

THE UNSEEN DIMENSION OF REALITY



However you wish to define the physical universe (including dark energy and matter) the Bible teaches there is an unseen dimension of reality behind and everywhere interpenetrating it.

This is the dimension of SPIRIT.

Our amazing and vast universe (estimated now to be 93 billion light years across and expanding) is a drop in the bucket compared to the realm of the Spirit.

Spirit has created every form of matter. Taking Einstein's famous equation, $E=mc^2$, you can quickly solve for m (matter) such that $m=E/c^2$.

Now, consider a Being with UNLIMITED energy. The E in the numerator becomes so big, that matter is EASILY created.

Like, with just a Word.

The "realm of the Spirit" also needs to be clarified. Spirit is NOT like "the Force" in Star Wars, a flowing latent invisible power. Spirit is unbodily personal power and refers not to an invisible plasma, but to spiritual BEINGS.

Spirit is an energy substance, if you will, but personal. Simply put, the realm of the Spirit consists of angels, demons, and God, and to a lesser extent, human beings.

This "realm of the Spirit" Jesus called the kingdom of God. Much of the Jewish hope (Christian too) was directed almost exclusively to a FUTURE time when God's kingdom would come crashing into this present evil existence.

So when Jesus came announcing that the kingdom of God was available RIGHT HERE AND RIGHT NOW through him (see Mark 1:15), he was simply thronged with desperate people. Why?

Because Jesus brought the kingdom, not just with words, but with POWER. The kingdom of God invaded earth through the presence of Jesus Christ such that with a WORD (think of Creation) he healed the sick, cast out demons, opened blind eyes and deaf ears, made the lame to walk, and even raised the dead.

That same kingdom is everywhere here on earth right now. We enter into that kingdom **THE MOMENT** we cast ourselves in faith upon Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, and reigning over this universe as Lord.

Yes, the **FULLNESS** of kingdom presence and power will be manifest when Jesus comes visibly the second time. Too many believers though live as if life for now was just a matter of gritting our teeth and holding on to Jesus for dear life.

That is **NOT** the picture of kingdom life **NOW** that Scripture promises – one in which we can live, even in the midst of trouble, as **MORE THAN A CONQUEROR** (Romans 8:37).

Have you experienced the power of the kingdom of God? That power is present and available to those who want it. So what might be holding you back?

This may be uncomfortable, but I believe we all have as much of the power of God as we desire or expect. Jesus said, “According to your faith, it will be done for you.”

How many of us pastors **REALLY** expect God to heal the sick, cast out demons, and convert sinners on any given Sunday morning?

Unfortunately, for a lot of us (me included) we just want the service to “go well.” Plus, we figure, if God really did manifest himself, half the congregation would have a heart-attack and never return (I am really not joking, here).

Do you **EXPECT** to see the power of God show up in your daily life? Would you **WANT** it, if it did? These are disturbing questions, but worth thinking about.

Perhaps we (including me) need to repent and start with earnest prayer, “Lord, give me more **CAPACITY** for your power, more **EXPECTATION** of your power, and more desire for **YOU**.”