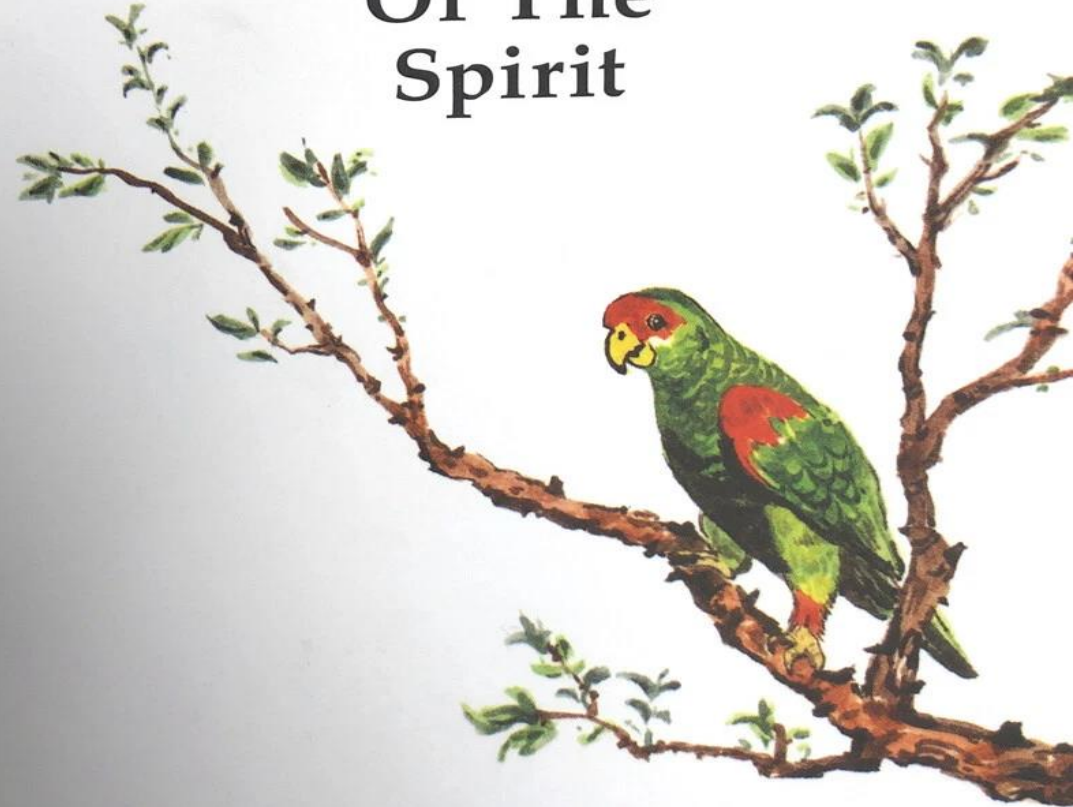


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The
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WATCHMAN NEE

What You Should Do

- Acts 17:10–11 (NASB 95)
- **10 The brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. 11 Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for *they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.***



One Word Of Advice

- **Context is KING!**
- **Words do NOT stand alone. Neither in English or any other language.**
- **You cannot pull a word out of a verse and understand what the author meant without its surrounding context, even the time frame it was written.**
- **When doing a Word study, look at EVERY instance it occurs in scripture to get better context.**



Opening Remarks

- **This is not behavior modification.**
- **This is not to get you to change *yourself*.**
- **It is not self destruction.**
- **Or a form of self abasement.**
- **You are not being asked to Pray more, Give more, Work more.**
- **Many of you already do works out of guilt and obligation, anyway.**



Opening Remarks

- **This is to learn to discern what God is already (right now, right here, right where you are sitting) doing in your life and cooperate with it.**



Release Of The Spirit

Chapter 1

The Importance Of Brokenness



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Chapter 2

Before And After Brokenness



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Recognizing “The Thing At Hand”



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The Church and God's Work

Reminder: The Release Of The Spirit

- **“Each one of us has as much of the same ‘Jacob-nature’ in us. Our only hope is that the Lord may blaze a way out of us, breaking our outward man – breaking it to such a degree that the inward man may come out and be seen.”**
- **— Watchman Nee**



That Nature Is Sin. Jacob Nature.

- Romans 8:2–3 (NASB 95)

- **2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.**
- **No Matter How Hard You Try, Unless The Law Of The Spirit Of Life Is Operating, YOU WILL SIN.**
- **Only The Spirit Of God and set you free. You will notice people “gravitate” toward sin automatically.**

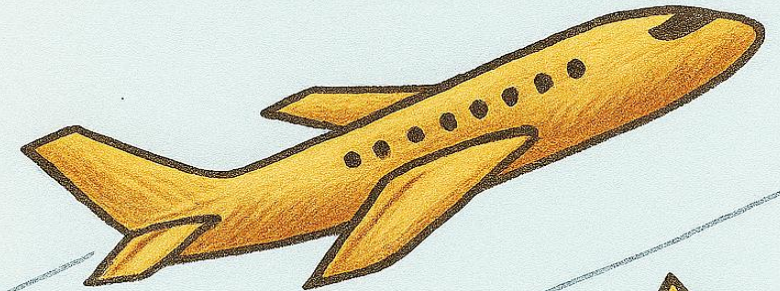
That Nature Is Sin. Jacob Nature.

- Just like Gravity, you cannot but crash if the Law Of Lift Is not Operating.
- So too, you will sin, if the law of the Spirit of Life is not operating.
- You cannot be independent of God

**THE LAW OF THE
SPIRIT OF LIFE** –ROMANS 8:2

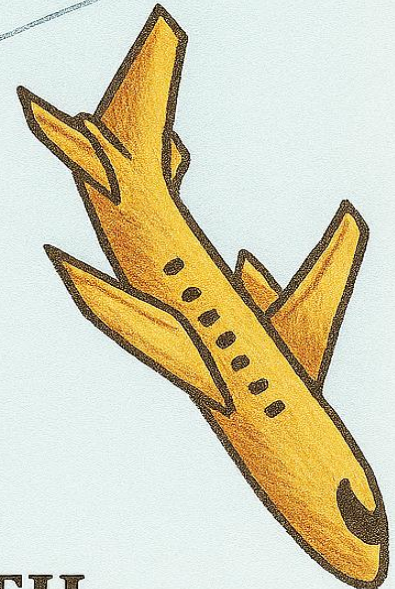


LAW OF LIFT



**GRAVITY
THE LAW OF
SIN AND DEATH**

– ROMANS 8:2b



The Church and God's Work. Chapter 5.

- **“IF WE REALLY UNDERSTAND the nature of God's work, we shall readily admit that the outward man is truly a formidable hindrance. It is true to say that God is much restricted by man. The people of God should know the ultimate purpose of the church and also the interrelationships among the church, God's power, and God's work.”**

The Church and God's Work. Chapter 5.

- **God's Manifestation and God's Restriction**
- **“In our day God commits Himself to the church. His power and His work are in the church. Just as in the Gospels we find all God's work given to the Son, so today God has entrusted all His works to the church and will not act apart from it.”**

The Church and God's Work. Chapter 5.

- **How Breaking Will Affect Our Way Of Functioning:**
- **(1) Reading the Bible:**
- **“Your thought must begin where his thought begins, and develop as his develops. You must be able to reason as he reasons and to exhort as he exhorts. In other words, your thought must be geared to his thought. This will allow the Spirit to give you the precise meaning of the Scriptures.”**

The Church and God's Work. Chapter 5.

- **(2) Ministry of the Word:**
- **Acts 6:4 we read, "But we will give ourselves up to prayer and the ministry of the word."**
- **"Many have the erroneous notion that clever people are best able to be used. How wrong! No matter how clever you are, the outward can never substitute for the inward man. Only after the outward man is broken can the inward find adequate thought and appropriate words."**

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- **(3) Preaching the Gospel:**
- **There is a common misconception that people believe the gospel because they have been either mentally convinced of the doctrinal correctness or emotionally stirred by its appeal.**

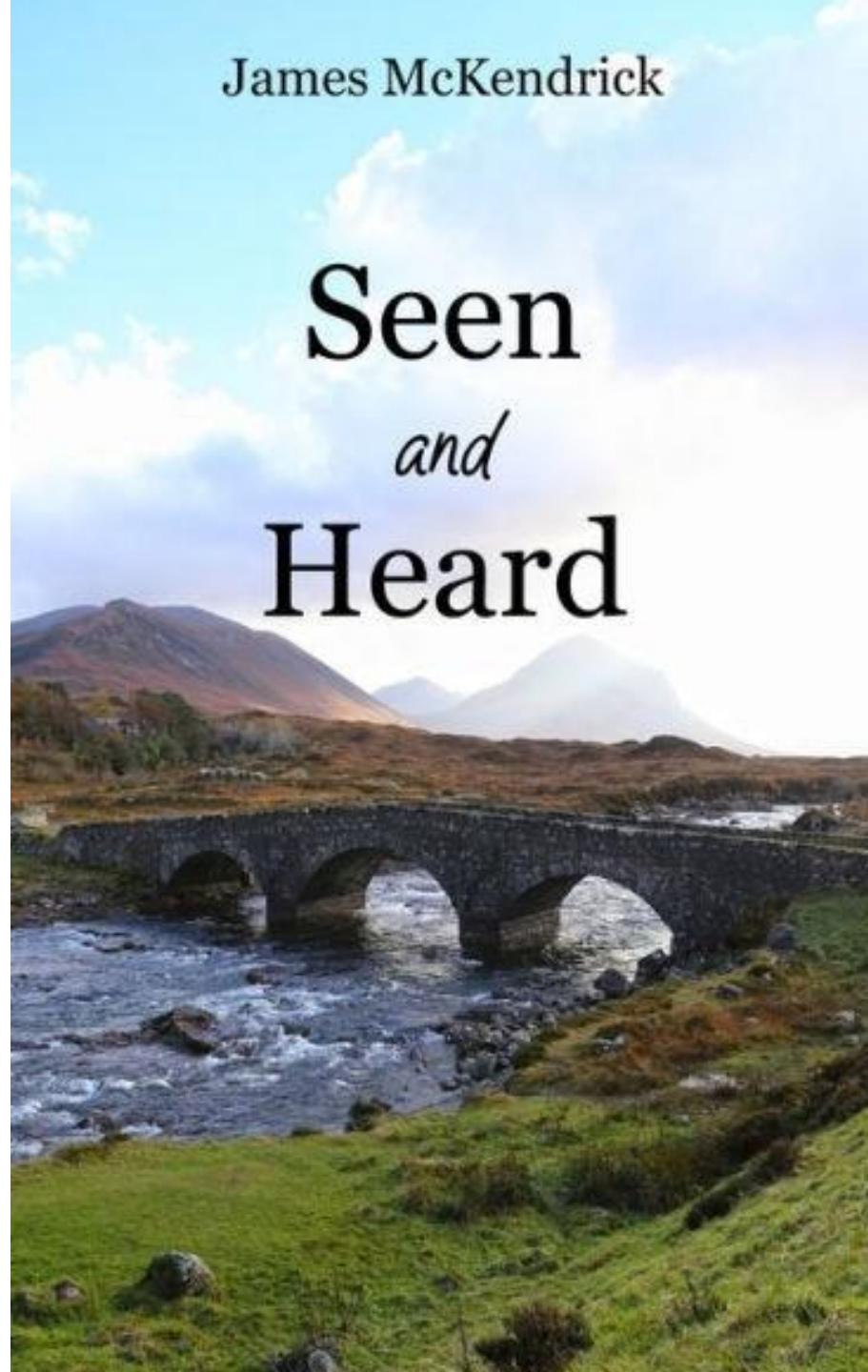


James McKendrick

- **New York Times, July 5th, 1938. JAMES M'KENDRICK; Scottish Evangelist, Who as Boy Worked in Mines, Dies**
- **EDINBURGH, July 4.-James McKendrick, Scottish evangelist, who had made sixteen preaching tours in the United States, died today at his home in East Rigg, Dumfriesshire, at the age of 79. He had suffered a heart attack on Sunday a week ago while addressing a meeting in Glasgow.**
- **Mr. McKendrick worked as a boy in Lanarkshire coal mines, and began preaching in his early twenties. He recently published the story of his life, which was translated into several languages, including the Chinese.**

James McKendrick

Seen *and* Heard



Measuring Stick. Not Their Words, But Their Power

- **1 Corinthians 4:18 (NASB 95)**

•8 Now some have become arrogant, as though I were not coming to you. 19 But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I shall find out, NOT the words of those who are arrogant but their POWER.



Launching Out And Retreating

- **“When the outward man is broken, the inward man *enjoys continual rest in God.*”**
- **A Rest and Peaceful spirit are good indicators or who is running the show.**



Is This A Good Summary?

- **Nee encourages readers to embrace hardships as divine discipline, fostering spiritual maturity and alignment with God's will.**



Release Of The Spirit

Ephesians 1:18-19a (NASB 95)

“I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.”

