinations or the pain or whatever that Jesus was going through, the effects of sin and death that He was going through, the Father punishing Him. It's not that at all! It's like Greg Henry said, "The snake will bruise the heel." So, the bruising Jesus went through was on account of the snake and that is exactly what this is all about.

So, when we look at this whole situation and we look at the resurrection, we find that is how salvation actually takes place. That is why the resurrection enjoys center stage because from this resurrection we find the salvation that Paul calls there where he says that He has saved us from such a great death talking about eternal death bringing to man the resurrection from the dead. Since He's done that in His resurrection, He also today in everyday life does deliver and does set free because He has now come and in the resurrection and He now visits us with eternal life and He visits us with the fruit of the Spirit.

I'm going to end off by going to *Psalm 8: Who is man that you are mindful of him and who is the Son of man that You visit him?* Than man there I see as Adam. If you study the Hebrew, that word, man, talks about humanity as a whole. It is not the Hebrew word, Adam. Yet, if we read Hebrews 2 we find that the context where it is used in is Adam. So it says, "Who is Adam that God cannot get Adam out of His mind? Who are the children of Adam, (which is us) that He will come and actually visit us with His eternal life?" Then he goes on and says clearly in *Hebrews 2:*

*2 For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward;*

*3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;*

What he says is that Jesus started to speak about true salvation. That is actually where it first started. Salvation was not really defined in Judaism. They did not understand salvation. They didn't know that salvation was from sin and death. They thought that salvation was from the oppression from nations but Jesus comes and He defines what salvation is---that you can be saved from death and sin! It says that Jesus then spoke this to people and those people have now spoken it to us.

*4 God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?*

*5 For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak.*

*6 But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man that thou visit him?* In the Afrikaans it says, "What is man that you are mindful of him and what is the children of this man, or the children of man, that you visit them?"

*7 You've made him a little lower than the angels; you've crowned him with glory and honour, and did set him over the works of your hands:*

*8 You have put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.*

*9 But we see (the man) Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels (or Elohim) for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.*

*10 For it became him, from whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons (sons of man) unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.*

*11 For both he that sanctifies and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,*



This is a bit technical as I said, but it is so beautiful. God could not get Adam out of His mind. He was mindful of him. If you read the first and second book of Adam and Eve, you will see how God dealt with Adam. He said to Adam, "Adam, you are going to die but in five and half days I will raise you up." He was saying to Adam, "Even if you die from five and half days from now, which was five and half thousand years which according to Septuagint was five and half thousand years from the fall of Adam until the resurrection. So He is saying to Adam, "Even if you die, I will raise you up. I will not forget you." Isn't that beautiful! He will never forgive the representative of mankind who will also have children. Then He comes and in Jesus Christ He comes and He incarnates a man of whom God is the Father, that doesn't have a biological father, and that is Adam. That is Adam right here. And He raised him up from the dead as He had promised him five and half thousand years earlier. As He raised him up, He then says, "Why would you remember this man and why would you visit man?" He said, "You made him a little lower than the angels and you remember Him and You want to visit Him." Why? Because we are God's friends. We are the brethren of God and He comes and He says that He raised Adam and in raising Him, He wants to bring many sons onto this very same glory.

That bringing sons to glory according to Psalm 8 is likened unto the visitation. So, how God visits you is He visits you with love in your heart for others. He visits you with generosity in your heart for others. He visits you by taking the poison out of your blood stream and giving you His life in conquering your death. When you see the two angels and you see an empty tomb, who would have thought that an empty tomb would be the place from where God visits! It's beautiful! When you see the empty tomb, you find that your sin and your death has been conquered! As you see that your sin and your death has been conquered, you find the Holy Spirit bringing this son, whom you are, unto glory! The glory He brings you to is the glory of the Spirit which is the fruit of the Spirit plus the gifts of the Spirit and in the end immortality as in the case of the resurrected Jesus! Isn't that beautiful! That is the power of God, my friend. That is the very good news of Jesus Christ.

You can go and read the whole of Hebrews 2 and you will see what I talk about here where he says the beautiful thing to me is He has not made the **powers of the world to become subject to the angels** but He said that He cannot forget man. To me that means and even testifies in Hebrews 2 that the Gospel was preached through people. Remember the message of the Law was given by angels to Moses. That's what the Jews believe and that is also recorded like that. It was given by angels. But because it was a great powerful message, that is why it was given by these supernatural beings to Moses. But now there is a message that is greater than the message that the angels carried. That is now given by a being that is higher which is humans and these humans spread the message.

*Hebrews 2: 3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;* (It's talking about physical people preaching.)

*4 God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?*

*5 For unto the angels has he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak.*

*6 But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that you art mindful of him? or (what is) the son of man that thou visit him?*

God knew what man was. He knew what Adam was. He knew who Jesus is and He knew what He would accomplish through Jesus and He knew who those were in which that accomplishment would be fulfilled and manifest to and why all of this is. He knows man. That is why He says that in the beginning God came through angels and gave Moses a message. But now He has a greater message and He uses a greater being. He uses Jesus and humans to spread this. This means that the message of the resurrection in the mouth of a human is greater than any angel that brings you a teaching. You need no angel to bring you a teaching for angels cannot carry the power of this message. It's to be carried by humans because humans are the very image of God. They are in the likeness of God. He has come and He brought Jesus forth and this Jesus in the resurrection. An angel couldn't carry that message because you need a physical body. You need to have a physical death and a physical resurrection. That's what you need to be a carrier of this message. Can you see what this is all about?

Then the Holy Spirit came and confirmed this resurrection to people, the sons of man who are called the brethren of God and this message is in our hearts and we can now, with this first fruit inside us, carry this message to others. Isn't that beautiful? That is what He has come to bring forth and we are the people who God has come to visit from the revelation of the resurrection... an empty tomb. Glory to God! Amen! This is good news! This is absolute good news!

As I behold the resurrection from the understanding of its conquering power over sin and death and I behold that as my only truth, I behold the resurrection when I look back at the Old Testament and from the resurrection look at that, I interpret the things in the here and now, and in the deliverance we have now from the resurrection and then with this resurrection mind, I behold the future. As I see that, I find the Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead bearing witness with the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God when Jesus was on the earth was the Spirit of kindness, meekness, temperance, faithfulness and all those things plus signs, wonders and miracles, I find that my Spirit, in other words, the Holy Spirit bringing forth new life in me, testifying with the life Jesus has. Then this Spirit that is in me will also quicken my mortal body unto a spiritual body.

In closing, let me explain spiritual body. When the Bible talks about an earthly body and a spiritual body, the difference is an earthly body finds its life in animal-like nature and ability. It finds its life from the food you eat, the air you breathe and all those things. It's a physical body that finds its source from physical, normal, scientific logic by logical truths. That is what is the power and it can only live in the parameters of which these natural things can provide which in human case is about 120 years. So that you call a natural body. It is a physical body that is alive based on natural truth. That's why you say to eat natural foods. But it can only last a certain period of time because you have a natural body. It doesn't make the body not physical if I say, "natural body", it's still a physical body but the source is natural.

Now if I say, "a spiritual body", it can be likened unto saying a steam train or an electric train. If I say, "an electric train", which are the most powerful trains in the world, or I say, "a steam train", both of them are trains. Both of them are physical. The way they look is a bit different. If you take an old steam train and you take one of these high speed German trains or the high speed trains in China, you might think, "What is this? Is this an airplane or is this a train? I don't know but I know it's a train." So it's like you are not sure but you know for sure that it's a train because if you take a high speed train, you would say that this doesn't look like a train. You are in the inside of it and it has airplane seats and all the technology in it and you will say, "Well, it sure doesn't look like a train but it is a train." It's almost like Jesus when He was raised and He appeared to them and ate with them. They knew who He was but no one dared to ask, "Who are you?", because there was a kind of a thing like, "I don't know who You are, but I know who You are."

The electric train is a physical train and it is powered by electricity. The steam train is a physical train but it is powered by steam. In the very same way, the spiritual body is not a spirit as much as what a steam train is not steam and as much as an electric train is not electricity. In the very same way, a spiritual body is not a spirit but it's a physical body that finds it's source of life not in the natural but in the supernatural power of God. As what you would find in an old train that would be put in the junkyard, and then that steel would be melted and reshaped and reformed and a brand new electric train would be built from it, in the very same way I believe our physical bodies, when it dies, will be reshaped and reformed. The same material will be used but a brand new body which functions from a new power source which is as physical as the other one was. Actually I would say more physical, because the first physical body could end. In other words, it could only be physical for a certain period of time and then it starts to dissolve in its elements. But the second physical body, the one of the resurrection is greater than the other one, more physical, for it is eternally physical since it's source is an unending source. Glory to God! Now, with that in mind, we find the power of that belief bring forth a brand new life in us. Glory to God.

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