

*PART II*  
*NATURAL SPIRITUAL DIVIDE OR NOT*  
**THE NATURAL AND SPIRITUAL DIVIDE AND MIRROR IMAGE**  
**CHAPTER 6**

If we believe that both the spiritual and natural world are divided like Plato and Augustine believed then it will distort our perception of our powerful God and the miracles He can do and is doing. Many who strongly embrace Augustine and/or Calvinism rarely see the supernatural, healings or miracles. Unfortunately it is a doctrine rooted in unbelief. Why? Because to understand healings and miracles one has to view that the spiritual and natural world are integrated as one. We also have to rise up and use our God-given authority. This precept is not something that is emphasized in Calvinism. In Calvinism one passively accepts everything that happens in life as God's will.

One way to define a supernatural miracle or healing is that the invisible realm has affected or infiltrated the physical realm. Heaven has invaded earth! This does not happen by adapting an attitude of whatever will be will be. We need to understand our God-given authority, that was given to us in the beginning of creation and then use it. Without understanding our God-given authority miracles, healings, the supernatural will be almost extinct!

Most reading this book would agree that miracles, healings, signs and wonders are a big part of preaching, teaching, living and proclaiming the full Gospel. These supernatural occurrences throughout the book of Acts and Christianity today draw multitudes to salvation in Christ. Those who embrace the idea that in life, God is the source of good and evil, and hence never question their predicaments, but meekly accept everything as the will or plan of God will never experience any supernatural miracles, healings, signs and wonders, unless despite of what they do, it's by a sovereign move of God. Much of this belief system breeds passivity, laziness, weakness, physical pain, and suffering supposedly for His glory, and unbelief when it comes to the supernatural power of God. It also breeds a false religious humility, loaded with arrogance and pride. This doctrine embraces everything in this life as the will of God. What happens when things go awry, who gets blamed? God! The attitude is "look at me and how I endure and love this God of love and anger who sends tribulations my way, who is working all things for my good." All the miracles, healings, signs and wonders that take place are because of His grace, but at the same time He expects us to press in for these things with faith in Him and not have a passive attitude of 'whatever will be will be.'

Some might say, "If God is in control, why is there so much poverty, murder, death, famine, and other morbid happenings in the world? Surely if a powerful God is in control, He would stop this." Who is in control of the earth, God or mankind? Mankind! God is not responsible for the evil things happening on this planet. **Either mankind and/or demons are** to blame for the most part, God will only take control to do good if we give Him the right to! He works in partnership with mankind because **He gave earth to mankind!** *The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's; But the earth He has given to the children of men* (Psalms 115:16). Many early church leaders taught that if evil is rampant on this earth it is because of the choices mankind is making and or evil spirits/fallen angels. Augustine came along around 400AD and contradicted what the Bible and early church leaders taught on this subject.

**Mirror Image**

Matthew 16:19 (Amp) Jesus says, *I will give you the keys (authority) of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind [forbid, declare to be improper and unlawful] on earth will have [already] been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose [permit, declare lawful] on earth will have [already] been loosed in heaven.*” We need to use our God given authority to forbid or loose things in both the natural and spiritual realm. If negative things are happening on earth, believers have the authority to bring about positive change. In this verse Jesus is talking about changing the spiritual atmosphere to see permanent change in the physical realm. One precept of Greek philosophy and promoted by Augustine is that **the spiritual realm has preeminence over the physical realm**. This is most certainly true! However Jesus, the Jews, and the early church did not separate the spiritual and physical realms as taught in Greek philosophy. If we will affect the spiritual realm we can see numerous miracles or circumstances change for the better in the physical realm, with heaven’s assistance. Spirit filled Christians have the authority and the power of Holy Spirit to change the spiritual realm and then in turn the physical realm and the circumstances around them.

Jesus said this is *the keys of the kingdom of heaven*. If you have the keys of a kingdom, everything in that kingdom is at your disposal. Heaven is the primary kingdom of the entire universe. Jesus has given us and wants us to use the keys of the kingdom of Heaven (the invisible or spiritual realm).

Some of what Jesus talks about in Matthew 16:19, is based on the concept of *mirror image*. This implies affecting the spiritual realm for success in the physical realm. It might be difficult for men to understand this principle but not for women. Women get up in the morning and stand before a mirror. If something does not look good they change it. Some might take hours doing this but once they step out they are completely transformed. My wife Sharmila often says “IF YOU DO NOT LIKE WHAT YOU SEE CHANGE IT! That is exactly what the principle of mirror image is about. Jesus gave us the keys to change what is happening in the physical realm by reflecting heaven on this earth. He gave us the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven to bring this about.

I personally believe for the most part everything that happens in the physical realm, such as miracles or a move of Holy Spirit came as a result of affecting the spiritual realm first. We need to affect the spiritual realm to see results in the physical realm. We need to reflect heaven on the Earth, just like a reflection in a mirror. The Israelites understood this concept and were in tune to the spiritual realm. They knew that if they could affect the spiritual realm they would see great success in the physical realm.

2 Chronicles 20 is a good example of the principle of ‘Mirror Image’ demonstrated throughout the Old Testament. This principle was something easy for the people Jesus ministered to, to understand because they considered the spiritual and physical realms as one. They did not separate the two realms. Judah called upon the living God with fasting and prayer to affect the spiritual and the natural realm. King Jehoshaphat did this when the combined armies of Moab, Ammon and others besieged Judah and there appeared no way out for Judah (Ref. 2 Chronicles 20:1-30). They were greatly outnumbered!

After praying, fasting, operating in faith and affecting the spiritual realm God spoke through a prophet in 2 Chronicles 20:15, *“And he said, Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the Lord to you: Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God’s.”* King Jehoshaphat understood that God would deliver Judah from the vast enemy army and instead of

sending soldiers out to face the enemy, he sent the praise and worship teams to worship God before the enemy. Worship is powerful in affecting the spiritual realm. As they were praising God, the Lord sent ambushments (angels) against the enemy, and the enemy was defeated. All that was left when the worshippers arrived in the enemy's camp was corpses and all the spoils. These kind of events occurred time and time again in the Old Testament when the spiritual realm was affected, allowing great things to happen in the physical realm.

What are some of the things King Jehoshaphat did to reflect heaven on the earth? Fasting, prayer, speaking in faith, receiving and acting on a prophetic word, act in faith and worship. Everyone of those things mentioned affects the spiritual realm, causing great things to happen in the natural or physical realm.

### **Angels Move on our Behalf**

In Isaiah 37:36 the Lord sent one angel who killed 185,000 Assyrians, once again protecting Judah from the enemy. King Hezekiah prayed to the Lord, affecting the spiritual realm, and then saw results in the physical realm. Many nominal Christians think angels are just fat little naked babies as portrayed on stained glass windows. I guarantee you a fat little naked baby could not kill 185,000 people. Angels are powerful! Hebrews 1:14 says, *Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?*

Angels move on our behalf when we affect the spiritual realm and stand on the authority of God's Word. *Bless the Lord, you His angels, Who excel in strength, who do His word, Heeding the voice of His word. Bless the Lord, all you His hosts, You ministers of His, who do His pleasure* (Psalms 103:20-21). Angels excel in strength and heed the voice of His word. There is tremendous authority released when we stand on, confess and live by His Word. All heaven backs up His Word.

Jesus said in Luke 12:8-9 *“Also I say unto you, whoever confesses Me before men, Him the Son of Man will confess before the angels of God. But He who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God.”* When we are confessing Christ before men we are setting a spiritual force into motion. God's angels are going out to minister to the heirs of salvation.

The Babylonians understood and acted upon this principle of mirror image as well. The difference lay in the fact that they called upon demonic powers for victory. They built a city and buried it underground. Then they built the replica of that city above the ground in order to call upon the powers of the underworld. They affected the spiritual realm and as a result won great battles and conquered many in the physical realm, in their time. As Pastor Don Brockus, a Greek scholar shared with me mirror image is an old concept understood in many ancient cultures, e.g., Sumerian, Babylonian and Hebrew. Sumerian and Babylonian foundation prayer cones or spikes have been excavated and translated, and the purpose of those cones were to appease the underworld gods (they were placed at the corners of the underworld city and buried).

### **After Receiving Impartation Jesus and Angels Appear**

In August 2007 **Randy Clark** prayed for impartation over me in Castle Rock, Colorado. I did not experience an outward manifestation but received it by faith. In our ministry overseas we had been witnessing many mighty miracles and salvations. A little later our daughter Charisma and her friend saw an angel two stories tall walking through our home. A short time after that we left on a ministry trip to India. Our ministry was rapidly taken to a new level. Sharmila will share with you what transpired there and has now become a regular occurrence in our outreaches

in Northern India ever since 2007.

### **Hindus and Muslims See and Hear Jesus!**

#### **Fall 2007 Report by Sharmila Anderson**

*“Many times I find it extremely difficult to express in words the power, compassion and mercy of Jesus Christ. Our outreach in **Moradabad, India** was one such time. I will try my best to describe what happened there as Jesus tangibly revealed Himself to many Hindus and Muslims. Prior to our departure for this outreach Mark had mentioned that he sensed that this trip would be a turning point for the ministry in India, that something powerful was about to break forth!*

*We conducted a 5-day city wide, open-air campaign in Moradabad October 23- 27, 2007. During this period approximately 11,500 people decided to become Jesus’ followers, by surrendering to His Lordship, and many hundreds were healed of all kinds of ailments. Many of the people who testified of being healed said they either audibly heard Jesus’ voice, or saw Him face to face, or saw angels. One gentleman said he saw thousands of angels all over the campaign grounds.*

*From the first night we knew that Holy Spirit was pouring Himself out on hungry Hindus and Muslims, as many testified of being healed. Most did not get the opportunity to testify of their healing as it was getting very late and the meeting had to be closed down. By the final night, over 9,000 people had gathered, hungry to hear about Jesus. Many of them for the first time in their life.*

*On the first night **Mukesh Kumar** testified that during prayer for healing he told Jesus “if you are real I want to experience you.” Immediately he felt warmth in his body followed by coolness, and then a strong current went through him, after which he was fell to the ground. He arose knowing that Jesus was the true God and decided to follow Him.*

***Momine**, a young Muslim boy had no blood circulation on one side of his face, as a result of which he could not blink his eye. The Lord touched him and he was able to blink his eye and speak clearly.*

***Vandana** sat alone at the far end of the grounds. When we had people come forward for mass healing prayer she remained, sitting alone in the darkness. She suffered with seizures, asthma and was mentally tormented. During the mass healing prayer she saw someone walk towards her from the crowd. It was Jesus. He walked up to her, touched her, told her that everything will be OK and she was healed.*

***Sunil Massih** saw Jesus in the midst of the crowd along with thousands of angels. He said that one of the angels touched him.*

***Vineet Kumar**, 12 years old, suffered with severe pain in his lungs. He testified that someone touched him and he heard an audible voice say to him, “son you are healed! Go up and testify.” This young boy was extremely charged. He began to boldly praise Jesus in front of the huge crowd.*

*These are just a few of the healings that occurred. The blind saw, the deaf heard, cripples danced for joy, tumors dissolved, the demonized were set free, and individuals on their death beds were healed. The power of the Lord was present to heal! Many people testified that they literally **felt a presence reach into their bodies, pull the sickness out of them or put body parts back in place.***

***Neelam** - Was dying. She suffered with jaundice (swollen liver) and was bedridden. Jesus*

walked through her bedroom walls and appeared to her. He reached over and caressed her in bed, telling her to go the campaign and she would be healed! She came out to the campaign. After prayer she testified of her miraculous healing! It is really a good meeting when you have Jesus going door to door telling people to attend the meeting, because He would be showing up to heal many. You can not work up that kind of scenario. It's totally a grace thing. Heaven invading this natural realm!

The news of the campaign spread to surrounding towns and by the final night people had come from great distances to receive healing from Christ. The local television station covered the campaign, which was good publicity for us. Articles about the campaign, Jesus healing people and Mark's message appeared in newspapers too.

We have heard that on the Sunday after the campaign each church added an average of 5-6 new families. Healing testimonies continue to flow in. The pastors are determined to disciple all the souls harvested during this campaign. The media in Moradabad said that *THE TRUE GOD HAS VISITED OUR CITY AND HAS SHAKEN IT!*"

Now in our outreaches wherever we travel in India and Nepal we share of His ongoing miracles and He repeats the very ones we talk about time and time again. It now has become a regular occurrence for Jesus or angels to appear to people, or for people to feel an invisible hand ripping sickness out of their bodies or putting body parts back together.

Revelation 19:10 says *...For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.* Our focus has been the testimonies of Jesus rather than things that have not occurred yet. Why? When we focus on what He is doing and share about that it has prophetic power to foretell the future, that He can and will repeat the same miracle. *God shows personal favoritism to no man* (Galatians 2:6). If He does it for one He will do it for all. That has to be our focus!