

I find Scripture verses which seem to me to look very definitely in that direction where God speaks of Himself as the Father of spirits. There are a few cases where He calls himself the God of the spirits of all flesh. I am particularly impressed by the verse in John 4:24 where he says, God is a spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth. It seems to me that shows we are similar to God in being spirits. I look at a cow grazing on the hill side. I see that cow get all excited when I go by thinking I'm bringing some hay to it. I can see that cow showing a certain emotion. I see a little dog running and trying to conceal what it's doing. I have friends that have a little dog that understands it is never to get on the bed. It sleeps under the bed. But if they go away for an hour or so, when they come back this dog comes running to the door to meet them and they find a little depression on the top of the bed where the dog has been lying. The dog never sleeps there when they are there, but when they are out of sight he does. There are these characteristics which animals have which are similar in many ways to what human beings have. They have eyes, noses, mouths. They have many characteristics in common with us. But the difference is that a human being is a spirit; it is not a body. He is a spirit, and the spirit is in a body, and is greatly affected by the body. The body is tremendously important to it. People used to ask me the question when I was in college, if a man died at sea and his body was thrown overboard and a fish eats the body and people eat the fish, how can that man be raised from the dead? I don't think that what happens to those <sup>chemical</sup> physical elements makes or has anything to do with the resurrection. I have heard it said that practically every cell in the human body is changed every 7 years or so. I guess we can say it on the average; some cells much more often, some less often. But you are a completely different individual as far as the chemical elements are concerned than you were years ago. But your spirit is that which continues, and at death the spirit leaves the body. So the existence of spirit is something that is basic to Christian