

Title: The Heavenly Man – living the higher life
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There is a heavenly reality that becomes available to us the moment we are born again. God is calling us to live the higher life.

Psalm 24:3–6 (NKJV) ³ *Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who may stand in His holy place?* ⁴ *He who has clean hands and a pure heart... the generation of those who seek Him, Who seek Your face.*

- The call to come higher. The call to be more.

1 Corinthians 15:47–49 (NKJV) ⁴⁷ *The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven.* ⁴⁸ *As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and **as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly.*** ⁴⁹ *And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, let us (we shall) also bear the image of the heavenly Man.*

- Two dimensions of living. (1) The man of the earth (earthly man). (2) the Lord from heaven (heavenly man)
- First take up our place as heavenly beings, so that we can release heaven on earth. **The earthly man can only release the earthly and fleshly, yet the heavenly man releases heaven on earth. How? By faith.**
- Declaration: “I am no longer a man of dust, a man of the earth. I am now a heavenly man. I live in a new reality, the heavenly reality. I am seated with Christ in the heavenlies. I am now royalty, a son of God, a co heir with Christ. I have a new perspective on life as I set my mind on things above.”

Embrace three key truths to move higher

1. We have a heavenly identity

We have a new identity. Heavenly identity.

Earthly ID: Sinners. Enemies of God. Condemnation. Guilt. Always falling short. Never good enough.

Heavenly ID declaration: “I am dead to sin. I am alive to God. I am a new creation. I am a son of God. I am welcome in My Father’s presence. I am loved by God. I am celebrated. All of heaven conspires together in my favour. I have great favour resting upon my life. I receive all of this for free. A gift from God. Therefore I have great confidence. I am righteous. I am innocent. I am a heavenly man.”

Romans 5:18-19 (NKJV) ¹⁸ *Therefore, as through one man’s offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so **through one Man’s righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life.*** ¹⁹ *For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also **by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous.***

Romans 6:5–6 (NKJV) ⁵ *For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be **in the likeness of His resurrection,*** ⁶ *knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that **the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.***

- Truth: The body of sin has been removed.
- *Don't fear sin, hate sin. What you fear you will serve.

2. We have a heavenly position

We have a new position. Seated with Christ in heaven. **The heavenly man unleashes heaven on earth. The earthly man can only release the earthly and fleshly.**

Earthly position (lies): I am a victim. I have no authority over my circumstances. I am a puppet to other people's decision making or forces governing this world. I have no way out of this. I am alone. I am a beggar waiting for hand outs. I am powerless.

Heavenly position declaration: "I am seated in heaven with Christ. I have great authority, power and influence in Christ. I am a leader of leaders. I command the forces of heaven in Jesus name, I am not alone! When I pray God hears me. When I speak things happen. I am an ambassador for Christ, so all of heaven backs me. I am a world changer. I walk in and by the power of the Holy Spirit. I know where I am seated: At the right hand of my heavenly Father who is for me and loves me greatly. I have authority to unleash heaven on earth."

Ephesians 2:4–7 (NKJV) ⁴ *But God, who is rich in mercy, because of **His great love** with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we **were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ** (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and **raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,** ⁷ that in the ages to come **He might show the exceeding riches of His grace** in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.*

3. We have a heavenly perspective

We have a new perspective. Eyes that see the unseen.

Colossians 3:1–4 (NKJV) ¹ *If then **you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.** ² **Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.** ³ **For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.***

- **Set your mind on heaven and you will become heavenly. Set your mind on the earth and you will become earthly.**
- **The whole earth is full of His glory!**
- **Declaration:** "I am no longer an earthly being, with an earthly perspective and merely walking in the flesh. I am now a heavenly being, with a heavenly perspective and my spirit is seated in heaven. I walk in and by the power of the Holy Spirit. I am different."