

# The Kingdom of Heaven/God

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## 1. The Kingdom of God and of Heaven

### 1.1 The Kingdom of "God" and "Heaven" can be used interchangeably

With the exception of the Gospel of Matthew, all the gospels and epistles use the term "Kingdom of God (KOG)" and do not even reference the term "Kingdom of Heaven (KOH)" because they can be used interchangeably. Whether using the term KOH or KOG, it is the same kingdom mindset in individuals or groups of believers founded on the understanding of the Word of God and the leading of the spirit. It is the Word of God in our hearts and the practice of the Word's truth that positively influences our kingdom mindset or reality, whether individually or in small groups, churches, cities, or nations. Therefore, the KOH or KOG is not a city, a nation, or any physical geographical location anywhere in the Universe, but is the manifested kingdom reality of our individual and collective beliefs, behaviours, attitudes, and understanding of life, resulting in the creation of a spiritual atmosphere wherever we live; either of light where love, joy, and peace are dominant, or of darkness where strife, contention, corruption, and turmoil rule our lives.

The important thing to understand is that there are two realities regarding the Kingdoms of Heaven/God; 1) the first KOH is manifested by God's perfect knowledge and holiness, and 2) the second KOH is manifested by mankind's beliefs, behaviours, and attitudes. God's perfect KOH is known as the third heaven, and mankind's kingdom of heaven is known as the second heaven. Read document "[The three heavens](#)" to understand why I say the second

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heaven is the kingdom of heaven on earth based on our beliefs as opposed to the well-established belief that it is the cosmos.

Access to the Kingdom of Heaven (third heaven) is available to every human being via the spirit which is breathed into every person, which is why Jesus said, “the Kingdom of God is within you”, ([Luke 17:21](#)), however, each individual’s kingdom of heaven reality (second heaven) is based on their beliefs which affect behaviours and attitudes, influencing our spiritual atmosphere, and therefore other people around us, whether positive based on God’s Word (light), or negative based on mankind’s word (darkness). If we walk by the desires of the flesh based on our own understanding, we create a KOH/KOG that is dark—hence, our corrupt nature—but if we walk by the spirit based on God’s Word, we create a KOH/KOG that is light—hence, why Paul said that the Kingdom of God is joy, peace, and righteousness in the Holy Spirit ([Romans 14:17](#)). In other words, the Kingdom of Heaven/God in the third heaven has a spiritual atmosphere that exudes love, joy, and peace, however, the kingdom of heaven/god (second heaven) in the earth’s physical atmosphere has a spiritual atmosphere based on our beliefs, behaviours, and attitudes which are diverse and often confrontational and divisive, and often devoid of love, peace, and joy.

### [Luke 17:21](#)

Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

### [Romans 14:17](#)

For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

I therefore recognise a Kingdom of Heaven/God which is an extension or emanation of God which is known as the third heaven, which is omnipresent throughout and beyond the Universe. People say that the third heaven is God’s abode, but that almost sounds like God went to live there as if it was already in existence before God, however, heaven is really an extension or emanation of God, and thus exists simultaneously with God based on His omnipresence, omnipotence and omniscience. I also recognise a kingdom of heaven/god on earth based on mankind’s beliefs, behaviours, and attitudes, which I believe is the second heaven. Even though I call mankind’s kingdom reality the KOH or KOG, it can be a dark kingdom because we do not have God’s knowledge and holiness. This is the heaven (second heaven) Jesus prayed for, so that God’s kingdom (third heaven) can come, and His will be done on earth (referring to the second heaven within the earth’s physical atmosphere), as it is in heaven (referring to the third heaven which is ubiquitous). The context in which heaven is described in scripture is therefore important.

In summary, we could say that God lives everywhere because He is omnipresent, therefore His abode, as an extension or emanation of Himself is everywhere, and His kingdom reality (KOH) is perfection, righteousness, and holiness due to His divine and all-knowing nature, but mankind lives in the earth’s physical atmosphere due to our physical limitation, and our kingdom reality (KOH) is limited to our immediate surroundings that we influence with unrighteousness and imperfection due to our corrupt nature from a lack of knowledge of God and carnal desires.

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Unfortunately, we as believers do not walk 100% based on the truth, and therefore our kingdom reality is not the same as God's kingdom reality, which is the reason we mainly walk in the reality of mankind's dark kingdom of heaven. In addition, each community, church, nation, or group of believers will have a kingdom reality that leans towards the understanding of the leadership of that group with the rest mainly following. This does not mean that leaders necessarily know more than individual believers as God works in every heart, therefore, every individual should be given a voice as long as they can correlate their views to the scriptures if we are to positively influence the kingdom of heaven (second heaven on earth). The days of motivational speeches and glamour will come to an end when the truth starts to be disseminated correctly. The Word of God is not about polished and intellectual speeches which deceive, but is about truth and power.

## 1.2 The Kingdom of Heaven/God in the gospel of Matthew

In the gospel of Matthew, the Word of God (WOG) distinguishes between the terms "Kingdom of God" (KOG ) and "Kingdom of Heaven" (KOH) and therefore does not use them interchangeably, though they both represent the same kingdom reality, albeit in different environments, as follow:

1. The **KOG** pertains to the inward man in individuals and their walk with God ([Luke 17:21](#)), where the heart is transformed by the Word (Jesus) and the leading of the spirit into the image and likeness of God, as intended by God in the beginning before the fall. We could therefore say that the KOG is the kingdom reality God wishes to instil in every human being so that we can be more like God. This is why we must be born-again by the spirit to enter the KOG ([John 3:3-7](#)). Access to the KOG is available to believers by the spirit, which is why a believer's spirit sits in heavenly places ([Ephesians 2:6](#)) when they become born-again, even though the spirit is still in the body which is on earth. Therefore our contact with God and His Kingdom of Heaven is through the spirit, but we have weaknesses based on lack of knowledge and carnal desires, and therefore our kingdom reality is quite different from the reality of God's kingdom, meaning we have to learn the Word of God and to walk by the spirit. We therefore have two kingdom realities, one from God in the third heaven that we can access via the spirit to enter God's presence to influence a change of heart and mind, and the other that we create for ourselves (second heaven) by the current state of heart and mind, where we frequently, or permanently, walk outside the KOG. We therefore need to transition from our kingdom reality mindset (second heaven) to God's kingdom reality (third heaven) by the spirit as it cannot be done by the works of the flesh. In other words, to remain in the Kingdom of God we must lay down the desires of the flesh, or put another way, surrender our will to God's will, which essentially is the Word of God.

[Luke 17:21](#)

21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

[John 3:3-7](#)

3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

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4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of t

[Ephesians 2:6](#)

6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

2. The **KOH** pertains to the gathering of believers in any group of people, whether a community, church, city, nation, or the entire global village of people, where the KOH is the collective mindset of the population, where their kingdom reality (KOH) is influenced by the group's understanding of the Word of God and the leading of the spirit. Here again, it becomes even more difficult to agree or conform to the truth of God's Word as there are diverse beliefs, personalities, and desires working against each other, not just between the hearts and minds of individuals, but also between every member of the group. In [Matthew 13:47-48](#), the fish being caught in a net is symbolic of believers entering the Kingdom of Heaven, but only those that remain in the faith (good fish) are fit to inherit the KOH, but those that do not keep the faith (bad fish) are cast out. Then in [Matthew 13:33](#), the leaven that ferments the three measures of dough is symbolic of the Word that influences every individual that enters the Kingdom of Heaven, [Matthew 13:33](#).

[Matthew 13:47-48](#)

47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:  
48 Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.

[Matthew 13:33](#)

Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

### 1.3 The KOH or KOG is not a geographical location

The KOG or KOH (third heaven) is not a geographical location that one travels to because it is not a physical location, but is a spiritual dimension or realm that is not tangible to the five senses even though it is everywhere, i.e. the KOH is an extension or emanation of God that envelops the entire physical universe because the third heaven is everywhere as it is eternal and infinite. What is eternal and infinite does not have a starting point and thus does not start at the edge of the Universe as currently understood, i.e. it is everywhere!

Wherever God is present, which is everywhere (omnipresent), heaven is there too because heaven (third heaven) is eternal and infinite as an extension or emanation of God, just as mankind emanates their kingdom of heaven (second heaven) in the earth's physical atmosphere, but limited to wherever human beings are present because they are not omnipresent. We can then say that mankind's heaven is mobile because wherever mankind

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settles, that is where they created their kingdom reality (KOH), either good or bad. We therefore cannot say that we will physically live in heaven, neither now, nor in the future, but we can say that we live, or will live on earth in an environment (KOH) where the spiritual atmosphere is either heavenly or corrupt. Only naked spirits (believers that died who neither have a physical or spiritual body) can live in heaven for a time, until Jesus reappears. We must not confuse earth's physical atmosphere in which we live with the spiritual atmosphere of the KOG by which we live.

God and Heaven's omnipresence can be understood through the following example: if I am on earth and God opened the heaven (third heaven) for me to see Him, I would see the exact same image of God if I could be present simultaneously on Mars, Pluto, Jupiter, or any other solar system or galaxy. This is because the Kingdom of Heaven (third heaven) and God have no time and distance, and therefore exists everywhere simultaneously. This is why we can worship in Johannesburg and receive the same presence, signs and wonders of God in New York at exactly the same time, even though they are in different time zones on earth.

This is also why every believer receives the Holy Spirit as the one and same person to enter the KOG, i.e. the Holy Spirit does not divide Himself into many Holy Spirits to indwell believers. In other words, the Holy Spirit indwells believers simultaneously as one person, therefore every believer has exactly the same Holy Spirit indwelling them and thus they have the ability to produce the same level of faith or understanding of scripture to renew their minds by the Word of God. Nevertheless, every person has a different dedication, motivation, or desire in their endeavours to walk with God, resulting in the perceived varying levels of faith or understanding between believers.

### 1.4 Entering the KOH/HOG

In essence, we enter the KOG/KOH when we accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. Do not confuse **entering** the KOG with **inheriting** the KOG. The former is to enter the KOG by the spirit where we communicate with God even in our flesh body, the latter is to inherit the KOG when Jesus reappears to take us as his own into eternity. Every born-again believer in Jesus Christ has their spirit regenerated so that they can follow the spirit to achieve their purpose in the KOH/KOG. Each believer's spirit is regenerated with the same level of faith and knowledge for **their** purpose on earth, but it is the soul/mind that needs to come up to the same level as the spirit through learning the Word and working in the KOG. The more dedicated we become in learning and having a relationship with God, the more progressive our success becomes in our walk with God, and the more He uses us. Our soul therefore defines who we are at any point in time based on our progress, where the objective is for the soul to follow God's purpose based on the spirit that He breathed into us.

In simple terms, God placed the same faith and abilities in every believer's spirit to perform God's purpose in the KOH/KOG ([Romans 12:3](#), [2 Peter 1:1](#)), however, individuals have free will and thus can decide whether to follow God or their personal desires, or live somewhere in-between the two zones of the Kingdom of God's reality or our own kingdom of god/darkness reality. This is what causes the perceived variation in faith given by God to believers.

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## [Romans 12:3](#)

For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

## [2 Peter 1:1](#)

Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

God gives every believer the gift of saving faith to enter the KOG when we become born-again by the spirit, but when the believer is ready for service, God disperses other gifts of faith to believers, such as faith for healing, faith for speaking in tongues, faith for miracles, a word of knowledge or understanding, etc, to assist unbelievers in entering the KOH/KOG, however, not everyone gets the same gift, but those that do get the same gift receive the same faith for that specific gift. Once again, those that seem to use the gift more effectively are those that are more dedicated to God's ways, not because they received a more powerful gift, because God is not a respecter of people. Faithful believers use their gifts to demonstrate God's power and glory, and to draw unbelievers to Christ and the KOH/KOG through faith.

## 1.5 We generate our own kingdom reality

In [Colossians 1:10](#), the fact that Jesus translated all believers from the kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of Light (Kingdom of His dear son) is proof that we generate or emanate our own kingdom reality which is the kingdom of darkness (second heaven), whether individually or as a collective. Unbelievers live in the kingdom of darkness due to lack of understanding of God or His Word, but when we are saved through heartfelt faith, we are automatically translated from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light, but this does not mean that we are walking or living in the light (knowledge of God) because we still have much to learn to renew our minds and hearts. In other words, when we become born-again by the spirit, it is only our spirit that gets saved, is perfected, and sits in heavenly places (light) with access to God, which is why everything we do must be in spirit and truth, but our body and mind is in the process of being progressively saved through faith in Jesus Christ, and therefore we walk in darkness in some areas of our lives, until we learn the Word of God and follow Jesus in those weaker areas. With time, learning, and acting on the Word, we will be set free from walking in the darkness by the evil that so easily besets us, as the light (Word/knowledge of God) gets brighter in our hearts and mind.

## [Colossians 1:10](#)

13Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

A believer only gets translated into the kingdom of light when they become born again through **heartfelt** faith in Jesus Christ, and remains in the kingdom as long as their faith endures until the end, whether in death or at Jesus's reappearance. If we believe with all our

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heart, our spirit sits in heavenly places (third heaven) before God, who guarantees our salvation, but we still have a mind that follows in our old dark ways, and thus we struggle in this flesh body. It is our beliefs, behaviours, and attitudes that affect our walk with God and influence those round us, which in turn influences or strengthens the kingdom of light or of darkness.

We see then that we generate our individual kingdom based on our beliefs that result in our behaviours and attitudes. This is what I call the second heaven, which is the kingdom of heaven on earth if we follow God, or the kingdom of darkness if we follow our own desires and instincts. However, the third heaven (Kingdom of Heaven) which is everywhere, can be accessed through the spirit within us. We therefore see that there is God's Kingdom of Heaven which is everywhere and mankind's kingdom of heaven, or darkness, that we create on earth based on our beliefs.

### 1.6 The Kingdom of God is within a believer

The KOG is used to express the heavenly place within believers, as per Jesus's statement in [Luke 17:21](#). The reason Jesus said this is because all human beings have God's breath (spirit) in them when they are born, and thus have contact with God, especially through dreams and visions, and sometimes through a word that comes into our mind. Notice that Jesus was speaking to legalists, not to believers that are born again by the spirit. What Jesus said is true, but the problem is that sin and a lack of the knowledge of God separated mankind from God resulting in a corrupt spirit where we lose our purpose and direction. When Jesus said this, He was inviting them to follow Him as the light of the world, even in their sinful state, for He had all the knowledge of the Father, and was their only hope. However, when we are born again by the spirit, a believer's spirit is regenerated or re-awakened from its dormant or corrupt state and given its original purpose, and the Holy Spirit comes to indwell the believer as a guarantee of their salvation ([Ephesians 1:13-14](#)), meaning that the Holy Spirit assists us in our walk in the Kingdom of God until either our death, or the reappearance of Jesus who will change our vile body into glorious bodies ([Philippians 3:20-21](#)).

#### [Luke 17:21](#)

21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

#### [Ephesians 1:13-14](#)

13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

#### [Philippians 3:20-21](#)

20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

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We can sense that the KOG is truly within us when God strengthens us, or when we study, pray, or worship God. This comes as a feeling of love, joy and peace, which I term a spiritual atmosphere as a result of our spirit that is seated in heavenly places when we become born again by the spirit ([Ephesians 2:6](#)). Because our spirit sits in heavenly places (third heaven), it does not mean that our spirit leaves our body to go to heaven, or that we have a duplicate in heaven, but rather, it is because heaven is manifest or made available to us when the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in us. Effectively, the Holy Spirit opens the third heaven to our spirit because He dwells in us but can manifest His presence or remove it as required. He manifests His presence to strengthen us in our relationship with God, our activities for the kingdom, and to overcome challenges, and He removes His presence to induce us to seek His presence more deeply through relationship. Therefore, the more we learn and submit to the Word of God and the spirit's leading, the more we come into God's presence, and the closer we walk with God in the Kingdom of God because our hearts are progressively moulded to mirror God's heart. The point is that God wants to change us from the inside out by the Word of God and the leading of the spirit, so that we can align ourselves to the image and likeness that He originally intended for mankind. When we change from the inside out to be more like God—hence, why Jesus said the Kingdom of God is within us—our beliefs and behaviours influence those around us in a positive way, thus influencing the spiritual atmosphere of our kingdom of heaven/darkness on earth. This means that our current kingdom of heaven/darkness (second heaven) becomes more like the Kingdom of Heaven (third heaven).

[Ephesians 2:6](#)

“And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

### 1.7 The Kingdom of Heaven

The Kingdom of Heaven is the same kingdom reality or state of being as the Kingdom of God within believers, but is based on the collective beliefs, and therefore behaviours and attitudes of a group of believers, whether in a church, community, city, or nation. The KOH that mankind creates on earth (second heaven) is more difficult to mirror to God's Kingdom of Heaven (third heaven) because of the dynamics of social interconnectedness by the members of a group, and the bigger the group, the harder it becomes, where the national and global heavenly kingdom realities seem to only be achievable when Jesus Christ reappears because they are so diverse.

The other problem is that churches tend to enforce their ideologies autocratically based on the corporate pyramid structures that they are bound to, and there are many of these pyramid structures with varying opinions and ideologies. This means that the freedom to speak out in truth gets squashed because no-one wants to step on anyone else's toes, especially on the toes of those in the higher echelons of the church or its pyramid structure, and therefore they prefer to toe the line. They therefore enforce their doctrines on others which does not help the KOH on earth as it continues in darkness. This is why Jesus said in [Matthew 11:12](#) that the kingdom of heaven suffers violence and the violent take it by force.

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And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

Jesus was referring to the legalist Pharisees who force their ideologies and control over the people so that they can take the kingdom of heaven (on earth) by force, i.e. they want complete control of what is believed, said, and done. It is no different today, with legalists doing exactly the same thing. Was Jesus talking about the Kingdom of Heaven as in the third heaven? Of course not, no-one can take God's emanated heaven by force, but rather, Jesus was referring to the kingdom of heaven/darkness on earth (second heaven) that mankind create by their beliefs, behaviours and attitudes. Even legalistic Christians today, do not understand that fulfilling the law by our own efforts is also another gospel that Paul talks about in [Galatians 2:5](#), which is what Jesus was inferring by [Matthew 11:12](#) before Paul's time.

### [Galatians 2:5](#)

8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

The problem in the church is not incorrect doctrine, because we are all works in progress and are bound to make mistakes. The real problem is that the church cannot advance into perfection if they continue to shut out people, even when the scriptures contradict the church's ideology. For example, I reported that Elijah did not go to heaven (third heaven)—I know, you are thinking that I am crazy as no one currently believes this—nevertheless, I wrote down the scriptures that prove this to some pastors to open their eyes, and yet no-one actually confirmed or rebuked my article, which is extremely disappointing from the churches' perspective. Nevertheless, when I gave some congregants the scripture where Jesus proves that Elijah did not go to the heaven, they were blatantly surprised that no-one has seen this before. The scripture is [John 3:13](#) where Jesus clearly states that no man has gone/ascended to heaven (third heaven) except He that descended, which was Jesus Himself. This is why putting heaven in its right context matters.

### [John 3:13](#)

13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

Jesus was the one who opened the heavens and thus no one could go there before Him, not Enoch, nor Elijah. This is why [Matthew 17:52-53](#) states that the dead came out of their graves **after** Jesus's resurrection. Even today, everyone stays mum on the subject, and it is no wonder to me that the church remains in darkness in many areas. Elijah not only did not go to heaven, though he went up into the physical heaven (first heaven), but was transferred to somewhere safe in Israel (first heaven). The reason was that Elijah was fearful of Jezebel who

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threatened to kill him, so God asked him to transfer his anointing to Elisah. God cannot use a prophet when they start fearing because fear is not of faith, and is also the reason why Christians do not receive from God even today. Enoch is another point of consideration but I will expand on this in another article. This is a very simple example but I have given many such examples in the scriptures and yet pastors do not seem to be interested. I am not sure if it is personal pride of being wrong, wanting the glory for themselves, or pure neglect, but either way it is not good for the advancement of the church.

### [Matthew 17-52-53](#)

52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

Are leaders always correct? No one is, therefore, leaders should always allow people to voice their views with backup from scripture and discussions around the subject when necessary. If leaders reject anyone without explanation, then the leader appears to be autocratic and controlling, which is not God's desire. God actually told me that the devil would try to take away my calling or spiritual development in the kingdom. Initially, I did not know how this would happen, but within a few months, events confirmed God's Word to me when I realised that it was pastors in churches that wanted me silent, or not give me an opportunity to speak to other congregants or in home cells/connect groups. One pastor even told me to meet him on a weekly basis so that I could give him what revelation I had received, but not to anyone else. That told me everything of his motivation and intention, even though he gave me a weak reason by trying to convince me, that if I spoke to people, I could be compared to the Labour Union who interfere with an employer's staff. How does trying to tell the truth of God's Word for free, compare to a Labour Union who lies to make money? I have no clue, but it took some time for me to ponder on, but eventually left his church as I could not talk to people regarding certain truths, and hearing erroneous interpretations but not being able to give my input. Am I saying that pastors are the devil? Of course not, but certain beliefs, desires, pride, fears, or simply ignorance, can trigger unfavourable actions which does align with the devil's will.

A person that fears or disallows anyone else to speak, whether based on truth or not, is not walking with God by faith. We must realise that the truth always comes forth, especially when we allow others to participate in open discussions, as it can make us realise our own mistakes or open the eyes of others. In other words, someone who shouts down or blocks someone else's views without trying to understand it, is not helping a person that might be wrong, or to change their own view, and therefore is not interested in helping anyone, which is not God's desire. A dedicated and pure-hearted believer that seeks truth can walk far closer to God than even the most highly acclaimed leaders of any group of believers. Of course, there are those believers that also walk far away from God in comparison to the group, nevertheless, regardless of the type of believer, they should be considered if they have some revelation that they can prove scripturally, and the church should consider it in an open and honest way. Only then can we truly move forward. This reminds me of the old man in [Ecclesiastes 9:14-16](#) that was ignored after his wisdom saved a city. Were the leaders or people in the city jealous of his wisdom that saved the city, or did they just ignore him

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because of his age? I believe both, especially when the carnal mind judges someone—in this case he was an old man—probably not to be adequate for God’s use in the mind of some.

### [Ecclesiastes 9:14-16](#)

14 There was once a small city with only a few people in it. And a powerful king came against it, surrounded it and built huge siege works against it. 15 Now there lived in that city a man poor but wise, and he saved the city by his wisdom. But nobody remembered that poor man. 16 So I said, “Wisdom is better than strength.” But the poor man’s wisdom is despised, and his words are no longer heeded.

## 1.8 The two Kingdoms of Heaven

Therefore, when the WOG speaks of the Kingdom of Heaven or heaven, it may be referring to God’s heaven where the spiritual atmosphere is shrouded in holiness, love, joy, and peace, or the mankind’s heaven where the spiritual atmosphere is shrouded in corruption emanated by our beliefs, behaviours, and attitudes, which can be anything from heavenly to devilish. This is the second heaven that God wants to replace on earth when He said “I will shake the heaven and the earth”, [Hebrews 12:26](#), and what Jesus refers to when He says. “Let your will be done in earth as it is in heaven”. In other words, Jesus wants mankind’s heaven on earth (second heaven) to be the same as God’s abode (third heaven).

### [Hebrews 12:26](#)

26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.

We see in [Hebrews 12:26](#) that God mentions shaking the heaven in the singular, where only very few translations use the plural. This makes sense because God is not going to shake His third heaven or the first heaven. To shake what is an extension or emanation of God is logically ridiculous, and to shake the Universe (first heaven) is an overkill because God only needs to shake that which is sinful on the earth, which is the physical works of mankind, and the kingdom of darkness (second heaven) that was generated based on our belief systems. Therefore, God will shake the earth and the heaven, where the earth refers to mankind’s works, and the heaven refers to removing fallen angels (stars), symbolised by the heavenly bodies in [2 Peter 3:10-12](#). God’s messengers, whether angels or mankind, are often called stars (elements or heavenly bodies) in scripture. It is these fallen angels that deceive mankind into influencing the spiritual atmosphere of the kingdom of heaven/god on earth (second heaven).

### [2 Peter 3:10-12](#)

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.  
11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

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12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

However, God once shook the earth but not the heaven in Noah's time; why not the heaven (second heaven) as well? God did not shake the heaven (second heaven) because there were no fallen angels cast out to the earth at that time, and they were not given power over the nations at that time. Yes, Eve was already deceived by some fallen spirit being (light-bringer/lucifer) but they remained with access to heaven until Jesus was born, as per [Revelation 12:1-12](#). These spirit beings were still in heaven and God only set them as sons of God over the nations in [Deuteronomy 32:8-9](#) after mankind rejected God at Babel, which is when they started to influence mankind with many religions.

### [Deuteronomy 32:8-9](#)

8 When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel. (a)

9 For the LORD'S portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance. (b)

(a) The Septuagint indicates "sons of God" instead of "children of Israel" because Israel did not exist at the time of Babel when the nations were dispersed.

(a) Jacob (Israel) would be God's inheritance, and through them, Israel would bring the nations back to God.

### [Revelation 12:1-12](#)

1 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

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Therefore when God speaks of the kingdom of heaven, we need to put it into context, whether it is God's kingdom (third heaven) or mankind's kingdom (second heaven), which are spiritual heavens, not physical like the first created heaven (Universe).

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### 2. Sample scriptures regarding the Kingdom of Heaven and of God

#### 2.1 The Holy Spirit is like a fire around us and in our midst

[Zechariah 2:4-5](#) is a good prophetic example of the Kingdom of Heaven and of God. Zechariah saw Jerusalem as a city without walls because He was referring to the Kingdom of God/Heaven as the new Jerusalem, symbolised by the building coming down from heaven in [Revelation 21:1-3](#).

##### [Zechariah 2:4-5](#)

4 And said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited *as* towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein:  
5 For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her.

##### [Revelation 21:1-3](#)

1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.  
2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.  
3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

Zechariah was not talking about a physical building or city. He knew that God was building Himself a people or church of believers that would make up God's kingdom on earth (second heaven) as it is in heaven (third heaven). Obviously, Zechariah only considered the Jews at the time, but later the believers in Jesus Christ were included. Revelation 21 above reflects the completed "city/building/church", or rather, believers in Jesus Christ who are currently getting ready to be His bride. We therefore know that currently the "building" is in the construction phase as many more believers need to come to Christ. This is why [Ephesians 2:19-22](#) and [1 Peter 2:3-9](#) speaks of believers being "living stones" and Jesus as the cornerstone that are being built together as the house of God, symbolic of the Kingdom of Heaven/God made up of the true believers in Jesus Christ. We are this "building/city" which is why we are "living stones" and why Jesus gives those that overcome a white stone in [Revelation 2:17](#).

##### [Ephesians 2:19-22](#)

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;  
20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;  
21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:  
22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

##### [1 Peter 2:3-9](#)

3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

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4 To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,  
5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices,  
acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.  
6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious:  
and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.  
7 Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the  
builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,  
8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being  
disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.  
9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew  
forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

### [Revelation 2:17](#)

17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I  
give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written,  
which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

Is the book of Ephesians and Peter talking about a physical building? No, the building is symbolic of believers as God's house or city with each believer symbolised by a stone and Jesus as the cornerstone.

### 2.1.1 The Kingdom of Heaven

In [Zechariah 2:4-5](#), the Lord will be like a wall of fire surrounding Jerusalem similar to towns without walls with many inhabitants. In other words, Jerusalem will have no walls because it is a "city of believers in Jesus Christ" interspersed amongst unbelievers worldwide (wheat amongst the tares), not a physical city built with bricks and mortar. As believers, we live interspersed among unbelievers, and yet, we have the Holy Spirit as a wall of fire around us as the body of Christ because the Holy Spirit selectively marks, seals, and indwells born-again believers based on faith in Jesus Christ regardless of ethnicity, gender, nationality, culture, or geographical location. This prophetic message of the Kingdom of Heaven symbolises the body of Christ or the "spiritual city of the new Jerusalem" in [Revelation 21:1-3](#). It can pertain to believers in the current corrupt world of Heaven and Earth, or to believers in the new Heaven and Earth when Jesus reappears to establish the full glory of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth.

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Indeed, the present state of the new Jerusalem is not yet fully realized as the "city" is still being built and therefore our current environment is tainted, adversely impacting our lives

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through the carnality of the flesh and its five senses, resulting in our inability to walk in the spirit at all times. In contrast, the new Jerusalem upon the reappearance of Jesus, will be fully “built” and completely permeated with God's presence, love, peace, joy, wisdom, and might, meaning that the Holy Spirit will be ever-present in our hearts and environment with the tree of life ([Revelation 22:1-3](#)).

### [Revelation 22:1-3](#)

- <sup>1</sup> And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.
- <sup>2</sup> In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, *was there* the tree of life, which bare twelve *manner of* fruits, *and* yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations.
- <sup>3</sup> And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

Today, believers have Jesus as the tree of life that was in Eden in our current environment as we have access to the Godhead via the spirit based on Jesus's completed works of the cross (tree), where He paid for humanity's sins in full by His blood. This means that the cherubim are no longer guarding the way to the tree of life because the veil was torn, i.e. the cherubim painted on the veil separating the Holy and Most Holy places symbolised the guarding of the way to the "Tree of Life", where the Tree of Life is symbolic of "Christ". We lost access to the Tree of Life (Jesus Christ) in the garden of Eden through sin, but we regained access to the Tree of Life (Jesus Christ) who paid for our sins on the cross.

### 2.1.2 The Kingdom of God

The Lord will be in their midst, symbolizing the fact that the Holy Spirit or the Kingdom of Heaven will be within the believer, and because He is in the believer, Matthew terms it as the "Kingdom of God", which is why we are in the spirit, i.e. our spirit, not body, is in heaven which is manifest by the Holy Spirit within us (heart). Again, the KOG is not only for when Jesus Christ reappears in the new Heaven and Earth, but also for born-again believers in their physical bodies in our current Heaven and Earth. Of course, in this physical world of Heaven and Earth, even though we are in the spirit because our spirit sits in heavenly places, our bodies are on earth and therefore the desires of the flesh periodically prevent us from walking in the spirit and thus we struggle in mind and body, however, God has given us the Holy Spirit to assist us in our walk to attaining to the image and likeness of God.

### 2.1.3 God is our protection

In [Zechariah 2:4-5](#), it is obvious that God protects His people as a wall of fire around them, regardless of where believers are interspersed across the globe among unbelievers, even in dark environments where crime and sin are rampant, for the spirit of God has no time, space (distance), or boundaries. Of course, to be protected in this physical life, believers need to walk by faith and in obedience to God's Spirit and Word. It is unreasonable for any Christian to think that they will be protected (saved from calamities) in this life merely because they

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think they believe in Jesus Christ or work in a church whilst leading a sinful life, or when they have no fruit to demonstrate their faith. I am not saying that we are saved by our works/fruit, but how do we know if we are saved if we do not desire to work for God's Kingdom ([James 2 14-17](#))? Believers need to check their heart if they do not desire to do something for God as they might not be saved when they asked God for salvation, because lack of desire to work in the kingdom might prove that their hearts may not have been in it. After all, [Romans 10:10](#) is a double barrelled statement, where believing in Jesus from the heart is to attain righteousness, and voicing our belief in Jesus is receiving salvation of eternal life, i.e. only the righteous will enter the kingdom of God in this life and inherit the KOG in the next life, therefore believing in the heart is important to attain salvation, not only speaking without heartfelt intent. We therefore know that those that do good deeds wilfully in obedience to the Word (Jesus) out of love and gratefulness for what Jesus did, are actually demonstrating their heartfelt faith, and those deeds are profitable to:

1. People whom we serve in this life.
2. Give us favour and save us from or help us endure tribulations, persecutions, or catastrophes in this life.
3. Rewards us in the next life when Jesus Christ appears the second time.

In other words, Christianity is not only about getting saved to avoid hell and receiving eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ after death or at the rapture; but also about helping us to endure persecution, or saving us from turbulent times in this corrupt world by walking in conformance to God's Word through our deeds and the appropriate confession of our sin when we falter, [Psalm 27:5](#) or [Psalm 91:1-16](#). This is true of both the Old and New Testaments.

### [James 2 14-17](#)

<sup>14</sup> What *doth it* profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

<sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

<sup>16</sup> And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be *ye* warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what *doth it* profit?

<sup>17</sup> Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

### [Psalm 27:5](#)

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

### [Psalm 91:1-16](#)

<sup>1</sup> He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

<sup>2</sup> I will say of the LORD, *He is* my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

<sup>3</sup> Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, *and* from the noisome pestilence.

<sup>4</sup> He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth *shall be thy* shield and buckler.

<sup>5</sup> Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; *nor* for the arrow *that* flieth by day;

<sup>6</sup> *Nor* for the pestilence *that* walketh in darkness; *nor* for the destruction *that* wasteth at noonday.

<sup>7</sup> A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; *but* it shall not come nigh thee.

<sup>8</sup> Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

<sup>9</sup> Because thou hast made the LORD, *which is* my refuge, *even* the most High, thy habitation;

<sup>10</sup> There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

<sup>11</sup> For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

<sup>12</sup> They shall bear thee up in *their* hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

<sup>13</sup> Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

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<sup>14</sup> Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

<sup>15</sup> He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I *will be* with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

<sup>16</sup> With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

### 2.2 Believers are the city on a hill that shines the light of the kingdom

Zechariah's prophecy above refers to the kingdom of the Messiah; Jesus Christ and His followers. It pertains not only to the second appearance of Jesus Christ for salvation but also to when born-again believers enter the Kingdom of God and Heaven by the spirit whilst in their physical bodies here in this earthly life, which is why Jesus told His disciples in [Matthew 5:14-16](#), "You are the light of the world, a city (new or heavenly Jerusalem) that is set on a hill cannot be hidden", because the city of the new Jerusalem is a spiritual city within the hearts of people, not a physical place. In scripture, mountains and hills are often symbolic of the Kingdom of Heaven as per Mount Zion or the mountain of the Lord. Mountains and hills can also symbolise corrupt kingdoms as implied when Jesus uses the "mountain" as a problem to be cast into the sea when He teaches about faith in [Mark 11:23](#), or the removal of mountains and hills in [Isaiah 54:10](#). Jesus uses the term "city set on a hill" to symbolise his disciples as the light to the world because they would be open and visible to those around them with the knowledge of the gospel, i.e. they would not hide the truth of the Word of God like one hides a light under a bushel, or a city of light within walls which is symbolic of Jerusalem surrounded by walls. The gospel is "light" because it enlightens us with knowledge of God, His righteousness, and the walk to salvation.

#### [Matthew 5:14-16](#)

<sup>14</sup> Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

<sup>15</sup> Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

<sup>16</sup> Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

#### [Mark 11:23](#)

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

#### [Isaiah 54:10](#)

For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee.

God once asked me, "Jorge, why do you think Israel built walls around Jerusalem?" I responded, "Because the Israelites did not have faith in You", God answered, "People need to remove the walls from around their hearts because they can trust me". I discerned that when we build walls around our hearts, people cannot see the light of the Word in us, and God wants us to trust in Him so that we can be open and not stay bound to our past and the

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material life which we are so afraid of losing. God wants to be involved in our lives but fear of losing what we have stops us from allowing God to take control of our lives when we should be trusting God the Provider. We must die to self-will as it is written that a seed must die before it can have life, therefore we must die to self-will which was prominent in our secular life ([1 Corinthians 15:35-36](#)) before God can use us mightily for His glory to increase the kingdom of heaven on earth. As we increase in faith through a relationship with God, and experiences based on God's Word, we can be used more readily by God.

### [1 Corinthians 15:35-36](#)

<sup>35</sup> But some *man* will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?

<sup>36</sup> *Thou* fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:

### 2.3 The Holy Spirit and the Word are our light of the kingdom

Jesus (the Word) is the light of the world ([John 8:12](#)) and passed that status to His disciples when they received the indwelling Spirit in [John 20:21-22](#) and the Spirit upon them in [Acts 2:1-4](#) at Pentecost that filled them with power. This means believers are translated from the kingdom of darkness (lack of God's knowledge which produces unrighteousness) to the kingdom of light (knowledge of God that produces righteousness). The indwelling Holy Spirit is there to teach us the Word, comfort us in times of persecution and tribulation, and help us renew our minds by shedding the fruit of the Spirit ([Galatians 5:22-23](#)) in our hearts as we learn to surrender our lives to God and His Word. As born-again believers continuously humble themselves and submit to God by dying to self-will, separate themselves from the world (not physically but spiritually), allow the Holy Spirit to sanctify them, and gain a better understanding of the Word, the Holy Spirit comes upon them to fill them with power, or rather, to release the anointing that is within them so that they can serve God based on the purposes God placed in their hearts. God wants every believer to become the light to the world just as Jesus was. This is the way of the Kingdom of Heaven/God.

### [John 8:12](#)

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

### [John 20:21-22](#)

<sup>21</sup> Then said Jesus to them again, Peace *be* unto you: as *my* Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

<sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on *them*, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

### [Acts 2:1-4](#)

<sup>1</sup> And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

<sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

<sup>3</sup> And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

<sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

### [Galatians 5:22-23](#)

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

<sup>23</sup> Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

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Although we receive the Holy Spirit Who places the anointing within us at the born-again experience, the anointing is not released from within until we start serving the kingdom of God/Heaven. This means that we need to become humble and submitted to God and His ways. This release of the anointing happens more strongly the more we die to self-will and the more we know and walk closely to God. The anointing is within us ([1 John 2:27](#)) but we have to remove the layers of flesh (carnality) from our character to allow the release of the anointing by the Holy Spirit from inside out, and the more we lose our carnality the more we walk in the Kingdom of God and of Heaven.

### [1 John 2:27](#)

But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

God showed this to me when He shone His light from within my heart in all directions into the physical atmosphere. For example, think of an onion and that the smell of the onion is the anointing, the more we remove the layers of an onion, the stronger the smell. Likewise, when we remove our carnality based on the desires of the flesh and self-will, the anointing can start to permeate us from the inside out to those around us. The anointing will only linger for a brief time on those that are touched, just like the anointing remains on a physical object for a short time. The reason they only remain a short time, is that physical objects, like handkerchiefs used by Paul, do not have a spirit, and thus a heart, and therefore cannot hold onto the anointing, whereas people have hearts and will hold onto the anointing if their hearts have been submitted to God's will and purpose for their lives. Our carnal mind blocks God's power available to us as our thoughts and desires act like a wall that blocks the moving of the spirit in our lives, which is what God told me when I was caught up to the third heaven. This means that those Christians who try fulfilling the law to appear righteous, or do good deeds to impress God or others, will not be able to allow the anointing to flow as they have not surrendered to the Holy Spirit. In other words, they do not need Christ as Saviour because they think they can fulfil the law and perform good deeds on personal ability to be recognized or glorified, when the whole point of the KOH and KOG is to glorify God, not the self, i.e. it is God's spirit in us that enables us to be righteous and do good deeds, but when we take on the role of thinking we are good or righteous, we usurp God's ability/power and thus God leaves us to our own devices to work through the flesh which has no power at all, i.e. just like Adam and Eve.