

The Unseen World



The Other Side of Reality

²⁴ I cannot eat for sighing; my groans pour out like water.

²⁵ What I always feared has happened to me. What I dreaded has come true.

²⁶ I have no peace, no quietness. I have no rest; only trouble comes.”

Where do I run for answers when grief overwhelms me?

A surreal landscape with a blue sky and white ground. A series of white door frames and one open door lead into the distance. The scene is bright and ethereal, with soft shadows cast on the ground.

Phantom-Job 4:12-21

- ¹² "This truth was given to me in secret, as though
whispered in my ear.
- ¹³ It came to me in a disturbing vision at night, when
people are in a deep sleep.
- ¹⁴ Fear gripped me, and my bones trembled.
- ¹⁵ A spirit swept past my face, and my hair stood on
end.
- ¹⁶ The spirit stopped, but I couldn't see its shape. There
was a form before my eyes. In the silence I heard a
voice say,
- ¹⁷ 'Can a mortal be innocent before God? Can anyone
be pure before the Creator?'

18 "If God does not trust his own angels and has charged
his messengers with foolishness,
19 how much less will he trust people made of clay!
They are made of dust, crushed as easily as a moth.
20 They are alive in the morning but dead by evening,
gone forever without a trace.
21 Their tent-cords are pulled and the tent collapses,
and they die in ignorance.

Job 4:12-21 NLT

³⁶ And just as they were telling about it, Jesus himself was suddenly standing there among them. "Peace be with you," he said.

³⁷ But the whole group was startled and frightened, thinking they were seeing a ghost!

³⁸ "Why are you frightened?" he asked. "Why are your hearts filled with doubt?"

³⁹ Look at my hands. Look at my feet. You can see that it's really me. Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don't have bodies, as you see that I do."

⁴⁰ As he spoke, he showed them his hands and his feet.

Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world.

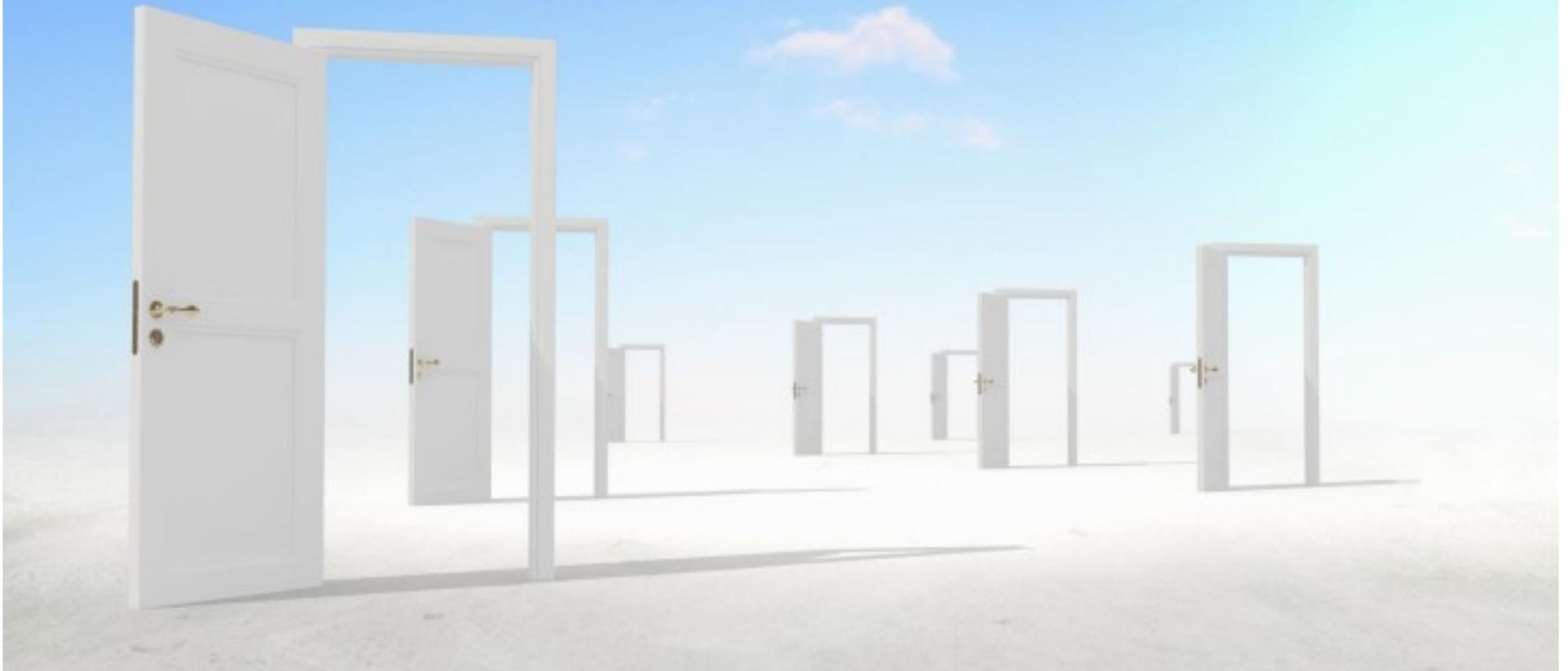
² This is how we know if they have the Spirit of God: If a person claiming to be a prophet acknowledges that Jesus Christ came in a real body, that person has the Spirit of God.

³ But if someone claims to be a prophet and does not acknowledge the truth about Jesus, that person is not from God. Such a person has the spirit of the Antichrist, which you heard is coming into the world and indeed is already here.

⁴ But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world.



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2. As believers, we have the greater spirit – The Holy Spirit

