

"Look unto the fields. . ."

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YOUR SECRET ROOM

Dear Christian, have you come to a place where you need some very clear and very accurate direction and guidance, a place where there is no room for mistakes? It may concern your finances, your family, a relationship or perhaps a health issue. Regardless of what it is, it has become painfully clear that all your figuring, searching, reading, consulting and struggling is not going to give you what you need - a sure word that you can trust in and confidently stand on. Well, be encouraged, that word is available, but to find it you must go to the right place. You must go to the **secret room**. You will never find what you need in the external - in opinions, books, the internet, or even your own intellect. What you need can come only from God Himself as He speaks to your inner man by the still small voice of His Spirit.

"He that dwelleth [sits down in quiet] in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow [defense] of the Almighty." (Ps.91:1) "For in the time of trouble [adversity, affliction, sorrow, distress] He shall hide me in His pavilion [shelter]. In the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide [keep] me..." (Ps. 27:5) "Thou shalt hide them in the secret of Thy presence..." (Ps. 31:20) In Matt. 6:6 Jesus instructed, "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."

There are two words I want to emphasize here - secret and closet. The word "secret", in both the Old and New Testaments, means a place that is concealed, hidden, private and protected. The word "closet" means a place of rest and a place from which provisions are received. In Matt. 6, Jesus is telling us to go to that place where we can meet with God in total privacy from the world and protection from the enemy, the place where we can find rest in Him and receive what we need. It is not a physical place; it is a spiritual place and, as Believers, we all have one. It is called our "inner man", our spirit, that part of us that has been indwelt and regenerated by the Holy Spirit. It is that part of our being that has been reserved for God alone, the part with which we communicate with God and no one else, and He communicates with us.

The Tabernacle (Exodus 25 and following) was divided into three sections, the outer court, the inner court and the Most Holy Place, or the Holy of Holies. It was the place in which the very presence of God dwelt, and it could only be entered by the High Priest and only by the blood of the sacrifice. That place corresponds to the born-again spirit of the Believer. It is in that place that you can meet personally and privately with God and receive His guidance. Satan cannot enter that place and interfere with your communication, because access is obtained only through the blood of Jesus, which you have and he doesn't.

You do not need counsel from men or a "good idea" or a "gut feeling". You need a sure word from God, a solid "knowing" of what the will of God is. You need Holy Spirit guidance. So, go where you can find it; go to the secret room. Enter the veil and get alone with God, hang up the "off limits" sign for the enemy, pour out your heart to your caring Father and listen for His voice to speak instruction into your heart. What you hear might contradict "common sense" and it may go against the grain of the world or even your own sense of logic, but that does not matter. What matters is what GOD says. Guidance received from anything that can change will never be totally reliable, but you can securely stand upon what you receive from the Holy Spirit in the inner chamber. *"Behold, Thou dost desire truth [certainty] in the innermost being, and in the hidden part, Thou wilt make me know wisdom."* (PS. 51:6) Dear Christian, stop searching. Give in, go in and receive your word from God. Then go out and walk in joy and confidence.

On the next page is an excerpt from my book, REAL FAITH (p. 216-219), and a helpful graphic.



"We Go To Them"

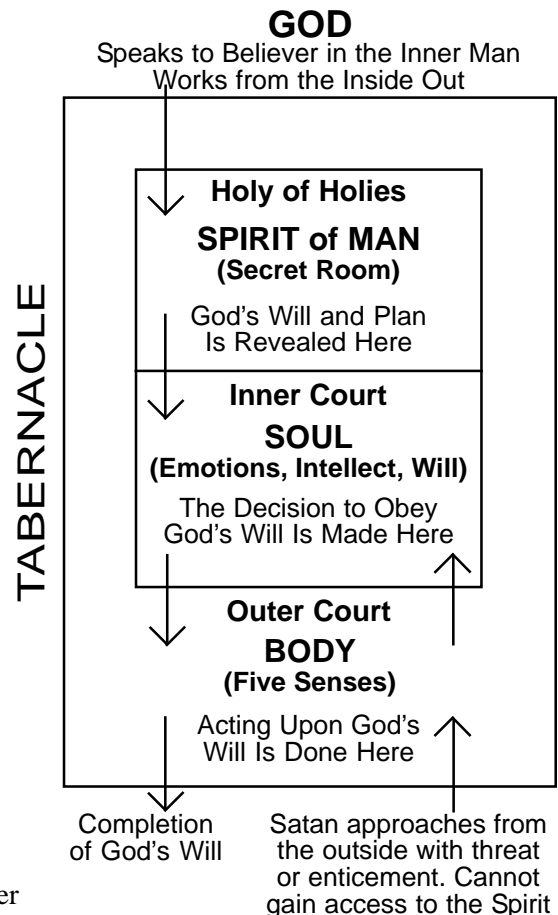
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The Secret Room

The last thing the devil wants a Christian to learn is this truth: any Child of God can assuredly KNOW the will of God in his inner man and then confidently step out in faith to obey it. He will do anything to keep that truth a secret, because it is THAT secret that unlocks the door to the impossible. Satan will do everything in his power to create as much noise and confusion as possible in our intellect, emotions, and circumstances so that we will not withdraw to the quiet place and listen for the voice of God. But we must. It is essential to the faith life to learn to deliberately step aside from the roar of thoughts, feelings, and circumstances and listen for His voice. Jesus made it a practice to be alone in a quiet place with the Father. If it was essential for His life, then how much more is it for ours? Listen to the words of Oswald Chambers, “When we live in the secret place it becomes impossible for us to doubt God, we become more sure of Him than anything else. Enter the secret place and right in the center of the common round you find God there all the time. Pray to your Father in secret, and every public thing will be stamped with the presence of God” (4).

There is a secret room that satan does not want you to know about and if you do know about it, he does not want you to go there. It is called the Holy of Holies, the inner chamber of your spirit. Why does the devil not want you to go there? Because you can and he can't. The Psalmist wrote in Psalm 91:1, “*He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.*” It is in that place where we come into the very presence of God and enter into private conversations that satan cannot listen in on. You remember that the Tabernacle, the dwelling place of God (Exodus 25 and following), was constructed in three sections. There was the outer court, the inner court or holy place, and then there was the most holy place or the Holy of Holies, which contained the Ark of the Covenant. These three areas correspond with the three parts of man. The outer court represents the physical realm and was lighted by daylight. The inner court was lighted by lamplight and represents the realm of intellect and emotion. The Holy of Holies, the place reserved for the presence of God was lighted by the glory of God and represents the spirit of man. It was in the Holy of Holies that the presence of God resided, and it was there that the High Priest received instruction for the people of God. The Holy of Holies could only be entered by the High Priest once a year and only by the blood of the perfect sacrificial lamb. The Bible tells us that through the shedding of His innocent blood on the cross, Jesus, the Lamb of God, became our “Great High Priest” (Hebrews 4:14), and through Him we now have free and constant access into the very presence of God (Hebrews 4:16). Therefore, we now have continual access to His instruction, to His will. Satan can approach us in the physical realm and in the realm of thought and emotion, but he cannot enter into the realm of our spirit, into the Holy of Holies where we meet secretly with God, come into the light of His glory, and receive His will on the inside. The place of our spirit is off limits to the devil, because it is protected by the blood of Jesus. It is there we must go so that we can come into the presence of God and hear His voice.

Jesus said, “*But, thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.*” (Matthew 6:6) Interest-



ingly, the word “closet” means a place of retirement, a secret chamber, and a storehouse from which supplies are dispensed. It is not always possible to find a physical private place to meet with God, but it is not necessary. Regardless of where you are or what is going on around you, just imagine a secret room with a door that can be closed to shut out everything except you and God. Also imagine on the door a sign that reads “Enter by the Blood.” That means that you can go there and Satan cannot. That is your private room where you go to meet with God, the storehouse from which His instructions and His supplies are dispensed to you. Whether I am on an airplane or in the midst of a crusade service, I can always retire to my secret room and meet God. Christian, you can and must do the same. You may be in your car, at your desk in your office, or in a crowded restaurant, but it doesn’t matter. Your secret chamber, your private room is always available, the secret chamber of your inner man. You will always find God there.

Make a habit of entering into your spiritual closet the moment you wake in the morning and make a habit of returning often. Every day of your life you get up and go to your clothes closet and get yourself physically dressed for the day. You select clothes that equip you for particular activities. You must also develop the habit of entering into your spiritual closet at the beginning of the day in order to become spiritually dressed for whatever God leads you into that day. When I first go into my closet on a typical day I put on my “office clothes.” Then later in the afternoon I might come home and change into my “yard-work” clothes. Then after that I might change into “going-out-to-eat” clothes. When I am out preaching in Africa I have on my “field evangelism” clothes. The point is this; I need to be properly clothed for each activity I am involved in, and that requires return trips to the closet. We also need to be properly clothed for each activity God puts us in throughout each day, and there can be hundreds of them. Thankfully God has made it possible for us to carry our “closet” with us all the time. It is the secret room of the spirit where we go to be clothed in the will of God, in the instruction of God and in the provision of God.