2 Corinthians 4 - physical and spiritual worlds are parallel

"While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Angels Are Spiritual

Psalm 104 - angels are spirit (but not in the image of God – Heb2:16)

"Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honor and majesty. 2 Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain: 3 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind: 4 Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire.

Judges 13 - angel appeared in a form indistinguishable from a man

"And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, I pray thee, let us detain thee, until we shall have made ready a kid for thee. 5 And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer a burnt offering, thou must offer it unto the LORD. 6 For Manoah knew not that he was an angel of the LORD. 7 And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, What is thy name, that when thy sayings come to pass we may do thee honor? 8 And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it is secret? 9 So Manoah took a kid with a meat offering, and offered it upon a rock unto the LORD: and the angel did wondrously; and Manoah and his wife looked on. 10 For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar. And Manoah and his wife looked on it, and fell on their faces to the ground.

2 Kings 19 - powerful beings

"And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

1 Chronicles 21 - sometimes a terrifying sight when they took on a form

"And God sent an angel unto Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was destroying, the LORD beheld, and he repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed, It is enough, stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD stood by the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite. 2 And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the LORD stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders of Israel, who were clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces.

Daniel 10 - sometimes a terrifying sight when they took on a form

"Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz: 4 His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude. 5 And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision: but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves. 6 Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I remained no strength. 7 Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground.

2 Kings 6 - he couldn’t see them, but they were all around him

"And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? 10 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. 11 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man: and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha."
Hebrews 1 – they are still serving us today
13 But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? 14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

God Is Spiritual

John 4 – literally “πνεύμα θεος” – God is spirit
2 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Genesis 1 – we are in God’s image – which cannot be a physical image
2 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 3 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Matthew 22 – spiritual anatomy of man… and God
37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Judges 10 – God’s soul
1 And they put away the strange gods from among them, and served the LORD: and his soul was grieved for the misery of Israel.

Jeremiah 5 – God’s soul
5 Shall I not visit for these things? saith the LORD: and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

Genesis 6 – God’s heart
5 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

Genesis 8 – God’s heart
21 And the LORD smelled a sweet savor; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man’s sake; for the imagination of man’s heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

Jeremiah 32 – God’s mind
35 And they built the high places of Baal, which are in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire unto Molech; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

Man’s Heart, Soul, and Mind Are Spiritual

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Deuteronomy 6 – same in Deut10:12;11:13;13:3;30:6 except “strength” not mentioned
4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: 5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

In OT both “mind” and “heart” were one word: (). See for example the quote in Deuteronomy.

Mark 12 – inspired translation (different sermon than Matthew 22:37)
30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.
Soul

Genesis 2 - the man is the soul

1And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Mind

mind – διάνοια – G1271 – deep thought

Luke 1 - mind διάνοια "deep thought" ➔ "imagination" – in the heart

3He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

Heart

Luke 24 - heart has emotion

3And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

John 14 - heart has emotion

1Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

Genesis 6 - heart has imagination

7And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Matthew 5 - heart has imagination

22But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Matthew 11 - heart has character

2Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Luke 8 - heart has character

15But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

Matthew 15 - heart has speech

15But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.

Luke 12 - heart has speech

15But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken.

Matthew 15 - heart has thought and body control

15For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. 22These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.

Proverbs 23 - heart has thought

7For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

Luke 2 - heart has thought

15But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.
Matthew 13 – heart has understanding
15For this people’s heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

Ephesians 4 – heart has understanding
18Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart.

Mark 11 – heart has belief
23For 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.

Luke 24 – heart has belief
25Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken.

Hebrews 4 – heart has intentions
12For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

2 Corinthians 9 – heart has intentions
7Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

How Jesus Could Become a Man

1 Corinthians 15 – a natural body and a spiritual body
4It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

2 Corinthians 5 – a naked spiritual being can be clothed with various bodies
1And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Philippians 2 – Jesus’ heart, soul, and mind took on a human body
5Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Hebrews 2 – Jesus became like us in every way
16For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.
17Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, THAT he might be a merciful and faithful High priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people: FOR in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.
James 1 - God CANNOT be tempted with evil
17 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man.

But humans CAN be tempted with evil, because of the flesh.

Galatians 5 - NKJV translation is more accurate – “you DO not do.”
11 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. 12 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

1 John 2 - you must have flesh, eyes, and life...
14 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

James 1 - lust comes through the flesh
15 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

God’s inability to be tempted and humans’ tempt-ability are opposites. These two attributes are mutually exclusive.

Hebrews 4 - Jesus took on the human attribute; however, He never sinned
11 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Luke 2 - grew up just like we do – stature and wisdom
3 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Hebrews 5 - He was never disobedient; nevertheless, He learned obedience
4 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.

“made perfect” is not the same as “created perfect” – τελειωθείς – aorist passive participle – “having been perfected” – grew spiritually just like we do – except that He always chose to do right

Hebrews 2 - this is why His example is relevant
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1 Peter 2 - how He handled the temptations is a living illustration (and law) to us
1 For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.
2 For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffetted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. 3 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: 4 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: 5 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously.

How We Will Have a Spiritual Body Like Jesus

1 Corinthians 15 - a natural body and a spiritual body
3 But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? 4 Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: 5 And that which thou sowest, thou soweest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain: 6 But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. 7 All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. 8 There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the
glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. “There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory.” So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: “It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

1 John 3 – we will be like Christ
2Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

1 Corinthians 15 – the firstfruits of apples is not oranges
2But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. 2For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 2For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 2But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ’s at his coming.

Luke 20 – no marriage, not able to die – ἵππος ἔλκος literally “similar to angels”
3And Jesus answering said unto them, The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage: 3But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: 3Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.

2 Corinthians 4 – our physical body is temporary
1For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. 1For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; 1While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

2 Corinthians 5 – wearing our “mansion” – the naked soul is clothed
1For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 1For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: 1If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. 1For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, THAT mortality might be swallowed up of life.

This is a preview of the next lesson in the series – The Spiritual World Versus the Physical World.

2 Corinthians 5 – implications of the resurrection
1Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: 1(For we walk by faith, not by sight:) 1We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. 1Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. 1For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.