

## Kingdoms of Man

### Part Ten

(Humility)

So that no one becomes upset with my arrogance in giving mankind a demotion; here is the chain of thought that describes the, lower than, more fully. First, we are flesh. Since we are flesh, we are not, now, pure spirit.

*There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.*

*Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*

*Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?*

*Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.*

(John 3:1-7)

For our further edification, the Bible describes the nature of the angels.

*And of the angels he saith,  
Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.*

*Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?*

(Hebrews 1:7, 14)

Additionally, Scripture tells us of one of the benefits of being an angel in Heaven.

*At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?*

*And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever*

*therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*

*And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.*

*But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!*

*Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.*

*Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.*

(Matthew 18:1-10)

Unregenerate man cannot behold the face of the Father. This fact places mankind in a position that is lower than the angels, even if there was nothing else different about mankind and the angels. This is a limitation that the LORD declared to Moses.

*And Moses said unto the LORD, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight. Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people.*

*And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.*

*And he said unto him, If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence. For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? is it not in that thou goest with us? so shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth.*

*And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name.*

*And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory.*

*And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will*

*proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.*

*And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live.*

(Exodus 33:12-20)

There is, too, a logical way of arriving at the conclusion that there is something different about mankind and the angels. This truth is contained in the fact that there will come a day when we will be transformed to a status that is as the angels. Therefore, there must be a difference; for, in order for us to be transformed to a status that is as the angels, we must be at a status that is not as the angels. Jesus Christ taught us about our pending transformation.

*Then came to him certain of the Sadducees, which deny that there is any resurrection; and they asked him, Saying,*

*Master, Moses wrote unto us, If any man's brother die, having a wife, and he die without children, that his brother should take his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother.*

*There were therefore seven brethren: and the first took a wife, and died without children. And the second took her to wife, and he died childless. And the third took her; and in like manner the seven also: and they left no children, and died. Last of all the woman died also. Therefore in the resurrection whose wife of them is she? for seven had her to wife.*

*And Jesus answering said unto them, The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage: But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.*

(Luke 20:27-36)

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Even though mankind is a little lower than the angels, prior to the resurrection; there should be no anguish about this difference. The kingdom of man was erected for us, as a way of giving us more than enough to do, so that we will not fret about having nothing to do.

*Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever*

*passeth through the paths of the seas.*

*O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!*

(Psalm 8:6-9)

In fact, in the hierarchy that consists of, God, angels, gods and man; we can attain to a choice position without leaving the kingdom of man. When we set our minds on walking in the way of the LORD, in righteousness, and honoring His truth, we will gain access to the third lower tier of power. When we honor the LORD'S truth, we will become gods. Actually, I must be totally straightforward about things; we can enter that third lower tier by just knowing good and evil. In the time of the beginning, the woman received an introduction to this truth about our nature.

*And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.*

(Genesis 3:4-5)

The LORD confirmed the extract of truth that the serpent bestowed on the woman.

*Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them. And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.*

(Genesis 3:21-23)

However, before you go Babel on me . . .

Huh; what does it mean to, go Babel?

This is what it means.

*And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly.*

*And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.*

*And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.*

*And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one*

*language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.*

*So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.*

(Genesis 11:1-9)

Okay, I will try to stop using shortened expressions to represent spiritual admonitions.

Using modern pieces of the kingdom of man, as included in this request to you; before you start to try to make your spaceship to heaven, meditate on these words of the Psalmist about that third lower tier status.

*A Psalm of Asaph.*

*God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods. How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked?*

*Selah.*

*Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked. They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.*

*I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High.*

(Psalm 82:1-6)

Focusing too much on the potency of our position will not help us achieve the mission that has been set for the kingdom of man. We have to stay with the flow of the kingdom, as shown in the Bible. Take some time, and ponder the following; you will need this understanding for the next part.

*Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will show thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee. When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.*

*For the LORD'S portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.*

