# New Song Notes, Pastor Herb Shaffer

# Seeing Life As God Sees

May 31, 2020 Walking in Step with God, part 7

May Memory Scripture - Galatians 5:25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Gal 5:25 (ESV)

## Heavenly Realm Reality vs. Earthly Realm Reality

- HRR = Heavenly Realms Reality. ERR = Earthly Realms Reality
- + HRR is primary *LIFE* and ERR is second to it.
- + HRR is the primary place of *SPIRITUAL WAR* but plays out on earth satan and all HRR beings know God wins the war. satan battles to

   dishonor God, 2. break God's heart by hurting us, 3. harm people God battles to 1. rescue lost, 2. transform Christians which 3. honors Him
- + HRR is primary place of *REWARDS* and ERR is second to it.

1 Timothy 6:17–19, Matthew 5:11–12, Luke 6:35, Hebrews 10:35–36

#### Heavenly Realm Reality revealed in the book of Job

#### 1. A man who appears to have it all - Job.

**Job 1:1–3 (ESV)** <sup>1</sup>There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job, and that man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. <sup>2</sup>There were born to him seven sons and three daughters. <sup>3</sup>He possessed 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, and 500 female donkeys, and very many servants, so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the east.

#### 2. A HRR council with a puzzling agenda.

- + God's battle agenda: to reveal God's wisdom to all HRR beings
- ★ satan's battle agenda: to dishonor God by turning Job against Him

**Job 1:6–12 (ESV)** <sup>6</sup>Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them. <sup>7</sup>The Lord said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the Lord and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." <sup>8</sup>And the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?"

<sup>9</sup>Then Satan answered the Lord and said, "Does Job fear God for no reason? <sup>10</sup>Have you not put a hedge around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. <sup>11</sup>But stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face." <sup>12</sup>And the Lord said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand." So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.

NOTE: God has a governor/ regulator/ limiter on what satan can do

## 3. The HRR war manifested in ERR battle 1 – children & wealth.

- $\rightarrow$  God does not tell Job what is happening in HRR
- + God makes no promises to Job for a better future
- $\clubsuit$  Job has to rely on the truth he knows of God and trust Him

#### Job 1:13-19

- If looking and living ERR,
  - $\checkmark$  Job is a victim a meaningless player in a cosmic drama
  - $\checkmark$  God is an unfair, uncaring, calloused, distant God
- If looking and living HRR,
  - + Job is a valued child of God
  - + God is inviting Job to experience God's best
  - **+** God is offering Job a greater revelation of Himself and life
  - + God is giving Job the privilege of helping people for all time

#### 4. The first battle report: God wins.

**Job 1:20–22 (ESV)** <sup>20</sup>Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped. <sup>21</sup>And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." <sup>22</sup>In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong.

- → Job loses children, servants, possessions, wealth, but maintains trust in God.
- → If Job gives up, the devil wins the battle and God loses.
- $\rightarrow$  If Job stands strong, God wins and the devil loses

#### What do we do with this?

Thinking about HRR and ERR and to apply this message...

In what one or two ways do you need to change your thinking?

What one or two actions do you need to take to look and live HRR?

# **New Song News**

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- ✓ "A Hidden Life" movie recommendation. Available to rent or purchase on Youtube, Amazon Prime video and several other services.
- ✓ Serving opportunity: Baldwin Health Center residents are in need of Christian books of all kinds, magazines, crayons, colored pencils, word search, crosswords, etc. Used or new. Drop at HQ by May 24.
- ✓ Stay up to date by reading the all church emails for New Songers
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