

Chapter 3: 1 (The Dead Church – Sardis)

Isaiah 11:2

The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

7 Spirits (Isaiah 11:2) 1. **Spirit of the Lord** (Isaiah 61:1) 2. **The Spirit of Wisdom** (1 Kings 3:9-12) 3. **The Spirit of Understanding** (Matthew 13:10-12, 1 Chronicles 12:32) 4. **The Spirit of Counsel** (Proverbs 8:15, Proverbs 24:6) 5. **The Spirit of Might** (Judges 14:6, 1 Kings 18:46). 6. **The Spirit of knowledge** (1 Corinthians 12:8) 7. **The Spirit of the fear of the Lord**

Isaiah 61:1 – To Equip for Assignment (**THE LORD**)

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound

1 Kings 3:9 & 12 – To discern right and wrong (between truth and deceit) (**WISDOM**)

Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?”

behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you.

Matthew 13:10-11 – To know and understand the things of the spirit

And the disciples came and said to Him, “Why do You speak to them in parables?” He answered and said to them, “Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.

1 Chronicles 12:32 – To have an understanding of seasons, situations and Circumstances (**UNDERSTANDING**)

of the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their command;

Proverbs 8:15 – To discern matters concerning fairness, equity and structure (**COUNSEL**)

Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom; I am understanding, I have strength. 15By me kings reign, And rulers decree justice. 16By me princes rule, and nobles, All the judges of the earth.

Proverbs 24:6

For by wise counsel you will wage your own war, And in a multitude of counselors *there is safety*

Judges 14:6 – To Provide Supernatural human capabilities (MIGHT**)**

And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he tore the lion apart as one would have torn apart a young goat, though *he had* nothing in his hand. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done.

1 Kings 18:46

Then the hand of the LORD came upon Elijah; and he girded up his loins and ran ahead of Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

1 Corinthians 12:8 – To be able to speak what you could not know humanly (KNOWLEDGE**)**

for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit,

Matthew 16:17

17Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven

Proverbs 9:10 – All matters must be filtered through a reverence for God (FEAR OF THE LORD**)**

The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One *is* understanding.

The seven stars are the 7 Pastors of the churches in Asia Minor.

You have a name that you are alive, but you are dead! - Be careful in chasing reputation over righteousness. Reputation is what you want others to THINK of you, Righteousness is what others may see IN YOU.

Dead means that you lack the spirit of God -

Chapter 3:2

Be watchful – (The city of Sardis had been defeated by armies twice before because they were taken by surprise, they were not watchful). Some things are not completely dead, but they are on the verge. This is a call to change course!!

You have some works – activities, functions, operations...but they are not perfect (the lack proper motivation, intention and perspective)

Chapter 3:3

1 Timothy 6:20

O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane *and* idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge—

Repent – let what you've heard, dictate what you should do...

Judgement can come suddenly

Chapter 3:4

There is a remnant who have not performed spiritual service with unclean garments (their lifestyle matched their worship)

Zechariah 3:3-5

Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel. Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And to him He said, "See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes." 5And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. And the Angel of the LORD stood by.

Rev. 6:11 – The white robe is reserved for those who are worthy. Those who suffer for the sake of the gospel and do not get turned away. Those who accept the redemption of the Lord Jesus Christ and do not deny the power of the righteousness of Jesus.

Chapter 3:5

Revelation 19:8

And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

Exodus 32:32, Psalm 69:28, Luke 10:20, Revelation 13:8, 17:8, 20:12 &15, 21:27, Philippians 4:3 (**ALL MAKE REFERENCE TO THE BOOK OF LIFE**)

Matthew 10:32

“Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven

Luke 12:8

Also I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God.

Chapter 3:6

He who listens for application, not just audio reception

Chapter 3:7 (The Faithful Church – Philadelphia)

Acts 3:14

But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, *the truth*, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me

1 John 5:20

20And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

Revelation 19:11

11Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war

Isaiah 9:7

Of the increase of *His* government and peace *There will be* no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Isaiah 22:22

The key of the house of David I will lay on his shoulder; So he shall open, and no one shall shut; And he shall shut, and no one shall open.

Job 12:14

If He breaks a *thing* down, it cannot be rebuilt; *If* He imprisons a man, there can be no release.

Chapter 3:8

Deuteronomy 30:19

I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;

Luke 9:26

26 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His *own* glory, and *in His* Father's, and of the holy angels

Chapter 3:9

(**Romans 2:17-24**) There are those who say they are Jews according to their knowledge of the law and genealogy, but they do not practice what they preach, therefore their claims are blasphemous. They gather where Jews gather (the synagogue), but they deny the Word proclaimed and the Word incarnate and they persecute the true believers.

Isaiah 45:14

Thus says the LORD: "The labor of Egypt and merchandise of Cush And of the Sabeans, men of stature, Shall come over to you, and they shall be yours; They shall walk behind you, They shall come over in chains; And they shall bow down to you. They will make supplication to you, *saying*, 'Surely God *is* in you, And *there is* no other;

Isaiah 49:23

Kings shall be your foster fathers, And their queens your nursing mothers; They shall bow down to you with *their* faces to the earth, And lick up the dust of your feet. Then you will know that I *am* the LORD, For they shall not be ashamed who wait for Me

Isaiah 60:49

Also the sons of those who afflicted you. Shall come bowing to you, And all those who despised you shall fall prostrate at the soles of your feet; And they shall call you The City of the LORD, Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Chapter 3:10

The Command To Persevere

Matthew 10:22

And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved

Matthew 16:33

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Matthew 24:13

But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

2 Thessalonians 1:4

that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure,

2 Peter 2:9

then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,

Psalms 91:1-7

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High. Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. 2I will say of the LORD, "*He is* my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust." 3Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler *And* from the perilous pestilence. 4He shall cover you with His feathers, *And* under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth *shall be your* shield and buckler. 5You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, *Nor* of the arrow *that* flies by day, 6*Nor* of the pestilence *that* walks in arkness, *Nor* of the destruction *that* lays waste at noonday. 7A thousand may fall at your side, *And* ten thousand at your right hand; *But* it shall not come near you.

Chapter 3:11

Hebrews 10:25

not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching

Hebrews 10:37

For yet a little while, *And* He who is coming will come and will not tarry

Revelation 2:25

But hold fast what you have till I come.

Revelation 2:10

Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw *some* of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the *crown of life*.

James 1:12

Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the *crown of life* which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

Chapter 3:12

Jeremiah 1:18

For behold, I have made you this day. A fortified city and an iron pillar, And bronze walls against the whole land—Against the kings of Judah, Against its princes, Against its priests, And against the people of the land.

*In Philadelphia there were *earthquakes. Sometimes it was dangerous to remain in Philadelphia. The people had to leave the city and live in temporary homes. Those who overcome will be like columns in the *temple of God. *Earthquakes will have no effect on them. They will be safe from all dangers. They will live with the *Lord and they will never have to leave.*

Psalms 23:6

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

Revelation 14:1

Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred *and* forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads

Revelation 22:4

They shall see His face, and His name *shall be* on their foreheads.

Hebrews 12:22

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels

Revelation 21:2

Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Revelation 2:17

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a *new name written which no one knows except him who receives it.* ’

Revelation 22:4

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Chapter 3:13

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Chapter 3:14 – (The Lukewarm Church – Laodicea)

Amen – (Hebrew root) Properly, firmly; *adverbially* i.e. (trustworthy, surely)

The adverbial phrase implied by Amen suggest that the verbs says, is modified by the defining of Amen in Hebrew. Thus the adverbial phrase describes who God is, what God did and how God did it. So it's who He is, what He did and how He did it.

2 Corinthians 1:20

For all the promises of God in Him *are* Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us

Revelation 1:5

and from Jesus Christ, the *faithful witness*, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

1 Thessalonians 5:24

He who calls you *is faithful*, who also will do *it*.

Revelation 3:7

And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, *He who is true*, "He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens":

Revelation 19:11

Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called **Faithful and True**, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.

Colossians 1:15

He is the image of the invisible God, **the firstborn over all creation**.

John 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2He was in the beginning with God. 3All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

Chapter 3:15

Works – Toil, (vigorous labor or efforts to achieve and end)

There was no supply of water in the city. So, they had to bring water from about six miles away. The water came through a system of pipes. **Hot brings about cleansing, cold brings about refreshing. Warm water is good for nothing.**

Chapter 3:16

Lukewarm (of persons)

Spew – literally means vomit; regurgitate; to spit out

Mouth – Greek word meaning speech; taken out of the spoken blessings of the Lord

Chapter 3:17

Hosea 12:8

And Ephraim said, 'Surely I have become rich, I have found **wealth for myself**; In all my labors They shall find in me no iniquity that *is* sin.'

Zechariah 11:4-5

4Thus says the LORD my God, "Feed the flock for slaughter, 5whose owners slaughter them and feel no guilt; those who sell them say, 'Blessed be the LORD, **for I am rich**'; and their shepherds do not pity them

Mark 8:36

For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?

Wretched – Afflicted and Miserable

Miserable – Pitiful

Poor – spiritually destitute

Blind – Mentally blind

Naked – Of Uncertain affinity

Chapter 3:18

Isaiah 55:1

Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price.

Matthew 13:44

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Gold is refined in fire to remove any and all impurities. Until you are left with 24k gold.

Malleability is the quality of something that can be shaped into something else without breaking

Ductility is a measure of a material's ability to undergo significant plastic deformation before rupture or breaking

2 Corinthians 5:3

if indeed, *having been clothed*, we shall not be found naked.

God wants us to see spiritually....God himself has to heal spiritual blindness

Chapter 3:19

Job 5:17

Behold, happy *is* the man whom God corrects; Therefore do not despise the chastening of the Almighty.

Hebrews 12:5-8

5And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; 6For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives." 7If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? 8But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.

Proverbs 3:12

12For whom the LORD loves He corrects, Just as a father the son *in whom* he delights.

Chapter 3: 20

Song of Solomon 5:2

I sleep, but my heart is awake; *It is* the voice of my beloved! He knocks, *saying*, “Open or me, my sister, my love, My dove, my perfect one; For my head is covered with dew, My locks with the drops of the night.”

Luke 12:35-37

35“Let your waist be girded and *your* lamps burning; 36and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. 37Blessed *are* those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down *to eat*, and will come and serve them

Chapter 3:21

Matthew 19:28

So Jesus said to them, “Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

2 Timothy 2:12

If we endure, We shall also reign with *Him*. If we deny *Him*, He also will deny us.

Chapter 3:22

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