

# Demonstrations of the Spirit's Power

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- The Holy Spirit of Power in demonstration- physical and spiritual demonstrations
  - o **Please Read: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5**
  - o Physical and spiritual demonstrations
  - o The primary demonstrations are the 9 manifestations of the Spirit in 1 Cor. 12
  - o **Please Read: Hebrews 2:1-5**

**1 Corinthians 4:20**, “For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.”

## **Romans 15:13**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## The Deposit of the Holy Spirit

### **2 Corinthians 1:21-22**

Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

### **Ephesians 1:13-14**

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession — to the praise of his glory.

### **Luke 17:20-21**

Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, “The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, ‘Here it is,’ or ‘There it is,’ because the kingdom of God is within you.”

### **Luke 17:21 AMP**

For behold, the kingdom of God is within you [in your hearts] and among you [surrounding you].

### **Romans 14:17-18**

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and approved by men.

## Falling under the Power

**Genesis 2:21**, “So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh.”

**1 Samuel 19:23-24**, “So Saul went to Naioth at Ramah. But the Spirit of God came even upon him, and he walked along prophesying until he came to Naioth. He stripped off his robes and also prophesied in Samuel's presence. He lay that way all that day and night. This is why people say, ‘Is Saul also among the prophets?’”

**Ezekiel 1:28**, “Like the appearance of a rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the radiance around him. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. When I saw it, I fell facedown, and I heard the voice of one speaking.”

- Prostrations:
  - o Visions- **Daniel 10:4-11; Revelation 1:12-18**
- We are not condoning people being pushed over deliberately
- Nor are we encouraging people to fall down of themselves to facilitate receiving

There are times when the supernatural comes in contact with the natural and something going to give, and it won't be the supernatural.

**Matt 17:5-8**, “While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, ‘This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!’ When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. ‘Get up,’ he said. ‘Don't be afraid.’ When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.”

### **John 18:4-6**

Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, “Who is it you want?” “Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “I am he,” Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.) When Jesus said, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground.

**Matt 28:2-4**, “There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.”

### **Acts 9:3-6**

As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” “Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked. “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied. “Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”

## Be Still and Know that I am God

Sometimes the Holy Spirit will lead us to quietly wait on God. In times like these we need to resist the urge to say something in order to break what may seem to us as awkward silence.

- Have you ever been in a service where there was a Holy Hush over the congregation
- Where we stand in the God's presence in a holy awe of God and His magnificence

**Psalms 46:10**, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

- When you think of peace and quiet- the peace of God – the rest of God and tranquility

**Psalms 23:1-3**, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul."

**Isaiah 40:31**, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

- As humans, sometimes we get so busy with life- creates confusion and anxiety
  - o God will get our attention and get us quiet so we can hear from Him- gently whisper

**1 Kings 19:11-13**, "The Lord said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'"

## Isaiah 30:15

"This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says: 'In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it.'"

- **1 Timothy 2:11** speaks of learning through quietness and submission
  - o Being quiet before the Lord is a form of submission and humility
- When powerful events are about occur, it is a reverential time before the Lord

**Rev 8:1**, "When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour."

## Exodus 14:13-14 NKJV

And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace."

## Unable to Speak

Sometimes the Spirit of God will manifest in a certain way where you can't say anything; like you are struck dumb and unable to speak- why? In the book of Ezekiel it was meant to be a sign.

**Ezekiel 3:26**, "I will make your tongue stick to the roof of your mouth so that you will be silent and unable to rebuke them, though they are a rebellious house."

**Ezekiel 24:27**, "At that time your mouth will be opened; you will speak with him and will no longer be silent. So you will be a sign to them, and they will know that I am the Lord."

**Ezekiel 33:22**, "Now the evening before the man arrived, the hand of the Lord was upon me, and he opened my mouth before the man came to me in the morning. So my mouth was opened and I was no longer silent."

- For a season the prophet has unable to speak, and then later on was able to speak again
- We see a similar account with Zachariah- this was a demonstration of the Spirit
  - o **Please Read: Luke 1:8-20, 57-67**
- God was doing Zachariah a favor by keeping him silent- silencing his unbelief and doubt
  - o One way for God to get our attention, when going in the wrong direction
- Pr 10:19, "When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise."
- Perhaps it's a way for the Lord to get the last word in instead of man

## Dancing and Running in the Spirit

### Colossians 2:16-17

Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.

- The Old Testament was written for our admonition- types and shadows of the New Cov
- **Please Read: Jeremiah 31:10-14**
  - o Rejoicing in God is not a stationary stoic exercise- there is some movement at times
- **Please Read: Psalms 150**

### Psalms 149:3-5

Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with tambourine and harp. For the Lord takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with salvation. Let the saints rejoice in this honor and sing for joy on their beds.

- What does rejoicing and praising God look like?
- It's a privilege as well as a command
  - o Phil 4:4, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!"
- The Holy Spirit is our helper, so wouldn't He be involved in helping us rejoice and praise?

**John 4:23-24**, “Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.”

- **Please Read: 2 Samuel 6:12-15** – “David danced with all his might”
- If David could dance under the shadow, we ought to be able to dance in the light- reality
- When the anointing comes upon us, to quicken, make alive and empower- go with the flow

**2 Kings 3:15**, “‘But now bring me a harpist,’ while the harpist was playing, the hand of the Lord came upon Elisha.” *Notice the connection of music and the hand of the Lord*

**1 Kings 18:46**, “The power of the Lord (hand of the Lord) came upon Elijah and, tucking his cloak into his belt, he ran ahead of Ahab all the way to Jezreel.” Ez. 3:14; 37:1- strong hand – Holy Spirit

**Rom 8:11**, “And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.”

Sometimes the hand of the Lord comes upon you to run and dance in the spirit. There is a real blessing to yielding to the Spirit- Acts 3:7-8 “...walking, jumping and praising God” healed!

## Laughing in the Spirit

- **Please Read: Acts 2:1-17, 33**
- What made some of the crowd think that they were drunk?
  - o Was it because they spoke fluently in their own language?
  - o What did they see? The believers carried on like drunk people
  - o There is such a thing as being drunk in the Spirit-the more you drink, drunker you get
- **Please Read: Ephesians 5:18-20 (drinking songs)**
  - o Don't be drunk on wine but be drunk on the Spirit- a real blessing and joy
  - o Very similar mannerisms as those who get drunk in the natural
    - Hard to stand up, laughing and passing out- such a rest and joy

**Ps 4:7**, “You have filled my heart with greater joy than when their grain and new wine abound.”

- **Matthew 9:13**- New wine is for new wineskins- Jesus turned water into wine!

**Question:** “Why do people in the world want to get drunk and high on drugs?”

- To forget their problems and gain some sort of peace- things don't look so bad when drunk
- To have fun and lose their inhibitions
- To have a sense of empowerment, confidence and fearlessness
- What Satan offers is a counterfeit, leads to bondage, violence and hangovers
  - o People are participating with the wrong spirits- leads to bad things
- Greek for “Filled” is in the continuous tense- be being filled with the Spirit
  - o In other words maintain the glow of the Spirit filled experience- don't run on empty
- **Acts 6:5**, “They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit”- which resulted in:

**Acts 6:8**, “Now Stephen, a man full of God’s grace and power, did great wonders and miraculous signs among the people.”

**Romans 14:17**, “For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”

**Romans 15:13, 32**, “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. So that by God’s will I may come to you with joy and together with you be refreshed.”

**Acts 3:19**, “Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.”

- Laughter, dancing and singing are expressions of joy. Heb 1:9, “Anointed with the oil of joy”
- **Isa 65:14**, “My servants will sing out of the joy of their hearts.”
- **Nehemiah 8:10**, “For the joy of the Lord is your strength.”
- **Job 8:21**, “He will yet fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy.”
- **Isaiah 12:3**, “With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.”
- **Please Read: Psalms 126:2-3** (so many in captivity to religious traditions/fear of man)
- **Eph. 3:19**, “that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.” Immeasurably

## Trances

**Numbers 24:4**, “He hath said, which heard the words of God, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open. vs 16 He hath said, which heard the words of God, and knew the knowledge of the most High, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open.”

### Peter fell into a Trance

- **Please Read: Acts 10:1-21**
- Cornelius had an open vision of seeing an angel
  - o Also known as the manifestation of discerning of spirits
- Peter falling into a trance is a physical demonstration of the Spirit’s power
  - o Greek “Falling” is fell over bodily
- When you fall into a trance your physical senses are suspended- captive audience
- Apparently, one is conscious, but unaware of what is going on around them
  - o Typically falling into a trance is followed by having a vision
- Why did you think God operated in such a spectacular way?
  - o **Please Read: Acts 11:1-4, 12-18**

### Paul Fell into a Trance

**Acts 22:17-18**, “When I returned to Jerusalem and was praying at the temple, I fell into a trance and saw the Lord speaking. ‘Quick!’ he said to me. ‘Leave Jerusalem immediately, because they will not accept your testimony about me.’”

## Visions, Dreams Prophetic Pictures from the Lord

- Joel 2:28 was quoted in Acts 2:16-21
- God does move in the spectacular, but let's not miss the supernatural all around us

### Visions

**Abraham in Gen 15:1**, "After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: 'Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.'"

- **Exodus 3**- Moses and the burning bush
- **Isaiah 6:1**, *"I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted..."*
- **Daniel 7:9**, *"As I looked thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of days took His seat"*
- **2 Co. 12**, *"I knew a man who was caught up to the third heaven, whether in the body..."*
- **Revelation 1:10**- *"On the Lord's day I was in the Spirit..."*

### Dreams:

- **Genesis 28:12**, Jacob's had a dream of a stairway to heaven
- Joseph in **Genesis 37** started having a number of dreams
- Solomon: **2 Chron 1:7**, "That night God appeared to Solomon and said to him, 'Ask for whatever you want me to give you.'"

### Prophetic Pictures:

God uses our imagination to create an image or picture in our spirit that enlightens our mind. He gives us a glimpse to perceive a revelation that is supported by Scripture. As the parables of Jesus used vivid imagery to explain spiritual concepts and truths.

### Test Everything!

#### **1 Thessalonians 5:19-22**

Do not put out the Spirit's fire; do not treat prophecies with contempt. Test everything. Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil

- **2 Cor. 11:14**, *"And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light."*
- Joseph Smith, founder of Mormonism was visited by an angel of Light
- Mohammed the founder of Islam was also visited by an angel of light
- Buddhism, so called angel of light "Kwan Yin" came glowing with white light
- New Age: the angel movement
  - o Colossians 2:18, *"Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you for the prize."*
- **Please Read: 1 John 4:1-3**
- **Please Read: Revelation 19:9-10 – Elect angels will not receive worship**

**1 Timothy 4:1**, "The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons."