

# LET THERE BE LIGHT

Broadcasting the Love  
of God in a Dark World

# THE POINT

Our relationship with God determines our conversation (behavior) towards others. The depth of our vertical relationship with God defines the reach and effectiveness of our horizontal relationships with others.

# OVERVIEW

- God's Word frames the Universe.
- Words are spiritual implements.
- The Two Laws summarize God's will.
- Sin dramatically impacts our relationships.
- We live in two realms: spiritual and material.
- The Holy Spirit guides us in our relationships.

# God's Word Frames the Universe

- He formed the physical universe by His Word. Gen 1:1-5; John 1:1-5
- His Word sustains its continuity. Heb 1:1-3
- The visible world (material) is a veneer on the invisible realm (spiritual). Heb 11:3; Heb 12:18-29

# Words Are Spiritual Implements

- His words are spirit and life – John 6:57-63
- Sword of the Spirit – Eph 6:17
- Life and Death – Prov 18:21
- Blessing and Cursing – Deut 30:15-20; James 3:2-12

# We Live in Two Realms

- There is convergence between the spiritual realm and the physical realm.
- There are two kingdoms in conflict: the kingdom of light and the kingdom of darkness.

# Spiritual and Physical Convergence

- Jacob at Bethel – Genesis 28:10-19
  - Gate of heaven: v. 17
  - Gates of hell: Matt 16:15-19
- Mahanaim – Genesis 32:1-2
  - Two camps, angelic and human: v. 2
  - Two camps, both human: v. 7
- Chariots of Fire – 2 Kings 6:15-17
- Architecture of Man – 1 Thes 5:23

# Kingdoms in Conflict

- Kingdom of Light – Col 1:13
- The power of darkness – Acts 26:18



# The Two Laws

- All the Law and the Prophets – Matt 22:36-40
- Love God – Deut 6:5
- Love Neighbor – Lev 19:9-18

# Love God

<b>Deut 6:5</b>	<b>Matt 22:37</b>	<b>Luke 10:27</b>	<b>1 Thes 5:23</b>
Heart	Heart	Heart	Spirit
Soul	Soul	Soul	Soul
Might		Strength	Body

# Love Neighbor – Lev 19:9-18

- Leave food for the poor and stranger – vv. 9-10
- Don't steal, lie, swear falsely – vv. 11-12
- Don't defraud, rob, or withhold – v. 13
- Don't afflict the handicapped – v. 14
- Judge righteously – v. 15
- No slander or false accusation – v. 16
- Show love through open rebuke and forgiveness – vv. 17-18

# Sin Dramatically Impacts Our Relationships

- God's communication to man chronologically
- Man and Woman before the Fall.
- Adam and Eve after the Fall.
- Walking in the Blood.

# And God Said...

- Vertical Commandment – Gen 2:16-17
- Horizontal Commandment – Gen 2:24
- Blessing – Gen 1:28

Harmony with God + Harmony with  
one another = Blessing  
(Ps 133:1-3)

# Man and Woman Before the Fall

- THEIR name was Adam – Gen 5:1-2
- Help meet – Gen 2:18
  - Ezer, OT:5828, aid (Ps. 33:20)
  - 'azar, OT:5826, to surround or protect (1 Chr 12:1, 17-22)
- Flesh of flesh, bone of bone – Gen 2:22-23
- Naked and unashamed – Gen 2:25

# After the Fall

- Covered in loincloths and hiding – Gen 3:7-8
- Adam called her Eve – Gen 3:20

Sin affects how we see each other and behave toward one another. 1 John 1:1-7

# The Holy Spirit Guides Us

- Brings the commandments of Christ to our remembrance. John 14:23-26
- Convicts of sin, righteousness, and judgment. John 16:7-15



# Sin, Righteousness, Judgment

Sin	What not to do	Don't do drugs
Righteousness	What to do	Get someone else off drugs
Judgment	Who we do it to	Get the drug dealer

# Ministering Grace

- No corrupt communication – Eph 4:29-32
- Salted words – Col 4:6
- Know how to answer – 1 Pet 3:15