



Make Sure to Get all the Way Through the Second Heaven with Your Revelation!

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Dear Breakthrough Agents:

I've been thinking about how we change the atmosphere around us and see the atmosphere of Heaven manifest on Earth. Tomorrow morning during our first "Hinge" Watch at 6 AM, I have asked Anne Tate to lead on bringing revelation into the earth realm. This is a year in which we must connect revelation between Heaven and Earth. Penny Jackson, a dear friend from Houston who is aligned with this ministry, sent me the following story yesterday morning. This is the most amazing example of what we are dealing with now.

Today I got caught on the school elevator between the second floor and the third floor. No, I'm not kidding. All I had with me were scantrons (test-taking sheets) that I was going to take to the second floor to grade on the scantron machine. I called on the phone in the elevator and couldn't understand what the woman was advising me to do because her voice was muffled-sounding. I wouldn't say I was panicked, but it seemed to drag on. I assumed the woman would call our school, but she didn't seem to have. I finally began ringing the alarm button over and over. Soon I heard our maintenance crew coming to the rescue, and just in time because I was beginning to feel like I couldn't breathe.

So that's an interesting story, right? Well, even more interesting is the spiritual ramifications and timing of it. I had been before the Lord about a big issue in my life that He had revealed to me just this morning. I was seeing with clarity something I hadn't seen before. I had to go to school before I could begin processing it, but when this elevator incident occurred, I realized (after my

“escape”) that the Lord was behind this and was showing me something through it. I seek the Lord for answers. I go up into the third heaven to get revelation about my life. I start there, but then I get “into” my head too much and start to question and second guess, sending me back to that murky middle range of darkness where things get muddled and lose clarity. How much clearer could this morning have been? I got stuck between the second and third realms literally.

When the maintenance crew came to free me, they pried the door open. I found myself looking at an opening that was midway between the two floors. In order to get out, I had to sit on the third floor which was now at my waist level and then pull myself up to stand upright.

So, the Lord got my attention! He wants to give us revelation in the third heaven. He wants us to hear Him. But He wants us not to lean unto our own understanding or second guess or any of those things which send us where doubt, unbelief, and fear love to hang out. It was a dramatic demonstration, right? But I think it’s one that will stick with me for a long time. I’m going to stay on three!

In my and Rebecca Wagner Sytsema’s book, ***The Future War of the Church***, we discuss Heaven and Earth and how God is bridging the gap between the two.

The Third Heaven

As we think about heaven, we are most likely pondering the “third heaven” (2 Cor. 12:2). This is the place where God the Father is seated on His throne and Jesus is seated next to Him. Jesus intimately knows what is on the Father’s heart, and we know that from this place at the right hand of God, Jesus makes intercession for us (see Rom. 8:34).

Ephesians 1 and 2 are beautiful passages on our inheritance in the Lord and how we are positioned to sit together in heavenly places with Jesus (see Eph. 2:6). This is the place where there is no obstruction to God’s will being fully carried out. This is the place where we receive our marching orders.

When Jesus ascended to this place, He gave gifts to the human race. We find these gifts listed in Ephesians 4:11 with “some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers.” He gave these gifts to equip the saints for the work of the ministry and for the building up of the Body of Christ. He gave these gifts to produce unity of faith in the knowledge of Himself, and He continues to release revelation so we will not be tossed to and fro by the craftiness and trickery of the enemy. He is also releasing revelation that will cause us to “grow up” into His headship. All of this is occurring from Jesus’ place in the Throne Room in the third heaven.

The First Heaven

We live in our physical bodies here in the earthly realm—a place that we can see, touch and feel. This universe in which we live, which includes the sun, the moon and the galaxies of stars and planets, may be called the first heaven. Through Christ’s death and resurrection, we here on Earth have access to communicate beyond this universe and into the realm of the third heaven where God is seated. That is what we call prayer.

Psalms 24 says, “The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof.” So He also rules the earthly realm. When Jesus went to the cross and then overcame the grave, He broke the headship of Satan in this realm. He then set a structure in place on Earth with a gifted government and army (the Church) to enforce His headship.

The Second Heaven

So, if we live on Earth but have access to heavenly places through prayer, why is God’s will not always done on Earth as it is in heaven? The answer lies in the second heaven where Satan, the “prince of the power of the air” (Eph. 2:2), and his demons contest God’s reign and His angels. Satan is the prince of this world (see John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11).

The word “world” is *cosmos* in the Greek. In Matthew 4:8 we find, “The devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.” The kingdoms of this world have been arranged in such a way that they have an enticing glory about them; this

cosmos region has the ability to entrap.

The prince of this world is also known as the god of this age:

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God (2 Cor. 4:4, *NIV*).

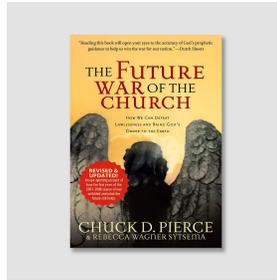
The enemy attempts to block heaven's will from being done on Earth through a demonic hierarchy that is positioned between us and the third heaven (see Eph. 2:2). This hierarchy establishes a ruler as the strongman. The strongman rules and reigns over a kingdom of dark spirits. We find a listing of this hierarchy—principalities, powers, rulers of darkness of this age and spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places—in Ephesians 6:12.

This hierarchy gains legal right to block heaven's will on Earth through our own rebellion against God and our complicity with the devil's agenda. Satan gains access to us and to entire territories through individual and corporate sin. In such an individualistic society it may be difficult for us to grasp that we, as a society, are held responsible in the eyes of God for corporate sin. Just as in our own lives and in the generations of our family, sin can also be an opening for Satan to establish strongholds that directly oppose God's plan for a territory.

Breaking Through the Second Heaven

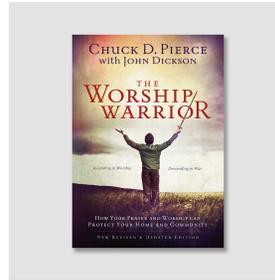
The only entity on Earth with the power to break strongholds of Satan and break through his domain in the second heaven is the Church. While we have always had the tools, within the past few decades we have come to a greater understanding of the spiritual warfare that is necessary to destroy the strategies and structures the enemy has in place in the second heaven. God is establishing a new authority in His Church to break through to the third heaven, gain the heart of God and carry that revelation back to Earth where we can accomplish His will. **As we do, we will change the very atmosphere around us—God's will being done on Earth as it is in heaven.** This is what we pray for every time we pray the Lord's Prayer!

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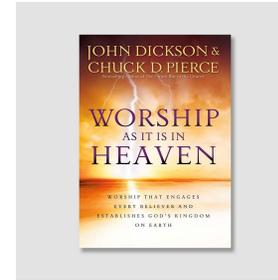
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