

Remnant Life Church  
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## “Natural and Supernatural” Hosea 4:6

- What we are looking at this morning is a prelude to our examining the Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- But before we do that we must talk about and know the difference between natural and the supernatural
- What is the natural?
  - It is those things that occur within the realm of explanation and usually within our 5 senses (Thomas)
  - Many might say it is something that must be scientifically founded...BUT
    - Until just a few hundred years ago large portions of the world still believed that the earth was flat
    - Modern medicine has replaced the belief in evil elves, black bile and astral influences
    - Science continues to offer explanations for every aspect of life many times to give their own theories validity
  - Mid 1800s Lord Kelvin; William Thomson
    - Heavier than air objects would never fly
    - Just 50 years later in Kitty Hawk, NC
  - Late 1800s until doctors came to understand the impact of germs to infection
  - Even evolutionists attempts to bridge the “evolution gap” have been met with theories that again and again are disproven – 1922 “Nebraska Man” pig tooth
  - We continue to explain things that we cannot grasp with scientific research many times formulated to support a desired outcome
  - The natural is what the vast majority of people would accept as common or experienced knowledge
- What is Supernatural?
  - Anything that operates outside of what is commonly or scientifically accepted
  - Jesus operated in the supernatural the entire time He lived on earth – the evidence of it we call miracles
    - Every miracle Jesus performed was an act of the supernatural
      - In His 3 years of ministry he performed 36 recorded miracles
        - The first is recorded in John 2 – changing of water into wine
        - The last in John 21 - catching a great number of fish
        - Only 2 are recorded in all four Gospels
          - Feeding of the 5000
          - Restoring the severed ear
        - Nature of the miracles
          - Healing (17)

- Rebuking or casting out of demons (7)
  - Raising the dead (3)
  - Protecting His disciples (2)
  - Feeding the masses (5)
  - Providing tax money (1)
  - Cursing the fig tree (1)
- Know what the difference is between natural and supernatural
  - Should we be concerned or afraid of the supernatural?
  - How can we tell what is from God and what is not?
  - Will the supernatural harm me?
- We must always remember that everything came first from God
- Everything within and without of the realm of our understanding is from God
- Satan desires to pervert and twist everything that God created pure
  - The place that he attacks first and the hardest is our minds
    - Once we perceive something that we think is impossible our mind will not go beyond
    - What lies beyond? FAITH
    - *Matt. 17:20 - He replied, Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.*
  - Why does it take such little faith to accomplish great things?
    - Because our little faith joins to the awesome power of God
    - Not our power but His
    - Clement of Alexandria (Greek Christian Theologian) *Faith is a voluntary anticipation.*
  - The things that Satan uses so effectively today are merely twisted things of God
    - New-Age – the best of God's creation turned inward with pride
    - Numerology/Astrology/Neopaganism (worship of the earth and nature)
    - Demons/Zombies/Werewolves/Vampires
  - You do not to be fearful of the supernatural – why?
    - If you are seeking God you never need to be afraid
    - If you desire the supernatural to His glory He will protect you
    - If your heart is closed to the things of Satan he cannot have access
    - *Hosea 4:6 - My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge*