

Spiritual nature is the character outlook of a person.

- ✓ *The likeness of God in us depends upon the state of our spiritual system; either obeys to God's law (agreement) or not (disagreement).*
- ✓ *We may wonder, seeing someone repeating the same mistake and does not want to change his/her attitude*
- ✓ *Also some people would make an attempt to change but could not succeed.*

What could be the reasons for such cases, like not finding the way out to their problems?

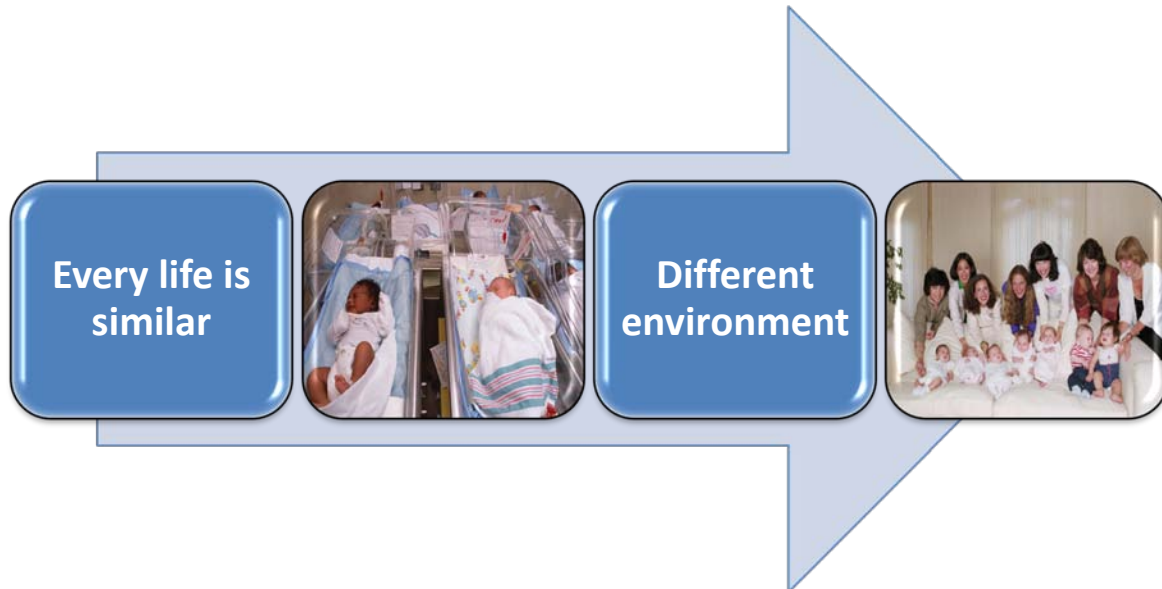
Not finding the right words.

Nature of the spirit

- ✓ *The God given spirit of life gradually builds its nature in an environment, where it dwells.*
- ✓ *At the time of creation, every life is similar; but not being in the same environment causes troubles.*
- ✓ *The trouble is with words that we learn from our environment*
- ✓ *Who is responsible: Mother, Father and self*
- ✓ *Since God gives only the spirit to the child, in the world the child has to learn good words*

Words of the world make difference in God given spirit of lives (humans).

Here we may consider a case study, which deals with mother and child. In this episode, Mother Marry, Elizabeth and her child are the cups of God.



A. The mother's womb (role) is the origin for the child – Right environment

Luke 1:39-42

- *When virgin Mary greeted Elizabeth (wife of Zachariah), the child (John, the Baptist), jumped in joy*
- *The word of God, has been received by Mary already, her spirit developed the required*

★ *Righteousness*

★ *Holiness*

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!"

- ✓ *Therefore, the nature of her spirit has attained the level of a worshipper of God*
 - ✓ *When the worshipper of God greets another person, God makes His omnipotent nature i.e. His presence in every soul*
 - ✓ *God must be felt the same way by everyone*
 - ✓ *God is same for all and He is impartial to everyone; that's His nature*
- Therefore, mother needs to provide first of all a right environment. Before and after the child's birth (pregnancy), she must obey God's law; and be an obedient servant of God to nurture the child with right words, right feelings and emotions.*

Unfortunately not every mother is a believer of Christ Jesus. Also in the world, the devil has already built his kingdom of darkness. Religions, regional feelings, colour difference and cultures, castes, rich/poor are the key elements of this kingdom. Using one or more of these elements, the devil can easily deceive the humans. The missing point is the nature of life what we build on this earth. If we follow certain principles or philosophies, certainly our nature is going to be according to those principles. If we follow Jesus then we will be like Jesus; if not then we have not followed truthfully his words. Suppose if someone follow other gods of this world then they will be like their gods. It is our choice, where we want to be rested. God has an open invitation to all because he has created all of us.

Mother's Role



Life is to blossom like a garden; green is good. But through red (blood of Jesus) we receive green (eternal life).

B. *Father's role in providing a learning environment*

Genesis 25: 28

- ✓ *Father and mother should not provide a conflict environment*

Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

II Samuel 12:11, II Samuel 13:1, 28

- ✓ *God brings judgement on David and his family. David did not provide a right environment to his family members*
- ✓ *David was not a perfect father or role model as husband to others*
- ✓ *The family life of David cannot be taken as reference by the believers*

Thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. Now Absalom, David's son, had a beautiful sister, whose name was Tamar. And after a time Amnon, David's son, loved her.'

Both Isaac (Esau, Jacob) and David (Amnon, Absalom) did not provide a learning environment for their sons. God wants every father to give a learning platform for their children to build a life with God.

Then Absalom commanded his servants, "Mark when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say to you, 'Strike Amnon,' then kill him. Do not fear; have I not commanded you? Be courageous and be valiant."

A careful examination of these two greater personalities would reveal that though they were obedient to God and served him sincerely, they failed to educate their children to do the same. The major reason could be due to their own desires, which had driven their life. In Isaac's case, the tasty food made him to show some favour on Esau; through which he had learnt a hard lesson from his younger son. Jacob served tasty food to



Though there are many fathers in the world, they cannot be a role model to their children because they are sinful by birth. Jesus the father of our soul is someone special, in whom everyone can trust because he is sinless.

his father and took the blessing first. On the other hand, David had complicated his personal life. For everything he asked God's permission, say hiding place, war, building temple etc, except Bathsheba. Not only that David wrote a letter to Joab, stating that Uriah had to be killed in the war front and handed over that letter to Uriah himself. A servant of God, who had done this, certainly could not be a role model to his children because they know him and his weakness.

C. Society role in providing a living environment

The child does not learn good and bad things only from mother and father but also from the society. The society involves the following members

- ★ Elders (Grandfather, Grandmother)
- ★ Relatives
- ★ Friends
- ★ Teachers
- ★ Residents/others

A faithful society would provide a good living environment.

Case (i): Genesis 6:5, 6

During Noah's time, God saw the wickedness of men on the earth was not acceptable; meaning crossed the limit of his tolerance. Imagine, at that time period, those children who were born, did not have a good living environment.

The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD was sorry that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart.

Society Role



Society is like a forest; it is a resource. Assume that there is a fire then who can control it. That's why God through Moses wanted to build a faithful society; but the children of Israel had rejected God's Son



Therefore, possibly would have followed their elders/relatives/others.

That's why, other than Noah's family, the rest of them were destroyed.

*Case (ii): **Jonah 3:4-10***

Here is another case, where the kingdom of Nineveh turned away from its wickedness, after listening to God's judgement, obeyed God. A simple obedience had helped everyone in Nineveh, including the live stock.

Those who lived in that time certainly had displayed a great amount of responsibility towards their lives as well as to their children's future.

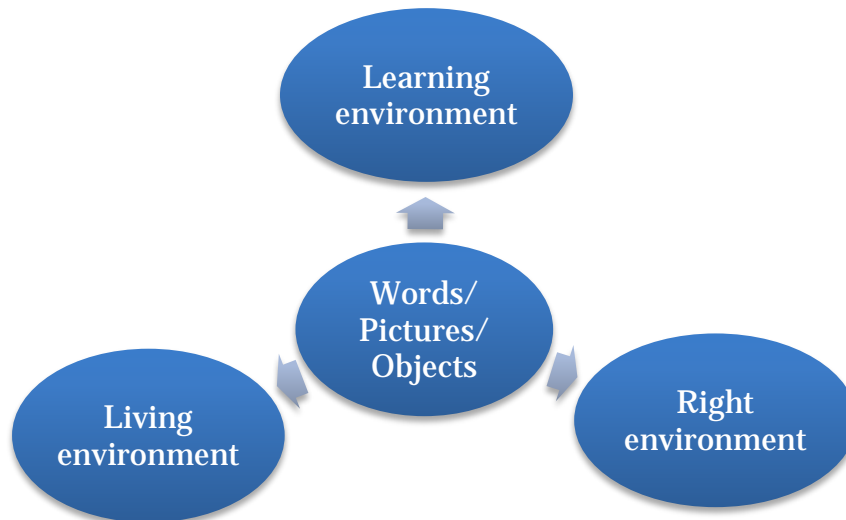
And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.

And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

The spiritual nature depends upon



- *Word brings meaning to our speech and the pictures/objects, our eyes observe*
- *Without word there is no meaning in our life*
- *Unconstrained feelings will groom the spirit and its nature; when we say 'nature', it is habitual*
- *Double minded thinking is constrained emotion/feeling state*
- *Remember, we build our nature; but who is the source; mother may fail to provide a right environment, father may fail to provide a learning environment and of course the society may fail to give a good living environment but God ensures a spiritual environment, to everyone, who will come to Him (Jesus).*
- *God knows the problems of earth, nations, society, family, individual*
- *We must come to righteous God to become righteous*
- *It is not a choice between Jesus and the other so called gods of the earth*
- *Jesus is not a choice but the way to heaven and we all have to build his nature*
- *The spiritual nature of Jesus has reflected the Father God, who is Holy Spirit*
- *Jesus since childhood had learnt God's word and have shown to us, how good is our God*
- *If we want to be God's Child then we need to produce God's likeness that is his qualities in our life*

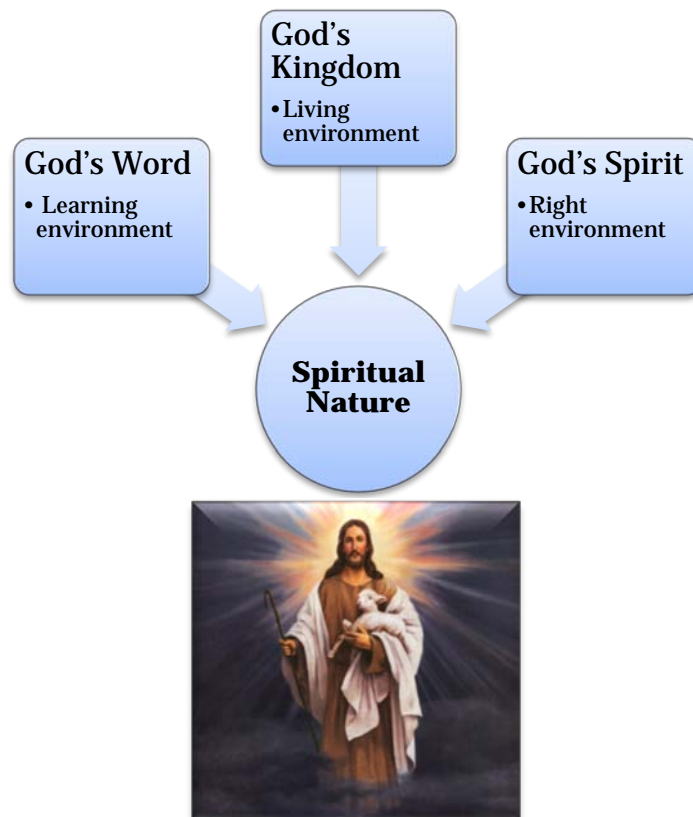
- *Jesus Christ has shown God's nature being in flesh, so that we being in flesh could imitate him*

John 3:36 says:

Therefore faith in Christ Jesus will bring all the three environments through a process called salvation.

That's why we call it born again.

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.



At the end, our spirit will attain the nature of God (Jesus).

Praise the Lord, Amen