

## Questions for discussion or reflection

What are the key influences on your world-view?

How much do you feel you live aware of the heavenly realms?

Have you ever seen or heard an angel?

What does the culture around us think or say about angels and demons?

How is that different from what the Bible says?

Take some time to pray Elisha's prayer '*Open his eyes*' for someone

Which situations could you look at differently which you've always seen as 'just happening'?

Can you remember times when you have seen a spiritual cause to an issue and then see significant change after prayer?

What 2 things prevent you from asking God to show you what's happening in the spiritual realm around you?

Is there anything in this which raises fear in you, that you need to bring to God?

## Is there another realm?

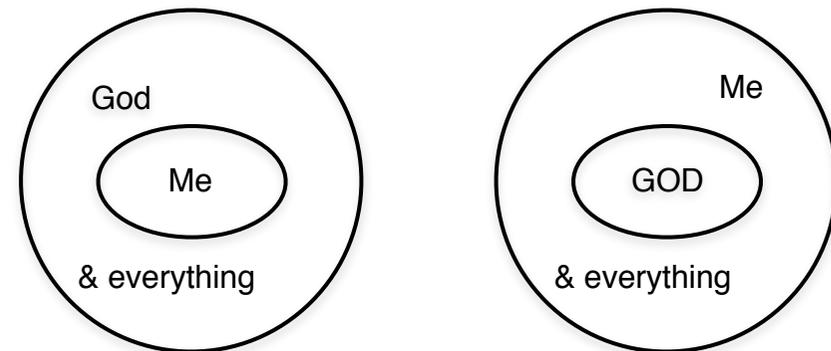
Psalm 89v5-14

2 Kings 6v8-17

### God is bigger than our world-view

he is larger than the sum total of all the information we've received and processed through our lives.

#### Truth = God's opinion



Genesis 1v1 - *In the beginning God created the **heavens** and the **earth**.*

### PSALM 89

*'the heavens praise your wonders'*

*'In the council of the holy ones'*

*'you rule over the surging seas.... You crushed Rahab.... You scattered your enemies'*

*'The heavens are yours, and your also the earth. You founded the world and all that is in it. You created ....'*

*'who can compare'  
'your arm is endowed with power'*

**God.**

**The heavenly realms**

**The natural realm.**

## ANGELS AND DEMONS

*"There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight." - CSLewis*

## 2 REALMS



## 2 Kings 6 - Elisha & his servant

*Then he [the King of Aram] sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They went by night and surrounded the city. When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh, my lord, what shall we do?" the servant asked.*

*"Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them."*

*And Elisha prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes so he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.*

*'OPEN HIS EYES'*

*"Is this just happening?"*

### Why are our eyes closed?

What we're used to in the world we live in.

Scared of the unseen.

Lack of confidence in hearing God speak.

### What happens when we do see?