

Sam Soleyn
Cape Town Lecture Series – Session 6
September 2016

Let us go back and talk about heaven tonight. This morning we talked about heaven. Last night, you will remember, we said that the backstory—the thing that happened before God created the heavens and the earth—is the reason He created the heavens and the earth. We talked about an inheritance for the sons of God, and a pre-creation covenant that recognizes you as the beneficial heirs of God. So, God created the heavens to install in the heavens those incidences—those things that God meant to give to the heirs. And He created heaven as a spiritual place and the earth as a natural place, because the spiritual realm is less limited than the physical realm. When you are talking about the things of God and receiving an endowment from God, the realm in which the more complete impartation could take place is, of course, the heavens. The earth, then, is an allegory of the heavens. We do not have time other than to just touch on these things. We saw how our normal view of the creation story of Genesis is an assumption that God had already created heaven, He was sitting on the throne of God, and then He began to arrange the earth. But what is obvious is that at the same time that God created the earth, He created the heavens. So, the heavens did not exist, nor did the throne of God exist in a created realm from which, then, God would sit to direct the formation of the earth. Everything that we think about that was said concerning the creation of the heavens and the earth was said from a viewpoint in which there was only God.

When the Bible speaks of *the deep*, it is a reference to God himself. It would not be the deep ocean and it would not be deep space, as we normally sort of conjecture in our minds, because neither the deep oceans nor deep space existed at the time. In the beginning God created both—God created the heavens and the earth. So, the earth and the heavens are not eternal. They did not always exist, nor will they always exist, because they were created. Created means it has a beginning and it has an end. Interestingly, the body of man is what is created, but man himself, as a spirit, is an endowment from God. So, the body has a beginning and the body has an end, but the spirit is ageless, because it derived its origin out of God. The dust will return to the earth, according the Ecclesiastes 12:7, but the spirit will return to God who gave it.

Therefore, you have the capacity of living forever, in God. When you die, all that dies is that which had a beginning. Interestingly enough, the same thing is true of resurrection. The only thing that needs to be resurrected is something that died. Your spirit does not need to be resurrected because it does not die. But, your body needs to be resurrected because it did die. Do you see?

What we are doing is, we are resetting the templates, because it is consistent with becoming mature that you grow out of the Sunday-school version of the Scriptures that has entrapped most believers. Most people who are going to churches every week have not had a greater understanding of the Scriptures than they did when they were in Sunday school, and preachers are trying to fit all manner of things into a framework that has become static since the pre-teen years of their audience. I mean, that is like you trying, when you are an old man, to fit into your boyish clothes again. It really does look stupid. I mean, I am sorry, but I do not have any other way to say it. The styles and the fashions of young people fit young people. They do not fit old men. There is a very good reason why old men dress the way they do, and young men dress the way they do. Young men cannot afford to dress like old men. There are far too many competing realities for the same dollar when you are a young person. When you are older, you theoretically have a little bit more to work with.

Anyway, so we talked about God creating the heavens in which to install spiritual realities. The greater realm is comprised of the heavens. We said there were three heavens: the visible heavens and the invisible heavens—there are two of the invisible heavens. Paul speaks in Ephesians 6:12 of, “*spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*” God knew that Satan would rebel, because He knew He would have to redeem man, so He created a realm to contain the rebellious angelic before He created the angelic. The angels did not always exist. They, too, are created beings. They are part of the creation of the heavens, because where would they have existed, not in God? Because, God has never said to an angel, “*You are My son, today have I begotten you*” (Hebrews 1:5). What we do *not* know about all of this is how long Adam walked with God before the rebellion—before the angelic rebellion. We do not know

that. Shall I say we do not know that, *yet*, because it has not been revealed, and if it is necessary, He will reveal it to us. So, there was a time when the angels were in compliance with both their design parameters and their functions, but then they rebelled. God, knowing they would, created a realm for their containment and limited their activities by creating that realm that is by definition, a limiting realm. They are not free to do whatever they want to do. They are subject to God. We see Satan coming before God asking for permission to sift Job. He cannot simply do what he wants to in creation. He is not the Creator. Everything in creation is subject to the Creator. So, God created the second heavens for the containment of the rebellious angels, who in their rebellion, would fall and would be contained.

But, then, the highest of the heavens are the heavens of God. We began to look into the heavens, and the first thing we observed in looking into the heavens was that heaven was constructed on the basis of circles. There are at least four circles in heaven. One circle contains the throne, and the One who sits on the throne. We had a marvelous time this morning discovering the One who sits on the throne. So, in the center circle is the One who sits on the throne. The second circle is comprised of four living creatures, who encircle the Lamb. Outside of that circle is the circle of twenty-four elders, and they encircle the four living creatures, who encircle the Lamb and the throne. And then around them is a company that is described as, countless—of angels.

The first glimpse into the heavens observed that it was structured on the basis of circles. We took one of the circles and examined it to discover why there were circles, why heaven—the very essence, the very core of heaven, beginning with the throne—was constructed on the basis of circles. After the flood, God took a circle that was in the heavens... You see, a rainbow encircled the throne (Revelation 4:3). I made a comment about rainbows, and I know the young people will Google it. Some of you already know that when you look at a rainbow from above, it is a complete circle. In fact, if you are looking at a rainbow from above, as I have done several times, because when you are at 35,000 feet in an aircraft flying over rainclouds below you, sometimes you can see the forming of a rainbow in the clouds—and the odd thing is the airplane,

your position, is going to be in the middle of the circle. That is just free information. Now, God wanted to show that He had already made a covenant with Himself guaranteeing that man would live on the earth until God selected from the earth a holy people, and formed them into a royal priesthood and a holy nation by assembling them to Christ. And until *that* occurred, God's purpose for creating man would not have been fulfilled. So, to assure man that God knew His plan for the creation of the world, God took one of the circles—in fact, the circle that encircled the throne (the rainbow)—God took its likeness, and put it in the earth.

So what do we know about the circles? The circles represent covenants, and the reason that they are circles is because a circle has no end. So, it is a depiction of a thing that has been in God for long ages past. The circles transcend creation itself—transcend the existence of the created heavens and the earth—and they are indications of things that God hid in Himself for long ages past. Now, concerning these things, one of these central things that existed before the creation of the earth was a covenant that God made with Himself. “*Since there was no greater for God to swear by,*” Hebrews 6 tells us, “*God swore on oath to Himself.*” Whenever God swears on oath, and by that creates a covenant, that covenant is His word that cannot be altered. It is immutable—cannot be changed, cannot be altered, cannot be modified, cannot be annulled, cannot be ignored—so that whoever is a beneficiary of that covenant may be absolutely guaranteed of the outcome. And in fact, that is what it says in Hebrews 6:17-19,

Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, ¹⁸ that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us [through these covenants]. ¹⁹ This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil... [Because it is enacted in heaven itself, before the presence of God.]

So, heaven and earth may pass away, because they are created things, but the Word of God—the covenantal commitments of God sworn to by God himself—cannot diminish even if the age diminishes, even if heaven dissolves, even if the earth vanishes, melts

like wax. Whatever God has said cannot pass away. Cannot. That is why these things are represented in heaven in circles. Circles are indications of covenants.

Now, in the arranging of the circles in concentric circles, ever-increasing in sphere, God is wishing to tell us that there is a primary, and then there are secondaries. In other words, everything is guaranteed by what is in the central circle—whatever is in the central circle guarantees everything that is in the succeeding, larger circle. So, it was important to us this morning to look at what was in the central circle, and we only started to look at it this morning. I will recap what we spoke of this morning, without laying up all the same detailed evidence that we presented, because I do want to get on with talking about what else in the circle—what else is in that same circle. One of the things to note is: Where the Word is, you will always find the Spirit, because the Word contains the mind of God, and where the Spirit is, it means that the searching out and the disclosure of the mind of God is made possible. Do you see? Who searches the mind of God? The Spirit searches the mind of God. Who searches what is in your mind? Your spirit does. That is what is said in 1 Corinthians 2:10-11, *“For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man within Him? And who knows the mind of God, except the Spirit of God, for the Spirit searches the deep things of God.”* Do you see? And had the rulers of this age known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. The things that are being revealed now, that are coming out of the Word revealed by the Spirit, in fact, are revealing what are the hidden mysteries of God. The Spirit of God in this season is disclosing the mind of God.

In the earlier of the two messages this morning, we explained how before creation, when the Bible speaks of how there was *the deep*, the earth was unformed and void—meaning it had no purpose and it had not been shaped to the end that God intended to use it. And then we saw that the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. The waters are indications of the existence of the Word. The Spirit of God hovering over the waters is the indication that the mind of God (Word) is about to encounter the *dunamis*, or the power of God (Spirit), and the result will always be creation—the coming into being of that which only was in the mind of God. Things exist in the mind of God for

long ages past, according to Ephesians 3:9-11, “*His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God would be made known to principalities and powers in the heavenly realms, the things that God has accomplished in Christ.*” Christ is the Word made flesh, and we beheld His glory as the only begotten Son of God. That is why when the Word literally came out of the water in baptism in the Jordan—the water and the Word are one—then the Spirit comes, and in the earth the new Son, the Son who is to be given, now stands up. So, a new epoch comes. When the Word and the Spirit are together, creation always comes, because the Word contains the mind of the Lord, and the Spirit is the one who searches the mind of God to locate the thing that God wishes to execute—because the Spirit is the *dunamis*, the Spirit is the power, the Spirit is the One who enforces, as it were, what is in the mind of God. You have got to get that set of recordings, because I do not have time really to go back over it, even though just going back over it, there are pieces you see that you can bring in because my teachings are not exhaustive. They may exhaust you, but they are not exhaustive of the subject.

Then, we looked into the inner circle. We looked at the throne of God, and we understood that the throne of God was established and put in the heavens to seat, as it were, the authority of His Kingdom in creation. Because where you have authority and a throne, you are going to have a king, you are going to have subjects, and you are going to have a sphere of rule. The Kingdom of Heaven, then, is ruled from the throne of God, and the Ruler who sits upon the throne of God is the ruler over the Kingdom. The domain of the Kingdom of Heaven includes the earth. There are two realms governed by heaven, by the throne of God: they are the realm of heaven and the realm of earth. Parenthetically, I will tell you this, but we will unpack it with greater depth, and that will be tomorrow. But, it is known in heaven that the domain of heaven includes the earth, and the earth is the lesser of the two realms, so the throne of God is not in the earth. The throne of God is in heaven, but the domain of God includes the earth. More accurately, the throne of God is *in Christ*. God is enthroned *in Christ*, but in terms of where God initiated the establishing of the Kingdom of Heaven, He did that when He put

the throne of God in heaven. That is why He calls it the Kingdom of Heaven. But the rule of the Kingdom of Heaven extends to the whole earth.

The Biblical principle of rule is summarized in the number twelve. Because the throne of God rules heaven and earth, that is why you have *twelve times two* elders in the circle, because it is the indication of the rule over both realms. So, there are twenty-four elders, signifying the number *twelve times two*. There are no more realms. God made the heavens and the earth—that is all He made, that is all there is, but that is plenty. But, the rule of heaven and earth is recognized around the throne of God. That is why we have twenty-four elders, because rule in the Kingdom of Heaven is not by offices, rule is by fathers—and elders, historically, are the most seasoned and mature fathers. John would say, “*I write to you, fathers, because you know Him who is from the beginning*” (1 John 2:13). And if the whole structure of the Kingdom is to reveal the Father, then God is going to put the government of the Kingdom that is designed to reveal the Father, in the hands of fathers. Can you think of a better arrangement than that? Well, some people have thought about it, and they put the rule of the Kingdom in the hands of boys. Now, that should be quite shocking. When you put the rule of the Kingdom on the earth in the hands of boys, or you put the rule of the Kingdom in the earth in the hands of orphans, then you do not have the representation of God in the earth in those structures. You must have the representation of God in the hands of fathers.

I just want to say once again to the Colored people of the Cape, you who have been fatherless: God is raising up for you, not natural fathers, but fathers who know the Father, and you will not be a fatherless people anymore. And your sons will not be captured by the gangs because they are looking for their fathers. Your destiny is to show the Father, who has become your Father, modeled through the very fathers God is raising up now. And of this light, there can be no extinction. It will light this nation. And because the destiny of this nation is to light the continent, your arising will be a direct contribution to the lighting of the way of an entire continent. I just want to say that. I am obviously speaking prophetically, because this is the thing: you cannot wait

for the natural to become available, and God does not intend to wait for the natural to become available. He will raise up the fathers, who are spiritual fathers. We have some such men among us here tonight. I pointed out Gordon Claussen last night, a man who even the gangs will admit cannot be compromised, and Graham, his right hand man. These are men who are men of the spirit being raised up with such upright character. There are others, of course. I do not know all of you. I do not know many of you, but I can testify that I see God already doing this thing. And there is a destiny, then, for the Cape, Cape Town, as it relates to the rest of the nation. But I do not want to get into that. I just wanted to touch that little bit about the twenty-four elders since we were already there talking about the throne, and the rule of heaven and earth from the throne—meaning there were *twelve times two*, because the realms are twin, heaven and earth. I am not unpacking that tonight, although it would seem that I have started to.

The main thrust, then, is to go back and look into the first circle—the throne. What we saw on the throne, as we concluded this morning's session, was the One who sat on the throne was confronted by the One who was the Lamb, who had been slain from the foundations of the earth. So, the One who was installed on the throne is the pre-existent Christ, because they were rejoicing and praising Him. The One who sat on the throne was being honored and glorified in these words, "*Because You created all things.*" We looked at the Word, who created all things, and *that* Word "*became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, as the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*" So, the One who created all things is the One who was sitting on the throne holding the scroll in His right hand—not as we had supposed, the Father, because the Father remains invisible. There will never be a time in this epoch when the Father will be seen in a visible form. Heaven and earth were created; God himself, however, was never created. Heaven and earth were created to give form to what was in the mind of God concerning man, and when it is all done, man will access who the Father is, only through fellowship with the mind of Christ. God will not become visible in creation, because He means for us to be conformed to His likeness—He is Spirit, and we access Him exclusively through Spirit. When His disciples asked Him the same

thing, “*Show us the Father,*” Jesus said, “Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? Who do you think is doing the works I am doing? Whose word do you think I am speaking?” I do not want to get so much into that, because the point is that I will get to it in its proper season.

We saw the pre-eminent Christ meeting with the obedient Christ—the Alpha meets the Omega. The One who demanded all of what was demanded had come Himself and paid the price. And He returns as the proof that He has completed everything that was written about Him in the book, “*I have come to do Your will, O God.*” When He completed it, He closed up the purpose of the Law and took away the former, so that the latter might arise. In the fulfillment of, “*I come to do Your will, O God,*” He takes away the first, that He may establish the second. So, what He required, He himself fulfilled. And then it was time for Him, because He had fulfilled it, to take the scroll from Himself and to read the scroll—indicating the beginning of a new epoch that governs the mandates of both heaven and earth, going forward.

Now, I wanted to touch two other things tonight. Please get the recording from this morning, because a five minute summation of what was laid out in plentiful detail is not enough. I am not making that case tonight; I did it this morning. Now, tonight I want to show you something very special, but it is still in the same circle. There are two readings that I want you to look at concerning the circle around the throne. The first is from the fourth chapter of the book of Revelation, and I would like, for our purposes, to read from verse 4, [[Revelation 4:4](#)]

Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads. And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunders, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were blazing before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

Do you not just love it? So, the Lamb is seated on the throne. And who is in front of the Lamb? The seven spirits of God are before the throne. Now, is God one spirit or seven? That is a silly question. The answer is: He is one Spirit, of course, but He has

seven characteristics. It is what is called the sevenfold characteristics of God. What might be those sevenfold characteristics?

Well, turn with me for a moment to the book of Isaiah 11:1, “*There shall come forth a Rod...*” A rod, by the way, is a measuring stick; a rod is a measurement. Do you remember how the angel was given a rod and told to go and measure the city, its gates, its foundations, and its inhabitants? So, a rod is not for beating people; a rod is for measurement. “*Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me*” (Psalm 23:4). What that means is: Your righteousness, Your standard—that is the rod; and Your economy, Your support—that is the staff. I live by who You are and what You are. That is why we should not spare the rod. It is *not* about beating children. It is about bringing them up to the standard of Christ in the home. Do you see? Now, sometimes you have to correct children, but we have used the Scripture that says, “*Spare the rod and spoil the child,*” in an inappropriate fashion. What it means is to raise them in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, train them up in the way that they should go. What is the standard of your training? That they might grow into the fullness of the stature that belongs to Christ. Do you see? We have had a domesticated version of the Scriptures, because we have a one dimension view of the Scriptures, yet the Scriptures speak from heaven into the earth.

So, seven lamps are blazing. Where? They are before the throne of God. These seven lamps are the seven Spirits of God. When they come into the earth, they have their antecedent in heaven. So, the understanding of what is said in the earth is governed, not by reason, but by what is said in heaven. Do you see? So, if the seven lamps are blazing before the throne of God, and the One who is sitting on the throne is the Word, when He comes into the earth, you are going to see He bears the standard of heaven. As a result, whatever He does in the earth will enjoy the support of the Spirit of God himself—in how He lives, and moves, and has His being. His Kingdom will exist in the ambit of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit has seven characteristics. There shall come forth a rod, a measuring stick—“*a standard shall come forth from the stem of Jesse, a Branch shall grow out of his roots.*” You have to appreciate the language here,

because in another rendition it says, “*A shoot will come up out of the stump of Jesse,*” which means the human carrier has been cut down, but out of that root stock, a new growth has come, not governed by the tree out of whose root stock it issues. So, Jesus is the eternal, the divine that is hosted in a human family, but He is the everlasting God. And you can identify Him, because unlike His progenitors, the seven characteristics of the Spirit of God reside in Him. What are the seven characteristics?

One characteristic is the Spirit of the Lord—that is the Spirit of rule, the Spirit of lordship. What did Adam lose when he gave up his authority? He lost his lordship over the earth. Why would the last Adam come, and the first thing He would restore is the right to rule? Because, that is what was lost. And if you live in creation as a servant, your position is materially different than if you live in creation as the ruler. If you live in creation as the ruler, when the waves are beating on the boat, you will still be asleep in the stern, because while you are asleep or whether you are awake, the wind and the seas are subject to you. But, if you lose that sense of rule, then the wind and the waves will terrify you. So, in the same boat you have the unfallen Son, the Ruler, and you have the sons of Adam—literally in the same boat. They [the sons of Adam] are frantically bailing and trying to save their lives, and He [the Ruler] is sleeping in the same boat, as if what happens to them, then, is not likely to happen to Him, or rather, His peace should have been their anchor in the storm, but they had forgotten. The storm has a way of bringing out the soul's worst impulses, and in spite of what you say you believe on Sundays, the storm will decide whether you take your cue from the One who is sleeping in the boat, or you try to wake Him up to help you bail out the boat. This is a hint: Any time you are flying in an aircraft, if you are bothered by turbulence, just watch the flight attendants. If they are worried, you should be worried; if they are not, go ahead and sleep.

From Isaiah 11:2-3,

The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him [lordship], the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. [These are the seven lamps that are blazing. Now, because of

who He is...] His delight is in the fear of the Lord, and He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, nor decide by the hearing of His ears.

He is not going to be prejudiced by what appears to Him, or what He hears. Why? Because, He is anchored in the reality of things that are unchanging. His reality is in heaven, so He has come into the earth to fulfill the mandates of heaven. So, He will not judge by the prejudice of what things look like, nor by the prejudice of what things sound like. “...But with righteousness He will judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked. Why? Why is all of this like that? Because, it is not He who is doing any of it. He is the declarer of the will of God, and whatever He declares, God will do. Why? Because, He is the accurate representation of His Father.

Oddly enough, I just turned on the television to get the news this evening, and I happen to flip through some of the channels before the news channel. I was passing through—you seem to have a plethora of religious channels here in the Cape—and there was this fellow, he was even an Indian (laughter), and he was telling about how with the breath of your mouth you can slay the wicked. And then somebody asked him, “Pastor, does that mean by the word of my mouth I can kill my mother-in-law?” At that point I knew I was watching a comedy show. Do you know what is funny? All of these motivational speakers—because that is all they are, really, there is no substance to them—they are motivational speakers who want to pump your soul up, so that using Scripture, they will tell you what you are capable of doing. They may say “You are in Christ, and because you are in Christ, you can do all these things.” But, everything they speak of or advocate is entirely independent of the will of God. Everything they advocate that you can do, and citing Scripture to the proposition, is independent of the governance of the Holy Spirit. That is why none of it works. It is why it does not work. And it does not matter how loudly you shout or how charismatically you dance on the stage, it is not going to happen. You know, the prophets of Baal danced and cut themselves and did everything to elicit the response of Baal, and Elijah just stood there. Because in the end, the prophets who worship in the temples of their own creation and call it the house of God, the house will fall down on them. So, you do not have to worry about them.

But, I see how the motivational speakers have attempted to co-opt the truth. We are here to teach you how to be mature in the Lord; then you will not be tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine. This is cunning and craftiness by men who practice deceitful schemings that entrap the souls of those who are listening to them, and they will have to answer for it.

But, what the Lord is showing us now, in this time, is how in maturing, you are conformed to the standard of Christ in the spirit of your mind. Your soul is brought back under the rule of the spirit, because when you are *in Christ*, the Word and the Spirit operate inseparably. The Word is a person. The Book is the record of the sayings of the person, the Word. But, if the Book is not illuminated by the Holy Spirit, it is the letter that kills. And it is the difference—and I borrowed this phrase from Colleen and I will continue to use it—it is the difference between chalk and cheese. I suspect that is a good South African expression. At the end of the day, chalk does not taste like cheese, nor will it affect you in the same way. Do you see? Walking in the light of the Spirit is the reality. If you are assembled to Christ, there is no option except to be conformed to the Standard, who is Christ, and that is the designation of being mature. God will see to it that you, as a son of God, are disciplined to the choreography of the Holy Spirit, because otherwise, you cannot access the economy of the Spirit, no matter how many Scriptures you cite and no matter how insistent you may be that what you are saying is relevant. It simply is not. And what is happening is that the people have gotten quite tired of this form of manipulation.

What was lost in the garden by Adam's disobedience was brought back to the earth from heaven, where God had placed it, awaiting the time when out of the root stock of Jesse, He would bring the measuring Rod. The characteristics of this Standard—the measuring rod is a standard—the characteristics that are inherent in this Standard are rule, rule the way God rules. So, if you are *in Christ*, you will be corrected in your vision of rule, so that you can rule. Do you see? You will be supplied with wisdom—not the wisdom of this age that is passing away, but the wisdom that is eternal—where you can see things from an eternal point of view, where your knowledge is not the evening news

but the revelation from heaven that covers everything in both realms. You will have understanding—you will know what the arc of the trajectory of God's activities in the earth has been, what they are now, and what they are going to be, so you can speak out of that place of understanding.

This is for the mature. You are brought, in a graduated fashion, to that. Wisdom, knowledge, understanding, counsel—you are able to speak as the oracles of God. When you speak, heaven will honor it, because it is the speakings of God. Do you see? And there is power that goes with that—the power of God authenticating whatever you say, but the person saying is entirely under the control of the Spirit of God. They say, “Listen, it says this in the Bible, so you say it, and it will be so.” That is rubbish. Many things are said in the Bible, but whether or not it is meant for you to declare those things is a function of whether or not you are governed by the Spirit of God. If you are not governed by the Spirit of God, *you* are saying what you are saying. “Many will come to Me in that day and say, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name? We cited the Scriptures in Your name. We did many wonderful works in Your name.’ And He will say, ‘Leave Me alone. Get out of My face. All you have been doing is working iniquity, the iniquity of doing your own will and calling it Mine. Depart from Me. You are just workers of iniquity. I never knew you. I never was intimate with you.’” The way God is intimate with us is Spirit to spirit. The Spirit of God governs your spirit, and the result is that you receive, as it were, the *sperma* of the word, and it grows in you to produce the life of God in your body. And if that does not happen, if there is no intimacy with God, there is not deposit of the sperma, and what you speak is not spoken out of heaven, what you speak is your own sayings.

The seven Spirits of God: it begins and it ends with the fear of the Lord. Do you know what fear is? Fear is not terror, in the sense of being afraid. Fear is that you absolutely, in every occasion, bow to the sovereign authority of the One under whose authority you are. That is the fear of the Lord. Lordship is always the word associated with rule. The word, God, is associated with many things, but when Jesus uses the word, Lord—the word for Lord is the word, *dominos*, which means: the dominant one, the tyrannous,

tyrannous rex, the tyrant, except that He is a good King who has laid down His life for you. But make no mistake, He is the dominant One. Even the animals in the kingdom understand when a dominant one comes. When you watch dogs, even domestic dogs, if a dog that is the alpha comes into the domain of other dogs, they will have their own communication, and pretty soon you will see some dogs becoming very docile to the alpha. Where do you think we got the word alpha from, as it related to dominant ones? Regarding the alpha in the animal kingdom, when you see a lion coming into a pride of lions, or a baboon, or a chimpanzee, or a gorilla, there is always the dominant one, and the rest submit to the dominant one. That is the fear of the Lord—the recognition of His dominance. You are not always cowering in every situation, but in the presence of the Lord, you recognize He is the dominant One, and you submit. That is the fear of the Lord. You recognize it is His Kingdom, it is His authority, it is His rule, and I am His subject. That is the concept of the fear of the Lord.

From Revelation 4:5, *“Before the throne seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven Spirits of God.”* To tie this into the last message from this morning, we said that the One who is on the throne holding the scroll is the same One who has come and fulfilled the requirements that were written in the scroll, *“As it is written about Me in the book,”* according to Hebrews 10, *“I have come to do Your will, O God.”* He returns from that, stating without equivocation that He has met all of the requirements of what was written about Him in the book. He has completed it. He is the Alpha, He is the Omega. He is the beginning of the matter, He is the end of the matter, confronting Himself. Like bookends, He closes the chapter of what was required before the foundations of the earth, and issues a new epoch, together with new decrees in the earth. And immediately, those who are around the throne are singing, and those around the throne were people who used to be in the earth, because they said, *“With Your blood You purchased **us** from every tribe and tongue and language and nation, and You made **us** into kings and priests to serve our God”* (Revelation 5:9-10). The moment the crucified One, the obedient Christ, takes the scroll, it is now His authority to declare the status of those whom He purchased from every tribe, tongue, language, and nation. And all of heaven now pivots to this new reality: That the resources of heaven and the very

attention of heaven is, from now on, going to be focused upon the raising up of all of those—who like these, who have come out of every tribe, tongue, language, and nation—to raise them all up to form a holy nation, one Holy Nation.

This thing that we just completed in discussing— the first portion of Revelation 4, which says, “*The seven lamps were blazing; these are the seven Spirits of God.*”—look at the other reference to the Spirit, as He relates to the Word. The Word and the Spirit are together. So, if the Word is seated on the throne, you will have the Spirit in the manifestation of the seven characteristics, the seven lamps. I did not unpack the seven lamps in any significant way, I just basically referenced them, because I have done an entire series of teachings on the seven Spirits of God. I want, today, to show you that in that central circle around the throne, you have the Lamb who is the Word, and you have the Spirit. And they have their corresponding reality in the earth. So, what you are noticing is when the Shoot comes out of the stump of Jesse, that is an occurrence on the earth, but the reality of all that is to be done in the earth, and even the reality of Jesus himself as the One who comes as the Rod out of the stump of Jesse, possessing the seven Spirits, *that* precedes Him before the throne of God.

So, what we see is that there are things that come out of heaven into the earth. When they do, they cannot fail in the earth, because the knowledge of them has already been secure in the heavens. “*We have this hope as an anchor for our soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where Jesus, who went before us on our behalf, has become the High Priest, in the order of Melchizedek*” (Hebrews 6:19-20). In short, what you have to hold onto in the earth are the immutable evidences of the covenant typified by these circles that are in heaven. If what is in heaven defines you in the earth, then nothing in the earth can shake you. The Kingdom cannot be shaken. Everything that can be shaken will be shaken, but if your standing in the earth has its antecedent in the heavens, then you shall not be moved.

What is the importance of us understanding *that* in this time? Because, we have entered a time where everything is being shaken, every assumption is being

overthrown. The British and the Americans put together the security for the defense of Europe after World War II—a thing that came to be known first as the European Common Market; then it became known as the European Economic Community, the EEC; and then, finally, it came to be the European Union. This device was put in place by the British and the Americans following World War II, understanding that Germany went to war, the Second World War, partly because of economic reasons that led to Hitler's rise to power. We know who Hitler is, we know what he did to the Jews and how horrifying that was to all of mankind. Before he got to be able to do that, and the reason he rose up in Germany and received the support of the German people was that after the Germans lost in World War I, they were required to pay war reparations. That economic burden, coming at the time of the Great Depression, gave rise to a tyrant, who basically said, "We are not going to pay." And they went to war. In fact, he blamed the Jews for causing Germany to have to pay. Basically, Hitler accused the Jews of being the bankers who orchestrated the war reparations. So, his murderous intent toward the Jews was, of course, racist, but it was also inspired by economic realities. The point is: That Union had been in place for some seventy years. Recently, one of the two architects of it pulled out. It was called Brexit—which leaves Europe with all of the problems, and the growing problems, without one-third of the resources to meet those problems. What do you think that is going to do to the EU? And what do you think it will ultimately do to Great Britain? Everything that can be shaken is practically being shaken.

The Middle East is being shaken with a violence that has never been seen in the earth before. And then we have this unthinkable condition in the United States. Marcel asked me last year when I was here, we were going over to the wine lands, and he asked me what I thought of Ben Carson being possibly elected. And I said, "Not a chance, Marcel." Do you remember? Even then I could see that—where America was not going to allow it, to accept someone with a God-positioned mindset. But even I could not see... In Greek mythology there were three sisters. I think they were called, the Fates and Destinies, and they had one eye between them. And whoever had the eye could see something. I think they dropped the eye in America. Nobody can find it. I think the

eye has rolled into the Mississippi. Have you ever seen such a thing as this?

[Audience comment] Well, South Africa has a variation on the theme that is not duplicated anywhere else on the planet, as far as I can tell. That is enough said. I am a guest. I am not allowed to speak about what I see in my host's house, but the monolith of the ANC is being shaken. That is pretty obvious. It is obvious to all.

Every foundation on which humans have relied is being shaken. Do you know why? It is being shaken because God is making way for His Kingdom to land. [Applause] Our Kingdom cannot be shaken because its antecedent—the term, antecedent, means, that which comes before—the antecedent of our Kingdom is heaven itself. So, when you see something in heaven... This is why we are looking into heaven. This is why God has invited us in this season to “*Come up here, and see*” what He has installed, in anticipation of exactly these times. Our hope is not even in heaven. Our hope is in God, who established the heavens and the earth, to show us and to assure us that the covenants He made with Himself that guarantee our well-being in Him are reliable to the utmost.

So, when One arises in the earth out of the root stock of Jesse, but the seven Spirits of God, which are before the throne of God, are now found in the earth in a Man, then the weight, and the authority, and the glory of heaven itself walks in the earth, personified in a Man. Can you kill such a Man? If you do, He will just be raised from the dead. This is real. This is the gospel. It is not this other stuff that says you can slay your mother-in-law with the word of the Lord. There is this other silliness, and that is actually speaking poorly of silliness to say that this is silly. There is this silliness, and then there is the truth. There is what is, in fact, the truth.

One other thing, the final thing tonight. What else is in that inner circle? There are many more things, but this other thing is in that inner circle, and it is not just in the inner circle, it actually is in the Lamb himself. Revelation 5:6, “*And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders...*” So, you see the throne, the four living creatures, the elders—in the midst of that, which

would put it right back in the heart the throne. “*In the midst*” means, at the center of. “*In the midst of the throne...*” and so on, “*...stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.*” So, not only are there seven characteristics to the Spirit of God—lordship, wisdom, knowledge, understanding, counsel, power, and the fear of the Lord—not only that, but there are other aspects of this same Spirit that were incarnated in the earth in the person of the Lamb. We know who the Lamb is: “*Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!*” On the earth He is pictured as a man, a person, the Lord Jesus Christ. In heaven He is pictured in the form in which He obeys God—He is pictured in the form of a Lamb. But this Lamb: Before Him and before the throne, the seven manifestations of the nature of the Spirit—the capabilities, the competencies of the Holy Spirit—these seven characteristics stand before the throne, but *in the Lamb* because He was in the earth, the seven Spirits were sent out into all the earth. Now, when He sends the Holy Spirit back to us, these are the things (the seven Spirits of God) that are in the Holy Spirit, who is in you, because you are *in the Lamb*. That is why He would beseech you in the same way He besought the Lamb, “*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice*” (Romans 12:1). So, the same seven characteristics before the throne are in you. The same characteristics that were *in the Lamb* of the Holy Spirit are in you. They are not different characteristics, rather they are different attributes. There is character, there is power, and there is vision in the Lamb.

With a horned animal, the power of the animal is projected through the horn. Some animals have a horn as its primary strength. Some animals have their teeth as strength, like a lion, which does not have a horn, but it has teeth. Some animals have their hooves as their strength, like the horse. When an animal has horns—like if anybody is here from Botswana, you will know the dugga boys. The dugga boys are the Cape buffalo, and they are called dugga boys in Botswana, because Botswanans are not South Africans. They would have a better name for them if they were from South Africa. The dugga boys dig the cool dirt out of the bank and use the horns to flip it back over their heads to cool themselves in the heat of the day. I learned that up in the Chobe

when I visited there. But, even the lions are afraid of the dugga boys, because when those dugga boys face outward toward the lion, if the lion is attempting to break the deadlock, I have seen pictures of the lions being tossed in the air, repeatedly, by these dugga boys, by these Cape buffalo, and they will kill lions. My point is: Lions are very wary of powerful horned animals, because the horn is the economy of the horned animal. It is its defense. It is how it projects its authority. If you see elk in the high country of Colorado, they will have tremendous battles with their horns. The caribou up in Alaska do the same thing, as well as the reindeer. The projection of their strength, their territory, and their might is in their horns. The horns are a way of speaking of the economy, the strength, the power of a horned animal.

When it says that this Lamb had seven horns—the number seven is from the word, *sheba*, which means, complete. From the word, *sheba*, we get the word, *shabbath*, which means, rest, or Sabbath. So, when a thing is complete, you may rest. When the matter is full, when it is complete, when it is not lacking anything, you may rest, because there is nothing else to do. The Lamb has complete authority in heaven and on earth—He has seven horns. That is why He could say, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. I have the entirety of the authority of the throne of God, so you may go and preach this good news into the earth, because I am sending you based upon this authority.”

And finally, He has seven eyes. The same Lamb: seven horns, seven eyes. Again, He has completeness of vision. He does not miss anything—He sees the past, He sees the present, and He sees the future; He sees the earth, and He sees the heavens; He sees the eternal, and He sees the natural. He knows the end of every matter from the beginning. His view is faultless. There is no myopia in His sight. Nothing escapes His vision. Now, you will find when we get to the second circle, there are creatures who are covered with eyes in the same way, but I will leave that for tomorrow. This is about probably as much as I am going to do to unpack the first circle. There will be other things, but you have a pretty good start. So, you go search these things out, put them in the right circle, and you will benefit from it. Tomorrow, God willing, I want to unpack

Cape Town Lecture Series – Session 6

the early vision of Ezekiel, and we want to connect Ezekiel to the second circle in heaven, to the four living creatures. So, it should be fun. Again, to the millennials, sign up and use this stuff. It is for your benefit. I commend you to God and the word of His grace that is able to build you up and to establish you among the sanctified. May grace and peace be with you.