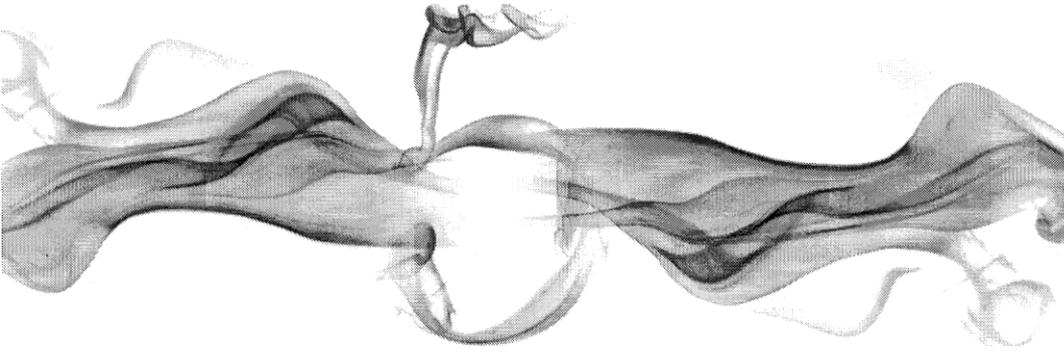


The *Spirit* of Man
PART II
THE ANATOMY OF THE SPIRIT



Chapter 5

THE GOLDEN BOWL

We will now continue with the following element as described by King Solomon in a passage of Scripture we shall study.

Remember your Creator before the silver cord is loosed, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher is shattered at the fountain, or the wheel is broken at the well. (Ecclesiastes 12:6)

The golden bowl is the container where the seed of life enters in order to awaken our spirit. It is the place life flows out of. It is our being's Holy of Holies.

To this day, it has been taught in biblical seminaries, that our tripartite being is similar to Moses' Tabernacle in the Old Testament.

It consisted of three parts: The outer court, the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies.

This made it easy to associate it with the three parts of our being: body, soul and spirit respectively.

The Holy of Holies was the place where the presence of God dwelled, within the "Ark of the Covenant". That is why ancient theologians related this to our spirit.

It was believed that once the Lord entered the heart through the

conversion of a believer, the spirit of man was totally sanctified and everything in him was filled with God.

This sounds wonderful, but it is not precisely the reality of what takes place when Christ comes to dwell in His sons, nor is it what the Bible describes.

Our spirit, having been in a dormant state due to sin, was filled with iniquity. This corrupted our inner self, and unless we purge of it out of ourselves, we will continue to have dormant areas in our spirit.

Paul, the Apostle, writes to the Corinthians stating the following:

Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. (2 Corinthians 7:1)

Also, Prophet Malachi speaks of infidelity as a sin that affects the spirit directly.

“For the Lord God of Israel says that He hates divorce, For it covers one’s garment with violence,” Says the Lord of hosts. “Therefore take heed to your spirit that you do not deal treacherously”. (Malachi 2:16)

These Scriptures, especially the first one, which was spoken to the saints in Corinth, shows that even though Christ lived in their hearts, they still had to clean their spirits.

If I try to understand this according to the analogy of the Tabernacle, I will find myself in the conflicting argument that Christ cannot dwell where there is corruption and iniquity.

If on the contrary, we understand the anatomy of the spirit, we will see that Christ comes to dwell in a specific place. This is a place reserved for the presence of God in the spirit called the “Golden Bowl”.

It is from this place where life flows, and where it is determined whether we belong to either God, or to death and the devil. This area is directly connected to the spiritual heart and soul of man.

Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life. (Proverbs 4:23)

When someone is possessed by demons, or is under the power of the devil, it takes place in the "Golden Bowl." Death entered Adam through this place. It is precisely in this place where eternal life or perdition is determined. Anyone who has not filled himself with Jesus has his golden bowl under the power of darkness.

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into

the kingdom of the Son of His love. (Colossians 1:13)

The golden bowl is the altar of God, which Ezekiel saw. It is the place in our spirit from where the river of God flows.

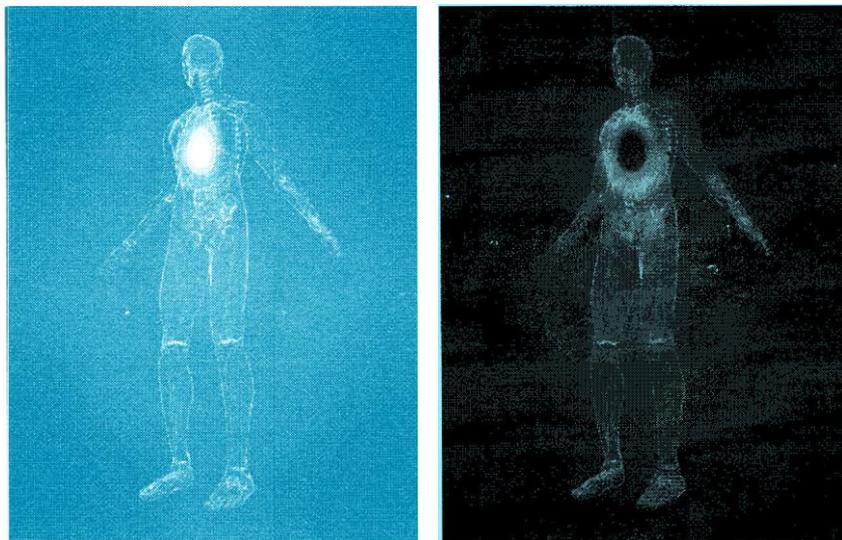


Figure 516– the Golden Bowl / Golden Bowl in a State of Death

Then he brought me back to the door of the temple; and there was water, flowing from under the threshold of the temple toward the east, (Ezekiel 471a)

The east represents the origin of all things, which is God Himself. When the heart leans toward the Father to be engendered by Him, the seed of life enters the golden bowl and begins to produce the waters of the Spirit.

The waters begin to flow to awaken and fill our entire being; spirit, soul and body with life, so that we may be born into the Kingdom of God and its eternal dimensions. The river is full of life and wherever these waters reach and touch, they begin to awaken and heal our inner being.

And behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east. His voice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth shone with His glory. (Ezekiel 43:2)

And it shall be that every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live. There will be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters go there; for they will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river goes. (Ezekiel 47:9)

The glory and the fire of the Spirit shine in these waters. They bring healing to the waters of the spirit, which had been asleep, and thus, filled with corruption and iniquity. From there they flow into the soul to form a new complete and beautiful creature that can manifest God. Once the waters have completely filled our inner being, they begin to flow and give life to anyone who drinks from them.

This is the part of the spirit Jesus was referring to when He spoke to the Samaritan woman who was drawing water from Jacob's well.

Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." (John 4:13-14)

The water from this bowl comes from God and is the only one that can quench our thirst. We may drink from the waters of great men and women of God, but eventually we will thirst again. It is only when we drink from our own bowl that we are satisfied. The fountain within us connects us with God and produces this living water. This water is filled with true love, revelation, resurrection, knowledge of God, hidden mysteries and everything else our spirit and soul need to be nourished and grow.

This is the place of intimate communion between God and man, where both spirits are fused together to form a new man. It is in this place where our spirit contemplates the glory of God and begins to be formed into His image.

Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. (2 Corinthians 3:17-18)

It is from this place that Jesus was able to say, "He who has seen Me has seen the Father." That is where the splendor of the glory began to invade His entire being, during the transfiguration.

It is the Ark of the Covenant within us; the true habitation of God within man, the temple of His Glory in us.

It is the place where the marriage between Jesus and His bride takes place. In the same way a man and a woman come together and become one flesh in the marriage bed, the Spirit of God must come together with man's spirit. Then we stop being ourselves, and become one Spirit with God.

But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. (1 Corinthians

6:17)

Paul the Apostle spoke of this great mystery, comparing a marriage in the natural, to that of Christ and His Church.

So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it just as the Lord does the church. For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. (Ephesians 5:28-32)

It is made very clear in this scripture that in order to be the body of Christ, members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones, we must be joined in marriage with Him.

We cannot say we are His body, and yet be waiting for some wedding to take place in the unknown future, as some have stipulated. This is a terrible mistake that robs all power, communion, rights and privileges that the Church has, as the wife of the Lamb.

This marriage union is the central concept and the heart of the Gospel. It is the powerful petition that Jesus prayed to the Father, that we would be one in them in the same manner that they are one.

"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. (John 17:20-23)

It is in this bowl where the fusing together of both spirits produces intimacy, or the "knowing God".

And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. (John 17:3)

In Scripture, the word "know" in many cases refers to the act of a man having intimacy with his wife. The following is an example:

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man from the Lord." (Genesis 4:1)

This same concept applies to intimate union in the spiritual sense, or to "know" God, which is what produces eternal life in us. The latter one does

not refer to our immortality, but to the life of the Father, fusing itself with ours, and making us one Spirit with Him.

For as a young man marries a virgin, so shall your sons marry you; And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. (Isaiah 62:5)

It is the Spirit of God in us, which produces the water of life that flows from our altar. The water from this fusion is what brings healing, and brings to life everything it touches. It is what engenders the plantings of the Lord, which are the sons of God.

And it shall be that every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live. There will be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters go there; for they will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river goes. (Ezekiel 47:9)

There are two rivers, God's river and our river, but ultimately it is just one river because He has united with His spouse. Together they produce these trees, that are the planting of the Lord, which will heal the land.

Along the bank of the river, on this side and that, will grow all kinds of trees used for food, their leaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. They will bear fruit every month, because their water flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for medicine. (Ezekiel 47:12)

The Spirit and the bride united can call unto a lost world to come and drink of the waters of God.

And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely. (Revelation 22:17)

Without chat union, intimacy or marriage, we have nothing but religion; an empty form that does not produce life or eternal fruit.

That is why Jesus prayed to the Father that we would be one, in the Father and in Him, so the world would believe in Him.

that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. (John 17:21)

The understanding and the life chat flows from this golden bowl, from this marriage bed, connects us in true unity with other Sons of God whose golden bowls are also full of God. We fellowship with them in a genuine way and our unity is not based on theologies, organizations or common projects, but on the Spirit of God that flows from one to another.

God is not divided, and those who are Sons of God are true brothers. Our union was established even before the foundation of the world, and here, we simply recognize each other. We do not know them according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit, in the same way we know the Lord Jesus.

Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. (1 Corinthians 5:16)

Our spirit bubbles within us when we meet on the earth, as if we knew each other from eternity. This is God, which recognizes Himself in one another.

In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother. (1 John 3:10)

We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. (1 John 3:14-16)

We have grown so used to seeing ourselves according to what divides us. The reality is, everything that divides us is flesh, because we do not know how to operate by the Spirit, through understanding our own spirit as well as God's.

The Golden Bowl is the fountain of love that unites and connects everyone who is His.

Sometimes I allow the life and the love that flows from my golden bowl to touch the souls of those who do not know God. In those places where it is not easy to open my mouth and preach, I simply sit and allow the water to flow from my spirit and begin to embrace and love the dormant spirits of those around me.

They do not even know what is happening to them, but divine light is illuminating them, filling them with peace or faith. It could be that the person who had never prayed before, not knowing why, suddenly prays to God, or cries out to him or thanks Him. Maybe they begin to feel a desire to repent of their sins and change their lives. Without uttering a single word, our spirit, united with God, makes His glorious presence palpable, filling the atmosphere.

Figure 7—The River of God flowing from the Golden Bowl.

