

INVISIALITY: PARTNERING WITH HEAVEN

THE ART OF COOPERATION FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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"Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?"
(Gen. 18:25)



**AWARENESS OF
AND CHALLENGE
YOUR SPIRITUAL
UNDERSTANDING**



A scenic landscape featuring a range of mountains with patches of snow or light-colored rock. In the foreground, a calm body of water reflects the sky and the mountains. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds, with some blue visible between them. The overall tone is serene and majestic.

**The sky is filled with
stars, invisible by day.**

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



Living in Two Worlds

visible
Invisible

The background of the image is a dramatic sky at sunset or sunrise. The sky is a deep purple and blue, with wispy clouds illuminated from below by the setting or rising sun, creating a warm orange and yellow glow. In the foreground, the dark, silhouetted peaks of mountains are visible against the colorful sky.

*So we fix our eyes not on what is seen
but on what is unseen.*

*For what is seen is temporary, but
what is unseen is eternal. (2 Cor. 4:18)*

Submission to duty and God gives the highest energy. He, who has done the greatest work on earth, said that He came down from heaven, not to do His own will, but the will of Him who sent Him, Whoever allies himself with God is armed with all the forces of the invisible world.

James Freeman Clarke

TWO WORDS, WORLDS AND REALMS

TWO DEFINITIONS:

REALITY AND INVISIALITY

- We have **reality**, what we can see, feel and touch.
- Then there is, what we will call, **invisiality**, the state of invisible things not seen, but none less real.
- Therefore, *invisiality* is the ability and discipline to remain conscious of and cooperate with the vast invisible world where God operates.
- In this realm of the invisible, God governs the universe, guides His Church, and prepares His people for entrance into heaven.
- Consequently, one of our greatest objectives is to be aware of and cooperate with this unseen invisible heavenly world.



skyguide

Discover the stars night or day



T A U R U S

Hyades

Aldebaran

Rigel

O R I O N

Betelgeuse

M O N O C E R O S

C. 2227 Rocket

C A N I S M I N O R



**BIBLE EXAMPLES OF
PEOPLE WHO
ENCOUNTERED THE
INVISIBLE WORLD
AND TOLD ABOUT IT**



Enoch, Gen. 5:21-24 — Encouragement



And Enoch walked with God: and he was not;
for God took him.

Genesis 5:24

Enoch, Gen. 5:21-24 — Encouragement



Abraham and Isaac, Gen. 22:1-19 — Commitment



Abraham and Angels, Gen. 18:1-33 — Advocacy



Jacob, Gen. 28:10-22 — Hope



Moses, Ex. 3:1-17 — Calling



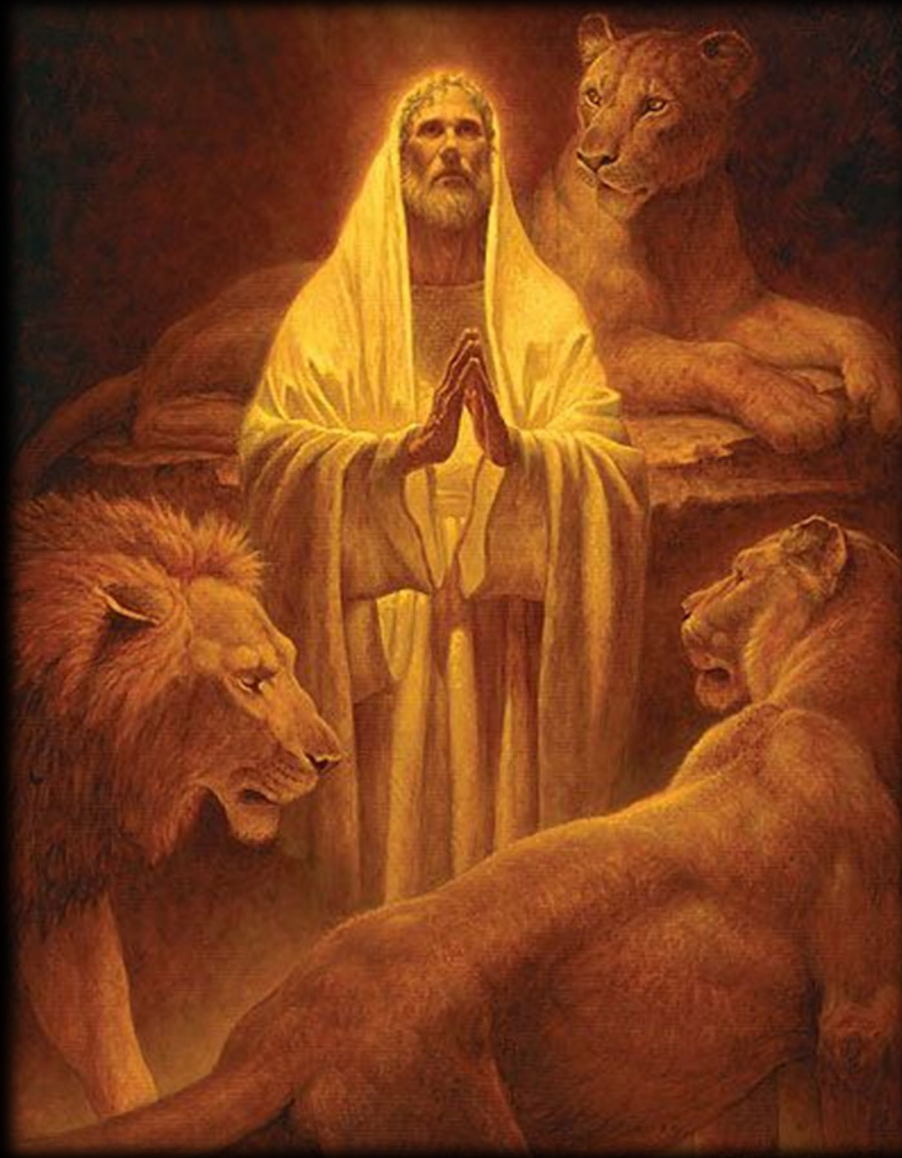
Israelites, Ex. 13:21-22 — Guidance



Elijah-Elisha, Ex. 13:21-22 — Potential



Three Hebrews, Dan. 3:13-26 — Protection



Daniel, Dan. 6:16-23 — Presence



Daniel, Dan. 10 — Prayer



Gabriel-Mary, Luke 1:26-38 — Mission



Christ-Disciples, Mat. 17:1-8 — Promises



John on Patmos, Revelation — Messages

**WHEN OUR EYES ARE
OPENED AND WE SEE
INVISIALITY, WHAT
MIGHT WE SEE?**

15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that [be] with us [are] more than they that [be] with them.



2 Kings 6:15-17

“If the veil which separates the visible from the invisible world could be lifted, and the people of God could behold the great controversy that is going on between Christ and holy angels and Satan and his evil hosts concerning the redemption of man; if they could understand the wonderful work of God for the rescue of souls from the bondage of sin, and the constant exercise of His power for their protection from the malice of the evil one, they would be better prepared to withstand the devices of Satan.

Their minds would be solemnized in view of the vast extent and importance of the plan of redemption and the greatness of the work before them as colaborers with Christ. They would be humbled, yet encouraged, knowing that all heaven is interested in their salvation” *E.G.W. (Counsels for the Church, pg. 350)*

❖ **Behind Separating Veil-Invisiality:**

- **Great Controversy.**
- **Work of Redemption**
- **Protecting Power from Evil.**

❖ **What Seeing Will Do-Empowering:**

- **Better Prepared to Resist**
- **Minds Would Be Solemnized**
- **Humbled and Encouraged**





Revive Us Again

*"I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams,
your young men will see visions.
Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days."*

~ Joel 2:28-29 ~



We, like Job, are on Display, Job 2 — Test

“I was shown Satan as he once was, a happy, exalted angel. Then I was shown him as he now is. He still bears a kingly form. His features are still noble, for he is an angel fallen. But the expression of his countenance is full of anxiety, care, unhappiness, malice, hate, mischief, deceit, and every evil.

“That brow which was once so noble, I particularly noticed. His forehead commenced from his eyes to recede. I saw that he had so long bent himself to evil that every good quality was debased, and every evil trait was developed. His eyes were cunning, sly, and showed great penetration. His frame was large, but the flesh hung loosely about his hands and face.

“As I beheld him, his chin was resting upon his left hand. He appeared to be in deep thought. A smile was upon his countenance, which made me tremble, it was so full of evil and satanic slyness. This smile is the one he wears just before he makes sure of his victim, and as he fastens the victim in his snare, this smile grows horrible.”

Us, like Job, in Controversy, SR-45 — Test

HOW CAN WE OPERATE OUR LIVES
IN THE *INVISIALITY* OF HEAVEN?

“With eternal realities in view we will habitually cultivate thoughts of the presence of God. This will be a shield against the incoming of the enemy; it will give strength and assurance, and lift the soul above fear. Breathing in the atmosphere of heaven, we will not be breathing the malaria of the world....”

Ellen White, Last Day Events, page 284.

**HOW THEN CAN WE
COOPERATE WITH THE
UNSEEN WORLD OF HEAVEN?**

THE CHALLENGE IS TO
M.A.T.C.H. UP WITH
GOD'S INVISIBLE DIVINE
AGENCIES OF HEAVEN.

SELF-CHECK YOURSELF ON
THE FOLLOWING...

Necessary Habits to Cooperate with Invisible World of Heaven

- M —
- A —
- T —
- C —
- H —

M-MINDSET ESSENTIAL

A COMMITTED ATTITUDE TO FOLLOW CHRIST WITH
ALL ONE'S HEART, MIND, SOUL AND SPIRIT

Daily, Make Full Complete and Re-Commitment

- I Corinthians 15:31 "I affirm, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our, Lord, I die daily."
- Steps to Christ, page 70: Principles of Daily Prayer...

"Consecrate yourself to God in the morning; make this your very first work. Let your prayer be, ¹Take me, O Lord, as wholly Thine. ²I lay all my plans at Thy feet. ³Use me today in Thy service. ⁴Abide with me, and ⁵let all my work be wrought in Thee." This is a daily matter. Each morning consecrate yourself to God for that day. Surrender all your plans to Him, to be carried out or given up as His providence shall indicate. Thus day by day you may be giving your life into the hands of God, and thus your life will be molded more and more after the life of Christ."

RENEWING

YOUR

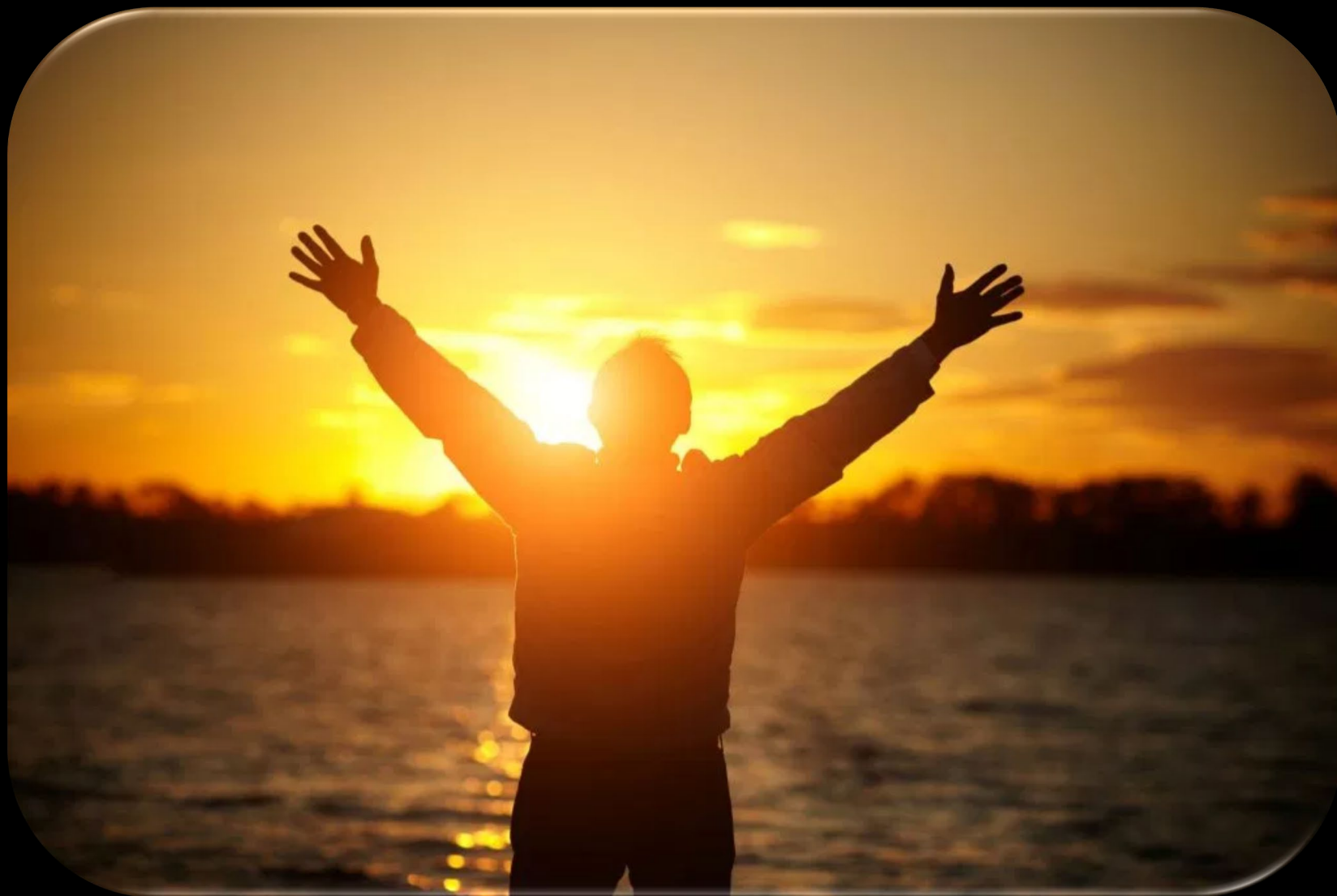
Mind

A-ACTIVATE POWER

FACILITATE POWER THROUGH A DETERMINED SEARCH, SOLDIERING, STAND

Seek God, Resist Satan, Maximize Spiritual Armor

- Jeremiah 29:13; James 4:7: “And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.” “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”
- Ephesians 6:10-13, 18: Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.... praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.”



T-TRUTH PURSUED:

**ESSENTIAL HABITS OF PRAYER, WISDOM, LOVE,
PURITY ARE PRACTICES AND MASTERED**

Develop, Nurture and Excel in Spiritual Disciplines

- James 3:17-18. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.
- Isaiah 12:2. The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

Each day, I need to
LET GOD'S WORD
... interrupt me
... rearrange me
... redirect me.



C-CULTIVATE GROWTH:

THE CONSUMING DRIVE OF LIFE IS TO SEEK CHRIST AND TO EXCEL IN GODLINESS

Passionate Energies are Expended in Grace Growth

- 1 Corinthians 12:31; Isaiah 40:30-31. “But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.” “Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, But those who wait on the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.
- Psalm 25:14; 91:1. “The secret of the LORD *is* with those who fear Him, and He will show them His covenant.” “He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.”



H-HEDGE PURSUED:

THIS REALITY IS SEEN, ACCEPTED AND
CULTIVATED AS SOURCE OF STRENGTH/SERVICE

Stay within the Powerful, Protective Circle of Providence

- Job 1:8, 10. Then the LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered My servant Job, that *there is* none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?.... Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.
- Psalm 34:7. “The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them.”

A photograph of a formal garden. A central path of mowed grass leads towards a large, rectangular topiary structure in the distance. Two smaller, similarly shaped topiary trees stand on either side of the path in the foreground. High, dense hedges line both sides of the path. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

**Activate a
spiritual hedge of protection through
prayer and faith in God's divine protection.**

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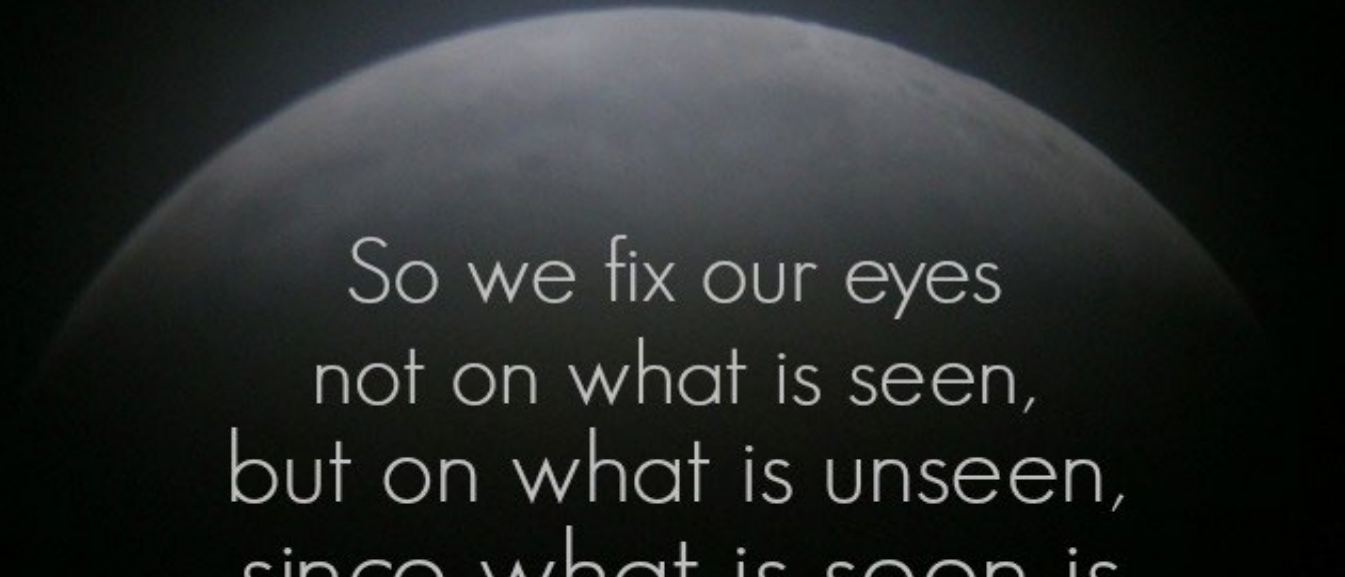
Necessary Habits to Cooperate with Invisible World of Heaven

- M — Mindset Essential
- A — Activate Power
- T — Truth Pursued
- C — Cultivate Growth
- H — Hedge Desired



**For by Him all things were created, in heaven
and on earth, visible and invisible, all things
were created through Him and for Him.**

Col 4:16 (NKJV)



So we fix our eyes
not on what is seen,
but on what is unseen,
since what is seen is
temporary,
but what is unseen is
eternal.

2 Cor. 4:18 NIV

Light Shining Out of Darkness

God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never-failing skill
He treasures up His bright designs,
And works His sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take,
The clouds ye so much dread
remain big with mercy, and shall break
In blessing on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will the flower.

Blind unbelief is sure to err,
And scan His work in vain:
God is His own interpreter,
And He will make it plain.

Olney Hymns, William Cowper, from *Cowper's Poems*,
Sheldon & Company, New York



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