



Message One: The Invisible Realm of Reality *Pastor Mike Chapman*

We are not alone. There is much more to reality than meets the physical eye. We are surrounded by an unseen world that is inhabited by spirit beings—angels and demons.

Many Christians are amazingly naive to this invisible realm. Belief in a personal devil is often looked upon as primitive thinking left over from a pre-enlightenment era.

Jesus believed in this realm. The apostles and the early Christians believed in it. There is overwhelming evidence throughout history that there is something more than meets the eye. In this series, we will explore the realm of the supernatural.

THE INVISIBLE WORLD

God created all things – **visible** and **invisible**.

Colossians 1:16, Through Christ God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. (NLT)

Genesis 1:1, God created the Heavens and Earth—all you see, all you don't see. (Msg)

The **visible** world was birthed from the **invisible**.

Hebrews 11:3, Because of our faith, we know that the world was made at God's command. We also know

that what can be seen was made out of what cannot be seen. (CEV)

Many Christians live with a two-tiered perspective with an **excluded middle**.

IT IS A WORLD AT WAR

The anger of Satan is directed toward **Israel** and those who follow **Jesus Christ**.

Revelation 12:17, the dragon was angry at the woman and declared war against the rest of her children—all who keep God's commandments and maintain their testimony for Jesus. (NLT)

The ineffectiveness of many Christians is caused by their naiveté in regard to **spiritual warfare**.

Ephesians 6:10-12, Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. (NLT)

It's an invisible war with very real consequences on earth.

Daniel 10:12-14, The angel said, "Don't be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day you began to pray for understanding...your request has been heard in heaven. I have come in answer to your prayer. But for twenty-one days the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia blocked my way. Then Michael, one of the archangels,

came to help me...Now I am here to explain what will happen to your people in the future. (NLT)

A PRAYER FOR OPEN EYES

2 Kings 6:15-17, When the servant of the man of God got up early the next morning and went outside, there were troops, horses, and chariots everywhere. "Oh, sir, what will we do now?" the young man cried to Elisha. "Don't be afraid!" Elisha told him. "For there are more on our side than on theirs!" Then Elisha prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes and let him see!" The LORD opened the young man's eyes, and when he looked up, he saw that the hillside around Elisha was filled with horses and chariots of fire. (NLT)

Ephesians 1:18-21, I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance. I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. (NLT)