

# THE KEY OF DAVID

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### **VOICEOVER:**

*The Key of David* with Gerald Flurry.

### **GERALD FLURRY:**

Greetings, everyone.

One of the great truths of the Bible is about the human spirit. Now, that's totally apart from the Holy Spirit, but it's a truth that is understood by just a tiny few people on this Earth, and if you understand about that human spirit it sets you about ten-thousand times above the level of an animal in potential, and it even exalts man above the angels in potential, and it is a truth that ought to just leave us sort of reeling and dizzy with an understanding of what God has in our future. This is a kind of truth that just can *truly* turn a person's life around.

Did you ever wonder why God never revealed any truth to an animal? And man is *not* an animal, and that's easy to prove from the Bible. But why did God never reveal truth to an animal? Well, because they don't have anything to reveal that truth *to*; they don't have the human spirit, and certainly not the Holy Spirit. God only reveals truth to men. To men!

Now, we're not animals. That is a popular belief today, but all you have to do is go to the first chapter of the first book of the Holy Scriptures, and it says there in Genesis 1 and verses 24 through 26 that man made animals after the animal kind, but then He made man after the God kind. Now, how much clearer can it be, from the very beginning about what God says is the truth about man and about animals.

So if God is going to make us after the God kind, He's going to have to have something within man—which is called a spirit in man—to work with His Holy Spirit. Something has to be there, an ingredient has to be there to make it possible for God to work with the human mind, but He certainly cannot do that with an animal mind, other than just controlling what He wants them to do if He needs to do that. But that sets you apart from animals. I mean there's really a vast difference there, and God wants us to understand that.

So God decided that He was going to reproduce Himself, and to do that He had to put within the mind of man a human spirit, a human spirit. I'm going to show you that from the scriptures, but that has nothing to do with the Holy Spirit, although it gives you a potential to work *with* that Holy Spirit, and all of us have that potential.

But what is it, really, that makes man's brain so different than an animal's? I mean if you look at them physically, the animal brain is very similar to the human brain. But no animal brain has the power of intellect, the power of intellect to sit and talk as I'm talking to you now. No animal has that—nothing like that, never did have, and never will have. So says your Bible.

Let's look at Job 32 and verse 8. "But *there is* a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding." So it's a human spirit *in man*. This is something that God put *in man*.

And Mr. Armstrong wrote in his booklet, Herbert Armstrong wrote this, *What Science Can't Discover About the Human Mind*, and here's what he wrote: "It is that non-physical component in the human brain that does not exist in the brain of animals. It is the ingredient that makes possible the transition from human to divine." Now, it makes possible a transition from the human to the divine, from human to God.

There is a spirit in man; there is *not* a spirit in animals. There is the human spirit only. So why does man need a spirit? Well, it is spirit essence, although it's all on the human level. But there has to be a human spirit there for God to connect with His Holy Spirit so He can take man from mortal to immortal or from flesh to Spirit being. That has to be there.

Now that, if you think about it, is a very practical plan. Mr. Herbert Armstrong also wrote this in his booklet. It says: "So now CONSIDER. God is composed of SPIRIT. God is CREATOR, DESIGNER, RULER, EDUCATOR. God has SUPREME MIND."

So let me read you another excerpt from Herbert Armstrong's book, *What Science Can't Discover About the Human Mind*. "So now CONSIDER. God is composed of SPIRIT. God is CREATOR, DESIGNER, RULER, EDUCATOR. God has SUPREME MIND. He IS the PERFECT HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS CHARACTER! But He is using material substance from this physical Earth with which to REPRODUCE HIMSELF. Out of physical EARTH He has formed MAN in His image [or his character] and likeness (form and shape)."

So God is building His character within man, if man will allow it, and it has to be voluntary on the man's part.

He continues, "In other words, God has had to plan to bridge the gap between MATTER (of which MAN is now wholly composed) and SPIRIT (which God now is, and man must become). Matter is NOT spirit—cannot be converted into spirit. HOW, then, can God change mortal, material man into immortal, spirit-composed God?"

And you can read where it says in Genesis 2 and verse 7 that "man became a living soul." It didn't say he had an immortal soul; he became a living soul. In fact, he does not have an immortal soul, and it says—well, I'll just read you what Herbert Armstrong wrote. "The Hebrew word for "soul" is nephesh. In Genesis 1:20-24, animals are called nephesh three times—only the translators translated the Hebrew word there "creature." Animals have the same temporary physio-chemical existence as man. Both die the same death (Eccl. 3:19-20)."

Then it says, and you should read this yourself, but in Ezekiel 18 and verse 4 and verse 20, both of those verses say “[T]he soul that sinneth, it shall die.” Now, that soul is just the physical life that we have. There *is* no immortal soul; the soul that sins it shall die, God says. So that’s really a pagan doctrine that doesn’t come from the Bible at all.

Herbert Armstrong continues: “So let us UNDERSTAND! Man is FLESH and BLOOD—composed wholly of MATTER—and that living matter IS a living soul. The SOUL is composed of physical MATTER, not spirit.”

But I’m going to again explain more about this human spirit which gives you a potential that is far greater than any immortal spirit or any immortal soul.

Mr. Armstrong continues: “I have explained that human brain is almost identical to animal brain. But man was made in the form and shape of God, to have a special relationship with God—“ I mean that’s an understatement, to have a special relationship with God. Some special relationship! And he’s going “to have the potential of being born into the FAMILY of God. And God is SPIRIT (John 4:24).”

But let me read you once again what it says in Job 32 and verse 8: “But *there is* a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.” See, here’s an important truth. We have the *potential*, you see, that’s just to connect with God and His Holy Spirit, and it all makes it possible for us to go from flesh to Spirit being. Otherwise we couldn’t do it. You can’t convert the physical into the spiritual; that’s what God says. But here we have a chance to go from the human to the divine! I mean we’re not made after the animal kind; we’re being made after the God kind. I mean that ought to just about knock us over if we really and truly understand it. We’re made and being made after the God kind.

Now, God is only working with a little tiny few today, but He is still going to convert and lead most of mankind into His Family through a resurrection. But what wonder and awe there is in all that if we truly understand what God is talking about here; it’s just one of the most inspiring truths in the entire Bible.

Mr. Armstrong wrote this in his booklet: “In Genesis 1:1, the Hebrew word translated “God” is Elohim, a uniplural name meaning ONE GOD who is composed of more than one person. In other words, a divine FAMILY, of which the GOD mentioned in John 1:1 is Head.” So here is a God Family, and you have a type of God’s mind. It’s a God mind type or Godly-type mind that you have.

And just look at the power of intellect of the human mind. It is something that strikes awe in people if they’re really thinking about it. God wants us into His Family, and to do that, there has to be some way to transition man from the physical to a total Spirit being, and what an awesome truth that is.

See, a mind—we have the mind to choose right and wrong, and the will to do the right thing. Animals don’t have that. Why not? Because they’re made after the animal kind. They were never intended to have that.

But here is a man that's made after the God kind, and it never says that even about an angel! Human beings are made after the God kind, and why is it we hear so little about that today in any religion?

Well, let me read to you a little more about what Mr. Armstrong wrote: "Animals are equipped with BRAIN and instinct. But they do not have power to understand and choose moral and spiritual values or to develop perfect spiritual CHARACTER. Animals have BRAIN, but no intellect—instinct, but no ability to develop HOLY and GODLY CHARACTER."

Now look, some scientists even *admit* that there is a non-physical component in the human mind. They admit that! But they won't admit much else, it seems.

But here you have this non-physical component, this human spirit, or the spirit in man, a spirit in man which has, again, it's all on the human level, but it gives us that power of intellect, a God-type mind. Now that ought to inspire all kinds of hope and excitement in human beings, and yet they still tend to resist that.

But God never put a human spirit in the animals. Never did because that was never a part of His purpose. And we are not animals! We are being made after the God kind. What AWE that ought to strike in each one of us, being made after the God kind, and to have that potential that even the angels never, ever, ever had. I'll show you that a little later if I have time. They never had that.

But notice again Job 32 and verse 8, "But *there is* a spirit in man:" but notice the last part, too, "and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding." So God had that spirit, created that spirit and put it in man, that He might inspire within us understanding, that He might give us understanding that He could never give to the animals, that He might reveal truth to us because of that human spirit. He couldn't do it if we didn't have that human spirit, and it's not an immortal soul. There's no such *thing* as an immortal soul. I'll tell you; it's right there in your Bible. I'm not trying to wreck anybody's religious beliefs, but Jesus Christ said we have to live by every word of that Bible, and so we must do that.

But there's no scripture there that talks about the inspiration of the Almighty gives them understanding; it never says that about an animal. It always says that just about man. Animals cannot be born into the very Family of God. To say that man is an animal is just like the *ultimate insult* to God *and* to man. He is not an animal.

You see, Satan has failed. He's the god of this world, and he hates God's plan and he hates God's family on this Earth—that little flock—and he does everything he can to deceive men about this awesome truth. It's just majestic and magnificent in so many ways! The world is just blind to this.

But let me show you another scripture that says almost the same thing as Job 32 and verse 8, but it adds something here that we need to understand. Verse 9 of I Corinthians 2, "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the

heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. (10) But God hath revealed *them* unto us by his Spirit:” now here’s the Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit, “for the Spirit” (capital S in this translation) “searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.” So here’s another Spirit, the Holy Spirit that *is*, really, the very character of God, and so God wants to connect that Holy Spirit with the human spirit and develop the very character of God, give us His revelation, His understanding so that we can make that transition from human to divine. That certainly is a stunning truth, going from human to divine, and that’s *exactly* what is in God’s Plan.

Mr. Armstrong wrote, again: “The brain thinks—although the spirit imparts the power to think, whereas brute animal brains without such spirit cannot, except in the most elementary manner. WHY couldn’t the more highly learned understand? Because he was preaching Christ’s message of the Kingdom of God.” That is, he goes on to talk about Paul, and yet almost nobody understood what he was talking about.

Do you realize that when Jesus Christ was on this Earth and He was teaching and preaching to all of those people, that He only made 120 converts? Why is it they couldn’t understand? Because they didn’t have the Spirit, the Holy Spirit. They had a spirit in man, but they were very rebellious and weren’t really pliable to what Christ said, and ended up finally killing Him.

So it takes a willingness to receive that Holy Spirit and connect it with the human spirit and *then* we really begin to grow and be like our Father in heaven, and be Holy as He is Holy. That’s what happens.

Verse 11, “For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man,” this is that human-level spirit, “[E]ven so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.” Or the Holy Spirit of God. Here are the two spirits: the spirit of man and the Spirit of God, you see, and that’s just another wondrous scripture that we need to understand.

You see, he says here now, about this human spirit, “without the human spirit you can’t understand the things of man.” I mean, you can’t teach an animal about going to school and about a TV program like this or concerts or any of the arts or the sciences. You can’t teach that to an animal; those are things of man, and animals understand nothing about it.

Now the same principle applies when you get to the Holy Spirit. There isn’t anything man can understand about the Holy Spirit on a human level, or with the spirit of man. He has to have the Spirit of God, and he has to get himself in the right attitude where he’s willing to receive that, and then he can understand the things of God. I mean why would Christ speak to all of those people, thousands and thousands and thousands of them, and only 120 were converted? You see, the human mind with that human spirit doesn’t get it. We have to go to God in a humble attitude and ask for that Holy Spirit so that we can understand the things of God.

Why is it this world is just going crazy with all kinds of idiotic schemes and philosophies and political parties and things like that? Why is this happening? Because they don’t understand the things of God, or God would show them very clearly what needs to be done. He has that power, and He wants to do that, but He’s going to let man go his own

way until he absolutely knows that there is no other way. He's facing human extinction! He ought to be humble enough to realize he doesn't know *anything* that's really important, but you can't tell many men that, I'll tell you for sure. They have this power of the intellect, and they just think they know it all already, but they're incomplete. God never created any man that was complete; we're all incomplete without the Spirit of God. Every single one of us are incomplete. We may *think* we're complete. We may *think* we know it all. We may *think* we're a great scholar and have the answers, but we don't have the answers! Only God does. Isn't that amazing? I mean that's right there in your Bible.

Let me read verse 11 again, or just the last part of it: "[E]ven so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God." See, why is it that man can hear messages of God and these wonderful truths of God, and yet never really get it, unless they have a right attitude and God will then begin to work with them *through* that Holy Spirit. Then they get to know the things of God.

How precious and wonderful is it that God has given us all this potential, ten thousand times above anything that you'll see in animals as far as potential, and even above the great, majestic, all-powerful angels? It's even beyond that! Isn't that amazing? That God has given us all that potential, and yet only a little flock today understands that because nobody else really wants it. They don't want it, but they're going to come to want it when they see, totally, that human beings have failed and the human intellect has failed, *until* they connect it with the Spirit of God and then man becomes complete, and he knows how to have peace. Peace! We want peace, but there's no peace! We want joy and happiness, but there's very little of that. You know that. All kinds of problems and terrible, terrible things are happening on this Earth.

Animals can never be born into the Family of God, neither can angels, so there's something really super, super, super about this human spirit that connects with that Holy Spirit, makes it possible for us to receive the Holy Spirit. God couldn't reveal anything to an animal because they don't have anything to connect with the Spirit of God. They just have that animal brain, and that's it.

But what a wonderful, enriching thing it is to have this human Spirit, and how wonderful it is to be a part of this.

Verse 14, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God:" the natural man, even with that, see, even with the human spirit, he doesn't receive the things of God, it's just natural.

Romans 8 and verse 7 says: "Because the [human] mind *is* [hostile] against God:" that's just natural.

We're going to have to change that if we're ever going to solve all these horrifying problems that we're facing today. All of the world's evils are going to be solved by that Holy Spirit and by God's law. Now that's a wonderful thing to understand.

And you can see that in Hebrews 1 and verse 5 that there's not one of the angels that God ever said, "You are my son. This day have I begotten you." They never, ever were

intended to be in the Family of God, but *you* ARE intended to be in the Family of God, and God is going to bring most of humanity into God's Family, but they're going to have to suffer a whole lot before they reach that point.

But what a marvelous and an absolutely breath-taking future we all have. That is something you need to think about and pray about, and really study because we do need to understand it.

Until next week, this is Gerald Flurry. Goodbye, friends.

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