

As in Heaven, So on Earth

Ron McGatlin uses the phrase “on earth as it is in heaven” in the following excerpt from his latest Open Heaven Digest:

“God’s original plan is His final plan. There is no other permanent plan of God. The family of God possesses the kingdom of God, the kingdom of heaven on earth.

The Garden of Eden was “on earth as it is in heaven” – the kingdom of heaven on earth, God from heaven walked as one with God in earthly bodies.”¹

He touches on a very important, little understood spiritual concept, that in God’s Kingdom he’s looking for a ‘shadow’ (or copy) of what’s in heaven, on the Earth. Eden was a copy, and there are many others that are of interest.

1. We are a shadow of the Triune God because we are a triune being – body, soul & spirit.
2. We are to be a copy of Jesus, God’s Son who is now in heaven. This is drawn from the imperative that although we have God in us, we must become Christ-like.² To put it into simple terms, we are to be ‘little’ Jesus’.
3. The tabernacle and the temple were a copy of what was in heaven. This was both in their layout and in the images, figurines and objects that were in them. (See my article “The Tabernacle a Shadow of Heaven”)
4. My article “Kingdom Administration” covers more on this spiritual concept.
5. Finally, the oversight of the Church should be a shadow of heaven if it is to have Father’s approval. At the moment it doesn’t because it has pastors in charge and apostles and prophets are not in the lead. The throne in Heaven has the Triune God plus the 7-fold spirit³ of God before the throne. The Jewish synagogues and the early church followed this correct pattern. They had a ‘Bench of Three’ at the helm called the *bet din*⁴ composed of 2 apostles and one prophet, or 2 prophets and one apostle. Alongside them they had a set of 7 elders, a mixture of apostles, prophets, pastors and evangelists, similar to the Sanhedrin. This arrangements were a shadow of Heaven and they also fulfilled the necessity of having the apostles and the prophets as the foundation of the church.

Whatever is a shadow of Heaven has Heaven’s approval and that’s where the Spirit of God works.

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1 - Quote from: “Seeds From Heaven” (Ron McGatlin) [OpenHeaven.com Digest May 02, 2014]

2 - Romans 8:29; 2 Corinthians 3:18

3 - This is distinct from the Holy Spirit of God.

4 - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beth_din