

VI The Real Nature of the Flesh. What is it? It is very important to us, but it is not us. I am a spirit. God is a spirit and I am a spirit. Where is God? God is not spacial. There is not a place in ^{heaven} ~~heaven~~ where an old man with a crown on his head sits and that is heaven and God is ~~sitt~~ sitting on the throne there. These are figures of speech. God is a spirit so He is not spacial. God exerts His influence everywhere. He can do ~~want~~ what he wants anywhere but he is not spacially tied. He is able to do things without making use of data that is spacially ~~d~~ tied, though when He chose to do the greatest things of all - to redeem humanity - the Second Person of the Trinity assumed a body and became incarnate, took on him human nature, and he worked through a body. That was His instrument.

So the real nature of the flesh is an instrument for the use of the spirit. OUR spirit in its disembodied state would not have contact with things that are spacial. We would not have the means God has ^{affecting} of effecting things. We might effect them to some extent, but it would be very limited. We have a body through which we can affect them. If I want to go from here to New York, I could start out and walk, and I might have made it in two days a few ~~years~~ years ago. I don't think I would be up to that today. But I would go that way, I guess in an automobile, and when I come to a corner I don't say, Now I've got to pull back on my right hand and push forward with my left hand, and I've got to have my foot just ready near the brake so that in case of emergency I can stope it. I must push on the gas pedal quite so much. I don;t think of any of these things! The auto has become a part of me for the time being. I think I want to go right, I want to go left. I want to stop, I want to start. It is a part of me. It is my means of getting there. Some people say, ~~Clothes~~ make the man. ~~That~~ is not true. But we are tremendously affected by our clothes and the impression we make on others is greatly improved by our clothes. They are not part of us, but they affect us very greatly. Now that is what the flesh is, only more so.