

### Two Contrasting Spheres

*"For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary the one to the other; so that ye cannot do the things that ye would"* (Gal. 5:17).

Man became "flesh" through Adam's sin.

*"And Jehovah said, My Spirit shall not strive with man for ever, for in their going astray they are become flesh"* (Gen. 6:3, R.V.).

The flesh is the whole natural man, spirit, soul and body, alienated from God. It is the life of nature, whether good or bad, received through human generation. It is all that I am as a son of Adam.

*"That which is born of the flesh is flesh"* (John 3:6).

God sees nothing good in the flesh. Even the very best product which physical generation can produce He rejects.

*"For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth NO GOOD THING: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not"* (Rom. 7:18).

Paul's estimate of the flesh as here given is God-inspired, as any one must readily admit who knows his former high regard for himself