

# “Whole Healing” Presentation-Part 1

## ***The Impact of our Be**LIE**fs***

*- and the Roots of Our Healing Needs -*

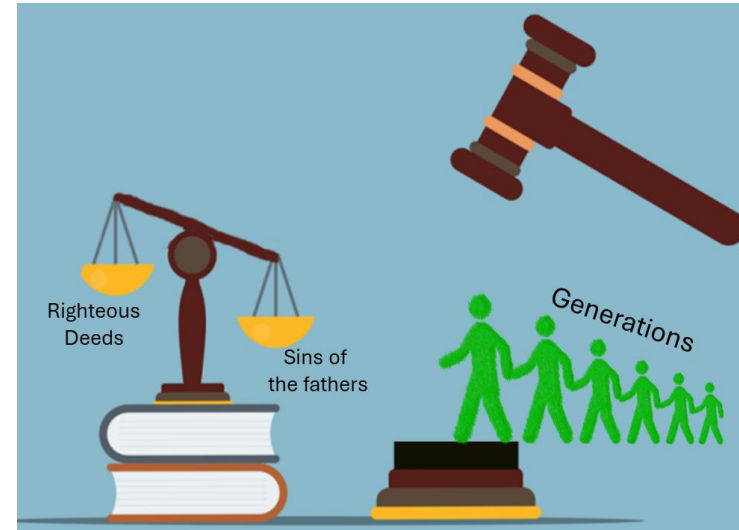
**-- Rob & Dena Corry --**



# Setup Question:

What does it mean for God “*to visit the iniquity of the fathers to the third and fourth generation?*”

- **Exodus 34:6-7** <sup>6</sup> ... The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,
- <sup>7</sup> Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, **and that will by no means clear *the guilty*; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.**



- **BUT: Deuteronomy 24:16 and Ezekiel 18:20 teach :**
  - A man shall be judged for his own sins and the sons shall not bear the iniquity of their fathers

How do we harmonize Exodus 34:7 with Deuteronomy 24:16 and Ezekiel 18:20?

There seems to be a contradiction in the scriptures.

Do the sons bear the iniquity of the Fathers ... or not?

# Key Word in Exodus 34:7 is “Visiting”

- Exodus 34:7 “... ; **visiting (06485 פָּקַד paqad)** the iniquity of the fathers upon the children...”
- Visiting: 06485 פָּקַד paqad {paw-kad’}
  - **Meaning:**
    - **to attend to**, muster, number, reckon, visit, punish, appoint,
    - **look after, care for**
    - **to pay attention to**, observe
    - to seek, look about for
    - to visit upon, punish

**Strong’s definition for “*paqad*” includes a lot of references related to “attending to” or “taking care of”.**

# How is “06485 - פָּקַד-paqad” Used in Other Bible passages?

Verse	Usage	Outcome
Genesis 21:1	And the LORD <u>visited (paqad)</u> Sarah ...	God attended to Sarah’s needs by allowing her to conceive.
Genesis 39:4	Potiphar made Joseph <b>overseer (paqad)</b> of his house.	Potiphar flourished under Joseph’s attendance to the needs of his house.
Genesis 40:4	The captain of the guard charged (06485 paqad) Joseph to serve the butler and the baker in prison.	The butler and baker were well taken care of by Joseph, and he interpreted their dreams.
Genesis 41:34	Pharaoh gave Joseph the authority to <b>appoint (paqad)</b> officers over the land during the years of plenty and years of famine.	Egypt was spared from the demise of the famine because of the attendance of the appointed officers.
Genesis 50:24	Joseph prophesied that God would <b>visit (paqad)</b> his people and bring them out of the land of Egypt.	God did visit Israel and attend to their need in delivering them out of Egypt.

**In all these verses, “*paqad*” is used to address situations where some “attending” was necessary to bring about improvement.**

# So, when “*paqad*” is used to address future generations, could it be for “healing” rather than “punishment”?

- **Exodus 20:5** Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, **visiting (06485 וַיְזַקּ *paqad*)** the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me.
- **Exodus 34:7** Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear *the guilty*; **visiting (06485 וַיְזַקּ *paqad*)** the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth *generation*.

**What if “visiting iniquity” is NOT God simply punishing future generations for the sins of their fathers,**

**What if God is “*paqad* / *attending to*” future generations to HEAL THEM from the effects of generational sins?**

**What if God creates circumstances in our lives that cause us to turn back to Him so that WE CAN BE HEALED FROM the effects of generational sin?**

This view harmonizes Exodus 34:7 with Deut. 24:16 and Ezekiel 18:20 which teach that “**sons SHALL NOT bear the iniquity of their fathers**”.

# “Our story,” regarding what God revealed to us while “attending to” (i.e., visiting / *paqad*) our healing needs, ...

... is exactly what we will be sharing with you through these presentations.

Over the past few years, we believe that the LORD has been “visiting the iniquity of the fathers” in our lives, and in doing so, He has been attending to (*paqad*) our healing needs (both as individuals, as a couple and as a family).

In the first message, “**The Impact of Our BeLIEfs**,” we will start off at a high-level with a description of some of the things we’ve learned through what we are calling the “*Whole-istic Healing Process*”. Then we’ll do a deep dive into the roots of the problems beneath our individual healing needs.

In the second message, “**The Whole- Healing Process**,” we will describe the healing process that we have been experiencing. First, we’ll break it down into steps and share the purpose of each step as revealed to us. After that, we’ll walk through an example to tie it all together.

To kickoff the first message, we will share some definitions of key words / terms used throughout both presentations. Some of these terms may be new for you, and we want to make sure everyone understands how we are using those terms.

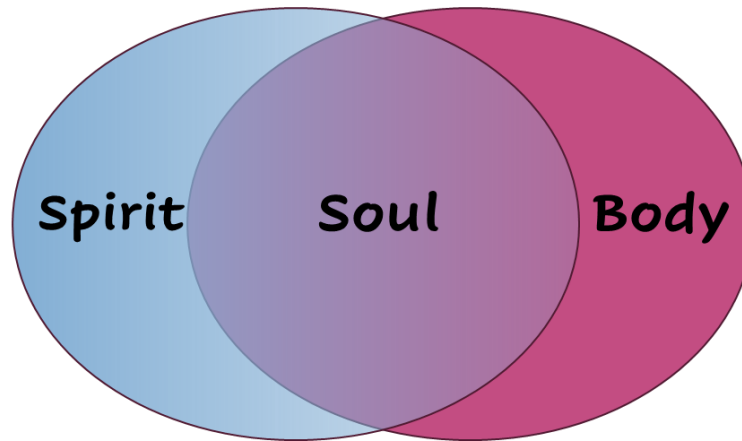
Other terms are more common, but everyone might have slightly different answers if asked to provide their own definitions. We just want to be clear as to how we are applying these terms throughout both presentations.

# Threefold Nature of Man and Salvation

## Man:

**Genesis 2:7** And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

**Dust (Body) + Breath of life (Spirit) = Living Soul**



## Salvation:

**1 Thessalonians 5:23** ... *I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Salvation is about the healing of our spirit, soul and body.

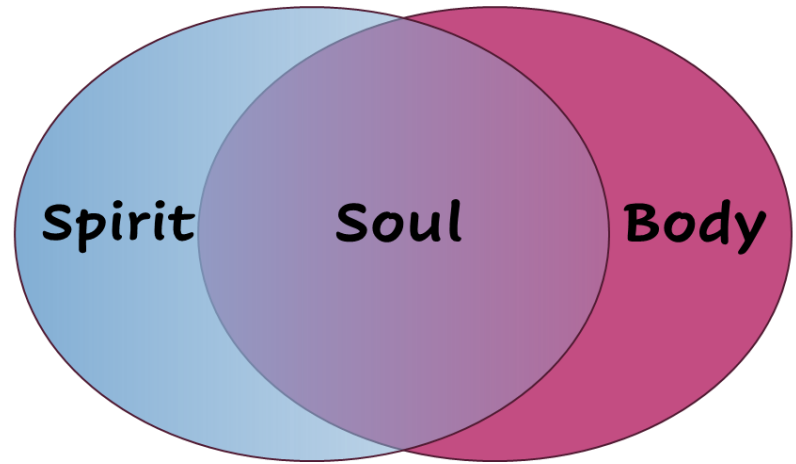
# Defining Terms

## Our Body:

- The physical manifestation of ourselves in the natural world with the unique physical characteristics that God defined for our individual life purpose
- The part of us that is capable of sensing and physically interacting in the natural realm

## Our Spirit:

- The life-giving spiritual manifestation that God put within our physical body, having unique characteristics for our life purpose
- That part of us that is capable of sensing and interacting in the spiritual realm



## Our Soul:

- Our conscious awareness of self in both the natural and spiritual realms, and the holder of subconscious memories and beliefs
- Capable of thoughts based upon:
  - information received from both natural and spiritual senses
  - deeply held beliefs and memories of life experiences
- The seat of our emotions



# The Bible's Usage of the Word “Heart”

## According to *Strong's Concordance*:

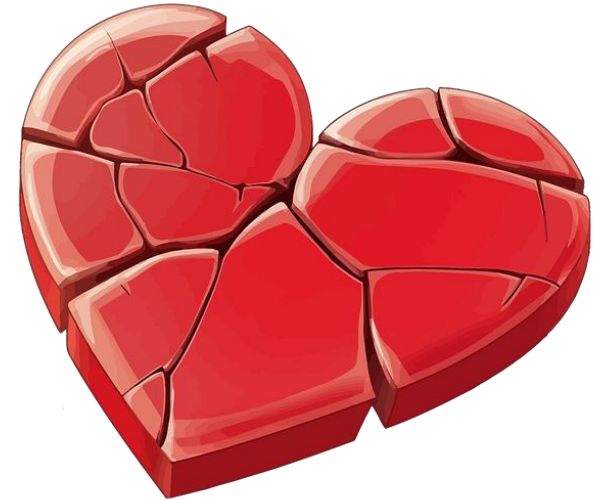
- **Hebrew => 03820 לב leḅ** translated “heart”:
  - **Meaning:** 1) **inner man, mind, will, heart,** understanding  
**1a) inner part,** midst 1a1) midst (of things) 1a2) heart (of man)  
1a3) **soul, heart (of man)** **1a4) mind, knowledge, thinking,**  
**reflection, memory** 1a5) inclination, resolution, determination  
(of will) 1a6) conscience 1a7) heart (of moral character)  
1a8) as seat of appetites 1a9) **as seat of emotions and passions**
- **Greek = > 2588 καρδία kardia** translated “heart”:
  - **Meaning:** 1) **the heart** 1a) that organ in the animal body which is the centre of the circulation of the blood, and hence was regarded as the seat of physical life 1b) denotes the centre of all physical and spiritual life 2a) the vigour and sense of physical life 2b) the centre and seat of spiritual life 2b1) **the soul or mind, as it is the fountain and seat of the thoughts, passions, desires, appetites, affections, purposes, endeavours** 2b2) **of the understanding, the faculty and seat of the intelligence** 2b3) **of the will and character** 2b4) **of the soul so far as it is affected and stirred in a bad way or good, or of the soul as the seat of the sensibilities, affections, emotions, desires, appetites, passions**



The Bible uses the word, “heart,” to relate to the mind / emotions / passions ...  
... sounds like our definition for “soul”.

# God, Through Jesus, Heals Broken Hearts

- Psalm 147:3 **He** (God) **heals the broken in heart, (shabar leb)** and binds up their wounds.
- Isaiah 61:1 “The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD has anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; **he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted (Shabar leb), ...**”
- 07665 שָׁבַר shabar {shaw-bar'} : to break, **break in pieces**, shatter
- 03820 לֵב leb {labe} : inner man, mind, will, **soul / heart** (of man)



**Jesus came to heal those whose hearts / souls (*leb*) had been broken into pieces (*shabar*),**  
*( like parts that had separated from “the whole” ).*

# Some Insight into Our Healing Story



# Our healing story began 13 years ago ...

... when Rob and I were participating in a bible study at a local church. At that time, my understanding of how God saw me was unsettled. I wasn't sure He loved me "for me", faults and all.

Didn't he know that many of these faults were created by painful experiences in my life?

Where was His mercy and love related to that truth?

Well, as only God can, He answered (or began to answer) these questions one night in our study. As we went through the materials for the week, I noticed that the verse Hosea 14:4 was a part of the lesson.

Now, Hosea is not a book that we look at often, or remember scriptures from, so I was not familiar with this particular verse. However, that night, as I read it, something resonated within me. As is so often the case, I knew that, in addition to the verse being part of the lesson, it was also intended for me, addressing something that no one else in the room was likely pondering.

I knew that God was saying to me: *"I hear you, and I have a great answer to your question."*

But it would take another 10 years before the details of the greatness of that answer would be revealed.

# The Great Physician “Heals Us” From Our Backsliding

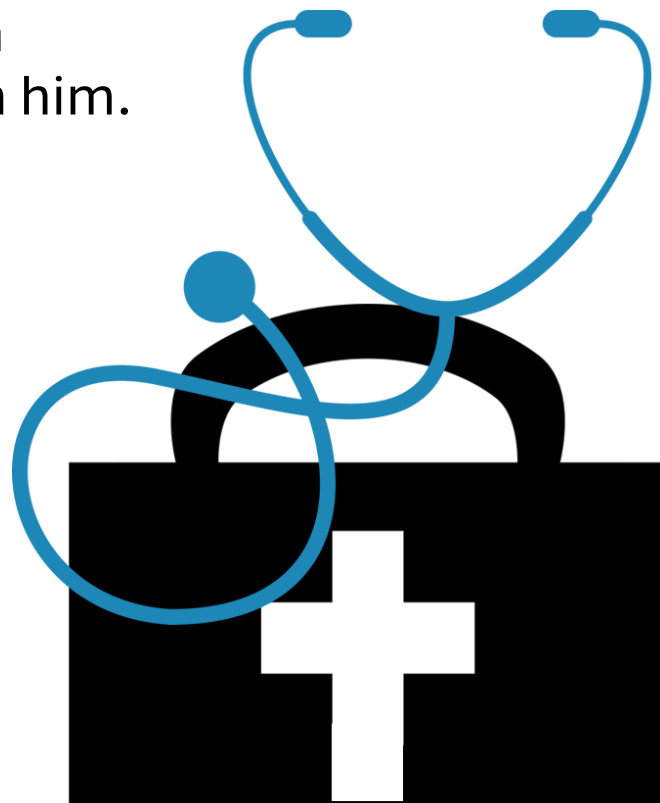
**Hosea 14:4** I will **heal** (*rapha'*) their **backsliding** (*mesuwbah*), I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him.

**Heal 07495** רָפָא *rapha'* :

- to heal, make healthful
  - to heal of God
    - healer, physician (of men)

**Backsliding 04878** מְשׁוּבָה *meshuwbah* :

- turning away, turning back
- apostasy, backsliding



God is “Healing us” from our sinful condition,  
... it’s more than just forgiveness ... It’s restoration!

# Fast forward 10 years ...

... I was having back pain and seeing a chiropractor. At one of the visits Rob and I were telling him about the reading and praying we had been doing regarding the relationship between emotions and physical challenges, believing that the back pain was possibly connected to emotions I was currently experiencing.

The chiropractor began telling us about a trauma release therapist whom he had treated, and in turn, she had treated he and his family for past traumatic experiences. He described his experience, and we felt led to contact this therapist and schedule a consultation.

At the consultation we learned about the therapist – Kathi Oates – and her experiences with ministry and The Lord over the past 50 years. She and her husband traveled around the world as a part of a ministry team, bringing healing to large groups of people. Her husband had been given the gifting of physical healing and she the gifting of emotional/spiritual healing.

Currently, she sees individual clients whom the Lord sends to her. Through revelation, the Lord revealed to Kathi that the ministry He had called her to, would follow the steps outlined for healing in Isaiah 61:1-4.

# Isaiah 61:1-4

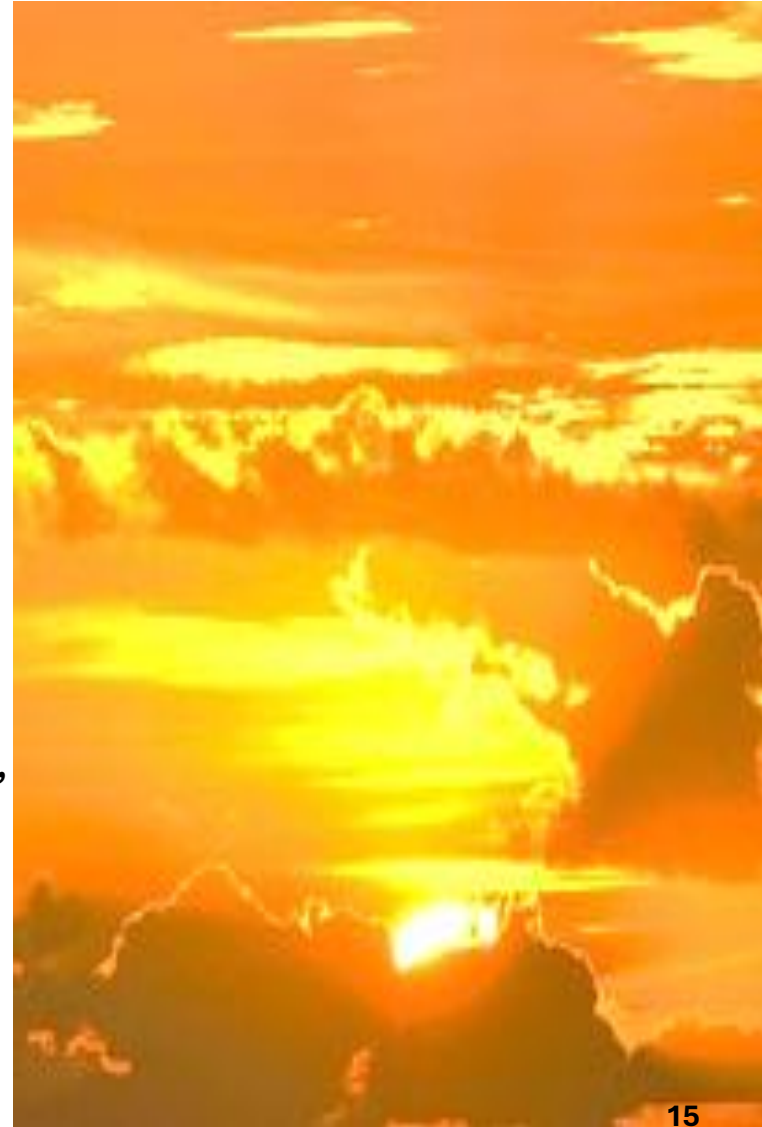
<sup>1</sup>The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me:

To preach good tidings to the poor;  
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,  
To proclaim liberty to the captives,  
And the opening of the prison to *those who are bound*;

<sup>2</sup>To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD,  
And the day of vengeance of our God;  
To comfort all who mourn,

<sup>3</sup>To console those who mourn in Zion,  
To give them beauty for ashes,  
The oil of joy for mourning,  
The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;  
That they may be called trees of righteousness,  
The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.”

<sup>4</sup>And they shall rebuild the old ruins,  
They shall raise up the former desolations,  
And they shall repair the ruined cities,  
The desolations of many generations.



# What we learned at that consultation followed the healing steps outlined in Isaiah 61:1-4.

We learned:

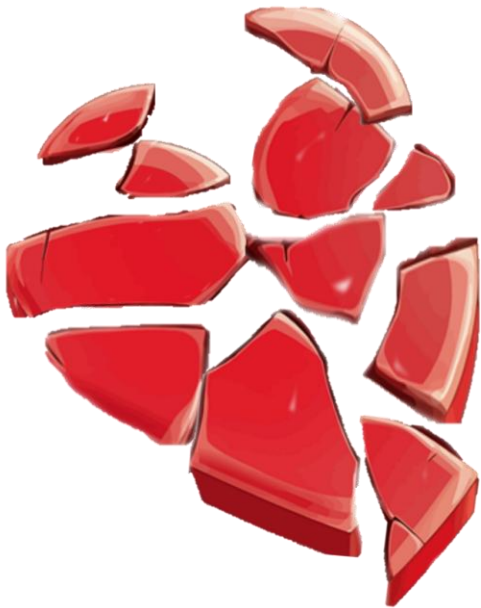
- How difficult situations get created in our lives
- How Jesus heals the wounds created by these difficult situations
- How Jesus frees us in ways that we have been held captive and imprisoned
- How Jesus replaces our pain with joy
- How Jesus helps us rebuild our old ruins and repair the desolations of many generations



**How does this get accomplished and who all is involved?**



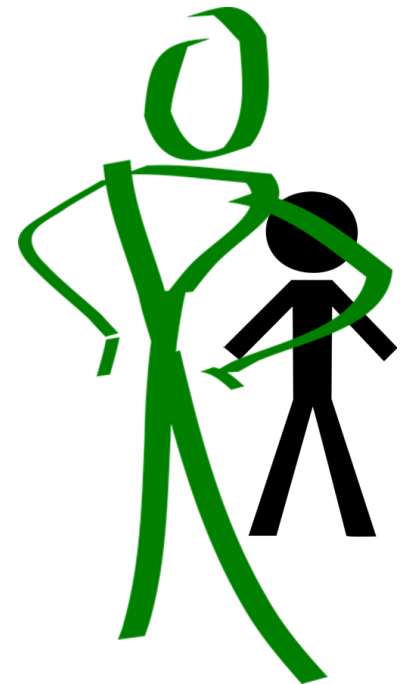
# Three Primary Players to be Addressed



**Parts**



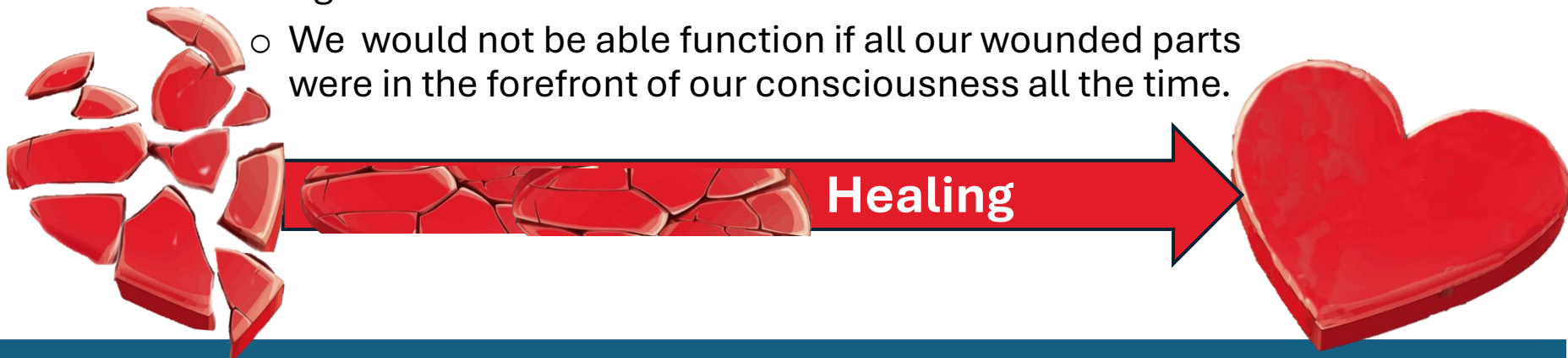
**Spiritual  
Adversaries**



**Guardians**

# Player #1: Parts

- Have you ever said:
  - “There’s a part of me that feels like \_\_\_\_\_.”
  - “There’s a part of me that wants to \_\_\_\_\_.”
- Our “parts” are the compartmented segments of our heart/ /soul / mind’s identity that have “*broken away*” from “*the whole*” because of trauma / wounds.
  - The ability for wounded parts to separate from our conscious awareness is a blessing from God.
    - We would not be able function if all our wounded parts were in the forefront of our consciousness all the time.



When we are broken-hearted, there are “parts” of us that have separated from “the whole” and healing is necessary to make us “whole” again.

# Player #2: Spiritual Adversaries

- They know the trauma we've experienced, and they aim to use that against us.
- They feed us lies and, when we believe those lies, we place ourselves within their “operational construct”  
(i.e., their way of functioning which is a heavy burden compared to God's way).



They use our incorrect beliefs to perpetuate their lies and to shape our perception of reality.

# Player #3: Guardians

- Guardians are “behaviors” that work as “defense mechanisms”.
  - Subconscious behaviors that are aimed at preventing or reducing uncomfortable thoughts and feelings
- Guardian Behaviors are generated in association with our “parts”.
  - Behaviors aimed at protecting that part of us, that was hurt in the past, from being hurt again in the same way



Guardian behaviors are “well intentioned” but :

1. They don’t’ heal the wounds that created the parts they are protecting.
2. They lead to actions that “miss the mark” and perpetuate core issues.
3. They contribute to keeping parts in isolation (in our subconscious) where they are blocked from coming forward in our conscious mind for healing.

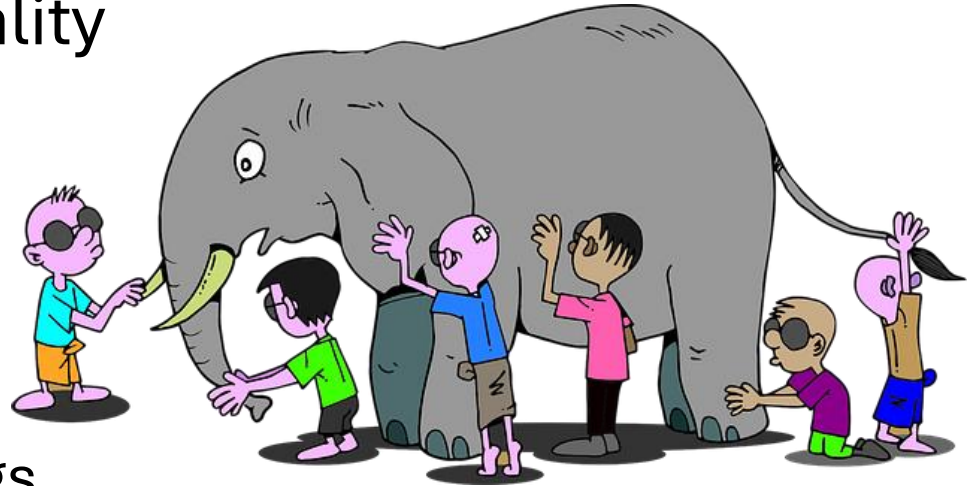
# ***Let's Dig a Little Deeper***





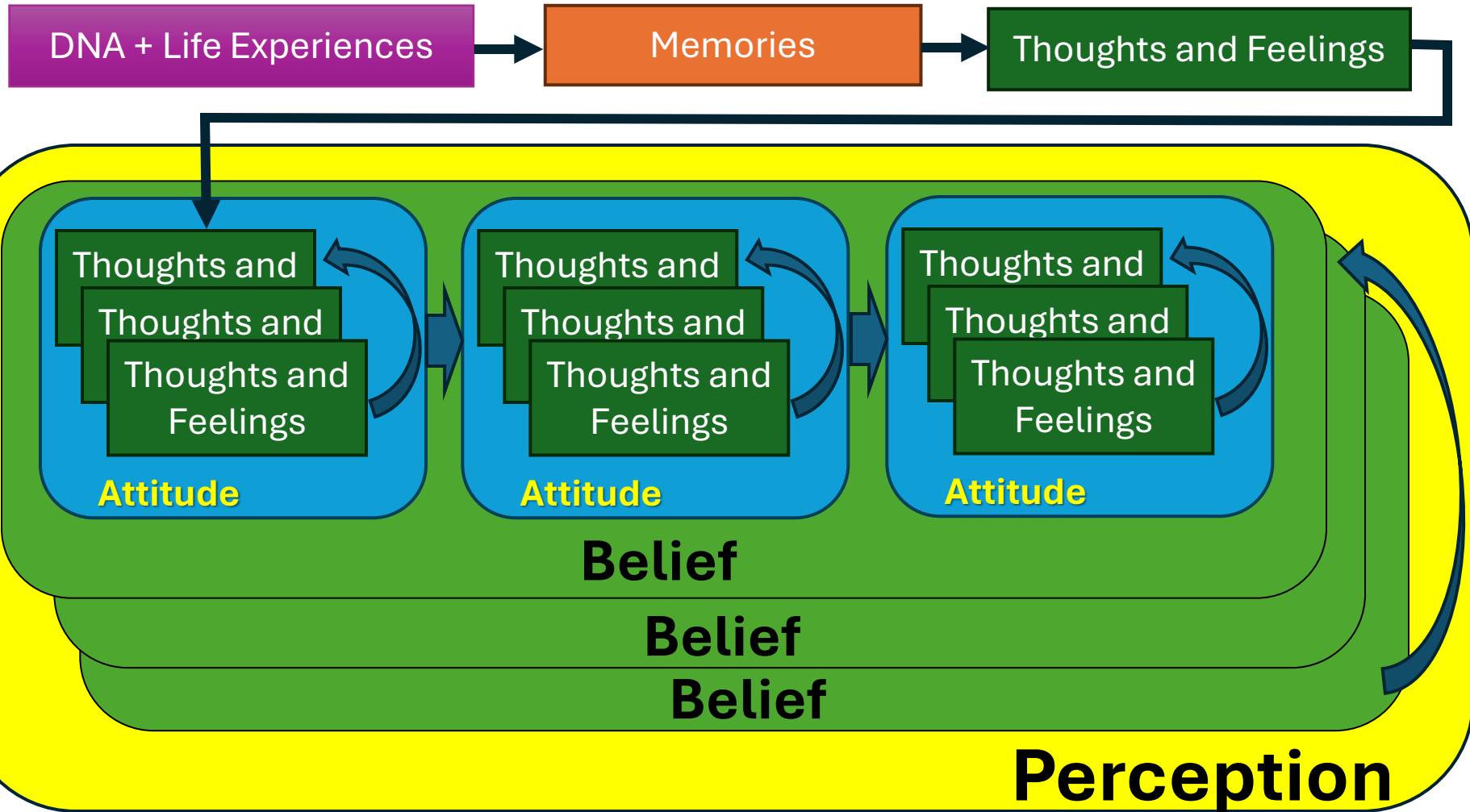
# Our Perception of Reality

- Our perception of reality is based on our:
  - DNA
  - Experiences
  - Memories
  - Thoughts and Feelings
  - Attitudes
  - Beliefs



But how do these factors shape our perception?

# Anatomy of our Perception of Reality



Our perception defines our reality ... but that is often NOT truth-based.

# Perception Goggles

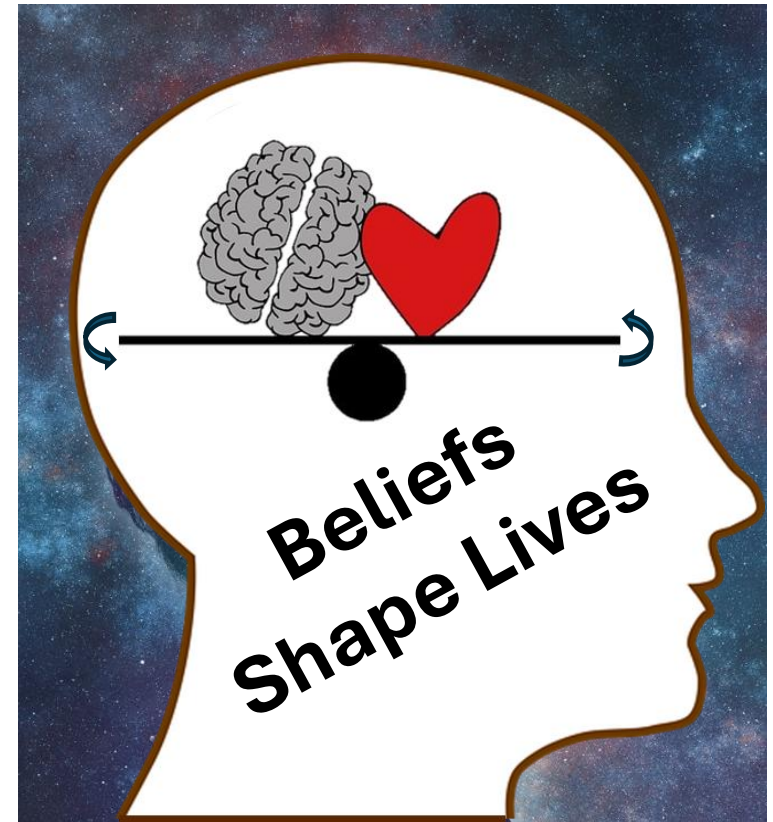


We view life through our “perception goggles” ... and that can produce a distorted view of reality.



# What does the bible say about beliefs and their impact on our lives?

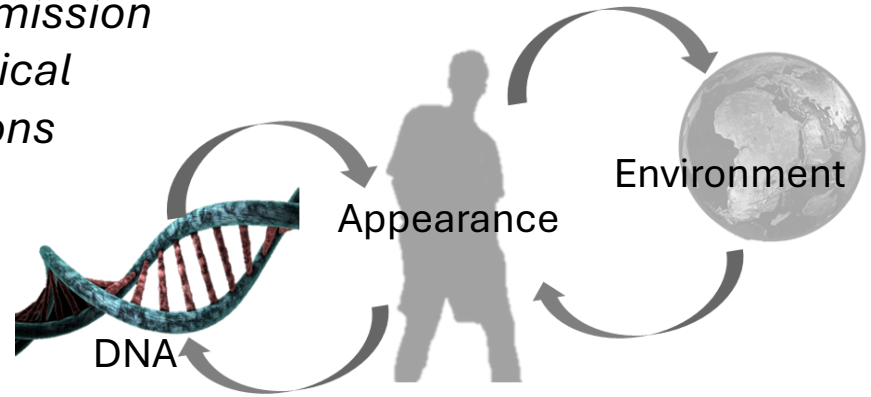
- Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. (Proverbs 4:23 )
- As a man thinks in his heart, so is he ... (Proverbs 23:7)
- Abraham believed and it was counted unto him for righteousness. (Romans 4:3)
- Believing without doubt can move mountains. (Mark 11:23)
- Your faith has healed you. (Luke 8:48)
- Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved. (Acts 16:31)



What we believe profoundly impacts every aspect of our lives.

# We Inherit the “Effects” of Our Parents’ Beliefs

- *Genetic inheritance involves both the transmission of DNA as well as the transmission of chemical modifications to the DNA (these modifications are called epigenetic programming.)*<sup>1</sup>
- *“Environmental factors can alter the epigenetic modifications to DNA which influences the gene expression pattern.”*<sup>1</sup>
- Changes in gene expression can affect the way we appear/ behave in the world.
  - This is called our “phenotype” (i.e., appearance, physiology, cognition, and behavior).
- We inherit both the DNA passed on from our parents, AND **the epigenetic modifications to gene expression** that occurred during their lifetime.<sup>2</sup>
  - Our parents inherited epigenetically modified DNA from their parents, and so on ...



It's not 'Nature vs. Nurture' ... It's '*Nurtured Nature*'

<sup>1</sup>Eva Jablonka and Gal Raz, “**Transgenerational Epigenetic Inheritance**: Prevalence, Mechanisms, and Implications for Heredity and Evolution,” *Quarterly Review of Biology* 84 (2009): 131–76.

<sup>2</sup>Oxford Academic / BioScience – Article : “How Nurture Shapes Nature” <https://academic.oup.com/bioscience/article-abstract/61/8/588/336969?login=false>

# Deep Dive on Player #2



**Spiritual Adversaries**

# Psalm 82:1

**God** (אֱלֹהִים 'elohiym) stands in the congregation of the mighty; He judges among the **gods** (אֱלֹהִים 'elohiym)

## Psalm 82

Psalm 82 <A Psalm of Asaph.> **God stands in the congregation of the mighty; he judges among the gods.**

<sup>2</sup> How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah. <sup>3</sup> Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.

<sup>4</sup> Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked. <sup>5</sup> They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course. <sup>6</sup> **I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High.**

<sup>7</sup> But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes. <sup>8</sup> Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.



- The Hebrew word “elohiym” appears at the beginning and at the end of the verse.
- In his book “*The Unseen Realm*,” Dr. Michael Heiser points out that the context of the other Hebrew words establishes that the first “elohiym” is to be understood in the singular, ... with the second as a plural.

Who are these “elohiym,” little-g -gods who are being chastised by “elohiym,” the BIG-G God?

# Does the definition of '*elohiym*' shed light on its spiritual vs. natural interpretation of Psalm 82?

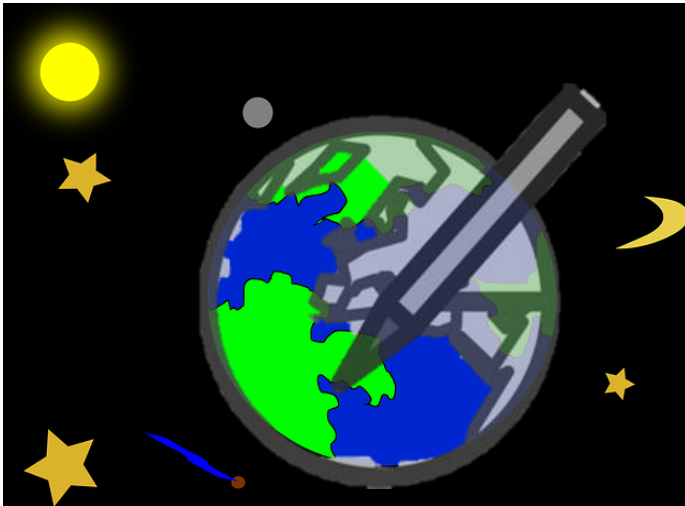
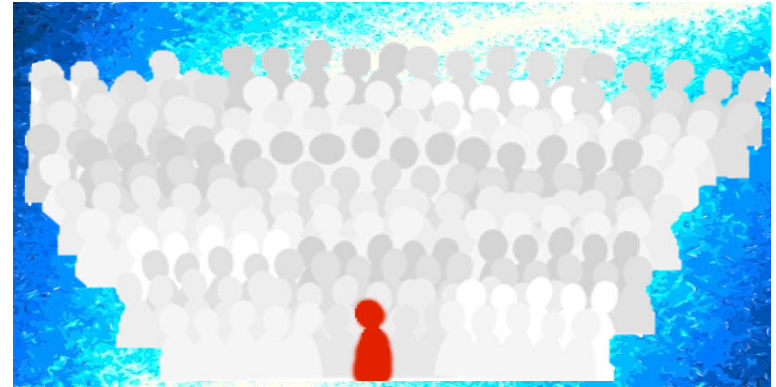
## According to Strong's Concordance:

- **430** אֱלֹהִים 'elohiym {el-o-heem'}
  - **Meaning:**
    - 1) (plural)
      - a) rulers, judges
      - b) divine ones
      - c) angels
      - d) gods
    - 2) (plural intensive - singular meaning)
      - a) god, goddess
      - b) godlike one
      - c) works or special possessions of God
      - d) the (true) God
      - e) God
- *Note: Elohiym* is sometimes applied to humans (e.g., God said that He had made Moses to be a god (elohiym) to Pharaoh (Exodus 7:1).

**Strong's Concordance does not clearly restrict '*elohim*' to a spiritual vs. human interpretation.**

# Does the book of Job shed any light on spiritual vs. natural interpretation of little-g gods of Psalm 82?

**Job 1:6 and Job 2:1-2:** Now there was a day when **the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD**, and Satan came also among them.



**Job 38:2-7** <sup>2</sup> Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? <sup>3</sup> Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me. <sup>4</sup>

**Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?** declare, if thou hast understanding. <sup>5</sup> Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup> Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; <sup>7</sup> **When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?**

The references to the “sons of God,” in Job, suggest a body of heavenly hosts (i.e., “spiritual beings”) that preceded the creation of the natural world.



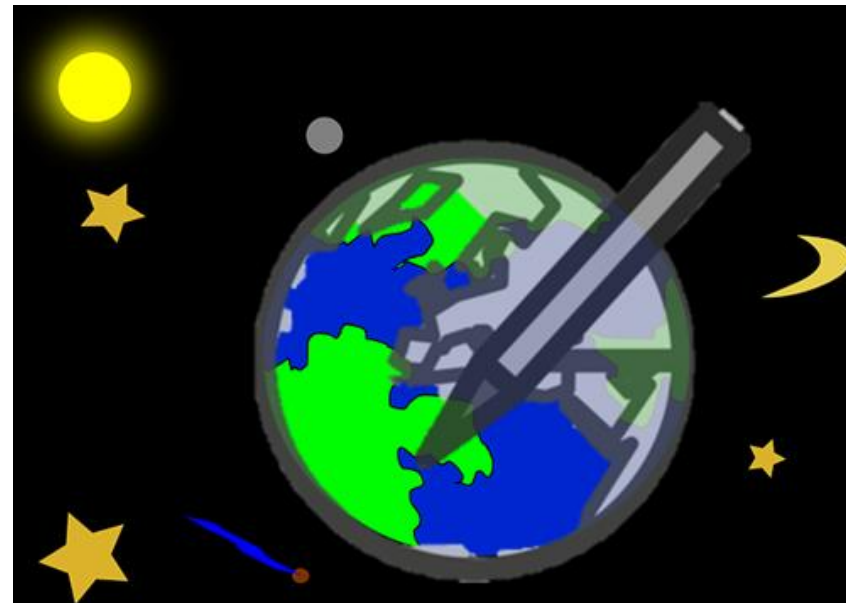
# The “sons of God,” ... or heavenly hosts, ... were witnesses of the creation of the earth, BUT NOT contributors

- HOWEVER, ... Jesus, ... The “Son of God,” ..., “the Word which was made flesh” (John 1:14), was an active participant in the creation.

**John 1:1-3** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> The same was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> **All things were made by him;**

- ALL THINGS included **both heavenly and earthly things.**

- Colossians 1:16 <sup>16</sup> For **by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible,** whether *they* be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him.



**God, by His Word (Jesus) is creator of ALL THINGS, including the “heavenly- hosts - sons of God,” who witnessed the creation of the natural realm.**

# Does 1 Kings 22:1-23 shed any light on spiritual vs. natural interpretation of little-g gods of Psalm 82?

- **The setup**

- Ahab asks Jeshoshapat if he will join him in war with the Syrians to get back Ramoth-Gilead which had been taken.
- Jehoshaphat wants to inquire of the Lord before deciding.
- Ahab asks **his own prophets**, and they all say *“Go For it ... the Lord will deliver the Syrians into your hands.”*

- Jehoshaphat senses the “ask a prophet game” is rigged and asks if there is a “prophet of God” they could ask?

- Ahab gets a little miffed since God’s prophets don’t tell him what he wants to hear, but then he agrees to send a messenger to get Micaiah (a prophet of the LORD).

- At first, Micaiah agrees with Ahab’s prophets, but when Ahab demands that he only speak truth. Micaiah then tells him that things really won’t end well if he goes to battle with Syria ... and also tells him what the LORD showed him in the spirit.

- The LORD was sitting on His throne with the hosts of heaven on his right and left.
- The LORD wanted ideas about how to persuade Ahab to go up to battle so that Ahab would be killed.
- A spirit volunteered to go forth as a “Lying Spirit” to all the prophets.
- God said Go for it: ... “go forth and do so.”



**In the end, Ahab was influenced to go up against the Syrians, and he was killed in battle.**



# 1 Kings 22:1-23 Facts to Consider

- God had a definitive plan regarding Ahab's future.
- God clearly met with “hosts of heaven” in some type of “ spiritual *divine council-like*” forum.
- God used a spirit to influence Ahab's choices so that he would walk out God's plan.
- This passage provides further evidence that the little-g gods of Psalm 82 and the “sons of God” in Job 1,2 and 38 are spiritual beings and part of a divine council-like forum.

## Questions for Further Consideration

**Is this the only time God ever held such a council?**

**Does God leverage His divine council to implement His objectives ALL THE TIME?**

**Does this passage give us insight into how sovereignty and man's will work together?**

# “Elohiym” from a Biblical Writer’s Perspective

In “*The Unseen Realm*,” Dr. Michael Heiser states that, for Biblical writers, the term “elohiym” is:

- Less about a set of attributes
- More about a place of residence
  - ‘elohiym’ reside in the spiritual realm but not all elohiym have the same attributes.

**For the most part, the ‘elohiym’ in the Bible represent beings who reside in the spiritual realm.**

**Note:** The bible does include a few verses where ‘elohiym’ was used in a metaphoric sense in reference to men / women in the natural realm.

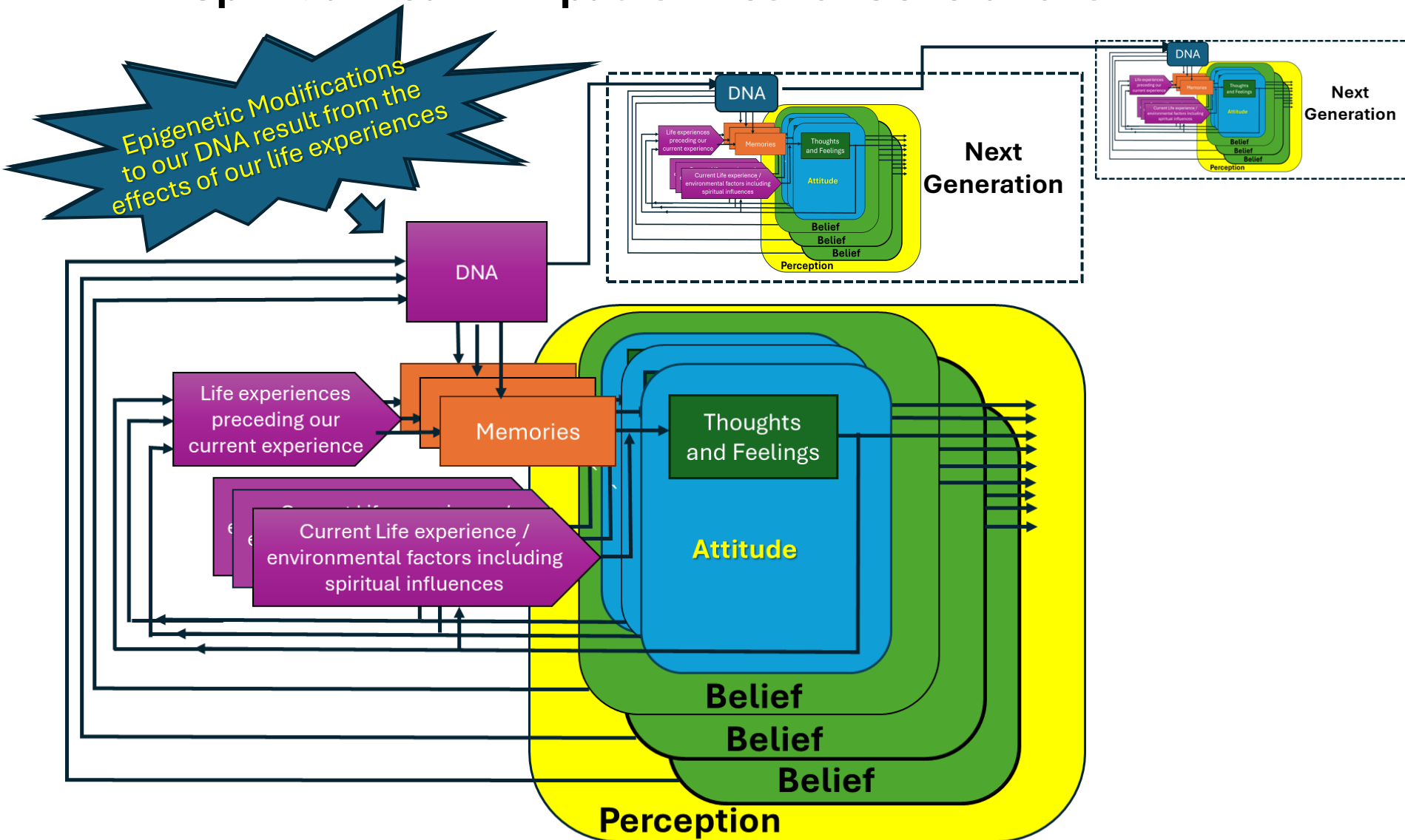
- e.g., YHWH said to Moses: I have made a god (elohiym) to Pharaoh (Exodus 7:1).

# What types of spiritual beings/characteristics do we find in the bible?

Spirit :	Verse	Spirit :	Verse	Spirit :	Verse
<b>of God</b> (i.e., The Holy Spirit, ... Spirit of the Lord, ... Spirit of Christ )	<b>Throughout the Bible</b>	<b>of Truth</b>	<b>John 16:13</b>	<b>of Bondage</b>	<b>Romans 8:15</b>
<b>of Wisdom and understanding</b>	<b>Isaiah 11:2</b>	<b>of Adoption</b>	<b>Romans 8:15</b>	<b>of Heaviness</b>	<b>Isaiah 61:3</b>
<b>of Counsel and Might</b>	<b>Isaiah 11:2</b>	<b>of Glory</b>	<b>1 Peter 4:14</b>	<b>of Unclean</b>	<b>Matthew 12:43</b>
<b>of Knowledge</b>	<b>Isaiah 11:2</b>	<b>of Wisdom &amp; Revelation</b>	<b>Ephesians 1:17</b>	<b>of Lying</b>	<b>1 Kings 22:22</b>
<b>of The fear of the Lord</b>	<b>Isaiah 11:2</b>	<b>Ministering</b> (i.e., Angels)	<b>Hebrews 1:14</b>	<b>of Whoredoms</b>	<b>Hosea 4:12</b>
<b>of Humility</b>	<b>Proverbs 16:9</b>	<b>of Jealousy</b>	<b>Numbers 5:14</b>	<b>of Deafness and Dumbness</b>	<b>Mark 9:25</b>
<b>of Meekness</b>	<b>1 Cor. 4:21</b>	<b>of Fear</b>	<b>2 Timothy 1:7</b>	<b>of Antichrist</b>	<b>1 John 4:3</b>
<b>of Grace and Supplication</b>	<b>Zechariah 12:10</b>	<b>of Perversity</b>	<b>Isaiah 19:14</b>	<b>of Divination</b>	<b>Acts 16:16</b>
<b>of Judgment and Burning</b>	<b>Isaiah 4:4</b>	<b>of Seduction</b>	<b>1 Timothy 4:1</b>	<b>of Slumber</b>	<b>Romans 11:8</b>
<b>of Faith</b>	<b>1 Cor. 4:13</b>	<b>of Pride</b>	<b>Proverbs 16:18</b>	<b>of Deep Sleep</b>	<b>Isaiah 29:10</b>
<b>of Life</b>	<b>Rev. 11:11</b>	<b>of Evil</b>	<b>Throughout the bible</b>	<b>of Infirmary</b>	<b>Luke 13:11</b>

**Our culture and education treats the Natural Realm as if it is independent of the breadth and depth of spiritual influence described in the Bible.**

# Spiritual Realm Impacts Lives for Generations



Spiritual Influences affect the “Environmental Factors” which impact our thoughts, feelings, attitudes, and beliefs ... AND ... these impacts can alter the gene expression in our DNA which is passed on to the next generation.

# So why “all that” about the spirit realm?

- It is an important factor in understanding why everything in our lives operates the way that it does.
  - Think about the sons of God meeting in Job and how that affected Job’s life.
  - Consider the spiritual gathering in 1 Kings 22 and how that affected Ahab’s life.
  - Think about the breadth of characteristics for spiritual beings listed in the bible.

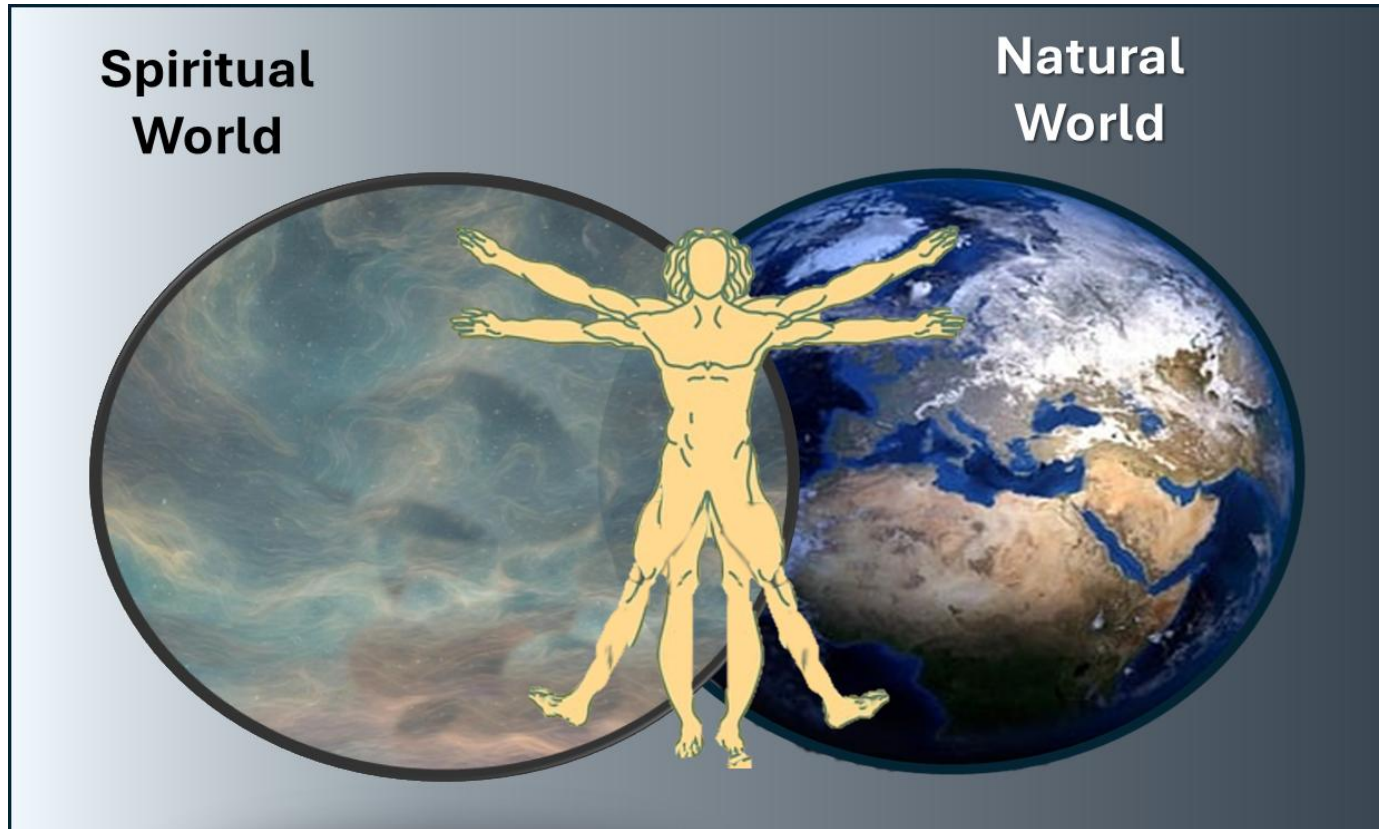
Couple all that with what we saw earlier:

- Our perception of reality is affected by who we are (DNA) and what we’ve experienced.
- Our beliefs and experiences can alter the gene expressions (epigenetic modification) that are passed on to our children.

As such, our children can genetically inherit a distorted perception of reality because the spirit realm has influenced our beliefs and life experiences, which can alter the gene expressions in the DNA that is passed to future generations.

**The spiritual realm appears to affect every aspect of our lives!**

# **Pulling the spiritual thread a little further...**



**Are there “spiritual laws” akin to the laws of physics?**

# First: A Look at the Second Law

- Newton's Second Law:
  - When a force acts on an object, it will cause the object to accelerate in the direction of that force.
- Hypothetical Second Law of Spiritual Physics:
  - When a spirit influences a person, it will cause the persons beliefs to accelerate in the direction of that influence.

**In order to influence us, a spirit must gain access.  
How does that happen?**



# How does the spirit-realm gain access to influence us?

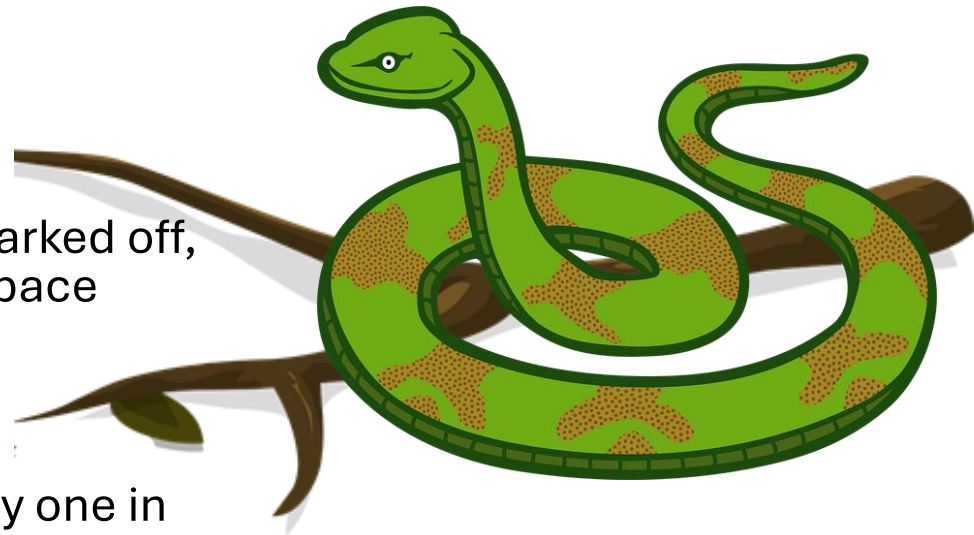
- **Ephesians 4:27** Neither give place to the devil.

“give” is from #1325 *didomi*

- To give of your own accord
- To grant

- “place” is from #5117 *topos*

- place, any portion or space marked off, as it were from surrounding space
  - an inhabited place, as a city, village, district
  - a place (passage) in a book
- the condition or station held by one in any company or assembly
- opportunity, power, occasion for acting

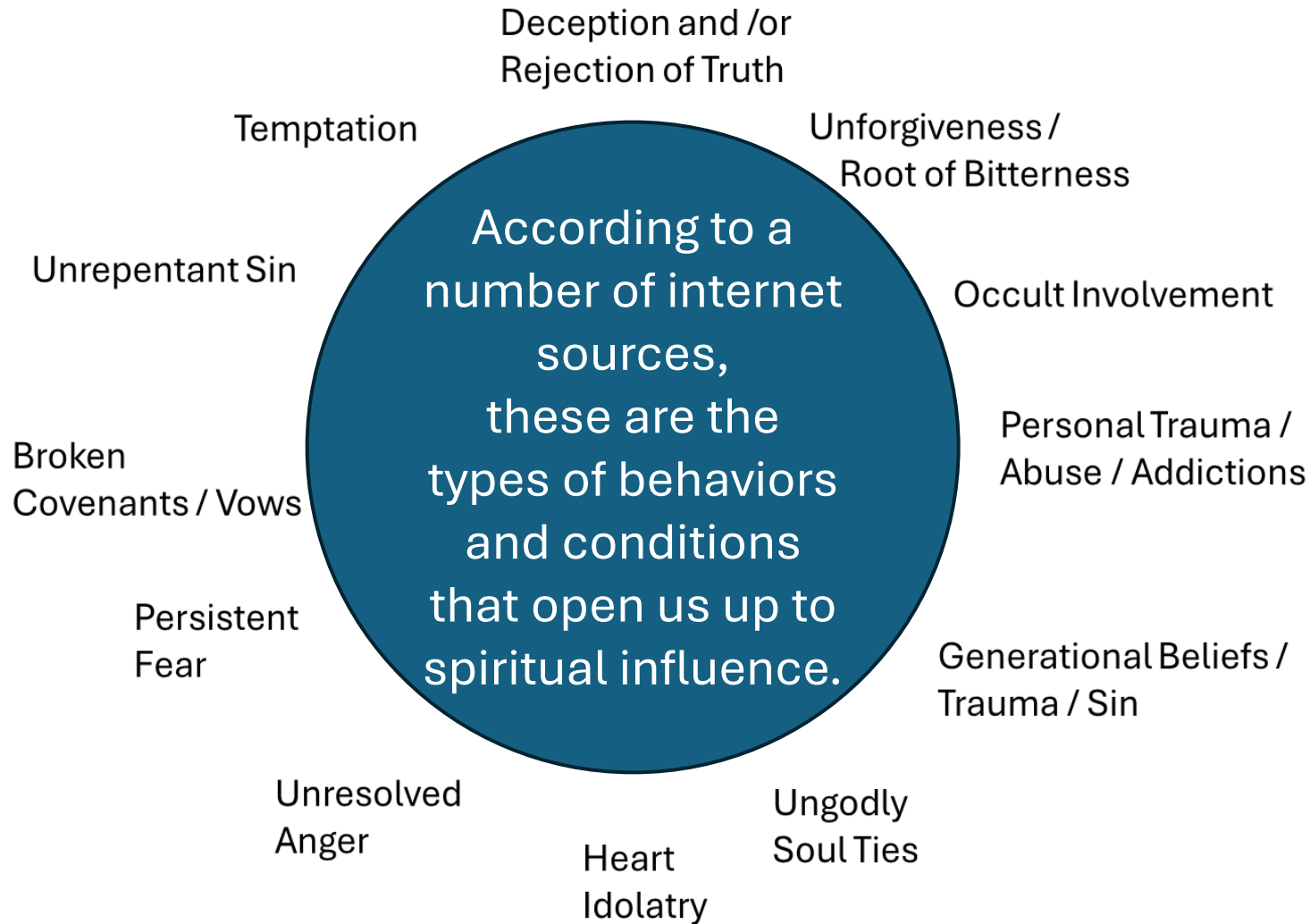


We “give place” (i.e., grant access to them) ... OK ...  
But how and when?



# How do we “*give place*” to the spirit realm?

Ephesians 4:27 – “Neither give place to the devil”



**Is there a common thread?**

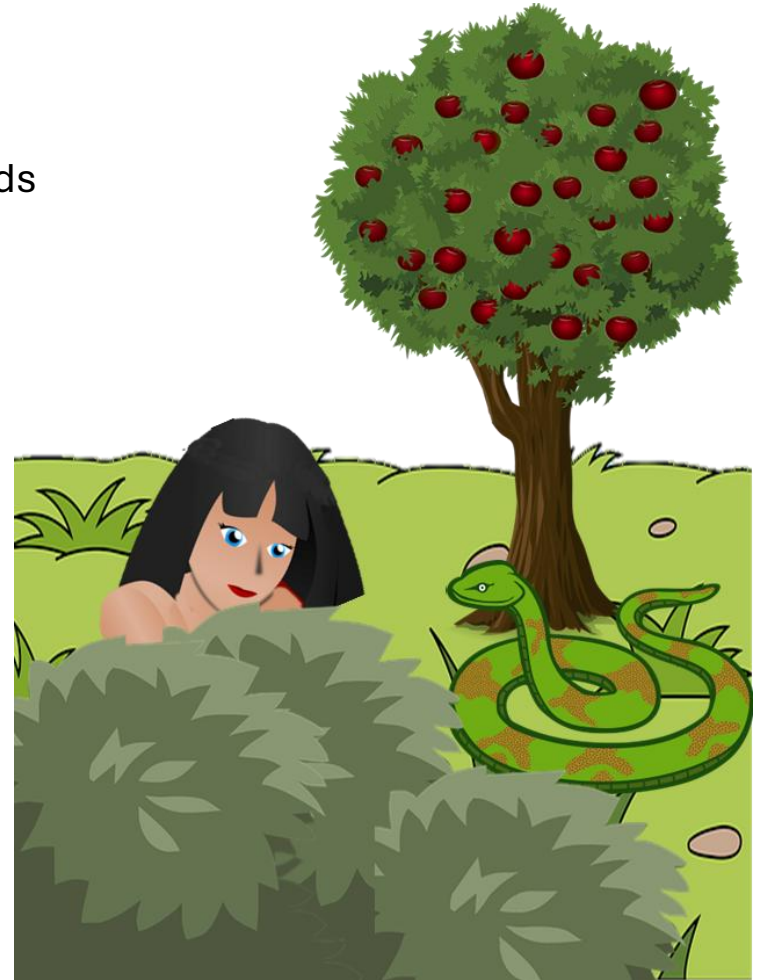
# Belief of Lies is the Common Thread



All these ways either lead to, or are rooted in, the BeLIEf of Lies.

# “Believing a Lie” Set the Pattern for Sin in Genesis 3

- The serpent presented a lie and a seed of doubt.
  - **Lie:** “Surely you will not die”. (Genesis 3:4)
  - **Doubt:** God doesn’t want you to become like gods (elohim), knowing good and evil. (Genesis 4:5)
- The woman had never been told a lie.
- She considered the lie, and the seed of doubt caused her to begin to lean on her own understanding.
  - We know this because she went to inspect the fruit herself using her own “natural senses”. (Genesis 3:6)
- Based on her own assessment, influenced by lies and doubt, she decided to eat of the fruit of the tree.



**The adversary, through deception, was “given a place” (a foothold) and when she believed his lie, it influenced her decision to eat the fruit.**

# What happens when we believe a lie?

- **2 Corinthians 11:3-4** <sup>3</sup>But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, **so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.**

**Lie:** <sup>4</sup> **For if** he that comes preaches another Jesus, whom we have not preached,

**Spiritual : or if** you receive another spirit, which you have not received,

**Lie:** **Or** a different gospel, which you have not accepted, you may well put up with it. (i.e., you might accept these lies)



## When we believe lies :

1. We grant access in our hearts / minds for the enemy to take a foothold
2. Our hearts / minds become corrupted
  - - The heart of man was part of all that was called “very good” in Genesis 1, but became corrupted through belief of lies and thus was described as “desperately wicked” in Jeremiah 17:9.
3. We come into bondage as our hearts/minds are enslaved to whom we believe and serve.

*“It is impossible to sin out of “who you are in God ...  
- every sin a believer commits comes from believing a lie.”*

– Bill Johnson, Sr. Pastor at Bethel Church, Redding, CA

- To enter the Kingdom of God, we must first be begotten of the flesh/born of water (i.e., natural birth) and then be begotten/born of the Spirit (i.e., spiritual birth). (John 3:5)
- John further teaches that whosoever has been born of God (i.e., our identity “in Christ”) is incapable of sinning:
  - **1 John 3:9 Whoever has been born of God** does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he **cannot sin**, because he has been born of God.
- But the adversary tries to deceive us in regard to our true identity.
  - The devil challenged Jesus’ identity when he said “***if you are the son of God, ...***” then prove it by \_\_\_\_.
  - Spiritual adversaries try to deceive us into identities of shame, guilt, unworthiness etc.
- All Sin is committed out of our false identity through belief of lies.

**Our True Identity (in Christ) is incapable of sinning, but we walk in our false identity (in the world) until we are healed.**

# Next: A Look at the Third Law

- Newton's Third Law:
  - For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction.
- Hypothetical Third Law of Spiritual Physics:
  - For every core belief there are validating life experiences.
    - Keep your heart (*leb* – soul/mind) with all diligence, For out of it *spring* the issues of life.
    - our life experiences tend to manifest what we hold within our core beliefs.



# For Every Core Belief there are Validating Life Experiences

- Keep your heart (leb – soul/mind) with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life. (Proverbs 4:23)
- Those who truly believed (without doubt) that they were going to be healed were healed by their faith. (e.g., Matthew 9:22, Mark 10:52)
- If we command a mountain to be moved, and believe (without doubt) it will come to pass. (Matthew 11:23)
- If we believe a lie, God will send us delusion in agreement with that lie. (2 Thessalonians 2:11)
- If we hold idols in our hearts, God will answer our prayers and inquiries in accordance with those idols. (Ezekiel 14:4)



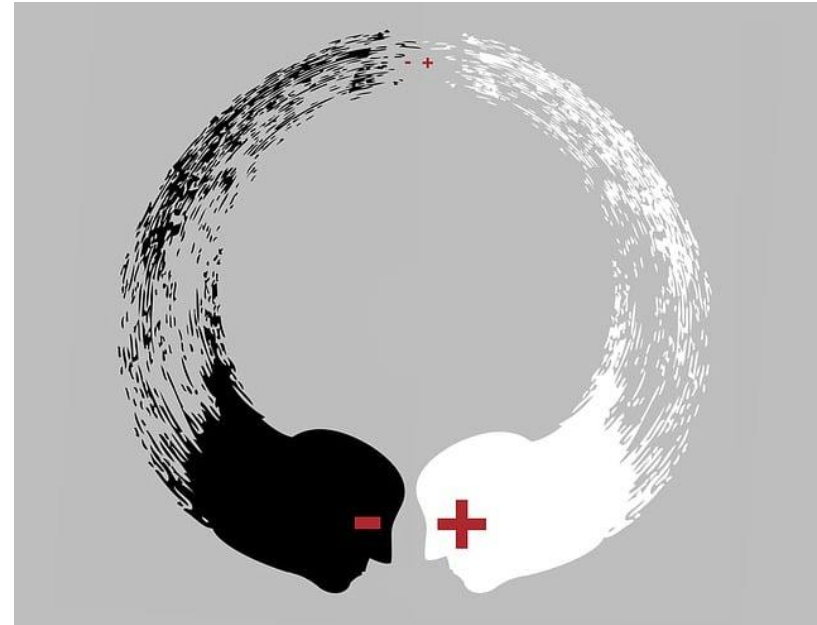
**What if** our life experiences are a sequence of natural outcomes of spiritual physics based upon what we have been influenced to believe?

# Finally: A Look at the First Law

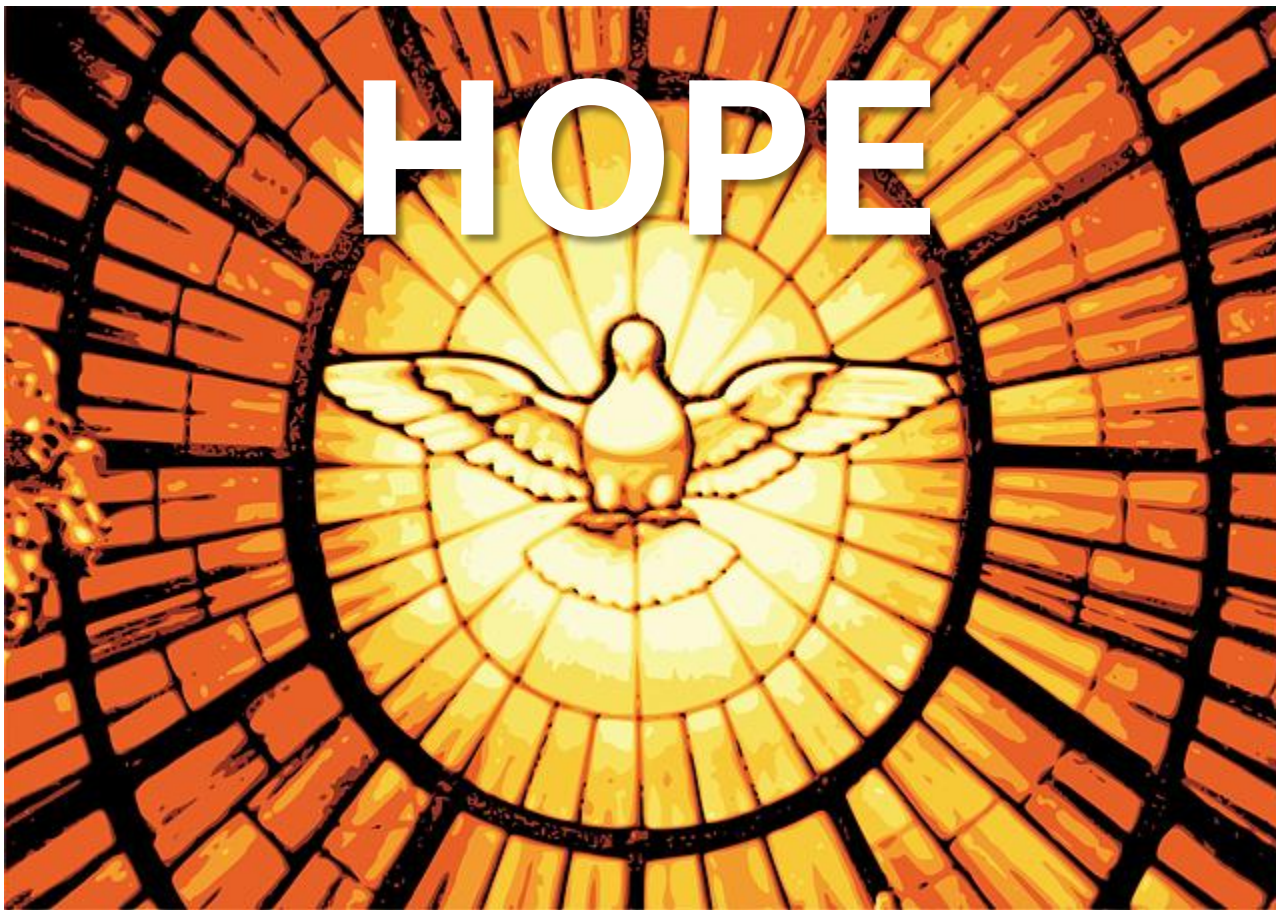
- Newton's First Law:
  - An object in motion tends to stay in motion unless an external force acts upon it.
- Hypothetical First Law of Spiritual Physics:
  - A person under a spiritual influence tends to stay under that influence unless acted upon by another opposing spiritual influence.

# The Opposing Spiritual Force That Brings Hope

- **Influencing Spirit** (e.g., blinding spirit)
  - KJV **2 Corinthians 4:3-4** <sup>3</sup> But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: <sup>4</sup> In whom **the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not**, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.
- **Opposing Spirit (The Holy Spirit!)**
  - KJV **Romans 8:14-16** <sup>14</sup> For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For ye have **not received the spirit of bondage again** to fear; but ye **have received the Spirit of adoption**, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. <sup>16</sup> The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.



**The indwelling of the Holy Spirit provides us with an opposing spiritual influence to enable healing and resistance to the lies of the adversaries.**



**John 15:26** But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, *even* the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall bear witness of me.

**John 16:13** Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He shall guide you into all the truth.

**John 8:32** and ye shall know the truth, **and the truth shall make you free.**

# Wrap up for Part 1



We now have a better understanding of:

- How God is orchestrating our life experiences to initiate our healing
- The profound impact that our beliefs have on every aspect of our lives and what happens to us when we believe a lie
- The depth and breadth of spiritual involvement in our lives and how it impacts our generations to follow
- The three primary players to be addressed in this healing process
- How our hope for freedom is linked to receiving the Spirit of Truth