


## A Window into the Spiritual Realm



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## My prayer for you



- I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better. (Ephesians 1:17)
- I pray that you are transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. (Romans 12:2)

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## Would you like to fulfil the purpose for which you were created?

- God made plans for you before you were born
  - Psalm 139:14, 16
  - Ephesians 2:10
- Satan does not want God's plan for your life to succeed.
  - John 10:10a.
- Jesus wants you to succeed. He instructs angels to help you.
  - John 10:10b.

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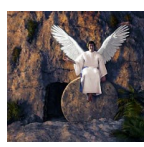
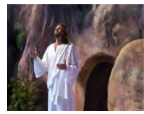
## What right do you have to be in God's presence?

- Holy of Holies hidden behind a veil or curtain
- High Priest had access
- Jesus died. Curtain or veil torn
  - Matthew 27:51.
- You are a part of a Royal Priesthood
  - 1 Peter 2:9

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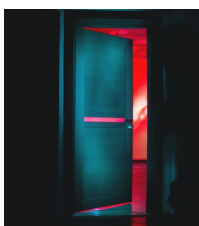
## The King of Kings paid for His Kingdom

- Jesus Redeemed us.
- Angel rolled the stone away
  - Matthew 28:2
- Jesus is King and has all authority
  - Matt 28:18

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## Purpose of Jesus's ministry

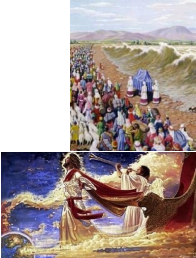


- Jesus came to open our eyes to the truth
  - Luke 4:18
- We are to set the prisoners and oppressed free. Helps to know how they became so
- Do you know that you are free?

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### The King of Kings preparing His Kingdom

- You advance His Kingdom as ambassadors and conquerors
- You are the enforce His rights and remove demonic influence and presence
- Do this like Joshua
- Final purpose
  - Revelation 11:15.



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We are invited to confidently approach God the Father


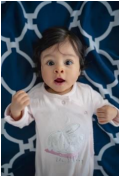



- Hebrews 10:19-22

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### Know that you live under open access to heaven



- The Heavens were opened when Jesus was baptized.
  - Matthew 3:16 God knows everything past, present and future. He is everywhere. He has accepted you as you are.
- There is nothing between you and God's love.
  - Romans 8:37-39
- If you believe that you have a right to access into a place, you are more likely to enter into it.

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### Jesus is our "stairway" to Heaven


- Jacob saw a stairway to heaven with God at its summit.
  - Genesis 28:12-13
- Jesus said that He is the one who enables access to Heaven. Open Heavens means angelic activity.
  - John 1:51
- Jesus is the way to the Father
  - John 14:6

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### Understanding the Three Heavens or realms

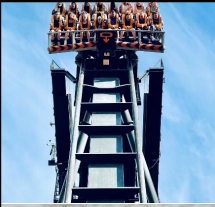

- First Heaven – Where we live
  - John 17:15-16
  - Romans 14:17
- Second Heaven – Spiritual Realm where the angels and demons are.
  - Ephesians 6:12
  - Daniel 10:13
- Third Heaven – Where God resides
  - Throne room
  - Council of God
  - Courts of Heaven
  - Paradise




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### Choose to be available and fully committed to God.

- Be available to being blessed by God
- Our hearts are to be fully committed to Him
  - 2 Chronicles 16:9a.
- God provides resources to succeed in our assignments
- Let your motives for prayer be prioritised on God's agenda.

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### Remember your relationship

- If we relate to God through a need, we will only come to Him when we have a need. We then have a TRANSACTIONAL (consumer) relationship that is self focused.
- God the Father has accepted you as His child.
  - Romans 8:16-17
- You are invited to operate in the gifts from a RELATIONAL (Son or Daughter) Authority, not from a POSITIONAL (servant) authority.
  - John 5:19

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### God progressively reveals His perspective



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### Open your senses to the spiritual reality.


- If you have given your life to Jesus, you are spiritually with Him.
  - 1 Corinthians 6:17
- Even though you are physically on Earth, you are spiritually seated with Jesus in Heaven. You have a place of honour.
  - Ephesians 2:6
- This gives you open access to the spiritual realm and the gifts of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



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### Benefits of seeing into the spiritual realm


- You are called to focus on, and live in reaction to, God's light. If we do, God sets your agenda. If you focus on the world, it sets your agenda.
- God has chosen to give you the ability to see into the spiritual realm, or know what is happening, for His purposes.
- Evangelism
  - What is the spiritual state of a person.
  - What is holding them back from accepting Jesus.
- Is there a spiritual attack?
  - Are demons attacking.
  - What type of demons are they?
  - What right do they have to act?
  - How to resist or fight them?



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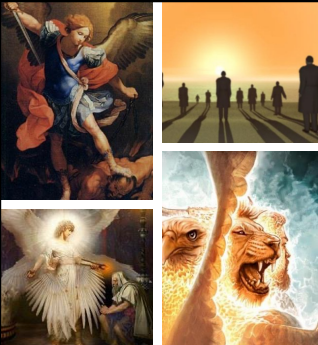
- Concern for loved ones
  - Where are they?
  - What are they doing?
  - What do they need?
- If someone is far away, physically, mentally, emotionally or spiritually, what are they doing and what do they need
- What is happening in someone's home, office, shop, playground, etc?
- Can you bless another group or church?
- What is God doing or planning to do?



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### Angels and spiritual beings

- The term Angel comes from the Greek word *Ángelos*, which originated from the Hebrew word for messenger, *Mal'akh*.
- The words "angel", "cherubim" and "seraphim" are mentioned 365 times in the Bible.
- 104 of them refer to angels interacting with, and giving revelations to, people.
- The Bible only has 20 direct references to speaking in tongues



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### Types of Spiritual beings in Scripture

Types of angels	Scripture reference
God is Jehovah Sabaoth meaning Lord of Hosts or Lord of the Angel Armies	1 Samuel 1:3, Romans 9:29 and James 5:4
Seraphim (Burning ones), Michael, Gabriel	Isaiah 6:2
Cherubim (Garden of Eden, place of atonement)	Genesis 3:24, Exodus 25:18 & John 20:12
Ministering Angels (Including refreshing in specific situations)	Hebrews 1:14, Matthew 4:11, Luke 22:43
Matchmaking Angel	Genesis 24:7
Angels that appear in human form to minister to us	Hebrews 13:2
Angel of His Presence	Isaiah 63:9, Exodus 3:2-6

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Healing Angels (Raphael) (Addresses spiritual reason behind the delay in healing)	John 5:4; Malachi 4:2;
Destroyer Angel	Genesis 19:13; 2 Samuel 24:16-17; 1 Corinthians 10:10; Matthew 13:41
Angels that enlightens His people and facilitates what is prophesied	Zechariah 1:10-11, Daniel 10:21
Angel of Awakening	Zechariah 4:1
Angel of Harvest	Revelation 14:15
Personal Angel (Guardian function)	Matthew 18:10; Acts 12:7,15; 27:23
Angels of Protection	Psalm 91:4,11; Daniel 6:22;

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### Do we need Angels?



- An angel told Mary and Joseph about Jesus (Luke 1:26-27, Matthew 1:20-21)
- Jesus was ministered to by an Angel when He was in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:43).
- Peter was helped out of prison in (Acts 12:7)
- Paul was ministered to by an angel during a storm in (Acts 27:23)
- If Mary, Joseph, Jesus, Paul, and Peter needed angels at key times, there will be times when God knows that you will need them.

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### Do angels have wings?

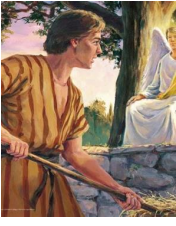


- No wings (Ministering spirits don't need to fly)
  - Hebrews 13:2
- 6 Wings (Cherubim and Seraphim)
  - Isaiah 6:2
  - Revelation 4:8
- Noisy wings
  - Ezekiel 10:5

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### Angels are God's servants and mankind's helpers

- Angels are focussed on achieving the purpose given to them by God.
- We bless God by cooperating
- Some angels adapt to the situation. Gideon (Judges 6:11-22)
- We can ask God for their intervention or help.
- They may carry a specific anointing
- Do not fear them. (Luke 2:10)
- Sent to protect those who fear God. (Psalm 34:7)



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### Do you feel that you are in a spiritual maze?



- Frequently, the greater your assignment, the greater the adversity
- Blockages can lead to despair
  - 1 Corinthians 10:13
- Jesus may join with you to help you go through the issue.
- Grace can bring maturity
  - 2 Corinthians 12:9
- Holy Spirit will sometimes send angels to help you

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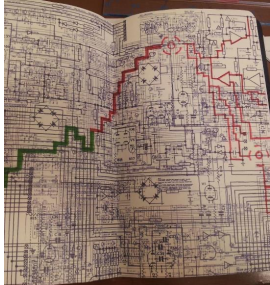
### Don't waste the Angel on assignment



- God may send His Angel ahead of you.
  - Exodus 23:20, 20
- God's promises can be absolute or conditional
- His assignment is frequently greater than your natural abilities.
- You may only know His protection and guidance when you look backwards.
- Faith is built slowly as a gift

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### Angels help us achieve God's plans and purposes



- Prayer prompted by the Holy Spirit is in alignment with God's spirit.
- Angels may bring you, or nudge you, to go to a particular place at a particular time.
- God may have a plan that will affect you or help in growing God's Kingdom.

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### Angels – Character



- Angels are happy to stay in the background.
- Their focus is to bring glory to God not themselves.
  - Rev 22:8-9
- Angels focus on their role not the person's spiritual state of the person.
- They reflect God's character including His love
- They love worshipping

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### Do Angels understand failure?



- We are designed and empowered to succeed in God's terms.
  - Psalm 37:23
- The angels presume that we will achieve God's purposes.
  - Isaiah 55:11
- Angels discern time in eternal terms.

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### Roles of Holy Spirit vs Angel

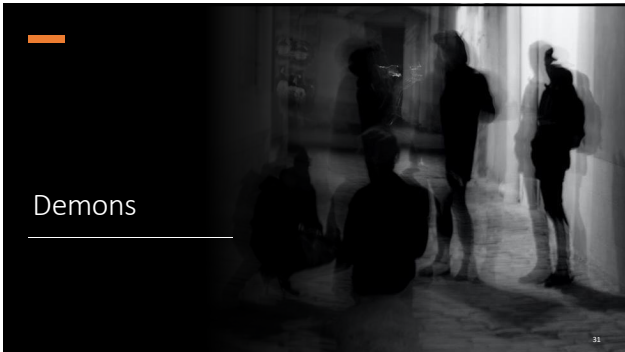
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### Activation of Angel

- Heavenly Father, bless
  - my aged mother who is living by herself. May your Angels protect her from harm.
  - my son who is climbing in the Himalayas. May your Angels guide his steps.
- Heavenly Father please release your Angels to bring healing, protection ..
- In the Name of Jesus, please release your Angels to bind and remove the demonic forces harassing my son/daughter/friend
- In the Name of Jesus, I loose the fire of God (from the Throne Room of God) on the demonic forces coming against my Church (by activating Your Holy Angels).
- Heavenly Father, please loose the Destroyer angels to uproot the Spirit of control in my family/ youth in my community/in my nation.

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### Demons in Scripture

- Animals & living creatures (Ecclesiastes 3:21) (Ezekiel 1:20)
- Antichrist (1 John 4:3)
  - Against Christ
- Bondage to fear (Romans 8:15)
  - False evidence appearing real, e.g. addictions, loss, rejection
- Deception (1 Timothy 4:1)
  - Believe that something is not true or real
- Despair (Isaiah 61:3)
  - All hope is lost, or absent, OR everything is wrong, and nothing will turn out well.
- Divination (Acts 16:16)
  - To gain insight into an issue or a situation occult rituals
- Falsehood (1 John 4:6)
  - Lying
- Impurity (Zechariah 13:2)
  - Uncleaness as opposed to holy.

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### Demons in Scripture

- Infirmity (Luke 13:11 NKJV)
  - Sickness
- Jealousy (Numbers 5:14)
  - Thoughts and feelings of insecurity, fear, concern, and anxiety over an anticipated loss of status or something of great personal value, particularly in reference to a human connection.
- Prostitution and separation from God. (Hosea 4:12)
- Seizures (Matthew 17:15)
  - Spiritually started epilepsy
- Temptation (1 Thessalonians 3:5)
  - Tempted into sin, or thoughts and actions that separate you from God
- Unclean demon (Luke 4:32-34)
  - Promotes wickedness
- World (1 Corinthians 2:12)
  - Satan as prince of this world

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### Demons that are apparent from experience

- Incubus (“male” sexual demon) and Succubus (“female” sexual demon) spirits
- Jezebel spirits
- Leviathan spirit
- Athaliah spirit.
- Adonijah Spirit
- Territorial spirits



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### Demons that are apparent from experience

- Familiar spirits
- Spirits that physically touch your body
  - Job 4:15-16
- Spirits that move through walls, doors, windows, floors and ceilings
- Spirits that affect the atmosphere
  - Physical temperature drops
  - Smell of sulphur

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### Consequence of not wanting to see from God’s perspective

- The spiritual realm is always there
- Demonic forces will try to hurt or corrupt you.
  - Ephesians 6:12
- They may cause difficulties in wherever we live.
- Visibility and awareness helps in dealing with them

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### How Demons gain authority or influence over us



- Demons feed on and intensify our negative thoughts and emotions
- We may fear "backlash".
- They encourage ungodly solutions to problems
- They want us to doubt that God is who He says that He is.
- They may suggest God is withholding answers, when they are the obstruction.

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### Do not fear demonic forces

- Jesus will always be with us
  - Matthew 28:20
- Holy Spirit or the Spirit of Jesus is in you
  - 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.
  - 1 John 4:4
- Know, speak and stand in faith in the Word of God in its context
  - James 4:7



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### Dealing with demons – Authority

- Your authority (Sign of receiving salvation)
  - Mark 16:16-17
- Your primary weapon in spiritual warfare is prayer and knowing and speaking the word of God in context.
  - 1 John 4:4
- Deal with demonic distraction through prayer and deliverance with people that you trust.

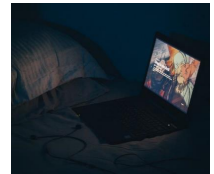


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### Dealing with demons – Prioritise on God's word

- Ungodly viewing or reading can lead to an openness to fear and dreams.
- Purify your mindset through meditating on God's word and inviting the Holy Spirit to sanctify you.
- We minimize demonic influence by staying close to God and repenting.
  - James 4:7



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### Dealing with demons – Destroying idols



Anubis

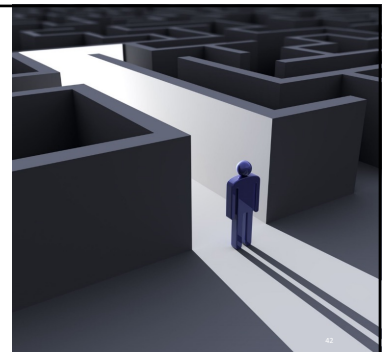
- Ask the Holy spirit to show you if anything that you own should be destroyed. Do so.
  - Deuteronomy 7:25
- Command the connected demon to leave or be silent

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### Seeing into the spiritual realm

- 2 Corinthians 4:18



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### Choosing to gain our spiritual eyesight or insight

- The degree to which you choose to engage with the spiritual realm determines your level of understanding.
- You always have a choice
- Each person can sense or see at different levels.
- Spiritual gifts aid our spiritual insight and senses.

You didn't tell me

I didn't know



I didn't ask

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### Learning to be

- The primary goal of seeing into the Spiritual realm is to see from God's perspective and know Him more.
- This way you will know what is not of God.
- God doesn't hide things **from** us. He hides them **for** us.
  - Proverbs 25:2

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I pray that you allow the Holy Spirit to open the "eyes" of your heart".

- Ephesians 1:18

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## RIGHT?

Discerning rather than seeing



- Know that you may not see or sense in detail.
  - Job 4:15-16.
- The Holy Spirit offers you the gift of discernment to distinguish between God's forces and demonic forces.
  - 1 Corinthians 10
  - Hebrews 5:14.

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### Being connected to the Holy Spirit

- You are in Christ and connected directly to the Holy Spirit
- This gives you a choice to be a channel of His power.
  - Ephesians 1:13
- Be conscious of the Holy Spirit as you live out each day.
  - Galatians 5:16


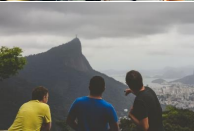



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### Being guided by the Holy Spirit

- Ask the Holy Spirit for discernment about your concerns.
- Be curious. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you. The Holy Spirit can reveal what is happening in the Spiritual realm and what God is doing.



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### Digging for insight



- How did God lead Ezekiel and Jeremiah to see in the spiritual realm?
  - Ezekiel 8:7-8
  - Jeremiah 1:12-13
- The more you seek God's revelation, the deeper your understanding.
- When you lean in, you will hear His heart for you.
- This can change your paradigm of what to expect.

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### Prophecy


- God shares His plans through Prophecy
- It is being in the Spiritual Realm.
- Seer prophets see what is coming against His church.
- We can pray in faith for the spiritual eyes to be opened
  - 2 Kings 6:17

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### Being in the Spirit (realm)

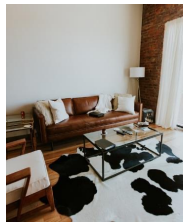
- When we are in the Spirit, we react to the sounds of Heaven
  - Revelation 1:10
  - Revelation 1:12



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### How to explain what is going on in the spiritual realm?



- Imagine trying to explain what your room looks like to someone who has never seen your room.
  - Broad. Detailed. History.
- Everything that God does, and reveals to us is for a purpose.
- It can be linked to your personality and beliefs and experiences



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### Unity in the Body of Christ

- The Church is more powerful when its people are praying in the Spirit and operating in the gifts of God together in unity.
- Use God's gifts to help know Him better.
  - Ephesians 6:18
- A church operating with genuine love for each other creates fear in the enemy

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Seeing into the Spiritual realm process

- We pray in faith, knowing that God knows what we need and what we can handle. We can trust Him.
  - Hebrews 11:1.

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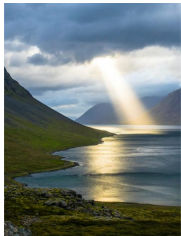
### Background to accessing the Spiritual realm

- Your Spirit-filled life is the environment in which the ability to understand the Spiritual realm develops.
- Be open to other gifts operating as you seek.
- Remember the gifts that you have and are comfortable with. God has already given these to you for His purposes. This can include worship
- Seek further insight based on that confidence.
- The Holy Spirit will initiate the vision or sensing
- Visions, words and sensations may start simply. They become progressively clearer and more substantial
- Pray with patience, integrity and intentionality
- Practice leads to maturity and certainty



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### My hope. Learn with encouragement





- I will pray for God to open your spiritual eyesight. It helps if you agree with the prayer by saying Amen.
- I want this to be a safe environment so that you learn how to move in the Spirit.

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### Process – Seeing into, or sensing, the Spiritual realm. Personal angel exercise


- *Heavenly Father I do not want anyone to miss out on anything that you want to bless them with or reveal to them.*
- *I pray that God's perfect love drives out any fear*
- *As one who sees into the spiritual realm, In Jesus name, I bless your eyes to see, your ears to hear, and your sense of knowing, so that the spiritual realm will be revealed to you.*
- *In Jesus name, I command any spiritual veil to be removed from you right now.*
- *Holy Spirit, please open the spiritual senses of the people listening to me so that the spiritual realm is opened to them.*
- *Help them discern where their angels are.*



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- Be ready for the Holy Spirit to do more than you expect.
- If you feel more comfortable, close your physical eyes. It is hard to focus when you are distracted.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal where your Angel is.
- You may be aware of images appearing in your mind
- If in doubt, choose somewhere to look that makes sense to you.
- Look towards that place with your eyes open



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- Look for things that are different, big or small, a blurry image, light or shadow or an angel.
- The vision may progressively unfold, as in layers as you focus on it and ask the Holy Spirit for clarity.
- Believe for it
- Later today, go and find a place of peace. Ask "Jesus, where are you in the room?" Expect Him to reveal his presence.




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### My hope for you. Learn with encouragement

- After you have prayed to see or sense where the Angel is;
  - Don't worry about not seeing or hearing or sensing everything immediately. It is a process of learning and discovery
  - You may feel that you saw something with your eyes open or closed.
  - You may have sensed, perceived or felt something from the Holy Spirit
  - You may have felt unsure
- If you are comfortable doing so, it might help others if you can share what you feel that you saw or sensed.
- Does anyone want to share?



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### Seeing the face of God?

- Before Jesus, we could not see the face of God. Moses reflected His glory
  - Exodus 33:20
- When we see Jesus, we see the Father
  - John 14:8-9
- When Jesus ascended into Heaven, He sat down next to the Father. We are spiritually seated next to Jesus, who is seated next to the Father.
  - 2 Corinthians 3:18.

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### Seeing into the throne room of God


- You have been invited to approach the third Heaven (2 Corinthians 12:2).
  - Hebrews 4:16
  - Rev 4:1
- Close your eyes
- *Holy Spirit, In the name of Jesus, open the spiritual eyesight of the people listening to me to see into the 3<sup>rd</sup> heaven. Help them discern, with their spiritual eyesight, the glory of the throne room of God.*
- Ask the Holy Spirit to bring you into the 3<sup>rd</sup> heaven. Look at everything there.



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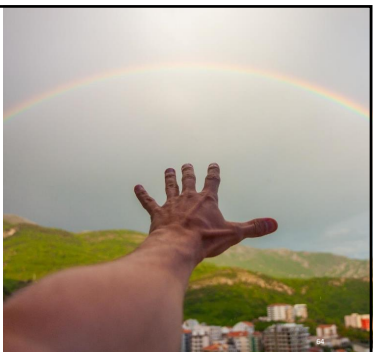
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### I bless you with God's peace

- Numbers 6:24-26
- The Lord bless you and keep you.
- The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
- The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.
- Amen



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### Questions and answers



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