

THE NEW HEAVENS AND NEW EARTH

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INTRODUCTION

The teachings of the New Covenant are spiritual teachings which apply “within” mankind. To teach these spiritual truths, Christ uses “another language” (**Isa 28:9-12**) which uses spirit words (**John 6:63**) in parables, analogies, types and prophecies.

I call this language the spiritual language of Christ.

One of the ways that Christ teaches the pathway to salvation is by using different analogies.

Each analogy will teach on certain aspects of the pathway to salvation which will lead an Elect person to their moment of conversion.

Some of the primary analogies used by Christ are:

- 1). The celestial analogy.
- 2). The Great Harlot analogy.
- 3). The wine analogy.
- 4). The sword analogy.
5. The potter analogy.
6. The farming analogy.
7. The birthing analogy.
8. The marriage analogy.
9. The maturing analogy.

In this paper, I will teach the truths taught by the celestial analogy.

KEY SYMBOLS USED BY THE CELESTIAL ANALOGY

The terms “heavens” and “earth” are the primary symbols used in the celestial analogy. They are not literal, physical places that can be seen with human eyes as many believe and teach.

Because the words “heavens” and “earth” are spirit words, they carry meanings that are different from how mankind defines them (**1Cor 2:13**).

The concept presented in the verse below applies to them:

1Cor 15:46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

With this concept in mind, here are the spiritual definitions of the spirit words “heavens” and “earth” along with other key symbols:

OLD HEAVENS: Represents the sun (Satan), moon (Old Covenant of Law) and stars (fallen angels) that shine light upon the Old Earth. These celestial bodies are the “natural”.

OLD EARTH: Represents the spirit of an individual that has a carnal & religious spiritual nature which was caused by the light coming from the natural sun, moon & stars. The Old Earth is the “natural”.

NEW HEAVENS: Represents the Sun (Christ), moon (New Covenant) and stars (holy angels) that shine light upon the New Earth. These celestial bodies are the “spiritual”.

NEW EARTH: Represents the spirit of an individual that has a divine spiritual nature which was caused by the light coming from the spiritual Sun, moon & stars. The New Earth is the “spiritual”.

LIGHT: Can represent either the false truth which comes from the natural celestial bodies or the truth of God which comes from the spiritual celestial bodies.

THE TWO KINGDOMS OF THE CELESTIAL ANALOGY

In the celestial analogy, there are TWO kingdoms: Satan’s kingdom (the natural/old) and Christ’s kingdom (the spiritual/new).

The child of the devil contains Satan’s celestial kingdom “within” them. And likewise, the child of God contains Christ’s celestial kingdom within them.

Luke 17:20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: 21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

For a person to be saved, Christ will remove Satan’s kingdom from within them and destroy it. But before this destruction occurs, Christ will place His kingdom within them beforehand so that the individual does not perish. To accomplish this change within a person, Christ established a spiritual process called conversion. I will present this process of conversion a little later in this paper.

1). SATAN’S KINGDOM

Satan’s kingdom consists of a sun, moon, stars and earth. In scripture, Satan’s kingdom is called the “kingdoms of this world”.

These verses apply:

Gen 1:16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.

Deu 17:3 “who has gone and served other gods and worshiped them, either the **(natural)** sun or moon or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded,

Jer 8:2 And they shall spread them before the **(natural)** sun, and the **(natural)** moon, and all the **(natural)** host of heaven, whom they have loved, and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and whom they have worshipped: they shall not be gathered, nor be buried; they shall be for dung upon the face of the earth.

Jer 31:35 Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun **(Satan)** for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon **(Old Covenant of Law)** and of the stars **(fallen angels/ unclean spirits)** for a light by night, which divides the sea when the waves thereof roar; the LORD of hosts is his name:

Mat 24:29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the **(natural)** sun be darkened, and the **(natural)** moon shall not give her light, and the **(natural)** stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

Because Satan’s false light shines upon the Old Earth, the Old Earth developed a carnal and religious spiritual nature which it passed onto the mind.

It is because of mankind’s carnal and religious mind that sin came into the world:

1John 2:16 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.

Gen 3:6 And when the woman **(Eve)** saw that the tree was good for food **(LUST OF THE FLESH)**, and that it was pleasant to the eyes **(LUST OF THE EYES)**, and a tree to be desired to make one wise **(PRIDE OF LIFE)**, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he **(Adam)** did eat. ⁷ And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

Eve is a type for the marred spirit of mankind (Old Earth) and Adam is a type for the mind of mankind. Because mankind’s spirit passed on its carnal and religious spiritual nature to the mind, Adam “did eat” because he wanted to please his wife:

1Cor 7:33 But he that is married cares for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife.

After Adam and Eve sinned, their eyes were opened and they saw their nakedness (represents their sinfulness). In response, Adam and Eve made aprons of fig leaves to cover their nakedness. The aprons of fig leaves is a symbol for the crooked way (religion/Old Wine/Old Covenant) which can only make mankind appear to be righteous from the outside, all the while leaving them unclean on the inside.

Mat 23:27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.

Approaching Christ for salvation by the crooked way of man's works (Old Covenant/religion) is the way that mankind's carnal and religious spiritual nature prefers:

Luke 5:39 No man also having drunk old wine straightway desires new: for he saith, The old is better.

The crooked way is the same "way" that seems right to mankind but only leads to death.

16:25 There is a way that seems right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

In addition to the carnal and religious mind causing mankind to be sinful, it also blinds mankind from knowing Christ and seeing the light of His Gospel.

Rom 3:10 As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one: 11 There is none that understands, there is none that seeks after God.

2Cor 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

The end result of mankind's marred spiritual condition is hatred for God:

Rom 8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

Because of mankind's sinful spiritual condition, mankind has become the children of the devil who are "condemned already":

1John 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sins from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. 9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remains in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. 10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the

children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

John 3:18 He (child of God) that believes on him is not condemned: but he (child of the devil) that believes not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Because mankind is condemned already, Christ was sent to destroy the works of the devil and to become the “Savior of the world”:

1John 4:14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.

2). CHRIST’S KINGDOM

Christ’s kingdom consists of a Sun, moon, stars and earth. In scripture, Christ’s kingdom is called the Kingdom of Heaven/Kingdom of God.

In Satan’s celestial kingdom, the natural sun gives its light by day and the natural moon & stars give their light by night. But in Christ’s celestial kingdom, since it has no night, all the light that shines in Christ’s kingdom comes from the Sun of Righteousness.

Psa 136:8 The sun to rule by day: for his mercy endures for the ages: 9 The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy endures for the ages.

Mal 4:2 But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

Rev 22:5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the (natural) sun; for the Lord God (spiritual sun) giveth them light: and they shall reign for the ages of the ages.

The light that the spiritual sun shines upon the New Earth represents Christ’s truth and is what makes mankind’s spirit “new” by giving it a new divine spiritual nature.

Eze 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

2Pet 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

The scriptures below apply to the New Heavens and New Earth:

Isa 65:17 For, behold, I create new Heavens and a new Earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

Rev 21:1 Then I saw “a new Heavens and a new Earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” 5 He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

The above verses are describing the salvation that Christ came into the world to freely give to all mankind. Salvation is not going to a place called heaven to live forever. Salvation is to be spiritually converted into a child of God who never sins and who has a relationship with God.

In this present age, Christ is converting only those individuals who were chosen for an early salvation. They are called the Elect. In the final age, the balance of mankind will be converted and saved.

THE PROCESS OF CONVERSION AS TAUGHT BY THE CELESTIAL ANALOGY

When Christ spiritually converts a person from being a child of the devil into being a child of God, their Old Heavens and Old Earth will pass away and be replaced with a New Heavens and a New Earth.

In the verses below, Peter uses the celestial analogy to describe the judgment portion of conversion:

2Pet 3:10 But the Day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the (Old) Heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the (Old) Earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. 11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, 12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the Day of God, wherein the (Old) Heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for a New Heavens and a New Earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

The spiritual process of conversion begins by Christ giving a person the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit. From these spiritual gifts, the Kingdom of Heaven is formed within the person.

Hos 6:3 Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning (when the sun rises); and he (Christ) shall come unto us as the Rain, as the Latter and Early Rain unto the earth.

Job 37:6 For he saith to the snow, Be thou on the earth; likewise to the small Rain (Early Rain), and to the great Rain (Latter Rain) of his strength.

James 5:7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receives the EARLY and LATTER RAIN. 8 Be ye also patient; establish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh (when He gives the Latter Rain).

After the Kingdom of Heaven is formed within a person, the judgment of the Day of the Lord will follow which will remove and destroy Satan's kingdom from within them. After it is destroyed, the person will be converted and will be dwelling in the Kingdom of Heaven.

For an Elect person, this judgment of the Day of the Lord is called the Thousand Years (reign).

2Pet 3:8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him for a thousand years.

After Christ gives both the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit to an Elect individual, they will have a New Heavens and a New Earth. The Day of the Lord/Thousand Years reign will follow and will destroy the Old Heavens and the Old Earth from within them.

Under the New Covenant, when Christ places the Holy Spirit within a person, they become Christ's new temple:

1Cor 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

Within Christ's new temple, Christ has a throne room in the New Heavens from which He reigns:

Psa 103:19 The LORD hath prepared his throne in the (New) Heavens; and his kingdom rules over all.

The verse below speaks of the conversion event that changes Satan's kingdom into the Kingdom of Heaven. It is a spiritual process and happens within a person.

1Cor 15:47 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.

The verses below also apply to a person's time of conversion:

Job 18:5 Yea, the light (from the natural sun, moon & stars) of the wicked shall be put out, and the spark of his fire shall not shine.

Psa 104:22 The (spiritual) Sun arises, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens.

The symbol "dens" represents the strongholds of a person's false beliefs & character traits. This spirit word is mentioned in the scripture below:

Rev 6:12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal (day of conversion), and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the (natural) sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the (natural) moon became as blood; 13 And the (natural) stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casts her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind (Holy Spirit). 14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together (closed up); and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. 15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bond-man, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; 16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him (Sun of righteousness) that sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

Peter describes his conversion experience in a similar fashion as it applies to the natural sun & moon being darkened:

Acts 2:14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: 15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. 16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; 17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: 18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: 19 And I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke: 20 The (natural) sun shall be turned into darkness, and the (natural) moon into blood, BEFORE the great and notable Day of the Lord come: 21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

In the scripture below, Christ is referring to an Elect person's time of conversion and repeats what Peter stated about the natural sun & moon:

Mat 24:29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days **(time as a man of sin)** shall the **(natural)** sun be darkened, and the **(natural)** moon shall not give her light, and the stars **(fallen angels)** shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

After a person is converted and has a New Heaven and a New Earth, these verses will apply:

Isa 60:1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.

Dan 12:3 And they that be wise **(converted)** shall shine as the brightness of the firmament **(spiritual Sun)**; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for the ages of the ages.

Mat 13:43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the Sun **(Christ)** in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Rev 21:23 And the city had no need of the **(natural)** sun, neither of the **(natural)** moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof **(Sun of righteousness)**.

In the final age, Christ will repeat the spiritual process of conversion for every person who was not found in the Lamb's book of Life before they perish from their judgment in the Lake of Fire.

The scripture below applies to the time when Christ administers judgment to the condemned people who were cast into the Lake of Fire:

Mat 23:23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law: **JUSTICE, MERCY, AND FAITH**: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

Because Christ will not omit the "weightier matters of the law" from His judgment, He will show each person MERCY before they perish. His mercy will come to them as the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit. With the Holy Spirit, they will have FAITH (**1Cor 12:3**) and will enter the Kingdom of Heaven as a child of God. Christ will then continue His judgment upon the child of the devil who remains in the Lake of Fire where he will perish. This death will satisfy JUSTICE.

By the end of the final age, this scripture below will be testified to be true:

1Tim 2:3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; **4 who will have all men to be saved**, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. **5** For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; **6** who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

SUMMARY

The celestial analogy is one of many analogies that Christ uses to teach the pathway to salvation that each Elect person will travel. Though the celestial analogy may seem difficult to understand because of the numerous symbols involved, just remember that the truth it teaches is no different than what the other analogies teach. After a person learns the details of the pathway to salvation, the different analogies used by Christ are much easier to understand. To get to that point, a converted believer must learn truth “line upon line” and “precept upon precept” (**Isa 28:9-12**). In other words, truth is like constructing a building. A builder must begin with the foundation and work their way up floor by floor. If they try to build a higher floor of truth before the floors beneath it are completed, it is easy for error to creep into the structure.

If you have not read my paper entitled “The Great Mystery of the Church”, I recommend that you do so. In that paper, I present many of the lower level truths of Christ which are necessary for a person to understand & receive so that they will be able to understand & receive the truth taught by the celestial analogy.

I pray that this paper will be a blessing to all who read it.