If you had lived in the time of the Hebrew Prophets, you might very well have lived in a tent in the desert. That tent would have been made of goatskins sown together. It would have had a pole, or poles at the center of the tent to hold up the roof and other poles around the outer perimeter of the tent to give the tent headroom like a 20<sup>th</sup> century circus tent. That portion of the roof between the center poles and the outer poles would sag under its own weight between the poles enough so that when it rained, the water would gather there. Left unattended, the weight of the water would soon build to the point that the roof would be "rent" (that is torn or ripped). Comparing the immense power of God and His "Nature" to the Mankind's goatskin roofs, Job writes:

<sup>8</sup> He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them. Job 26:8 (KJV: meaning from The "King James Version", or "translation" of the Bible).

So that, Job is referring to the rain clouds "Above" as the "Waters". This reference makes all the difference in interpreting this next passage when you realize that the "Waters Below" are the lakes, rivers, oceans and even ground waters of the earth:

<sup>6</sup> And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. <sup>7</sup> And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament: and it was so. <sup>8</sup> And God called the firmament Heaven.

Gen 1:6-8 (KJV)

This is Heaven as described in the very beginning of The Bible. It describes our atmosphere: that single "Sweet Spot" in the universe (predicted by God) where Mankind can exist, and yet you have probably never heard this interpretation before. That's because the Bible was "Sealed" to "Blind Guides" and their church doctrines by the "Will of God" until these very days. The Prophet Isaiah wrote about the "sealing up" long before Jesus was born. Jesus had this to say about it:

And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. <sup>9</sup> And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be? <sup>10</sup> And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.

Luke 8:8-10 (KJV)

"That seeing they might not see" is a reference to Isaiah's prophecy in "Isaiah 29:10 & 11".

"10 For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered. <sup>11</sup> And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed,"

Jesus also said this about Heaven:

<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand (meaning within reach). Matt 4:17 (KJV)

<sup>21</sup> Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

Luke 17:21 (KJV)

Jesus revealed the "keys" that lead to that Heaven when He taught His Disciples "The Lord's Prayer", so that you would know what to pray for. But how can you get there when most churches make up their own prayers and leave you blind, and deaf as well? You and your guides are enslaved by the corruption of the world and yet you suffer from a kind of "Stockholm Syndrome" in which you have come to love your captivity out of fear of your captors. If you want to uphold the law that "Delivers" you to Heaven on Earth, you will need to know more than those who hear but do not understand. You must see the path for yourself.

<sup>20</sup> For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Matt 5:20 (KJV)

The idea of this last bit of scripture is that you are lost because you follow blind guides who couldn't even show you where Heaven was when it was right there in the midst of us, as described at the beginning of the Bible itself. Just as the Pharisees denied Jesus because they awaited a warrior King who would "Smite" their enemies, I'll wager that your "Church" awaits a "Second Coming" in which Jesus "Smites" anyone who doesn't believe the doctrine of "YOUR" church: even though Jesus taught us to "Love our enemies".

<sup>9</sup> Blessed *are* the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Matt 5:9 (KJV)

Because God "dwells with the humble and contrite", if you want to understand His "Word" The Bible, you and yours must first be able to be wrong. To see with "New" eyes that see, you are invited to read, read, read for yourself from "The Book of Answers.us".

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