

SPIRITUAL GIFTS REVELATION

Miracles by the Book

A Workbook for Individuals and Teams

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There are many different gifts, but it is always the same Spirit; there are many different ways of serving, but it is always the same Sovereign. There are many different forms of activity, but in everybody it is the same El who is at work in them all. The particular manifestation of the Spirit granted to each one is to be used for the general good.

To one is given from the Spirit the gift of utterance expressing wisdom; to another the gift of utterance expressing knowledge, in accordance with the same Spirit; to another, belief, from the same Spirit; and to another, the gifts of healing, through this one Spirit; to another, the working of miracles; to another, prophecy; to another, the power of distinguishing spirits; to one, the gift of different tongues and to another, the interpretation of tongues.

But at work in all these is one and the same Spirit, distributing them at will to each individual. 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

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I compile this book with love and thanks to

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who shared many of the experiences herein told with me, and
who continues to reach out in daily supernatural ministry.

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Preview: *The Authentic Peter* (see page 244)

The Teaching of Simon Peter on **occult spirituality** as recorded by Clement (Phil. 4:3) in his *Epitomes*.

“Demons, when once they have been able, by means of opportunities afforded them, to convey themselves through base and evil actions into the bodies of men, if they remain in them a long time through their own negligence, because they do not seek after what is profitable to their inner-beings, they necessarily compel them for the future to fulfill the desires of the demons who dwell in them. But what is worst of all, at the end of the age, when that demon shall be consigned to ageless fire, of necessity *the spirit also that obeyed him*, shall with him be tortured in ageless fires, together with its body that it has polluted.

“Now that the demons are desirous of occupying the bodies of men, this is the reason. They are spirits bearing their purpose turned to wickedness. Therefore by immoderate eating and drinking, and lust, they urge men on to sin, but only those who entertain the purpose of sinning, who, while they seem simply desirous of satisfying the necessary cravings of nature, give opportunity to the demons to enter into them, because through excess they do not maintain moderation. For as long as the measure of nature is kept, and legitimate moderation is preserved, the mercy of YHWH does not give them liberty to enter into men. But when either the mind falls into immorality, or the body is filled with immoderate meat or drink, then, as if invited by the will and purpose of those who thus neglect themselves, they receive power as against those who have broken Torah imposed by YHWH.

“You see, then, how important is the acknowledgment of YHWH, and the observance of the divine obedience, which not only protects those who believe from the assaults of the demon, but also gives them command over those who rule over others. And therefore it is necessary for you, who are of the Goyim, to betake yourselves to YHWH, and to keep yourselves from all uncleanness, that the demons may be expelled, and YHWH may dwell in you. And at the same time, by prayers, commit yourselves to YHWH, and call for His aid against the impudence of the demons; for ‘whatever things you ask, believing, you shall receive.’ But even the demons themselves, in proportion as they see faith grow in a man, in that proportion they depart from him, residing only in that part in which something of infidelity still remains; but from those who believe with full faith, they depart without any delay. For when a spirit has come to the faith of YHWH, it obtains the

virtue of heavenly water, by which it extinguishes the demon like a spark of fire.

“There is therefore a measure of faith, which, if it be perfect, drives the demon perfectly from the inner being; but if it has any defect, something on the part of the demon still remains in the portion of infidelity; and it is the greatest difficulty for the inner being to understand when or how, whether fully or less fully, the demon has been expelled from it. For if he remains in any quarter, when he gets an opportunity, he suggests thoughts to men’s hearts; and they, not knowing whence they come, believe the suggestions of the demons, as if they were the perceptions of their own spirits. ... None of these could be hurtful to the body, except from the excess of meats and drinks; because, when these are taken in excessive quantities, their abundance, which the natural warmth is not sufficient to digest, curdles into a sort of poison, and it, flowing through the bowels and all the veins like a common sewer, renders the motions of the body unhealthy and base. Wherefore moderation is to be attained in all things, that neither may place be given to demons, nor the spirit, being possessed by them, be delivered along with them to be tormented in ageless fires.

“There is also another error of the demons, which they suggest to the senses of men, that they should think that those things that they suffer, they suffer from such as are called ‘gods,’ in order that thereby, offering zebahim and gifts, as if to propitiate them, they may strengthen the worship of false religion, and avoid us who are interested in their salvation, that they may be freed from error; but this they do, as I have said, not knowing that these things are suggested to them by demons, for fear they should be saved. It is therefore in the power of every one, since man has been made possessed of free-will, whether he shall hear us to life, or the demons to destruction. Also to some, the demons, appearing visibly under various figures, sometimes throw out threats, sometimes promise relief from sufferings, that they may instill into those whom they deceive the opinion of their being ‘gods,’ and that it may not be known that they are demons. But they are not concealed from us, who know the mysteries of the creation, and for what reason it is permitted to the demons to do those things in the present world; how it is allowed them to transform themselves into what figures they please, and to suggest evil thoughts, and to convey themselves, by means of meats and of drink consecrated to them, into the minds or bodies of those who partake of it, and to concoct vain dreams to further the worship of some idol.

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The Author, Jackson Snyder, and the Book



Jackson Snyder was called to the supernatural ministry as a teen in an evangelistic meeting with healing evangelists A. A. Allen and Don Stewart in the Cobo Arena, Detroit (1967). He saw the light in personal and corporate Bible study, attending Bible-believing churches, and observing living examples in his family and acquaintances, then spending several years with the young disciples of the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship International.

After a few years in business, he began his formal ministry in 1979 as lay leader of a small, rural church. Through the early 1980s, he learned to speak publicly in the "open-air," preaching in state parks and public facilities. After practicing for a couple years, he was offered opportunities to put on prophecy seminars in churches throughout the state. As a member of the United Methodist Church, he began a sacred music ministry in 1982 and took the steps forward to become a licensed pastoral minister in 1985.

Once in the pastoral ministry, Jackson worked his way through Indiana University, completing with the A.G.S. and B.G.S. degrees in Physiological Psychology *magna cum laude*. He moved to Florida to do electronic ministry in for the family ministry while continuing his study at St. Vincent DePaul Regional Seminary. From there it was on to Atlanta to complete the Master of Divinity degree *cum laude* from Candler School of Theology at Emory University, Atlanta.

During his Emory time, Jackson spent two years studying apocalyptic and intertestamental literature with Dead Sea Scrolls Scholar Carol A. Newsom, and yet another year studying Greek by the University of Biblical Studies. All the while, he was serving three rural churches in the Atlanta area.

The study of the Scrolls and other Jewish and sectarian literature forced Jackson to re-evaluate church dogma in light of the Hebraic roots of the faith. He began studying the Scriptures independently with such diverse teachers as Jacob Meyer and Robert Eisenman, while teaching Hebraic Roots and Spiritual Gifts in the churches.

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In 2004, Jackson was awarded the Doctorate of Humane Letters by the Wesley Synod for his electronic ministry. On the World Wide Web, he maintains a number of sites dedicated to helping new preachers with free sermon resources and assessing spiritual gifts. His popular sites include The Snyder Bible (www.jacksonsnnyder.org), EloHymns / Apostolia (.com for each) and Motivational-Gifts.com.

In 2005, Jackson felt strongly *motivated* to compose a “hymnal” based on Scriptural poetry, retaining some of the original Hebrew words and employing the folk idiom recently known as “Messianic” or “Israel-style” music. At this writing in 2008, his *EloHymnal*, with 102 hymns and MP3 orchestral demos and accompaniments, is available at Lulu Press. Also published in 2007 is *The Authentic Peter: The Preaching of Simeon Kefa from the Journal of T. Flavius Clemens* with co-author Theodore A. Dornan.

Dr. Snyder ministered as pastor and music director for United Methodist churches in five states, and was ordained by the Church in 1996. He retired from the Church in 2005 and has since formed hebraic roots groups in Tallahassee, and lately in Vero Beach. Besides reading, writing, and computing, Snyder is the Registrar for Reformation International College and Theological Seminary in Fellsmere, Florida.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Father YHWH, our Elohim: Thank you for helping me to complete this volume of lessons based on the wonderful life in the Spirit you have granted to all who will. We now call upon you to send all disciples who read this book out into the wind, that they might be filled with freshness and carried off to the four corners of the earth, to bring refreshment upon a decadent world: all in the name of Y'shua-Yahweh the Anointed One. Amein.¹

¹ *Amein*, pronounced ah-MAIN, is Hebrew word for *certainly*, or *really*. We use this corrected spelling in order to distinguish this affirmation used by the Master from *Amen*, the Egyptian ram-goose-air-god.

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IMPORTANT NOTE ON TERMINOLOGY IN THIS BOOK:

Throughout this book, I will be employing substitution in favor of the original sacred names, especially with regard to “Y’shua” instead of “Jesus” and “Messiah” rather than “Christ.” ...This is intended to point to the original Hebraic culture of the Messiah, which has often been downplayed or overlooked....

While I suspect some will feel this action to be a bit disingenuous and even officious on my part, to alter their Bibles in this manner, they need to understand that a great injustice was done to get those versions to “read Gentile” in the first place. I am therefore only attempting to level a playing field that should never have been tilted away from Hebraic understanding.

It is hoped that a sincere declaration such as this, acknowledging openly that the alteration has happened, will go a long way to muting any accusations. In any case, this is kinder treatment than ‘my people’ first received when the Gentiles did their editing without any such acknowledgment that the originals read differently. In terms of the sacred name for Deity, such as YHWH, Elohim, and so on, I have also gone to great lengths to insert those terms where appropriate in English renderings.

Finally, the same substitution of Messiah's name and title as found herein is also found in various scholarly quotations for the sake of consistency.

- Andrew Gabriel Roth, Ruach Qadim: Aramaic Origins of the New Testament, page 53 note.

I am attempting to follow Roth in correcting my texts when deemed necessary. Thank you for your willingness to learn such sacred truths found in the Divine Name.. –Jackson Snyder

The Strange Case of the Young Preacher Abroad

*Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.
Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship, and are freed.*

- Hal Hopson, 1989

The young preacher makes a short-term mission trip to a third-world country. A small assembly invites him to preach in the slum of the capital city. The mission agency that sends him promises to provide a native translator.

The young preacher arrives late at the assembly in a broken-down taxi, and is surprised to find it full – with some folks hanging in the windows and from the rafters! American speakers seldom come this far into the city, so his visit is an oddity. Many who would never attend any evangelical church are waiting in crowds to hear this young foreigner.

No one is there to meet him except the local pastor, who speaks no English. The preacher searches frantically for the promised translator among so many strange faces, but finds none. The people clamor for a word, so the elderly pastor drags the young preacher through the crowd to the podium. The old pastor leans into the young preacher and cries into his ear, “Alé!”

The young preacher is fearful, but trusts in the Holy Spirit. He remembers the promise: whenever a disciple steps out in faith, *Jesus* promises to be there. The preacher picks up a guitar and plays a little then starts feeling more comfortable as the people in this crude place clap their hands in time with the music. Now it is time to preach.

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The young preacher prays — *fervently* — as he lays aside the guitar. Realizing he is in one whale’s belly of a fix, he begins to speak a few words in a language he had studied in high school years earlier:

“L’écriture nous dit cela ‘Je peux faire toutes choses par lui qui me donne la force...””

The pastor and congregation must settle on a rudimentary attempt at a sermon in half-remembered high school French – unless the Holy Spirit speaks through for the young preacher. But after these few introductory words, the supernatural is there. The Holy Spirit takes control of the young preacher’s tongue and vocal cords – and then for his senses, *time stands still*.

Forty minutes passed before the word is complete. The congregation is suddenly ecstatic. Many jumped up and down, hands raised in the air, crying, “Alleluia!” and “Lwanj pou Seyè!” The young preacher comes to his senses hardly aware that time had passed. He did not yet understand the impact of *his* words, nor did he even know what transpired in that lost time.

“What did I say?”

No, he had not known the meaning of the words he’d been speaking for the last forty minutes – *he did not know enough French to go on five minutes*. French was not the language that he heard coming from his mouth anyway. He had been preaching his heart out in Haitian Creole, a language he had never learned, studied, understood. Yet it was obvious that the mass of people packed into this rude little building understood; yes, they knew *exactly* what the Holy Spirit was saying to *them* through the facilities of the young preacher!

The elderly pastor was surely surprised, and shouted the same word to the preacher as he did before the preacher started, “Alé!” “Go on!” The pastor wound up the meeting with a few words then both the elderly pastor and the young preacher began ministering with to the people though the laying on of hands.

This is a true story, and just one of hundreds of similar occurrences of biblical interventions happening around the world in our day.

I know this to be the case because *I was that young preacher*. –
Jackson Snyder

About Spiritual Gifts

Spiritual gifts make the congregation vital, alive, diverse and highly functional. Believers using their gifts on behalf of their Savior sow “seeds to needs” and fulfill the Great Calling in power and humility. A group that is moving in gifts is moving in the power of the Holy Spirit and will always be relevant in its place and time. Members of an assembly who understand their spiritual gifts and use those gifts in furtherance of the Unseen Kingdom will be agents of transformation in the lives of fellow members, the local community, and the world.

Consider the *beginning* of Y’shua’s² ministry according to the Luke (4:14-19):

Y’shua returned in the power of the Spirit into the Galil; and his fame went forth through all that surrounding country. He taught in their synagogues, honored by all. He came to Netzeret, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read, according to his custom. There was given to him the book of the prophet Yeshayahu³; and having unrolled the scroll, he found the place where is written:

The Spirit of YHWH is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim the good news to the poor; he has sent me to herald liberation to the prisoner and recovery of sight to the blind; to set at liberty the bruised, to proclaim the acceptable year of YHWH.⁴

What is the common name of the prophet mentioned here?

² Y’shua is the true name of the Messiah, incorrectly transliterated into English for the last 500 years as “Jesus.” As a Messianic believer, I will frequently use the proper name Y’shua for the more common “Jesus”; also, “YHWH” as the proper name for the Father rather than the generic name “God.” See the note on page ~2~.

³ Yeshayahu = prophet Isaiah.

⁴ I will primarily use my own translation of the earliest Greek text, the Sinaiticus, along with the Aramaic Peshitta text. This usage is explained in the first volume of this series, *Charismata Theory, Assessment, Problem-solving*. YHWH is the Tetragrammaton, pronounced Yahweh, the proper name of the Heavenly Father.

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Leaders in the Body of Messiah who know how to discover and explain, then utilize the gifts of their members, oil the machinery of the congregation to facilitate its racing ability to be more smooth and efficient. The body must and will grow! Growth in numbers is never to be a goal in itself; neither do we dare reduce people to numbers on a roll book! An living organism is full of life and ever growing in one way or another! As a proper assembly grows, disciples populate the Unseen Kingdom at the expense of the trash heap's fire. Men and women of all ages are gifted and souls are saved from the wrath to come!

That is the mission of Y'shua our Messiah: to seek out and save. Such must become the joint mission of all believers *if* we are to remain relevant to the present and future world. Far too many assemblies have settled for either being *temporally, culturally* or *pop-psychologically* relevant only. More assemblies are inward-bent, with elders lamenting the "good old days." Few if any of those organizations are moving with power in the *genuine* spiritual gifts: there is another spirit at work.

Assemblies that are determined to be culturally relevant fail to be transformative; they strive to be "tolerant" instead. Congregations that bend inward eventually reduce themselves to maintenance, like an antique automobile, and so have little to the "outside," and only nostalgic memories for those inside.



"Come inside and share my personal nostalgic memories," says the messenger of the church of Artichoke, Alabama!

We must get the gifts of the Holy Spirit *stirred up wherever* we go. Signs and wonder should precede us and follow us. They will, if we will live obediently, ask fervently, have expectancy, and *act prophetically*.



Three Familiar Portions

Paul of Tarsus lists spiritual gifts in three portions of Scripture:

- **Romans 12:6-8**
- **1 Cor 12:4-11, 28**
- **Ephesians 4:11.**

Scholars attribute all these passages to the “Genuine Paul” who addresses his letters primarily to Gentile converts to the his version of the Nazorean⁵ Faith.



We have found this man a perfect pest; he stirs up trouble among the Jewish world over and is a ringleader of the Nazorean heresy. Acts 24:5

Depending on how one counts them, Paul lists about thirty “gifts” and there are various others mentioned elsewhere. Though these “gifts” are often lumped together in the English-speaking mind, every *Greek New Testament* has each passage’s list both *titled* and *categorized*, as we went to great lengths to prove in our last volume of this series.



Paul was highly educated, steeped in Pharisaic Judaism and an expert in the Scriptures. He knew the work of the classic Greek philosophers, contemporary Jewish rabbis, and he undoubtedly spoke and wrote in several languages. Paul was brilliant by all accounts, whether one agrees with him or not.

When Paul chose his words, he chose them not only under the inspiration of the Spirit, but with a deliberation of mind so to convey the truth the Master had rendered him. If Paul draws *distinctions* in how he titled and categorized what we lump together under the heading of “gifts,” then we need to *acknowledge and retain* those distinctions.

- **In Romans 12**, Paul titles the list as *charismata* (*χαρισματα*), or *graces*; better, ***favours***.
- **In 1 Corinthians 12**, he titles the list as *pneumatikoi* (*πνευματικοι*), or *spiritual*, an adjective modifying an implied noun, such as *things – spiritual things, spiritualities* (a good approximation), or maybe *pneumatic resources*.⁶
- **In Ephesians 4 the list is called *domata* (*δοματα*), or *grantings*: things granted, “a transfers of property.”**

⁵ Nazorean is the accepted transliteration from Greek. The Nazorean, Netzerim, or Notzrim Sect (or heresy, *nazōraiōn haireseōs*) was the Hebraic term applied to followers of Y’shua Moshiach, his brother Ya’aqov haZaddik (James the Just), and the Apostolic Assembly in Jerusalem in the first century and still. Paul was thought to be the sects ringleader.

⁶ Pneumatic = 1: of, relating to, or using gas (as air or wind): a: moved or worked by air pressure b (1): adapted for holding or inflated with compressed air (2): having air-filled cavities2: of or relating to the pneuma : spiritual – Merriam-Webster Online.

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Just as these lists have very different, descriptive *titles* (none of which are actually *gifts*), they also have very different and diverse *functions* as utilized to bring unity through their diversity into the assembly.

The concept of “Unity in Diversity” is also very important for understanding *spiritual resources*: bestowed on individual members in one way or another, they are as *diverse* as their beneficiaries. “*What a strange thing a body would be if it only had one part,*” Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 12:19. Later he wrote, in verses 29-31:

Is everyone an apostle? Of course not. Is everyone a prophet? No. Are all teachers? Does everyone have the power to do miracles? Does everyone have the gift of healing? Of course not. ... Does YHWH give all of us the ability to speak in unknown languages? Can everyone interpret unknown languages? No! And in any event, you should desire the greatest charismata. First, however, let me tell you about something else that is better than any of them!

Paul goes on in the next chapter to describe the most powerful gift of the Spirit, *charity*. Charity is tough love: *agapē* (αγαπη, ah-GAH-pay). *Agapē* / love / charity is not a *sentimental thing* – it is a *many splendored thing*; it is love in action—the kind of love that lays down its life for the brother and sister, stranger, enemy! Messiah laid down his life for all as an example of his *agapē*.

When Y’shua saw the crowds, he had *compassion* for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. (Matthew 9:36)

An assembly full of that kind of love has no lack of growth, power, or favor; nor is a congregation or small group, full of that type of love, *ever irrelevant!*

The purpose of this book is to give a short overview of the *Pneumatic Resources* and *Apostolic Grantings* found in the Scripture passages above, then to provide both noetic⁷ and experiential examples for learning more about them. Finally, we will attempt to point you toward uncovering and employing spiritual resources so as to participate in advancing the Kingdom of Heaven in *agapē*.⁸

⁷ Noetic = for the mind.

⁸ If you are wanting to study a method of assessing Motivational Gifts / Graces, please get the first volume in the series *Spiritual Gifts Revelation* from Lulu Publishers, www.lulu.com.

The Baptism in the Holy Spirit⁹ and Righteousness

*In a double anointing of favor we flow.
Old rusty gates open wherever we go.
Angels protect us from evil with care
As marvelous miracles follow us there.
Favor surrounds us, protecting each side;
We're walking in meekness, and never in pride.
On hell's burning edges, we're preaching the Word;
Boldly, we reproduce all that we've heard.
We've wisdom to know and discernment to see:
The set-apart Spirit sets all captives free.
We're blessed with material abundantly.
We're free from all curses, and permanently.
We're edified in each arena of life:
Abiding in peace; avoiding all strife.
We've ears to hear, eyes to see, hearts to feel grace –
We're flowing in Father's will all of our days.¹⁰*

Of all the doctrines of the Scripture, the “Baptism in the Holy Spirit” is perhaps the most misunderstood and misapplied. Yet this *dunking* in the Devoted Spirit is the prerequisite to any spiritual / supernatural gifts or other resources.

Such is not something one simply studies or learns – though the more drawn, the more one will want to learn – *one must experience this clean power*. Some frown on “experience,” confusing it with ecstatic emotionalism; however, the Scriptures contain endless references to this results of this dunking, an experience and practice *set-apart* from any other means of favor.

The doctrine of Spirit baptism should indeed be studied, but study is not necessarily the gateway through which it is received. Many who previously knew nothing about it intellectually learned about it by experiencing it – some never knew the process, only the result. What men, women and children *experience* in such a marvelous manner is the Spirit of Messiah pouring out upon, into, sinking in, indwelling

⁹ Holy = *qodesh* in Hebrew Scriptures, *hagios* in the Greek Scriptures. The word literally means *set-apart* or *devoted to*. *Holy* has come to mean something totally different than what the ancient authors of Scripture intended. I will from here on use either *set-apart* or *devoted*.

¹⁰ *Adapted from Stephen Johnson.*

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and empowering them with a mighty rush of strength, repose, and, yes, ecstasy.

Romans 8:9 *You are not in the flesh* but in the Spirit, *if it be that the Spirit of YHWH¹¹ dwells in you. And if any one has not the Spirit of the Messiah, he is none of his.*

(1. Paul is not speaking to pagans or Gentiles here, but those who have experienced regeneration and Spirit baptism, and that 2. the Spirit of YHWH = the Spirit of the Messiah. We do not worship two deities but One in Echad.¹²)

If then Messiah¹³ is in you, the body is dead on account of unrighteousness, but the spirit is alive on account of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Y'shua from the dead dwells in you (i.e. through Baptism in the Spirit – not through anything else), he who raised the Messiah Y'shua from the dead will also make your dead bodies alive through his Spirit that dwells in you (not your spirit that dwells in you. Attend to the italicized words, please.)

What Paul says is that if one is disobedient (unrighteous; that is, spurning the ordinances YHWH) then that one *may not harbor* the Spirit of YHWH / Y'shua, no matter what the claim. If the Spirit of Messiah makes you alive in the flesh, an immaculate Spirit, how is it possible for the body to continue in habitual sin yet claim the baptism of power?

Such an offer from the Almighty is no occasion for believers to mimic popular preachers, saying “we cannot help but sin, we are saved despite ourselves.” ***It is not so.*** The way is narrow; the gate is straight. We have all the guidelines we need in scripture and inspiration to know *what pleases our Father*, for we do not *master ourselves to be saved anyway*. We master ourselves and thus live righteously because *we love the one who will save us in the end*. If Messiah has truly soaked into us, our bodies quickly learn what to avoid and what to relish, and we see to it out of love for Him. If we

¹¹ YHWH = the Tetragrammaton, which stands for the personal name of the Heavenly Father, pronounced Yahweh. (Genesis 2:4, Exodus 3:15, and 7,000+ more times in scripture.)

¹² Echad = Hebrew: something like *Oneness*.

¹³ Messiah = Deliverer, Savior, Anointed King.

continue in sin, disregarding the commandment, the Spirit will not indwell for very long.

The Master made three things very clear in probably his most authentic sayings:

1. Think not that I have come to destroy the Torah¹⁴ or the prophets: I have not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For amein I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, one yod or one point shall pass from the Torah, **no way**, until all be **fulfilled**.
2. Whoever will nullify the least of these commandments and teach others so will be called **least** in the Kingdom of the Heavens. Whoever will do and teach them will be called **great** in the Kingdom of the Heavens.

- and for good measure -

I am telling you (that is, the Master is telling you): Unless your *righteousness* will be more abundant than that of the lawyers and legalists, you have no means of entering into the Kingdom of the Heavens. (Matthew 5:17-20 Σκ) (Are we getting this?)

~ and then a simple addition ~

2. If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

Are the commandments of Y'shua different from those of his Father, whose name he bears? **No**. Obedience to the Way of Life set before us is *proof* of love toward the Master. Intentional obedience is *not difficult*. If Messiah dwells within, it is far more difficult to be disobedient, especially once you understand the ordinances.

Intentional obedience to the Torah (Commandments) is the very definition of *righteousness*; and righteousness is required of the one who really wants to work in Pneumatics¹⁵ (though many who do great works are unrighteous still – such is a mystery of iniquity – a mystery that will be revealed then solved in the Millennium of Justice).

¹⁴ Torah = the ordinances of the Father, recorded primarily in Genesis through Deuteronomy, and further explained in the prophets and New Testament.

¹⁵ Pneumatics = pneumatic or spiritual resources.

Spiritual Gifts Revelation:

Perhaps the most telling passage about the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is what *Yochanon the Dunker*¹⁶ prophesied that *Y'shua* came to accomplish (Matthew 3:11,12).

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Yochanon the Dunker was the herald of the Anointed Messiah. YHWH's people understood that a prophet would precede the Messiah in order to “make his way straight.” This activity included calling the chosen to get aboard the straight and narrow Way through the changing of minds – repentance! Then when Messiah appeared, seeing the righteous ones upon the Way awaiting, he identified *Yochanon* as “the *Elijah* (the prophet), the one who was to come.”

A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of YHWH, make straight in the desert a highway for Eloheynu”¹⁷. (Isaiah 40:3)

Yochanon was indeed a powerful prophet. Yet he predicted that *Y'shua* the Messiah would be *more powerful* and would baptize **you** with the Spirit and fire. Today, this dunking in the Holy Spirit is one of the most controversial subjects in the world, intentionally left out of the preachers' lectionary, left behind entirely unmentioned, especially in Messianic and Fundamentalist groups. Yet if baptizing in the Spirit is what Messiah came to do, it is up to us *to seek that immersion out* so that we might *enter in* with his apostles through what I call “The Portal to the Supernatural.”

The Dunker prophesies to all people – to those standing around there and those standing around here – *every time the prophecy is mentioned* – it is to be owned by the contemporaneous hearer. The Dunker's message is firm yet today – not a yod or tittle has passed from it: though Messiah came to save in the end, the immediate need is that he baptize in fire.

¹⁶ *Yochanan* also known as John the Baptist.

¹⁷ *Eloheynu* = Our Elohim.

In Acts 1:4-5,8 we read that Y'shua reclines at the table with his disciples, instructing them regarding what to do before they dare go forth and witness to his resurrection. Y'shua gives them this command (fill in the blanks with a pencil):

“Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For Yochanon baptized with water, but in a few days you will be _____ with the Holy Spirit. You will receive power when the _____ comes upon you; and **you will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the land.”

Here Y'shua affirms Yochanon's word. Furthermore, Y'shua distinguishes the Baptism in the Spirit from *baptism in water*. They are completely different! The latter ushers us into the Kingdom, the former makes us productive subjects for the King.

Review 1: We first learn that the Baptism in the Spirit *is not the same thing* as water baptism (though it should happen at about the same time if it is preached at the same time, according to the Scriptures). YHWH *is not going to pour out his Spirit on an unbeliever*, disbeliever, unrighteous, unclean, or agnostic no matter how many times the candidate is drowned in water. Far too many water-baptized individuals have little or no intention of going any farther along the Way. Father is not going to pour something precious upon swine. The unrighteous and disobedient may instead receive an immersion in some occult spirit, then call it holy. Water baptism is an immersion into Messiah's death, not a license to remain filthy still.

Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the set-apart still be devoted.
(Revelation 22:11)

The Baptism in the Clean Spirit is a gift from the Father and originates *not on earth*, but in the spiritual dimension. Being “born again” in the Greek is *gennethe anōthen* (ανωθεν); *anōthen* literally means being “born anew from above.” Such a miracle can only happen through the power of the set-apart Spirit of YHWH!

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The Master's students were already bound to be "saved" and had experienced water baptism many times; *yet they needed something further in order to go forth to the ends of the land in search of the tribes of Israel.* Y'shua told them they would soon receive just what they lacked. The rejoinder, that Paul said, "there is one baptism" (Ephesians 4:4), is simply not enough to disallow the many passages that distinguish the *two*. (Doubters read the rest of the chapter.)

In the early days, the teaching was clear – the Baptism in the Spirit was supposed to happen near the time of *believer water baptism*. It got to the point in the apostate church that when the unrighteous person was baptized (or the infant), and the priest laid hands on him/her, nothing happened at all; yet the priest *pretended* it did, later the church doctrine *pretended* it did, and now there are more *pretenders* than ever.

If we check the Acts of the Apostles, we find that the Spirit did not pour forth as a result of the water pouring forth. The Spirit sometimes poured before water, such as in the case of the Centurion, or sometime after, as in my case. I received Spirit Baptism in a matter of months after I began tarrying for it. And soon after *I learned about it, I began seeking it.*

(We must remember that the sect of the Nazoreans, Y'shua's group, required *six years of supervised discipleship and teaching* before they could enter into the community of faith. We are ready to induct anyone that comes along, no matter what the intention, even witches and demoniacs, into church or synagogue without conversion. We take full responsibility, though we mention one stressful circumstance: that is, being pressured by overseers or sense of duty to get people into the assembly before they are ripe. How can we convince neophytes of *any* truth unless they are *sent in* and *opened up* to new life?)

Review 2: We learn that the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is not the same as salvation / justification nor does it automatically happen when someone accepts the "Master into his heart." *This Baptism* has a different function. Through it, the disciples received *supernatural power* not only in inspired speaking but also in miraculous abilities. This Baptism in the Spirit with fire is the doorway to wonderful spiritual realities and resources. A Believer's spiritual abilities are essentially *dormant* until she has entered through this door.

Review 3: We learn that we may be saved and baptized in water, might even be a professional minister, yet still not have *experienced* the Baptism in the Spirit. We need not wonder what holds us back from living a fulfilled, “perfected” life. (And from now on please read “perfect” as “mature” as “fully fitted to your purpose,” not as “without error or fault.” The Father is not seeking folks who never make a mistake; he is seeking those who want to grow up and be whom he intended.)

If one is not Spirit Baptized, that one’s power for victorious living is very limited. Yet this baptism is not a tacit effect; it doesn’t usually just happen without our knowing it happened. YHWH instills inside and outside a *tangible evidence* that he has come powerfully *into his temple*. As Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 6:19, 20:

Do you not know that *your body* is a *temple* of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from YHWH? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So honor YHWH in your body.

When the Spirit of YHWH finds a temple cleansed and ready, he comes like lightening to a lightening rod.

Y’shua himself prophesies to the woman at the well regarding where *the place of worship* and *the dwelling of YHWH* will ultimately be found.

Woman, believe you me, the time is coming when neither in this mountain (that is, to Mount Gerizim and the ruins of the Samaritan temple) nor in Jerusalem (at the temple there), will you worship the Father. You worship *what you know not*: we worship what we know, for *salvation (yeshua) is from the Jews*.

The time is coming and now is when the *true worshippers* shall worship the Father in *spirit* and *truth*: for such the Father seeks to be his worshippers. (John 4:21-23)

The temple still stands! The true worshipper **is** the temple of the living Elohim. When we are blessed with the outpouring of the Set-apart Spirit, we immediately receive *wonderful evidences and proofs* that we may hold precious as treasures for the rest of our lives. This is the Scriptural way, and the evidence of *that* is everywhere therein.

Spiritual Gifts Revelation:

A few days after Y'shua told his disciples to wait on the Set-apart Spirit, they came together in a second-story apartment to watch and pray. The KJV tells us that they were "in one accord," or "single-minded." They were in *Echad*. The city of Jerusalem was full of practicing religious folks from all over the world who had come to celebrate the Shavuot feast. The story of what happened in the "upper room" is recorded in Acts 2:1ff:

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of _____ that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

ZOOM!

Who was there in that apartment?

Acts 1:12-15 tells us that the eleven _____ were there along with Y'shua's _____, the rest of his kin, and his women friends. They were all "constantly devoting themselves to prayer." We should try that!

They heard a sound like the rushing of a violent wind (Acts 2:2), and next saw "flames of fire" alighting upon each (Acts 2:3); in other words, "flames" or "tongues" or "specks of fire" fell upon them from above, through the roof somehow. Then all in the room – men, women, *and children* – were baptized with the Set-apart Spirit, and they cried out in praise and exhortation in languages they had never learned. *They were baptized with the Spirit and with fire, just as Yochanon and Y'shua prophesied!*

Review 4: The Baptism in the Set-apart Spirit is not just for some Pentecostals or charismatics or "Holy Rollers"; this outpouring is for

everyone who will ***seek it out in diligent supplication***. Ask and see for yourself.

In the *first* instance, these folks received languages so that they might be able to proclaim the good news to all the pilgrims present in the city. Later on in the chapter, *Peter interprets the languages*. (We will examine and learn about “the gift of tongues” later so as to clear up any confusion or misunderstandings.)

For the time being, let us also note that the Holy Spirit fell on ***all in the apartment*** and each one *witnessed* (spoke, preached, or prophesied) in a foreign language not previously learned by the speaker. The many pilgrims to Jerusalem, drawn from the far reaches of the known world at that time, all heard the News in their native tongue.

The confusion that YHWH inflicted upon the human race at Babel (Genesis 11) supernaturally reversed so that language differences could ***no longer stop the hearing of the News***. *This is exactly what happened to the young preacher in Haiti.*

As for the fire, consider Matthew 3:11,12; Yochanon explains:

“He will dunk you with the Kodesh Spirit and with fire. He will thoroughly purge his floor and gather his wheat into the garner; but *he will burn up the chaff* with ravenous fire.”

The fire is *judgment and justice*. From this time forward, the spiritual one will be continually purged and “winnowed” the rest of his / her life until all sin and iniquity is burned up – or he / she surrenders to Satan – or his / her body or mind corrupts away. A fancy term for this “purging” is “sanctification” – becoming set-apart unto him – exchanging blood for blood – becoming Kodesh and crying *Kadosh*. For most of us, it is the ongoing work of a lifetime of spiritual formation and development.

If the Baptism with the Holy Spirit was for these men, women and children, then the Immersion is for me – for me and *for you*. Whatever good thing the Kodesh Spirit of YHWH has for me, I want. Do you not feel the same way? Let us go to great lengths, then, to receive.

Spiritual Gifts Revelation:

Francis MacNutt, one of the patriarchs of the latter-day healing movement, writes of the marvelous personal evidences of having received the Baptism in the Kodesh Spirit in his book, *The Nearly Perfect Crime: How the Church Almost Killed the Ministry of Healing* (2005, pp. 62-62):

The New Testament nowhere gives a definition of the baptism with the Spirit, but it does describe what the baptism does.... I have prayed for hundreds — maybe thousands — of people to receive it; perhaps these insights from that ministry will help us understand its further purpose.

First, the word baptism means “immersion,” so Spirit baptism is like being immersed in water. It is, in fact, generally connected with water baptism, especially when it is by immersion. In the early Church, adults who were baptized expected, at the same time, to be baptized in the Spirit; they regarded the two experiences as the same event.

Second, Y’shua considered it to be of supreme importance. The Church in its fullness was not born until the people were filled with the Spirit. It was not something you achieved but it was something that *Elohim* did for you; remember that the apostles and disciples had to wait until it happened at Pentecost.

It was pure gift.

Third, baptism with the Spirit is usually accompanied by external signs. Emotionally, it usually leads to an overflow of great joy. Spiritually, some of the gifts — especially praying in tongues — usually accompany it. Peter’s sermon in the household of Cornelius was interrupted by an explosion of tongues (see Acts 10:46).

Fourth, different parts of our being are touched by the Spirit.

- Our minds are enlightened. People who once felt that reading Scripture was a chore now find delight in reading it. Passages that once seemed dense now open up (see John 14:26).

- We often receive guidance about what to do or not to do (see John 16:13).

- We will notice a change within our spirit: the Father, Son and Kodesh Spirit will come and live within us, and we will

know and love them in a deeper way. Yashua will love us and show Himself to us (see John 14:21).

- We shall be protected from the evil one (see John 17:15).
- Y'shua's love, joy and peace shall be within us (see John 14:27; 15:9,11).

Many other things have taken place after people have received the baptism with the Spirit. Some of my friends have been healed of long-standing addictions and problems in their relationships, and some of their financial burdens have been lifted. I just today received a letter that reads in part:

Words truly cannot express the gratitude I feel for your being a conduit for *Elohim's* blessing and anointing as you prayed for our individual healing, as well as for us to receive the baptism of the Spirit. I'm still processing all that has happened, and more is happening by the day. I can only tell you this for sure—our lives will never be the same!

There is no one list of things that always happens to every person. It is as if *Elohim* tailors the outpouring of the Spirit to each person individually.

Indeed, how can we categorize how *Elohim* will deal with us in this matter? Let us take the word of those who have experienced and seek the openness that required for fullness and perfection. The desire for the best gifts is our prerogative; the result is His.

For a complete treatment of this vital subject, please request your audio course FREE on CD or by download, "The Baptism in the Holy Spirit" or listen to a fuller treatment of the theology and history of "The Baptism" at www.Motivational-Gifts.org.

Spiritual Gifts Revelation:

Seven Steps to a Dunking in the Kadosh Spirit



1. Make full confession of your sins.

What is *sin*? 1 John 3:4 informs us that “sin is the transgression of the Torah.” The literal meaning of sin, the Greek word *hamartia* (ἁμαρτία) and Hebrew word *chattah*, is “missing the mark,” an archery term!

Therefore, what is the *mark*? _____

Matthew 3:2. “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Repent! = *metanoiēte* (μετανοίετε) – “Change your mind!”

1 John 2:1-5. My little children, I am writing this to you so that you may not sin; but if any one does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Y’shua Messiah the Righteous One; and he is the reparation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

By this we may be sure that we know him, *if we keep his commandments.* He who says, “I know him” but disobeys his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps his word, in him love for Elohim is truly perfected. (Perfection in love.)

The change of mind needs to be of firm resolve with the intention of once changing your mind, never to take it back to where it was.

2. Renounce all evil, all unsavory attachments, all occult bondage, all habitual bad behavior, all sin, all worldly folly. You know what most if not all of these in your life. So does YHWH. Make your confession and renunciation with a broken heart. This should not be that difficult, for

You have killed the Just One; he does not resist you. (James 5:6)

1 John 3:8. He who commits sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The reason the Son of Elohim appeared was to destroy the works of the devil!



NOW BE DONE with all of your idolatrous tools, your demonic paintings or pornography, idols, wretched devilish music, eating of unclean foods and bad associations. Trash what you can – clutter in your home or car, especially of devilish things, is indicative of an inward collection of demonic clutter. Send it all off in the trash. You do not want to be “of the devil,” do you?

3. Affirm your trust in YHWH and his Son to save you from **the wrath to come**. Ask that you might be born *anōthen* (*ανοθεν*) – “*anew from above*”:

1 John 3:9. No one born of Elohim commits sin; for YHWH’s nature abides in him, and **he cannot sin** because he is born of Elohim.

John 3:6,7. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, “You **must** be born anew (from above).”

4. Determine now to lead a life that reflects the life of Y’shua, by keeping the instructions *not necessarily of man*, but of YHWH.

1 John 3:4,23,24. Everyone committing sin is also committing anarchy; for sin is anarchy. (literal)

This is YHWH’s commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Y’shua the Anointed One and love one another, just as He has (already) commanded us. All who keep his commandments remain in him, and he remains in them. We know that he remains in us by the Spirit he has given us.

5. Be intentional about everything you do, say, or think. Control yourself. Self-control is need if one is going to nurture a personal relationship with the Father through prayer, complete obedience, devotion, charity, and good works.

1 John 2:28,29. Now, little children, remain in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence *and not shrink from him in shame at his coming*. If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that *every one who does right* is born of him.

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Ephesians 2:10. We are *to be* His handiwork, founded in Messiah Y'shua for the good works that Elohim prepared beforehand.

6. Determine without fail that you will frequently assemble with *fervent and true believers*, and worthily partake in his set-apart times. If there is no such group, pray for one and it will come to you.

1 John 2:18,19. Children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that anti-messiah is coming, so now many anti-messiahs have come; so we know that it is the last hour. ***They went out from us, but they were not of us;*** for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out, that it might be plain that they all are not of us.

John 6:53-56. *Amein*, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.

These passages are ***very difficult to misunderstand*** when read carefully and prayerfully.

7. Remind the Father that you are of a set-apart tribe unto Him; ask YHWH by name through Messiah Y'shua to baptize you in the Spirit gloriously.

1 Peter 2:9,10. You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a set-apart tribe, YHWH's own people so that you may *freely* declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were no people but now you are YHWH's people; once you had not received mercy but now you have received mercy.

Keep on seeking; keep on asking; keep on living in total expectation of receiving your promised bequest. The Spirit could come at any time, so

Hold Firm! (Deuteronomy 10:20 NJB)

Formal Spirit Prayers for Total Immersion

Call on the Spirit

*Devoted Spirit, by whose breath
Life rises vibrant out of death:
Come to create, renew, inspire;
Come kindle in our hearts your fire.
You are the seeker's sure resource,
of burning love and living source,
Protector in the midst of strife,
The giver and the King of Life.
In you, Yah's energy is shown,
To us your varied gifts made known.
Yours the tongue and yours the ear:
Teach us speaking; help us hear.
Flood our senses with your light;
In common love our hearts unite.
Your power the whole creation fills;
Confirm our weak, uncertain wills.*

Prepare Your Heart

Father in Heaven, giver of gifts, prepare my heart for immersion in your Spirit; through Y'shua the Anointed One, our Master and Savior. Selah.

Access His Breath

Breathe on me, O Devoted Spirit of Father Elohim. Pour your shining glory upon me. Baptize me with power. Manifest your presence with fire. Mine have been a scattered people. Gather us into your oneness. Send a mighty wind and bursts of flame. Let us hear and see and feel. And let us speak with new tongues, the languages of our heavenly home. (1 Corinthians 14:18. I thank YHWH that I speak in tongues more than all of you.)

Pray the Great Prayer

Heavenly Father, I want to experience all that You have in store for me in Y'shua Messiah. I am sorry for my pride that may have kept me from experiencing any part of the life in the Spirit. I do repent of this pride, and I ask You to reveal Your life and love to me. I want You to take over my guidance and be my life-Master. I do not know exactly what this means now, but I trust You totally to teach me.

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Abbi, I request that You immerse me in Your Kadosh Spirit. I want *all* Y'shua suffered to give me. O, Anointed Y'shua, Savior, I empty myself of all that *I thought I knew* if any stands in Your way of baptizing me in your Spirit. Pour out your power upon me so that I might live a life worthy of Your name. Help me to be a just and righteous person; lead me to perfection in charity.

I thank You, Abbi; I do now open myself to receive all of this Kadosh Spirit of YHWH. I thank You, Brother Y'shua. I do *now* receive all of Your Spirit. Yes, I receive fully of your Spirit. I thank you, Father YHWH, that You have made all this possible by Your faithful love. I thankfully ask and pray this in Y'shua's name. Amein.

Isaiah 11 There comes forth a shoot from the base of Yishai; a branch shall grow out of his roots. The Spirit of YHWH rests upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the reverence of YHWH. And his delight shall be in the reverence of YHWH.

He judges not by what his eyes see nor decides by what his ears hear; for with righteousness he judges the poor; he decides with equity for the submissive of the land; and he smites the ground with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips, he slays the impious. Righteousness is the binding of his waist, even faithfulness the binding of his loins.

Pray Another Great Prayer

O my Heavenly Father, I am your child and I believe in my heart that Y'shua the Nazorean rose from death: I confess Him as my Master. Y'shua told me, "How much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Kadosh Spirit to those that ask Him?" So now, I ask You as a son/daughter to fill me with your Holy Spirit. I step into the fullness and power that I desire in the name of YHWH. I confess that I shall be *and I am* a Spirit-filled believer. As I yield my bodily parts, my heart, my feet, my tongue – I expect to manifest grand spiritual resources so that I may live and work for you in power. Praise YHWH! Hallelujah!¹⁸

¹⁸–Adapted from *Prayers That Avail Much*.

Miracles by the Book

Hymn: Charles Wesley, 1747

*Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
Yeshu, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.¹⁹
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*



*Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never,
never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
glory in Thy perfect love.*

*Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;²⁰
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

Do not quit in supplication and obedience until YHWH immerses you in power. Believe in faith that you are receiving day by day until you receive all. Then get ready for the ride of your life.

¹⁹ The “second rest” is the old fashioned term for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

²⁰ Great Salvation is Full Salvation. In the Wesleyan sense, this means being justified, filled with the Spirit, and sanctified – or made kadosh – set-apart unto him.

Spiritual Gifts Revelation:

Pneumatikoi: A Study of I Corinthians, Chapters 1 – 12



The **Epworth League** was an organization of the young people of the Methodist Episcopal Church (The United Methodist Church), formed in 1889 at Cleveland, Ohio by the combination of five young people’s organizations. The league promoted intentional living among the young people both in and out of church. The League became the Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF) in the 1940s.

Why do I bring up this organization now? In those days, when The League gathered in its youth, the phrases “Baptism in the Holy Spirit,” “Entire Sanctification,” “Christian Perfection,” and “Holiness” were not denominational trademarks. Rather, many leaders and “graduates” of the league, primitive Wesleyan to the core, promoted these theological terms as *experiences*, studying them, speaking of them from podiums, platforms and stages, in coffee clubs, schools, and outdoor settings, and writing books about them.²¹

I am privileged to have known a number of dear ladies who made their start in Faith in the Epworth League, and the majority of them, now in their eighties, still shine with the empowerment received through the League so many years before. I am talking about praying men and women who experienced immersion in the Spirit early, and who prayed many a weary soul through the fire since.

Imagine, my friend (no matter your age), what might happen if we simply laid down our denominational notions or preconceived ideas

²¹ I’m thinking of *The Promise of the Father* by Phoebe Palmer, *Tongues of Fire* by Richard Harris, etc.

and took up the simple words of scripture regarding this outpouring? What wonderful things could we be doing as a spirit-filled, spirit-controlled disciples for *the rest of our lives*, rather than continuing through in our current sorry, powerless states. Perhaps the following song from the League will help us make a decision to seek out Kadosh Spirit power for sacrificial, incarnate living!

Look Up; Lift Up
Epworth League Anthem, 1909
(Tune: "Battle Hymn of the Republic")

*Mine eyes have seen the tokens of another Pentecost,
Mine ears have heard the gath'ring of a dedicated host,
My soul has felt the presence of the promised Holy Ghost,
Our league is marching on!*

Chorus:

*Look up, lift up, Hallelu Yah! Look up, lift up, Hallelu Yah!
Look up, lift up, Hallelu Yah! Our league is marching on.*

*There is fire of consecration that is kindling in our youth,
They are vowing hearty service to the Master and His truth,
Their faith is pure and ardent, and their work is gospel proof,
Our youth are marching on!*

*There is fervor of revival burning bright in many hearts,
And the glow of gen'rous loyalty their noble purpose starts,
'Tis the Spirit of the Father and the zeal Yeschu imparts.
Our group is marching on!*

*They unfurl the Epworth banner, and, behold, the thousands rise!
They are looking up in pray'r to Him enthroned beyond the skies,
They are lifting up their brother from the ruin where he lies,
Our league is marching on!*

I always add a verse or two to songs like this.

*A hundred years have pass'd since then—the Epworth League is lost,
Not a hundred righteous children have survived the holocaust,
Still the Sov'reign that they worshipped brings a fresher Pentecost,
His promise marches on! His Promised One treads on!*

Spiritual Gifts Revelation:

Spirit and Wind

In 1 Corinthians, what we call “spiritual gifts” are *pneumatikoi* in the Greek New Testament, or “spiritual” (a plural adjective, modifying an implied noun such as “things”) – “spiritualities” or “spiritual resources.” *Pneuma* (Greek) and *Ruach* (Hebrew) may mean either *spirit*, *wind*, or *breath* (or all three at once), and translators must be very *attentive to context* to get the English word right. Consider this excellent example of alliteration and dual meaning:

John 3:8 “The wind blows where it pleases; you can hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” (NJB)

John 3:8 “The spirit (*pneuma*) breathes (*pnei*) where (*pou*) it wants, and the sound (*phonēn*) of it you hear, but you do not know from where (*pothen*) it comes or where (*pou*) it leads (*upagei*); so it is with all (*pas*) born of the spirit (*pneumatos*).”
(- My translation.)

Perhaps you will want to research several instances of “spirit-wind” and work with the scripture a little to receive an entirely new perspective with enhanced meaning. Look at this *pericope*:²²

Matthew 10:19,20. When you are handed over, do not worry about how to speak or what to say; what you are to say will be given to you when the time comes, because it is not you who will be speaking; the **Breath** (*pneuma*) of your Father will be speaking through you.

Try this well-known selection:

Acts 2:2-4. Suddenly there came from the sky a sound as of a violent *wind* (*proē̄s* – pronounced “noise”; also meaning *breath*) that filled the entire house in which they sat; and there appeared to them tongues as of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the kodesh *wind* (*pneumatos*) and began to speak different languages as the wind (*pneuma*) gave them power to express.²³

²² Pericope, pericopæ = peh-**rih**-co-pee *i.e.* an extract or selection from a book, especially a reading from a Scripture.

²³ Literally, verse 4 reads “they were all filled with Holy Spirit (or ‘a Holy Spirit’) ... as **the** Spirit gave them utterance.”

FYI - In the Hebrew language of the scriptures (the Old Testament), wind, spirit, and breath are also homonyms as in the Greek; the Hebrew word is *Spirit* (**ru**e-ock).

Psalms 51:10. Create in me a clean heart, Elohim, and renew within me a resolute spirit, 11. do not thrust me away from your presence, do not take away from me your spirit of holiness.

Psalms 51:10. Create in me a clean *lev*, renew within me a *chadesh ruach*, 11. do not cast me away from your presence, do not take from me your *ruach kadesh*.

Scripture Study

Turn in the Scriptures to First Corinthians chapter 1 and fill in the blanks:

1. **1:4-8** The Corinth Assembly was **not** lacking in _____ gifts.
 2. **1:11-13** But they were _____ over leaders and leadership.
 3. **1:28-29** They may also have been guilty of _____ about their gifts.
 4. **2:3-5** Their faith was not to stand / rest on human _____, but on the Spirit.
 5. **2:12-13** The gifts are from _____.
 6. **2:12-13** We are to interpret spiritual truths only to those who _____.
 7. **2:14** To the natural man, the gifts of YHWH are _____.
 8. **2:14** We might conclude that the natural man, though alive in the flesh, is spiritually _____.
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9. **2:14** Should the discussion of spiritual gifts be a tool of evangelism? Yes / No
10. **3:1-3** Paul could not address some Corinthians because they did not act like _____.
11. **3:1-3** Their _____ and _____ led to loss of spirituality.
12. **4:20** The Kingdom of YHWH is seen not in talk, but in _____.
13. **5:9-13** The spiritual person is not to even associate at all with “a brother” who is _____.
14. **5:12-13** We are *not* to judge _____.
We *are* to judge _____.
15. **6:17** Those who join up with Y’shua are _____ spirit with him.
16. **7:31** The ways of the world (in the lives of believers) are _____.
17. **7:32** Working in the gifts requires the believer to be free from _____.
18. **10:20-21** We are to examine our ministries, making certain we are not partners with _____.
19. **10:32** Our behavior toward those who do not believe in the gifts is to avoid _____ them.
- 19a. Why the secrecy?

20. **12:4-6** The three varieties are _____,
_____ & _____.
21. **12:7** These are called _____ and are given by YHWH for the common _____.

22. **12:8-10** The Spirit gives to one or another

_____, _____,
_____, _____,
_____, _____,
_____ ; _____ &
_____.

23. **12:11** Who bestows the gifts by measure?

24. **12:14-19** The use of the *pneumatics* is essential, and all for the benefit of the _____.

25. **12:14-19** What does the ear do while the eye is examining?

26. **12:14-19** What should the speaker in tongues do while the healer is healing? _____

27. **12:27-28** What are the *eight appointments* to the assembly?

_____, _____,
_____, _____,
_____, _____,
_____ & _____.

28. **12:28** How do these compare with the list in Ephesians 4:11?

_____.

29. **12:28** What are the two purposes of the Ephesians 4:11 list? (See **Ephesians 4:12**) _____ and _____.

30. **12:31** What should our attitude toward the *pneumatics* be?

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Agapē, Ahava: A Study of First Corinthians Chapter 13

1 Corinthians 13:1,13. Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not **charity**, I am become as sounding brass or tinkling cymbal. 13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity. (KJV)

32. **13:1-3** If the spiritual gifts were the spokes of a wheel, the hub might be _____.
33. **13:7** In the KJV and Webster's Bible, _____ bears all things.
34. **13:1** Without _____, I am a _____.
35. **13:2** If I'm a **prophet** without _____, then I'm really _____.
36. **13:3** ***If I die*** for Messiah without _____, then I get _____.
37. **13:7-10** What is "the perfect"? _____.
38. **13:13** What abides?

39. 13.13 What is the greatest of these? _____

Charity / Love

The Scripture word *agapē* (*ah-gah-peh*) is borrowed from Classical Greek. "Love" is the popular and accepted translation of the word, though there is no direct English equivalent.²⁴ The implication is that *agapē* signifies "compassion in action" or "a compassion that does not desire possession, but is eager to help."

Dwight Small defines *agapē* as

"...not born of a lover's need, nor having its source in the love object. *Agapē* doesn't exist in order to get what it wants but

²⁴ *Ahava* (Hebrew) = *Agapē* (Greek).

empties itself to give what the other needs. *Agapē* lives in order to die to self for the blessedness of caring for another, spending for another, spending itself for the sake of the beloved.”

We prefer *charity* to *love* because **charity** implies doing something other than only feeling something. *Charity* is what we extend to that which we *cherish*; *charity* and *cherish* are two wonderful synonyms for *agapē*.

Charity –

- Generosity toward others.
- Forbearance in judging others.
- Love directed Father-first, toward neighbor and self.

Cherish –

- to *care for*;
- to *hold dear*;
- to *treasure*.

Will it be difficult to relearn “love” as “charity”?

A Study of 1 Corinthians, Chapters 14:1-5

39. **14:1** Spiritual gifts are to be _____,
especially _____.
40. **14:2** When one speaks in tongues, to whom does she speak?

41. **14:3** When one prophesies, to whom does he / she speak?

42. **14:5** What does Paul want the Corinthians to do?
_____ & _____.
43. **14:5** In corporate worship, what other complimentary gift is necessary to the gift of tongues? _____.
44. **14:5** What does the gift of interpretation accomplish in the assembly? _____

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Speaking in Tongues Four Ways

Glossai The Bible language word *glossai* (**gloss-say**) is plural and means “tongues.” In the proper context, it can also mean “languages.” Everyone speaks in a “tongue”, *i.e.* a language; but not everyone is moved by the Spirit to speak in an “unknown (or *unlearned*) tongue.”

There is a variety of purposes for the manifestation of supernatural languages. Here are the common ones that I have encountered, studied and experienced over the years, and their technical names.

(It is important to learn the technical names if you are intending to teach this subject, so try to master their pronunciation.)

44. **Glossalalia** (*glos-sa-lahl-ya*), known in some circles as

PR _ YER L _ NG U _ GE.

(*Lalia* means *speaking*.)

45. The purpose of *glossalalia* is

46. **Xenoglossa** (*zay-no-glos-sa*), also known as tongues of

_____.
(*Xeno* means *other*.) (See 1 Corinthians 13:1a)

47. The purpose of *xenoglossa* is

(See Acts 2:7, 8 for an example.)

48. *Xenoglossa* requires somebody (a hearer) to

the language being spoken, for the hearer or for the group.

49. *Xenoglossa* **may** also require someone with the gift of

50. How does one acquire the gift of interpretation of tongues (or any spiritual gift, for that matter)?

50a. Matthew 7:7-11

Ask, and it shall be _____ you: seek, and you shall _____: knock, and it shall be _____ to you. For every one that asks _____; and he that seeks _____; and to him that knocks it shall be _____.

Or what man is there of you, of whom should his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? or if he should also ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If then you being evil know how to give good _____ to your children, how much more will your Father who is in the heavens give good _____ to those who ask him?

Ask, Seek and Knock are structured in the Greek to say, “Keep on asking; Keep on seeking; Keep on knocking.”

There is a peculiar saying attributed Y’shua from the lost Gospel of the Hebrews, which the Ebionites used as Scripture. The passage comes down to us in quotation; also in the Gospel of Thomas²⁵:

“Those who seek should not stop seeking until they find. When they find, they will be disturbed. When they are disturbed, they will marvel, and will reign over all. And after they have reigned they will rest.”

²⁵ Ebionites = “The Poor” = the earliest believers in Y’shua headed up initially by Y’shua’s brother Ya’aqov (James) and his cousin, Shimon bar Cleopas Zealotes (See Luke 6:20). The Ebionites believed in Y’shua the Messiah, kept Torah and considered Paul to be an apostate. The sect of the Ebionites survives yet today. The *Gospel of Thomas* was discovered in 1945 in Egypt and is comprised of 114 saying attributed to the Master.

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I cannot think of a better description for seeking, finding and receiving spiritual gifts, can you?

50b. Now, How does one acquire the gift of interpretation of tongues
(or any desired spiritual gift, for that matter)?

51. **Strateiaglossa** (stra-tay-uh-glos-sa) is conventionally called
W _ R F _ R E T _ N G U E S. (2 Corinthians 10:4, example.)

52. What do you suppose *strateia* means?

53. The purpose of *strateiaglossa* is

_____ . (Ephesians 6:11,12)

54. Why is it important to be aware of the type of tongue?

55. Is English a “tongue”? Yes / No?

What are implications of your answer re: spiritual resources?

Speaking in Prophecy, Seven – One = Six Ways

Profeteia (pro-fet-ay-uh) – The Bible language word “*profeteia*” means *prophecy*. In Hebrew, a prophet is a *nabi*. Generally, prophecy is *speaking while inspired by the Holy Spirit*. Prophecy comprises several biblical types of speech. Some types of prophecy (the *pneumatic gift* **not** the “*motivational gift*”) include (read the context then answer):

56. *Kerygma*, (care-ig-mah) also known as *inspired*

_____ . (Luke 3:3)

57. *Paranesis*, known as strong
_____. (Acts 2:22-24; Romans 2:2-8)
58. *Parakalos*, also known as inspired
_____. (1 Thessalonians 4:1-6)
59. *Didaskolos*, also known as inspired
_____. (Hebrews 10, Matthew 5)
60. *Profeteia*, also known as inspired
_____. (Acts 11:28, Mark 13)
61. Obviously, prophecy may include the ability to tell the
_____. (Acts 11:28)

Other forms of prophecy that have been suggested include *inspired* consolation, praying, praising, exhortation, dreams, visions, and so forth. Note that the word is *inspired* in each case.

Windbagging does not qualify as prophesying. (Matthew 6:7)

The “gifts” of **gab**, **blow** and **loquacity** (*very talkative*) are not on this list of *pneumatic resources*. In regards to the *pneumatikoi* (spiritual gifts), *spirit* and *wind* often blow from different places and go in different directions. And because of this, the pneumatic resource of *discernment of spirits* is all the more important.

Pneumatikoi: A Study of 1 Corinthians, 14:6 – 15:10

62. **14:6** Strengthening (edifying) gifts included here are
_____, _____,
_____ & _____.
63. **14:12** What should one do about spiritual manifestations?

64. **14:18** What was Paul’s boast?

65. **14:19** What was his concern?

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66. **14:22-25** Who can clarify these verses?

67. **14:26** What is the prescribed order of worship in Corinth according to Paul?

68. **14:27, 28** How are tongues to be used in the worship service?

69. **14:28** If there is no interpreter for tongues, tongue-talkers should be *what* during church? (Not necessarily *silent*.)

70. **14:29-32** _____ or three preachers is enough! Their preaching is to be _____, for the _____ of prophets are _____ to prophets.

71. **14:33, 39-40** Paul sums up his *teaching*: Do your worship services in an _____ manner for YHWH is not the master of _____.

72. **15:10** Paul says, “By _____ I am what I am. I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but _____ within me.”

73. _____ may be defined as “favor rendered by one who need not.”

74. The word _____ derives from the Middle English term *gratia*.

The Bible language equivalent (Greek) is *charis* (χρηρις, *cahr-ees*), the plural of which is *charismata*, from which we get the word “charismatic.” It means “graces” or “favors.” Today *we equate this term with spiritual gifts*, although this is not accurate. There is a difference between a favor and a gift, as you know from *Spiritual Gifts Revelation Volume I*.

Charismatic or Charismaniac?

Sheila said, “I’m not only a Charismatic, I’m a Charismaniac!”

Charismatic: “Of, relating to, or being a type of Christianity (we might add Messianic Faith) that emphasizes personal religious experience and divinely inspired powers, as of healing, prophecy, and the gift of tongues” (*American Heritage Dictionary*).

Charismaniac: Someone with divinely inspired powers using them out of order to the glory of *Self* and the result of *Confusion*. Charismaniacs are easily identified by the strife, confusion and discord they routinely sow within a congregation.

Jude 17-21. But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Master Y’shua Messiah; they said to you, “In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own unrighteous passions.” It is these who set up divisions, worldly people, *devoid of the Spirit*. But you, beloved, build yourselves up on your most kadosh²⁶ belief; pray in the Kodesh Spirit; keep yourselves in the ahava of Elohim; wait for the mercy of our Master Y’shua Messiah unto ageless life.

73. So by what means do we work *charismatic / pneumatic* gifts?

By _____ (which means “undeserved favor”).

74. And by what method? An _____ method
(an adjective and an adverb meaning, “free from disorder.”)

²⁶ Kadosh = set-apart, like Kodesh as in “Holy Spirit.”

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75. Examine yourself. Are you a (1) *charismatic*, a (2) *charismaniac* or a (3) *non-charismatic*? Be *honest* and *reflective*. A good place to begin is to look at *the fruits you currently produce*. Do you have fruit? Do you have reservations? What are your excesses? What are your hang-ups? If you need a refresher, look back at your experience of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, if you have received it. If you have not, go back to the beginning and do not come back here until you have been immersed in the Spirit!

Examine yourself in the following space by answering the questions above with honesty and truthfulness. (Look also at Galatians 5:19-24). Please take time to write your answer here:

Preview: *The Authentic Peter* (see page 244)

The Teaching of Simon Peter on **wisdom, ignorance, and knowledge** as recorded by Clement (Phil. 4:3) in his *Epitomes*.

“From all these things, therefore, it is concluded that all evil springs from ignorance; and ignorance herself, the mother of all evils, is sprung from carelessness and sloth, and is nourished, and increased, and rooted in the senses of men by negligence; and if any one teach that she is to be put to flight, she is with difficulty and indignantly torn away, as from an ancient and hereditary abode. And therefore we must labor for a little, that we may search out the presumptions of ignorance, and cut them off by means of knowledge, especially in those who are preoccupied with some erroneous opinions, by means of which ignorance is the more firmly rooted in them, as under the appearance

of a certain kind of knowledge; for nothing is worse than for one to believe that he knows what he is ignorant of, and to maintain that to be true which is false. This is as if a drunken man should think himself to be sober, and should act indeed in all respects as a *drunken* man, and yet think himself to be sober, and should wish to be called so by others. Thus, therefore, are those also who do not know what is true, yet hold some appearance of knowledge, and do many evil things as if they were good, and hasten destruction as if it were to salvation.

“Wherefore we must, above all things, hasten to the knowledge of the truth, that, as with a light kindled thereat, we may be able to dispel the darkness of errors! For ignorance, as we have said, is a great evil; but because it has no substance, it is easily dispelled by those who are in earnest. For ignorance is nothing else than not knowing what is good for us; once know this, and ignorance perishes. Therefore the knowledge of truth ought to be eagerly sought after; and no one can confer it except the Navi ‘Emet. For this is the gate of life to those who will enter, and the road of good works to those going to the city of salvation.

“Therefore, before any one hears what is good for him, it is certain that he is ignorant; and being ignorant, he wishes and desires to do what is not good for him; wherefore he is not judged for that. But when once he has heard the causes of his error, and has received the method of truth, then, if he remain in those errors with which he had been long ago preoccupied, he shall rightly be called into judgment to suffer punishment, because he has spent in the sport of errors that portion of life which was given him to be spent in living well.

“But he who, hearing those things, willingly receives them, and is thankful that the teaching of good things has been brought to him, inquires more eagerly, and does not cease to learn, until he ascertains whether there be truly another world, in which rewards are prepared for the good, and when he is assured of this, he gives thanks to YHWH because He has shown him the light of truth; and for the future directs his actions in all good works, for which he is assured that there is a reward prepared in the world to come; while he constantly wonders and is astonished at the errors of other men, and that no one sees the truth which is placed before his eyes.

“Yet he himself, rejoicing in the riches of wisdom which he has found, desires insatiably to enjoy them, and is delighted with the practice of good works; hastening to attain, with a clean heart and a pure conscience, the world to come, when he shall be able even to see Elohim, the Melek of all.”

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Pneumatakoï: A Study of Peter in The Acts

One pneumatic resource or many – one gift or many?

76. **Acts 1:15** Peter is exercising what pneumatic resource(s)?

77. **Acts 2:14** Peter is exercising what pneumatic resource(s)?

78. **Acts 2:38, 39** Peter is exercising what pneumatic resource(s)?

79. What are prerequisites for receiving favors and resources?

_____ and _____

80. And for whom are these resources reserved?

81. **Acts 3:6** Peter is exercising what pneumatic resource(s)?

82. **Acts 3:5** What are prerequisites for receiving here?

83. Why do you suppose the previous answer is so important?

84. **Acts 3:12, 13** And who actually performed the pneumatic act?

85. **Acts 3:13,ff.** And for what purposes?

86. **Acts 5:3** Peter is exercising what pneumatic resource(s)?

87. **Acts 8:14-17** Peter is exercising what pneumatic resource(s)?

88. **Acts 9:32-34** Peter is exercising what pneumatic resource(s)?

89. **Acts 9:37,40** Peter is exercising what pneumatic resource(s)?

90. **Acts 10:9-11** Peter is exercising what pneumatic resource(s)?

91. The mission of this exercise is to show you that

***a believer may work in any gift necessary,
if he / she is RIGHTEOUS (obedient),
BOLD (exercises calculated faith) and
SPIRIT IMMERSED.***

92. The second mission of the exercise is to show that



***Peter did not minister
INDISCRIMINATELY.***

***He chose very carefully
who he might “fix.”***

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93. The ultimate mission of this exercise is to convince you that **the Kingdom consists not in spoken words but in power.**

Pray more, **talk less**, discriminate, **be brief**, do the works of the Master, allow yourself to be led by the Kadosh Spirit rather than your cell phone. Be diligent in your service and minister boldly in *pneumatic resources* of the Spirit. **Try hard.** Be expectant at all times! *Hold firm and fast.* Trust YHWH to be YHWH in all things. You will succeed! You follow the signs and the signs follow you!

94. **1 Timothy 5:21** Do nothing by personal _____.

Discern what the Spirit is going to do – and be YHWH’s hammer.

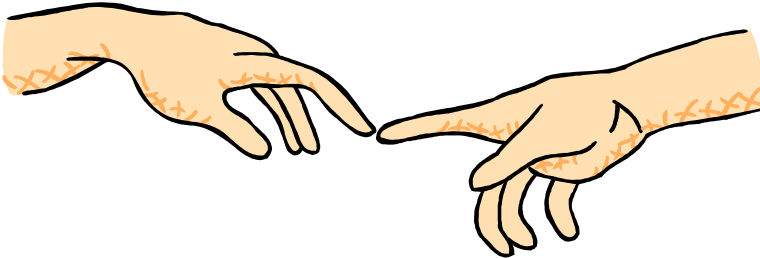
95. **1 Timothy 5:22,23** _____
suddenly on no man (KJV) (*or woman or child*) nor participate in another’s sins; keep yourself pure.

To the pure all things are pure, but to the corrupt and unbelieving nothing is pure; their very minds and consciences are corrupted.

Titus 1:15

Failing to heed this commandment (95) has destroyed many a once-mighty Kingdom minister!

96. Instead, seek out those with _____
faith (Acts 3:5).



**Which hand reaches the farthest?
Can you tell from this picture?**

Check Your Personal Experience

97. Are you sure that you've been baptized in the Spirit, as the Savior prescribed and as witnessed in the Apostles' ministry? Yes / No

a. If yes, what is your assurance?

b. If yes, what's your evidence?

c. If yes, in what direction is your empowerment taking you?

If you have any uncertainty, please refer to the Bible Study again. If you still have uncertainty or problems receiving, tarry for your experience for six months. If then you have not received or are not sure, contact the author at (801) 605-1715.

98. Have you 'worked' in any of the pneumatic resources? Yes / No

99. If so, which ones?

Please record a "miracle" in which you participated – large or small.

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Consider one of the great prayers from the Scripture:

1 Kings 3:5-10. At Gibeon YHWH appeared to Solomon *in a dream* during the night. Elohim said, “Ask what you would like me to give you.”

Solomon replied, “You showed most faithful love to your servant David, my father, when he lived his life before you in faithfulness and uprightness and integrity of heart; you have continued this most faithful love to him by allowing a son of his to sit on his throne today.

“Now, YHWH Eli,²⁷ you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. And here is your servant, surrounded with your people whom you have chosen, a people so numerous that its number cannot be counted or reckoned.

“So give your servant *a heart* to understand how to govern your people, *how to discern* between good and evil, for how could one otherwise govern such a great people as yours?”

It pleased YHWH that Solomon should have asked for this.

100. Suppose you had a dream – the Heavenly Father asked you the same thing asked to Solomon. What would you ask for?

(Take some time to think; do not answer superficially. If you would ask for money, then write that down. Remember, Solomon had plenty of money already.)

What became of Solomon later in his rule and why? (1 Kings 11:4)

101. If the Kodesh Spirit were to grant you *one* of the pneumatic ‘gifts’ right now, which would you choose?

²⁷ Eli (eh-LEE) = my Elohim; see Psalm 22:1, Matthew 27:46.

Why? (Be honest.)

102. Do you feel more inclined to work alone or with others? That is, do you consider yourself more of a 'team player' or a 'lone ranger'? (Circle one.)

(Either is fine. Just be honest. We need both types to fulfill the work of the Spirit. Though team players are sought out today, I dare say that the perhaps none of the scriptural founders of the faith were team players, at least not at the outset.)

PRAYER FOR A WIDER VISION

I need a truer vision, Father, fill my heart with Thee,
To view this desperate world again with eyes that *want* to see.
A world of people hurting so, and hungry every day;
A world of humbly waiting just to hear what You might say.

I need a wider vision, Father, filled my heart with Thee,
To see that lonely woman's heartache down the street from me.
The teen we know who's is all mixed up, the child who's been abused;
The hopeless in our neighborhood; we want so to be used!

Give us a brand new vision now, a vision filled with Thee
To see our home community as Your strong eyes might see.
Help us to use our grace and gifts in ways that you would choose,
To act with love and kindness to the ones with a different views.

A truer, wider, vision, Father, that is what we need,
To carry out Your will for us in word, in thought, indeed.
Now, Y'shua, you counsel us, beside us in this pew:
Show us that wider vision of just what we are to do!

-based on Oswald Sanders

Spiritual Gifts Revelation:

Pneumatic Resources and Case History

We have witnessed or otherwise taken part in the following case histories of Pneumatic Resources in action. They are simple yet supernatural solutions to natural or spiritual impediments. We offer them as categorical examples.²⁸

Word of Wisdom & Word of Knowledge

The Spirit of YHWH will rest upon him, the spirit of
wisdom (Heb. *chokmah*, Gr. *sophia*) and
knowledge (Heb. *binah* = knowing, Gr. *gnōsis*).
Isaiah 11:2

To one is given through the Spirit the word of wisdom, and to
another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit.
1 Corinthians 12:8

Wisdom and knowledge are distinctly different resources, yet similar in how they sound when “spoken out” (prophetically, to the group). *Wisdom* is the application or strategy of implementation or deployment knowledge; *knowledge* is a “keen insight” or profound “knowing” of what is true or needs to happen in a given situation.

Knowledge = acquaintance with facts, truths, or principles, as from study or investigation.

Wisdom = knowledge of what is true or right coupled with just judgment as to action.

The source of both resources is found in their titles:

i.e. THE WORD OF...

Word = Davar (Hebrew)

Genesis 1:3. And Elohim **said**, Let there be light: and there was light.

Genesis 15:1,2 The **word** of YHWH came to Abram *in a vision*, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am your shield. Abram said, Sovereign YHWH, *what will you give me?*

²⁸ Most of the case histories and text are from *The Charismatic Gifts and Wesleyan Theology*, Copyright ©1992 - 2008 Jackson Snyder.

Word = Logos = λογος (Greek)

John 1:1-3. 1. In [the] beginning was the **Word** (λογος) and the Word was close by YHWH and *of* Elohim was the Word. 2. This [Word] was close by the Elohim in (the) beginning. 3. All came to be through him and apart from him not a [thing] came to be that had become.²⁹

John 14:24 The one who does not love me does not keep my **words** (*logous*): and the **word** (*logos*) that you **hear** is not mine, but the Father's who sent me.

1 John 4:1. **Do not believe every spirit**, but test the spirits to see whether they are of YHWH.

So YHWH conveys these words supernaturally.

Let me here add that one must judge every **word** as to its origin and validity. There are many people going about with "words" for others. Some if not most of these words are from "wandering stars for whom the nether gloom of darkness has been reserved forever." –Jude 13.

All words that end in "-logy," biology, psychology, analogy, etc. – come from the word "word."

Occasionally I receive mail from victims of prophets and psychics who have received "words" from devilish spirits, witches, and mediums, often in the assembly functions, always in disguise. **Never receive any "word" without judgment**; and never give a **false word** for the sake of convenience. Always be truthful, and covet the true gifts – pray and tarry for them – because they are needful in this unrighteous world. The true gift must be used!

Wisdom's Word in situ:³⁰

Matthew 22:21 "Render to Caesar the things of Caesar and to Elohim the things of Elohim."

This is an astonishing supernatural word of wisdom!

Word of Knowledge in situ:

Matthew 21:2,3 "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring

²⁹ The translation is mine from the Greek. A good article on the Logos is found at www.motivational-gifts.org.

³⁰ in situ = situated in the original, natural, or existing place or position.

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them to me. If any one says anything to you, you will say, 'The Master has need of them,' and he will send them immediately."³¹

This is a typical supernatural word of knowledge.

As noted, these gifts of Wisdom and Knowledge are similar, and (along with *one aspect of the gift of prophecy*) often confused one with another.

Similarities: Word of Wisdom and Word of Knowledge each consist of special, supernatural information that one normally may not discern through the five senses. The sensation of gaining wisdom or knowledge from the Spirit has been described as an "eureka" experience. Sometimes the word is spoken ***without the gifted person even realizing it.*** Often, the supernatural word is spoken after prayer and *listening*.

Note: The word is spoken or otherwise acted upon.

My personal experience: I *discover* the knowledge or wisdom in my mind when needed without having undergone the personal experience to which it pertains. Sometimes this comes with a brief dizziness or the feeling of a "close encounter." After the impartation, there is an *exploration* of the thought, dream or solution – where did it come from? If from good, speak it or act upon it. If from evil, rebuke it.

Here are a couple responses:

Thank you, Father, for this word! -or-

May Y'shua rebuke you, unclean spirit, for trying to deceive us.

Dissimilarities: Wisdom and knowledge are *dissimilar* in the types of data gained. Word of knowledge generally includes *information*, while word of wisdom *instructs* in the use of information.

For instance, a word of knowledge might diagnose a disease, and a word of wisdom might provide the protocol to treat it. When you think about it, these words are not few and far between, but come with the Mind of Messiah:

³¹ knowledge. (n.d.). *Dictionary.com Unabridged (v 1.1)*. Retrieved January 16, 2008, from Dictionary.com website.

Romans:8:5-9. For those who live according to the body set their minds on the things of the body, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the body is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the body is hostile to YHWH; it does not submit to the Torah of YHWH, indeed it cannot; and those who are in the body cannot please YHWH. But you are not in the body, you are in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of YHWH dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Messiah does not belong to him.

To be Spirit baptized is to receive the Mind of Messiah. To receive the mind of Messiah means that the believer has the choice of peering at people and circumstances through the mind of Messiah **or** the mind of the body (flesh).

2 Kings 4 includes several situations in which words or wisdom / knowledge were used by the prophet Elisha. Read this wonderful chapter to strengthen your faith.

Another great passage is Matthew 1:18 – 2:23 in which Joseph, who is noted as a *righteous man* (1:19); righteous (or just) being a technical term for “a man set apart unto YHWH” (a *zaddik*). In the case of the Messianic believer – it means to have the mind of Messiah and choose to use it.



Case Histories – Words of Wisdom and Knowledge

Dan, a young man from a good family, became a drug addict and dealer, but repented. The Messiah healed him of the drug addiction *immediately*. Soon Dan began to go through *the process of conversion*. He felt very grateful for the change in his life and wanted to *do something* in return.

Dan *felt* called to enter a ministry to addicts in another state far from home. An ex-drug addict ministering to addicts is a very distressful ministry, since the body is not always guided by Messiah, and temptation is great. Dan came to a charismatic prayer group expecting a “word of wisdom” concerning his decision to go.

In the course of supplication for Dan, someone in the group had a “word”:

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“Dan, I just saw you in the Spirit in a white painter’s outfit carrying a tool kit. You are ready and anxious to go to work, except your kit is empty! You must learn to use the tools before you go anywhere *for me.*”

Dan *did not heed this word* because it was contrary to what his body wanted. He was not mature enough in his faith to go into any ministry. Nevertheless, he filed bankruptcy and left the state for the ministry headquarters.

Within a few months, Dan was back, having failed in his endeavor due to lack of preparation, and he was still in bankruptcy proceedings. Yet Dan’s conversion was very real. He did not give up, but considered his failure a valuable lesson. **He failed up, for many quit after the first failure.**

If Dan would do ministry, he would heed the word of preparation for which he asked in the first place.

Addendum: Within a surprisingly short time, Dan’s assembly sponsored him in pastoral studies. Despite his recent past, the denominational hierarchy was satisfied with his progress and appointed him pastor of his home church. This kind of appointment is *highly unusual*. And it turned out for the good, for under the supervision of elders he knew, he was able to complete six years of successful ministry before the Master moved him on to new endeavors! (Case 00036)

Randolph is a conscientious and dedicated believer. Since an earthquake rocked his farm, a powerful, corporeal, yet invisible *entity* came to be, presumably let loose from the earth.

This powerful, unclean spirit would systematically assault Randolph both inside and outside his house. The spirit would also terrorize the farm animals and pets on the property, and accost those who visited the premises.

Randolph studied spiritual warfare intently and learned that, if he could get the entity’s *name*, he might have power over it. Durring assaults, he asked of the entity its name; though it made terrifying noise, no name came forth. Randolph prayed that YHWH would *show* the name to him though a spiritual gift.

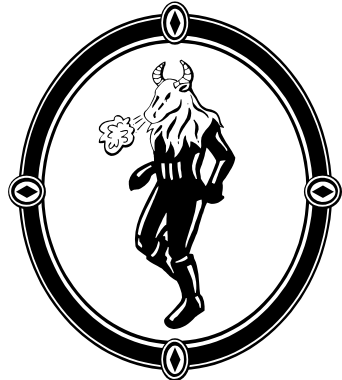
Sure enough, in three dreams one night, the Angel of YHWH showed Randolph three strange symbols in each dream. Upon awaking, he drew them:



Randolph was not trained in foreign languages. Neither did he recognize these symbols. The fact that *he could even remember them* to write them down was something of a miracle.

Knowing in his heart that these pictures were an answer to prayer, he drew them for his pastor. The pastor was open to the supernatural. The pastor recognized the symbols as Hebrew characters and translated them as “Letz,” which means, “he will jest” in Hebrew.

The two reckoned that YHWH had given the name of the entity – “The Joker!” Using the unclean entity’s name proved to be a powerful tool in eradicating the presence of this monster! (Case 04001)



A final word on this interesting example: If we are to believe in and utilize the gifts of the Spirit, we have to acknowledge the fact that there exist unclean spirits of every genus and species as well, and that our “warfare” is against them.

Use a King James Version to complete these Scripture pericopae.

Ephesians 6:12. We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the

_____ of the
_____ of
_____ world.

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2 Peter 1:16. For we have not followed

when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Master Y'shua the Messiah, but were

Gift of Faith / Belief

Matthew 9:22 "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well.

2 Peter 1:1. Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Y'shua the Messiah, *to them that have obtained like precious faith with us* through the righteousness of YHWH and our Savior Y'shua the Messiah.

Everyone believer has a measure of faith: it takes some trust to believe in the first place.

Televangelists preach faith and claim to have the type that moves mountains; however, *fame* is not any measure of evidence of the gift. Y'shua never sought personal fame; he deferred all glory to the Father. The truth is just the reverse – the evidence of faith is good and powerful works accomplished in great humility to the esteem of YHWH our Father.

One of the more demonstrative Televangelists relates the story of a "little old lady with a cane and a Pentecostal hairdo" who, along with some other women, constantly exercised their gift of faith *in the privacy of the church prayer room*. This singular lady wrought miracles in the lives of those she loved through cloistered prayer and faith, including the birthing of the Televangelist's ministry, without receiving any recognition at all.³²

³² Dwight Thompson, *My Most Unforgettable . . .*

“Faith” is the outcome of the combination of *belief* and *trust* in YHWH and in his living Word. It is also important to remember that even the feeblest faith first originates in the Heavenly Father,

for by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; *it is a gift* from Elohim, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. (Eph 2:8,9)

Yet there is a **gift of faith** that inspires some believers to expect the supernatural in daily life; it is a *greater faith than apostolic faith – and remember – it is a gift that can be acquired through asking*. Perhaps one may aspire to acquiring faith through pietistic acts and worship – practice makes perfect – bold men and women go forth as heroes – but it seems to me that the gift of faith is not a respecter of any particular personality or temperament. It comes through asking.

Case History – Gift of Faith

Chu spent *two decades* in communist re-education camps in the People’s Republic of China then another *two decades* as a provincial propaganda minister. Chu was educated in Christian missionary schools. Now Chu is elderly (2008) and a practicing crypto-Christian. Though he did not practice this faith due to the possibility of more “re-education” or death, Chu burned to be baptized as a secret believer³³ in Y’shua Messiah.

When Chu turned sixty, the provincial government sent him to Canada’s west coast for a few weeks on a teacher exchange program. This was a rare opportunity; China was not nearly as open in the days preceding the Tiananmen Square incident in 1989.

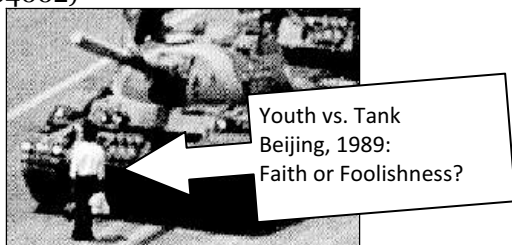
Though he had never been on this side of the world before, Chu somehow made his way from Vancouver to southeast Florida (where we were living at the time), showing up unexpectedly *at our ministry door*. How he was able to make the journey is a mystery, and perhaps a miracle in itself. Within a just a few days, we baptized him in water and the Holy Spirit baptized him in fire, and then he made his way back to Vancouver in the time allotted.

The authorities that sent him never found out about this journey or its outcome. This could not have been mere heroics because Chu’s odyssey was impossible considering the time, money, and political

³³ Secret Christians are known as Crypto-Christians.

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stumbling-stones. Yet it all came to pass via supernatural faith that built up over the course of forty years – at which time his faith was made sight. (Case 04002)



Gifts of Healing

Matthew 8:16 That evening they brought to *Y'shua* many who were possessed with demons; and he cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick.

Healing for Dummies: Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the assembly; let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Master: and the *prayer of faith* will save (= heal = deliver) the sick, and the Master will raise him up; and if he has committed sin, they will be forgiven him. (James 5:13-15)

In practice, the gift of healing is often limited to physical, flesh-man healing. Spiritual healing is often categorized differently – as “deliverance,” exorcism, restoration, or inner healing. Sometimes the healing required is psychological, and Christian psychology and “Restoring the Foundations”³⁴ types of ministries are becoming more and more prominent, accepted, and effective! Methods of healing vary widely. Among them are prayer, anointing with oil and prayer, laying on of hands, commanding, calling forth “ministering angels of healing,” fasting, and obedient living.

As a young teen, I attended the great healing crusades of A. A. Allen (d. 1970). Don Stewart, who assisted Allen in the 60s and inherited

³⁴ Restoring the Foundations Ministries, 2849 Laurel Park Highway Hendersonville, North Carolina 28739 828-696-9075

the ministry at Allen's death, writes of the following exciting healing in his book, *Only Believe* (p. 75).³⁵

“With my own eyes, I saw Góð instantly give a woman new skin. It was in the Paramount, California crusade. They brought a woman in on a stretcher; she was dying of cancer. When Allen pulled the sheet off her, there was an audible gasp from the ministers on stage. The odor was unbelievable. She was all covered with this ugly thing. Her whole front was a mass of blood, puss, and cancer. The open wound extended from her chest down to her intestines. It was the worst any of us had ever seen, and we had been dealing with dying cancer patients every night for years.

“When Allen prayed, the color and texture of that mass began to change to that of normal skin. It just kept changing and changing and moving down the body. The wound started to close. Others were standing there looking on. One of our ministers almost fainted. We had all seen healings every night for years, but we had never seen anything like this. When the woman began to see it happening, she jumped up off that stretcher and started shouting, ‘Thank you, Jesus! Thank you, Jesus!’ Everyone was crying.

“In typical A. A. Allen style, he ordered out for a hot dog with ketchup and mustard and had the lady eat it right there. As the story began to circulate, the crowds grew and so did the people's faith to believe for the impossible.”

Today, there are many, many testimonies of miraculous healings and recoveries. The medical community has become very interested in the prayer / healing connection, and some empirical studies have proved a positive correlation between the two.

Some of these studies even involve “healing” groups of *plant seeds* in order to eliminate any subjective influences of the people praying. One group of seeds does not receive prayer; another group does, but from a distance; and yet another group is prayed for “in person.”

³⁵ *Only Believe: Eye Witness Account of the Great Healing Revivals* by Don Stewart, 1999.

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The last group proved to be the most fertile and robust as seedlings. The second group is similar but a little less vigorous. The first group is always the least fertile and productive. The medical community has now “discovered” that there are spiritual aspects to healing! (Although many still see *all such healings* as “the placebo effect,” “spontaneous healing phenomena” or “psychosomatic recovery.”)³⁶

There are many testimonials to healing. As reader, you may have yours, too! I have witnessed a few spectacular instantaneous healings, some manifesting when I, the next to least of the Apostles, prayed! That is always exciting. (Later on in the volume I record a number of wonderful prayers to help you get started. Reading prayers may not be the rage, but doing so is an act of faith – probably *a greater act than improvising*. Do not be self-conscious about reading prayers!)

Not Always Immediate

Notice that in the “Healing for Dummies” verses above (James 5:13ff), the inspired writer tells us *the sick will recover*. The implication is that there is a time of recovery to follow. We must not underestimate the act of healing or the power behind it; yet most of the time it seem that healing is a process. Each infirmity consists of many factors and systems, physical and spiritual, emotional and temperamental. Healing can take some time.

Rev. Don Bartow of Canton, OH believes that when the sick or infirm are the beneficiaries of prayer, *something is always addressed through the act of faith*, whether there is an obvious appearance of it or not. This position is probably correct, and may be affirmed to some extent by reviewing how (“real”) physicians heal – often through a set course of treatments or protocols – sometimes taking months or years to complete.³⁷

It makes sense to heal holistically – that is, to address the different parts of the infirmity, as mentioned above. Let us recall that we are

³⁶ Books such as *Timeless Healing* by Dr. Herbert Benson, *Spontaneous Healing : How to Discover and Embrace Your Body's Natural Ability to Maintain and Heal Itself* by Andrew Weil, and *The Spontaneous Healing of Belief: Shattering the Paradigm of False Limits* by Gregg Braden, help us understand this connection.

³⁷ Rev. Bartow, <http://www.totallivingcenter.org>.

to be instruments of the Master Physician's healing ability, who instructed us that

...these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name³⁸ shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; *they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.*

We lay hands on the sick and our hands become the hands of Messiah. If I may be so bold, I say that such action is sacramental in nature – something in the natural is changed for the time being to the supernatural, by the beneficent power. Something evil, unclean, or afflicting is addressed miraculously.

There are many excellent books on this subject. The books of Francis MacNutt on Healing and Deliverance are top-rate for Christians. Messianic believers might want to do some changing of nomenclature in the book to address our particular viewpoint and to be more specific than Rev. MacNutt.

Gift of Miracles

2 Kings 4:42-44. There came a man from Ba'al-Shalisha³⁹ and brought [Elisha] bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of corn in the husk. He said, Give these to the people, that they may eat. His server said, What, should I set this before a hundred men? He said again, Give the people that they may eat: for thus says YHWH, They shall eat and shall leave some. So he set it before them, and they ate, and left some, according to *the word of YHWH.*

John 6:11 Y'shua then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, that nothing may be lost."

³⁸ The master's name is Y'shua the Messiah. It makes a great difference to demons who you call on, and there are 100,000 unclean spirits in the earth named "Jesus." We are commanded throughout the Testaments to *be specific* when we pray, and to whom we pray.

³⁹ Ba'al-Shalisha – the town was named for the triune ba'al, or lord of the trinity.

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Multiplying food! Miracles occur! We perceive natural law as broken for the Almighty's purpose. Elisha fed a hundred with 20 loaves and some corn. Y'shua fed the multitude with five loaves and two fish. Here is a similar "miracle" in which I gladly participated.

A man travels to a third-world nation to assist in distributing small gifts to thousands of students. He had accumulated several large suitcases full of gifts for the project back at home; but the missionary flight has no room and the bags of gifts *are left behind*.

When the man arrives, he finds one suitcase of gifts he supposed was left behind. Over the course of a week, he passes out gifts from the suitcase to lines upon lines of schoolchildren. After the week is over, the gifts are depleted as the very last of the children parade through.

He realizes! There may have been enough gifts to supply 100 children but not enough for several thousands. Yet they all received.

Miracles of greater propensity seem to happen on the foreign field, where the people's outlook integrates spirituality (or superstition). This broader spirituality *expands* their immediate faith in the miraculous rather than limits it. We consider this as ignorance; however, third-worlders need more faith simply to supply their daily bread! As "Westerners," American and European Christians often have a rational – secular – outlook that rejects the human soul / spirit / divinity. This denial is often held *uncritically*, and it works against the supernatural aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven, thus limiting the reach of the Western believer.

Here is perhaps greater ignorance: in giving a presentation on behalf of third-world students in a very affluent denominational church, I mentioned that mothers in overpopulated countries have the exact same hopes for themselves and their children as mothers in affluent countries, perhaps more. There are more children per mother in the third world in hopes that one of the children may 1. survive the first five years, 2. get an education, 3. get a job in the city or in another country so as to support the whole family. This hope helps cause the population to explode; on the other hand, some children do get good jobs or escape to the US; they then send significant earned income back to the family – sometimes enough to support several families.

One of the smug church elders asked very loudly, “Why, then, don’t these people practice birth control, family planning, and safe sex? Where is Planned Parenthood? Can’t your staff distribute condoms in the villages that you work?” These questions were spoilers. I hardly considered them worthy of answering, but I did as graciously as possible.

How might you answer this question in the light of faith and hope?

Without _____ it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to YHWH must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. (Hebrews 11:6)

The mission field has given us details of many miracles. Here is one of many war-interrupting miracles of faith.

Kowloon, China 1941. M. B. was a missionary to China during the Second World War. She related to me an amazing experience that happened soon after the Japanese invasion:

The Japanese had a reputation for raping, torturing, and murdering missionaries and nurses. As the Japanese soldiers broke through the door of her orphanage, M. B. hurried up to the third floor of the old building and hid in a barren closet there. She heard the soldiers noisily ascending to find her, and in her terror, she began to pray Psalm 91 fervently: “He shall cover thee with his pinions, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.”

“Cover me with your pinions! Cover me with your pinions!” she pled.

The soldiers reached the third floor and searched. They opened the closet in which M. was hiding. There was nothing else in that closet but her, she related. She was in plain view. She looked the enemy directly, noticing the guns with bayonets attached, remembering faces.

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But the Japanese soldiers **did not see her**. They looked through her as though she was not even present, or they saw a closet full of feathers (pinions).

The soldiers slammed the closet doors, stomped off, and left M. B. unscathed. She told me she was hidden beneath the Almighty's feathers!

Miracles of congregational prayer happen through "joining faith." Recall how often Scripture speaks of the Jerusalem Assembly of James as being of "one mind" or of "one accord." Hebrew has a special word for this, "Echad."⁴⁰ Hebraic people recite the *Shema* of Deuteronomy 6:4 morning and evening:

Shema Yisrael! YHWH Eloheinu YHWH Echad!⁴¹

Hear Israel! YHWH our Elohim, YHWH is Unity.

Shema: listen, hear, and act – all in one word.

Yisrael: the mixed multitude in covenant with the Father.

YHWH: personal name of the Father often covered up by "LORD."

Eloheinu: our "Elohim" or "Mighty One."

Echad: the number 1 (one); a unity.

YHWH is Numero Uno!

Those who can make this proclamation with no reservations are indeed One with the Father through the Renewed Covenant, sealed by the blood of Y'shua Messiah. This Oneness is of purpose, direction and authority, and may now be or eventually become Oneness of substance.

Discursion: More About Elohim

Consider and reject (if you will): The proper name God makes for a very inadequate English translation of the Hebrew *elohim* (eh-low-HEEM) or Greek *theos, theoi* (THAY-auss). Elohim means "Strongest One" or "Almighty" or "strong ones," though even these are not

⁴⁰ Echad = eh-KAWD, with the 'k' sound from the throat. It means oneness, unity, being in one-accord.

⁴¹ Shema = Hear! Some groups regard the personal name of the Father too sacred to speak. They replace the name **Yahweh** (YHWH) with a variety of pagan or mundane substitutes, Adonai, LORD, GOD, HaShem, etc.

adequate. I choose to leave Elohim / Eloha / El untranslated. Likewise, many fervent believers now use the scriptural title “Elohim” instead of the name “God.” The best evidence you can find for this return to the Hebraic Heritage is on the Internet – thousands upon thousands have changed their nomenclature – and some have been ostracized for doing so. Nevertheless, prophetic words for the end-times tell us this is bound to happen.⁴²

When we capitalize *Elohim* we are speaking of the Almighty YHWH. Elohim is also YHWH’s family title, and used as such in hundreds of Bible verses, which you can see when we peel the substitute words away. Here is an early use:

Genesis 2:7. Then YHWH Elohim formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and Adam became a living being.

“Elohim” connotes not only the “Mighty One,” but also all those in the family of spiritual beings, the greatest being YHWH Elohim, the Creator of our species. Elohim (small *e*) can also refer to any being who is in the family of the spiritual, including angels. Elohim (small *e*) = spiritual beings. Elohim also refers to *the Messiah* since Y’shua is a life-giving spirit. (1 Corinthians 15:45). Finally, and perhaps most importantly for our discussion, *elohim* refers to *human beings who are born of the spirit*; as spiritual beings, we are Elohim.

One scholar tells us plainly:

“Using the unrelated name ‘God’ makes the whole family of spiritual beings seem pagan and Teutonic, especially since that word denotes an Ammonite deity cherished by wayward Israelites in the dispersion.”⁴³ YIKES!

The reader may see how this shakes out with a couple of very difficult passages, which I have correctly translated / transliterated for you:

⁴² Zechariah 13:2,9; 14:9; Zephaniah 3:9, etc.

⁴³ Isaiah 65:11, YLT *Ye [are] those forsaking YHWH, Who are forgetting My holy mountain, Who are setting in array for Gd (pronounced ‘god’) a table, And who are filling for Meni (pronounced ‘money’) a mixture.* After careful word study, I am uneasy about using the term “god.” *Elohim* is more inclusive, scriptural, and without the pagan etymological baggage. There are many Internet sites that rightly define “The Family of Elohim.”

Spiritual Gifts Revelation:

Psalms 82:6. I have said, **Ye are gods**; and all of you are children of the most High. (KJV)

Quoted by Y'shua:

John 10:34. Is it not written in your law, I said, **Ye are gods?**

Passages like this have been stumbling-blocks to true faith and launching-points for cults. See it this way:

Psalms 82:6. I have said, **Ye are elohim**; and all of you are children of the most High.

John 10:34. Is it not written in your law, I said, **Ye are elohim?**

If we understand that elohim speaks of the family of spiritual beings, the passages at long last make sense. No, we are not 'gods'; but we are regenerated spiritual beings: *elohim*. Can we now see how plausible the Great High Priestly Prayer becomes?

I pray not only for my apostles, but also for the people who believe in me through their teaching. May all of them be united, just as You are in me and I am in You. I pray that they will be in us, so that the people of the world may believe that You sent me. I have given them the glory that You have given me. May they be united, as we are; I in them and You in me. May they be completely united, so that the people of the world will know that You sent me and that You loved them as You loved me.... ***I revealed Your name to them*** and I will reveal it. I want them to have Your love in them, the same love that You have for me. I want to be in them, too. John 17: 20-26, SIM

In understand the original word "elohim," we no longer play into neo-Gnostic theology of the new age, but declare the Echad / Unity that Y'shua envisioned for we who believe the teaching of the Apostles.

Check this meeting between Y'shua and the Leaders of the Judaism he encountered.

John 10:32-38. Y'shua answered them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of these do you stone me?" The Jews [that is, the religious leaders] answered

him, "It is not for a good work that we stone you but for blasphemy; because you, being a man, make yourself *elohim*."
(a *Elohim*)

If he called them *elohim* to whom the word of YHWH came, do you *also* say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of Elohim'?

If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me. If I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, so you may know and understand that *the Father is in me and I am in the Father*."

This rendering compasses the oneness to which Y'shua the Messiah referred when speaking of his relationship with the Father. We who are truly born from above have become members (though baby members) of the family of *elohim* (spirit-born). Even greater than this, we are not *elohim* only, but kinfolk of YHWH Elohim.

Oneness without friendship is a cursed thing! This is perhaps why Y'shua made it clear he was not ONE with the Jewish leaders by proclaiming, "You are of your father, the devil." (John 8:44)

Study the following passage carefully. Therein is contained the great spiritual truth of *Elohim* and *Echad*, the uniting power from which miracles are born.

HIG PRIESTLY PRAYER *John 17:18-26*

As you have sent me into the world I have likewise sent [my students] into the world. For their sake, *I set myself apart*, that *the truth might set them apart* also.

(We are to be set apart unto the truth of Y'shua's identity as Word, Son, Elohim, King, Master and Savior.
Isaiah 9:6)

I pray not for these alone, but also for them that will believe on me through their word so that they all *may be one*; as you, Abba, are in me and I in you: that they may be one in us also: so that the whole world may believe that you sent me.

Spiritual Gifts Revelation:

(Y'shua is interceding for us, the offspring of the Spirit of the Apostles, that in our day we may be a sign to the world of that aforementioned truth.)

The honor that you gave me I have given them so that they *may be one, even as we are one:*

(They would go out with him and later in his place, with the truth and all authority.)

I in them and you in me; this way they may be perfected in *echad*; [by this] the world may know that you sent me and love them just as you love me.

(*Echad*: perfected in oneness; completely One; loved and empowered.)

Abba,⁴⁴ I want those you have given me to be with me *wherever I am*; that they may *see my renown that you have given me*: for you loved me before the foundation of the earth.

(Consider now our longevity and genealogy in the family of *YHWH Elohim*!)

O righteous Father, the world has not known you, but I have known you, and these [students] know that you sent me.

(The world still does not know him except in glimpses – through charitable acts – through kindness – through the empowered Noetic Favors. These glimpses we are to provide to the world! Signs are to precede and follow us!

You will see greater things than these! John 1:50

You will do greater works than these! John 14:12)

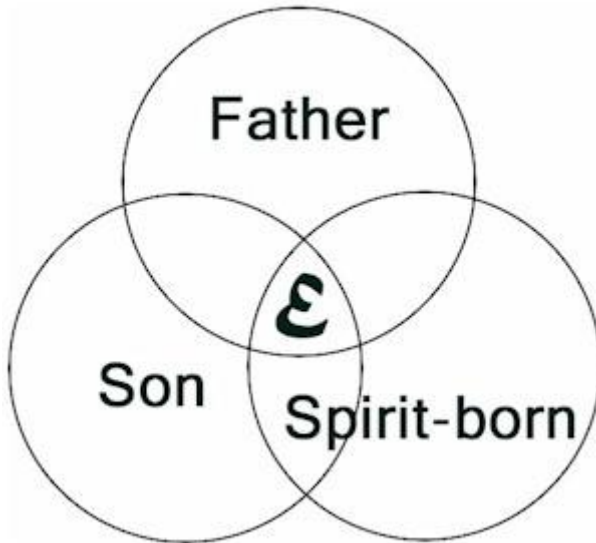
I have declared your name to them all, and will continue to declare it, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them as I am in them.

⁴⁴ Abba = Father: familiar like *Dad*.

(Declaring the name was illegal; and among most groups still is. We have millions of churchgoers that do not even know their Father's name other than a pagan substitute. This was undoubtedly *Y'shua's greatest sin* by the measure of his enemies – making the secret name, in its utter simplicity, known.

Hebrews 8:11. They will teach, "Know YHWH": for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.)

Is this not a *magnificent speech* and a *Hebraic unity prayer* overwhelming with meaning? Explanations fall short.



The Venn of Echad 1

There is love, unity and *exponential power* for good in Echad, as in “where two or more agree on earth, it shall also be done in heaven.” In the next case history, there was a perfect reason why the elohim of angels should step in.

A men's prayer group plans a youth service featuring a well-known youth evangelist. The men invite the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization, and BB/BS commits *all the children in the program* to attend. (This, in itself, is a miracle.)

Spiritual Gifts Revelation:

The afternoon of the program, the temperature creeps below zero. The furnace is broken in the rented hall! The men call a heating technician who finds that *an essential component* in the heating system is *broken*. He *removes* the vital part entirely, shows it to us, shows us where it fit, and says he will order a replacement. In the meantime, the system is completely non-functional.

The program will begin in a couple hours; the building is *freezing* cold. The men cannot find a solution. After a suggestion to call the meeting off, a normally quiet fellow says to the other men, "Let's lay hands on the thermostat and pray in expectation of a miracle." These men have been together every seventh-day Sabbath for prayer for years. There is great unity, and the gifts of the Spirit flow! Why not try prayer!

All these men *lay hands* upon the thermostat, some hands on top of others (a unity) and he who suggested this course of action *offers a prayer thanking the Father for authority through the Son* – then he *quietly commands the furnace to come on!*

To the utter amazement of all (but the man who prayed), the furnace *immediately* kicks in. Within an hour, the building is warm. Later, *seventy children* accept the evangelist's anointed challenge to discipleship! In the ensuing months, many lives are changed!

Here are some encouraging words from our Master that relate directly to this situation, and some hindrances that we have encountered:

Matthew 18:18. *Y'shua*: Amein, I tell you,
Whatever you will _____ on earth
will be _____ in the heavens:
and whatever you will _____ on earth
will be _____ in the heavens.

dēsēte = *δησητε* = *will bind, tie up, prohibit*: "Whatever you bind"
If YOU will prohibit something in temporal reality, that thing, person

or situation will be likewise prohibited in the pneumatic (spiritual / elohim) realm.

lusēte = λυσητε = *will loosen, unbind, set free*: “Whatever you loose ...” If YOU will set something free or something loose in temporal reality, that thing, person or situation will be likewise freed in the pneumatic / spiritual / elohim / multi-dimensional realm. *luō* also means *destroy* or *dissolve*.

How could the heating system work without a vital part? The young man that prayed the quiet words of authority opened the electrical box and found the part still missing. Elohim had not replaced it. Yet that furnace came on immediately without even turning it on. The greatest story, though, is that all these children from broken homes had the opportunity for ministry in the *Echad* of Spiritual Men and Women. HalleluYah!

Matthew 18:19,20. Again, I say unto you, if two of you will agree on earth as touching (regarding) any thing that they will ask, it will be done for them of my Father that is in heaven. For *where two or three are gathered together in my name*, there am I in the midst of them.

For the Pharisees, a *minyan* was necessary for praying in unity. A *minyan* consisted of ten men (no women allowed).

How many spirit-born, Spirit-filled people are required for a minyan / quorum according to the Master? _____ or _____

Do we permit women in the prayer quorum?

Finally, remember, time is never a factor in praying for miracles. You can take authority in binding and losing sin and evil *in the present, future or past*. Dose it seem impossible to change the past? It **is** possible to change the past and future when a believer is working in multi-dimensional reality at the behest of an ageless, timeless Miracle Worker!

Think Again!

With men (*in temporal reality*) it is impossible! but with Elohim (*in spiritual reality*) all things are possible. Matthew 19:26

Spiritual Gifts Revelation:

Physicists tell us about multi- dimensional reality and power. Which is more real, 3-dimensional reality or 4-dimensional reality? The only way we can access healthy four-dimensional reality is through our connection with and devotion to YHWH Elohim. Any other means of being spiritual is unclean for us.

Gift of Prophecy

The Book of Nehemiah is neglected reading, though it is a veritable textbook of human behavior under the influence of the Kodesh Spirit.

Nehemiah 8:5,6. In full view of all the people (since he stood higher), Ezra opened the scroll; and when he opened it, all the people stood. Then Ezra blessed YHWH, the great Elohim, and all the people *raised their hands* and answered, "Amein! Amein!" Then *they bowed down and, face to the ground*, prostrated themselves before YHWH.

Prophecy is sometimes used to denote what is actually *Wisdom's Word* (λογος σοφιας / *logos sophias*). But Prophecy is the gift of *inspired speaking*, evidenced by healings, conversions, baptisms in the Holy Spirit, great conviction of sin, deliverances, "falling out under the Power," and other demonstrations of Y'shua's signs during the course of the prophetic message. All those gathered in Jerusalem experienced wonderful manifestations of the Spirit in the days of Nehemiah and Ezra as they *prophetically read* the newly discovered Torah scroll in its entirety.

These Nehemiac manifestations are not unlike those brought forth during the Pentecost preaching of Peter in Acts 2 and beyond.

Various *manifestations* surface as a result of the Kodesh Spirit moving through the words of *inspired speaking*, and are recorded in the ministries of the great prophets Girolamo Savonarola (1452-1496), George Fox (1624-1691), John Wesley (1703-1792), Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758), George Whitefield (1714-1770), and thousands of speakers since, *despite denominational and theological diversity*, despite preaching style (or lack thereof). We should not be surprised when these same signs are revealed within the course of our own experiences. Indeed, we should earnestly expect signs! We are not an evil generation, for we have embraced the sign of Jonah. (Matthew 12:39)

In the popular and classical sense, prophecy is also the foretelling of the future, as our Scripture example shows:

Luke 21:5,6 As some were speaking of the temple, that it was adorned with great stones and offerings, Y'shua said: **As to these you see, days will come in which there will not be left a stone upon a stone, that will not be thrown down.**



Luke 21:32 **This generation will not pass away until all these have been accomplished.**

The Romans destroyed Jerusalem and its temple entirely in 70 AD, leaving only a part of the foundation wall remaining, known today as the “Wailing Wall.” A Biblical generation is forty years. Forty years before, Y'shua recorded this prophecy of destruction, and it came to pass exactly on time.

In the last forty years (our time), many land areas mentioned in the Scriptures have been in the news. Israel's existence today (declared so in 1948), and Jerusalem's liberation from Edomites / Arabs (won in 1967), signify *miraculous fulfillments* to ancient prognostications in the name of YHWH, including Y'shua. Fifteen years ago we could not have imagined the state of the Middle East at the 40th anniversary of the prophet's warning (1967 + 40 = 2007).

Since 2005 and right up to today (2008), Gaza, a little place that is the object of a little prophecy, is being set up for a fall. YHWH spoke through Zephaniah about Gaza.

Zephaniah 2:4. Gaza will be abandoned and Ashkelon reduced to ruins; Ashdod will be driven out in broad daylight and Ekron uprooted.

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Israel destroyed Ashkelon and Ekron, two of the five great Philistine capitals, a million years ago. **But never Gaza.** Israel (or Jewish and associated Israelis) abandoned Gaza in the summer of 2005, leaving the area in control of the terror group *Hamas* (i.e. violence). When the pullout was complete, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon built a wall around Gaza.

Terrorists retaliated by kidnapping several young Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) soldiers; some have been held now for three years or more. We read about these kidnappings in the ancient pages, and the turning over of Gaza to Edom (Arab extremists) in Amos 1:6 and following:

Thus says YHWH: “For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four, I will not revoke punishment because they carried into exile a whole people to deliver them up to Edom. So I will *send a fire upon the wall of Gaza*, and it shall devour her strongholds.”

Terror-mongers in Gaza have been sending a daily rain of explosive rockets down on the small Israeli town of Sderot, the closest to Gaza, for as long as I can now remember! The Israeli government is about to fold over this matter at present – several members, including the latest Prime Minister – are in the throws of corruption trials.

The likely outcome is that the Likud Party (i.e. consolidation – hard-liners) will get back in charge of Israel, and the prophecies of Gaza – never before fulfilled – will become a bloody reality. Follow Gaza beyond 2008 – track it to learn what Scripture says, then check the news. You may find yourself acquiring a nose for news and prophecy.

Those who live by the sword take the chance of dying by the sword. Their dying is not unfortunate; what is unfortunate is that they take down brainwashed masses with them.

Prophecy from the Father to his men and women has not ceased, though today there is a calamity of false prophecy going forth. YHWH tells us we will know if the prophecy is true or false by whether the words come to pass or not.

A mission organization has several hundred personnel stationed in a volatile third-world country. News arrives at the mission's U. S. headquarters one morning that the military accomplished a *coup d'etat* the night before. The office staff is called together to pray in *Echad (oneness)*. There is a fervent need for answers: lives, property, and money are at stake. They must take action immediately! But first, there must be prayer.

During the time of praying, YHWH chooses the chaplain. He loudly prophesies a very short word: "*YHWH says: this day will not pass until all is as it was – have faith and watch.*"

To the total surprise of political analysts, *the end of the day sees the restoration of the previous (somewhat) stable government.* Could this possibly be?

Yet this prophecy is one of many such words, some quite spectacular, coming forth from this group of concerned mission volunteers. We speculate that they were blessed with the gift of prophecy because the whole ministry was upon the ground of empathic compassion. (Matthew 9:36). (Case 00018)

Prophetic utterances are often prefaced with "Thus saith the LORD" due to the influence of the King James Bible. Of course, those who are enlightened to the true names use the old titles no more. Yet we wonder if true prophetic utterances have greater credibility if they are heralded in Elizabethan-style English? Think about that.

Personal prophecies and "prophetic words" are popular today.⁴⁵ Some schools teach *how* to prophesy. Some "words" from the

⁴⁵ Would you like to hear some latter day prophetic words to individuals? Stream some from www.motivational-gifts.org!

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prophecy will be on target, but *many are false*. One cannot be *taught* to prophesy – such is a gift of the Spirit that can be received through prayer, expectation, and watchful waiting. One may, on the other hand, learn to distinguish when the Kadosh Spirit desires the prophetically-favored believer to speak up.

Getting started takes boldness. The Spirit falls heavily on the prophet; a feeling of needing to unpack the Word is strong. Often I will get a few words to start. I must then speak it out and trust the Spirit because I definitely do not have the *gift of gab*. If I hold back, the anointing to prophesy fades off, leaving a feeling of shame – shame that I could not find it in me to be obedient to the call.

On the other hand, whoever is in charge must be discriminating as to who speaks. Remember:

The _____ person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by _____.

For who has known the mind of YHWH so as to instruct him? *But we have the mind of the Anointed One.*

1 Corinthians 2:15,16

Inspired speaking of any variety is *a gift of YHWH to be coveted and desired; not to be afraid of or disbelieving about*. Prophecy is a gift that carries *a great burden of responsibility*; take your responsibility, prophets!

Isaiah 13:1 The *masa* of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz did see.

masa means () burden () oracle () proclamation

(Burden is the KJV word for “oracle” – the word of YHWH through the prophet, in Isaiah 13:1 *etc.* Inspired *proclamation* is born as a *burden* before it grows into an *oracle*.) *masa* means *all three*, and also *parable* in some translations.

Consider this modern-day oracle:

Frank was a layman in a Pentecostal church. A local prophetic evangelist preached at the church. *During the preaching*, the

evangelist called Frank to attention in the congregation, pointing at Frank: “Thus saith the LORD: You will be leaving out of here to minister in a dead denomination very soon.”⁴⁶ Frank later laughed about it. He was not about to leave this wonderful house of worship.

After a few months, a well-known prophetic evangelist came to the church for one meeting.⁴⁷ Frank again was *called out*⁴⁸ *immediately*: “Yours is a strange case. You will soon be leaving this place to go into the ministry of the mainline church.”

Frank was *puzzled* by the repetition (this was the second time such a notion came forth from the Spirit) but *expectant* for the healing; he suffered debilitating rheumatoid arthritis. He certainly wanted “all his afflictions” healed.

The evangelist rushed out into the congregation, grabbed Frank, and cried out, “All your afflictions are healed!” Frank fell forward in a swoon over the pew in front of him, “slain in the Spirit.”

A few days later, the chairperson of a large, mainline church phoned Frank to ask if he would consider hiring on as an associate minister, even though he had no professional experience. Frank replied, “I’ll pray about it.”

Confused by the prophecies and the phone call, Frank phoned his prayer partner in another city. “Pray that the Heavenly Father gives us a word on this, brother,” asked Frank.

His brother returned the call the next day with a word, “I don’t know what this means, but your word is ‘Come out of her.’” Later that day, Frank accepted the ministry employment opportunity in the mainline church.

Over the course of the next three years in pastoral ministry, Frank accepted a ministry position in the tropics. The *change in climate* swiftly brought forth the remission of the painful

⁴⁶ These are the *exact words* of Evangelist Larry Callahan of Indiana, OBM.)

⁴⁷ Evangelist and Musician Freddie Clark, www.olderfashionedrevivals.com.

⁴⁸ *Called out* = this is the literal meaning of *ecclesia*, unfortunately mistranslated as *church* (Matthew 16:18) in most bibles.

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arthritic condition. *Frank was healed.* (Romans 8:26-28)
(For other examples of prophecy, refer again to the section, “Speaking in Prophecy.”)

Discernment of and Dealing with Unclean Spirits

John 2:24,25. Y’shua did not trust himself to them, because he knew all men and needed no one to bear witness of man, for he knew what was in man.

Discernment is the supernatural ability to detect spirits of good or evil, clean or unclean, cooperative, competitive, or cruel. Discernment is also the ability to judge right from wrong in cases of ambiguity including the testing of those who claim to be prophets or have other spiritual gifts. Discernment may extend, through the divine source, to

“distinguishing between soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, becoming a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart” (Hebrews 4:12).

What does 1 John 4:1-6 admonish us to do at all times?

BELOVED, DO not _____ every *spirit*, but _____ the *spirits* to see if they are of El; for many false *prophets* have gone (from us) into the world.

By this you know the Kodesh Spirit: every _____ that confesses that Y’shua the Anointed One has appeared *in the* _____ is of YHWH . . .

Notice that the Apostle is speaking of *spirits (Spirit)*, not *people*. *The American Heritage Dictionary*: a spirit is “a supernatural being, such as an angel or a demon.” We might add people who are born of the spirit (small ‘s’), baptized in the Spirit (large ‘S’), and demon-possessed or oppressed people. There are far more of these than most might ever imagine).

The *spirit* that confesses Y’shua (the *anthropoid* who traveled around the Roman Empire in the days of Augustus and Tiberius) as

the Anointed One (for that is what *Christ*⁴⁹ means), who originated in Elohim (the patron of Israel, deity of Abraham, the Patriarchs, the author, and the reader); such a one is a supernatural being who comes from and serves our Heavenly Father.

Every _____ that does not confess _____ is not of YHWH. This is the spirit of anti-Messiah (aka Antichrist), which you heard was coming and now it is already in the world.

Little children, you are of YHWH Elohim, and have _____ them

(i.e. spirits of the world and antichrist);

for He who is in you is greater than it that is in the world.

They are of the world; what they _____ is of the world, and the world _____ to them.

We are Elohim. Whoever knows YHWH listens to us, and he who is not of YHWH does not listen to us. By this we know the _____ of truth and the spirit of error.

Acts 16:16 and following contains a story as modern as today.

It happened one day that as we were going to prayer, we were met by a slave-girl who was a psychic and *made a lot of money* for her masters by foretelling the future.

This girl started following Paul and the rest of us and shouting, “Here are the servants of the El Shaddai! They have come to tell you how to be saved!” (Is this not the truth of the matter?)

⁴⁹ I do not often use Christ *χριστος* as a title because, at the time of the New Testament and before, there were many “christs” including some very, very foul characters and gods, such as Krishna of Hinduism. The preference is the English word *Anointed* or the Hebraic word *Messiah*. Both mean “one who is anointed with oil as king.” The word *Christos* also has a very derogatory connotation; that is, being “smeared with excrement.” Take it out of your vocabulary and Bible.

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She did this day after day until Paul was infuriated and turned round and said *to the spirit*, “I order you in the name of Y’shua the Anointed One to leave that woman.” The spirit went out of her then and there.

Note that it was the *unclean spirit* that gave a servant girl the power to *discern spirits and tell fortunes*.

This *unclean spirit of discernment* was cast out of the poor little servant girl by the aggravated Apostle Paul. If the unclean spirit is able to discern so capably, how might the righteous man or woman imbued with the Kadosh Spirit discern truth?

This is the story of quite a few people with whom I have been acquainted. They go to a psychic thinking they are going to get a word from the “Holy Ghost,” but they come home cursed and poor. Then they do not learn a lesson from this, even after speaking to a man or woman of YHWH about it. They go right back and more devils attempt to make them a domicile.

We do not know how the servant girl became blessed or cursed with this demonic entity. To my knowledge, some are born with a family curse, some are cursed by their parents or a guardian when they are babes, some desire psychic gifts and invite lying spirits in, some receive an unclean spirit by not fleeing demonic psychic materials, including computer / video games and television programs purporting to conjure the dead.

Consider this example:

When Jen was a child, she could see “spirits.” “Grandpa” sat by the door of the bedroom – he was friendly. Others bothered her. The friendly spirits began to distort their faces; but by 15, she became acclimated to these nuisances. After answering an altar call, she learned that Grandpa and the rest might be harassing demons. While lying in bed, she felt small creatures lifting her up as if to carry her away. Jen was levitating. She thought to cry out to her new Savior, but her mouth would not move.

Jen finally whimpered, “In the name of Jesus...” The creatures immediately whispered her harshly on the bed.

Years later, in married life, the demons Jen continued to see began to harass her husband. A simple believer, Chuck could sense the cold chills of evil when Grandpa and the gang came around. Finally, in exasperation, he prayed, “O G-d, bind up these demons; let her not see thee things any more!” His binding prayer was efficacious – the apparitions ceased.

Unclean spirits may take a much less impressive form.

Jamal is the part-time accountant for a small shoe store. He is trying to complete the annual income statement when a customer enters with a screeching three-year-old. The sound the child made was unnatural and unnerving in its intensity. There did not appear to be any cause for the child to emote so. Jamal cannot work with this noise. It blanks out his mind, and the report deadline is approaching.

This young man had a little experience with casting out spirits. He knew something unclean was tormenting the babe. He looked out at the little girl child and he began to sense the cold spiritual fear the child felt. Jamal commanded the *spirit of fear* to depart in the name of Y’shua of Nazareth.

The girl could not have possibly heard him, for he spoke to the demon *under his breath*. Nevertheless, the child *immediately* stopped crying and cried no more for the next half hour she was in the store.

One exercise I often suggest to those who want to sharpen their discernment and increase their faith is to command spirits away from crying children in public places. Weak demons go after children. The believer can often quickly chase them out and bind them from coming back.

Try this: when you hear squalling in public, pray *quietly*, “Father YHWH, give me the discernment to know what unclean spirit is troubling this child so I may vanquish it.”

Immediately, fear, resentment, even hate will come to mind. *Now that is discernment*. Menace the spirit under your breath, even though it may be across the room, “Spirit of [whatever] in that child yonder, I have found you out by the Spirit of Y’shua Messiah. This child is not yours! I command you in the name of Y’shua the Messiah

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to depart for the space between Y'shua's feet, and We bar you from ever returning to this babe or any other human being!"

In a minute, often far less, the child will stop fussing and become happy. Though the child cannot hear you, the weak demon can; its hearing is as sharp as any other predatory animal. It must do as you say. You will be pleasantly surprised at how the unclean spirit will *obey*, then how the True Spirit will minister.

Do you not know that the Kadoshim⁵⁰ will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? Do you not know that *we are to judge angels*? How much more, matters pertaining to this life! 1 Corinthians 6:2,3

I challenge you to test this for yourself. Read the section over several times. When you hear a child wailing, the instructions will just pop out of your mind onto your lips. HalleluYah! You will then start preparing for bigger, stronger parasites.

But more on this subject later

Tongues and Interpretation

"Tongues" are languages spoken but never learned – spontaneous manifestations of praise or prophecy to the assembly. These can be human languages ("tongues of men") or ecstatic languages ("tongues of angels").

"And [those present at Pentecost] were all filled with the Kadosh Spirit, and **they began** to speak with other tongues, as _____ gave them utterance."

They began is the key phrase. The Spirit brought this gift, and it was a witness to the onlookers who had gathered when they heard the sound the Spirit made, like a great wind. (Remember, *pneuma* means *spirit*, *breath*, and *wind*.) Note that these foreigners heard the Good News in their own native languages.

Often one *seeking* such a gift *in expectation* will begin to speak quietly in prayer then (as it has been described) "the Spirit takes

⁵⁰ Kadoshim = Set-apart ones; those divided out of the world and clean for Yahweh. The usually translation of this word is "saints."

over.” The types of tongues previously described are now illustrated and exemplified:

Glossalalia (*tongues, prayer language*): James was baptized in the Holy Spirit many years ago with a tremendous onrush of inner power. He has spoken in tongues at will ever since. He often hears in his own words: “*Calli shondi prati li ki ey. Holia shati. Yondo calla shiondei.*” He does not know what this means, but when he prays, he feels *closer* to the Almighty, as though he were *in the Presence of the Shekinah Glory*.

Glossalalia (*tongues, prayer language*): The Spirit baptizes brothers at the same time. They both received a spontaneous prayer language. Sixteen years later, they have a reunion. They decide to pray in tongues to compare languages. After all this time apart, they discover the languages appear to be identical – words, syntax, and expression. They both are students of various foreign languages, so they have the ability to judge the phenomena on the grounds of reason.

Glossalalia with Interpretation (*Word of Wisdom, Knowledge, Healing, in an unknown tongue*): Many workers in glossalalia seek the ability to interpret since so few are able. Sandra meets with others in a home group regularly. Often, Sandra will lay hands upon a hurting person in the group, speak plainly in a distinctive language for a few minutes, then interpret the language to the person she is ministering too, usually for encouragement, word of wisdom, or healing.

Glossalalia with Interpretation (*Word of Knowledge in a tongue*): Pastor Sprague is an old time Pentecostal preacher – quieter and more intellectual than many. He expects that the Spirit will personally and supernaturally instruct the congregation every meeting. After a time of singing, prayer and praise, the congregation quiets down in soft praying and glossalalia, awaiting “the message in tongues.” Eventually, someone raises his / her voice. When the message is completed, there is another short wait until someone “gets the interpretation.”

When the interpretation is completed (usually through another worshiper across the room), the congregation raises a shout of praise. Pastor Sprague will repeat and summarize

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what he can remember of the message and remind churchgoers that this was “the Lord speaking to his people.”

Strateiaglossa (*tongues in battle*): Kathy has a type of cancer that requires numerous painful outpatient surgeries at a university hospital in a large city. She drives herself to the clinic when required. By the time she arrives, she is a “nervous wreck.” During her latest trek, she is overcome by fear and panic. In fact, she is having a panic attack. Her only recourse (since she was in dense traffic) is to speak in tongues while driving.

Soon, she is no longer speaking but shouting *at somebody*. She surprises herself, for she is always in control. After arriving at the clinic and prepared for surgery, the surgeon remarks how *calm* she is for a change. Kathy realizes that **she is indeed** calm and unafraid. She realizes that, in her rant, she cast out a demon of fear.

Xenoglossa (*a known language, tongues of me, 1 Corinthians 13:1*): Rex is a second-year Latin student in high school. He leaves his bedroom one evening and passed the bedroom of his parents. Through the bedroom door, he hears his mother speaking the Latin language. He hears “*Amo Deus*” and other simple Latin phrases. Transfixed, he listens in, all the while translating these simple phrases to himself. Rex enters the bedroom; his mother continues praying. He asks her where she learned Latin. She replies, “I am praying my prayer language. Is it Latin?”

We are convinced of the validity and usefulness of the “gifts” of tongues for today just as in the apostolic era. With the valid, there always exists the counterfeit, for the Adversary is the father of lies.

Counterfeit? I attend a weekly prayer meeting. One regular, Josh, prays in tongues. The sound is “d-d-d-d-d-d.” (Just babbling.) In its simplicity and inarticulacy, I wonder about its validity. I later attended an out-of-town meeting of “X Church” known for its exclusive teaching. During the prayer time, everyone in the church began to intone as a chant, “d-d-d-d-d-d-d-d.” When I next saw Josh, I asked him where he received his gift of tongues. He said, “I was filled with the Holy Spirit and ‘learned’ tongues at X Church, but I am no longer in fellowship with them.”

Later I learned that the elders of X Church considered the gift of tongues *essential to keep them out of Hell*, so the entire congregation was *taught* how they ought to speak (or begin to speak) in tongues (“d-d-d-d-d-d”).

Clearly, not everyone will have the gift of tongues according to 1 Corinthians 12:30. Nevertheless, remember the admonition of this same Apostle:

1 Corinthians 13:39, 40. So, my brothers, be eager to prophesy, and do not suppress the gift of speaking in tongues. Rather, just make sure that everything is done in a proper and orderly fashion.

Remember Charity!

A final reminder for the seeker or gifted pneumatic minister is found in 1 Corinthians 13:1-3:

If I speak I in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have charity, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have charity, I am nothing. If I give away my possessions to feed the poor, and if I hand over my body to be burned, but do not have charity, I gain nothing.

This passage is instructive – not sentimental. It should *never* be glossa-ed over, but studied carefully and prayerfully as we remember that Y’shua’s motivation is *compassion*. We should be likewise motivated. Charity—love—is a great corrective, and is the greatest of all gifts. Ultimately, only charity will never end.

*Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, & hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.
Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; By this we worship, and are freed.*

- Hal Hopson

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The Class Act of Pneumatic Ministry

Scripture and Healing

James 5:13-15. Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. Is any merry? Let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the assembly; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of YHWH⁵¹: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and YHWH shall raise him up; and if he has committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. (ASV)

Matthew 6:12,13. They went out and preached that men should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.

John 9:6. When he had thus spoken, Y'shua spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and anointed his eyes with the clay.

1 John 2:20. Ye have an anointing from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

Mark 16:15-18. “Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes. Should they drink deadly poison, they will be unharmed. They will lay their hands on the sick who will recover.”

For the Class – If You are Reading this Book for a Class:

For our Class Act of Ministry we will walk through a **healing of the sick** because James *promised us* that, in the assembly, the sick will be forgiven of sins and will recover. If we map out an act of team ministry in healing, we will have good success – other gifts may also manifest, and the sick one *will be healed*.

⁵¹ *του κυριου = the LORD = “Yah(u)weh.”

Find someone who is sick, preferably with a terminal illness; you may save that person's life. The person needs to want and expect healing enough to come to you, whether they know anything about the Faith or not. Y'Shua loves all that are hurting. Take a step of faith and tell the sick they will be healed.

Psalms 103:1-5. Bless YHWH, my soul, from the depths of my being, his holy name; bless YHWH, my soul, never forget all his acts of kindness. He forgives all your offences, cures all your diseases, redeems your life from the abyss, crowns you with faithful love and tenderness; he contents you with good things all your life, renews your youth like an eagle's.

Preparation of Mind and Objects

(1) Never think you are merely “praying for the sick.” That is an old churchianity attitude that needs to be redeemed. Renew your mind and convince yourself you **are** “*healing* the sick.” Once you see a few healed or raised from death, then you will acquire greater belief. In the meantime, proclaim you are *healing* as a *step up* in your belief from proclaiming you are merely *praying*. Let everyone including the devil know what you are bound to do through the person of the Messiah, who came to save.

(2) Have oil prepared if you are in a place where you may use it. Ask the afflicted person if oil is OK. If there is an outburst of “No!” you have a demon to cast out first.



Use ‘sweet oil,’ prepared anointing oil, or jojoba oil.⁵² *Do not use food grade olive oil; it spoils very quickly.* The oil behind the pulpit is probably spoiled. If you want to use food grade oil, eat it on your salad first! Always have your own fresh or prepared oil; that way you are responsible for the oil.

You may prepare the oil in advance with the attitude of “I am setting this oil apart unto YHWH for the healing of my brothers and sisters.”

⁵² Jojoba is from the thorn plant used to crown the Master by Roman soldiers. It is not a true oil, but a wax. It is the closest substance we know to human skin oil. It never spoils and it is very beneficial. To it we add a second oil – olive – or some fragrant oil. Find sources for oils at www.motivational-gifts.org.

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It is always more intimate and blessed if you mix your own. Use jojoba for a base and frankincense, rose, crocus, or other fragrant oil mixed in (a few drops). *The fragrance will last after the act to help the afflicted commune with the Spirit of healing later.*

An Ancient Prayer for Blessing of Oil:

Almighty Father YHWH, now, before the hosts of ministering angels whose heavenly service we acknowledge, we stand in awe. May it please you to regard us favorably and bless and set apart this creation, **oil**, which by your power has been pressed from fruit (thorns, in the case of jojoba). You have ordained it for anointing the sick, so that, when they are made whole, they may give thanks to you, the living and true Mighty One.

Grant, we pray, that those who will use this oil, blessed in your name, deliverance from all suffering, all infirmity, and all the wiles of the enemy. Let it be the means of averting any kind of adversity from humankind, made in your image and redeemed by the precious blood of your Son, so that nevermore may be felt the sting of the ancient serpent; this through the Y'shua the Anointed One. HalleluYah, **Amein.**

Oil, water, or salt are scriptural creations that may be blessed and therefore help the faithless to believe. These creations have good staying power. They can be mixed with things with which the ailing person is in contact. **Do not ever think this is superstition or Catholicism.** Blessing oils and other objects is directly from scripture, and in many places. If your church group will not head the simplicity of the healing service, then you must for their sakes.

Once the oil or water is blessed, it is used to bless objects, such as prayer aprons or clothes. I do not claim to understand this, but blessing objects in the name of YHWH / Y'shua is powerful medicine.

A Prayer for Blessing of Objects: Hear my prayer, Abbi YHWH, about your creation **water** (salt, oil). I bless and sanctify this *object* (a bed or house – whatever) to your use and service. May all who contact it utilize it for your glory, feel your divine protection, and experience your unlimited favor and deliverance. Now may the blessing of the Set-apart Spirit of YHWH rest upon this *object* and reside within it for the mission and ministry of Y'shua the Anointed One and his disciples. **Amein.**

What to Do Immediately Before the Act

(1) Pray the prayer of authority. (*Do **not** lay hands on the person to be healed.*)

“Thank you, Father, for the authority vested in me (us) for mighty acts and the faith for healing. Where two or three are gathered, our healer, Y’shua the Nazarene, is in our midst.”

(2) Call for confession. (*Again, do not lay hands on the person.*)

“Are you white as snow? Have you renounced the devil and all evil? Have you confessed your sins to the Almighty?”

Calling for confession often requires that not only the subject be prepared, but also the instruments of healing (the group). Someone with the *charis* of encouragement or caring might do well phrasing the inquiry biblically and soulfully.

If **yes**, then

(3) Bind the devil. (*Do not lay hands on the person. Why do you suppose not?*)

“I take the authority of Y’shua the Nazarene and his blood; and with all the kadoshim⁵³ of heaven and earth command every demon, devil, spiritual wickedness, unclean and occult ghost, and spirit of air, earth, fire, wind, the underworld, the afterlife, familiar and family spirit, to *cease and desist* in your struggle against (name). I break down your command structure and communication devices and seize authority in Y’shua Messiah over (name) now. Further, I command the spirit of this infirmity (name it if you know it) to depart this innocent body and speed directly to the feet of Y’shua, the Son of YHWH, for him to do with as he will.”



All these prayers are models. The person who has been determined to want the gift of healing may modify or otherwise compose the prayers. Remember that they are prayers of authority, not begging prayers. The group is fixing to heal, not take an offering.

⁵³ kadoshim = set-apart brother and sisters, angels and ministers from afar.

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You Are Able to Heal!

(1) Anoint the area to be healed (if appropriate; not a private area). Rub it in if you can. Do the forehead if you must for the sake of modesty or propriety.

(2) After commanding any unclean spirits away, you may finally *lay hands upon the person* and invoke the sacred name. (YHWH, Y'shua ben YHWH, or other *appropriate forms* of the sacred names. The Father and the Son's names are both 'holy,' both names are YAH, and Scripture commands us to "ask in My name" in many places in both the Old and the New Testaments. *Make sure you are not asking in some other deity's name.* There are a hundred thousand people named Jesus, and probably a million evil spirits.)

(3) *Heal the sick.* Do it however you feel, but don't take forever. Be orderly. *If you are part of the team and not actively praying aloud, do not interfere in the ministry or speak loudly in tongues.* BE QUIET! Pray quietly. Why must you shout or get excited? Your authority comes from Y'shua, and not your own strength (or volume!) Praying louder probably will not make a difference.

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(4) Afterward, pray prayers of *thanks* to YHWH for his grace, and *cleansing* for the whole situation. All healing should result in thanksgiving and praise to YHWH. Pray for the team members' cleansing from any illnesses or unclean spirits that may try to retaliate against the team. This might sound a bit illogical, but experience shows this practice to be prudent.

DO NOT TAKE FOREVER. TAKE ONLY A FEW MINUTES.

You are not finished:

Cleansing prayer, even washing or showering, is important any time you are engaged in a face to face fight with the devil. Be cleansed after the prayer of faith. If need be, come together later for the rest of the healing act.

After the act of healing and any auxiliary prayers and praises, songs or choruses, prayers of cleansing, answer the following questions to the best of your ability:

Is This All Too Simple?

If you think so then answer these questions (answer them anyway):

1. Suppose this is a team ministry. Who is doing most of the praying here?
2. What is the person with a gift of tongues to be doing?
3. What is the one with a gift of knowledge to be doing?
4. What should the rest be doing?
5. Why do you suppose we **not** lay hands upon the person?
6. Why do we have a cleansing prayer?
7. How long should the act of ministry last?

“Whenever we pray for the sick, something is addressed.”
Rev. Don Bartow

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Topics for Research and Discussion

Supernatural Power and the Brain

Scientists, *i.e.* biologists and geneticists, have discovered changes in the parietal and temporal lobes in the brains of those exercising pneumatic gifts. Theoretically, parts of these brain lobes are not *opened up* (as we might suppose), but *blocked* off during supernatural episodes (such as speaking in tongues), cutting off input from the outside world and focusing attention on *that which is inside*.

We pick on Peter again:

Acts 9:32-35. Now as Kefa went here and there among them all, he came down also to the kadoshim that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him,

“Aeneas, _____
heals you; rise and make your bed.” And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and *they* _____.

If we understand that _____heals, and if _____ is in some sense seated at the right hand of the Majesty (Hebrews 1:3), might it not make sense that he act through the Spirit Baptism that you have already received or through your own regenerated spirit rather than *that part of the brain*?

The brain / tongues disconnection is worth some time in study and discussion. You may make the breakthrough in knowledge that explains the mid / spirit connection! Find some information on this topic on the Internet and inscribe the source *in this space* for later retrieval:

Experience Is At the End of the List

The Christian psychologist Maurice Nicoll writes a great deal on the subject of the *psyche* and *higher knowledge*. Here is an appropriate quote from his work, *The Mark*:

If a man cannot think and understand apart from his senses, he cannot cleanse the natural mind. He can then neither think of nor yet understand anything about the ideas of esotericism. For you must always remember that esotericism begins from something none of the *external senses* shows us, namely, the invisible *oneself*. It begins not with the observation of the external world, but with *self-observation*, with the *invisible world* of oneself. And I think it would be a very good thing if ... you would understand clearly that to observe oneself is not a matter of the external eyes or ears or of touching yourself (*sic*), ... but an inner thing, beyond the range of the outer senses. (*The Mark*, 65,66)

These passages were written long before the discovery of *mind-blocking*.

If man were awake in the Higher Emotional Centre, through its illumination he would see the significance of all things. *He would see things as they really are*. He would know the properties, qualities, and use of all things. He would know what everything represents. He would pass from a world of physical things into a world of supernatural, inconceivable meaning. He would be in a state of *objective consciousness*. (*The Mark*, 59 – all italics are Nicoll's)

Esoteric means “confined to and understandable by only an enlightened inner circle.” Esotericism is a good descriptive word for Y'shua in the presence of his disciples, or the team in the healing act. The evangelist John helps us understand esoteric teaching in John 12:35-41 and similar prophetic passages.

(This describes the crowds outside the inner esoteric circle:)
Y'shua said to **them**, “*The light is with you* for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, lest the darkness overtake you; he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.” When Y'shua had said this, he departed and hid himself from them.

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Though he had done so many signs before them, yet they did not believe in him; it was that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Master, who has believed our report, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?” So they could not believe.

For Isaiah again said, “He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they should see with their eyes and perceive with their heart, and turn for me to heal them.” Isaiah said this because he saw his glory and spoke of him.

Pneumatologists (one who is a student of spiritual knowledge and practice – you and I, for instance) are able get to the spiritual place (or *objective consciousness*) in which *all things* have definite spiritual meaning. While being born of spirit or baptized in the Spirit are open experiences for those who have faith, *esotericism* is not possessed without a great deal of personal experience, study, and collegiality.



We *are not* talking about mysticism, spiritism, spiritualism, occultism, new age practices, or connecting with your guardian angel; we *are* talking about becoming spiritual beings since, after all, we are *born of the spirit*. Until we understand – until we are able to be spiritually objective by standing outside ourselves while yet inside – we may still effectively work in the unseen world through ritual, faith, devotion, reason, practice, and experience – experience again being at the end of the list.

YET the lack of experience should never deter us – nor should our lack of self-confidence. He who occupies the Majesty Seat is the same One upon whom we rely to bring esoteric, multi-dimensional truth into the sparse universe of perception. It is He who heals, performs miracles, leads the tongue. We boldly step out then yield our *subjective selves* to his *objective work*.

The following verses are oft quoted in regards to receiving; yet there is the matter of context to deal with in each.

Miracles by the Book

(1) Matthew 21:22. “Whatever you ask in prayer, _____, if you will only believe.”

Write down the context, found in verse 21.

____ *IF you have faith (i.e. belief)* _____

____ *IF you do not doubt* _____

A tree is mentioned; what is it and what does it stand for?

There are a couple things more mentioned – the seas and a

_____.

What do these represent? _____

(2) Mark 11:24. “I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer,

_____,

and it will be yours.”

What is the context of this passage? _____

(3) John 14:12-14. “Amen and amen, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; **and greater works than these will he do**, because I go to the Father.

(In fact,) Whatever you ask **in my name**,

_____,

so that the Father may be glorified in the Son; if you ask anything in my name, I will do it.”

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Here is **THE CATCH**:

(4) John 14:15. “***If you love me***, you will
_____.”

On a scale of 1 to 10 (make 10 high), honestly, just how strong is your ability in faith to believe in these multi-dimensional, esoteric, supernatural sayings of Messiah , in a literal sense?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Despite your mark there, on the following scale, where is your willingness to step outside yourself and act with the objectivity mentioned in *The Mark*?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Let us regard the Ten Commandments. On the scale, cross out the commandments you keep and circle those you do not.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

What does this tell you about your knowledge, your walk, your sincerity?

How familiar are you with the Sermon on the Mount, in which Y’shua seems to be the New Moshe? Do you know where to find it? (Three off if you do not.)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

What are you able to do immediately to increase your belief and willingness?

Would it be a good idea to make a study (soon) on these topics, along with your investigation into the supernatural realm?

“If you love me, keep my commandments.” - The Anointed One and Coming Ruler.

Incarnational Ministry and Horizontal Acts

Consider this: the ancient *kenotic* (*emptying*) hymn Paul employs in Philippians 2:5-11 in our literal form:

Consider this *within* you, even that which is in *the* anointed-one Y'shua: who, *though* existing in a form of elohim,⁵⁴ did not regard equality with El *as* something that could be grasped.⁵⁵ Instead, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, becoming like humanity, even finding himself enskinned as a man, he further humbled himself *further*, becoming obedient until death, even a stake's death.

And so El highly exalted him, and bestowed on him the name above every name, so that in the name of Y'shua all might bend a knee, *all* in heavenly places, and *on* earth, even under the earth; also, every tongue might profess that Y'shua Messiah is *the* Master to *the* honor of El-Father.

This text *predated* Paul (who records it), reflecting an earlier hymn originating in ancient Nazorean texts. Do you notice the stages of emptying; the levels of self-humiliation?⁵⁶ Such emptying of self is yet another requirement for living day by day in the power of the Devoted Spirit.

We quote again the proverb attributed to Y'shua:

2 Corinthians 12:9,10. My favor is sufficient for you: for my strength is complete in weakness. Gladly, I would rather glory in my infirmities so that the power of Messiah may rest upon me. Thus, I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in need, in persecutions, in distresses for Messiah's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.



⁵⁴ In this case elohim refers to a spiritual being, or an emanation of the Almighty.

⁵⁵ Stolen = grasped away = ripped away.

⁵⁶ What Y'shua did in the process of his descent was exactly the opposite of the crime committed when descendant of fallen angels build their tower to steal the power of heaven.

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How wonderful and reassuring is that? Therein is described “incarnation.”⁵⁷

a) “Incarnational (‘enfleshed’) ministry” insists that the minister follow the principles of *identification* and *relinquishment*. The minister must *empty self* of anything that would cause him/her to condescend above the people. One must *identify* with the people as Y’shua did. The *first outward sign* of Y’shua’s identifying with the crowd was in his baptism. The *greatest example* of it was in his death. “If the Son of Elohim emptied himself to do ministry yet still found compassion for others, how much more must I?”

b) In addition, the minister must identify with “suffering love.” The minister hurts when he/she sees hurt. (Again, this is the empathy spoken of in the study of Caring-motivated people in our first volume.) The minister must also suffer in some way, relinquishing wealth, worldly power, and position. Relinquishment comes with the territory. “Sell all you have,” said Y’shua – and that was the price for following.

James 1:9-12. Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, and the rich in his humiliation, because like the flower of the grass he will pass away. For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits. Blessed is the man who endures trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life that Elohim has promised to those who love him.

Pity, condescension or paternalism miss the mark – only a compassion that acts (*agapē*) is acceptable in the incarnational ministry.

c) Incarnational ministry insists that the witness engage in an active sharing of life, participating in the fears, frustrations and afflictions

⁵⁷ Incarnation: n. 1. The act of incarnating. The condition of being incarnated. 2. *Christianity* The doctrine that the Son of Elohim was conceived in the womb of Mary and that Jesus is Elohim and man. 3. A bodily manifestation of a supernatural being. **One who is believed to personify a given abstract quality or idea.** 4. A period of time passed in a given bodily form or condition: *hopes for a better life in another incarnation.*

of the *crowd* (*λαος, laity*). The minister may not like how his / her call to service turns out! Yet the prayer must still be “Let your mind be in me” – for no minister is capable of “incarnationality” without the mind of Messiah.

c) Incarnational ministry must employ the language and thought forms of those with whom it seeks to share the Good News, including when one is ministering in the Pneumatic and Apostolic Gifts. Y’shua used common vernacular, speech and stories: salt, light, fruit, birds, etc. He seldom used theological or religious jargon or technical terms!

d) Incarnational ministry does not take the Spirit of Y’shua out of the human situation, nor does it take humans out of the human situation. The assumption that states Y’shua the King is not in the world until you take him there *is wrong*. The cosmopolitanism of the Scripture and our experience with spirituality informs us that Y’shua is always imminent⁵⁸ in the world, and the world is created through him and for him. The Minister may find the famous Suffering Servant in the neediest and most desperate people and situations.⁵⁹

e) The incarnational minister is constantly at risk, is vulnerable, and often seems to fail by temporal standards; yet the minister never robs the crowd of its freedom of choice nor set limits on the power of the Spirit. Failures often arise on account of mistrust of the work of the Spirit, self-reliance, or reliance on methodology. However, most *failures* that begin as incarnational, intentional, and compassionate, end up succeeding in some ways. “Something is always addressed.”

A couple good questions to ponder and jot down:

1) Did Y’shua always succeed?

2) Did Y’shua ever succeed?

3) Did Y’shua ever fail?

f) The incarnational missionary goes out to the people, not expecting them to come forth. As Y’shua came from the heavens to humanity,

⁵⁸ imminent = near, at hand.

⁵⁹ Such is part of the Wesleyan concept of prevenient or “preventing” grace – grace that is present before we are.

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we enter into “tribal” realities. A Bible example contrasts Yochanon the Dunker with Y’shua the Anointed. Yochanon was aloof, a hermit, a Nazarite (sectarian). People came to him. Y’shua is portrayed in the crowd, a part of it, touching and healing, “eating and drinking.”

There is a corollary to (f): this is not to say ministers are to go looking for the demon oppressed or the terminally ill. The better way in these situations is to leave hands off – let a representative from them come to us, unless we are involved with such people. Sometimes Satan uses out boldness (or recklessness) to destroy us.

If the minister persists in well-doing, the crowds will find and seek out the minister.

One very effective counselor and restoration⁶⁰ minister I know said he did not dare go looking for *demoniacs*. He was not in business to show off power evangelism. Taking this approach, he healed and delivered those whom the Spirit sent to him. Now he always waits on people to come to him, and he prayerfully accepts them. With no other “advertising” but word-of-mouth results, he has more ministry opportunities than he can handle. (He is not a pastor and he does not have an office.)

g) Finally, the Good News may be communicated by ordinary means, acts of serving, caring, relationships, good deeds, *mitzvot* – the minister becomes an *extension* of the *incarnation* in our time. Deeds thus create words and vice-versa. It is always supernatural and often miraculous. The action therefore conducted through the incarnate ministry is horizontal – it reaches out to people.

Finally, we must never think incarnational ministry as not being spiritual or esoteric. We allow the natural mechanics of our compassion to reform our bodies so that we naturally move into the supernatural realm. This is not about feelings – it is about action. Often the supernatural aspects of a ministry event are not recognizable until later on.

We have more on Incarnational Ministry in our online Faith-sharing Evangelism Library: www.motivational-gifts.org.

⁶⁰ Restoration ministry = deliverance or inner healing = exorcism.

Define the following from the last essay in the context they were situated.

Incarnational

Identification

Relinquishment

Suffering love

Agapē

Vernacular

Imminent

Prevenient

Methodology

Sectarian

Spiritual Gifts Revelation:

Horizontal

Vertical

Magnetic Centre

Esoteric

Spiritual Health II

Spiritual Health is hard to gauge. Many on-line surveys purporting to measure spiritual health actually measure how close one is to the creed or the beliefs and practices of the group publishing it.

Conventional medicine is finally beginning to recognize that beyond the physical, there is a need for “soul care.” At the end of 2007, the Vatican vowed to tackle the devil head-on by training hundreds of priests as exorcists. The comments that follow this news story in forums and blogs have been incredibly facetious. I consider this a bold and necessary move, whether we understand Catholic exorcism to be of much value or not. When a person hits the bottom physically, they die. When they do so spiritually, they are in a living hell of demonic oppression.

1 John 3:7,8. Little children, let no one deceive you. The one who does right is righteous, as he is righteous. The one who commits sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The reason the Son of YHWH appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

Those who cannot come to terms with the reality of satanic power need to avoid ministering in the spiritual gifts altogether. Very often (I would like to say ‘always’), demonic entities interfere with or block the ministry entirely, especially if the minister refuses to believe they exist or think they cannot harass or enter believers. We may return

to the subject of spiritual warfare, but first we must keep ourselves free from demonic influence as much as possible, considering we live in a demon-filled, unclean world. It is our job as spiritual ministers to clean up and redeem everything that passes through our personal life / time. It would not do to go to work in a filthy uniform.

I have mentioned throughout my writings the absolute necessity of a believer to seek total sanctification – a state of being *kadosh* – set-apart from the world and unto the Father. The Father has set forth clear guidelines for keeping clean and in favor. Must we again cover the elemental teachings of YHWH and Y'shua?

I deal with spiritual health and ministerial behavior in depth in Spiritual Gifts Revelation 1. I discovered the following inventory after I had completed that volume so I add it here. There is good value in it, and honest answers often make for surprising results.

Mark each statement from 1 to 5, 5 being high.

Do you consider yourself a spiritual person?	1	2	3	4	5
Do you have a sense of higher purpose in life?	1	2	3	4	5
Do others come to you for spiritual advice?	1	2	3	4	5
Do you actively pursue supernatural experiences?	1	2	3	4	5
How important is peace of mind to you?	1	2	3	4	5
Do you <i>regularly</i> practice spiritual disciplines? (prayer, fasting, study, worship, ministry...)	1	2	3	4	5
Do you regularly practice forgiveness?	1	2	3	4	5
How concerned are you for those outside your flock?	1	2	3	4	5
How generous are you with your time and stuff?	1	2	3	4	5
How much does your spirituality affect your morality?	1	2	3	4	5

Scores are in the footnote.⁶¹

Spiritual Health and Evil

Excellent spiritual health is necessary for working in Pneumatic gifts. Wherever more favor flows in, evil flows out. The minister must be equipped to deal with the outpouring of evil.

⁶¹ 0 – 19 You may need to seriously reconsider your priorities. 20 – 29 You still may need spiritual motivation or direction to improve weak areas. 30 – 39 Good health with some improvements required. Work on the weak areas. 40 – 50 Excellent, robust spiritual health. How are you doing otherwise?

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Case history: As I write, the actor Heath Ledger's death at 28 is under investigation. Heath's first strong showing as an actor was in *The Patriot* with Mel Gibson. This is a down-to-earth film, and Heath was immediately recognized as an upcoming young star who looked good for wholesome, role-model-type parts. But Heath sought out just the opposite – parts imitating witchcraft, perversion and fantasy evil. For years, he accepted such parts. Add prescription drugs of every kind, lack of sleep (only two hours per night⁶²), exhaustion, failed relationships – then accidental death. Heath killed himself with a great deal of help from satanic parasites he may or may not have known even existed.

Parasitism and death is Satan's vocation. One act will often take the fresh-faced and send them down a chute and into deep water, not unlike a water slide. Guilt feeds on guilt; shame on shame. Demonism is cannibalism; a demonized person eats himself / herself on the behalf of an invisible other.



There are several good books on the subject of deliverance ministry and defeating angels of darkness; there are also some good handbooks on self-restoration, inner healing, self-binding and loosing, and

deliverance, essential tools for the minister in spiritual gifts. For the unbeliever, there are more drugs and therapies – neither reaches the root cause.

The story of the Israelites on the outskirts of the Promised Land is a perfect model for acts of ministry from a spiritual warfare perspective:

The message of the fearful spies: We cannot fight gigantic, invisible cannibals in our promised land! However:

Numbers 14:6-10. Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh that were of *the spies* rent their clothes: And they spoke unto all the company of Israel, saying, The land that we passed through *to search it* is an exceeding *good land*. If

⁶² I have known people who were enthused by demonic spirits that did not sleep at all for a year or more. Such insomnia begins immediately after a demonic attack or event.

YHWH delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us, Only rebel not against YHWH, neither fear the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defense is departed from them, and YHWH is with us: fear them not.

The leaders' message: We closely searched the possession: it was very good. If we are pleasing to YHWH, the gigantic cannibals in our promised land will be for **our food**. We know YHWH is with us so why do you fear anything? The leader harkened them back to their history – how YHWH had helped them overcome the gravest of hardships because they had initially stepped out in faith into an equally “untamable” land. But,

The congregation bade stone them with stones.

Numbers 14:10

Consensus will seldom fall on the side of the giant-killer. Satan usually has “inside men” at work – those in the congregation that see things from the perspective of *another spirit* and “rouse the rabble” to danger!

The spiritual leader, knowing the power of YHWH and his will for a particular situation, will sometimes have to wait it out in supplication, step forth in faith, or cast out the demons in the congregation before seeing the miracle of deliverance **for** the possession (*i.e.* the person or cause to be rescued) and **from** the congregation.



So the splendor of YHWH appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel.

There is little the devil can do when this happens – and it does happen – when just a few gather in rock-solid belief!

Success story: Junior exec fallen from shamayim overcomes good forces to rule the city invisibly.

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Ministry FOR Peace and AGAINST Evil

Swords and Shields

Study pneumatics, the prayers, blessings, curses.⁶³
Write down all your learnings in poetry verses.
Observe the “appearance of evil” you’re sighting.⁶⁴
Recognize all you’ve observed in your writing!⁶⁵
Do not be frightened: firm up your bond!
Stretch out your faith past the limits beyond!

~and~

Sacrifice willingly; sanctify, too;
Higher praise glories are waiting for you.
Intercede daily with fasting, alone.
Eucharist pow’r will lift you to the throne.
Lead us or follow, until you *do* lead.
Desire the best gifts when you know the need.
Spiritual warfare – engage them, let’s dare
‘til specters, like soap bubbles, burst in the air.

Life and Fear of Death

Open the Scripture now. Let us discover a firm foundation for future endeavors in spiritual gifts and restoration ministries:

1 John 3:8b. *The reason the Son of YHWH appeared was **to***

Hebrews 2:14. *Since **the children** share in flesh and blood, Y’shua likewise partook of **the same nature**, that **through death** he might **destroy him** who has **the power of death**, that is, _____, and deliver **all those** who through **fear of death** were subject to _____.*

⁶³ Luke 6:21ff, Deuteronomy 28, entire chapter.

⁶⁴ 1 Thessalonians 5:22.

⁶⁵ Job 19:22ff.

There is one who holds the power of life and one who holds the power of death. Oppressed people go through life in fear of the one who has the power over death. But the one who has power over life says this:

John 5:24. Amen, I say to you, the one who *hears my word* and *believes him who sent me* has *eternal life*; that one *does not come into judgment*, but has *passed from death to life*.

Y'shua is describing his elect:

(1) “the one who hears”: this is said in regards to the “Shema” of Deuteronomy 6:4. It is a manner of *hearing* that is *doing* at the same time.

Hear, O Israel, Yahweh our Almighty is One! *Act accordingly*.

(2) “the one who believes”: this *believing* also requires *doing*. If you believe the one who sent his son, then you will do what he says, you will follow his Torah, learn the definition of “sin,” and cut it out of your life. Unfortunately, the use of the word “believe” in the Hebrew scriptures is usually negative, as in “they did not believe.” How did YHWH know “they” did not believe?

Because they did not do.

Doing is evidence of both hearing and believing. Many folks will point out the verse (Romans 10:9):

“if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved,”

claiming *that is enough to guarantee salvation*. But again, confession and belief is only proven in action. Many “saved” will one day become very disappointed; and many teachers and pastors will receive a well-deserved beating (Luke 12:47).

(3) this one “does not come into judgment” – he/she has already been adjudicated by the exemplary way life is led. On account of this,

(4) this one never dies. This does not say or mean that anything dies. The elect pass directly into the resurrection since YHWH annuls time. No graveyard, no soul-sleep, no crowded heaven for the elect. And no death. This is why (back to Hebrews) –

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the one who
is believing and hearing
is doing not fearing.

Y'shua says all will die, but not the elect. All the others, saved or not, will die and go into whatever grave is prepared for them. In the judgment,

John 5:25, 29. the dead will hear the voice of the Son of YHWH, and those who hear will live ... and come forth, those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment.

There would be no fear of death if believers would clear their minds of *notions* about life, death and afterlife (i.e. heavenly cloud-hopping and soul-sleep in the ground).

Study John 5:19-30 carefully. If you are obedient, the fear of death and the devil is gone, gone, gone. You may yet fear what will eventually happen to your flesh, but you will have no fear of the king of death.

When Scripture says people die, they die. They do not go to sleep. They do not go to heaven. They do not go to hell. They DIE. Cease in living! Gone. "Death = the total and permanent cessation of all the vital functions of an organism."⁶⁶

Good News: *All people* will be resurrected to life again on the day (that one-thousand year day) or judgment, upon which Y'shua and his elect will judge for continued life, justice, or second death.



⁶⁶ death. (n.d.). *Dictionary.com Unabridged (v 1.1)*. Retrieved January 24, 2008, from Dictionary.com.

Revelation 20:12. I saw the _____,
great and small, standing before the throne, and books
were opened. Also another book was opened, which is the
book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written
in the books, _____.

How were they judged?

Yet these classes of resurrection are not for you or me. We are expecting “that we might obtain a **better** resurrection” (Hebrews 11:35). We are hearers, **and we do**. We are believers, **and we do**. We do, and we are set-apart for something better. We walk the walk of Y’shua Messiah, a set-apart, righteous Way. **We will by no means die at all**. Hold out this hope for anyone who needs it: “He who overcomes and **keeps my works until the end**, I will give him power over all the tribes” (Revelation 2:26).

People-eaters, not Necessarily Purple

However, my friend:

1 Timothy 4:1. THE Spirit expressly says that in *later times* some will depart from the faith by _____
to _____ spirits and
_____ of demons.

What does the word “deceiving” mean?

What about the word “doctrine”?

I come to you now from a non-denominational, Biblical, perspective. I am not a deceiver any more than Paul is a liar (Romans 9:1). Deceit can come intentionally, through dumb ignorance, through blind obedience, through denominational toe-lines, through merchandising the Good News.

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No matter how much you love your pastor, you are responsible for yourself; your life; your death. You must determine what kind of resurrection you will have, or if you will not die at all, for yourself. Because some famous Christian said it or a ten million-member denomination believes it **does not make it so**. Trust nobody but the Savior; LISTEN TO HIS WORD and DO WHAT HE SAYS. Seeing how we have that straight,

1) The overarching concern in *spiritual warfare* is making peace, or *shalom*, or *peacefare*; i.e. *working through the evil to find the peace*. We fight in Iraq to make peace, and there is peace in many places primarily because the people who foment hate and violence are dead. Peace is costly – anything worthwhile in life is worth struggle. Peace is expensive in the world or in the household.

Warlike people fueled by power-hungry demonic entities *do not listen to human words*, only *actions* make sense to them. Demons do not have a human mind. No matter what person they speak through, they are still depraved, diabolical, with human harm in mind, because *demons eat people*.⁶⁷ It is impossible to negotiate with demons and the bodies that house them because they only understand what they want. They *never* compromise, though they often *feign* to do so.

Psalms 120:1. To YHWH when I am in trouble; I call and he answers me. YHWH, save me from lying lips and a treacherous tongue! What will he repay you, what more, treacherous tongue? War-arrows made sharp over red-hot charcoal. How wretched I am, living in Meshech, dwelling in the tents of Kedar!⁶⁸ Too long have I lived among people who hate peace! When I speak of peace they are all for war!

Well, David, what did you expect? You are the man of peace among the tribes of war? Either get you some peace even if you have to fight for it or just get over it!

All children of Elohim are to be people of peace, *even if peace means making war*:

⁶⁷ That demons eat people is not only mentioned in passing through the book of Numbers, it is explicitly recorded in the Book of Enoch (1 Enoch), a scroll revered in the days of Y'shua, quoted by his brother Jude and still widely read and *heeded* in Christian and Jewish circles today.

⁶⁸ Meshech, Kedar - Northern Arabian tribes.

Matthew 5:9 "Blessed are the *peacemakers*, for they shall be called sons of Elohim."

2) We are not without enemies. Peacemakers are usually *unprotected* targets of evil. Angels minister to us, who are the elect warriors, yet we also war against spiritual entities – demons, unclean spirits, genies, ghosts, occult personalities, and the demon-possessed slaves of *Belial the Swallower*.⁶⁹

Ephesians 6:12 *Our conflict is not against*

_____ and _____,
but against rulers (*archas, αρχας*),
authorities (*exousias, εξουσιας*),
world powers (*kosmokratourras, κοσμοκρατορρας*)
of this darkness,
and evil spiritual beings
(*pros to pneumatika tes ponērias,*
προς τα πνευματικα της πονηριας)
in the skies.

3) Where did these *evil spiritual beings* originate? There are many theories; here are a couple of them; probably all of them are true.

- **Genesis 6:4,11.** They are the brutish spirits of offspring of fallen angels and humans who brought such violence on the earth that (Gen 6:5) *YHWH saw that all the thoughts of [men's] heart were only evil continually.*
- **John 8:44.** They are the spiritual allies of the devil who enter people. This passage also implies that people become devilish when *they align themselves* with the devil's purposes.
- **Jude 6.** The angels left heaven on their own accord, interfered on earth, and now are under judgment. These angels are considered demonic.
- **Revelation 12:7,9; Luke 10:18.** There was a rebellion against YHWH in the angelic dimension and the devil and his angels were thrown to earth where they remain active.

⁶⁹ The usual designation for Satan in the Dead Sea Scrolls: Belial means both "worthless" and "swallower." Also used in 2 Corinthians 6:15.

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- **1 Peter 3:18-20.** For Messiah also died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to Eloha, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the

spirit; in which he went and * _____

to the spirits in prison, who formerly did not obey, when YHWH's patience waited in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

*You may want to check several translations opinions on this insert. Also see my essay later on in this volume for a reasoned answer.

The prevalent early view was that evil spirits were the offspring of angels and humans (or spiritual pieces of them), thus they could not die by the flood in Noah's time. The death of their bodies set them loose as the most powerful demonic force on earth. At the insistence of groaning creation, some of these monsters were incarcerated in pits of nether gloom.

2 Peter 2:4 For if El did not spare the angels when they sinned, but cast them into Tartarus⁷⁰ and committed them to pits of nether gloom to be kept until the judgment. (See also Genesis 6:1-12, 1 Enoch 1-10.)

This is why the Nazoreans (including the Apostles) did not eat much if any meat – because meats, even after cooking – are still ***contaminated by unclean spirits that can infest the eater***, especially if the animal is unclean. Unclean animals no matter how dressed or cooked always contain demonic entities. This is why there is so much waffling about eating things sacrificed to idols in the New Testament. The things sacrificed, devoted to an occult entity, are possessed with demons that can infest the eater. This is why Nazorean did not keep table fellowship with new converts – they had to eat in another place – because they might be contaminated by the eaters of the unclean foods. Once the new convert was baptized and Spirit-filled, there was no prohibition.⁷¹

⁷⁰ Tartarus: a sunless abyss, below Hades, in which Zeus imprisoned the Titans.

⁷¹ The last three paragraphs regarding meats, eating and unclean spirits, is made quite clear by Simeon Kefa in Clement's journal. Dornan & Snyder, *The Authentic Peter*.

4) What are the intentions of demons and unclean spirits toward humankind?

- **2 Corinthians 4:5.** In their case the Elohim of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the Good News of the glory of the Anointed, who is the likeness of Elohim.
- **1 Peter 5:8-10.** Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking some one to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experience of suffering is required of your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the El of all favor, who has called you to his eternal Shekinah⁷² in Messiah, will himself restore, establish, and strengthen you.

5) The Adversary's intentions and boldness are clear.

Mark 1:10-13 And at once, as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; my favor rests on you." And at once *the Spirit drove him into the desert* and he remained there for forty days, and was *put to the test by Satan*. He was with the wild animals,⁷³ *and the angels looked after him.*

6) For instance, one of the devil's mind blowers is, "It will be better all around without me" (suicide, a demon of the murder family). Notice that Y'shua counteracts the devil with YHWH's Torah and Psalms.

- **Luke 4: 9-13** And the devil took Y'shua to Jerusalem, and set him on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of Elohim, throw yourself down from here ... And Y'shua answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not tempt YHWH your Elohim.'" And when the devil had ended every test, he departed from him *until an opportune time.*

⁷² Visible manifestation of the divine presence as described in Jewish theology.

⁷³ Wild animal = a reference to evil men and demons. Wild animals in prophecy represent demon-filled people; the owl, the bat, the ostrich, etc.

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7) Our weapons against the devil are *actions and words*. Actions we should guard against are here:

1 Corinthians 10:1-13, 21. In regards to comparing our lives to those who walked through the desert. (Turn to it and read it now, please.)

Mark Rutland says that *personal holiness* (*Bible holiness* – *i.e.* commandment-keeping) is the *most effective* weapon of spiritual warfare. We cannot violate YHWH's kodesh⁷⁴ standards and expect not to suffer some consequences. We cannot walk out from under the umbrella of *covenant* and expect to return dry when it is raining softball-sized hail outside. Bottom line, we cannot live like the devil and walk with Y'shua at the same time. The unrighteous cannot wear the breastplate of righteousness! We may never walk with Beliar again!

8) Weapons of *words and actions* are powerful:

- **2 Corinthians 10:3-8,17** We overthrow arrogant 'reckonings,' and every stronghold that towers high in defiance of the knowledge of YHWH, and we carry off every thought – as if into slavery – into subjection to Messiah. (Weymouth). Let him who boasts, boast of YHWH. (v. 17)

9) Put on the panoply⁷⁵ of YHWH. Here are the classic texts for those who *war* for the sake of *shalom*:

- **Ephesians 5:1-13 (8 – 11)** Once you were darkness, but now you are light in YHWH; walk as children of light and try to learn what is pleasing to YHWH. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead *expose them*.
- **Ephesians 6:10-20** Put on the whole armor of YHWH that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil: Belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, shoes of peace, shield of faith, helmet of salvation, sword of the Word. Pray in "the spirit," with "all prayer," with "supplication." Keep alert!

⁷⁴ kodesh, qadosh = set-apart, clean, holy, devoted.

⁷⁵ panoply = a complete suit of armor.

10) Always cleanse yourself after any act of prayer or ministry, especially those ministries in which you feel *cold, evil, or disturbed* afterward. Cleansing consists in one of the cleansing prayers below that target any kind of empathic or demonic reaction to your work of righteousness. Cleansing can also include a shower or bath.

Ephesians 4:26,27. Be angry but do not _____
(*miss the mark*); do not let the sun go down on your _____,
and give no opportunity to the _____.

“Silence, frenzied unclean spirit!”

Cried Yah’s healing Holy One.

“Cease your ranting! Flesh can’t bear it.

Flee as night before the sun.”

At His word the demon trembled,

From its victim madly rushed,

While the crowd that was assembled

Stood in wonder stunned and hushed.

O, these demons still are thriving

In the grayness of the mind:

Tyrant voices, shrill and driving,

Twisted thoughts that grip and bind,

Doubts that stir the heart to panic,

Fears distorting reason’s sight,

Guilt that makes our loving frantic,

Dreams that cloud the soul with fright.

Silence now the unclean spirit

In our mind and in our heart;

Speak your word that when we hear it,

All our demons shall depart.

Clear our thought and calm our feeling,

Still the fractured, warring soul.

By the power of your healing

Make us faithful, true and whole.⁷⁶

⁷⁶ Adapted from Thomas Troeger; To the tune of *Ebenezer*.

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Praying the Panoply (Use a sincere and powerful voice when praying.)

Father YHWH, I praise you for the authority of your Word and the power of your Spirit. Such are effective in tearing down the strongholds of the devil and bringing the Kingdom of YHWH upon the earth. Let me do battle in love and gain the victory of peace on the evil day.

In the name of Y'shua Messiah, *I stand up* and take the *panoply* of YHWH. I buckle about me the *belt of truth* and slip on the *vest of righteousness*. I install upon my feet *all the equipment of the Good News of Shalom*. I place the *helmet of yeshua / salvation* on my head. I take up the *shield of faith* to defend against the devil's fiery darts. I grasp the *sword of the Spirit and Word*, by which I will expose evil and bring all devilish strongholds down.

Until the great battle for shalom, *I will pray* with 'all prayer,' interceding for the *kadoshim*⁷⁷ of YHWH. I will *herald the Good News* boldly, as I ought to. May your Kingdom come on earth as it is in the heavens. Let it be so, in the name of Y'shua Messiah. I pray that you, O Father, be highly honored through your Son. **Amein.**

Where Shall I Go In Prayer?

- Pray these prayers for deliverance from evil or healing. Sing the song if you can. Demons recoil at that song.
- Pray the "Two Little Pistols" Prayers; Decree the Apostles' Creed (changing the pagan names back as they should be), or pray the Master's Prayer.
- Pray for your "prospects list" (those for whom you are interceding).
- Go out and do something redeeming (go on visitation, take communion to someone, go to the nursing home, go to assembly, volunteer and serve in a local ministry, and so forth). **DO SOMETHING!** When you do something, you redeem something that the devil owned; you regenerate it into something good and useful. Redeem! Redeem!

⁷⁷ Kadoshim = those who have set themselves apart unto the Heavenly Father through love, covenant, and commandment-keeping.

Pray for Deliverance of Self (Praying mightily, these words usually bring a visceral reaction as though rats were dashing out of the ship.)

In the name and authority of Y'shua the Messiah, crucified, resurrected, and ascended to the right hand of the Father, I speak now to any evil and unclean spirit that has oppressed or possessed me through my past sins.

I proclaim that my body will henceforth become the temple of the Kodesh Spirit once again, and you, unclean spirits, have no haven in my temple. I command you to cease and desist your evil work against me, and demand that you, by the name of Y'shua the Anointed One, leave my body, my family, my house, and my life.

By the blood of Y'shua the Nazorean, all you evil spirits that connect with me or mine are *bound with cords* that cannot be broken, and I command you straightway back to Y'shua's feet for him to take away somewhere.

Foul serpent, now you are under my feet. You may have bitten my heel, but through Y'shua the Anointed One, I bruised your head. In the name of Y'shua the Messiah, I make this prayer. Amen.

A Powerful Direction from the Master

In a text dated to the end of the first century, there is a POWERFUL quote attributed to Y'shua worth noting:

(To his disciples:) Behold, I have taught you the name of the Perfect One (*i.e.* YHWH⁷⁸), the ministry of the kodesh angels, and of the Holy Spirit, so the manly host may complete. ... I came to reveal to you the arrogant angels who claim to be gods. Men! Trample their graves, suppress their ambitions (*προνοιᾶ*), break their yokes, raise up what belongs to me! For as children of light, I give you power over all, so trample their might with your feet.⁷⁹ (see Psalms 91:13, Isaiah 63:3)

⁷⁸ Yahweh, Yahuweh - It was illegal to speak this name at the time except under unique circumstances. One of the reasons that Y'shua was in trouble with the authorities (a reason usually overlooked) is that he used the name commonly and taught others to use it, just as the Torah teaches.

⁷⁹ *Σοφία Ἰεσοῦ Χριστι*, excerpts, just preceding the ending, from Hennecke, *New Testament Apocrypha Volume I*, p. 247.

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Pray for Freedom from Past Occult Influences

Father Almighty and All Powerful, YHWH Elohim, today I confess my passing interest and involvement in the occult. I realize now that I have been involved with demonic and unclean spirits who have deceived me, stolen from me, and blinded me. Yet I know that you are greater than all oppressors. I call upon you now to deliver me from any and all bondage to the devil and his devices. I thank you for the authority through Messiah Y'shua to be the agent in my own restoration.

This day I renounce any and all involvement in occult practices, false religions or psychic phenomena. I break any curse that has come upon me through my own dealings in the occult, or any dealings of my ancestors. I cut any ties to the dark world of the devil with the sword of the Spirit. I plead the blood of Y'shua over me, my family, and over my house and properties, that we might be protected from the revenge of Belial. I plead in the name of Y'shua of Nazareth.

Pray for Protection from Sickness and Occult

Father YHWH, I ask you to protect my family [or mention names] from sickness, from all harm and from accidents. If any have been cursed, hexed, or spelled, I declare these curses, hexes or spells null and void in the name of Y'shua the Anointed One. If any of you evil spirits come against us, I decommission you now through the might of Y'shua the Commander of Hosts, and I send you by his authority back to his feet to put away. Now, Father, I ask you to send your kodesh angels to guard and protect all of us; through Y'shua our Sovereign and Savior.

Pray for Cleansing After an Act of Ministry: from Francis MacNutt

Father YHWH, King of the Universe, I thank you for sharing your wonderful ministry of healing and deliverance with me. Thank you for our past healings and those of today. I realize that the sicknesses and evil spirits I encounter while ministering with you are more than my humanity can bear. So I beg you to cleanse me of any sadness, negativity, residue, or despair that I may have picked up.

If my ministry has tempted me to anger, impatience or lust, cleanse me of those temptations and replace them with love, joy and peace. If any evil spirits or fractions have attached themselves to me or intend to oppress me in any way, I command you all, spirits of earth, air, fire or water, the netherworld or nature, or of occult

powers, to depart now and go straight to Y'shua the Anointed One, for him to deal with as he will.

Come, Great Spirit, renew me; fill me anew with your power, love and joy. Strengthen me where I have felt weak and clothe me with your light. Fill me with life.

And Father, through Master Y'shua the Anointed One, please send your *kadosh messengers* to minister to me and my family, and to guard and protect us from all sickness, harm and accidents, guard us on trips home, and grant us a peaceful night's rest.

I praise you now and forever, Father, Son, Holy Spirit.

Two Tiny Pistols

Tonight the neighbor's teenager returned home after dark and the door was unlocked. She came over to see if I would go through the house before she tried to enter. She was frightened. I too was a little scared until I laid hands on my little pistol. I put two bullets into their chambers then walked with her through the darkness to the house. I felt far more secure with the tiny pistol and two bullets than I would have just walking through the house with a stick.

Likewise, these prayers are small but powerful. They give us great confidence on the behalf of those we love. Use them over and over!



1. Father YAH, I claim my brother's (sister's, *etc.*) life for your Kingdom. Tear away the veil of blindness from the eyes of his heart so that Y'shua your Son might be revealed to him/her. *Do whatever it takes* to reach him/her. I thank you for my brother's / sister's future life in You in advance. Amein.



2. Father YAH, I claim the authority as your child to intercede with you on my brother's (sister's, *etc.*) behalf. I command the devil to desist from blinding my brother / sister in the name of Y'shua Son of YHWH and I demand that the walls of pride, resentment, rebellion and jealousy to be torn down so that he / she might see your light and live. Father, do whatever it takes to reach him. Amein.

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Baptism in the Spirit, Part 1

This message can be read or preached after the initial group Scripture study.

Acts 2:4-8. They were all filled with the set-apart Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Judeans, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking of the Galil? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?"

John the Baptist – Yochanon the Dunker – A Prophet for All Time

"Yoch" ("Yoke," *Yochanon*) the Dunker was the herald of the Anointed Messiah. YHWH's people in Yoch's time understood that, before the Messiah could come, the prophet EliYah would appear to "make Messiah's way straight." When that Messiah burst on the scene, Yash ("Yahsh," *Yahshua*) actually called Yach "The EliYah whom you expected."

(That would in some respect make Y'shua the EliShua [Elisha] to come after. Both names mean nearly the same thing.)

When Yoch's followers asked him if he were Messiah, he answered them all,

(Luke 3:16) "I baptize you with water. One more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Kadosh Spirit and fire."

Yoch was a powerful *prophet* of YHWH. Yet he prophesied that Yash would be far more powerful. Today, the Baptism in the Spirit is one of the most controversial subjects in the world (outside the mainline denomination, who have not heard of it). (Immersing in the Set-apart Spirit is what Y'shua came to do, so it is up to us to seek it out that we might enter this "Portal to the Supernatural" ourselves.)

Yoch the Dunker prophesies to all people – those standing by and those present, every time we recite the prophecy anew. Yoch's

message is true today: that Y'shua came not only to save in the future but to dunk in the Spirit with fire *now*.

Opinions of Religious Folks, Now and Then

Religious folks today say, "I was baptized in the Holy Spirit and fire automatically when I was saved." This may indeed be the case; yet we ask, "Does your life reflect the passion and fire of YHWH's Spirit as demonstrated in his Son?" "Are you working in your spiritual resources now?" "Are you living in spiritual victory?" "Do folks know the Spirit when they see you?" The fire-baptized are mostly always burning!

Others say, "The supernatural died out with the Apostles." We ask, "Did Scripture falsify itself when they died?" If our hard line tells us something contrary to the harmony of the Scriptures, which one will we believe? (This is a very, very important question.) If the Spiritual Gifts died out, then how is it that you command people to be saved? Is not the born-again experience a spiritual gift? (We might add, "Is it not true that you are also spiritually 'died out'?")

John Wesley was not a charismatic figure at 5' 2" tall. His sermons were (and are still) exceedingly dull when read from the page. Yet multitudes flocked to hear him "read." Somebody asked him why anybody even bothered to come. Wesley replied, "They come to watch me burn once I set myself afire."

The *fire* attracts folks like flies to a flame. Are you on fire and burning for the set-apart Spirit? If "Yes," then you do indeed exhibit evidence of a good dunking in the Spirit. But if you do not have the evidence, and you have no power, then you certainly have not experienced what John Fletcher called "The Second Blessing." You need this empowerment to fulfill His perfect will for your life. It will qualify you to step through the door to the greatest power for good the world has ever known. You need to prepare your heart for what the Spirit has in store for you – not only for your own sake, but also for the sake of the coming Kingdom. Let us pray (or sing):

*Love Divine, all loves excelling: joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Yah-shu, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.*

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*Breathe, O breathe thy Loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit; **let us find that second rest.**
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.⁸⁰*

Spirit Baptism and the Risen Sovereign

In Acts 1:4-5,8 we read that Y'shua had risen up from death. He reclines at the table with his friends, instructing them what to do before going forth as witnesses to the Good News of his resurrection. Y'shua gives them this command:

“Do not leave Jerusalem, but **wait for the gift my Father promised** that you heard me speak about. For Yoch dunked in water, but in a few days you will be dunked in the kadosh Spirit. And you will receive power when the Spirit comes upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the land.”

Here Yash affirms Yoch's prophecy. Yash also distinguishes Spirit Dunking from dunking in water. He proves Spirit baptism

- is not the same as water baptism
- is a gift from the Father
- originates in the spiritual dimension.

The disciples helped bring the people to repentance and water-baptism; yet *they were not prepared to go forth without the gift*. It was promised that they would receive it soon.

- Dunking in the kadosh Spirit is not the same as salvation or justification
- It does not automatically happen when someone “accepts Jesus into her heart.”

This Baptism has different functions.

- Receipt of supernatural power
- Spiritual gifts, from tongues to miracles
- Casting of fire, signifying the burning away of sin through fiery trials.⁸¹ The more sin there is, the longer it takes. Hopefully, you will be a fire ball all your life.

⁸⁰ “Love divine, all loves excelling,” Charles Wesley, 1747.

⁸¹ Philippians 2:12,13: Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. It is Elohim who works in you both *to will* and *to do* his good pleasure.

Finally and most importantly, this dunking is the doorway. Once through, there is no turning back – the “dunked” is now in the business of being Messiah and doing the acts of Messiah.

- Remember, one may be “saved” and baptized in water, be a professional minister, be a holy person, yet still not have experienced the Baptism in the Set-apart Spirit, as we will see in the upcoming installments.

We need not wonder what holds us back from living a fulfilled and “perfect” life. What Messiah came to do *we say* is already done, does not exist anymore, or is not relevant anymore.

Spirit Baptism does not necessarily happen at the same time as any other means of grace, though the Spirit should pour in the course of water baptism.

Luke 3:21. Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Y’shua also ***being baptized, and praying***, the heaven was opened, and the kadosh Spirit descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him.

This (almost) never happens *to us* without our knowing it. (Usually everyone around knows it.) YHWH instills in us ***tangible evidence*** that he has returned powerfully to his enskinned temple. This wonderful presence and its evidence is a gift that we may hold precious for the rest of our lives and resort to when needed.

Without the effort of seeking, even tarrying, to receive, one’s “Christian” life is dull indeed, without joy, and more dangerous from a spiritual viewpoint. (We are vulnerable without the Spirit’s empowerment.)

Let us pray the Father for this Spiritual Gift:

Abba YHWH in the Heavens, giver of precious and good gifts, prepare my / our heart(s) for the outpouring of your Spirit and fire; through Y’shua Messiah, our Sovereign. Amein.

Pentecost / Shavuot – Feast of First Fruits

Did you ever read about the folks in the upper room apartment before the Spirit poured? Acts 1:6-7 tells us that *twelve* disciples were there along with Y’shua’s mother, family, and all his women friends, all “constantly in prayer.” Suddenly, after an eight-day wait,

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they heard a sound like the wind then saw “flames of fire” alighting - specks of what appeared to be fire fell upon them from above. Each person in the room - man, woman, and child - was baptized with the Spirit and spoke and praised and exhorted in languages no one had otherwise learned.

In this first recorded incidence, the Spirit gave gifts of languages so that these folks might have the ability to proclaim the Great News among the Pentecost pilgrims present in the city. Gobs believe through the prophecies of individual witnesses then Simeon Kefa ***interprets the languages for the crowd in general.***

The gift was set apart unto ***devout*** men, women and children. Those in the crowds were also devout – they were keeping the commandment by showing up in Jerusalem for the Shavuot feast. Are we not devout, as well? Are we not commandment-keepers, feast-keepers, and lovers of the Father? If we are, then this same outpouring is for you and me. Whatever good thing the Set-apart Spirit of YHWH has for me, I want. Do you not want a good gift, too? Of course you do. Let us pray about it.

John 20:22 Y’shua said to his disciples, Peace be unto you: as my Father sent me, now I send you. Then he breathed on them, and said to them, Receive the Ruach haKodesh.

Spirit of Father YHWH; Spirit of Y’shua; Breathe on us. Pour out your flaming radiance Consume the sin in our members and convert us fully! Dunk us in power for good works. Manifest your presence with fire. We have been a scattered, tongue-tied people. Gather us into the one-ness of your heavenly language. Cleanse out mouths, minds, hearts. Send a mighty wind and bursts of flame. Set us ablaze to hear and see and feel. Let us speak with new tongues, the languages of our heavenly home.

Addendum 1 – Sonic Boom

CASE HISTORY: Once upon a time, I was a delegate to the World Methodist Evangelism Institute's congress at Cliff College in Manchester, England. There were over a hundred delegates from all over the world representing 20 million Methodists. There were many different cultures, races and language groups represented.

On the last morning of the congress, delegates were invited for morning worship in a large auditorium. First off, a Welsh lay minister testified before “the world” that YHWH had recently baptized him in the set-apart Spirit. He went on to say that when it happened, he began spontaneously praising the Master in a language he had never learned, just as it happened in the Bible! I could tell he was new to the experience, for he was absolutely beaming with joy. He begged the group to open their hearts to receiving the gift of the Spirit, just as Y’shua had promised.

Then he began to lead the singing – using old Methodist praise choruses from a hundred years before – in such a way that he took the starched Methodist stoics by surprise. The Spirit wind soon began to blow in that place as the Spirit responded to its invitation. (As they used to say, “The Holy Spirit is a gentleman – he only shows up when invited.”)

People in that auditorium raised their hands in praise. I was between a small delegation from Ruanda (of all places) on one side and Figi Island on the other. The Set-apart Spirit did not care where anyone was from – he did not care at that Pentecost of the Acts, either. He only cared about the condition of the hearts and souls that were present.

YHWH moved over the crowd; some got excited. Others burst into tears of joy. Some began to speak in unlearned languages. As praise from a hundred mouths filled the room, all of a sudden, out of nowhere, there came *the mighty blast of the rushing wind overhead*. The wind came in waves, then

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

of major explosives, yet nobody ran for the exits! The Spirit lingered in that mode for several more minutes, then the divine presence subsided. It was like a new Pentecost. I am sure that many of the people there had moved in the Spirit before; but this was different. It was a move of one-ness and at-one-ness. It was a move of Echad and of one accord. The event was a fitting climax to two weeks of world Methodists seeking the face of the Almighty in one little speck on the map. No one was disappointed.

But what of the great wind and explosions *heard* and *felt* there just outside Manchester England? The explosions were not bombs or terrorists. Several RAF jet fighters chose just that moment to make a

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low pass over the auditorium. We experienced a “sonic boom” dunking in the Spirit. I believe that YHWH Sabaoth called in the RAF just for us on that occasion! Is it not just like a loving Father to provide the sound effects for our new blast of the Spirit?

And the same Spirit will provide signs, wonders, gifts, and resources for us when we're ready to receive in like fashion.

Addendum 2 – Squencher

1 Thessalonians 5:19. Quench not the Spirit.

We must open up to what the Spirit has for us. We must not be in a hurry to so as not to wait and watch expectantly and prayerfully for YHWH's arrival; we must certainly be in one accord – nobody may be contrary. To be against the move of the Set-apart Spirit is the same as going head to head against YHWH. We are always surprised at the enemies in our midst, even though we should expect adversity from the devil!

The Apostle Paul, who wrote the book on pneumatic resources, admonishes us in his earliest letter that we “Quench not the Spirit” when He comes to us. Pastor Vance Havner's friend created a word by combining “squelch” and “quench.” He would say, “Don't 'squenched' the Spirit.” He once preached that

We squench the Spirit in more ways than we suspect. When we criticize or discourage others by an unspiritual attitude, we 'throw cold water' on their inner fire. The Set-apart Spirit can be grieved very easily. A frivolous attitude, a rebellious frame of mind, or a fed-up complacency will do it.

There may be spiritually dead in your group. There usually are the bored. Many people are simply not interested in spiritual things. They may be nice and even saintly, but they still may be dead and thus uninterested. Let us face reality, some stones are very cold and remain that way forever; then again, some stone will become warm at a later time. We can learn how to identify warm stones. There also may be some in your group who are excited about spiritual realities.

It is good to make clear that, “Even if you are uninterested, act interested for the sake of those who are. We do not know for sure why you are here unless your spouse dragged you in or you are trying to get into a good habit. Whatever it is, dare you not be a spoilsport

and “squench” the opportunity to meet Y’shua for others. “Make an effort!” as my associate would always chide.

In our small group meetings, we must be unified in our desires for Messiah’s best. If we could create a new word for what the assembly needs instead of what it does not need, it might be one-accord-ness or at-one-ness (as i mentioned before), especially in regards to the second blessing immersion, where unity is the key to inviting the Blessed One.

Addendum 3 – The Millionaire

Matthew 7:11 “How much more shall your heavenly Father give the Set-apart Spirit to those who ask him?”



If the Set-apart Spirit has gifts hidden for you, are you willing to seek them out? *The Millionaire* was a TV series forty-five years ago. It was very popular. It was about the philanthropist John Baresford Tipton who sent out his emissary, John Anthony, to *give* someone a check for \$1,000,000. In the 1950s, there were less than twenty people in the world worth five million dollars or more. It was surprising each week to learn what kind of person would enjoy the opportunity to receive the endowment. (They did not always receive

because they did not always believe.)

In one episode, the check was to go to a righteous man who worked hard in his life, pulled himself up by the bootstraps about one third of the way (yet he was very poor), but he was proud. He liked to say that he was a self-made man – nobody had ever helped him in his life, and he did not need anyone’s help. Except for the pride, the fellow was a fine character and certainly deserved the million, but try as he might, the millionaire's agent could not get him to take “a hand-out.”

At first, the man would not allow himself to believe the check could possibly be for him. Next, *if* it was for him, there had to be strings attached. Finally, he would never take the check because he made it on his own.

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Although the millionaire *never took back the offer of the check*, the man would never take it; and so the *potential millionaire* remained a righteous soul, but poor and powerless. Now if that is not the perfect story of a pew-sitting unbeliever!

The Great Spirit has a gift for you worth much more than a million! I would not take *ten million* or *one hundred million* for the Spirit-baptism I received in 1967. YHWH has promised that the same fire, glory and power that fell upon the first Apostles will also fall on you if you are clean, diligent in expectation, and prepared to receive. He offers tangible evidence when you receive; evidence that will convince you that it is real. When this Baptism is received, it feels better than a million!

Let's make an effort to receive what we deserve as children of YHWH.

Pour Out Your Power Prayer: Heavenly Father, I want to experience all that You have in store for me in Messiah Y'shua. I am sorry for my pride that may have kept me from experiencing any part of the life in the Spirit. I do repent of this pride and I ask You to reveal Your life and love to me more fully. I want You to take over my guidance and be my Master.

I don't know all that this means now, but I trust You to teach me. You can do it! I am an open book! Father, I ask You to baptize me in Your Set-apart Spirit. I want all You have suffered to give me.

O, Sovereign Y'shua, I appeal to you. I empty myself of *all that I think I know* if it stands in *Your way*. Pour out your power upon me so that I might live a life worthy of Your name.

I thank You Father YHWH; I do now receive all of Y'shua; I thank You Y'shua, I do now receive all of Your Set-apart Spirit; I thank you Set-apart Spirit that You have made all this possible by Your faithful love. I thankfully pray in Y'shua's sacred name. Amein.

Baptism in the Spirit, Part 2

Texts: Acts 16:16-18; Acts 1:4-5,8;
Acts 8:5-8,14-17; Acts 10:44-48; Acts 19:1-6

Yoch and Yash - Review

We explored several foundational texts about the Baptism in the Spirit, including the following:

1. (Luke 3:16) Yoch (“Yoke”) the Baptist’s prophecy that when Messiah came, he would baptize in the Spirit of YHWH and fire;
2. (Acts 1:5,6,8) Yash’s confirmation of Yoch’s prophecy, and his instructions to his followers to wait for the promised baptism, so that they might receive the power to become effective witnesses;
3. (Acts 2:1-4) The account of the pouring-out of the Spirit in the upper room, where all Y’shua’s followers had been “in one accord” and “constantly in prayer and expectation” for the promise. All received! They heard the sound of the wind, they saw tongues of fire resting on each, and they spoke in languages they had never learned.

From these texts, we understand that

- (1) Spirit Baptism is not the same as “born again,” salvation, regeneration, justification, or water baptism;
- (2) Spirit Baptism has another function – to empower believers with supernatural abilities;
- (3) Finally, the Baptism with the Set-apart Spirit is available to us.

We decided earlier that, if Y’shua came to fulfill his sacrificial mission for the express purpose that we might be Spirit Baptized, then we need to know more about it and appropriate it.

Let us pray:

*Valiant Spirit, by whose breath
Life rises vibrant out of death:
Come to create, renew, inspire;
Rekindle in our hearts your fire!*

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Phil and Sam

Acts 8:5-8,14-17. This Philip is one of the seven young deacons appointed and anointed by Peter (Kefa) to help administrate the business of the ministry (Acts 6).

Philip:

proclaimed the good news,
baptized in water,
cast out evil spirits,
healed the sick.

Today this is called, “Power Evangelism.” Power Evangelism really gets attention! Such powerful witness is a sure evidence of having received the Spirit baptism, according to Y’shua in Acts 1:4-8. Now let us look at the order of events in several acts of ministry later on in the history. (We assume you are reading the passages):

Acts 8:5-17 - Order of events:

(1) The Samaritans believe and are justified, yet the Spirit has not come upon them.

(2) They are baptized in water in the name of Y’shua, yet the Spirit still has not come upon them.

(3) The Apostles are called from the capital; they lay hands on the Samaritans and the Samaritans receive Spirit Baptism.

This passage assures us that one may be justified and baptized, yet still not receive the Set-apart Spirit; for Spirit Baptism is a *separate act* of YHWH’s favor and may either “**fall**” from above or be **administered** by an Apostle. Yoch and Kefa were summoned from headquarters in Jerusalem because their rank as Apostles privileged them *to love their enemies by laying hands on them*. (The Spirit formerly fell when Pete was preaching.)

Many teach that the Kadosh Spirit automatically gifts the one being water-baptized – even in infants – *without any evidence of it whatsoever except being a little wet*. How many millions have been baptized in water in infancy or at age twelve, and now, as adults, show absolutely no sign of being clean of spirit? If that Millionaire I mentioned in the last segment endowed me with a check, I would know I received it by several convincing proofs:

My bank statement would reflect it.
My new car would reflect it.

My receipts from donations to your ministry would reflect it.
The nature of my phone calls would reflect it.
Sudden, I would have lots of friends.
The best – I could great things for those given me!

Likewise, if you have received the Baptism with the Set-apart Spirit, you also receive proofs. Praise YHWH, whom we seek to know better:

*You are the seeker's sure resource,
Of burning love and loving force:
Protector in these seas of strife
And Savior through the Staff of Life.*

Pete and Corn

We skip next to the story of Peter in the house of Cornelius, a Roman Centurion, who, through divine intervention, comes to believe the Great News. The story is in Acts 10:44-48. Peter is summoned (supernaturally) to this goy's house to explain the story of Messiah clearly.

Order of events:

- (1) everyone in the house was Spirit-baptized *even before any made a public confession.*
- (2) Peter was still speaking when the Spirit fell upon them. What gift did Peter utilize?
- (3) The circumcision party saw evidence the entire household was Spirit baptized.
- (4) Accordingly, everyone in the house was baptized in water *in the name of Y'shua Messiah. (In what name?)*

Scripture again shows Spirit Baptism to be a separate work from both “new birth” and baptism, and may happen ***even before one confesses faith.*** Father knows best.

The author of the Acts is trying to tell us that

- Spirit Baptism is for everyone, regardless.
- **Despised enemies**, like Samaritans and Romans, receive.
- Children, slaves, and pagans also received the Gift.

*Through you, we witness YHWH's might;
Through you, great blessings – gifts of light.
Touch light to tongue and light to ear:
So let us speak; so let us hear.*

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Paul and Effie

Acts 19:1-6, Paul in Ephesus. Ephesus is in Asia, far from Jerusalem. Paul was amazed to find some there who already believed in Y'shua as the Savior.

Paul asks, "Did you receive the Kadosh Spirit when you believed?" The Ephesians say, "We have not even heard there is a Set-apart Spirit."

- (1) The Ephesians were believers, thus justified,
- (2) But they had not been Spirit-gifted.

What they did already receive was *the birth of the right human spirit* – the same spirit that died in Adam when he disobeyed YHWH – the same spirit that David cried out for when he said, "Renew in me a right spirit." It was not until Paul laid his hands on them that they received the Set-apart Spirit.

Why does the writer then tell us the Ephesians spoke in tongues and prophesied? Because biblical evidences of this event include tongues, prophecy, praise, boldness, zeal, healing, etc. SOMETHING NEW STARTS HAPPENING; IT MAY JUST START, THEN BUILD UP FOR AWHILE, THEN EXPLODE.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

We are to intercede for gifts of the Spirit. There is life-lasting evidence after we receive. Let us pray for illumination:

*Flood these dull senses with your light;
In power and care, our hearts unite.
Your love the whole creation fills;
Affirm our weak, uncertain wills.*

Eddie the Spirit Man

I had a friend named Eddie. Eddie was about 25 and he had experienced a particularly hard life. His wife was an alcoholic. Eddie had been in trouble, but recently turned his life over to Y'shua who gloriously delivered him. Everybody knew he was a changed man! YHWH forgave him and birthed a right spirit within him. Eddie became righteous and hungry for the Spirit.

Although Eddie knew he was borne again, he still did not have the power to overcome many of the difficulties and habits that had plagued him, nor did he have the boldness to witness to what Y'shua had already done for him. He read about Spirit Baptism and began to covet this wonderful empowerment. If he was going to overcome oppression and live in victory, he needed Spirit Baptism.

I was young. I watched Eddie "tarrying" at the church altar after every service, day and night, and heard him crying out for mercy, begging for more of the Spirit. After many, many nights of tarrying, Eddie came to the attention of the church youth. The young were determined to pray with Eddie until he received what he wanted.

We surrounded him one evening at the altar steps and prayed the "perfect prayer" for him. After a half hour of solid prayer, I was off by myself a little ways and I felt a strong anointing – electricity seemed to charge through my hands. I knew this was for my friend. When I laid hands on him, *his* hands flew into the air and his face lifted up to heaven. Tears of joy coursed down his cheeks, for the power of the Set-apart Spirit poured out upon him, and he began to praise the Father in a language he had never learned. It was glorious.

Before a minute passed, we youth all began to laugh, for we received a gift of set-apart laughter that continued for an hour afterward. What wonderful joy us young boys had on those carpeted steps that night! This was a tremendous sign of YHWH's pleasure and favor, his anointing and his power. This was long, long before the "laughing in the Spirit" fad. I will never forget that night in 1967.

As for Eddie: the Father knew beforehand the difficulties he would face resulting in his death at age 30; yet in those short years following his Spirit Baptism, Eddie moved in great power and love, becoming a signpost for the community to Y'shua.

Likewise, the Kadosh Spirit wants to immerse and empower you! You need this power! If you have already received Spirit baptism, Maybe you need a new infilling. You need to see the evidence of YHWH's power in your life; you need his gifts; you need his enthusiasm. Others *need you to acquire the abilities* you are destined to receive.

Perhaps you have already been tarrying, long and prayerfully. Maybe this night is your special day.

Spiritual Gifts Revelation:

Spirit-person Prayer: Father, You know I am born from above. I am a spirit-person: You have already adopted me into your family. I am one with Elohim, like Brother Y'shua, my Master. Clean and worthy, I am definitely moving toward my master's image in *agapē*. I now profess before all creation, good and evil, that I belong to YHWH my Mighty One. Father, I give you my life: body, soul, spirit, and destiny.

I stand before you now desiring **empowerment** and **authorization** for service for humanity. **Pour out** your Spirit upon me. Burn me perfectly clean like fire to wood. Fill me with living water completely like a thirsty clay vessel.

Father, in the name of Your Son Y'shua the Anointed One, I now strongly request that "you rend the skies and come down, that all great mounds might quake at your presence – as when fire kindles wood – as when water is set to boil – to make your great name known to all!"⁸² Hallelu-Yah!

Father YHWH, from this very moment on, by my act of strong belief, I am going to tarry in your presence until your radiance I see and feel – until mountains move out of the way – until your fire burns me like wood – until your living water fills me like a vessel.

Eight Steps to Receiving the Baptism in the Spirit

1. Sincerely make confession of your commissions and omissions against the Father Yahweh and your generation.
2. Renounce all evil, all unsavory attachments, all occult bondage, all habitual bad behavior, and all worldly folly.
3. Affirm your trust in Yahweh and his Son to save you from the wrath to come. Ask that you might be born again.
4. Determine now to start reflecting Y'shua's life. You will keep the Father's commandments because you love Him.
5. *Intentionally* nurture a personal relationship with the Father and Son through prayer, devotion, charity, and good deeds.
6. Determine that without fail you will frequently assemble with likeminded believers and worthily partake in the feast.
7. Remind the Father that you are a set-apart tribe and ask Him to baptize you wonderfully in the Kadosh Spirit.
8. Keep seeking; keep asking; keep living in total expectation of receiving your endowment at any time.

⁸² Rend the skies – Isaiah 64:1,2.

Q & A: Classic Understandings of Spirit Baptism

Q: Compare and evaluate the different understandings of the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

A: The factors involved in a comparison and evaluation include (1) when it happens, (2) what happens, (3) what is the purpose for it, and (4) what is the evidence of it. The answers to these questions differ along to sectarian lines that have developed over time, and sometimes constitute the doctrine of origination for the sect.

History: Wesley's friend Fletcher designated "the baptism" as a second work of grace apart from and subsequent to justification, and equated it with full salvation (entire sanctification). This was a matter of friendly contention between the two. The various holiness movements of the 19th century adapted Fletcher's theme, and devised many variations on it. Generally, this diverse group taught that, after conversion, one must prepare for the baptism, a "second blessing," through total consecration and faith. One stream taught that the evidence of receiving it might be a physical manifestation such as a feeling of assurance, electricity, sensing oneself as a "drop in a sea of love," etc. (Sarah Lankford, for example). Another taught that, if one would claim that they had received the baptism by faith, then various evidences would presently manifest (Lankford's sister, Phoebe Palmer). The purpose of the baptism is for power to live a holy life and establish the kingdom of Elohim on earth: "holiness is power."

Certain of the influential in the holiness movement (such as Mahan, Horner) began to teach that sanctification, "a clean heart," was the condition for receiving the baptism. Thus "two blessings" began to expand to three in some circles. Irwin, founder of the Fire Baptized Holiness Church, taught multiple spirit baptisms. In addition, according to some, certain signs and wonders, such as dancing, swooning, etc. were proofs of the validity of the baptism. Through their meetings, Finney and Moody, the great revivalists of the age, were able to shift the purpose of the baptism from holiness to power. By the end of the century, Torrey, in his influential book *The Baptism With the Holy Spirit*, really summarized revivalist trends by stating that the baptism was indeed a work distinct from justification and sanctification, and that it's purpose was for the endowment of power (thus the Wesleyan emphasis on personal holiness was diminished in his teaching).

Spiritual Gifts Revelation:

The manifestation of tongues as the evidence of the baptism at Parham's Bethel Gospel School in 1900, and the consequent spreading of this phenomena, brought about a wholesale change of thought among many of the traditional holiness professors, among them Seymour and his Azusa Street Revival, and it's church-planting products, Durham, Mason, and Cashwell. It is mainly through the efforts of these men that the Pentecostal understanding of the baptism came to be (that is, speaking in tongues is the initial evidence of receiving the baptism). Currently there are several different viewpoints on the baptism - almost all of which were born in Wesleyanism and formulated in holiness:

Methodist, General: The Baptism of the Holy Spirit occurs at the same time as justification. "All believers have the Holy Ghost." It is the doorway to sanctification; that is, sanctification in Wesley's "lower sense." As such, it is the beginning of holiness for the believer. The evidence of it is the fruit of the spirit and (perhaps) eventual full salvation. This teaching originated with Wesley, is the historic foundation of later understandings, and is currently a distinctive doctrine of the United Methodist Church (?).

Second Blessing Holiness: The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a second work of grace, happening subsequent to justification. It's evidence is physical assurance in the form of, as one might say, "feeling the fire burn out the old sin nature," and its purpose is to usher in entire sanctification - power to live in sinless perfection. This is the modern offspring of the 19th century holiness movement. Presently, this view of the baptism is held (generally) by non-Pentecostal churches with roots in the holiness movement such as Nazarene, Wesleyan, Free Methodist, Christian and Missionary Alliance (?), and Church of Elohim (Anderson).

Third Blessing Pentecostal: It is with this group that the baptism is seen as a separate work from justification and sanctification, thus "three (instantaneous) blessings." The baptism may or may not happen concurrently with the other two. When it does happen, the initial evidence is speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. The purpose is for one to receive power (Acts 1:8) for various other things, including boldness to witness and ministering in spiritual gifts. Third blessing churches are the historical offspring of Irwin, Mason, and Cashwell: Church of Elohim (Cleveland), Church of Elohim in Christ, Pentecostal Holiness Church, Fire-Baptized

Holiness Church, Church of Elohim in Christ, Church of Elohim of Prophecy.

Second Blessing Pentecostals: In this group, sanctification is seen as an ongoing, life-long process, not an instantaneous work. Thus the two blessings are justification and the baptism in the Holy Spirit: a truncated and baptistic version of the three blessing variety. The initial evidence is tongues, and the purpose is the endowment of power, as above. The Keswick Movement of England and William Durham were formative for churches, including the Assemblies of Elohim, Church of the Foursquare Gospel, and the various “Oneness” groups. (although I understand that the purpose of the baptism may be quite different in oneness groups).

Independent Charismatics: These groups are no longer in the mainline churches where they originated, but have left to form their own independent churches. The Assembly of Elohim, the Full Gospel Businessmen's Association, Ladies Aglow, Kenneth Hagen Ministries, and televangelists influence their understanding greatly concerning the baptism. Many adhere to the teachings of the second blessing Pentecostals, although more and more, the evidence of the baptism is moving away from tongues to assurance, power to witness, and prosperity.

Anti-Charismatics, Post-Charismatics, etc.: I wrote the previous paragraphs in the early 1990s. Since then, a new and important group has “arisen” formed from those who have rejected the antinomianism of Christianity to form new Hebraic roots movements stressing the sacred name, biblical festivals, common diet, and the primacy of the Hebrew language. Though these groups have very little connection besides their common practices, virtually all their congregation members have come out of Christianity, many from charismatic, Pentecostal, evangelistic, or holiness churches. They are no longer considered orthodox Christians, nor do they want to be seen as having any connection to Christianity; indeed, they favor not mixing at all with other groups in order to keep a purity of biblical teaching and practice. However, many have experienced the dynamic spiritual power from the experiences they had in the Church, and certainly the Spirit has not rejected them because they seek to show their love of the Father through being obedient to his ordinances. Let us say they are anti-Charismatic but pro-Scripture.

Spiritual Gifts Revelation:

Expectantly Asking Alms of YHWH

Acts 3:1,2. One day Kefa (*kih-FAH*) and Yoch (*YOKE*)⁸³ are going up to the temple at the time of prayer – at three in the afternoon. A man crippled from birth was carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, in the place he is set every day so to beg from those going into the temple courts.

A Pitiable Sight at the Beautiful Gate

Ben Zillah⁸⁴ (*zih-LAH*), lame from birth, has been at the Beautiful Gate every day for twenty-five years. The gate is a great place to ask folks for something, for hundreds would be passing on their way to afternoon prayers.

The Beautiful Gate was very comfortable. Behind him towered the great temple; he could hear the gusting winds of praise and prayer going up to the heavens. As he looks out, he sees the scenic beauty of the Mount of Olives, where Y'shua encamps, teaches, and prays; where he will sweat great drops of blood for Ben Zillah's sins and those of the world. Yes, he feels very close to the Eternal One at the Gate.

In this historical place, he works hard for his living, asking alms. In his day, it is no disgrace to ask. In fact, there is a mandate in the law that those who have do well to share with those who do not. No other social welfare programs exist, yet though many live in impoverished conditions, there is no “culture of poverty” then as now. No, Ben Zillah is hard at work every day – he is in the asking business – he would not be content to be a burden to society. Nor is he the type for religious bellyaching like some who say, “I guess this is just His will for me to be without.” On the contrary – Ben Zillah actively, persistently pursues a better life.

Ben Zillah represents folks who make a living by actively asking alms of YHWH. Most of our daily prayers consist of petitioning the Father to supply our needs. Before Him, we are beggars; but we receive our mandate to beg from his generosity. If we sit with him at the Beautiful Gate, near the palace of praise, looking outward to the

⁸³ These men become known as “Peter” and “John” some fifteen hundred years later.

⁸⁴ Ben Zillah – not his real name.

promises of the Olive Tree, diligently persisting in prayer – then we may expect a hearing.

Know the Donor

When he sees Kefa and Yoch about to enter, he asked them for money.

Ben Zillah knows everybody in the city by name or sight; all come through the Beautiful Gate at one time or another. After all these years, he knows that he may as well not waste his breath asking alms of certain of the passersby. You see, Ben Zillah has cultivated his donors. He knows in whose pockets his sustenance fills. He has long before identified the cheerful givers of the prayer-meeting crowd.

He knows Kefa and Yoch quite well now. He has experienced the great charity of the Netzerim⁸⁵ many times. This time, he has great expectation that he will receive from these young fellows. He specifically asks Kefa and Yoch for money; that is what he needs, that is what he had received from them before. He expected money now.

The Eternal One is a great philanthropist, is he not? Father has donated to our causes in many ways and at many times. Tell Father what you want, and do not be surprised if He already knows!

Our Father in Heaven is a speculator, inveterate gambler. He is willing to risk his best gifts on you in hope that you will help others in turn. Once you receive Father's best gifts, you have a responsibility to use them in His honor.

Intention and Expectation

Kefa looked straight at him, as did Yoch. Then Kefa says, "Look here at us!" So the man gives them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

Because Kefa is a Spirit-baptized Covenanter, he is able to work in the spiritual dimension of reality. He gazes into Ben Zillah's heart with mighty "discernment of spirits" to tell that no demon caused Ben Zillah's lameness nor drove him to wrongdoing.

⁸⁵ Netzerim = NET-zehr-eem = those who follow the Nazareth Rabbi.

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Yoch considers in his mind a “word of knowledge” to discover whether Ben Zillah's heart is right in the sight of YHWH. Next, Kefa makes a righteous judgment: Ben Zillah is an innocent, lame child before the Father; and that he has the faith to be healed.

Likewise, Father peers into our hearts and knows our intentions (Hebrews 4:10)! He seldom gambles away his treasures blindly; he never casts pearls to swine. He gauges whether our intention is right also; whether we are living in expectant desire; whether we will be responsible in utilizing His gifts and favors.

Now, Ben Zillah the Lame does not analyze the situation as the Rabbi Kefa does. He knows what he has gotten before, but has no spiritual gift to discern what he will receive now. Still, he follows Kefa's command, “Look at us!” Zillah looks into their faces – he will definitely receive something very good. Even before he holds the coin in his hand, he has the assurance that he is going to get it, and maybe more than just one!

LaMaze d'Langoust

Before their first baby came, Duane and Hillary attend LaMaze birthing classes. The nurse tells them all about what will take place during the baby's birth. In passing, the nurse mentioned that, on the last night of the stay, the hospital will treat them to dinner.

As they tour the facility, the mother-to-be is thinking of all the exciting events surrounding the advent of baby Jen. Barely able to contain herself, she turns and cries out to her husband, “Honey, I'm getting so excited! It's awesome, isn't it!”

“It sure is, Hil,” Duane replies.

“I'm definitely ordering the lobster.”



Both parents are “expecting” – but Mother would receive a better gift, her expectations being very high, her hope assured every time she feels baby Jen move. She will nurture Jen into adulthood, she knows it and *has planned for it*. Duane also felt assured that he would be cracking lobster soon. His mouth is already watering for it – but soon after, it would be out the vent and gone.

Paul tells us to “pray for the best gifts.” The best and longest-lasting gift apart from *life* is the Baptism in the Spirit and the Gifts – these

keep on assuring and giving over the lifespan; and the receiver is never disappointed. Let us all attend to gifts and favors; plan for them and expect them shortly. Let us be “pregnant with expectation” and expectant in perseverance so that we might birth our desires in due season.

Ask for Great Things

Then Kefa exclaimed, “Silver and gold - I do not have them; but that which I have, *I give you*. In the name of Messiah Y’shua of the Netzerim, get up and walk!”

While Ben Zillah and Kefa are gazing into each other’s eyes, Peter quickly tells Ben Zillah, “no money.” Kefa has a greater gift than a shekel – he commands Ben Zillah to walk in the name of Messiah Y’shua. Zillah cannot believe what is coming out of the mouth of the Netzer Rabbi. He sits there a little stunned, pie-eyed, while Kefa’s words pass over his head.

Friends, like Ben Zillah, we often ask, but expect little more than a little bit of something from Father – a few green pennies from the washing machine – a little bowl of stale beans – a little less hassle from the kids. And even though Father owns it all, runs it all, and loves us obediently, we take a crumb when he hands us the whole pancake.

Two Humble Ol’ Saints

One lady gave me a little card to keep in my wallet. She had written her motto on it: “Lord, give me what I need, but not what I want.” This sounds so “umble.” What it really means is, “Keep me miserable and selfish, like I’m used to being.” Another dear saint always prayed, “Give us something if it be thy will, O Lord.” That is just another way of saying, “Whatever bad happens to me is all your fault!”

This type of praying is selfish. We are here to establish YHWH’s covenant and help the poor. We have a big job that takes big spiritual gifts, big financial gifts, and unselfish attitudes. We cannot afford to ask Father for a measly nothing, for whatever we receive is to be used in establishing the Unseen Kingdom in some way. This is why, “if you believe, you shall have it!” We need big gifts, and soon. We need the very best gifts, and we need them immediately.

Spiritual Gifts Revelation:

We must change our outlook on *receiving*. If we want a little handout and we find our way to the throne room somehow, we certainly will get a morsel to tide us over. But we would be better off dreaming big and asking big so as to reap a gigantic harvest not only for us, but for the many in need.

You Need a Yankee

Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong.

Kefa was so sure that the Master was healing Ben Zillah that he reached down and yanked him on up. Instantly, Ben Zillah received healing. Here Peter works a combination of spiritual gifts – healing and miracles.

If a covenanter is not knowledgeable about spiritual benevolence, a spirit-filled Messianic teacher is needed to yank him to his feet. If we have old-fashioned notions about the paucity of YHWH, or prejudices, we need a spirit-filled teacher to yank us up and show us how the Spirit moves. If we are full of false teaching about spiritual gifts from the celebrities on “Christian” Radio or television, or shortsighted denominational preachers, then we need a Yankee.

If we simply will not believe that spiritual gifts are for us, we need the heavenly Father to yank our pride up or down a peg.

Many of us need someone to take us by the shirt-collar and yank us to our feet – so that we might throw away our spiritual crutches and come into the light of the precious promises. Are you open to what the Spirit is saying to you? Do you need a Yankee?

Take Your Responsibility Seriously

The man jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising the Almighty One. When all the people saw him walking and praising, they recognized him as the same man who *used* to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Too many people knew what had happened to deny the fact of it. Ben Zillah received abundantly more than he had asked.

Y'SHUA INSTANTANEOUSLY HEALED HIM through the laying on of the hands of the surrogate! Ben Zillah can no longer return to his profession of begging alms. *He has to find a new job.* He has to get out of the vicinity of the Beautiful Gate and *use his new legs* to assist in establishing Y'shua's Kingdom by telling others what the Master had done for him.

Yes, now he must make his way under new power and new abilities.

Yes, now he must enter the temple instead of remaining out.

Yes, now he must run up the side of the Mount where Y'shua walked; for Ya'akov ben Zillah is a new man of new responsibilities, new directions, new sensibilities, new priorities. He has received what he had needed his whole life from YHWH. And now he would glorify his honorable name by walking tall and straight, and fearing nothing.

Five Requisites for a Miracle

This story of Ya'akov ben Zillah at the Beautiful Gate is the model for receiving anything from our Eternal Master.

1. We must be convinced of YHWH's power and willingness to give.
2. We must be specific in our askings.
3. We must persevere in our praying. (Wait upon YHWH.)
4. We must *ever* look into the face of the Master expecting to receive.
5. We must be willing to take responsibility when we look.

The Spirit Falls at Non-shalom

Let me now end with a story of a similar healing of crippling illness from my own experience:

Once upon a time, I was serving a church in the backwoods. Women were second-class citizens in the church; they were not allowed to speak from the pulpit. I had been trying to teach these women about the Baptism with the Set-apart Spirit so that some might go on to work in the pneumatic resources.

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I claimed, “You women can be free to be what Y’shua Messiah wants you to be rather than what *Jim* wants you to be.” (Jim was the lay leader who did not permit women to talk.) I set up a date and asked these women to be in prayer and expectation, for I was certain Y’shua would baptize each one in his Spirit and make new and powerful women of them.

The women *were* diligent in prayer and study. The meeting date came, and I had brought in a Spirit-filled woman evangelist to minister. Because of the evangelist’s gender, only about 20 people showed up, including the six women who wanted to receive something from the Master.

These women were not saints. Several disliked others. Minnie was a mean-spirited gossip, yet she wanted Dunking in the Spirit to move in the gift of tongues. Rene was high-strung and superior, yet she wanted Dunking in the Spirit for cleansing of the soul. Gina had a reputation as bad as her temper, but she wanted Dunking in the Spirit and the ability to move out in spiritual gifts. Lara had a spirit of negativism and defeat, but she wanted Dunking in the Spirit for an attitude readjustment. Jan was eaten up with cancer, but she wanted Dunking in the Spirit and a healing ministry. Nona was suicidal and self-loathing, but she wanted Dunking in the Spirit to see heavenly visions. A stroke disabled Lily, but she needed Dunking with the Spirit for restoration.

At the end of the preaching service, the evangelist called these women forward, and she laid hands on each one. ***She gave them each a new name*** (signifying a new person). In simple words, she asked the Heavenly Father to pour his Spirit down upon them and fill them to the full.

Tears began to roll as the Spirit fell from the fourth-dimensional sky, then all hands raised upward to YHWH. Praise welled out of the mouths of these women – Minnie began to speak with other tongues. Demon after demon flew out the widows from these women – they all received a tremendous cleansing, healing and newness, gloriously baptized in power with tears of joy.

Spirit-filled Women Need No Dancing Lessons

Soon something even more wonderful happened. As I was playing the piano (and thinking about losing my preaching license over this), the women formed a circle *and began to dance together in the Spirit.*

Yes, even in this Methodist church out in the country. The dancing reminded me of a formal minuet. Around and around they went, daintily and laughingly, one in the middle, then the other, all shedding tears of joy and singing in the Spirit. Things have not been the same there since.

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Ben Zillah and the disciples of the Netzer⁸⁶ give us a wonderful blueprint for miracles, and that blueprint was used to plan an event that turned out to be the restoration of seven righteous women oppressed by religion.

Some time now has passed, enough to be assured that this incident at Non-shalom was valid and not just the longings of the emotional playing out.

Friendly reader, be convinced that Father wants to pour his Spirit out on me and mine, you and yours. Ask Y'shua for a wonderful Dunking in the Set-apart Spirit. Persevere in prayer, and never cease asking. Look into the face of Elohim in expectation and longing; and when you receive, take responsibility as a powerful Apostle of Y'shua Messiah.

Joel 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.

⁸⁶ Netzer = one who guards (truth); one who keeps (truth).

Spiritual Gifts Revelation:

Old Solar: Tongues and Other Spiritual Resources

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 Now about spiritual gifts (*pneumatikon*), brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant.

Paul Organizes All

The assembly at Corinth was on fire with the Set-apart Spirit. Paul writes because there was a great move, and those who were moving in the Spirit requested sound teaching from the master rabbi. For Paul was a Spirit-baptized man, born into apostolic ministry by the Spirit, and taught the great overarching themes of Scripture by the same Spirit. He was an expert in spirituality – he may have tripped to the third Heaven of YHWH – yet it was so mystifying to him, he could not write down what he saw. Paul claims he got his lesson plan from no human at all, but directly from the Messiah – probably on his Arabian vacation (Galatians 1:17).

Yet now he writes this letter with the purpose of systematizing the unsystematic reality of the Spirit realm.

We humans have the propensity for taking any spontaneous move of the Spirit and organizing it – often out of existence. But Paul must do this very thing – organize supernatural spiritual manifestations – because of *the limited spiritual sensitivity of people whose minds must put even the Set-apart Spirit to order*. So in our study of spiritual things,



*Limit not the Spirit to the written rule of Paul;
But heed him so you'll understand: he's organized it all!*

I hope to also make some sense of the supernatural “gifts” in this essay so that you might covet the best gifts and be filled with power for Kingdom-style living.

1 Corinthians 12:2,3. You know that when you were pagans, somehow you were led astray to idols. So I tell you, no one who is speaking by the Spirit of YHWH says, “Y’shua be cursed,” and no one can say, “Y’shua is YHWH,” except by the Set-apart Spirit.

Paul teaches a method by which a skeptic may readily determine if someone has been impacted by the clean Spirit or the unclean. An

unclean spirit cannot proclaim “Y’shua is YHWH” by virtue of Y’shua’s shed blood. *It is not just a matter of speaking the words with the tongue* but proclaiming and living every facet of what the words demand. A demon can by no means plead for protection by virtue of the blood of Y’shua.

Many fundamentalist believers would like us to understand spiritual manifestations (such as tongues) to be of the evil one. These poor, misled souls might do well to apply Paul's test before attributing what may be from Set-apart Spirit to the devil: to do so and be wrong is to commit the unpardonable sin.⁸⁷

Actually, I have never hear any fundamentalist Christian speak the name of Yahweh except in jest.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7. There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Sovereign. There are different kinds of working, but the same Master works all of them. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

Paul teaches that, though there are many spiritual resources, all do not come from the Holy One, as the pagan spiritualists believe. Only all *benevolent spiritual gifts* have a common origin – the Set-apart Spirit of YHWH. Spiritual gifts always keep us *feeling clean*. And though they may or may not manifest in *ecstatic experiences*, the “gifts” will always culminate in good works to strengthen the whole body of Messiah.

Supernatural Spiritual Gifts and Their Ministries

1 Corinthians 12:7a-10. To one there is given (through the Spirit) the message of wisdom; to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit; to another miraculous powers; to another prophecy; to another distinguishing between spirits; to another speaking in

⁸⁷ Matthew 12:31 “Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven men, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven. ³² “And whoever shall speak a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but whoever shall speak against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in this age, or in the age to come.” NASB

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different kinds of tongues; and to still another the interpretation of tongues.

I sometimes call these the “Supernatural Spiritual Resources” because they all deal with suspending or influencing three-dimensional reality through the power of the fourth (or spiritual) dimension.

11. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

Wherever the Spirit is, spiritual gifts follow. Though 1 Corinthians 12 refers to the orderly use of gifts in the assembly, experience clearly shows us that a Spirit-filled believer may use one or several at once as an emergency situation is resolved. Though gifts may lie dormant, they await inspiration and the expectation of use by those who will boldly receive them and step out to use them.

Think of a person who is engaged in righteous ministry as a powerful wheel. Think of the gifts of the spirit as spokes, with the hub of the wheel being a love that is as active as it is empathic, all of these mounted on the axle of the Set-apart Spirit. All the parts must be in place for the wheel to function in moving the *chariot of fire* from place to place.



Why Pursue Spiritual Resources?

Hear how Paul admonishes the “big wheels” of Corinth:

1 Corinthians 14:1,5. Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy. I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy. He who prophesies is greater (*i.e.* of greater use to the body) than one who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets, so that the assembly may be edified.

It might be enough to answer the question, “Why covert spiritual gifts?” Very simply: because “The Bible tells me so.” If we believe that we were once spirit-babes, then would it not make sense that we should mature spiritually? Certainly, ministry from the perspective of the Spirit is far more effective than from the flesh!

Paul testifies, “When I was a child, I spoke like a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.” He may be speaking of moving like a powerful wheel onward and upward from carnal traditions to the mighty realm of the spiritual. He tells us in chapter 14 that the gifts of tongues and prophecy are essential for a strong and spiritually mature assembly. Speaking in tongues strengthens the individual; prophecy strengthens the body of believers. These two gifts are spiritual *exercise machines* which, when used regularly, keep us from becoming sedentary pew potatoes. They are the power tools of Kingdom building, and they require muscle to utilize. Yes, they are like PNEUMATIC HAMMERS, crushing away old foundations of superstition and getting to the heart of the matter at hand.

Tracing Tongues through Scripture

Having briefly introduced the spiritual gifts, let's explore one gift more thoroughly, the gift of tongues, because it was the first one received when the Spirit was poured out at Shavuot, and because it is the most common gift in operation today.

Do you remember the story of Babel's tower (Genesis 11)? In the beginning, all creation spoke the same language – Phoenician or Paleo Hebrew. YHWH spoke to angels in one language, YHWH spoke to humans in that same language; and humans spoke to angels in that same language.⁸⁸

The prophet Isaiah tells us that YHWH confused human language because the great king of Babylon, in collusion with fallen angels, boasted that he would build a high tower into Heaven then steal the power from YHWH and “make himself like the Most High” (Is 14:14).

The result of Babylon's folly was the cause of thousands of years of divisions and wars, paring us into hostile nations and peoples, creating tyrants and slaves. There are thousands of languages today, and thousands of divisions.

We still call unintelligible prattling “babble;” the babbler talks but is not understood. The babble of misunderstanding (confusion) has divided nations, families, and congregations.

⁸⁸Learn more at www.hebrew4christians.com.

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In the context of the world's babbling, YHWH promises that there is a great day in which he will *bring back a unity of Spirit and language*, so that those who follow him might overcome all division and take part in the new heaven and earth.

Yes, there is to come a time when all will again speak the undivided language of Heaven, so that all who serve Y'shua Messiah may unite into one great, benevolent, theocratic society. The Bible calls this "The Kingdom of Heaven." Weekly we pray, "Thy Kingdom Come..." The gift of tongues shows us that the Kingdom has come in some measure through the restoration of the heavenly language. Hear the words of the prophet concerning the restoration of a common language:

Zephaniah 3:9-10 I will change the speech of the peoples to a pure speech, that all of them may call on the name of YHWH and serve him with one accord. From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia (as far as far) my suppliants, my scattered ones, shall bring my offering.

YHWH is here promising to restore the "pure Speech" in our day. The wonderful fact is that the final outpouring of the Set-apart Spirit has already begun; indeed, we are in the final years of it. For in the 20th century YHWH has started the fulfillment of this prophecy. He has poured out a purer language on humanity as a sign that his Kingdom and Messiah are nigh. This outpouring has been universal in scope, disregarding of denominational and doctrinal lines, incorporating hundreds of millions of people, and creating a unity of spirit among believers unlike ever before.

So many of us have no clue about the significance of the 20th century outpouring, with its signs and wonders. Many who know about it disdain it, calling the move of YHWH false or even devilish. Many believe that if it were for today, then the Messiah would see that they had received it. But the move of the Spirit is like the wind – if a person wants to fly a kite, she must first find where it is blowing. Those who disdain the Spirit's move will never feel it because they will never seek it! We may never feel the refreshing breezes of the Set-apart Spirit unless we seek the place in which the Spirit is moving.

Tongues Four Ways

Q: Sheila asked, “I don’t understand what somebody is saying in tongues. What good is a language nobody understands? Isn't that just babble?”

A: Let me attempt and answer:

Through many years of research experience, I have come the following understanding about speaking in tongues. There are at least four ways tongues work:

1. Acts 2 demonstrates the first way, when those in the upper room spoke human languages they had never learned. All the strangers in town heard the disciples of Y’shua praising YHWH in their own native languages. This *xenoglossa*⁸⁹ enables the gifted to speak a language they have never learned to persons who do.

The first example in the book, the young preacher, demonstrates *xenoglossa*. Another simple example I may have mentioned earlier in this book: When I was a schoolboy, my mother and I were baptized in the Set-apart Spirit. She asked Y’shua to give her a heavenly language and she received a language she had never learned, she knew not which. I was in the eighth grade studying Latin in school.

One evening I passed her bedroom and heard her praying. The words were “Amo Deus” and other words such phrases, repeated over and over again. I barged in. “Mom, where did you learn Latin?” I asked. “Oh, is that Latin?” she replied. “I was just praying in my prayer language!” This was a sign *to me*; I was learning Latin from school, and my mother was learning it directly from Y’shua. (“Amo Deus” means, “I love you, O Divine One.”)

2. The second way YHWH uses the Heavenly Language is in tandem with another gift, the interpretation of tongues. We find this use demonstrated in Acts 19:6, where the Ephesians, after they had been dunked in the Spirit, “spoke in tongues and prophesied.”

One person speaks in a language nobody understands then another person receives the translation *from the Spirit* in a like manner, *i.e.* English.

⁸⁹ xeno (ξενο) + glossa (γλωσσα) (ZAY-no-GLAWS-sah) = alien + language = the language of foreigners.

Spiritual Gifts Revelation:

This is so that YHWH may speak a special word to an individual or group. Mignon and I often work together in “tongues and interpretation” when the Spirit speaks to a situation in another’s life. When the Set-apart Spirit speaks to *you* in this fashion, through tongues and interpretation, you had better listen!

Sometimes I recognize the language and can translate it, having studied it. The miracle of this is that the interpreter knows that the speaker has never learned the language. The rest of the time, I do not recognize the language, but while the speaking is continuing, I will pray for the interpretation, receive a few starting words then screw up my courage to step out by speaking those words. The rest comes forth. Doing this seems to me a lot like stepping out of the boat onto the surface of the water. An interpreter dare not lose faith in the middle of the interpretation.

The times I have studied the phenomenon (when I have not taken part), I must say that phonetically the interpretations usually seems very attune to the *xenoglossa* that has been spoken. The interpretations that have come by this means almost always have an immediate application – sometimes an emergency application.

Why the Spirit of Yahweh chooses this means of communication is another matter of study. All I can say about it now is that it is scriptural and YHWH DOES use it – frequently.

3. We also utilized tongues as a weapon against evil, unclean spirits. This understanding may or may not come directly from Scripture, but certainly from experience. We are inspired to use an unlearned language this way when casting out demonic tormenters. We can only assume that this is Y’shua speaking through us directly to the tormenting spirit, not at all unlike he did in the Bible accounts, and many times.

"Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" (Mark 5:8)

The proof that warfare tongues are effective is the response of the unclean spirit – writhing, gagging, falling down, coughing, yawning uncontrollable, laughing etc. This is not a matter of psychology only, but of spirituality. We have coined a term for this kind of tongue: *strateiaglossa*.⁹⁰

⁹⁰ Strateia + glossa (strah-TAY-ah GLAWS-sah) = battle + language.

4. Acts 10:46 demonstrates yet another way the spiritual man may use the heavenly language. The people of Cornelius' household were “speaking in tongues and praising YHWH.” It is in this event that, through prayer and waiting, the Almighty One endues a believer with the ability to speak the heavenly language directly unto Him in praise, petition, or surrender. Once this type of tongue-gift is received, it does not cease until death, unlike the other types of tongues (which may cease in the individual).

One may speak praise to the Father and edify oneself any time and in any place through this variety of tongues. Some folks call this their “prayer language.” Paul tells us that this kind of prayer is strengthening. Indeed, when we pray in this way, we not only glorify YHWH beyond our natural capacity, but we also bring incredible joy into our own spirit being. Glossalalia is the general word for the prayer language.⁹¹

I call praying in tongues “the perfect prayer” because one's spirit prays directly to Yah, by-passing the mind. Every serious Messianic believer should ask diligently for the perfect prayer. Of all the spiritual gifts, this is the most valuable to the individual believer, and takes the least faith to receive. The anointing can come at anytime – while driving, sleeping, eating – when least expected – or as an immediate answer to prayer. (This book contains several models prayers that will help.)

“Old Solar”

I mentioned that the language of tongues could be the language of Heaven or the original language, yet people may hear Latin, or Chinese, or who knows what. That is because the language of tongues is in fact one language; and it is all languages together, but above all, it is spiritual language.

The apologist C. S. Lewis gave a name to this kind of heavenly language. He called it “Old Solar.” He believed it to be a reuniting force throughout YHWH’s universe.⁹²

One may “learn” Old Solar by confidently asking and making one’s self available. There is nothing to fear, for, if a person is reborn in

⁹¹ Glossa + lalia (GLAWS-sah-LAHL-yah) = tongue + speaking, a general term for any speaking in tongues.

⁹² Old Solar is explained in *Perelandra* by Lewis.

Spiritual Gifts Revelation:

the image of Y'shua, Old Solar is to be the natural / national language anyway. Our English is artificial; it was forced upon us by society. It, like any other language, evolves out of existence. But Old Solar can never be obsolete. It is undoubtedly a divinely planned language with vocabulary already in place in case of any future need for expansion. In this way, Hebrew is something like that; modern Israel now speaks the exact same language as that which was written in the Dead Sea Scrolls as well as that which the author utilized to write the Genesis.

An Old Nazi Still Recruiting

I once met an elderly Nazi in a church service. He was visiting from Austria. Nobody in the church knew him; he was just there. After the service, he approached me and said, "Your name is Schneider – you're a kraut like me. Do you still understand German?" I said, "Nein, Ich vershtay nicht die Deutch" ("I don't understand German.") Then he said to me, "You see, my young friend, they English have not only stolen your glorious German heritage, but also your precious, native tongue."

This Nazi was wrong. I *learned* English; it took me years of hard labor. I *could learn* German if I wanted. Yet I acquired fluency in "Old Solar" over a period of a few years with only prayer effort and practice. It came as naturally as a baby's prattle (Psalm 8:2). This tells me that German is not my native tongue, nor is English; my language is Old Solar. I can pray the perfect prayer and get results, even though I have not been formally taught the language of Heaven.

Cursing, Verboten!

Now let me suppose that in Old Solar, there are no words for cursing the Father of all; there are no words that denigrate anyone or thing but evil; there are no expressions that demean self, only sin. There are plenty of words of praise and adoration, words of help and healing, words of edification and righteousness, words of education and uplifting, and words of unity. Those who use the gift of tongues to divide just do not understand. Those who do not believe in it are not Scriptural people.

Old Solar is the perfect language spoken by the children of YHWH all over the world: by the first fruits and by angels in Heaven. Messiah offers this gift to you who anticipate his coming and trust his promises.

Do you not want to speak this ancient language without having to learn it? You should, because you will have to learn it when you get in the Kingdom, if you get there. It may not be so easy then. It is best you seek your language now as a gift from the Almighty.

Paul said, "Seek the best gifts." Just ask Father Yahweh for your Perfect Prayer through Messiah. Ask diligently, then live in expectation of receiving, and you shall.

My Perfect Prayer, A Song

When I speak to Yah I pray the Perfect Prayer he taught me long ago.
When he speaks to me, he says the words that let me know he loves me so.

And clearly I hear the language he speaks,
So I can respond, and pray what he seeks -
For that which he seeks and he savors for weeks is my Perfect Prayer.

I asked for his gift – to pray the Perfect Prayer, and faithfully he gave.
I was but a child, naive and meek, but full of faith in him, and brave.

Then clearly he taught me such words from the start
That I knew in an instant had come from his heart.
So that which I sought was the gift that Yah brought -
It's my Perfect Prayer.

When I speak to Yah, I pray the Perfect Prayer he'd saved to give to me.
The words speak themselves, and sometimes sing.
Melodically, in time and key;

And now when I pray, I'm not sure what I say,
For my spirit inside me is having its way;
And my mind is at rest, for my gift is the best – it's my Perfect Prayer.

Now years have gone by but still the Perfect Prayer
is in my lips and my song.
And though I'm a man, with childhood past, that Prayer today
was on my tongue.

I tried to explain just how precious it's been,
And tried to convince you to let it begin;
For Yah has reserved one for you and your twin – It's your Perfect Prayer.

(Hear this song at www.Motivational-Gifts.org.)

Spiritual Gifts Revelation:

Be Healed in the Name of Y'shua!

The Earliest Healing Instruction

The miraculous unction of YHWH for spiritual and physical healing will always be enigmatic (a mystery). There have been literally thousands of books written on the subject of healing; I have several in my library. Although there is a supernatural gift of healing, healing is also available in the context of the community of believers – gifted or not. The congregation holds one of the great keys to curing misery and disease. We as the congregation hold the keys to our own healing.

A familiar passage allows us a peak into the ancient Messianic assembly during a healing service; James 5:13-18 – turn there now.

The writer, Ya'akov, is the brother of Y'shua. He was assassinated in 62 A.D., so James is writing while the infant assembly of Y'shua Messiah (Netzerim) is still meeting in the Jerusalem temple. This is significant because James' teaching on healing is the earliest we have, and the method certainly practiced with great efficacy in the gathering of Y'shua's first disciples.

Prayer and Praise as Lifestyle

James 5:13-18. Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise.

In the Nazorean⁹³ lifestyle, hills and valleys are the norm. A believer's devotional life should be one of ceaseless prayer and praise. In these few verses on healing, James refers to prayer *seven times*.

“Prayer changes things” is an old motto, yet still holding true. We might augment this notion by saying “Prayer, an intangible asset, changes tangible assets.” Or, “Prayer, a fourth-dimensional activity, changes three-dimensional reality.” The fact is, however you try to explain it, prayer really works. If you are in trouble, take your worry time to pray. Then be still; listen for your answer.

Speaking of fourth-dimensionality, we might say that for many believers, *praise* to YHWH is the lost dimension in devotional life.

⁹³ Nazorean = Notzrim = “Keeper” – those following the lifestyle of the historical Y'shua the Nazarene.

Praise does not mean simply saying thanks, nor does it mean merely enduring the ritual praise and scripted prayers of the worship service. “Praise alive” entails moving one’s whole being into an attitude of sanctity, and devotion toward our Father in Heaven. It means moving from an attitude of “me” to an attitude of “Thou.” It means throwing open the tent-flap and walking into the Kadosh Kadoshim⁹⁴ with joy, reverence, and mystery. Learn to praise YHWH the way YHWH desires praise!

Scrutiny of the Word of Healing

James 5:14 Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the assembly to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Master.

This verse is full of meat. Let us divide verse 14 into its eleven sections for a close word study.

I. Is any one of you sick (ασθενει)?

The word translated “sick” literally means “without strength.” This “weakness” covers a whole list of dysfunctions – illness, disease, fatigue, spiritual darkness, depression, resentment, hopelessness.

II. He should call (προσκαλασθω)

The word translated “call” is a compound word that literally means, “call to [oneself].” For a weak person to call others together for prayer implies (1) a significant amount of faith and (2) no little effort.

III. the elders (πρεσβυτερους)

The word translated “elders” is used as “older” in a spiritual sense rather than in age. In Hebrew, the word for “elders” and “beards” is the same! In this case, women may also sport beards. “Elders” are on the road to spiritual perfection through love and experience in spiritual matters. Congregation elders are not only the movers and shakers but also the quiet and pensive faithful who have put our Messiah and his Kingdom first in their lives. They know the power of YHWH, and they know how to pray. They are righteous men and women. The waters of their spirituality “run deep.” Their lives

⁹⁴ Kadosh Kadoshim = “holy of holies,” the sacred dwelling place of Yahweh in the temple proper.

Spiritual Gifts Revelation:

characterize the life of Messiah. Consider (as we continue) who the elders of your assembly might be. (Not necessarily those with beards.)

IV. of the assembly (ἐκκλησίας)

The word translated “assembly” or “church” literally means “called out people.” The word has little to do with the English word “church” which arose in pagan “circles.” The assembly is a body of believers in Y’shua bound by common worship, doctrine, and mission. The sufferer here is a person who is active in the life of the body of believers and who has come to know and trust the anointing of the elders to heal.

V. to pray over him

Prayer is not mere words. Prayer is spiritual *exercise*. The spiritual elders of the *ekklēsia* are to assemble and seriously offer supplication over the weak person who has called them. That is what we try to do and teach as best we can.

The famous preacher C. H. Spurgeon once said,

Prayer pulls the rope down below and the great bell rings above in the ears of God. Some scarcely stir the bell, for they pray so languidly; others give only an occasional jerk at the rope. But he who communicates with heaven is the man who grasps the rope boldly and pulls continuously with all his might.

This is the type of bold praying that the elders are accustomed to practicing – continuously and with all their might. (Consider this as you determine the identity of your elders.) Elders are men and women of prayer, and of ready action.

VI. and anoint him with oil

The sufferer has the hands of the elders, which are wet with the consecrated oil, laid upon him or her. Anointing consists of both hands and oil.

We find that the combination of laying on of hands and anointing with oil is the method the Master himself used to heal the sick (Mark 6:5,13). He also commanded all his disciples to do likewise, and that,

if they did, signs would follow them: they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover

(Mark 16:18). The anointing oil symbolizes the direct and immediate work of the Devoted Spirit – for it is the Spirit of Y’shua that gives life. The oil is also readily understood as the name of the Almighty One – Yahweh. To be smeared with anointing oil is to be saturated in the name of the En Sof, the foundation of all being

The oil is a symbolic element, like the bread and wine of Passover or communion. It has sometimes been interpreted as a medical therapy – like the rubbing on of liniment or first-aid cream. The oil’s real value, like the bread and wine, lies in spiritual mystery - the oil is transformed (in a spiritual sense) into something powerful by the unction of the Spirit and the faith of those elders involved in its application.

The oil also encourages greater faith, for it is a token that is seen and readily felt, and its application in faith results in healing that is not only spiritual but often physical. ***The scent of the oil lingers as a token of the Spirit’s ever-living power.*** Consecrated oil is a precious commodity: rare and fragrant, blessed by YHWH as the catalyst of miracles. Revelation 6:6. *Do not waste oil and wine!*

VII. in the name of the Master.

By doing something seriously in the name of the Master Y’shua Messiah (like anointing with oil), one becomes a vicar of Messiah on earth. By vicar, I mean “one who is authorized to perform in the stead of another” (Doubleday). Wherever works are accomplished in the name of Y’shua Messiah, he is present and doing the works *through the vicar*. There is great power in the name of Y’shua Messiah, for it is to him that every knee must bow, in the heavenly realms, on earth, also under the earth! (Philippians 52-11)

VIII. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well;

Literally, this reads “and the prayer of faith will save the weak one.” The elders who pray must pray believing that the one they are praying for is healed. These elders have seen YHWH do great things before, so they realize that YHWH is active in the “now” as well as in the “then.”

Spiritual Gifts Revelation:

Expectant faith in YHWH's ability through his Son is 9/10^{ths} of any effective prayer.

IX. the Master will raise him up.

Once again, faith is of utmost importance. Sometimes healing comes immediately and other times over the course of time. Faith must not wane in the waiting stage. Something is always addressed in the prayer of healing, though we may never know exactly what. Because the Master is faithful, we must be faithful, and remain on his wavelength as he affects our healing.

My Pilot Is Unconscious!

When her husband died at the controls of his small plane while on the way to Statesboro, GA Janice Gravely kept the plane aloft for two hours until it ran out of fuel. She radioed for help:

“Help, help, won't someone help me? My pilot is unconscious. Won't somebody help me?”

Authorities who picked up her distress signal were not able to reach her by radio because *she kept changing channels*. Mrs. Gravely finally made a rough landing and crawled for 45 minutes to a farmhouse for help.

How often do Messiah's people cry out for healing and restoration, but switch channels before he comes through? They give lip service to our Savior then turn to other sources for help. Friends, when you cry out for Y'shua's healing, do not switch channels! The Master will respond to your call in due time!

Indeed, our first reaction to illness is to call the doctor rather than to call the elders. They teach you in sociology classes today that, in our modern society, medical specialists have become our religious elders. The doctor's office or the hospital has become our temple. The office call, the hypodermic syringe, and the pharmacy prescription have become the sacerdotal elements that encourage recovery, rather than the consecrated oil, the laying on of hands, and the prayer of faith. Our pilots are unconscious!

I have many scars on my body from the cures of the medical trade, and our Savior designed to use modern medicine to save my life on

several occasions. Yet I am *very concerned* about our priorities as believers in the supernatural.

Who or what is the source of our healing? My answer if not the standard – for ***we are responsible***, with YHWH's help. We should believe that if our Sovereign holds the power of healing that he will be a primary source of our recovery (rather than the medical business), *and we will participate and cooperate with his methods*. We the *kadoshim* are vested with the tools of holistic healing – body, mind, soul, spirit. It is not up to the preacher, according to the word. It is up to the elders. Are we not elders?

Confession and Prayer Save the Sick

- X. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. So confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.

Forgiveness of sins is not just a fringe benefit of prayer. Confession of sins and absolution go hand-in-hand with healing and health. Confession works two ways in healing – the first has to do with contributing to our own ailment, the second with hindering our cure:

1. Many of our ailments are because of our own sins of indulgence. We eat too much, or drink too much, or smoke too much, or worry too much. When someone has overindulged in one thing or another (which may have led to the illness), one may at the time of healing be forgiven of past indulgences if such are confessed. *But it would not be consistent with Messianic faith to be forgiven and healed, but then heartily return to that overindulgence, or bad health habit, or sin that one was delivered from.*

One believer in my parish was diagnosed with emphysema. She came to the elders of the group in faith for healing prayer. She was *very* serious. She confessed her sin of having killed herself with cigarettes for years. Brown and yellow gunk literally oozed out of her constantly. The elders of the group prayed fervently for her; *healing flowed*. After prayer and tears, *she left the building for a few minutes to have a cigarette out on the back steps*. This behavior is hardly indicative of *faith*. However, YHWH often heals despite our faithlessness.

We know we may not be healed because of our continued lusts. We also know many are healed because of faith in YHWH despite themselves.

Spiritual Gifts Revelation:

Foot Washing

2. Perhaps even more important is the confession and absolution of resentments toward other brothers and sisters in the faith. Father addresses those in the faith who hold resentments one against the other in his Sermon on the Mount. He tells us that

If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift (Matthew 5:23).

It is in this context that James commands us to confess our sins to one another and pray for one another. Before one's offering of anything can be pleasing to the Father, that one must make a clean breast of his or her resentments or animosities toward the other.

I think my most vivid experience with this kind of confession came when I attended a foot washing service. I went into a room with the men in the church. Before anything else took place, each man in turn went to the others and asked the question face-to-face, "My brother, do you have any aught against me?" Sometimes the answer was "Yes," and all the men in the room witnessed the great inner cleansing that comes with reconciliation. In the solemn ritual of the foot washing service, through the confrontational nature of that most personal question, these men found absolution and healing before each other and before their heavenly Father.

This principle of confession applies to an ailing congregation, as well. YHWH will not bless or prosper any group in the grips of resentment, hatred, negativity, or rebellion against spiritual authority. Every member must confess their part in these demonic activities and be reconciled with one another before any healing can come. YHWH has given me to you and you to me. YHWH has given you that person across the aisle whether you like him or not. Who has the courage to bring this point up in the board meeting?

James concurs with this fact by calling us together as brothers and sisters of the Father in Heaven.

What is Scriptural Righteousness?

The Father is not going to do for you that which you must do for yourself. If you are guilty, you must, for the sake of all, confess, repent and be forgiven. Be honest with yourself and your neighbor. Prayer for healing of the individual or the group begins with confession, especially if we have contributed to our own ailment or have hindered our healing through resentment.

It is for this reason that James sums up his section on healing by commanding those of us who are ill to confess our sins one to the other then pray in faith for our healing. Confession and absolution serve to make us righteous before the Father. For it is:

XI. The prayer of a *zaddik*⁹⁵ is powerful and effective.

I also like the familiar translation - "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Herman Hoyt translates these words like this: "The prayer of a righteous man, which is energized in him, accomplishes much."

Although we believe that the Father hears all prayer directed himward, those that are *powerful* and *effect healing* originate in *righteousness*; that is, *Scriptural righteousness*. Righteousness means rightness in relationship to YHWH. One cannot be righteous before YHWH, keeping his just commandments, and still be in a state of resentment toward others. That is why James commands us to call for the elders of the Assembly – presuming that these elders are mature in their faith and walk.

Although YHWH hears all serious prayers directed to him, those who walk in righteousness before YHWH have the unction to pray in faith, knowing Y'shua is powerfully interceding for their requests. And YHWH moves mightily as a response to the prayers of the righteous.

The Bible teacher Kenneth Hagin once wrote, "if you prayed seven times for something, you prayed six times too many." This notion really flies in the face of our thinking about fervent prayer, yet in the case of the righteous, it is not a mere notion, but scriptural truth, as James demonstrates.

⁹⁵ Zaddik = a man or woman known all around for righteousness and just judgment.

Spiritual Gifts Revelation:

What is Supplication?

James' words on anointing, prayer, and healing imply that such a spiritual endeavor must take time and careful consideration. Taking time and being thorough in prayer is *supplication*. The effectiveness of healing corresponds directly to how seriously this passage, with all its nuances, is taken by all who are involved: the sufferer who is to be anointed, the righteous elders who must anoint and pray, and the congregation that must confess and hear confession. All must be in faithful agreement and learn from the experience. Much failure in this area comes from the hurried or partial carrying out of this most sacred, scriptural, and sacramental practice.

The instructions are explicit. The issue of obedience is at stake. However we may feel about the practice of anointing the sick, we must remember that it is Father's method, having been conceived by divine revelation and recorded by the brother of our Master Y'shua Messiah in the Word of our Elohim. Serious believers like us just cannot ignore this.

Today let us appropriate to practice this most ancient rite of faith healing. We need confession and healing perhaps like at no previous time. I need healing, and maybe you do. Let us devote TIME to healing in the manner prescribed by our elder in the faith, James.

The Coptic (Egyptian) Orthodox Church finds its roots in the movement of James in Jerusalem. The Copts have a special prayer that we may use as a "prayer of faith." The elder prays for the sick person anointing him with oil, and saying:

"O Yahweh Almighty, Healer of our souls and bodies, who puts down and raises up, who chastises and heals also, visit now in Your mercy our brother (or sister) who is ill. Stretch forth Your arm that is full of healing and health, and raise him / her up from this bed and cure this illness. Put away the spirit of disease and every malady and pain and fever. And if he / she has committed sins and transgressions, grant remission and forgiveness, because of Your love for humankind. Amein."⁹⁶

⁹⁶ <http://www.stmina-monastery.org/giftofhealing.htm>.

Sorting Out Motivational and Apostolic Gifts

Spiritual gifts make the church vital, alive and diverse. Believers using their gifts on behalf of their Savior sow seeds to needs and fulfill the Great Calling in power and humility. Organizations that know how to discover, explain and utilize the giftings of their members run smoother, more efficiently – *and they grow*.

When we study spiritual gifts, we consider primarily three portions of Scripture: Romans 12:6-8, Ephesians 4:11 and 1 Corinthians 12:4-11. Depending on how one counts them, the tests mention about twenty “gifts” and there are various other gifts mentioned elsewhere in the New Testament. Did you know that, though they are often all lumped together, the Greek New Testament has each chapter’s “gift list” *titled*, and not as “Gifts.”

- In Romans 12, Paul calls this list *charismata*, or “graces”;
- In Ephesians 4 they are *domata*, or “grantings”; and
- In 1 Corinthians 12 they are called *pneumatikoi*, or “spiritualities.”

Just as these “gifts” have very different, descriptive titles, they also have very different and diverse functions as we utilize them to bring unity and usefulness to an organization.

The purpose of this article is to give a short overview of the graces, gifts and spiritualities, provide resources for learning more about them, and direct the reader to discover her own.

Charismata Revisited

Romans 12:5-8 *literal*:

We the many are one body in Messiah but each one members of one another,

having graces (*charismata*) differing in accordance with the grace (*charin*) given us:

whether prophecy, in accordance with the proportion of faith, or serving (*diakonian*) in serving (*diakonia*),

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or the one teaching (*diaskōn*) in the lesson (*diaskalia*),
or the one encouraging (*parakalōn*) in the exhortation
(*paraklēsei*);
the one sharing (*metadidous*) in simplicity (*haplotēti*);
the one leading (*proistamenos*) in diligence (*spoudē*);
the one mercying (*eleōn*) in readiness (*hilarotēti*).

The seven “gifts” listed in Romans 12 are prophesying, serving, teaching, encouraging, giving, leading and “mercyng.” Paul collectively calls these attributes *charismata* (χαρισματα, v. 6), a word which is better translated as “favors” or “graces” than “gifts.” The implication of these attributes being “graces” is that YHWH bestows them by virtue of *unmerited favor*. Scripture is not clear as to *when* – but observation points to early on in life.

An important point: the writer prefaces each of the final five graces with a definite article – “the” (“*o*” in Greek). “The” followed by a verbal adjective (“the teaching”) may be translated as, “the one”: “the one teaching,” “the one sharing,” or “the sharing one.” etc.

These examples help illustrate from the ancient language that favors are bestowed *one for one* – one *charis* (favor) per individual (*the one* teaching; *the one* leading; *the one* mercyng); and that a particular favor received *may be recognized* in the quality of ministry being done by *the one*. (We recognize a gifted teacher in her ability to get a point across; though a gifted servant-type is not recognized until he is absent!)

We see each believer’s grace empowering him with a

- *frame of reference,*
- *a method of behavior,* and
- *a righteous motivation,*

all useful in dealing with life circumstances as well as in ministry opportunities. For this reason, the *charismata* are referred to as “Motivational Gifts,” even “Temperaments.”

To illustrate the diversity of behaviors that originate in the *charismata* (favors), we consider how seven healthy believers might react to, say, a greatly distressed person found weeping on the floor of the foyer.

- The mercy-favored one may empathically listen and weep,
- the teaching-favored one may offer biblical principles (or just observe),
- the encouraging-favored one may speak cheerful platitudes,
- the serving-favored one may go get the tissues,
- the sharing-favored one may reach for the wallet,
- the prophesying-favored one may point and preach (or observe),
- the ruling-favored one may go into the office and work out a plan of action in case another such challenge crops up.

We determine an individual's Motivational Favor (*i.e.* frame of reference, method of behavior, righteous motivation) by reading the descriptive characteristics of each "favor" then judging which of the seven best fits one's frame of reference and behavior. Those reading the descriptions will often light on a particular one and exclaim, "That's me!"

Another way to determine one's motivational favor is by completing a one or more Motivational Gifts Inventory (MGI), usually consisting of thirty to seventy questions or statements. Inventories come in several forms; the potential minister should complete more than one form so that several results may be compared and collated. I have two *short* and several longer assessments at one of my sites. Those completing all inventories will promptly receive an accurate assessment. The site is www.charismaticgifts.com.

Good descriptions of characteristics, strengths, biblical and human examples, and, especially, *weaknesses* for each favor may be useful for utilizing one's grace for best results (in accordance with one's faith).

Here is an excerpted example of a gift's description:

Characteristics of the Encourager

1. Visualizes future achievements for others.
2. Provides action plans toward or away from a situation.
3. Avoid systems of information that lack practical application.
4. Easily measures how endurance produces levels of maturity.
5. Depends on group acceptance; watches for others' response.
6. Seeks out living examples of perceived righteousness.
7. Enjoys being a part of actions that meet needs .

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8. Avoids the theoretic; practicality is essential.
9. Delights in personal conferences, personal insights, testimonial meetings; is very people-oriented.

Growing Edges (Weaknesses)

1. Feeds on success; can be impatient. If success is not quickly achieved, may drop out of the project or the person's life.
2. Family may suffer in favor of other projects or social events.
3. Oversimplifies everything.
4. More confident in "the plan" than in divine power.
5. Literature (Bible) taken out of context.

By assessing and observing thousands of individuals, we have come to understand that in some, a second or even a third favor works *in subordination* with the primary. We call these secondary influences right and left "wings." (The term "wing" is borrowed from the Enneagram, another ancient personality analysis.) One's wing(s), if any, may be determined best through an assessment.

Wings *temper* the individual's charismatic favor, often helping to overcome a potential weakness. Common gift trios duos include: Prophesying and Ruling, Giving and Serving; and Prophesying and Mercy. (These latter are "balancing points," opposites in strengths and weaknesses. One would not think to see these both in the same individual, yet among those with a wing, this is probably the most common. The combination lends itself to extraordinary ministry; also extraordinary internal confusion at times.)

The Bible gives us a good story by which to illustrate how a wing might function:

James 2:15,16 If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit?

Given this dilemma, an Encouraging-favored with a wing of Giving might conclude his motivational speech with a "helping handshake" – the gift of one hundred dollars. The Encouraging-favored with a wing of Serving might conclude with an invitation into her home. Finally, and Encouraging-favored with a wing of Mercy might conclude her exhortation and just remain with the person, commiserating, not knowing exactly what to do next.

Without the wing, and realizing the “growing edges” of the Encouraging-motivated, it would not be out of character to get a great pep talk, a bear hug then a walk away! Fortunately, the sharing-favored is often waiting in the wings for the Encouraging to finish his ministry so she can begin hers. Thus the “ill-clad” will receive the best of both gifted ministers!

(Strong Encouragers are sometimes “cock-eyed optimists” – they often encourage themselves to such a degree that they score very high in several favors. Do you see how this might be the case? I remember one Encourager several years ago who finished an inventory with the maximum score on all the favors. Upon learning her scores, she popped up from the pew and announced, “See! I have all the gifts just as I thought!” The additional inventories weeded out the extras.)

We are learning that a person working in an environment that is not well suited to his/her favor will learn the skills set of another favor. For instance, a *servicing-favored* person working in an administrative position for years will show a wing of *ruling* on inventories. We also see how learning and conditioning to non-inherent skills sets may also affect the outcomes of inventories. This is a very good thing.

Trained and experienced pastoral ministers sometimes show a trio of favors on inventories: prophesying (preaching), encouraging (pastoral work) and ruling (administration). One of these is the pastor’s favor, the other two are wings acquired (perhaps) through training and experience.

Motivational Favors Seminar

One of the most edifying events that a church or ministry group may sponsor is a Motivational Gifts (or Noetic Favors) Seminar. Individuals within a ministry team (or an entire congregation) first complete one or two inventories then continue through the grading process as a group. A chart is set up so that each participant is able to list his / her gift and wing(s). Then the seminar leader explains the Romans 12 theme of one “body, many members” along with the philosophy behind assessing Motivational Gifts. (You may find this information in *Spiritual Gifts Revelation: Charismata Theory, Assessment, Problem-solving.*)

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Each favor is fully explained, and participants rejoice in their favors, uniqueness and unity. Then practical problems are presented – problems that may even threaten the very existence of a congregation. The participants may choose problem solvers from fictional characters like Teresa Calcutta (gifted in Serving and Mercy), Oral Robertson (Prophesying / Teaching) and Joyce McBrothers (Exhortation / Serving).

Here is one example of a real church dilemma that I use in Motivational Gifts Seminars:

“It has been discovered that the teens in church have found a way to get into the building without a key. The maintenance supervisor discovered marijuana in the Bible School room. You are the church administrator, and you are positive of which teens are getting in. You know there must be a confrontation. Who do you enlist to solve the problem and maintain unity?”

Often, the seminar group chooses a problem-solving team from the fictional characters to include: a *prophesying-favored* person (like Oral Robertson – a righteous, straightforward sort) and an *encouraging-favored person* (a people-person with compassion). There are *several possibilities* and *combinations* – choosing a combination requires the student to explain. The discussion is often very lively. Through the process, individuals or teams solve real life problems as participants become aware of ministries in which they are the most and least effective.

The point of such exercises is to help the group understand that all gifted people in the economy of faith have certain strengths that can be utilized for unity and problem solving. (“We are seeking unity in diversity, not diversity in conflict,” said Gerhard Meier. We seek unity in diversity in the Seminar as well.) The exercise may be extended to include *actual situations* in the congregation(s) represented (anonymously, of course; and pre-selected). In fact, a Motivational Favors Seminar might be the first thing a new pastor or Lay Leadership committee does to “break the ice,” learn more about parishioners, and identify potential task force nominees.

It is not that we want to “pigeon hole” or label anyone. YHWH may use his children in any way he wishes. If we know our people’s *charismata*, we enhance the effectiveness of the group, as *gifted*

people are directed toward the most suitable ministry opportunities based on their own interests. The tasks thus foster unity and teamwork as *all see others gifted for particular ministries.* Believe me, finding the right person for the job through motivational tracking will insure that the job gets done more efficiently.

Four-fold Apostles Reviewed

A second gift list is found in Ephesians 4:11. Commonly called “The Fivefold Ministries” or “Fourfold Ministries,” the list consists of gifts to the congregation of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. (Some call them *four-fold* because they understand pastors and teachers as one gift. Many pastors are required to minister as teachers and vice-versa, but the pastoral gift and the gift of teaching are in fact very different.)

Ephesians 4:8b, 11-13 *literal*:

Messiah gave gifts (*domata = grantings*) to humankind ... and he gave the apostles: then the prophets, then the evangelists, then the shepherds – even teachers, for [the] completing of the saints in the work of service, in building the body of the Messiah until we all arrive in [the] unity and [the] full knowledge of the Son . . .

By closely investigating the Greek text, we discover that “*the apostles*” is set apart from the other gifts. (Skip the indented paragraph if you have no interest in how I derived this distinction; it is fairly technical and may be confusing.)

“The apostles” (*τους αποστολους*) is preceded by the Greek word *men* (*μεν*) in contrast to the other gifts, which are preceded by *de* (*δε*). This “*men ... de*” construction “indicates a strong contrast between two clauses ... *men* is often left untranslated.”⁹⁷ In some Scriptures, the “*men ... de*” construct is translated, “*on the one hand ... on the other.*” The KJV leaves *men* untranslated and translates *de* as “*and.*” Young’s Literal Bible translates “*men ... de*” as “*as ... as*”

⁹⁷ “*μεν .. δε*” - Gingrich *Lexicon*.

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(“He gave some [as] apostles, and some [as] prophets ...”) I translate the *men* with a colon (“:”) and *de* with “then” in accordance with the *Lexicon*.

So I read that *apostles* are *composed* of prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. Therefore, I call these “The Fourfold Apostolic Gifts.” Apostles are gifted in one of the fourfold ministries and simply “sent on a mission” (they are *missionaries*) to equip “the saints” for their own works of service. An apostle / missionary is one “sent on a mission.”

Since “apostles” is set off from “saints” in the passage, we suggest that these gifts and abilities are specifically given to *certain* individuals (often as a result of prayer, but also “from the womb” – Judges 13:13 or Isaiah 49:49) or developed from one of the *charismata*, but always bestowed by YHWH through Messiah. These *gifts* make our *callings* sure; we say this one or that one has a “call to preach,” for instance, which is the Apostolic Gift of Prophecy to the Congregation.

As for definitions:

- Prophet: divinely gifted in inspired speech, especially in bringing forth the word (oracle) of YHWH;
- Evangelist: divinely gifted in conveying the Gospel message to a wide range of hearers;
- Pastor: divinely gifted ability to care for the “souls” of a group of people without manipulation;
- Teacher: divinely gifted to explain the nuances of Scripture, tradition, revelation and application.
- Saint: one sanctified by the Spirit through conversion, baptism, Spirit baptism, and good works.

Other Apostolic Grantings (callings) are found in 1 Corinthians 12:28, an earlier time in the Apostle Paul’s ministry.

And YHWH appointed in the assembly first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues.

The Greek of 1 Corinthians 12:28 is very similar in construction as Ephesians 4:11-13 as the English translation betrays.

These gifts are for the “equipping” of saints; there are other divine gifts useful in “sustaining” the saints as well – the Spiritual Gifts (*pneumatikoi*), treated in another section.

Apostolic Gifts, Motivational Gifts, and Temperaments

We observe linkage between the Apostolic Gifts and the Motivational Favors. We might understand that a prophetically-favored individual might go on to be a prophet, a mercy-favored individual might be further gifted as a pastor, or a teaching-motivated person might be called to teach. But *this is not necessarily the case*. We suggest that YHWH bestows the true Apostolic Gifts in relative rarity. Even when bestowed, the gifted must thoroughly develop the *grant* through prayer, faith, favor, education and practice.

Just as we see affinity between the Apostolic Gifts and the Motivational Favors, we can also find strong similarity between *callings* and classical *temperaments*. (In the following example, we are using Dr. Richard Arno’s five-temperament system.)

Temperament

Apostolic Calling

Choleric (control motivated)	Prophet
Sanguine (relationship motivated)	Evangelist
Supine (service motivated)	Pastor
Melancholy (task motivated)	Teacher
Phlegmatic (unmotivated but dedicated)	Saint

Saints can often tell what gifting YHWH has given their *professional ministers*. In my own ministry, I work have worked as a pastor but am gifted as teacher and *musician*. I learned pastoral care at seminary, in the clinic, and through practice in a church; so I have *learned* to be a pastor, but I am a *gifted sacred music performer and composer*.

I have been visiting another church in the area that is “in revival” with a well-known evangelist. He is a *great evangelist* – one of the best I have ever enjoyed. The Spirit is moving many through his gift. It was refreshing to hear him say, “I am an evangelist and that’s all I do!” He did not teach or pastor an assembly. He knew his

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limitations and his abilities. He worked *only in his calling* and that may be why he is so effective.

On the other hand, we once hosted a *teacher* to do a home seminar. Since she traveled a long way, we asked if she wouldd preach a meeting the evening before teaching. She was reluctant, because, she said, preaching was not her calling. She did a *marvelous job* from the pulpit as an evangelist. The next day we learned that she was not a gifted teacher even though she *thought* this was her gift. It took a person with the appropriate *motivational favor* to suggest to this dear woman in a *loving manner* that she seemed *called as an evangelist* rather than as a teacher.

It is difficult for *prophets* and *teachers* to make a living by the Good News *as such* in assemblies these days. A prophet or teacher will be working as an evangelist or pastor, or in some other function. In many assemblies, the people, being unlearned in the Scriptural way, expect the pastor to be teacher, evangelist *and* prophet. He or she wears many hats, yet *may* learn to be efficient in *all* the apostolic ministries, though called and supernaturally gifted in but one.

Cracking Up with the Saxons: Spiritual Laughter

Genesis 17:15-22. And Elohim said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her; I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said to himself, “Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?” And Abraham said to Elohim, “O that Ishmael might live in thy sight!”



Elohim said, “No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac.⁹⁸ I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him. As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I will bless him and make him fruitful and multiply him exceedingly; he shall be the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation.

But I will establish my covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this season next year.” When he had finished talking with him, Elohim went up from Abraham.

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Psalms 126 (Song of the returning exiles - Song of Ascents)
When YHWH brought back Zion’s captives, we lived in a dream; then our mouths filled with laughter, and our lips with song. Then the nations kept saying, “What great deeds YHWH has done for them!”

Yes, YHWH did great deeds for us, and we were overjoyed. Bring back, YHWH, our people from captivity like torrents in the Negeb! Those who sow in tears sing as they reap. He went off, went off weeping, carrying the seed. He comes back, comes back singing, bringing in his sheaves.

⁹⁸ Isaac (Yitschaq) = Laughing.

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Luke 15:3-10. So Y'shua told them this parable: "Which one of you with a hundred sheep, if he lost one, would fail to leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, I have found my sheep that was lost.'

"In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner repenting than over ninety-nine upright people who have no need of repentance.

"Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, I have found the drachma I lost.' In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of Elohim over one repentant sinner."

Elmo and Gang

I received a phone call from a pastor Friday. He told me what had happened at a small group prayer meeting the night before. His group of about a dozen was sitting in a prayer circle. Each saint prayed a nice prayer in turn, then they all had some quiet time.

What seemed like five minutes was actually a half an hour of silence, while each remained in an attitude of unity and expectation. There was certainly a lot to be praying about, since this small group was preparing to move the whole church to a new location - an office building offered free of charge for as long as they wanted to use it. But they wanted the 'for sure' sign from the Heavenly Father YHWH as to whether their decision was right or not. They petitioned the All-knowing One for a sign and waited for it to drop down.

The group included some brand new folks who had limited experience in the faith community. The others had mostly left denominational churches because they had disagreed with policy or been hurt. All decided to try again with a new church and a fresh start.

One of the founding couples, Elmo and Gladys, was sitting in silence that night. Elmo is a very serious retired man. He had worked hard as a border guard for many years. He even took a gunshot wound in the line of duty. Elmo does not laugh much because, to him, ministry's very serious business - he sinks a lot of his time, money and prayer into it. It is no laughing matter. His wife, Gladys, is a charismatic Christian - she prays and fasts a lot, chases demons out of the neighborhood, and is often sought out for her natural empathy and counseling skills.

The pastor looked at his watch, and just as he was about to end the season of silence with the "Lord's Prayer," Elmo, completely out of character, began to chuckle some. His chuckle turned into a laugh, and his laugh became a fit of laughter. Of course, that ended quiet time and surprised everyone. Elmo hardly smiled much less laughed so hard as to fall off the chair unto the floor. And then still he was laughing right there on the floor.

The equally seriously religious spouse Gladys *was not impressed* by her husband's disturbed behavior in the middle of a sincere, even grave, prayer meeting. So Gladys stuck out her "prophetic finger" and began to give Elmo a Jeremiad in front of the whole group. But Elmo didn't pay a lick of attention to his wife (he usually did). Elmo was out of control, snorting and guffawing more recklessly than he had since childhood - and he'd never rolled on the floor in his life.

As Gladys continued her lecture, Harvey - one of the new members - started to clear his throat, then coughed a cackle that sent him off into laugh-land with the guy on the floor. Harvey's wife, another new believer, started giggling too. Gladys, with her finger still pointed at her husband, who by now had rolled about ten feet, tried to remain in the role of the prophet until she too cracked up - and then there were four on the floor.

The sniggering eventually caught up with everyone left in the circle, including the clock-watching preacher, and after many minutes of solid cackling, Harvey's wife Selma rolled under the table in the next room. {OK, I'll admit to the slight embellishment of this story!}

Everyone realized that the set-apart Spirit was answering his/her prayer in a mysterious, unusual (and somewhat wacky) way. Hey, these church members are always very serious about their Christian duty, and they have to be - since theirs is a new work, a frail work.

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Most new churches fail in the first eighteen months. Maybe they had been too serious, relying on their own way of doing things, their own business acumen, their own sense of gravity or notion of the importance of planting yet another church, as if there was actually another church needed. But now the manifestation of 'holy laughter' gave them something far more important to consider - that is, the revelation of the *Spirit's will* in regards to their serious hard work.

The prayer meeting came to sudden conclusion when a lady with the gift of inspired speaking (προφητείας), spoke the words of YHWH to those assembled there, words not so unlike the Spirit used to provoke the assembly at Philadelphia:

Revelation 3:8,10. I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. Because you have kept my word of patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming to try those who dwell upon the earth. (And see 1 Thessalonians 5:20)

Remember, I mentioned that this story was relayed to me on the phone. At this point, the excited pastor lost his cell phone connection and the line went dead. He called right back, and he said, "Jack, what do you think of that?" I replied with a bit of my own witty humor,

"I think that wireless technology needs to catch up with the cell phone revolution, Don't you?"

And now, reader, I point the prophetic finger in your direction and ask you, what do you think? Have you ever heard of holy laughter? Experienced it? Did you consider it to be from above or below?

Doin' the Old Piano Roll

In the booklet, *The Charismatic Gifts and Wesleyan Theology*, the author writes about his first experience with the (so-called) "laughing spirit."

[It was] 1968: After an evening service, teens were praying at the "altar rail." After a long time in earnest prayer, laughter came upon all those who were around, including some who were not even a part of the praying crowd. The laughing became somewhat like controlled hysteria. The laughers could not control it, nor did they want to. One fellow rolled across

the floor until he ended up under the grand piano. The laughter continued, even as they all left into the night.

That piano roller was me at age fifteen. Can anyone imagine a refined Doctor of Theology rolling across the floor and under a piano in fits of laughter?

Laughing en Français

The laughing spirit caught up with me again in a Pace, Florida a few years ago. I was attending a prayer circle held in the house of the apostle Ken Sumrall. We were all there to pray for the terminally ill. A woman from France was visiting, who spoke very little English. In the middle of the meeting, while we were all very serious and silently praying for the healing of a case of ovarian cancer, this rude French lady just started snickering right out loud. Unfortunately, we could not understand a cluck of it because she was laughing in French, which was rude, so I recall.

The lady sitting beside her was known as “the stone lady.” She was like the Norwegian missionary woman who said, “Jesus never laughed” – the stone lady never laughed either. Hers was a very rough countenance, almost frightening actually – not much to laugh about for fear she might slap you. Nevertheless, stone woman also caught up with the French and started chirping like a chimp. Quickly, the “anointing” caught on, and several ended up on the floor. It was hilarity at a serious moment, but – I have to tell you – it was a glorious event in which to take a part. I might add – the woman who was the subject of the initial prayer was healed of the terminal cancer that night, so we heard soon after.

From Nightclubs to Church

There was one other occasion when I experienced holy laughter worth passing on. It was on a Sunday morning – early. My partner in the music business and I had just finished up a lounge act. We were both young and single, trying to make a career out of music. He was a Catholic and I was an AOG man, but neither of us had been to church in years. We got back to our hotel room at about 3 AM after the show. We were relaxing for a while then we looked at each other and both of us started in laughing and could not quit. We fell on the floor, tears running down our faces, stopped for a while, and started up again. What was righteous about that? Nothing, except that we found ourselves attending mass a few hours later that morning at the

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Catholic Church – and we were greatly blessed by receiving Eucharist together. I know I needed revival and am sure he did too.

That reminds me of the title of one of Jack Van Impe's first tapes. The title was, "From Nightclubs to Christ." What took him thirty years to do, according to that tape, took us only eight hours, for Mass was at noon the next day. That Mass was an awakening for me, as a non-catholic, non-sacramentalist backslider going forth to the altar in that mystery-laden place of worship, receiving what they believed to be the very body of my Savior from the hand of a Roman priest, and Y'shua's blood from a common cup.

Some readers will consider this to be occult or even demonic. BUT had we not laughed in the middle of the night, we certainly would not have experienced Y'shua's *suffering, death and resurrection at the sixth hour*. Though this was a long time ago (1975), it was the first awakening in my heart of the real presence, which I still fervently relive yet today.

Laughter in Wesley's Journal

We think of this "spirit of laughter" as some new manifestation, and, like the baptism in the Spirit, folks do not understand it unless it has happened to them. Wesley did not understand it when he first encountered it in a prayer meeting in 1740. He wrote in his journal:

In the evening, such a spirit of laughter was among us that many were much offended. But the attention of all was fixed on poor L[ucretia] S[mith], whom we all know to be no dissembler (i.e. phony). Most of our brethren and sisters were now fully convinced that those who were under this strange temptation could not help it.

Only E[lizabeth] B[rown] and Anne H[olton] were of another mind, being still sure anyone might help laughing if she would (i.e. keep from laughing if she wanted). This they declared to many on Thursday; but on Friday {the 23rd} Góð suffered Satan to teach them better. Both of them were suddenly seized (with laughter) in the same manner as the rest, and laughed whether they would or no, almost without ceasing. Thus they continued for two days, a spectacle to all; and were then, upon prayer made for them, delivered in a moment (Journal, June 21, 1740).

Wesley does not make judgment on “holy laughter” one way or another, except to say it was irresistible, and those who insisted it could be resisted went to Laughland for two days themselves.

Twenty years later, Wesley reconsidered “holy laughter” as he studied the journals of John Walsh, a Methodist reporter, who was attending the Everton Revival. Walsh writes and Wesley quotes him in his journal:

“On Monday, July 9, I set out, and on Wednesday noon reached Potton, where I rejoiced at the account given by John Keeling of himself and others. He was justified ... on that memorable Sabbath, but had not a clear witness of it till ten days after; about which time his sister ... was also set at liberty.

{In those days, when a person was justified, there was expectation of an outward sign of an inward change. Not so today.}

“I discoursed also with Ann Thorn, who told me of much heaviness following the visions with which she had been favored; but said she was, at intervals, visited still with such overpowering love and joy, especially at the Lord’s Supper, that she often lay in a trance for many hours. She is twenty-one years old.

“We were soon after called into the garden, where Patty Jenkins (also twenty-one) was so overwhelmed with the love of Gód that she sunk down, and appeared as one in a pleasant sleep, only with her eyes open; yet she had often just strength to utter, with a low voice, interjections of joy and praise; but, no words coming up to what she felt, she frequently laughed while she saw His glory.”⁹⁹

We might notice that, since Wesley records Walsh’s sentiment regarding the “frequent laughing,” that he agreed with Walsh - that laughing manifested irresistibly as the young lady lay prostrate in adoration, beholding the glory of the Father. We might wonder what’s so funny about Gód that sometimes even the staunchest conservatives are made to fall on the floor, laughing in his presence. But funny isn’t what it’s all about, except to those outside the circle.

⁹⁹ *Journal*, July 29, 1759 www.evanwigg.com/revival/history/riss3.html.

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Laughter as a Sign of Justification

Besides that of YHWH's laughter at the man's folly, I cannot think of any passages in the Bible that actually condone holy laughter. But I know that it is indeed *kadosh*, even though I'm not naïve enough to think that the devil has no counterfeit.¹⁰⁰

Consider the passage in Luke 15 where, just after the parable of the lost coin, when Y'shua reveals the moral of the story (v.10): "Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of Eloha over one sinner who repents." In Wesley's accounts, the "holy laughter" followed someone's justification, or was an actual manifestation of justification.¹⁰¹

Remember Elmo? The last time I spoke to him about his soul he doubted the Spirit had filled him even though he is a seasoned, gifted missionary. I cannot imagine he could doubt any longer. He **is** glad YHWH made a laughingstock of him for the sake of demonstrating his justification and sanctification (not to mention his use as catalyst for a prophecy revealing the answers the group sought in prayer).

When I was a piano rolling youth, the whole laughing shebang started off because a fellow received Spirit baptism – that is the reason we were praying!. At that moment, I could no more keep my soul from rejoicing over him than my lips and lungs from laughing.

I can tell you, when the spirit of laughter (or Spirit of Laughter) comes upon people who are solemnly praying, there's nothing funny at all – the *hilarity* (Gr. *cheerfulness*) is a response to something other than a good joke. Somebody is justified; somebody is spirit-filled; someone is healed; someone is set free; somebody gets to rejoicing in the spirit for the supernatural works of grace that YHWH has done through his Son – and it is a good thing, a great thing, and it is so awesome that it is contagious.

¹⁰⁰ *kadosh* = *set-apart* or *holy*.

¹⁰¹ the judicial state of a person who has been born anew; that is. already judged in this life, escaping the future judgment (John 5:24). Most evangelicals call "justification" "salvation," but this is not technically the case. One can lose their status as justified, but once they have actually been saved, there is no losing that.

Bennett Cerf, the writer and publisher (who you old-timers will remember as a long-time panelist on *What's My Line*) was right on when he said, "The person who can bring the spirit of laughter into a room is indeed *baruch*." I do not know if he was speaking about holy laughter, but his words are nevertheless an impeccable truth.

No Laughing Matter for Teachers in the Judgment

I looked to the Internet to read what the teachers had on "holy laughter." Almost all the search engine results were extremely negative – it's unscriptural, occultist, psycho-phenomenological or, of course, right out of the devil's toolbox. (For instance, see John Mark ministries article "Holy Laughter and Company.") The teachings found through a Google Search remind me of the Norwegian missionary of blessed memory who angrily cried out against some who were laughing during the service, shouting in her deep, heavily-accented voice, "JESUS NEVER LAUGHED!!"

It amazes me that Bible teachers want to tell you that making a joyful noise unto YHWH is not permissible because it is not biblical, but eating foul unclean animals is just fine because, though such is prohibited in the bible, that rule has been annulled. No wonder the Teacher of Righteousness warns us

James 3:1. LET NOT many of you become teachers, for you know that we who teach shall be judged with greater strictness.

I also noticed that all the teachers who are against manifestations of the spirit consider themselves as the ***pillars of evangelical Christianity***.

One positive source I found on Google in regards to Holy Laughter uses some scripture. Psalm 42:5, for instance, quoting it as, "God has a smile on His face." I did not remember that verse, so I looked it up. Psalm 42:5 really says, "Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in YHWH!" Some teacher just slightly misquoted the psalm-singer.

Another positive source uses Judges 19:6. "Let your heart be merry." But in checking the context of the passage, *an innkeeper and his daughter are commending a Levite and a harlot to make merry as they drink wine*. It is amazing how the Scripture can be used out of context to prove about anything.

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The fact of the matter is, people were praying earnestly, something happened to somebody spiritually, and that person's reaction to the supernatural goes around. It seems to me that if the devil made them do it, he would rather have them writhing in torment or rolling upon each other {in orgiastic fashion} as he has his own in Hollywood movies doing. If the devil made them do something, the more *authentic doings* would seem to be cussing up a storm, engaged in immoral behavior or killing each other.

Hilarity in Mercying

So let me conclude with scriptural authority for "holy laughter," then some advice.

I am not afraid of strict judgment.

I did find one Scripture *proof text* on the Internet that might refer to laughing – it was on my own site. Paul talks about the *charismata* – the seven spiritual graces: prophecy, service, teaching, exhortation, giving, leadership and mercy. Regarding mercy, the RSV has Paul saying in Romans 12:8 "he who does acts of mercy, (let him do them) with cheerfulness." Literally, Paul's secretary, "the one mercying, (let him do it) in *hilarity*."¹⁰² Hilarity means, "with a big hardy-har-har." That must mean with holy laughter.

Here's one more – a bit more complicated though.

The Sons of Laughter

When the Angel of YHWH promised to make a great nation out of the child of Abraham and Sarah, they both laughed at YHWH – in derision, disbelief, or in joy – I don't know. Abe and Sarah were too old for fooling around.

(Genesis 18:12 So Sarah laughed to herself, thinking, "Now that I am past the age of childbearing, and my husband is an old man, is pleasure to come my way again?" NJB)

¹⁰² *ho eleon en hilaroteti = the mercying [one] in hilarity.*

YHWH heard Sarah laugh and she denied it, then YHWH said directly to her, “Yes, but you DID laugh” (Genesis 18:15). Well, Sarah did not mean to; she just could not help herself.

When that son made headway, he was named Isaac, which means “Laughter.” (I have heard of girls named “Joy,” nobody in this country is named “Laughter.”) Anyway, this Isaac surnamed “Laughter” had a son named Jacob, who had twelve sons, known as the Patriarchs. Jacob and his sons and his sons’ sons, and even his daughters, came to be known as the *Sons of Isaac* or the *Sons of Laughter* or “Isaac’s sons.”

Even after Isaac’s sons went into captivity after 784 BC, some stuck together, ending up on the south shore of the Caspian Sea (modern-day north Iran). The place to which they resorted came to be known as “Sakland” or “Beth Sak” – meaning the land or house of the Isaac’s Sons – the sons of laughter.

By King Josiah’s time (6th Cent, BC), they were on the move again, settling in and ruling Scythia, (modern-day Ukraine). They were the Sacae, which means, “Isaac’s Peoples.” In Scythia, the Sacae met up with relatives who had been wondering for twelve hundred years, known as the Angles. These people wore the horns of bulls and worshipped calves, just as they had back in Samaria so long before. Their tribal name betrays their origin – Angle (Engle) means “calf” in Hebrew, as in “golden calf.”



The Angles, or “calves” and the Sacae (by this time known as “Saxons” for “Isaac’s Sons” or “Sons of Laughter”) teamed up as they had in Israel a millennium before and continued westward from Saxony in modern-day Germany to northern France and, by 300 years after Y’shua, to England, which still bears the name of the Anglo-Saxons – “Calf-people, Laughter-sons.” “Eng-land” means “Calf-land.” It could just as well have been called “Laugh-land,” since the Saxons were there too.

That hilarious tribe, the Anglo-Saxons, in the years to come, spread through Great Britain, South Africa, the New World, India and Australia by way of the British Empire. You see today the origin of our common tribe – the majority of people in this country (I dare

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say) descended from the Saxons, the Sons of Laughter, the Sons of Isaac.

It is no wonder that YHWH should, in these end-times, visit his people Israel with the laughter of our birth mother – Sarah, the laughing princess of the world, and our father – Abraham – who named their son – the one promised to become as prolific as the sands of the sea and the stars of the sky – Isaac, laughter.

To my knowledge, this holy laughing doesn't happen in Christian worship anywhere else but in those lands where the progeny of the Saxons now dwell, awaiting the return of the Angel of YHWH who spoke to their father four thousand years ago,

Genesis 12:1-3 “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who curses you I will curse; and by you ***all the families of the earth shall bless themselves.***”

Great joy you should have! You have just received an indication of your heritage and inheritance, and a reminder of a promise made – that HE will gather you in like chicks to the hen.



Young Saxons Shofaring

Goys Surprised by Joys

When our people stand in expectation of a sign then loosen up about how it might manifest: something unexpected, new and FRESH may come our way. I can tell you, Brother Elmo knows what it means to be a “son of the promise” now – nothing more unexpected could have possibly confirmed his justification in a more Scriptural sense than what actually happened to him. And likewise, maybe the thing you want the most for your ministry and assembly will come to pass in the way you least expect it. Someone sows, someone reaps, someone partakes of the holy food. All families of the land are blessed.

My hope for you is that in this next year, the unexpected will break forth like the spring calves break their fences – that YHWH will smile on your efforts in such a way that you’ll be surprised by joy. *Amein.*

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Can a Believer Have a Demon? Can a Demon Have a Believer?

Legion: Evangelist?

Mark 5:1-17 *Y'shua and his disciples* reached the territory of the Gerasenes on the other side of the lake, and when he disembarked, a man with an unclean spirit at once came out from the tombs towards him. The man lived in the tombs and no one could secure him any more, even with a chain, because he had often been secured with fetters and chains but had snapped the chains and broken the fetters, and no one had the strength to control him. All night and all day, among the tombs and in the mountains, he would howl and gash himself with stones.

Catching sight of Y'shua from a distance, he ran up and fell at his feet and shouted at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Y'shua, son of El Elyon? I command you by the god, do not torture me!" For Y'shua had been saying to him, "Come out of the man, unclean spirit." Then he asked, "What is your name?" He answered, "My name is Legion, for there are many of us." And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the district.

Now on the mountainside there was a great herd of pigs feeding, and the unclean spirits begged him, "Send us to the pigs, let us go into them." So he gave them leave. With that, the unclean spirits came out and went into the pigs, and the herd of about two thousand pigs charged down the cliff into the lake, and there they were drowned. The men looking after them ran off and told their story in the city and in the country round about; and the people came to see what had really happened.

They came to Y'shua and saw the demoniac sitting there, the man who had had the legion in him, properly dressed and in his full senses, and they were afraid. And those who had witnessed it reported what had happened to the demoniac and what had become of the pigs. Then they began to implore Y'shua to leave their district.

A Hog Farm Runs Through It

Who would have thought that the first evangelist could have been demon-possessed? The story above is about the poor wretch known to us only by the name of his demon(s), **Legion**. After Y'shua and his disciples survive the dangerous deluge on the lake and the near sinking of their fishing boat, after he commands the wind and waters to cease their fomenting, they all safely make landing in the province called Decapolis, which means, "Ten Cities." Matthew's account of Mark's story placed the event at Gadara, on the east side of the Sea where, even to this day, there stands a high hillcrest and a deep gully.

Close by is a cemetery. In those days, the dead were not buried '6 feet under.' The custom was to refresh the dead body with 'aromatics' (*αρωματα*) so that it wouldn't smell so bad, since loved ones visited for up to *seventy days* after the death. Like today, cemeteries were thought to be the haunts of carcass-eating demons and wild animals. Tombs were good shelters for the homeless and the mentally ill. There were no rescue missions then.

There is a hog farm nearby. Swine are unclean animals; religious people would not go near pigs much less herd them or eat them (Leviticus 11:7,8). Being close to both a cemetery and a pig farm, there would be serious issues of hygiene and a terrible stench. The disciples are already shaken up from the storm. It is pitch dark still, adding even more suspense, even horror, to the scene.

Hideously Unclean Naked Wild man

In the eerie half-light, out of the cemetery flies a hideously unclean, naked, wild man. Screaming like a banshee and swooping down like a giant fly, *he's right on them*. Some of the disciples fall back moaning in horror; others go for their weapons. But it all happens too quickly for defensive measures! Like a slave on the run, the wild man goes for broke, running madly at the band of clean men.

Suddenly, he crashes to the foul mud before Y'shua, the only man in the world who cares for him. For he has recognized Y'shua, even in the darkness, and cries out for help: "aaaAAAH! Y'shua Son of Elohim, *what use am I to you?*"¹⁰³

¹⁰³ τι εμοι και σοι, *lit.* "What [to] me and [to] you?" – the exact words of Y'shua to his mother in John 3:4.

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Is the wild man insane or savant? Y'shua perceives him to be *demonized*; filled with unclean spiritual parasites feeding off his vitality and tormenting him to lunacy. "Come out of the man, you unclean ghost!" commands the Divine Authority. The head demon takes control of his host's throat in a desperate attempt to *preserve his property*: "No! I command you by the g-d, torment me not!"

Y'shua knows that, though the words are still pouring from his mouth, the desperate man isn't speaking them: *a foul legion is*. He uses this opportunity to teach his followers about demons. "What name have you taken?" The demons screech, "*Legion*, for there are many in here! Your presence is untimely! If you must, cast us not ***out of our country***, into the abyss (Matthew 8:31), but into those hogs! Send us into those hogs!"¹⁰⁴

The Legion takes its time departing the flesh of the man, then, in the attempt to enter in, the unsuspecting animals are quickly *crazed* and bedeviled. They dash madly from the field, off the cliff, and into the sea. Within minutes, the hogs drown, ***but the demons do not***. They go forth in search of another body.

It is certain they eventually find what they seek, all five thousand of them. When the next demon-crazed host dies, they find another, then another, then another. ***Centuries pass; millennia***. Today, there is madness, lawlessness, and depravity in the Christian Century. Why did Y'shua let the Legion of demons loose?

Superstitious Nonsense?

Not many years ago, stories referring to demonization were dismissed as being just the ancients' way of explaining illnesses. For modern, educated people, the realm of demons is superstitious nonsense. However, the theological and even the *scientific communities* are consenting to the *possibility* of unseen powers that affect human behavior and health. The Bible and other biblical literature testify not only to the reality of unclean spirits, but they

¹⁰⁴ The abyss is a pit under the earth from where demons escape upward; in this case they came through the caves in the cemetery (Revelation 9:1,2). A legion consists of three to five thousand entities.

also instruct us from whence demons and ghosts originate, what they do to humans, and how human infestation might be remedied. Demonology is a broad, dirty subject. But every believer needs to know about how to be free of demons; if you are fervent in matters of faith, you may rest assured they know about you!

Most religions, including some so-called Christian groups, voluntarily summon demons *to come into them* and *empower* them for some kind of *service* or *mischief*. We have heard of groups that openly worship Satan; law enforcement officials tell us that such groups are common. Others call upon demons *thinking they are good angels*. For instance, a popular television program features a demonized host who channels messages *from other demons* disguised as loved ones who have “passed over.” Instead of receiving comfort, those who try to contact the dead quickly find themselves in bondage *to occult despair, for the ghosts of the dead supposedly called up are demons in disguise*. Conjuring is strictly forbidden in Scripture and *for good reason*. When one calls on demons, they will certainly come and demonize. Here is the verdict from the Torah:

When you have entered the country given you by Yahweh your Elohim, you must not learn to imitate the detestable practices of the nations there already. There must never be anyone among you who

makes son or daughter pass through the fire of sacrifice:

(exploits children through ritual behavior),

who practices divination:

(attempts to discover any knowledge by occult means),

who is soothsayer :

(attempts to tell the future),

augur:

(reads signs, cards, astrological signs),

sorcerer:

(exercises power through witchery or magic),

weaver of spells:

(attempts to take power by special prayers or potions),

consulter of ghosts:

(contacts demons disguised as dead people),

mediums:

(contacts supposedly holy angels),

necromancer:

(attempts to call up dead people up).

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For anyone who does these things is detestable to Yahweh your Elohim; it is because of these detestable practices that Yahweh your Elohim is driving out these nations before you. You must be faultless in your relationship with Yahweh your Elohim. For these nations whom you are going to dispossess have listened to soothsayers and mediums, but Yahweh your God does not permit you to do this. From among yourselves, from among your own brothers, Yahweh your Elohim will raise up a prophet like me; you will listen to him. (Deuteronomy 18:9-13)

Now we are in the land that Yahweh has apportioned us, these prohibitions are all the more binding to those in covenant. Notice that there is an alternative – that is, the Father ordains righteous prophets that tell the truth.

As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet." (Jeremiah 28:9)

Setting the Table for Unclean Swallowers

Often the unsuspecting, including children, *invite* demonization by ‘playing’ with occult items, viewing occult scenes in films, or participating in computer games designed to open channels for demons. Have you heard of the child’s game “Black Betty”? You have never heard of it? *Ask your children*. During the game, the children chant to call up unclean spirits. Though the game seems innocent, any occult involvement is *tremendously dangerous* and may have *life-long consequences* even if done in innocence. Children are easy targets.

During an evening Bible study at a church, I learned that “Black Betty” was in session in the women’s room. One of the participating children flew out of the restroom in terror when a demon manifested. She told me all about it immediately. Yet the other children did not come out, nor were they terrorized; they were friendly with such phantasms, that knew them and were known by them.

Set the table and the swallowers will always arrive on time.

Strong negative emotions or immoral behaviors also open channels, especially resentment, rebellion, betrayal, immorality, hatred, jealousy and blasphemy – iniquities that the Bible constantly warns us to guard against (2 Timothy 3:1-5). Why are these and their resulting actions so harmful? Because *sin is exponentially increased in the human being* by the demons they invite in. One month the dabbler is zealous, the next jealous, the next consumed by jealousy, the next demonized by a legion of unclean spirits of jealousy. One day the gossip speaks behind the back, the next he is obsessed with the lie, the next he is demonized by swallows. The gossip is bound in chains of sin while spiritual parasites eat him from inside to outside.

Demons need not be invited in at all; if one is foolish about matters of faith, they may just come on in, thriving on one's mental or physical disease just as bacteria blossom in an open wound or vermin flourish in filthy surroundings. Most demonic entities are not like the big guys with the scary sounding names you see in Hollywood movies like "Ghostbusters" or "Men In Black." Most are small and nameless, running in packs like rats: insidious, sneaky, dangerous. They may crawl into an unprotected individual through any tiny crack and stay until they are cast out or their host dies. Where there is one, there are many. If they are expelled or the host dies, they go looking for a new host. If someone calls them up for a word, they come right on in.

Can a True Believer Have Demons?

One of the most divisive questions in popular Christianity is, "Can a believer have demons?" The question may be expanded: "Can a person who has confessed Y'shua as Master and even been baptized in the Set-apart Spirit be demonized?" The *answer* we often hear is, "No, because evil can't exist with good – the Holy Spirit prohibits it." Such a *false belief* has helped keep unclean spirits *in* business while putting many, many believers *out* of business.

Yes, a believer *can* be demonized. In fact, *it's impossible to find a believer that is not at least oppressed by evil spirits.* Why?

Because we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against rulers of darkness. (Ephesians 6:12)

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While the natural man is unconcerned with spiritual cleanliness, the spiritual man is *occupied* with exposing and fighting evil. Sometimes we lose the match. Sometimes we are a no show in the fight and become *prey*. Demons prefer one True Believer to a hundred Muslims or a thousand heathens. True Believers taste better because they are cleaner.

“Can a believer have demons?” Let me show you something you may have missed by returning to the man in our text.

Legion was a demonized believer.

Look to Mark 5:6:

When he (who had the legion) saw Y’shua from afar, he ran (to him) and *worshiped him*.

No matter what translation of the Bible, the original word is *προσεκυνησεν*.¹⁰⁵ It is the same word employed for the *worship* of the Wise Men (Matthew 2:2), the *worship* of the Disciples (Matthew 14:33) and the *worship* of the women at the tomb (Matthew 28:9).

Proskun(eō):

1. to kiss the hand to (towards) one, in token of reverence
2. among the Orientals, esp. the Persians, to fall upon the knees and touch the ground with the forehead as an expression of profound reverence
3. in the NT by kneeling or prostration to do homage (to one) or make obeisance, whether in order to express respect or to make supplication. (Strong’s)

The man *recognizes* Y’shua right off as the Son of Yahweh, he is a believer in his mission and the One who sent him, and he *worships*, as the every other *believer*.

Demons may bow but surely they cannot worship Y’shua. Neither would any demon *dare* approach him. ***Behold the man*** who, by

¹⁰⁵ Prosekunēsen: no matter the slant of the English translator, the word behind the translation means “worshiped.”

what is left of his own will, rushes to Y'shua and worships him. The demons do not want their host to do that!

Maybe *the legion did indeed* enter in through the door of mental disease. Perhaps the man had been an abuse victim. Maybe a loved one had died and he, in despair, tried to conjure up the ghost from the tombs; or maybe he'd been engaged in mortal commandment breaking, like tale-bearing or sexual deviance. After all, Y'shua calls the spirits "unclean."

Do not be fooled, junior pneumatologist! A true believer may still have a legion of demons, especially those who *simply choose not to believe they exist*. The unclean certainly love those who believe that lie; but the lesson today is that the man *recognized his infirmity and sought out the only one who could relieve him*. Likewise, *we should learn* be able to recognize the enemies of our spirits and *we should learn* how to dispense with them accordingly.

The Walled City: Kowloon, Hong Kong, China

We understand how the skeptic, the pew-sitter, the carnal, intellectual, the ignorant, or the hobbyist might invite demons; for *where there is sin, they will come in*. But how can a *true worshiper of Yahweh* become demonized; the one who is seeking the high road of faith through study, good works, set-apart living, assembly, commandment-keeping while eschewing evil and avoiding sin? How do demons get in them? Dr. Kraft's story of the Walled City is the best illustration I know of to explain such a thorny question.¹⁰⁶

We are in the "Walled City" of China (Kowloon). Barely a drop of daylight gets through the cracks in this six square acre hellhole of ramshackle towers built of old boards, rusty iron and gray concrete. Small factories, shops and residences are stacked as high as you can see. One never knows whether he is indoors or outdoors in the Walled City or whether it is raining or not. For water constantly drips down through the gray from way up who knows where, from crevices and cracks, through rusty wires and mesh traps as high as you can see. Darkness, dampness, dirtiness – garbage and *human and animal waste* are piled shoulder-high everywhere. The smell is overpowering.

¹⁰⁶ Kraft, Charles. *Defeating Dark Angels*.

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The Walled City is filthy, inhabited by thousands of addicts, pimps, prostitutes, dope dealers, as well as the common folk who live and work here. And rats. Legions of rats living in total comfort, fearless of eviction. Why are there so many rats in the Walled City? *Because where there is garbage, there are rats.* The foul smell wafts over the countryside like a promise of rodent heaven, drawing vermin like a magnet from all over China into the Walled City. The garbage is the primary problem; if it was properly disposed of, there would be no rats.

Every person is a walled city. The garbage within us draws life-sucking, fourth-dimensional parasites. Whether we accumulate it ourselves by living in sin, or whether the garbage of others has made us the victim, the garbage is the problem. Even the most fervent, set-apart believer is a victim of sin.

Y'shua, who never sinned, was nevertheless *sin's victim*. Can a believer have cancer? Yes. Can a believer survive cancer? Yes. Like cancer, demonization is a *wasting* disease. Can a believer be demonized? Yes; in fact, every fervent believer has been oppressed and in some cases possessed by them. They make all suffering worse and all sin more pleasurable, at least for a short time. They make a believer say things and do what they later regret. They destroy relationships. They exacerbate and prolong diseases. They multiply the garbage. They crawl upon believers in the night. They destroy sanity. We must not sweep the mess under the rug; the enemy is real and we must flee to the feet of the only one who can save us – the Son of Elohim, Y'shua Messiah.

Financial Crisis in the Decapolis Looming

The swine herdsman fled into Gadara as the hog minions flew madly off the cliff. Pigs flew this day. Somebody lost a bunch of money, and word got around. Quickly, a delegation was formed to arrest the man who had been responsible for the demise of all that valuable livestock. But when these people got to the boat dock and saw the well-known demoniac now sitting at Y'shua's feet, and once they heard about how he got there and why the swine stampeded, and once they learned Y'shua's identity as the mighty Son of Yahweh, they could only *beg* Y'shua to leave the district.

On might think these people would beg Y'shua to stay and *cleanse and heal everybody in then county*. But no, hogs were the currency

in that state, and an élite of hog-fattened businessmen spending it. If Y'shua went to casting out demons in the Decapolis, no doubt the bottom would fall out of the pork bellies market.

The First Evangelist

As for the man formerly known as Legion: of course, he wants to go with Y'shua back to the relative cleanliness of Galilee. He longs to be close to his Master and learn more of the Great Power that had setting him free. Certainly, he previously knew Messiah. Certainly, he had been baptized in the sea, else the disciples would have baptized him there and then, and the Evangelist would have reported the event. So now, he no longer worships bound in chains of nether darkness from afar; he is *confirmed in his belief*, having *met the Master and received from His Compassion*.

Yes, "Legion" is free indeed. How could he possibly go back to the foul haunts, unclean people, devilish situations, endless temptations, and repressing, insidious trials that had led him into the chains of demonic bondage in the first place?

**"Oh, Son of Yahweh, entreat me not to leave thee:
your sweet fellowship, your liberating presence!"**

**"My Son, you have rested at my feet long enough!
The fields are white with harvest;
now you are ready to reap men."**

The *new man* is now commissioned to go forth as *an evangelist*, a herald of Good News. He is sent forth into his harvest field.

"Go back to your own house and people and testify to them how Elohim has pitied you and all that he has done for you."

Any promoter will tell you that two keys to getting your message out are *testimony* and *linkage*. You tell *your* people *your* story of how *your* Savior has rescued you. That is what witnessing is all about. That is how we begin to make disciples.

Have you ever noticed the great zeal of a special someone who has received a supernatural healing or deliverance? That person wants to tell everybody. The former "Legion" not only returned to his own,

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but he became a traveling evangelist, testifying through the entire Decapolis of what *Y'shua* had done for him – set him free from the bondage of mental illness plus the five thousand or so demons that had taken up residence in his body.

Our Turn to be Free

Maybe it is our turn to be free! Along with hundreds of others whom I have witnessed being set free, I too have been set free and, like them, I am ever working to keep free. *Y'shua my Master*, is setting me free daily as I determine to yield myself to his authority, compassion, and commandments. I have learned that if I stay out of the walled city, if I keep his commandments and ordinances, if I heed his voice and word, I REMAIN CLEAN, and so may you, my reader.

Yet the folks around us, especially believers caught up in the tribulation of life, desperately need the ministry of restoration: they need to be restored to their own ownership and be bound to no creature but the divine Master.

Maybe you, reader, have nagging and unrealistic fears or expectations that you cannot overcome; nightmares that never go away; physical ailments that linger and threaten your life. We must learn again that “Perfect love casts out all fear” – we need to be cleansed of falsehood.

Maybe you were abused in childhood or marriage and you've never been able to get over it or move on. ***This is indicative of demonic interference.*** Does your depression never lift? Does your infirmity never heal? Can you not stop tale telling, slandering, lying or coveting? Do you hate someone or hold a grudge? Are you still upset over something that happened years ago? Are you trapped in habitual sin or filthy habits like pornography or gambling? Do you consider yourself a failure, or is it that you cannot seem to get anything done? Do you have migraine headaches or chronic allergies or infections? Do you hear voices or feel clammy hands upon your body? You too desperately need restoration.

Do you have an *aversion* to assembling with like-minded believers? Do you hate someone in the assembly without a real reason? Are *Y'shua's* blood, or torture stake, or word repugnant to you? Do you find the name *Y'shua* or *Yahweh* repulsive or unpleasant? Can you not pay attention to a Bible-based sermon? Do you constantly yawn

or cough when hearing the Word read or spoken? Do you have an inordinate jealousy of, hatred for, or attachment to, another person, thing, or idea, that is destroying your love of the Savior, polluting your service, and taking up your time? If so, you are undoubtedly harboring unclean spirits. You may or may not have a legion on hand, but one ***unclean spirit is more than enough*** for most.

Today there are tremendous ministries to help in the quest for freedom. After all, Yahweh / Y'shua is the deliverer and he is ever present. His power for deliverance and healing is available to *anyone* who will seek it out. Perhaps many you know, and surely some reading these words, have had incredible results. Now is the time to seek your own restoration. Why not start out on the road to complete freedom right now as we appeal to our Heavenly Father for a clean conscience.

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Psychic Friends are No Friends at All

Justified-person Prayer

Now, Father YHWH, I ask you to restore a right spirit within me. I do invite and accept the spirit of Y'shua my Messiah and Savior, your Son, into my being. I ask you to fill all the empty places in my life with your set-apart Spirit, that I might no longer sin against you. Thank you for saving me from the evil one. Thank you for delivering my soul. Thank you for protecting my loved ones, my congregation, and me. Thank you for loving me despite myself. Now I praise you for all you have done for me this day. In Y'shua's precious name. Amen.

Once upon a time, I left the Lay Leader in charge of a Sunday night service to go into my office, which was in the church. There I found two teenagers, members of the church, using my office phone. I listen out of sight for a while to discover to whom they were talking. To my horror, I heard these young men using the church phone during worship to call the "psychic friends" network. One of the young men was the son of the Lay Leader, who was in charge of the service next door.

The parents thought it was cute; but such behavior, especially among those purporting to believe in the message of Y'shua, could bring serious consequences – demonic attacks – targeting vulnerable church members, like children and the elderly folks. The parents did not care to look at the big picture; they loved their children *to a fault*.

Perhaps as at no other time, people, especially young people, are interested in supernatural evil. They find easy access through seemingly innocent pastimes – reading fantasy books, playing computer games, listening to the demonic "music" of our age, and contacting deranged people via Internet. Mardi Gras Coming is coming up next month, the 'Christmas' of the occult, the devil's evangelism strategy. Already we see cashiers and clerks cursing themselves by wearing Mardi Gras necklaces, which are, after all, Voodoo beads.

The attitude many have concerning accepted occult objects and practices *cannot hurt*; they are "for entertainment purposes only" – harmless. The *appearance* of fun and innocence is a deception. The diabolical evil realm of demons, ghosts, spirits and psychic delusions

is real – and really dangerous. There is an incredible amount of power in the realm of evil. The Scriptures from first to last concur.

Psychic Connection in Scripture

In 1 Samuel 28, Saul, the prophet of YHWH and king of Israel, visits his “psychic friend,” the witch of Endor, commanding her to bring the prophet Samuel back from the dead so he can get advice about his future.

The psychic witch tells Saul she sees “a spirit rising from out of the ground.” This demon possesses her, and it begins to speak to Saul through her mouth. It is an evil spirit – not the righteous Samuel at all – but identifying itself with him. The demon gurgled the last words that Saul wanted to hear, “Saul, tomorrow you will be with me in hell!”

By defying YHWH and his own decree, and attending a master of black magic, Saul opened himself up to an occult prince of death named Shemu-el. Saul becomes so convicted by his actions that he willingly fulfills the occult prophecy. He takes his entire family into an ambush the next day and every member (save one) is assassinated. The moral of this Scripture parable is that evil will surely befall a believer (even a prophet) who utilizes demonic power.

Luke writes about an encounter he and Paul had with a demon-possessed psychic in Greece in Acts 16:16-18:

Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune telling. This girl followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, “These men are servants of the El Elyon, who are telling you the way to be saved.” She kept this up for many days. Finally, Paul became so troubled that he turned around and said *to the spirit*, “In the name of Y’shua the Messiah I command you to come out of her!” At that moment, the spirit left her.

No matter what they say (and many say their power comes from “God,” whoever that is), *psychics derive their power from evil spirits masquerading as their friends (i.e. familiar demons)*. When Paul cast the evil spirit out of the slave girl, she no longer could tell the

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future. This infuriated her masters who had made big money with her power.

Now just as then, psychics and astrologers use *foul demonic powers* to prey on the minds and pocketbooks of the perplexed. When a believer uses a psychic, a witch, or a spell, *YHWH's protection is nullified*, a spiritual door opens right up for the entry of demonic forces, and the believer finds herself and her family in grave danger – she has put all she has in the devil's power.

Occult Practices Forbidden

The Bible states clearly that all occult practices originate with the devil. For their own protection and the protection of their assemblies, such things are strictly not allowed, no exceptions. People who dabble in astrology, card reading, the voodoo of Mardi Gras or psychic phenomena, *link themselves* with evil spirits. They give unclean demons – just like the ones in the bible demoniacs – access to the family circle. Such involvement always and without exception leads to demonic oppression – sometimes to possession – and occasionally to the loss of one's salvation, even one's life.

Occult practices are strictly forbidden in the Torah, as we pointed out previously. This time we have a literal translation:

Deuteronomy 18:10-13. There must not be found anyone among you who sacrifices children, tells fortunes, interprets signs, hypnotizes, is a witch, casts spells, channels spirits, or is a medium, or one who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to YHWH, and anyone who does such detestable practices YHWH will drive out.

Occult practices are detestable because they originate in idolatry – the worshiping of demons. Going to demons is betraying the one who saves you. You think you may get away with impaling him all over again, but his mercy will only extend so far. In the spiritual realm, such is comparable to leaving the comfortable, clean heavenly home, and moving in with swine in the close-quartered, filthy, manure-filled sty.

We are re-created to live in the cleanliness of righteousness; instead, some choose to wallow in filth. This is why occult practitioners are “detestable” in YHWH's sight; the unclean enemy controls them. Heavenly children must never seek direction from the unclean. If we

do, we commit *mortal* sin, deadly to the spirit, unhealthy to the body, jeopardizing our eternal life. Many whom we love may be affected by such “innocent” activity. As Rabbi Paul so rightly stated, “You can not eat at the table of YHWH and at the table of demons.” *No one gets away with it.* Who would want to try?

Conjuring a Demon

Unclean spirits are happy to expose themselves through psychic connections. Most teenagers grow up without the benefit of pneumatic discipleship; as a result of their innocent curiosity, many have become terrorized by demons for the rest of their lives.

Psychologist Ken Olson recounts a conversation he had with a fourteen-year-old experimenter:

One day I wanted to see if I could conjure up a demon from the earth, so I made a circle in my back yard. I started chanting, commanding a demon to appear. It worked! A huge demon appeared in the circle and I was terrified. I did not know what to do with him. I believe now I have demons in me and I am really scared.

Notice how innocent the play seems and how serious the consequences. The boy felt that he was invaded by demons, and it turned out that he was. Just a few words led to his oppression.

When I was seventeen, I had a similar experience. I was a Christian, but went to Chicago on a visit and bought a book called *The Encyclopedia of Witchcraft* in an occult bookshop. I read about all the demons, including one named Asmodeus that manifested as a large, black dog with shining white teeth.

Soon after I was awakened one night when Asmodeus ran into my bedroom and jumped on the bed. The demon was masquerading as a huge, foul black dog. The demon howled and jumped on top of me in the bed. It drew its evil face with its shining teeth close to mine. I could smell its horrid breath.

Like the other boy, I was terrified, but I knew enough to command it out by the blood of Y’shua Messiah. Asmodeus fled at the very mention of Y’shua’s blood, tail between its legs. I was not dreaming! The next day, I burned that witchcraft

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book, because, though only paper and ink, it originated in ungodly power.

Worship of Angels

Many newspapers and magazines today run astrology columns, and other regular articles that feature occultists predicting the future or soliciting for victims. In every phone book, there is a publisher-sponsored phone number to get a free astrological reading. Practicing astrology (or other illogical methods of predicting) lead to demonic oppression, fear, physical illness, and loss of eternal security. This is because astrology and horoscopes originate in the worship of fallen angels. In the ancient world, wise men believed that stars in the zodiac (zohar) were alive and ruled the universe. Stars were worshipped as gods, and *stars fell to earth*.¹⁰⁷

Paul refers to astrology as “the worship of angels,” and warns against consulting astrologers:

Do not let anyone who delights in ... the worship of angels disqualify you for the prize. Such a person goes into great detail about what he has seen, and his unspiritual mind puffs him up with idle notions (Col 2:18).

This is an excellent description of astrology and other occult predicting tools. The prize that may be lost *is eternal life*. Is practicing things YHWH calls abominable worth losing your life?

Organized witchcraft and Satanism has been a bane to believers and has destroyed assemblies. Witch covens and satanic groups are very organized and widespread these days, and their mission is to destroy those who love Y’shua or Jesus. Aside from praying to Satan against local assemblies, placing curses and harassing members, covens will often send a witch or warlock into the church to become an active member, and thus begin the process of destroying the church from within.

I have personally known several such ‘plants’ in the church. Church members will testify that I have also attempted to cast them out. If I have uncover witches them in my little assemblies, I shudder to think

¹⁰⁷ Scripture calls these fallen angels “Nephilim.” Genesis 6:4: There were giants . . . This is a mistranslation. The word is *nephilim* and means *fallen ones*.

of the number that go unnoticed in congregations, disrupting and destroying.

Video Games Playing Eyelids

Children, teens and some adults are enthralled with video games. Some of these are extremely addictive. Many of the more popular games focus on occult warfare or fantasy worlds. Some occultists write games specifically to addict the player to the fantasy world created in the game. These worlds are very realistic and full of demonic creatures and graphic violence. After hours in front of the screen in the game, the software installs itself in the player's brain; there is no getting rid of it then unless there is renunciation and cessation. You may find out if someone is hooked by asked, "Do you see the game on the back of your eyelids when you go to sleep?"

An adult I know was so addicted to computer video games that he told me he could no longer get away from the evil characters in the game. They had installed themselves in his life. Every time he shut his eyes, he would see fiends after him. He saw the game play out on the backs of his eyelids when he went to bed and he dreamed that he was in the game just about every night. The occultist computer programmer in Arizona, full of unclean spirits, had used his programming skill to trap my acquaintance, and *Belial* was not going to let him go.

These games have become the same pacifier and surrogate that television was for my generation. The difference is that video games are *interactive* and television is not: the hellish dragnet of the games snatch up active, intelligent minds much quicker than the passive viewing of the tube.

Occult and Secular Holidays

Another strong influence for the occult are the secular, pseudo-religious holidays: I am primarily speaking of Easter, Christmas, Halloween and Mardi Gras. Those who consider themselves Covenanters¹⁰⁸ yet participate in the secular and demonic aspects of these and other holidays *must not be aware of the quantity of prayer Satanists devote to them* at such times. If Covenanters were aware of the consuming power of the enemy, perhaps they would

¹⁰⁸ Covenanters = that is, those in one of the seven biblical covenants.

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cease their participation. (Please check the *origins* of the customs of these holidays if you are not yet enlightened to their roots.)

Mardi Gras has become more and more popular through the south. Some think that Fat Tuesday is a Christian holiday because it precedes Ash Wednesday, but it always has been little more than a *voodoo festival*. The object of voodoo worship is to open one's self up to evil spirits so that worshipers can appropriate their power to get what they want, no matter whom they hurt.

Traditionally during Mardi Gras, worshipers of evil spirits drink, take drugs, have wild parties, trance-dance, and do unmentionable things in order to open themselves up. They have parades with 'floats' to attract the evil spirits connected with what the float represents. Notice the pagan demigods on the floats! Youth bare and shame themselves in public. During Mardi Gras, while Christians are having fun at parades, catching beads, and scoring moon pies from drunken men and women in "mystic societies," Satanists the world over are praying for their downfall.

I shudder when I see children covered in Mardi Gras beads. I grieve about the children whose parents care little about their spiritual health. Voodoo beads originate in the desire to attract and possess demons, or to advertise one's state of possession.

Spiritual Resources, Made in Heaven

Are Believers forbidden to utilize supernatural power? The answer is NO! Although YHWH's Torah¹⁰⁹ forbids we use the powers of darkness, he has provided us with supernatural access and knowledge through the authority of his Son, Y'shua Messiah. We can become qualified to use his spiritual resources to overcome every evil, including fear of the future. The experience the Bible calls the "Baptism in the Holy Spirit" is the portal to his arsenal of supernatural resources. A listing of the ten resources is found in 1 Corinthians 12 and 13. They are:

1. Wisdom – inspired insight into any situation;
2. Knowledge – knowing things not learned;
3. Faith – believing for every need;
4. Healing – curing diseased or broken bodies;
5. Miraculous powers – ability to suspend natural laws;

¹⁰⁹ Torah, referring to the ordinances of scriptural holiness.

6. Prophecy – inspired speaking;
7. Knowing spirits – being able to discern intentions;
8. Tongues – speaking languages never learned;
9. Interpretation – understanding languages never learned; and,
10. Love – empathy toward all and charity for the needy.

Here are your answers. Lead a life of righteousness in accordance with the Torah and give up the foolishness of the forbidden.

Seeking Answers from the Occult

Provided with the promise of such incredible powers, why would anyone belonging to the Holy One seek spiritual power, knowledge, or experience from *the adversary of all that is good, decent, and worthwhile?*

Because such is the broad way that leads to destruction, spoken of by the Master (Matthew 7:13,14). Once one is involved with the occult, and has opened herself to devilish powers, it is impossible to get free without a miracle of favor. Perhaps Father understands if somebody seeks answers from the occult if they do not know it is forbidden. But woe to those who, despite knowing better, seek what is blatantly evil. The letter to the Hebrews speaks of these poor folks:

It is impossible for those who have once tasted the goodness of the word of YHWH and the powers of the coming age, if they fall away, to be brought back to repentance, because they are crucifying the Son of YHWH all over again and *subjecting him to public disgrace*. (Hebrews 6:4-6, excerpts)

The writer is not speaking of simple backsliding; he means to warn those who are dabbling in “the powers” of occult spirituality. The believer who knowingly uses occult methods is testing Father’s mercy and crucifying our Savior anew. Believers who work in the occult, no matter how innocent it seems, bring down retribution upon the entire congregation.

When these teens, who were active church members, contacted their psychic friends on the church phone, they brought a backlash upon the church from which the membership still has not recovered. Indeed. Now, a few short years later, that assembly house is CLOSED and the neighborhood ABANDONED.

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Renouncing the Occult

If we are to be overcomers, we become such through the teaching of Scripture, not by the slippery slope of the pagan, occult, or popular practices. Y'shua Messiah came to destroy such things; and he will destroy them in and through you. When people become believers in the Father through the life of Y'shua, they may renounce the enemy openly then invite the Spirit in to clean up the mess. The Spirit of YHWH will destroy all the power of the enemy – if the believer will allow it and become actively engaged in it. The Spirit will never usurp the authority of one's free will, but when one gives over her will to the Clean Spirit, foul beasts, legions, even their residues, are vanquished.

We are to be agents of this kind of 'deliverance.' We are to acquire the spiritual power of Y'shua so that we can open prison doors and set captives free just as he did. Through us, Y'shua may yet bring goodness and order to a world corrupted by occult powers. We have a serious responsibility to the Creator and to all Creation. Look carefully!

For all creation, gazing eagerly as if with an outstretched neck, is waiting and longing to see the manifestation of the Almighty's children; for the Creation fell to the subjection of failure and futility. Yet there was always the hope that at last the Creation would also be set free from the slavery of decay to enjoy the liberty that will accompany the radiance of the Almighty's children. For we know that the whole of Creation is *groaning together in the pains of childbirth until this hour* (that is, the hour of the revelation of the Almighty's children). (Romans 8:19-22)

Creation is at stake; all that was good and noble "in the beginning" will be lost, never to be restored, if the evil one, who subjected Creation to decay in the first place, is allowed to complete his diabolical plan. Creation at its best is everything we know to be clean, decent, and worthwhile. Our Savior put the responsibility upon our shoulders to destroy the ongoing work of Satan (with his help). There is far more to lose than can be expressed by prophet or preacher. If not for the overcomers, ALL would be destroyed, heaven and earth, and forever. Again we find ourselves close to doomsday.

If you as a believer, as a child of the Almighty, as a servant of Y'shua your Messiah,

have been involved in seeking favors from the source of evil *at any time in your life* (whether you were a willing party or not), take this opportunity to

RENOUNCE Satan and all his ways,

REPENT of every abominable practice,

CAST OUT the devils that have originated and operated the practice with you, and

IMPLORE with weeping and gnashing (if necessary) Father YHWH to forgive you and restore you wholly. We pray that conviction will pour like water upon you, and that your personal deliverance from occult practice will be like a flowing spring of refreshment.

We cannot expect to use or teach the devoted Spirit's resources and gifts unless we are *done with evil* entirely. Get out now, get free and get clean. Let us pray that the Sovereign of Heaven will free us, deliver us from oppression, and restore us to first-fruits righteousness.

Prayer for Freedom

Father Almighty and All Powerful, YHWH Elohim, today I confess my interest and involvement in the occult. I realize now I have been drawn in with demonic and unclean spirits who have deceived me, stolen from me, blinded me, and would see Creation and my own soul destroyed.

Yet I know that you are greater than all these oppressive powers. I hereby renounce them all, casting them out of my temple, and stoning them with fiery darts as they flee to you to put them away.

I call upon you now, Abbi, to deliver me from any and all bondage to the devil, his demons, his angels, and his devices. I thank you for the authority through Messiah Y'shua to be the agent in my own rescue. Let us set the Legion to flight.

Yes, I renounce any and all involvement in occult practices, false religions, or psychic phenomena (and whatever else). I break any curse that has come upon me through my own dealings in the occult, or any dealings of my ancestors. I cut

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any ties to the dark world of the devil with the sword of the Spirit. I plead the blood of Y'shua over me and over my house, that we might be once and for all protected from the revenge of the enemy.

Cleanse me from all unrighteous and set me free. Let praise flow from the clean heart of the one you love.

Prayer for Protection

Father YHWH, I ask you to protect my family [or mention names] from sickness, from all harm and from accidents. If any have been subjected to curses, hexes or spells, I declare these curses, hexes or spells null and void in the name of Y'shua Messiah. For you evil spirits that have been sent out against us, I decommission you, capture you, and send you straight to He Who Will Dispose of You. Father, I ask you to send your righteous messengers to guard and protect all of us from hereon. I will not again step over the line and onto the broad highway of destruction. HalleluYah! Amein.

Closing Prayers for Opening Doors

All About Prayer from Luke

Y'shua said to them, When you pray, say: Abba, May your name be kadosh. May your malkuth come. Give us each day our bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive all who owe us; And lead us not to the test. (Luke 11:2-4)

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- 3:21 Y'shua baptized; *removing himself from the crowd* to pray
5:16 He *withdraws to the wilderness* to pray
6:12 He *ascends the mountain* to pray, and prays *all night*
6:28 He bids us pray *for our abusers*
9:18 He prays *alone though in a crowd*
9:28 He prays *in small groups*
10:2 He suggests we pray for the Father to *send laborers*
11:1 He prays *in a certain place*, and others *ask him how*
18:1 He suggests that prayer *will keep one from losing heart*
18:10 He suggests we ask the Father for mercy in the matter of sin
19:46 He calls the Father's house a *house of prayer*
21:36 He suggests we pray *for strength to withstand the evil day*
21:36 and that we may *stand up to the judgment* of the Son of Man
22:32 He suggests we pray for those *lacking faith and strength*
22:40 and that we pray to *avoid temptation* and testing
22:41 He is *kneeling* in prayer
22:46 He calls for *rising* from sleep to pray
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Heart Prayer 1 (Cognitive Pneumatology Movement)

(Based on Ephesians 1: 17 -19) by *Mark Downham*:

Abbi, my all consuming passion, my burning desire is that I receive more of the fullness and release of the Holy Spirit in my life, the Spirit of wisdom, insight, knowledge, understanding and discernment, and that you draw me further in and further up, from shadow to substance, that you draw me deeper into our love relationship, which is your opening of yourself to me and my submission to you.

Sovereign Y'shua the Anointed One, let there be less of me and more of you. Cover me with your grace. Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee, and experience *thou* manifesting more of thyself

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in me. Please draw me further and deeper into the reality of your presence and into the transformation of your likeness so that my love may be complete! Through your presence, Holy Spirit, in my spirit, I commit myself to be governed, taught and led by You as You are the Spirit of increasing and unfolding Revelation, who is at work in my life, changing me from glory to glory.

Devoted Spirit, I welcome you, I call to you, I am reaching out for you, I am on fire for your fullness and release in my life, sweep through me, Breath of YHWH, like a mighty rushing wind, I want to be caught up in your slipstream. Please remove any influences, obstacles, hindrances, strongholds, barricades, barriers, thoughts, mindsets, worldviews, beliefs, attitudes, intentions, motivations, behaviors, that may resist you, Holy Spirit, from consuming everything, filling me totally, and dwelling in me, from flowing in, through, around, over, under and out through my life – let your fire fall right now and purify me, sanctify me.

Please grant this to me by your shed blood, Sovereign Y'shua, that I may be supernaturally equipped, enabled and released to know you beyond mere rational abstract, informational knowledge. Open my heart, your word is truth, pour yourself into me and enter in as I enter in to you, as I am with you and in you in the Jordan of Unity. I want you to grab hold of me, Sovereign Y'shua the Anointed, and pull, so that I may know you in an ever deeper relational way as my closest friend, just as I am known by you and deeply loved by you. Devoted Spirit be my counselor, be my comforter, be my *paraclete* – throw your mantle of fire around my shoulders, this eternal weight of glory – let it be all consuming, but not consumed – do not let it fall to the ground.

Now I ask, Father, that in your loving tenderness, you open the lens of my heart and through the Sovereign Y'shua say, Let there be light! – as the Holy Spirit fills my “inner man,” my inner being, my spirit with your love, your word, your presence and your increasing revelation as I draw closer and closer to you. Quicken your word in me, Sovereign Y'shua: you are the Word become flesh at work in me. Help me to grow more like you.

Fill my heart with your loving kindness, your glorious presence.

Sovereign Y'shua, let your glory pass by through me, so that I can know the hope, the testimony, the witness and promise of your

goodness, power, humility and strength – your calling, purpose and destiny in my life. Thank you for the increasing joy of your presence as you sing and call to us. Grace me now as I shout back, “*Grace, grace* to you the cornerstone!” I want to be plunged into your mighty river flowing through me.

I declare that I will have an ever-deepening relationship and receive the light of the knowledge of the glory of YHWH in your face as I see you face to face. Master, I am the jar of clay in your hands; the treasure is within - this wellspring, this fount of wisdom, insight, understanding and discernment - well up, fill me and overflow - pour your *self* through me, Holy Spirit, and pour me out in your service; make me a living well of revival.

I also pray that the light of your word, Sovereign Y’shua, will flood my whole being – my “inner man” and my “outer man” – so that I may know and experience the surpassing greatness of your power towards me. Master, give me a powerful inner life and make me a believing believer. I call this forth in my life, as your servant and witness and I declare I will follow the Lamb all the days of my life and win for the Lamb the rewards of his suffering, for the honor, glory and greatness of your name, in the earthly and heavenly places, as it is all being summed up in you, O Sovereign Y’shua, and you will fill everything. Amen.

Heart Prayer 2 (Cognitive Pneumatology Movement)
(Based on Ephesians 3: 16, 17):

My dear Father, my dear Heart, my dearest loving Dad, out of the depths of your loving embrace, your center, your substance, your abundance, the very life of your glory, your very self, please hug your life into me, please breathe your life into me, please pour your life into me, please give me your father’s blessing, I need more of you, please give me your heart. My ever-loving Dad, please grant me your inward strength, your inward passion, your inward wisdom, your inward vision, your inward righteousness, your inward holiness, your inward purity, your powerful inner life (of your Unity in me and me in you), your infectious and explosive laughing leaping joy, your ever-present presence.

Through your abiding presence of the Devoted Spirit in me, through the faith I have expressed, through the grace and mercy I have received, through the unquenchable yearning for the desire of

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nations, through the calling on my life, through the words spoken over me – I am grabbing hold of you, I am holding on to you, I am clinging on to you, I am being made just like you, I am becoming just like you –be the eternal flame of love in me, be the sacrificial aroma of love in me, be the *paraclete* – burning heart of love in me, be all things summed up in love in me.

Sovereign Y'shua the Anointed One, dwell in my heart in ever-increasing and unfolding love, in your incarnational presence love, in everything love, in every way love, in every blessing love, in every answered prayer love, in every judgment love, in every act of justice love, in every cleft opened for me love, in your ever-abundant provision love, in my total and absolute dependence love, in my hiddenness love, in manifestation love, in the silent praise of reversed thunder love, in the shadow of the cross love, in every life laid down love, in every fiery trial love, in every temptation overcome love, in every intention love, in every thought love, in every purpose love, in every inward conviction love, in every burst of insight and discernment love, in every ray of light love, in every impartation love, in every quickening love, in every breaking and yielding love, in humility of spirit love, in every stronghold demolished love, in every chain broken love, in every word spoken love, in every heart-healed love, in me in you and in you in me love, in us in each other love, in unconditional love be love in and through me. Amen.

Benediction (Cognitive Pneumatology Movement)

May our gracious Sovereign and loving heavenly Father deepen the channels of your heart and enlarge the borders of your spirit that you may be filled with all the fullness of Him who fills all things in everything. May you, by faith, touch the edges of His glory and skirt the crest of His infinitude, and quietly sink, melt, and disappear into the wonder of the glory of the love of His limitless heart. May His grace and peace softly consume you, enfold you, and infuse you; and may you come to the eternal rest of Y'shua the Anointed, assuredly knowing the sweet silence of His still and calm presence, which is His eternal light, and our everlasting joy.

A Seven Step Act of Self-Anointing with Healing Prayer

Readings in Preparation of the Act of Healing
Psalm 103:1; Matthew 9:18

Pray this prayer: (1) YHWH Rapha, lover of my soul, I come to you with a repentant heart knowing you have forgiven my iniquity and that you desire to heal all my diseases according to the Scriptures (Ps 103:1-3). This day I have need of your powerful healing touch *in a particular area of my body*.

(2) So I now take up the mantle of authority you have vested in me and in all believers by virtue of the blessed shed blood of my Savior Y'shua Messiah.

(3) By that great power *I command* any spiritual presence that would seek to hinder my restoration to flee from me immediately: Go to the feet of Y'shua of Nazareth for him to dispense with you as he will. (Selah)

(4) Now I call upon the creative force of the Logos and the protective force of the Raphaim (Raf-fa-eem', or *angels of healing*): Father YHWH, save your servant (*say your name*) for the sake of Messiah and those who love me.

(5) I now anoint my body (*or my surgery or a particular place on my body*) with this blessed oil in the name of Y'shua of Nazareth (who used oil to heal all manner of diseases): This visible oil, which I feel, is representative of the invisible healing Spirit, which I may not feel but I believe is working in me even now.

(6) I lay my hands upon myself in great faith as though the Master Healer himself were touching me. I ask you now, YHWH Rapha, to channel the healing of your dear Son through these hands, which you have recreated for me to use in healing. (Remain in an attitude of quiet expectation for a few minutes with hands on body. Open yourself to receive what is yours by right.)

(7) (Raise hands above head in surrender.) Now I thank you, Father, dear Brother, Devoted Spirit for bringing total health and wholeness to me, your servant and friend, and I shall give you the praise and glory for my healing and recreation now and forevermore. Amen.

Spiritual Gifts Revelation:

Night and Safety Prayers

Day is dying in the west;
Heav'n is touching earth with rest;
Wait and worship while the night
Sets the evening lamps alight
Through all the sky.

*Kadosh, Kadosh, Kadosh, Sov'reign YAH Tsviot!
Heav'n and earth are full of Thee!
Heav'n and earth are praising Thee,
El Elyon; Eli Shaddai!*

King of life, beneath the dome
Of the universe, Thy home,
Gather us who seek Thy face
To the fold of Thy embrace,
For Thou art nigh.

While the deepening shadows fall,
Heart of love enfolding all,
Through the glory and the grace
Of the stars that veil Thy face,
Our hearts ascend.

When forever from our sight pass the stars, the day, the night,
Prince of angels, on our eyes; let eternal morning rise and shadows
end. - Mary A. Lathbury, 1878 (Isaiah 6:3)

O YHWH Eli, I thank you that you give rest to body and soul. Thy hand has been over me. Forgive my feeble faith and all the wrong I have done this day, and help me to forgive all who have wronged me. Grant that I may sleep in peace beneath thy care, and defend me from the temptations of darkness. Into your hands I commend my loved ones, I commend this household, I commend my body and soul. Oh Father YHWH, your holy name be praised! - Deitrich Bonhoeffer

“Indian Chicks”

Dear Y’shua, as a hen covers her chicks with her wings to keep them safe, do thou this night protect us under your golden wings.
- Indian

From the Boran

O Father dear, you have let me pass the day in peace; let me also pass the night in peace, O YHWH, you who have no master. There is no strength but in you. You alone have no obligation. Beneath the shelter of your hand I pass the night. You are my Mother and my Father. HalleluYah. - the Boran

Scholefield’s Adieu

The day Thou gavest, King, is ended,
The darkness falls at Thy behest;
To Thee our morning hymns ascended,
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank Thee that Thy house, unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping,
And rests not now by day or night.

As o’er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking
Our brethren ’neath the western sky,
And hour by hour fresh lips are making
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord; Thy throne shall never,
Like earth’s proud empires, pass away:
Thy kingdom stands, and grows forever,
Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.
- Clement C. Scholefield, 1874

Spiritual Gifts Revelation:

Russell's Will

Laid on thine altar, O my King divine,
Accept this gift today, for Jahshu's sake.
I have no jewels to adorn thy shrine,
Nor any world-famed sacrifice to make;

But here I bring, within my trembling hand,
This will of mine – a thing that seemeth small;
And thou alone, O Jah, canst understand
How, when I yield this thee, I yield mine all.

Hidden therein thy searching gaze canst see
Struggles of passions, visions of delight,
All that I have, or am, or fain would be –
Deep loves, fond hopes and longings infinite.

It hath been wet with tears, dimmed with sighs,
Clenched in my grasp till beauty hath it none.
Now, from thy footstool, where it vanquished lies,
The prayer ascendeth – “May thy will be done!”

Take it, O Father, ere my courage fail;
And merge it so in Thine own will that I
May never have a wish to take it back;
When heart and courage fail, to thee I'll fly.

So change, so purify, so like thine own,
Make thou my will so graced by love divine
I may not know or feel it as mine own,
But recognize my will as one with Thine.
- C.T. Russell

Charles Wesleys' Light Walking, A Hymn by C. Wesley
May be sung to the tune of *Amazing Grace*

1 BEHOLD! the mountain of the King in latter days shall rise
On mountaintops above the hills, And draw the wondering, eyes.

2 To this the joyful nations round, all tribes and tongues, shall flow;
Up to the hill of Yah, they'll say, and to his house, we'll go.

Miracles by the Book

3 The beam that shines from Zion's hill shall lighten every land;
The King who reigns in Salem's towers shall all the world command.

4 Among the nations he shall judge; His judgments truth shall guide;
His scepter shall protect the just, And quell the sinner's pride.

5 No strife shall rage, nor hostile feuds disturb those peaceful years;
To ploughshares men shall beat their swords,
To pruning hooks their spears.

6 No longer hosts, encountering hosts, shall crowds of slain deplore;
They hang the trumpet in the hall, and study war no more.

7 Come, then, O house of Ya'akov! Come to worship at his shrine;
And, walking in the light of Truth, with holy beauties shine.

Praying for Self-Deliverance

Father YHWH, I am not a superstitious person, but I believe in you, your Son and your Word. I want to do what is right and be what you want. I want to be set-apart by you, well and confident in my faith.

I am {sick or ill at ease or depressed or engaged in occult practices or bad habits or have a soul tie}. I have {evil and critical} thoughts that I know are not true and are not mine. I did not think it possible that an unclean spirit could infiltrate me nor did I want to admit it could be so until now. But I realize that the door to my soul has been opened and something foul may have come in. I am going to obey You rather than it.

Father YHWH, I take up the authority of your son, Y'shua the Nazarene, and the power of his blood, which was shed for me. In that righteous authority I now command any unclean spirits, occult spirits or demons that may have infiltrated me to cease your devilish work *immediately* and depart, depart, depart.

In the name of Y'shua ben YHWH the Almighty, I command you to detach and remove yourselves from my body immediately and go to his feet, never, ever to return to me or any other human being. Go! Go! Go now! And go for good.

Spiritual Gifts Revelation:

Holy Father YHWH, I thank you for your power to set me free and loose those I love! I declare my independence from the unclean thing! Protect me now from any evil, unclean or occult spirits as *I close all the doors* to my being. I promise, with your help, O YHWH, not to again engage in any activities or thoughts that may bring on this demonic infiltration in the future.

Heal me of any additional damage that demonization might have caused, that I might dwell in your house forever and ever. Amein.

Prayer for Freedom from Occult Bondage - Francis MacNutt

Father Almighty and All Powerful, YHWH Elohim, today I confess my interest and involvement in the occult. I realize now that I have been involved with demonic and unclean spirits who have deceived me, stolen from me, and blinded me. Yet I know that you are greater than all these powers that oppress me. I call upon you now to deliver me from any and all bondage to the devil and his devices. I thank you for the authority through the Anointed Y'shua to be the agent in my own deliverance.

This day I renounce any and all involvement in occult practices, false religions or psychic phenomena. I break any curse that has come upon me through my own dealings in the occult, or any dealings of my ancestors. I cut any ties to the dark world of the devil with the sword of the Spirit. I plead the blood of Y'shua over me and over my house, that we might be protected from the revenge of Satan.

I speak now to any evil spirit that has oppressed or possessed me through my past sins. I proclaim that my body shall be the temple of the Spirit of YHWH, and you, unclean spirits, have no place in my temple. I command you to cease and desist your evil work against me, and adjure you by the name of Y'shua the Anointed of Nazareth to leave my body, my house and my life. By the blood of Y'shua, all you evil spirits that have been connected with me or mine are *bound with cords* that can't be broken, and Y'shua casts you into the prison for spirits deep in the earth. Foul serpent, now you are under my feet. You have bitten my heel, but through Y'shua the Anointed, I have bruised your head.

Now, Father YHWH, I ask you to restore a right spirit within me. I do invite and accept the spirit of Y'shua the Anointed, your Son, my Savior and Master, into my being. And I ask you to fill all the empty

places in my life with your Spirit of YHWH, that I might no longer sin against you. Thank you for saving me from the evil one. Thank you for delivering my soul. Thank you for protecting my loved ones, my congregation and me. Thank you for loving me despite myself. Now I praise you for all you have done for me this day. In Y'shua's precious name.

Father YHWH, I ask you to protect my family [or mention names] from sickness, from all harm and from accidents. If any have been subjected to curses, hexes or spells, I declare these curses, hexes or spells null and void in the name of Y'shua the Anointed. If any evil spirits have been sent out against us, I decommission you in the name of Y'shua the Anointed and I send you be his authority into the underworld pit. Then, Father, I ask you to send your holy angels to guard and protect all of us. Through Y'shua our Master and Savior. Amein.

Deliverance from Idolatry – Author Unknown

Repentance

- In the name of Y'shua Messiah the Nazarene I repent for all generational idolatry.
- I repent for all personal and generational rebellion, stubbornness and disobedience that have contributed to any witchcraft in my life and in my generational line.
- I repent for all envy and jealousy of minds, physical bodies and personalities of others.
- I repent for any worship of myself and any need of personal recognition.
- I repent for all envy and jealousy of the spiritual giftings and capacities of others.
- I repent for myself and for those in my generational line who did not guard the gates of the spiritual and physical senses.
- I repent for choosing my will above the will of the Almighty One.

Choices

- I choose to owe no one anything, but to love.
- I choose to cast off the work of darkness and to put on the armor of Light, the Messiah Y'shua, and to make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lust.

Spiritual Gifts Revelation:

- I choose to walk only according to the grace and anointing YHWH has given to me.
- I choose to walk in unity with my brothers and sisters in YHWH.
- I choose to follow Messiah, living a life of love, preferring others above myself.
- I choose to yield and surrender my personal rights so that I might serve the Almighty YHWH wholeheartedly.
- I choose to be devoted to one another in brotherly love and to honor one another above myself.

Promises

- I will never be lacking in zeal, but will keep my spiritual fervor, serving YHWH.
- I will be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.
- I will share with YHWH's people who are in need.
- I will practice hospitality.
- I will bless those who persecute.
- I will rejoice with those who rejoice and will mourn with those who mourn.
- I will live in harmony with other believers. I will not be proud, but I will associate with people of low position.
- I will not be conceited. I will not repay evil for evil.
- I will have regard for the good things in sight of all men. I will live at peace with everyone.
- I will not take revenge on others.

Prayer

- Yah, will you now remove all unrighteous, unclean spiritual beings and devices that have been empowered by my idolatry, rebellion, and jealousy, and the idolatry, rebellion and jealousy of my ancestors?
- Yah, will you disconnect me from any evil network and I break all unclean ties between the abode of the enemy and myself?
- Yah, will you remove the generational tree of the knowledge of good and evil?
- Yah, will you break the cords of death that entangle me, the torrents of destruction that overwhelm me, the cords

of sheol that are coiled around me, and the snares of death that confront me?

Affirmations

- Yes, Eloi (My Almighty), you will! Blessed be the name of YHWH!
- I now take back any anointing, energy, authority, finances and health given away and perverted because of my sin and my ancestors' sin.
- YHWH, will You set me as a seal upon Your heart, as a seal upon Your arm, for Your Love is stronger than death.
- I declare that the Messiah and King Y'shua ben YHWH is the head and He is Sovereign over all.

Prayer based on Ezekiel 8:1-6, Romans 12:3, I Samuel 15:23, Deuteronomy 4:15-20, Ephesians 4:12-13, John 17, Romans 12:10-19, Romans 13, Genesis 2, Psalms 18, Ephesians 1:22, Song of Songs 8:6.

Act of Healing by Proxy with Anointing (Methodist)

Thanksgiving for Oil: O Father YHWH, the giver of health and salvation, we give thanks to you for the gift of oil. As your devoted apostles anointed many who were sick and healed them, so pour out your kadosh spirit on us and on this gift, that those who in faith and repentance receive this anointing may be made whole; through Y'shua Messiah our Sovereign Master. Amein. (UMBOW)

Prayer for Healing with Anointing and Laying on of Hands: *Name*, I anoint you with oil in the name of Y'shua the Great Physician, your Savior and Healer for the healing of *the name of the affliction*. May the power of YHWH's indwelling presence heal you of all illnesses (or, Be healed of all illnesses through the indwelling of YHWH's presence) – of body, mind, spirit and relationships – that you may serve the Almighty with a loving heart. Amein. (UMBOW))

Informal Prayer of Healing: Master Y'shua of Nazareth, we bring our friend *name* who needs your healing. As we anoint *her* and lay our hands on *her*, may *she* feel your touch of love and power. Take from *her* the pain, the stress and the tension and restore *her* to wholeness of body and mind. We trust you to act in wisdom and love. Give *her*, above all, the wholeness of spirit that will enable *her* to live according to your perfect will and to glorify you whether in sickness or in health. Amein.

Spiritual Gifts Revelation:

Henry Twells

At even, ere the sun had set, the sick, O Man, around thee lay;
O in what diverse pains they met! O with what joy they went away!
Once more 'tis eventide, and we oppressed by various ills draw near;
What is thy form we cannot see?

We know and feel that thou art here.

Thy touch has still its ancient power;

No word from thee can fruitless fall;

Hear, in this solemn evening hour, and in thy mercy heal us all.

Traveling Healers' Prayer

YHWH El Shaddai, loving parent, I commend my friend *name* to your merciful care as *she/he* travels to *a certain place* for *this purpose*. Keep *her/him* safe during the trip and watch out for *her/him* until *she/he* returns. Decommission any evil, we pray, and let the Spirit of Holiness flow through *her/him* as *she/he* journeys. Anoint *her/his* dear *relative/friend* with the blessed oil of your healing unction; make *her/his relative/friend* every bit whole in body, soul and spirit. Furthermore, we ask you to reveal yourself to all your expectant children in abundant grace and mercy through Y'shua your Son our Savior. Until we meet again, save and keep us: we will give you the glory evermore. Amein.

Nehemiah's Prayer of Faith

Nehemiah 9:6-33. You, YHWH, created the heaven of heavens and its entire array, the earth and all it bears, the seas and all they hold. To all of them you give life, and the array of heaven worships you.

9. You saw the distress of our ancestors in Egypt; you heard their cry by the Sea of Reeds. 11. You opened up the sea in front of them: they walked on dry ground right through the sea. Into the depths you hurled their pursuers like a stone into the raging waters.

15. For their hunger you gave them bread from heaven, for their thirst you brought them water out of a rock, and you told them to go in and take possession of the country that you had sworn to give them.

20. You gave them your good spirit to instruct them, you did not withhold your manna from their mouths, and you gave them water for their thirst.

33. You have been upright in all that has happened to us, for you acted faithfully, even when we did wrong. We thank you for leading us into truth this day. We will ever be blessing you.

King David's Prayer

(Psalm 51, excerpted from the NJB)

Have mercy on me, O Elohim, in your faithful love, in your great tenderness wipe away my offences; wash me clean from my guilt, purify me from my sin. For I am well aware of my offences, my sin is constantly in mind. Remember, I was born guilty, a sinner from the moment of conception.

But you delight in sincerity of heart, and in secret you teach me wisdom. Purify me with hyssop till I am clean; wash me till I am whiter than snow. Let me hear the sound of joy and gladness, and the bones you have crushed will dance.

Turn away your face from my sins, and wipe away all my guilt. Elohim, create in me a clean heart, renew within me a resolute spirit; do not thrust me away from your presence; do not take away from me your spirit of holiness.

Give me back the joy of your salvation; sustain in me a generous spirit. And I shall teach the wicked your paths, and sinners will return to you.

Spiritual Gifts Revelation:

Healing Prayers against Cancer

Precious Anointed Y'shua,

Look with mercy and compassion upon our *brother / sister*. To your glory and the glory of your Father, pour out the Set-apart Spirit as anointing oil to heal our sister. Anointed Y'shua, you are the Great Physician. Take away her pain, speed her recovery, begin a work even now that will restore and renew her.

Spare her further disfigurement and regenerate past damage. If surgery is a must, O Anointed One, bless the physicians and surgeons, whom you have created, gifted, and called to be healers and helpers. Make them better than they could ever be on their own. Re-create them perfect instruments of your healing, fit for your use.

Guide their minds, imaginations, and hands. Let all that is done for her by the doctors be to her greatest profit and benefit and healing. Yet we call upon the name of the Anointed Y'shua-YHWH to bring miraculous healing – complete healing. By His authority, I rebuke this cancer, and any spirits of cancer or infirmity. Eradicate this cancer to the uttermost cell. Unclean spirits of cancer, disease, and infirmity, I command you straightway back to Y'shua Messiah for his judgment, for his judgment alone is true.

Kadosh Father, pour out your peace upon our sister – that perfect peace that passes understanding, that is “unlike anything that the world can give.” Do this all in Y'shua's name to the esteem of the Father. Hallelu Yah. (Banks Brazell)

We pray you, blessed YHWH, for a healing miracle for our sister, a woman whom we cherish. We know that you are not stingy with your restorative power, for you have preserved us through every difficulty for all these many years together. Today is no exception. Pour out your curing balm upon her body from head to toe, touching especially the *area to be restored*, that we might have all the more reason to praise you and testify to your power. Restore! Restore! In the name of Y'shua Messiah and believing by his shed blood and resurrection. Amein.

Prayers for the Congregation

Father, we come to you today, bringing thanksgiving and praise. We know that you gave those who founded this assembly so many years ago A MISSION beyond merely building a shrine. But we've never known that vision; it's been lost down through nearly *one hundred fifty years*.

Today we flee the distractions of the world to seek the deserted place. We desire a fresh revelation of your direction for our personal ministries and your church. We need a wider vision and a greater commitment so that we might boldly follow in the footsteps of the Master, Y'shua, Son of YHWH.

We have not taken time to hear you clearly in the past. We have gone our own way. We have often failed to be the army of faith that you once commissioned. We repent of our slothfulness. We repent for putting you and your kingdom far down on our to-do list. We renounce the evil that has kept us from our heavenly jobs and engaged us in worthless and childish pursuits. We desire to recommit to your way and will for our lives.

Now, Abba, grant us the desire, the courage and the faithfulness to step forth out of yesterday's darkness and into the light of the future. Mold us into the kind of believers who are not afraid to confront the evils of our world, do battle with them and expect to overcome. Make us to be *heroes of the faith*, even if this means carrying the stake of impalement, so that there might be others who follow after us, and that the future might be able to say, Elohim was surely with them.

Spirit of the Elohim, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the Kadoshim, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Elohim, fall afresh on me.

Spiritual Gifts Revelation:

Prayer for Wider Vision Based on Oswald Chambers and Acts 9:10

We need a truer vision, Ab, a vision filled with Thee
To view this desperate world again with eyes that *want* to see
The world of people hurting so and hungry every day,
A world that's humbly waiting just to hear what You might say.

I need a wider vision, Ab, a vision filled with Thee.
To see that lonely woman's heartache down the street from me.
The teen we know who's is all mixed up, the child who's been abused;
The hopeless in our parish. Ab, we so need be used!

Give us a brand new vision now, a vision filled with Thee
To see our home community as Your fair eyes might see.
Help us to use our grace and gifts in ways that you would choose,
To act with love and kindness to all those with a different views.

A truer, wider, vision, Ab. That's what we really need
To carry out Your will for us in word and thought and deed.
Now, Yahshu, you are here with us, beside us in the pew.
Show us that wider vision of just what we are to do.

Litany: The Sevenfold Prayer for The Millennium

Pray for: The Parousia of Y'shua
The Return of Torah
All Saints and Martyrs
Peace in Jerusalem
The Nations of the Earth
Equitable Justice for All Creation
The Kingdom Manifest on Earth

Yahuda's Benediction

1. To him who is able to keep us from falling,
2. and carry us into his glorious presence,
3. both faultless and joyful: to our sky-bound Father,
4. through Iesu Anointed, our master, be glory,
5. and majesty, might and authority, even
6. from ages long past and from now and forever,
7. amen and amen. Hallelujah, amen.

Prayer of Manasseh

1 O Yahweh Almighty, El of our ancestors, of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and of their righteous offspring; 2 you who made heaven and earth with all their order; 3 who shackled the sea by your word of command, who confined the deep and sealed it with your terrible and glorious name; 4 at whom all things shudder, and tremble before your power, 5 for your glorious splendor cannot be borne, and the wrath of your threat to sinners is unendurable; 6 yet immeasurable and unsearchable is your promised mercy, 7 for you are Yahweh Most High, of great compassion, long-suffering, and very merciful, and you relent at human suffering.

O Yahweh, according to your great goodness you have promised repentance and forgiveness to those who have sinned against you, and in the multitude of your mercies you have appointed repentance for sinners, so that they may be saved. 8 Therefore you, O Yahweh, El of the righteous, have not appointed repentance for the righteous, for Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, who did not sin against you, but you have appointed repentance for me, who am a sinner.

9 For the sins I have committed are more in number than the sand of the sea; my transgressions are multiplied, O Yahweh, they are multiplied! I am not worthy to look up and see the height of heaven because of the multitude of my iniquities. 10 I am weighted down with many an iron fetter, so that I am rejected because of my sins, and I have no relief; for I have provoked your wrath and have done what is evil in your sight, setting up abominations and multiplying offenses.

11 And now I bend the knee of my heart, imploring you for your kindness. 12 I have sinned, O Yahweh, I have sinned, and I acknowledge my transgressions. 13 I earnestly implore you, forgive me, O Yahweh, forgive me! Do not destroy me with my transgressions! Do not be angry with me forever or store up evil for me; do not condemn me to the depths of the earth. For you, O Yahweh, are the El of those who repent, 14 and in me you will manifest your goodness; for, unworthy as I am, you will save me according to your great mercy, 15 and I will praise you continually all the days of my life. For all the host of heaven sings your praise, and yours is the glory forever. Amen.

Spiritual Gifts Revelation:

Second Act of Pneumatic Ministry

If you are working through this book for Certification in Pneumatology or you are doing a seminar using these resources, here is the second act of ministry you need to complete.

Suppose the assembly is in session and someone comes for prayer for some situation. You get as far as the renouncing and confession. Suddenly this person falls down and starts writhing and crying out hysterically. What do you do? (This *has* and *will* happen.) Remember, the place is full and visitors are there. (Open discussion or essay.)

How might some of the prayers above be used in such ministry?

Write a prayer or litany to apply what you have learned about supernatural ministry. Do not use many words, but be thorough.

Have you been able to discern the power of personified evil in any particular situations?

What did you do about it?

Seminar Closing

Presentation of *Certificates of Completion*.

Closing Hymn

Extemporaneous Prayer and Benediction:

by the seminar leader or selected participants.

**Final Project to be completed for certification
by the Lamar Hayes Institute.**

1. Collect at least *two case histories* for each pneumatic and apostolic gift (a couple are duplicates). They may be from personal experience, from a book or anecdotal information. Include an introductory summary of your own 'theory' of pneumatic gifts. Summarize with practical conclusions. If you need help with the literary part, please enlist someone who has that gift or favor to aid you. This is all the instruction you need.

2. Attend a prayer ministry in which some of the gifts of the Spirit are flowing. If you are already a part of a fellowship, please find another. Telephone ministries in your area and ask, "Do you have a prayer meeting or service in which the Spiritual Gifts are flowing?" Contact the minister if possible. If yes or no, explain that you are completing a course assignment. If the ministry has none, ask if the ministry official knows of one. Many mainline churches and Catholic churches, messianic synagogues and home groups have meetings for "charismatics." Pentecostal and non-denominational ministries also may have them. The Spirit is looking for people who are open and obedient, not doctrinally perfect. Otherwise, we would never have come this far.

Do not participate! Journalize the event. If you need help writing notes or descriptions, get a friend gifted in that area to help. Note when you recognize the Holy Spirit in a gift or grace; note people or events that hinder the move (like uncontrolled children or distracting people), and what happens in the meeting (healing, exorcism, etc.). Ask permission to get recordings of glossalalia and other speaking gifts. Take pictures if allowed. Interview participants afterward.

Write up a full, descriptive essay or put together a portfolio about the event, including transcriptions of whatever inspired speaking and tongues, sound recordings, pictures and interviews. You may have someone help you with this. Put all your information into a folio or scrapbook and submit it for credit.

OPTIONAL: You may substitute a Restoration / Deliverance / Exorcism Ministry visit.

3. Present a Pneumatic Gifts seminar with family or assembly members. It need not be long or deep. Do it as you can. Include at least four other people but no more than 12. Use as much of this material as necessary. You may also use the fill-in pages. If people in the group have pneumatic graces, please include descriptions of the in your report, which you will submit for credit.

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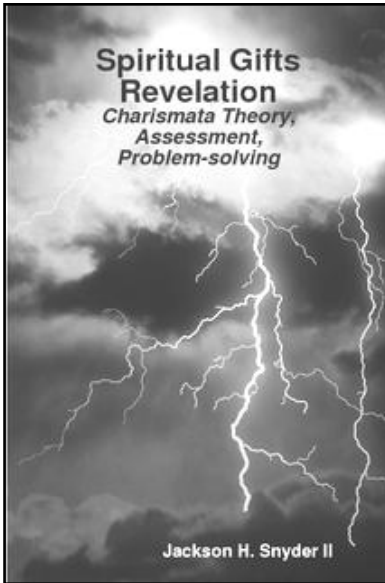
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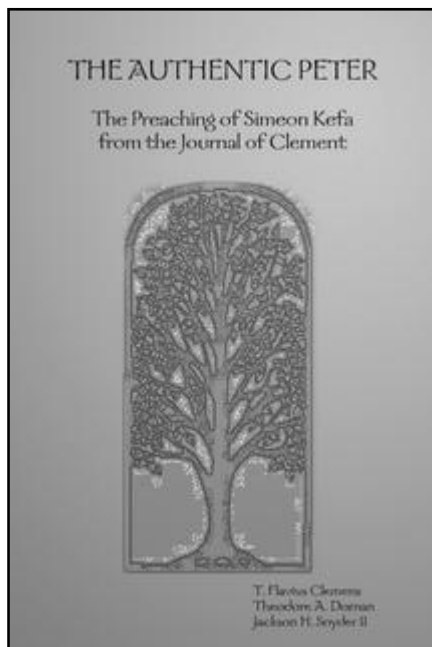


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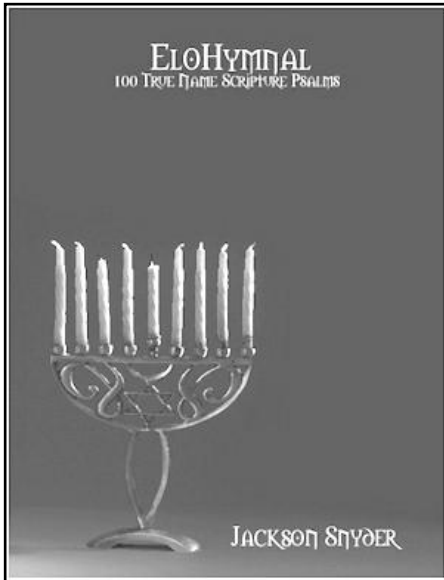


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