

## The Highest Point in Our Spiritual Experience – Having a Clear Sky with a Throne above It

Now that we have come to a message on “the highest point,” it may be difficult to be satisfied or contented with our own spiritual experience... [P]aul’s writing of Philippians [is] at approximately twenty-six years after his conversion, yet even then Paul was not satisfied or contented with his spiritual experience. In Philippians 3:10 his deep longing was “to know Him.” His attitude was, “Although I have Him living in me, I still want to fully know Him.” In verse 12 he says, *“Not that I have already obtained or am already perfected, but I pursue, if even I may lay hold of that for which I also have been laid hold of by Christ Jesus.”* Paul’s realization was that Christ Jesus had laid hold of, grasped, seized, and taken possession of him so that he could lay hold of, grasp, seize, and take possession of Christ. Thus, there was **a mutual taking possession**, one of the other, with Paul and the Lord Jesus.

In the previous messages we have seen that God needs a group of living creatures who can coordinate together as one corporate entity, the corporate Christ, for God’s expression, move, and administration. For God to have His expression, move, and administration, He needs a group of living creatures who have **a clear sky** in their being with a throne above. We need to pray, *“Lord, grant me such a condition with a clear sky in my being like awesome crystal, there is absolutely nothing between me and You or between me and any brother or sister. Above that clear sky I ask that there would be a throne from which You are ruling and reigning within my being.”* The way that God rules, reigns, and administers on the earth and the way that He brings in His kingdom is by **our having a clear sky with a throne above it**. This is the way He rules, reigns, and administers on the earth, and this is also the way He brings in His kingdom. Hence, this is a very crucial matter that we are covering in this message. I pray that this becomes our living reality both personally and in all the local churches on the earth.

The sky above the living creatures is like a great expanse of awesome crystal, indicating that above them is a clear, open, and expanding heaven. They have a thorough fellowship with the Lord **vertically** and also a clear fellowship among themselves **horizontally**; they have a wide and stable span of fellowship. The **divine fellowship** is the reality of living in the Body of Christ. This **fellowship** is the flow of the eternal life within all the believers who have received and possess the divine life. The **fellowship** is simply the flow of the eternal life within us...This flow of the eternal life within our being is the divine **fellowship**.

We should never lose this flow. If this happens, we need to get it back. We may go to the Lord and say, *“Lord, I want to have the flow of the eternal life in my being. I want to have You flowing in me.”* The flow of fellowship can be illustrated by the lights in a meeting hall. They shine because there is electricity flowing in and through them. In the same manner we want to have the **divine life flowing in us and through us so that we may shine**. When we shine or glow with the Triune God, it is the result of having the flow of the divine life within us as the fellowship of the divine life.

We need to enter into the **vertical aspect** of the divine fellowship by the divine Spirit, the Holy Spirit. Thus, 2 Corinthians 13:14 refers to the “fellowship of the Holy Spirit.” This is the vertical aspect of fellowship, which is our fellowship with the Triune God. It is in this fellowship that we participate in all that the Father and the Son are and have done for us. Thus, we enjoy the **love** of the Father and the **grace** of the Son by virtue of **the fellowship** of the Holy Spirit. In this verse we have the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit...

We also need to enter into the **horizontal aspect** of the divine fellowship by the human spirit. Whereas the vertical aspect of the divine fellowship is by the Holy Spirit, the horizontal aspect of the divine fellowship is by

the human spirit. Philippians 2:1 speaks of “fellowship of spirit.” Hence, if we would have genuine fellowship horizontally with one another, we need to exercise our spirit. Genuine fellowship is by our spirit. These are the two aspects of the divine fellowship—the vertical fellowship and the horizontal fellowship. It is one fellowship in two aspects. There is the vertical aspect of the divine fellowship with the Triune God, and there is the horizontal aspect of the divine fellowship with one another.

Based on this, we may say that **this one divine fellowship is an interwoven fellowship**. The horizontal fellowship is interwoven with the vertical fellowship. The initial experience of the apostles was the vertical fellowship with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ. When the apostles reported the eternal life to others, they experienced the horizontal aspect of the divine fellowship. Then their horizontal fellowship with the saints brought them into the vertical fellowship with the Lord. It is our own experience that when we exercise our spirit to have horizontal fellowship with one another, we are brought into vertical fellowship with the Lord. Moreover, our vertical fellowship with the Lord brings us into horizontal fellowship with the saints. Thus it is an **interwoven** fellowship. Therefore, we must maintain both the vertical and horizontal aspects of the divine fellowship in order to be spiritually healthy... God comes in the fellowship. When fellowship disappears, God disappears. It is exactly like the lights going out when the flow of electricity stops. The light is gone because the reality is in the flow of electricity. If the electricity is not flowing, you cannot have light. Thus, when fellowship disappears, God also disappears. God comes in the fellowship, and in this divine fellowship God is interwoven within us. This interweaving is the mingling of God and man. The divine fellowship not only corrects us; it also molds us and even reconstitutes us, bringing the divine constituent into our being for our spiritual growth and transformation in life.

When there is nothing between us and the Lord, **our sky will be crystal clear**, and we will have not only a good conscience but also a pure conscience. We need a pure conscience. First Timothy 1:5 says, *“The end of the charge is love out of a pure heart and out of a good conscience and out of unfeigned faith.”* Specifically, the charge here is the charge not to teach differently from God’s economy. If we would heed this charge and teach only God’s healthy economy, the end of the charge, that is, the result, issue, goal, object, and purpose of the charge, is love. When we are in the healthy teaching of God’s economy, we are in a situation where we love the Lord Jesus. The healthy teaching brings us into a love for the Lord Jesus and a love for all the saints with the love of God. This is love out of a pure heart, out of a good conscience, and out of unfeigned faith.

First Timothy 1:19 says, *“Holding faith and a good conscience, concerning which some, thrusting these away, have become shipwrecked regarding the faith.”* Never thrust away faith and a good conscience. This verse shows that the Christian life and the church life are like a **ship sailing on a stormy sea**. We do not want to have any leakage; instead, we want to exercise to always have a good conscience. First Timothy 3:9 says, *“Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.”* A pure conscience is a conscience that is governed not merely by right or wrong but by life or death. In other words, are you in life, or are you in death? Do you have the sense of life, or do you have the sense of death in your being? It is not a matter of right or wrong. You can be right, but at the same time you may be “dead right.” We do not want to be dead right. We want to be those who **take care of life** and are **governed by life**. We also want to be governed by God and by God’s glory. In other words, if something is the living out of God, then our conscience recognizes and acknowledges it. If something is God expressed through you as God’s glory, then your conscience says Amen to that. If it is not the expression of God, our conscience will bother us. A pure conscience is not merely in the realm of right and wrong. (Excerpt from the Ministry of the Word: Crystallization-Study of Ezekiel (1), 179-205)