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War On The Saints And True Revival! By Minister R. Thomas Lambur

I want you to know that Satan has unleashed an all-out battle against the operations and manifestations of the Holy Spirit in these last days. It doesn't take much to conclude that we are seeing the Apostasy at work in today's church. The church has gotten off concerning some of the workings and manifestations which are not being done by the Holy Spirit. Some believe, today, that the Spirit of God is doing spiritual manifestations not found in the Bible. There are those who also *teach* that the entire works of the Holy Spirit are *not all found in the Scripture*, so, we must therefore, accept these acts by demon spirits to be from God! There are some that believe that you can't find examples in the Scriptures to *verify* and *confirm* what the Holy Spirit does today. These people have surrendered their will to other spirits in seeking to bring about manifestations in their churches.

1Tim. 4:1-2 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed (opening the door) to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron

These people that we are speaking of have left the counsel of God's word, (which is always dangerous) omitting the necessity for the Word to verify and confirm these spiritual activities. They have left the faith and are submitting to demonic spirits that are bringing about *these counterfeit activities*. They believe that because they are having *some spiritual activity*, that their *ministries* or *lives* are being *confirmed by God*, when in reality, it is the activity of the demonic *leading them on* to begin to speak lies... *modifying* God's word about these things and having their consciences seared from hearing His true Spirit. They are speaking lies because they are agreeing with the teachings or doctrines of these spirits that they are following and hearing from, thereby, actually leaving the scriptures to follow the leading of the spirits, and preaching the doctrines of these demons. As they follow these spirits in this manner, they are speaking lies in hypocrisy; it is hypocrisy because they are speaking against the word of God. Because of the lying, the conscience becomes seared with a hot iron, meaning they have lost sensitivity for the Holy Spirit or hearing God. Surrendering to this demonic activity is causing them to *lose a pure or clear conscience.....holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience.* (I Tim. 3:9)*having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck* (I Tim. 1:19) These people are literally on their way to losing their salvation which is Satan's reason and intention for leading them this way.

Discerning Good And Bad Spirits – Entity Impartations In The Church!

Today the church is *ignorant* of *spiritual transmissions* and *impartations*. They *chase* what they believe to be *spirit impartation* by going to churches that claim spiritual exploits.

The major spirit-filled denominations have been caught up in this spirit chasing observation.

Lk. 17:20b-21...when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

These denominations and non-denominations do not seemingly understand that revival is a personal work in the heart of men which is done within us upon a deeply personal basis through our personal intimacy with God. It is only there and there alone, that the fire of His Spirit is kindled within us and His Spirit is imparted. Yet, these chase around, going from church to church hoping to receive spirit impartation and anointing. While edification comes through the church who is building up their congregations through discipleship in His word, the danger exists in opening up to others spirits in seeking for some kind of spiritual impartation. Paul wrote that impartation is directly linked to receiving the spiritual gifts such as we see and are given examples of in the book of Acts.

Rom. 1:11 For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established...

The Lord directed, in the book of Acts, ministry teams to help new believers in receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit, etc..

Acts 19:1-6 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

We also know from Scripture that such activities of impartation include prophetic ministry speaking out to set someone into a position in His church for the work of a particular ministry.

Acts 13:2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

In neither of the above examples, which we have in Scripture, can we qualify or confirm the current operations of spirits of which I have spoken. It has come to my attention both through observation, experience, and discernment from God, that there exists a major problem of discernment in these churches with these activities. I have personally witnessed, on more than one occasion, the now accepted practice of the impartation of

spirit entities being *passed* from one church person to another or from one leader to another or from one leader to one church person and have watched while these spirits have brought about *their manifestations outside the pail of the Scripture*. Instead of stopping these evil spirits from their obscure and diabolical work *by a level of possessing spiritual discernment*, the church has embraced their operations on a regular basis. We have seen this happen from Toronto to Brownsville to Smithton through-out the Assemblies of God and onward into various Non-Denominational churches. These activities all have a relationship together which are spiritual works outside those of the Bible. Historically speaking, many do not remember what happened to the Azusa Street revival reported to us by *Frank Bartleman*, when, after three years of the genuine movement of the Holy Spirit, there came warnings to those who had taken over these meetings, because they were entering into *witchcraft*. Today, the overall seeker in these meetings is not looking for a personal connection with Jesus in the revival of his or her soul as much as he or she is seeking for signs and wonders and supernatural manifestations. Because of this, these are prone to spiritual seduction. I believe there is over-all insight given in God's word that shows how He ministers today in His spiritual gifts Let's look more closely.

Mk. 16:20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.

God's character is always *confirming and verifying*... ***His word with His signs*** and *afterwards*... ***His signs with His word!*** God always wants to show us when it is Him *at work*. First, notice here, that their priority was the preaching of God's word... and doing so meant that they would be accompanied by His Spirit, who, in turn, did verifiable manifestations that we, today, have as a written record in the book of Acts. There, in the book of Acts, (which is also called the "Acts of the Holy Spirit" by-the-way) recorded all the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit for our example today. I can't tell you how many times I have personally been sharing God's written word when a notable manifestation of His Spirit has taken place. Many manifestations that I have researched in church history have been verifiable by the word of God. However, there are true and counterfeit manifestations. This is to be sure! Sometimes, counterfeit spirits look really close to the genuine.

Exod. 7:8-12 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, Shew a miracle for you: then thou shalt say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a serpent. And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the LORD had commanded: and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent. Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.

I am one who is looking for the Lord to *swallow up* all these *counterfeit spirits* and *their manifestations* which have been given place to in the church. Please note that these other spirits can *mimic* what is thought to be the real manifestations of God! Yet, these types of

manifestations come from *fallen angels who are full of lies and trickery* and not from the Almighty One.

Blowing The Whistle On Demonic Activities In The Church

I believe I can show you how these other spirits are getting into the church and how they are bringing about these counterfeit manifestations. Here, found in Galatians 5:19-21 and Acts 8:9, we find the connection.

Gal. 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Acts 8:9 But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one

All works of the flesh including, Idolatry, Sorcery, and Witchcraft, cause one to enter into contact with demonic spirits.

1Corin. 10:20 But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.

Idolatry can be those things that people set up above God, making these things more important to them than their relationship with the Lord. *Witchcraft* is a *control spirit* within a person which desires either to *manipulate* or *intimidate*. Both of these are centered in having *domination* and *preeminence!*

3Jn. 1:9-10 I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence (domination) among them, receiveth us not. Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words; and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church.

We have an example given us here, in 3 John 1:9-10, of a leader, to which Paul refers, who was taken over by demonic spirits. He, Paul, sent new leadership to lead out those who had diabolically fallen under his influence. *Diotrephes*, named here, rejected all spiritual accountability to God's word when the brethren sought to reprove his spiritual errors. This man was definitely under the influence of a demon of witchcraft!

Demonic Influence Through Leaders

Jn. 10:1 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

Other spirits seek to enter in to the sheepfold. They come in to the church with only one intension, to take you away from the Good Shepherd Jesus and the foundation of His

written Holy Word of TRUTH! The demon of witchcraft can work through a pastor or minister to control the members of his staff or even his whole congregation. Many church people who have contact with these men become subject to them, who, through either *manipulation* or *intimidation*, desire to control the people through the manifestation of other spirits. Once a leader participates in the practices of *manipulation* and *intimidation* to control and dominate their flock, they are taken over by a demon of witchcraft. They become unable to relate to anyone apart from *these tactics*. This, now, is not just the works of the flesh any longer, but it has now become *a new supernatural power and means* that can bring that leader new domination... and by that supernatural means, bring other members of their congregation into spiritual slavery. Both, the one who meets the conditions, submitting to this dominance, and the one who is dominating, require deliverance ministry. The one who is exercising control must repent and renounce his or her desire to control. The person being controlled must repent of submitting to such control and sever the binding relationship, destroying all ties to this demonic influence. This means coming out of so-called spirit-filled churches who have given themselves over to these influences or else that spirit will continue to control them in order to seduce and persuade them against God's word, with the result of causing them to lose their salvation.

How These Other Spirits Operate

Demonic spirits seek quick compulsory responses and actions through men. These spirits come asserting their demands that a person surrender their will and intellect to them, being moved to wrong unbiblical actions. They do not want you to test them, to test the spirits, whether they are of God. (I John 4:1) These spirits want you to accept them without thinking. Demonic spirits assert themselves over men to *get to it, acting quickly and unintelligently*, doing acts regardless of their outcome, having nothing to do with the cause of Christ. The Holy Spirit is the opposite. He wants you to be instructed and desires the intelligent choice of your will yielding to Him by the means of a renewed mind. The Holy Spirit never seeks to pressure someone against their will but chooses and desires rather that they willingly give lead of their person to Him. The spirits of Christians are always subject to themselves and anything that demands that a person's spirit be not under the individual's control or judgment is a wrong spirit.

1Corin. 14:32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

These spirits function upon those who are *ignorant* concerning spiritual operations. Spiritual ignorance opens up for these spirits the ability to communicate, which in turn, leads people on to believe that all supernatural spirits must be OF GOD. Ignorance leaves the door wide open for these demon spirits to lead people into *submitting*. They do so to subdue and dominate, making victims of all those *attentive to their operations* (those who go to their meetings) through supernatural misleading, misguidance, and wrong interpretations. This gives these demon spirits operating grounds for *supernatural counterfeiting and impressions and manifestations*.

In the majority of cases, the ignorant just go along being deceived unless they turn to Scripture. Because of this, they are unable to detect the source of these supernatural

manifestations, due to an unrenewed mind. This makes them susceptible to yielding to wrong spirits. The chief motivation of these wrong spirits is to capture and control those who accept them as being of God. Their acceptance brings about a change of doctrinal ideas, leading and guidance. They are very satisfied in the church in which they are able to gain so much ground... but they will be tireless in their efforts and activities to gain more ground. Their plans are to divert, confuse, and sabotage... the work of the Holy Spirit and God in the church. If they can slip in and cast doubt into the foreground and upon the operations of the Holy Spirit's work in the church, as He is ministering, by including their demonic manifestations, they will! Paul warns us believers that we are not to give Satan a place to operate... through us or through the members of the church body.

Eph 4:27 Neither give place to the devil.

We are told not to give the Devil a *foothold* in us or in the church for him to set up his operations. Yet the church, at large, is giving false leaders who carry these spirits with them the go ahead to go on and produce these demonic counterfeit operations.

Many ignorant people in the church, including leaders, do not shut down these operations. There are many people in the church who, in yielding to these spirits, have now become contentious toward doctrines established in the church, doctrines which have been plainly stated in Scripture. These men and women in the church are contrary, not only toward the scripturally sound belief system that His word produces in the hearts of believers, but are also contrary in their supernatural operations and have become the vessels of dishonor the Bible clearly speaks of.

2Tim. 2:20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.

The Bible also calls these who are operating by other spirits: *Clouds* without the substance that the Holy Spirit manifests.

Jude 1:12 These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots

Notice the trajectory of their error, seeking to operate by other spirits. They have become without the fear of God in their lives, meaning they don't care what the Bible says about verifying the origins of supernatural manifestations. They have gone to the point that they no longer have spiritual substance from God and rely completely upon these other spirits for their supernatural activities. These have not the "Cause Of Christ" nor fruit in the manifestations they bring. Finally, we are told from Scripture that they have removed themselves from their roots, the only source of spiritual soundness, God's written word.

These vessels have become vessels for deception to operate by demonic forces.

Remember, here, that I am speaking of spirits that seek your *passivity* for their operation. These, I am speaking of, are those spirits who do not wish to be *examined by Scripture* or by those who possess *an intelligent renewal of their mind having the mind of Christ* and *Scriptural* and *spiritual discernment* given them. These spirits do not want you to pray in the Spirit in tongues and gain discernment directly from God, exposing them in their unscriptural operations and fake imitations and counterfeit manifestations! So these spirits will always seek those who are passive and unchallenging, resulting in the spirits' spiritual success.

The Gift Of Discernment

1 Corin. 12:10b ... to another discerning of spirits

The operation of *the discerning of spirits* as a gift can come to anyone who seeks to be intelligently renewed in their mind, taking hold upon the mind of Christ, (through the written Scriptures) and who prays in the Spirit in tongues, bringing them spiritual discernment about the operation of spirits. So churches who are lacking Biblical renewal, doctrinal soundness, experiential discernment through elders, and are lacking in intercession through prayerful waiting upon the Lord, have opened themselves up to become the victims.

Apparently, even though the Scripture speaks of a spiritual gift called the *discerning of spirits*, these so called spirit-filled denominations do not have enough renewal in them to discern the differences. I have spoken to a number of people in these churches who also take the position that the Scripture alone doesn't conclude or give us specific record or scope enough to test the spirits. Now, I want you to know, that this drifting, which I have seen in operation, doesn't stop at denominational churches, but has already gone beyond them into many non-denominational churches.

1Corin. 11:19 For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you.

Right now, there exist two different types of thinking in the church, those who examine the workings of the gifts, bringing verification of them according to Scripture, and those who manifest the counterfeits, telling us that their spiritual manifestations have no written references to ground their operations. The latter go as far as to tell us not to use the mind at all.

Eph 4:23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind

You see, we read God's word and become renewed in our minds. Then truth becomes our discernment in these spiritual operations and also in doing exploits; because the Holy Spirit *in us* and *the renewed mind* (the mind of Christ) causes us to *flow in the realm of His Spirit* in a totally Scriptural way! The Scripture is the very evidence we have by which we can measure all genuine spiritual, unscriptural, or demonic operations.

To say that we are to travel in the realm of the Spirit apart from the God given faculty of our mind is absurd. God requires a renewed mind as the very protocol it takes to agree with Him and walk in His Spirit, doing exploits. As we renew the mind, we are linking with the mind of Jesus and His Spirit to accurately function and carry out these gifts.

Omitting the mind, to walk in the Spirit, as these teachers assert, is actually the invasion of demonic and heretical teaching, which has come into the church. This teaching says, “*Become passive in your mind and respond mindlessly to spirits which guide you.*” This teaching is outside the pail of the Scriptures and comes from philosophies that come from religions of India. In these religions, demon spirits bring about manifestations such as: levitation (moving objects), channeling, and the use of spirits for the intention of the practitioners, which is all witchcraft and spiritualism. I have witnessed leaders having meetings in the church, who have used the church as a playground for demonic spiritual activities. One of the things our ministry personally does now before associating ourselves with other ministries is to ask a simple question before hand; maybe this same question might help you. We ask, “*Do you believe that all the gifts of the Holy Spirit are verifiable through the means of Scripture? Or, do you believe that the written word of God is not enough to verify all spiritual operations?*” If they answer, “*They are not all in Scripture,*” we do not have any association with them at all. By this test, we are able to prove them; finding out those who are *approved of God*, and keeping away from those who desire to bring counterfeit manifestations in the church.

2Pet. 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts

This *More Sure Word* is the Scriptures which we are told is the most reliable source of measuring and verifying genuine Holy Spirit manifestations. When the Holy Spirit manifests Himself, He always contains “*The Cause Of Christ.*” Secondly, it always is the manifestation from which the Covenants speak of... the Names of God being fulfilled in the believer’s life through the all encompassing Covenant Name of the “LORD JESUS CHRIST.”

1Corin. 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

The manifestation of the Holy Spirit is always after the product of God’s intention and mind functioning along the lines of Scripture for our spiritual profit and fulfillment

Jas 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Lk. 11:2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

The true manifestations of God are those which always have their purpose grounded in God's fulfillment. In other words, before God actually brings His manifestation to pass He has an end to his desires. He then sends His Spirit into action for this accomplishment and completion. Every manifestation that comes from God's Spirit comes *as a perfect reflection, revealing His will on earth as it is in heaven.*

When we see a manifestation take place, which seemingly doesn't have any inherent purpose for its operation and doesn't have a corresponding spiritual fruit, this is a clue given for our discernment that it is not a manifestation of God.

1Corin. 14:25 And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.

Here, we have a display according to the Scriptures of the people of God, gathering before God, to become His habitation, exercising the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Eph 2:22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Please notice here the deeper work of God which is going on, which represents God working through those who have the gifts of His Spirit. The Lord has shown here, in Scripture, that there is *a deeper and more profound work* going on than just the external activities of the spiritual gifts. It is not a side show. He desires us to see the outcome that has been reached as He is touching the heart of man. Deeply affected by this work, this man declares that the workings of these giftings have led him straight into the knowledge of God's person experientially; that God is not only among the people of God, but rather that *God is present* with him, speaking directly and personally to him, touching his own life in a special and unique way. The work of the gifts of the Holy Spirit are *always* the work of the Lord Jesus Christ' *apprehending man*, witnessing Himself *to be revealed* before men *through spiritual exploits!*

Phil. 3:12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit always cause this deeper response which *cannot* be counterfeited by other spirits.

Responsibility Of The Spiritual Elders

Matt. 16:19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Matt. 18:18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Both Scriptural references given here are addressed to the spiritual elders of the church to arrest anything coming in that isn't of God's Holy Spirit and to stop its operations.

Tit 1:11 Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.

These spirits attempt to SUBVERT; teach unsound teaching, MODIFYING God's written word (I call these people modifiers). Of course, they are merchandisers of the flock and, yes, devourous, which not only reveals their true motives, but also shows us why they are allowing other spirits to use them.

1Corin. 14:29 Let the prophets speak (speaking of prophetic utterance) ***two or three, and let the other judge*** (speaking of the elders).

The Lord has appointed His elders (mature spiritual leaders) in the church to take authority over utterances and operations. They are to declare whether these people are operating by the Holy Spirit and His manifestations or by another spirit. This eldership in the body protects against the counterfeiting and imitation of other spirits. Also, through the elders' discernment comes much discernment through his experiential position of pointing out what is *of God* and *not of God*, for he is appointed a judge over these spiritual matters and provides for *why* the operation does or doesn't fit genuine Holy Spirit criteria. Elder ministry helps to make this call, protecting the flock from misguidance and counterfeit spirits which seek to imitate the Holy Spirit and cause doubt and spiritual confusion to enter into the spiritual affairs of the church.

Counterfeit Experiences Are Found In Scripture

Counterfeit experiences are given for our example in Scripture to help us identify the operations of misleading spirits who have been assigned to war against the Holy Spirit's work.

1Corin. 2:12-16 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

Here clearly the Scripture points out that *other spirits* can be received which do not come from God but from the devil. Notice, we which have been given the Holy Spirit are told *to make a comparison and test spiritual operations* against what the written word teaches, *those things taught by the Holy Spirit in Scripture*, making a comparison, *spiritual things with spiritual!* So, here to make a point, we should note that He is saying His word is just as spiritual as His Holy Spirit. The two are spiritually equivalent so that we may make

right spiritual judgments in the things of God. When you think about that, it makes perfect sense, because *this word is the Spirit of God's words to us*. The Holy Spirit and His word are one and everything that is from Him in manifestation is measurable by the Spirit's word to us, the Bible. Again, here the result of making a comparison with His written word brings discernment about spiritual things, things that are only discernable by the discernment He gives to us through His written word. This passage helps to guide us so that we can have (possess) the mind of the Lord; so we may be instructed of Him, having received a renewed mind to see true and genuine spiritual operations which are coming from Him.

Phil. 1:9-10 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ

Of course, the immature will have their tendency and need of mentoring through elders in the church so as to follow the Lord's Spirit experientially. Gaining maturity brings a *knowledge* and *discernment* to *approve* the operation which the Spirit of God manifests. We are told that we are to seek these *sincere* operations and to be in them without *OFFENCE* toward His coming.

1Thess. 5:19-21 Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

To do this we are told three things. Allow the Spirit of God to do these manifestations in our midst. Allow the utterance of the Holy Spirit to speak forth in our congregations and gatherings. Test the origins of these operations to see if they reflect those of which we have examples represented in God's word. Finally, we are told to cling to those manifestations that are *genuine* as coming from the Lord who is functioning in our midst as He said He would. This is spiritual health according to His word.

2Corin. 11:14-15 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

Now, at the same time, not letting our guard down for a moment, we need to be aware that Satan will attempt to sometimes get into the mix of things spiritually, so to scuttle up what God is manifesting among us.

Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

We are told here of Satan's wiles. In other words, he screams his plot and intentions to derail what the Lord is doing.

Try The Spirits

1Jn. 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

We are told to try the spirits to find out their origins, are they OF GOD?

If we are truly *discerning the spirits*, we find out *where they come from* and *what their motives are*. The fallen world, we are told, is influenced by the devil, so there are many ideas and philosophies absorbed into men which cause motivation and are the purpose of their lives, the end in which they are living for. These who absorb false doctrine and notions become the very propagators of false concepts, speaking them into the church. If in any way these manifestations contradict the Bible examples given for spiritual manifestations, or call attention to self instead of Christ, it may be an operation which works through the person's flesh and/or the operation of a demonic spirit, a spiritual abuse of that which has been instructed, given, or directed by the working of the Spirit.

These spirits have an agenda, to persuade men to give up the check and balance of God's written word for "*spiritualism!*" The agenda is to cause you to surrender your mind and will to them so they can have operations through you. The result is to cause you to have a relationship with them instead of the Spirit of the Scripture, who's Name is "The Spirit of Truth!" There is a spiritual realm outside the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit that is the contact of spiritual entities assigned to destroy your soul. Every person which is born into the world is a spirit with a soul who lives in a body.

Doctrine is closely tied to our salvation so we should contend to preserve those truths which we have been given by Scripture and not drift away.

2Pet. 2:1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

Demon spirits seek to instill false concepts; so we need to affirm constantly our faith in God's word and vigorously deny all fallacies that are contrary.

Abuses In The Divine Order And Realm Of His Spirit

Jn. 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

Jesus here is speaking of His divine administration. First, He tells us that He is going to the Father. Then, that by doing so, He will be enacting these *greater works* through His Holy Spirit. Jesus says that He has modeled these divine works as He has revealed them to us by the scope of His written word.

Mk. 16:20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.

This Scripture chronologically confirms these greater works because it was written after Jesus ascended to the Father God. So the greater works, here, are already being done to which we have a record of in the book of Acts. All these greater works to which we are to be given are displayed in the book of Acts. We need to look to no other.

Jesus is also saying here that there is a divine administration to check in with before doing exploits in the Spirit. If we do what His Spirit says, which is always in agreement those works that are found in Scripture, we will sanctify Him before the congregation of the saints as being obedient, bringing glory to God. We can define these Greater Works according to the *Scripture of the Great Commission* given us...

Mk. 16:15-18 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents (speaking of the believer's authority over Satan); and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them (speaking of His divine protection); they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

All of these signs we have as model examples in the book of Acts are for us as believers, as our Lord works with us. Many reject this model, saying we need to operate beyond the Scriptures.

There are those in the church which tell us that we can do spiritual exploits without this heavenly correspondence with His divine administration or Scriptural references. In doing so, some are just flat disobedient, while others may be self-exalted, and then others glory seekers. Some are wolves with their eyes on God's flock as they hunger for material gain, having followers as their merchandise.

When we do not correspond with heaven in the matter of our spiritual gifts, while seeking to do exploits for God, the end result can be *self-exaltation or even spiritual seduction and deception, the working with other spirits!* This promotes confusion and is of the devil!

1Corin. 14:33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

Moses Struck Jesus! - The Abuse Of Spiritual Authority

Numb. 20:8-12 Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink. And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him. And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock? And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also. And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.

Moses was told by God to follow His divine order. Moses was told to speak and not strike this rock, for a reason. This reason was because the rock here represented Christ. Christ the rock was to be spoken to because it is He whom we are working with in the realm of the supernatural to get our needs met. It is checking in with Christ, speaking with Christ, in the realm of the Spirit, by which our needs are to be met and by which spiritual exploits are to be manifested. Moses disobeyed this spiritual principle. Instead, Moses strove with God over getting what would have come to him by obedience, listening to God's divine order and specific details! At first, the rock was struck and nothing happened. There was a noticeable lag in time here. This was due to *the man-centered act* to which the Lord gave *observation*. Can you imagine here how Moses is striving in the flesh and acting out, seeking to get his own way with God. Look at the arrogance of doing things as though he should be honored by God, yet commanding God, in his disobedience, to bring forth the waters from this rock. Look how this very misconception is rolling through today's church. The same situations are happening. Heaven is not being checked with and many times, even after instructed by Him on what to do, they go ahead with their own ways of doing things anyway!

The second time Moses struck the rock the waters flowed out. God answered. This act was also observed of the Lord. The Lord honored the people's needs here, not the minister in disobedience. Moses acted twice outside of divine order (spiritual disorder) before the people, setting before them a disobedient example making them also think that they could disobey divine administration and still receive God's promise. Moses was put out of the ministry because of this situation.

1Corin. 10:4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

Moses did not obey the Lord's direction (specific instructions) in speaking to this rock (speaking to Christ for His manifestation). Instead of doing so, Moses struck Christ! God answered the needs of the people even though Moses disobeyed. God did NOT honor Moses in His disobedience! The Lord, after Moses' disobedience, had to sidestep what was done *in disorder* and minister to His people's needs in spite of Moses. Often we see this happening in the church today when it comes to exploits; BUT be warned by what Jesus says to these...

Matt. 7:21-23 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Why would the Lord count these as disobedient who seem to be carrying out His work in the earth? The answer is because the spiritual exploits being done here are not those which are *corresponding with His divine administration*. Like, in Moses case, these acts were being answered by God to meet the needs of the people despite the disobedience of the ones carrying out these exploits. In other words, these are *not* checking in with

heaven in doing these acts. These are lawless deeds which have been done outside of correspondence. The same is happening in the church today.

Now, study the above scripture again. Don't think either that just because God has used you to do an exploit that you are qualified for heaven. Jesus does the qualifying. If YOU spend YOUR life hanging out at church being used of God to preach, cast out devils, prophecy, and WORSHIP, you are not AUTOMATICALLY qualified for heaven. Jesus says here that you CANNOT be lawless, living contrary to scripture in your private life, and make it to heaven, no matter WHAT you are doing or have done IN HIS NAME.

The Spiritual State Of Order And Disorder

1Corin. 14:40 Let all things be done decently and in order.

Paul addresses the Corinthian church about spiritual gifts and their uses in correspondence with heaven. Paul has to deal with spiritual abuses which are taking place and those who are calling everything that is happening there in this church "as of God." Many were doing things of *the flesh*, and some were being influenced by *others spirits* which were causing confusion to the divine work of the Holy Spirit. There is a divine order in which the Holy Spirit moves throughout His body, the church, to accomplish His divine will and program through spiritual manifestations. This is called an orchestration.

Notice here, in the Scripture below, the correspondence with heaven through our heavenly conversation before we do spiritual exploits.

1Corin. 14:2 For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

Here is where we are getting *our instructions from heaven for bringing forth His divine will and plans in manifestation*. These instructions are revealed knowledge that come to us while praying and walking in the realm of His Spirit.

Acts 26:19b ...I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision

Paul declares that he has been faithful to God's instruction in carrying out every part of his ministry which includes being obedient in the realm of the Spirit. This is actually how the gifts of His Spirit are to be ministered. In doing so, we will be obedient to God's heavenly instructions and follow through in seeing God's best at work.

End

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