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**not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.”**

- b. What is the **“light of life”**? Is it not a **“renewed mind”** possessing heaven’s reality?
5. In Luke 11:34 we see the importance of the light: **“The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single (sound) , thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, the body also is full of darkness.”**
  - a. We may also state that the **“light of the body”** could be called the **“light of the mind”**.
  - b. Therefore if we think only from the standpoint of heaven, is not our mind **“single,”** and if our mind is **“single,”** are we not full of **“light”**?
  - c. This is confirmed by Paul in 1 Thes. 5:5: **“Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.”**
  - d. Paul was simply saying that Christians with **“renewed minds”** are **“children of light,”** and the that **“light”** will not let them walk in the **“darkness of night”**.

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### **“THE HOUSE OF GOD UNDER THE OPEN HEAVEN”**

#### **PART II**

- XV. I want to start of by stating – we were born under an **“open heaven,”** and without that blessing we will fail to bring heaven’s resources to the earth.
- A. This understanding of the **“House of God”** and the **“Open Heaven”** is all important in being able to accept our comission to the primary mission.
1. I understand that most of you are wondering what I mean by the term **“open heaven.”** I will get to that in a few minutes, but first I want to talk about the

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House of God.

2. I am incredibly excited about the movement of God's power that I am seeing in the church today.
  - a. At a recent meeting in Fortuna, California there was a woman with a destroyed optical nerve; the doctors had said that she would never see out of that eye again, but she was healed and now can see.
  - b. A deaf person was also instantly healed that night, as was a woman bound to a wheel chair because of crippling arthritis.
  - c. This woman is reported to have danced and shouted, expressing the joy of her deliverance.
  - d. Another wonderful miracle took place as a group of young students prayed for a child with club feet. The child was healed!
3. The church is becoming the dwelling place of God that was promised in the Bible.
4. We have hungered for more, prayed for more, and now we are receiving "revelation" into our privileges and responsibilities.
  - a. These fresh insights of revelation are no longer being ignored, but are being acted upon by more and more Christians.
  - b. God's will is being done on earth as it is in heaven. Why?
  - c. Because more and more Christians are accepting their co-mission with sub-mission.

### **"THE DWELLING PLACE OF GOD"**

- B. The Bible speaks a lot about the Christian being a dwelling place for God.
  1. The Bible often refers "God's house" on earth, could that house have something to do with the Christian?
  2. There are some questions that need to be asked concerning the above statement.

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- a. What does it mean to be “God’s house”?
  - b. Why does this concept matter?
  - c. How should it change the way we live our everyday Christian lives?
  - d. What does it have to do with renewing our minds?
3. Let me answer by first stating that it has everything to do with these things!
4. Let us look at the first mention of the House of God in the Bible: **“Now Jacob went out from Beersheba and went toward Haran. So he came to a certain place and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. And he took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep. Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And behold, the Lord stood above it and said: I am the Lord God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants.... Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it. And he was afraid and said, How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven! ....And he called the name of that place Bethel....”**. (Gen. 28:10-13, 16-17, 19)
5. This is the first mention in the Bible of the House of God, and thus this passage defines the nature of this subject for the rest of Scripture (the law of interpretation).
6. The first important fact that we find is when Jacob said, **“God is here and I didn’t even know it.”**
7. This tells us that it is possible to be in the presence of the “House of God” and never know it’s there. (*I will define “House of God” in a moment*)
- a. Point of truth – without a revelation – in Jacob’s case, a dream – we can be

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oblivious to the presence and work of God in our lives or around us.

- b. This happens all the time in our church services – God transforms one person’s life and the person next to him or her is clueless that God is even in the house.
  - c. The Pastor announces that the Holy Spirit has now come upon the congregation, and some say, I don’t feel anything, while other people are having total reconstruction just a few feet away.
  - d. They were like Jacob before his dream, God was there, and they didn’t know it.
- C. I mentioned at the beginning of the lesson that I would define what is meant by an “open heaven”.
1. From Jacob’s dream we can see that the House of God functioned under an open heaven, meaning the demonic realm was broken off and there was clarity between the realm of God’s dominion and what was happening on earth.
  2. In that dream we find a ladder with angels ascending and descending from heaven.
  3. They ascended when they completed an assignment, and descend when they are on their way to complete a supernatural task.
  4. It is my firm belief that angels are waiting for Christians to start living risk filled lifestyles exposing and destroying the devils work. Why?
  5. So as to assist us in bringing the reality of God’s rule into situations that afflict and torment humans.
    - a. We read in Hebrews 1:14: **“Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?”**
    - b. It’s time the Church realize that angels are used by God to complete His assignments on earth.

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- c. Psalm 104:3 says that God **“walks on the wings of the wind.”**
  - d. The wind is described as an angelic presence. God is ushered into a situation by riding on angelic presence.
6. A Christian’s lifestyle without risks has little need for angelic assistance. Why?
- a. Because that Christian will be residing in “self life,” and believes that self sufficiency is a fact in his or her life.

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### **“THE HOUSE OF GOD”**

XVI. When Jacob awoke from his night vision, he declared that the place was **“none other than the house of God.”**

A. Let us read what Jacob said: **“Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it. And he was afraid and said, How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven! .....And he called the name of that place Bethel....”**.

- 1. What did Jacob mean when he said: **“....This is none other than the house of God....”**
- 2. It could not have been a physical shelter because there was no building there.
- 3. Jacob was not referring to a tribe or some religious group because there were no other people there.
- 4. I believe that Jacob was confused as anyone could be in understanding what the **“house of God”** was.
- 5. It was a prophetic mystery that would not be answered until hundreds of years later in the person of Jesus.