

The Spiritual Man

1 Corinthians – Ch.1b–2

The Theme of PART 1
(1:18 – 2:9)

Appearance vs. Reality

Isaiah 29:13-15

Then the Lord said, “Because this people draw near with their words and honor Me with their lip service, but they remove their hearts far from Me, and their fear of Me is a commandment taught of men, therefore behold, I will once again deal marvelously with this people, wondrously marvelous. And the wisdom of their wise men will perish, and the discernment of their discerning men will be concealed.” Woe to those who deeply hide their plans from Adonai, and whose deeds are *done* in a dark place, and they say, “Who sees us?” or “Who knows us?”

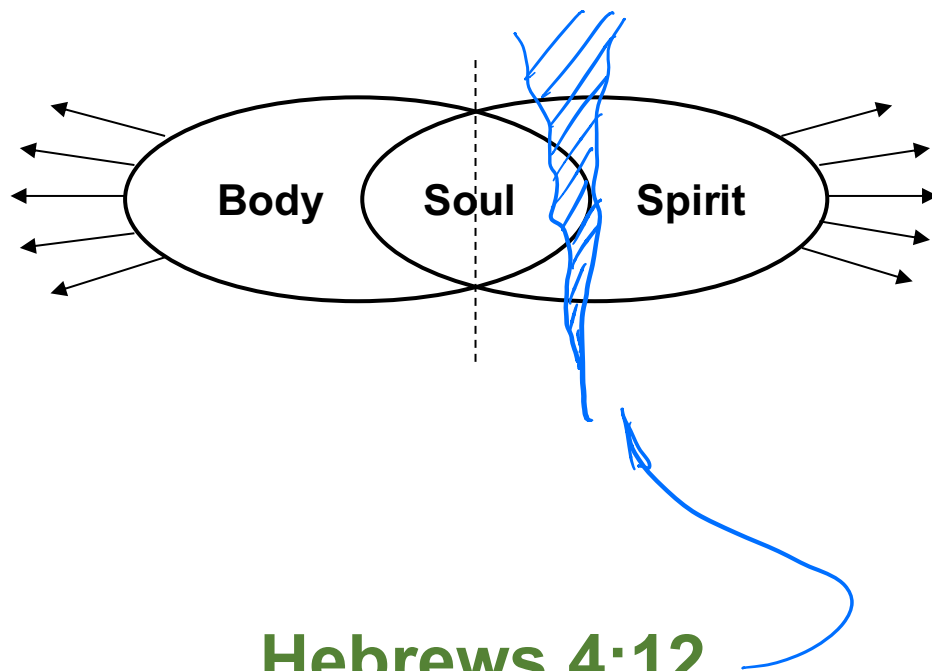
1. **μωρος** (n.)/**μωρια** (a.) stupidity / stupid
2. **δυναμις** power (to make change)
3. **σοφια** wisdom
4. **αιων** (age/world/forever/?)
5. **πνευματικος** (**πνευμα**) spiritual (spirit)
6. **ψυχικος** (**ψυχη**) soulish (soul)
7. **σαρκικος** (**σαρξ**) fleshly (flesh)

The Theme of PART 2
(2:10 – 3:4)

Inner vs. Outer

1 Thessalonians 5:23

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your **spirit** and **soul** and **body** be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Master – Yeshua the King.



Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of **soul** and **spirit**, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

(A)The **Spiritual** Man (2:6-13)

(B)The **Soulish** Man (2:14-16)

(C)The **Fleshly** Man (3:1-4)

A – The SPIRITUAL Man (2:6-13)

- Is mature (6)
 - Grasps hidden wisdom of God (6-7)
 - Does not “crucify” the “Lord of Glory” (8)
 - Perceives wisdom not grasped by human intellect (9)
 - Is in touch with God’s thoughts (10-11)
 - Understands what God imparts to him (12)
 - John 10:27
 - Makes spiritual connections (13)
 - Communicates spiritual things to those with spiritual eyes and ears
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B – The SOULISH Man (2:14-16)

- Does not receive spiritual things (14)
 - Spiritual things are stupid to him (14)
 - He cannot “know” them because they are spiritually discerned/examined (14)
 - The spiritual man understands the soulish man, but the soulish man cannot understand the spiritual man (15)
 - “Don’t resist spiritual counsel simply because you are soulish.” (16)
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C – The FLESHLY Man (3:1-4)

- Cannot be addressed in spiritual terms (1)
- Is immature (1)
- Is incapable of consuming “meat” (2)
 - John 6:63 / Hebrews 5:12-14

- His fleshliness is indicated by jealousy, strife, and division (3-4)
- The fleshly man is “merely human” (3-4)
 - Jude 10 / James 3:13-18



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Romans 8:4-6

...so that the requirement of the Torah might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit. For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the spirit, the things of the spirit. For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.

NOTES:

Deuteronomy 5:12 Guard the sabbath day to keep it holy, as Adonai your God commanded you.

Exodus 31:16 So the sons of Israel shall guard the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant.

Jeremiah 9:24 "But let him who boasts boast of this, that he **understands** (שכל) and knows Me, that I am Adonai who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth. For I delight in these things," declares Adonai. [**sachal** means to recognize God's ways. It is the "crossed" in Gen.48:14 when Jacob blessed Ephraim & Manasseh.]

John 10:27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."

John 6:63 "It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life."

Hebrews 5:12-14 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

Jude 1:10 But these men revile the things which they do not understand and the things which they know by instinct, like unreasoning animals, by these things they are destroyed.

James 3:13-18 Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Isaiah 64:4 For from days of old they have not heard or perceived by ear, nor has the eye seen a God besides You, who acts in behalf of the one who waits for Him.

Hebrews 10:39 But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul.

Isaiah 40:13 Who has directed the spirit of Adonai, or as His counselor has informed Him?

Romans 11:32-36 For God has shut up all in disobedience so that He may show mercy to all. Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR? Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN? For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

Matthew 16:23 But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me, for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's."

Proverbs 3:5-8 Trust in Adonai with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes. Fear Adonai and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your body and refreshment to your bones.

1 Corinthians 6:17 But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

Many highly intelligent people are poor thinkers. Many people of average intelligence are skilled thinkers. The power of a car is separate from the way the car is driven.

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