

The Scribe

"Every Scribe which is instructed into the Kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old" - Matthew 13:52



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MANIFESTATIONS AND GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT - PART 1

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Good morning Church. I greet everyone in the most precious name of Jesus Christ, and may God bless you all. Please turn with me to the Book of 1 Corinthians Chapter 12 for our Bible text, and we will begin from verse 1, which records: **"Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant."** In other words, I do not want you to be uneducated,

unlearned, or ill informed, not knowing the truth about the Gifts of the Spirit. Saints, you have to know the truth concerning this issue, as the knowledge of this subject is very fundamental, because its operation is what puts us into the dynamics of the Spirit of God, which is the moving of the Spirit of God. Its operation is what conveys God's presence, and as such, the knowledge of this subject, gives us the knowledge of the dynamics of the Spirit of God, for it puts us into the moving of the Spirit. For that knowledge is most crucial, as the children of God must and will have it, and hence, Apostle Paul stated clearly and earnestly: **"Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant."** And why were the Gentiles ignorant of the Gifts of



the Spirit of God? Verse 2 gives the reason to us, plainly declaring: **“Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led”** (in times past in idolatry, and hence, having no true understanding of the True God, and of His supernatural workings). Verse 3: **“Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed”**, (for no man who is speaking directly under the anointing, under inspiration, can say that Jesus is accursed): **“and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.”** In other words, no man that is speaking under inspiration, or under anointing, can say that Jesus is Lord, except he is speaking by the Holy Spirit. Please note that this verse is not referring to mere declarations of faith, but to inspired utterances, inspired speaking. And it is important that we make this distinction, because anyone can simply say that Jesus is Lord, even with a bottle of beer in his hand, and with another man's wife at his side, because it can be stated by mere religious tutelage! Consequently, verse 3, relates strictly to inspired utterances; it deals

exclusively with people speaking under the anointing. And it is a fact, that **“No man speaking by the Spirit of God CALLETH JESUS ACCURSED: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, BUT BY THE HOLY GHOST.”** Now pay close attention to the next verse, for Saint Paul now delves straight into the crucial knowledge of the workings of the Spirit of God that he wants us all to have, declaring from verse 4: **“Now there are diversities of GIFTS, but the same Spirit.”** In other words: There are different Gifts of the Spirit, but they are all given by the same Spirit of God, for the Spirit of God is One. It is this same One Spirit that is expressed in all the different Gifts that are given to us by God, whatever the Spirit Gift, and they are all Divine Gifts for service to the Body of Jesus Christ. So, verse 4 lets us know that we have different Gifts of the Spirit. Verse 5 adds: **“AND there are differences of ADMINISTRATIONS, but the same Lord.”** In other words, these Gifts are administered or governed in different ways; the Spirit of God governs them differently, and we are still coming back to give

examples of this divine governance, this divine administration. The important thing to note at this point, however, is that the Gifts of the Spirit are governed differently; they are administered differently, and it is all still by the same Spirit of God, for as that verse firmly states, it is **“the same Lord”**. Verse 6: **“AND...”**, (which word is a conjunction, for it is adding another attribute, another aspect to the issue of Gifts); **“AND there are diversities of OPERATIONS, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.”** In other words, the Gifts of the Spirit are operated differently, as God has various ways of operating or starting them. We are looking at how God ignites or operates these Gifts, for there are different ways of operating them, and as it is also written, **“it is the same God which worketh all in all.”** Brothers and sisters, verse 4 gives us different Gifts of the Spirit. Verse 5, on the other hand, lets us know that these Gifts are governed or administered differently, whilst verse 6, tells us, that there are different ways of operating them, and it is all by the same Spirit of God. The Spirit of the Lord who gives us the Gifts, is also

the one who determines how they are to be governed or ruled, as well as how they are to be operated, as these Scriptures convey to us the knowledge of the various aspects of the dynamics of the Spirit of God. Now note verse 7, which declares: ***"BUT..."*** Saints of God, when we use the word ***"but"***, we are still speaking along the same lines, however, we are now introducing another object of thought, though all are still related. How many get my point? Yes! Apostle Paul did not use the word ***"AND"***, which is a conjunction, an addition, a word he used to open verses 5 and 6, speaking with regards to the Gifts of the Spirit expressed in verse 4; but he used the word ***"BUT"***, thereby introducing a new object of thought, although it is all still related to the workings of the Spirit of God. In verse 7, Saint Paul states: ***"But the MANIFESTATION of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal."*** This gives us a new object of thought, for now we have something different from Gifts, which are Manifestations, although it is still in relation to the Moving of the Spirit of God. May I say, brothers and

sisters, that in this entire Chapter of Scripture, when dealing with the Gifts of the Spirit, this is one verse that has been greatly misunderstood, and hence, glossed over, and lumped together with the Gifts, because all of Christendom have no true understanding of what the Spirit of God inspired Apostle Paul to pen down right here. It took Raymond Jackson, the chief apostle of this end time, to put things in the proper scriptural perspective, for the true understanding of the end time Bride of Christ, as laid out in the Contender Magazine, in his message titled, *The Bride's Anointing*. The religious world simply lump verse 7, together with verses 4-6, tying everything up with the Gifts of the Spirit, and that is nothing but a muddling up of the Holy Scriptures. We need to rightly divide the Word of Truth! It is not for nothing that Saint Paul warned us in verse 1, declaring: ***"Now concerning spiritual gifts, BRETHREN, I WOULD NOT HAVE YOU IGNORANT."*** Brothers and sisters, we cannot afford to be ignorant of the truth relating to the dynamics or workings of the Spirit of our God, because we are His

redeemed and enlightened children. We have received the wisdom of God, which is Christ Jesus, in his divine scriptural revelation. (1 Cor. 1:30). And it is written: ***"THE WISE SHALL UNDERSTAND"***. The truth is that Manifestations, although also visible workings of the Spirit, also convey God's divine presence, are nevertheless, different to the Gifts of the Spirit. We will take verse 7 again, and it records: ***"But the MANIFESTATION of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal."*** Brothers and sisters, before we give a breakdown of this verse of Scripture, and before we also lay out the various Gifts of the Spirit, taking verses 1-7 as our main text, we want to take a message, which is titled, *MANIFESTATIONS AND GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT*.

1 Corinthians Chapter 12, verse 7, states: ***"But the MANIFESTATION OF THE SPIRIT is given to every man to profit withal."*** The question now is this: What are the Manifestations of the Spirit? That is the material question, because the Bible declares plainly and categorically, that it is given to ***"Every man"*** IN the Body of Jesus Christ

“to profit” (or benefit) **“withal.”** So, what are the Manifestations of the Spirit? The Manifestations of the Spirit is a public display of the Spirit; it is an open or public expression of the presence of the Spirit of God; a public display of the Spirit, and it is very important that we understand this truth, as it is different from the Gifts of the Spirit, although they are all public displays of the Spirit. However, whilst a Gift is a Spirit Gift, and hence a divine possession, and although it is also expressed and displayed publicly or openly, a Manifestation, on the other hand, is simply a public manifestation of the Spirit; a public display of the presence of the Spirit of God, and it is not necessarily tied to a Gift, as it is not a Spirit Gift. That is the crucial difference! The lack of this scriptural understanding, is precisely why the religious world have misunderstood some of the supernatural moves of God through time, particularly, coming out of the Dark Ages. The difference between Manifestations and Gifts, is precisely why Saint Paul used the word **“BUT”**, to introduce it, and not the word **“AND”**, which is an

addition, thereby distinguishing it from the Gifts of the Spirit, even though it is also part of the public expressions of the Spirit of God, and hence, they give us Manifestations and Gifts of the Spirit. However, on the scale of importance, Gifts are more important than Manifestations, for they rank higher, because Gifts are possessions, and as such, they can be used in service for the edification of the Body of God's people; whereas, with regards to mere Manifestations, only the person anointed is edified, even though it also puts the assembly on notice, that God is here, that He is present. In order to really understand what Manifestations of the Spirit are, we will simply take a number of such Manifestations as recorded in the Holy Word of God, and which God has expressed through time; and we will do this, because the foundation of revealed truth, all truth, is the inspired written Word of God, as there is no other foundation or basis for revealed faith, other than the Holy Scriptures. Come with me to the Book of Prophet Isaiah, and we will consider Chapter 28, verses 11-12; but for a

background, we will start from verse 8, which provides: **“For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean.”** (And if that is not also the pathetic state of Christendom today, then I do not know what is. Hence, Prophet Isaiah asked): **“Whom shall He”** (God) **“teach knowledge? and whom shall He”** (God) **“make to understand doctrine?”** (speaking of the rich and deep things of Christ: whom shall God make to understand these wonderful truths)? **“them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts”**, (for the deep and rich things of the Spirit of God can only be understood by mature minded saints, people who can handle the meat of the Word; it cannot be understood by Pentecostal babies, who can only take the milk of the Word of God). **“For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little.”** Now watch verses 11-12, for that is precisely where I am going, and it declares: **“For with STAMMERING LIPS and ANOTHER TONGUE will He speak to this people. To whom He said, *This is the rest***

wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: YET THEY WOULD NOT HEAR. Brothers and sisters, this prophecy brings us straight to the event that took place on the Day of Pentecost, when the Fire of the Spirit Fell, for that is where the Door of Eternal Life was opened up, FIRST to the children of Israel, for the refreshing of their weary souls, and when they rejected this Fountain of Life, just as it had been prophesied, THEN the Lord opened it up to the Gentiles, who now received it, precisely as Galatians Chapter 3, verses 13-14, states: **“Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; THAT WE MIGHT RECEIVE THE PROMISE OF THE SPIRIT THROUGH FAITH.”** But what exactly did Prophet Isaiah say in Chapter 28, verses 11-12? **“For with STAMMERING LIPS”**, (which is nothing but a Manifestation of the Spirit of God), **“and ANOTHER TONGUE”**, (which is a Gift of the Spirit), **“will**

He” (God) **“speak to this people”** (of Israel). **“To whom He said, This is the REST wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the REFRESHING: yet they would not hear.”** Saints of God, in verse 11, we not only have the promise of Manifestations, which **“stammering lips”** gives to us, we also have the promise of the Gifts of the Spirit, which **“another tongue”** gives us; and it is very important that we do not lump both together as one, for they are two different things, although both relate to the Spirit of God. If you cannot see the two projections as is clearly stated here in the Book of Isaiah, you will not understand the projection of Saint Paul, in 1 Corinthians Chapter 12, verse 7, relating to Manifestations of the Spirit, which is precisely why the religious world lump them together as one with Gifts of the Spirit. Yet, the truth is, when we take verses 4-6, which speak of Gifts, we have to skip verse 7, which relates to Manifestations, in order to continue in verse 8, with the Gifts of the Spirit, as they are not the same thing. But since Manifestations are part of the Moving of the Spirit of

God, this thought also had to be introduced right there in verse 7, in a Chapter that deals with the Gifts of the Spirit of God. The bottom-line, brothers and sisters, is that in the Book of Isaiah, we have both Manifestations and Gifts of the Spirit, as a promise of God, as this truth also had to be projected in the New Testament. Please also note, that in the Book of Isaiah, it starts with Manifestations: **“Stammering lips”**, before **“another tongue”**, as there is a divine reason why it is so stated, a reason we will also lay out by the grace of God. May I also add, that **“stammering lips”** only speaks of ALL other Manifestations, and as such, we must see this verse in its collective essence, just as **“another tongue”** also speaks of ALL other Gifts of the Spirit, for we must equally see it in its collective essence. Consequently, the Lord speaking here of One Manifestation, and of One Gift, is enough to let us know that when the Holy Spirit comes, it will carry both Manifestations and Gifts, or rather, it will carry Manifestations, as well as Gifts. Period! And on the Day of Pentecost, when the Spirit came, for that was the

Day when the Spirit of Life was given, there were both Manifestations and Gifts. Come with me to the Book of Acts Chapter 2, and we will take verses 1 - 4, which records: ***“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with OTHER TONGUES”***, (which is ANOTHER TONGUE), ***“AS THE SPIRIT”*** (of God) ***“GAVE THEM UTTERANCE”***, (and not as one preacher tells them to speak). Right here we see the Gifts of the Spirit in expression. But also look at verses 12-15, for there we see something else on display in that same setting, just as it is written: ***“And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this? Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.”*** (And why exactly did they say that the saints were drunk with fresh

wine, which is strong wine)? Verse 14 states: ***“But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.”*** I ask again: Why did they say that the saints were drunk with wine? It was on account of the Manifestation of the Spirit which the children of Israel saw in that day, for the saints were Staggering like people that were literally drunk, having lost their sense of physical balance, but it was all from the wine of the Holy Spirit, as it was under the effects of the anointing! Please, do not tell me that it was the diverse Tongues that they spoke, that made the Jews think that they were drunk, because the Tongues they spoke on that day, were Tongues of men, and not gibberish (unintelligible babbling), and the Jews understood perfectly and precisely, what the saints spoke, a fact confirmed in verses 4-11, for as verse 11 records, the Jews testified that ***“... we do hear them speak in our tongues the***

wonderful works of God”! So, what made some think that they were drunk? It was because they Staggered under the anointing, not being able to walk straight! And it is how the Spirit of God came upon them, and under this anointing, the saints lost their physical sense of balance; they could not control their balance, for God had touched it, and as such, they were staggering exactly as a drunk person would do, although the difference is that this was strictly by the Spirit of God; with the effects being just the same, as if they were literally drunk with wine! This scenario, therefore, gives us other Manifestations of the Spirit, being Drunkenness, and Staggering under the anointing, which is further to the ***“Stammering lips”*** that Prophet Isaiah specifically mentioned. The relevant question now, is this: ***What are “Stammering lips”?*** That is what we now want to lay out by the grace of God. Stammering lips are when you want to say something, but you are just not able to get any words out, and you are simply mumbling with your lips, but all under anointing, exactly as a stammerer would. To the

spiritually unlearned, the spiritually unschooled, a person who is under the anointing, and having these Manifestations, looks like he is acting ridiculously or stupidly, or that he is behaving strangely, like a fool, and yet, it is the Spirit of God in projection. And what a great stumbling it is to the wise and prudent of this world, people who are educated, rich and famous! And is that not what the Bible says in 1 Corinthians Chapter 1? That is precisely what it says in verses 25-29, for Apostle Paul declares: **“Because the foolishness of God”**, (or the foolish things of God, the things of the Spirit of God that the world consider foolish), **“IS WISER THAN MEN; and the weakness of God”**, (or the things of the Spirit of God that the world consider weak, and which they think amounts to nothing), **“IS STRONGER THAN MEN.”** (Absolutely! Hence Saint Paul adds): **“For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world”**, (referring to God's humble and lowly people, God's poor and academically

uneducated people), **“TO CONFOUND THE WISE; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world TO CONFOUND THE THINGS WHICH ARE MIGHTY; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, TO BRING TO NOUGHT THINGS THAT ARE: THAT NO FLESH SHOULD GLORY IN HIS PRESENCE.”** That is why verses 18-24, records: **“For the preaching of the cross”**, (with all that it provides), **“is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the**

Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.” Amen! It is precisely on account of this divine objective, of humbling the so-called **“wise”** and **“mighty”** people of this world, the Theologians, the so-called Doctors of Divinity and Professors of Ignorance, the proud and cocky people, that Prophet Isaiah declared in Chapter 28, verses 11-12: **“For with STAMMERING LIPS and ANOTHER TONGUE will He speak to this people. To whom He said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: YET THEY WOULD NOT HEAR.”** And as we speak this morning, they are not hearing it, for they look down on it, as things that are foolish and beneath them, and yet, therein lies life eternal, FOR IT CONVEYS THE TRUE REST FOR MAN'S WEARY SOUL. Think about it!

We have seen two Manifestations of the Spirit, Stammering and Drunkenness, and we also know that Drunkenness

creates Staggering, which is the Manifestation that the Jews saw on the Day of Pentecost, and this gives us a third Manifestation. Now let us go to Hebrews Chapter 12, to pick up yet another Manifestation in the wilderness, under the Old Testament, and we will take the reading from verse 18, which states: ***“For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more: (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart.”*** Pay attention to verse 21, for it gives us another Manifestation of the Spirit, one that Moses experienced in that day, as the Bible now records: ***“And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and QUAKE:)”*** This gives us Quaking in the Spirit, or Quaking under the anointing, for Moses Quaked exceedingly in that

supernatural presence of God, right there on the mountain, making Quaking one of the Manifestations of the presence of the Lord; a Manifestation of the Spirit of God. Brothers and sisters, as I said much earlier, because the religious world is extremely limited in their understanding of the Moving of the Spirit of God, the way in which the Lord works in the Manifestations and Gifts of the Holy Spirit, certain Manifestations, particularly that of Quaking, for instance, have been seriously shunned, and those that were so anointed, were persecuted and considered demonic. Back in the Mid-17th Century England, George Fox, a man who was greatly dissatisfied with the religious state of things, sought for a personal experience with God, for he believed that people could have such an experience, which he called the ***“Inner Light”***. In 1647, he started preaching this message to people, converting them to the Religious Society of Friends, or ***“Friends of the Light”***, called Quakers. As these thirsty souls, who also sought for a personal experience with God, were anointed by the Spirit of God, they began to Quake under the Anointing, just

like Moses. They referred to this experience as to ***“tremble in the way of the Lord”***, and saints, this is what led to the Quaker Movement that developed in Lancashire, England. And in spite of the great persecution and opposition they faced, the movement spread all over Britain, and into Africa, even spreading as far as to the Americas. May I inform you, that the State of Pennsylvania in the United States, which was founded in 1682, was founded by William Penn as a safe haven for the Quakers. It was out of this experience that the Shaker Movement was also born, people who Shake under the anointing, which is similar to Quaking under anointing, whilst some would even Dance in the Spirit. And although the Shaker Movement is almost totally dissipated, nevertheless, there remains a town in the State of Kentucky, USA, that is dedicated to their memory, known as Shakertown. Therefore, brothers and sisters, this type of Manifestation takes in Quaking, Shaking, and Trembling, as they are mere variations of the same Manifestation of the Spirit, induced by the holy fear that takes over people,

making them do those things, which was why the Bible records: ***“And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly FEAR and QUAKE.”***

Brothers and sisters, this experience can cause violent Quaking, Shaking, or Trembling, although it can also be gentle in its Manifestation, all depending upon the measure of the anointing that is upon the recipient, and the nature of the recipient. Another Manifestation we want to talk about is Dancing under the anointing, Dancing in the Spirit. Come with me to 2 Samuel Chapter 6, and we will take it from verse 12, where it reads: ***“And it was told king David, saying, The Lord hath blessed the house of Obedom, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obedom into the city of David with gladness. And it was so, that when they that bare the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings.”*** (Watch verse 14): ***“And David DANCED before the Lord with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod.”*** Right here we see

King David Dancing under the anointing. However, verse 15 adds another Manifestation, for that verse states: ***“So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with SHOUTING, and with the sound of the trumpet.”*** The material question is this: Why were they shouting? They were Shouting under the anointing, for the Spirit of God came down! Whereas death had occurred when David had first tried to carry the ark, contrary to the due order, now that they did it after the due divine order, God gave them a revival, for the anointing descended over David and his people, and what a revival they had on that day! Now pay attention to the next verse, for there we see yet other Manifestations. Verse 16: ***“And as the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David LEAPING and DANCING before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart”***, (because she felt that it was shameful and beneath him to do that in the open before the people, when the very cause for him dancing was the moving of the Spirit of God!) And because of this

contemptuous attitude that Michal had towards the Manifestation of the Spirit of God, the Lord sealed her womb, and she never conceived all the days of her life, as confirmed by verse 23. The point is, in this passage of Scripture, brothers and sisters, we see Dancing, we see Shouting, and we see Leaping (Jumping), all under the anointing. May I add, that Leaping under the anointing takes in Running and Jumping under the anointing, for it can make people Leap, Jump, and Run! It is how the Spirit of God can come upon a person, get inside of you, and He just makes you feel so good and light inside, so much so, that you simply want to Jump, Leap, Run, or even Dance, in expression of a joy that you just cannot contain! It was in Faith Assembly, in the days of Brother Jackson, that I first saw this Manifestation in display, when the anointing fell upon a particular brother, and he simply got up, and ran gently along the isles around the Church. As I said earlier, it is how the Spirit of God can take hold of a person's emotions, and they cannot help but want to Dance, Jump, Leap, or Run, and may I add, that

when such an urge comes upon you under the anointing, you must please yield yourself to the Spirit of God, for here, we guard the liberty of the Spirit. I have seen this same anointing come upon two of our brothers here a number of times, in times past, and I am speaking of Brother Onyekachi and Brother Master. I just want to zoom in on our head deacon, Brother Gbadebo's wife, Sister Serenatha Ojuri, who is a very gentle and private person, that you will never hear, or even know that she is around, for she is very quiet and shy. When the Church first started having the Moving of the Spirit, which Brother Jackson Called "**The Bride's Anointing**", and the Spirit fell on her, she just put on a gentle smile, and began to Dance, a slow, lovely Dance, Dancing even to the front of the platform, and Dancing along the isle to the back of the hall, and you have to know that that is not Sister Serenatha; it is not her doing that, for she would never do that! It is the anointing that moves her to do that, and that is what is called Dancing under the anointing. We are not talking about an act, someone merely putting on an act, pretending to be

under the anointing; and we are also certainly not talking about a person who simply gets up to dance during worship service, like they do in Ghana, which is okay to do; but we are talking strictly about a Manifestation of the Spirit, as it is something done under the anointing. Period! In the days of Brother Branham, the prophet to this Age, the anointing fell on a sister who was playing the piano to the hymn, *The Great Physician Now Is Near*, and as she got up from playing the piano, to start Dancing in the Spirit, the angel of the Lord continued playing the piano, for the piano did not stop playing, as it continued on its own! Glory to God! Shouting under the anointing, on the other hand, creates a holy commotion, and it is all in praise and adoration to God. That is what we see Sister Labake Obanubi doing many times, shouting "**Halleluiah**", or "**Praise the Lord**", or "**Glory**", all under the anointing, and not out of a natural response, but under the anointing; and when you have that anointing upon a number of saints, it gives you a holy commotion; it creates a holy commotion. I remember the Convention

that we held here at Bible Faith Tabernacle, in November 2004, just about two weeks before Brother Jackson passed away. The anointing was so strong in that meeting, that it fell on all the sisters in the kitchen, and they all Danced from the kitchen, which was on the outside of the Church, right into the Church building, and straight to the front of the platform, all still wearing their aprons, which made them stand out! In that day, people were being Slain in the Spirit, for they Fell under the Anointing, and there was also a lot of Shouting going on. This holy commotion was what attracted neighbours and passers-by, total strangers, unbelievers, who stepped into the Church to see what was happening, and the anointing also fell on them, and they were Slain under the anointing. Afterwards, when Brother Jackson called me to find out how that Convention went, I told him that the Lord gave us a wonderful time; but I did not inform him of the great moving of the Spirit that we had had. It was, however, when I related the experience to Brother Alvin Suggs, he asked me if I had shared it with Brother Jackson, and I told him that

I had not, but that I would. The following day or so, when I was now able to phone Brother Jackson to relate it to him, and I think it was on a Tuesday, he had just been taken to hospital, and he died the Saturday of that week, precisely on December 4, 2004. Looking back now, and seeing all that has gone on in the Jackson Movement, I can see that that was God showing that He was doing something new; He was signing off from Faith Assembly. So, yes, we have Manifestations of the Spirit in the form of Shouting, Dancing, Leaping, Jumping, and Running under the anointing. There is also Singing in the Spirit, and may I add that it is not a voluntary act, but a definite Manifestation of the Spirit, as it is what the anointing makes a person do. Furthermore, Singing in the Spirit is not necessarily singing in an unknown tongue as the "Pentecostal babies" teach, although that can be the case, and is the case a lot of times; but it is an incontestable fact that you can also sing in a known tongue, when Singing in the Spirit. But whatever tongue it is, whether known or unknown tongue, the fact remains,

that Singing in the Spirit is not what you do by your own choosing, for it is strictly what you do under the anointing, and not willingly or voluntarily. The Spirit of God suddenly comes upon you, takes hold of you from the inside, and moves you to sing in a way that is naturally impossible for you to be able to sing as an individual, a way you would never be able to sing, were it not for the anointing, as it is strictly a supernatural act. I need to add, that this anointing can come upon you even in your home. Brother Jackson related the case of a sister who was at home in her kitchen, preparing a family meal. She had always desired to sing opera, and when suddenly the anointing fell on her, she began to hit some unusual high notes that she had always admired and desired, and in that experience, she could not stop herself from singing. That incident was Singing in the Spirit, and it was a one-time experience for her, and it was God simply giving His daughter a blessing, for that is what the Manifestations of the Spirit are: A Divine Blessing! Consequently, we should not look down on these Manifestations, and

neither should we despise them, and neither should we be ashamed or afraid of them, for they are blessings from God, divine blessings. They are spiritual things to be desired, for by it we receive a divine touch of God, and they convey the divine presence of God, for it shows that God's Spirit is present.

Turn with me to the Book of 1 Samuel Chapter 19, where King Saul sought after David to kill him, and we will take our reading from verse 18: ***"So David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth. And it was told Saul, saying, Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah. And Saul sent messengers to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as appointed over them, the Spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and***

they prophesied also. Then went he also to Ramah, and came to a great well that is in Sechu: and he asked and said, Where are Samuel and David? And one said, Behold, they be at Naioth in Ramah. And he went thither to Naioth in Ramah: and the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah. And he stripped off his clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night", (having been Slain in the Spirit). **"Wherefore they say, Is Saul also among the prophets?"** The Spirit of God knocked him out cold, totally incapacitating him, totally demobilizing him. So, in this passage of Scripture we see a Manifestation, which is Falling under anointing, although in this very instance, it was done in order to humble King Saul, for it was done to teach him a lesson. Nevertheless, it proves the truth that a person can be Slain under anointing, just as it also happened to Apostle Paul, as recorded in Acts Chapter 9, verses 3-5: **"And as he"** (Paul) **"journeyed, he**

came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: And he FELL to the earth", (Slain by the power of God), **"and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks."** The Lord did that to knock out his stubbornness, for he was Judaistically stubborn! It was necessary that his carnal Judaistic outlook was beaten out of him, which was why he was knocked to the ground, totally Slain by the anointing, as this was his introduction to Jesus Christ. I remember the case of one of the sisters of Sister Adline Cole-showers, who was visiting. When she saw people Fall under the anointing during the prayer line in a service, she thought that it was a put on, but unknown to her, God had a day for her. I cannot remember what she came to the prayer line for, but before I could even lay my hands on her, to pray for her, she was on the floor, totally Slain by the power of God, and was completely immobilised until service

was over. It was after this incident that I got to know what her attitude had been to the Moving of the Spirit in our midst. She will never call it a put on after that experience, for God knows just how to make people humble. This reminds me of another case that Brother Jackson related in the Contender. A man who was a sceptic came to the service, and without speaking, he was thinking all sorts in his mind, when he saw the Moving of the Spirit. Well, when the service was over, and it was time for him to go, he could not stand up or even twitch, as he was firmly glued by the power of God to his seat for quite some time, that he might learn not to make fun of the holy things of God. Saints, it is a scriptural fact, the Spirit of God does knock people down, Slaying them under the Anointing, which is why people Fall under the Anointing, and we must understand this fact, and embrace it. Again in Daniel Chapter 10, beginning from verse 4, it is written: **"And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel; Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen"**, (who is

the angel of the Lord, the angel of the covenant), ***“whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz: His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude. And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but A GREAT QUAKING fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves”***, (out of the great divine fear which the presence of this mighty angel conveyed, even though they did not see him). They literally Quaked under the divine presence that this angel conveyed. Sometimes though, your body just simply breaks out in goose pimples, as a holy fear flows through your entire body, from the crown of your head to the toes of your feet. At other times, this holy fear just moves like a continuous wave, flowing through your entire being, over and over again like the waves of the sea. For the purpose of giving us comprehensive knowledge of what we are talking about, may I also speak of a particular Manifestation,

even though it is not one for public display, and it is this: At times, you can feel this gentle Rain or a Sprinkle, falling on your body, and you know it, because it not only falls right on your skin, it is also very cold, icy, and hence, very distinct, even though you are fully clothed, and you may even be in a vehicle, or inside a house, or in a covered building, one with a roof. It is a Manifestation of the Spirit, although others cannot see or feel that Rain or Sprinkle of the Spirit falling on you, for it is not one that is observable, being a personal divine blessing. It is a glory Rain, a glory Sprinkle, and it is as if God is watering something. Please note that I did not say that God is watering something: I am saying, that for the recipient, it is like God is watering them, for I am only trying to explain the experience to you the best way that I can. The first time I had this experience, I think it was around late 1984, whilst we sat at the table one evening to eat, at the end of a fast. We were in Ijero-Ekiti, at a period when my late father was still in political detention in Owo prison, under the military regime of Buhari-Idiagbon, who put all the leading politicians of

Nigeria at that time in prison, at the end of the Second Republic. That day, as my mum, myself, with two of our relations, were eating, I suddenly felt like I was being sprinkled with cold water on my body, like having a cold shower, and I was startled by it. I knew it had to be the Spirit of God doing that, because I immediately turned around to see if there was someone behind me, but there was nobody there. I have felt it countless of times thereafter, and the shower is heavier at other times, although these days, it rarely happens, as it is not a Gift of the Spirit. I still have this experience once in a while, and some of you may likewise have such an experience, making it very important that I touch on it, to help God's children know how to relate to it, because whatever purpose it is meant to serve, with time, God will bring it forth, for it is pointing to something to come, and all you need to do, is to just live humbly for God, strictly in the light of His continuous scriptural revelation, and in His own time, He will manifest **whats o e v e r** that experience is leading up to. It is however, also very crucial to warn you, for I must make this distinction,

that we cannot add this experience to the list of the Manifestations of the Spirit, looking strictly within the confines of the Manifestations spoken of in 1 Corinthians Chapter 12, verse 7, because the Rain or Watering experience, though a Manifestation of the Spirit, nevertheless, is a personal and an unobservable one, being an experience that has no outward projection. In other words, and as I said before, it is a Manifestation that cannot be seen or expressed publicly; it is not one for public display, as there is absolutely no public display about it, and as such, we cannot add it to the list of the Manifestations that come within the provisions of verse 7, as it falls outside its border, and it is important that we all get this straight! Sometimes, it could even be like a slight heat flowing through your entire body. At other times, it could be like when you feel a gentle tap, or a heavy hand on your shoulder, and yet, when you turn around, there is nobody there. However, the fact remains that these Manifestations are not visible to other people, but they show you that God is touching you, and they are certainly leading to something else. I

will only encourage you to yield to the Lord, and walk humbly and faithfully in the continuing light of Jesus Christ of the Holy Bible, and God will perfect everything, for He will bring it to maturity, thus making it plain. Let us now get back to Daniel Chapter 10, where we have certain Manifestations in projection, and we will continue in verse 8, which states: ***“Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength”***, (by virtue of the anointing presence of the angel of the Lord). ***“Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in A DEEP SLEEP on my face, and my face toward the ground”***, (as Daniel Passed Out completely, under the anointing presence of the Spirit of God, which the angel of the Lord conveyed, for angels convey God's anointing presence). ***“And, behold, an hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands. And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved,***

understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood TREMBLING”, (which is another Manifestation of the presence of the Spirit of God. But let us skip to verse 15, to pick up yet another Manifestation, and its records): ***“And when he had spoken such words unto me, I set my face toward the ground, and I became DUMB”***, (unable to speak, which is another Manifestation of the Spirit of God, as his speaking ability was demobilized). Over the years, a number of brethren have had this experience in this assembly, and some brethren have had to stay behind with them after service, as they are left in this condition of total Immobility and Dumbness. I usually warn that these anointed folks should not be disturbed, but that I should be notified when they come out of that experience, so that I can know how long they stayed under that anointing. They just sit there, and stare into oblivion, totally unaware of what is going on around them, and if they are aware, they are totally incapable of doing or saying anything in response, as the Spirit of

God has completely taken them over. Verse 16: ***“And, behold, one like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake, and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength. For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, straightway there remained NO STRENGTH in me, neither is there BREATH LEFT in me.”*** What we must realise, brothers and sisters, is that the anointing presence of the angel of God is just too much for this frail mortal body of man to endure, and that is the truth. As such, it can make you feel very Faint (Dizzy), and you can also Collapse under this anointing, because you are feeling Lifeless, and yet, this is not a medical situation at all; it is not medically related, although the effect is the same. I hope you all understand this fact, even though stark unbelievers will attribute your feeling dizzy (faint) to any number of medical conditions, as they have no understanding of the workings of the Spirit of God, for they are

unbelievers. ***“Then there came again and touched me one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me, And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me.”*** What an experience Daniel had in that day; what a divine experience! This passage of Scripture gives us quite a number of Manifestations of the Spirit: Quaking, Trembling or Shaking, Falling under the anointing, and being Slain in the Spirit like Apostle Paul. You can also Pass out under the anointing, like somebody that has gone totally unconscious, for Daniel felt very faint and lifeless, causing him to Pass out that day, exactly as King Saul had also done. It also includes Immobility and Dumbness under the anointing, for all these are realities we can have under the anointing, and they are all Manifestations that we find expressed by the Spirit of God in the Holy Bible, Manifestations that we need to recognise. And may I add, that all the Manifestations that the

Lord has expressed in the earth through time, will be put together, and they will be given as experiences to the Bride of Christ at this end time, for it will be a bumper anointing that she will have, as we are approaching the soon coming hour of the Latter Rain, a most glorious hour of the Manifestation of the Spirit of God, such as the world has never seen. I will still touch on a few more Manifestations, and then we will move on with this message, titled, ***MANIFESTATIONS AND GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT.***

Brothers and sisters, when we consider the Manifestations of the Spirit, we must realise that it is a divine feast that we are having, as we are being slowly introduced into the realm of the Spirit, the realm of the supernatural, for this is a way we have never walked before. Consequently, the Manifestation of the Spirit is like an induction course into the Spirit realm, an introduction, and a training ground, for as we can see, that is precisely where the Lord started his dealing with the end time Bride, beginning from the days of the first fruit of Elijah's Ministry, the end time Chief

Apostle, in a slow process of restoring us back to all that we had at the very beginning at Pentecost, as revealed in the Book of Acts. It is therefore very important that we listen very attentively, and learn, so that we can grow in our understanding of the things of the Spirit of God, the moving of the Spirit. As I said before, the Manifestation of the Spirit is a divine feast, as it is part of the things of the Holy Ghost that we ***"partake of"***, just as Apostle Paul stated in Hebrews Chapter 6, verse 4, where he declared: ***"For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made PARTAKERS of the Holy Ghost"***. And how exactly do we partake of the Holy Ghost? It is by having the anointing come upon us! That is what allows us to Dance in the Spirit, to Quake, or Shake in the Spirit, and it is also what makes us speak in Tongues, to Interpret Tongues, to Prophecy, etc. Verse 5: ***"And have TASTED the good word of God, and"*** (also TASTED) ***"the powers of the world to come"***, which is, when for instance, you were sick to death, and by the simple

prayer of a brother, the anointing fell on you, and the Lord took away all your infirmity, and you were made instantly and completely whole! That is tasting of the power of the world to come, because it is a spiritual feast, just like being ***"partakers of the Holy Ghost"*** is also a spiritual feast, for they relate to the moving of the Spirit. It is a feasting in the Spirit that we are having, when we experience the moving of the Spirit of God, for by it, the Lord is giving accessibility of Himself to His children, as it conveys God's divine presence, and God wants us to enjoy it, and take it in! This thought will lead us to take up a seemingly obscure Scripture, but how relevant it is to this message, as it also speaks of the feasting, tasting and partaking of something. And if I may ask you: What is a feast made for? The Book of Ecclesiastes Chapter 10, verse 19, answers it, declaring: ***"A feast is made for LAUGHTER, and wine maketh merry..."***, (as there is a stimulation of revelation to the wine of the Spirit, which is revealed faith). Yes, I know, this verse is stated concerning natural feasts and natural wine, but it is

also true of the spiritual, just as we read in the Book of Hebrews Chapter 6, concerning divine feasts, and it is so, because the natural sets a perfect type of the spiritual. Speaking about tares, the Book of Jude Chapter 1, verse 12, also states: ***"These are spots in your FEASTS of charity, when they FEAST with you"*** (in Church service; in fellowship), ***"FEEDING themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots."*** Church, the main issue is this: If in the Book of Jude, our fellowship is also referred to as ***"Feasts of charity"***, how much more when the Spirit of God is moving? Is it not likewise a Spirit Feast? For we are ***"Partaking"*** of the Holy Ghost, even as Hebrews Chapter 6 confirms. Think about it! Therefore, as recorded in the Book of Ecclesiastes Chapter 10, verse 19, ***"A FEAST is made for Laughter"***, and it actually causes men to laugh in merriment, so likewise, the feast of the Spirit is also made for Laughter, and it also causes its partakers to Laugh, which is precisely

why we also have a Manifestation of the Spirit which is Laughing under anointing! Yes, there is Laughing under the anointing, and it is a reality we have of God, for it is how the Spirit of God can touch your emotions, creating a serious sensation that causes you to laugh, just like when you are being literally tickled, and you cannot help but burst out laughing uncontrollably! I have seen this expressed before in service, and there was one time that that anointing was about to come upon Brother Jackson during a Convention, and he had to run off the platform into his private room to laugh uncontrollably, rolling on the floor in laughter! The last meeting we held in Moorreesburg, South Africa, before I parted ways with Ernest Scotsman, we had such a Manifestation. The morning service had just closed, and we were sitting at the table to eat with a few brethren, including some brethren that had come from Saldanha, when suddenly that anointing came upon my wife, and she began to Laugh. One of the sisters present thought she was laughing at her, and the more she spoke, trying to

shut my wife down, the more she laughed, for she could not control herself! I knew immediately that she was under anointing, but these people had never seen anything like that before, and as such, they could not relate to it, and that sister took offence. I had to explain to them that it was the anointing, and that it had nothing to do with them. This also reminds me of one of the meetings we held in Kondapalli, in Andhra Pradesh, India, when my wife was under anointing, and she became Immobilized on her seat, and she became Dumb, and the brethren thinking that she was ill, stood around her like she was a spectacle! I had to come to her rescue, for the brethren there just have no clue to these things! Another time, we were holding a meeting in Hyderabad city, and this was actually our first meeting there, and after the service was over, my wife, who was under anointing, could not move from her seat, for she was Immobile and Dumb. Now when the sisters wanted to immediately get the same hall ready for everybody to eat, they could not get my wife to move, and not giving her any consideration, they treated her as if she

deliberately did not want to get out of their way. They proceeded to start sweeping the floor on her, all out of sheer ignorance, as they had no clue to being under the anointing! We were also holding a meeting in Pillutla one day, and during the break, which was after the morning session, from the room where my wife and I stayed to rest, I could hear a sister Shouting under the anointing, and the ministering brethren were desperately trying to shut her down, like she was disturbing the song service, and was out of order, simply because they have no understanding of these things, and I had to quickly put on my clothes and dash to the Church hall, to rescue the sister! If I remember correctly, in that same meeting, Sister Glory Purushotham came into our room for prayer, for she was having bad pains in her leg. We sat her on the edge of the bed, and as I knelt down and prayed for her, holding her leg in my hand, with my wife praying along, the anointing fell, and her leg began to shake seriously, and I knew that the Lord had taken over the case. It is needless to say that the pain was gone, for God gave her a divine touch on

that day. I can relate countless encounters like that, for we are not serving a dead God, but a living God, a God that is real. Unfortunately, today, for pure lack of true understanding, we even have preachers, particularly in the Pentecostal world, who use a truth of the Bible, to take away the Manifestations of the Spirit of God, which is another truth of the Holy Bible. And just how can you use a truth of the Bible, to take away another truth of the Word of God? That is confusion! For you cannot use a truth of the Word of God, to deny or take away another truth of the Word of God, because Truth is Truth, and Every Truth of the Word of God must have its place! Yes! Absolutely! In 1 Peter Chapter 4, verse 7, it is written: ***“But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore SOBER, and watch unto prayer.”*** Titus Chapter 2, verses 4 and 6, also gives us the same admonition, for it entreats the same thing. So, the question is this: Are we now going to use the need for soberness to reject, deny, or take away, the need for the Manifestations of the Spirit? Come on! That will amount to going into extremes with a truth, and

as such, a teaching like that will amount to nothing but a carnal teaching! That would be going by the mere letter of the Word, for that is not what that verse of Scripture is asking us to do. Therefore, we must ask ourselves the question: What does it mean to be sober, scripturally speaking? It does not mean to walk up and down looking sad and gloomy, not saying anything to anybody. It simply means to be level headed, with your mind in tune with the revealed truth of the Word of God, for by so doing, you will be in tune with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Period! To be sober does not deny or take away, any of the Manifestations and Gifts of the Spirit, for we cannot live without the dynamics of the Spirit of God, for our God is not dead! Consequently, however sober you may think you are, if you are outside the revelation of the Holy Scriptures, you are going nowhere, but you will be here to face the Antichrist! Because it is the true divine revelation of Jesus Christ of the Holy Scriptures, that gives us true soberness, which is nothing but spiritual level headedness, which is spiritual alertness, for by

divine revelation, we know exactly what is coming upon the earth, and what is going on, and we also know just how we face it, ***exemplifying*** or characterising the conduct that the Spirit of the Lord requires of us! Anything else is carnal soberness, for as Apostle Paul stated implicitly in Ephesians Chapter 5, verse 18: ***“And be not DRUNK with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit”***; meaning, ***“BE DRUNK WITH THE SPIRIT! IMMERSE YOURSELVES IN THE SPIRIT, AND BE LOST IN GOD!”*** Yes, we are to be lost in Jehovah! Otherwise, I will ask you: Why do you think Prophet Joel prophesied about ***“the New Wine”***, which is nothing other than the Holy Spirit infilling that believers will have? The Book of Joel records concerning the children of Israel, in Chapter 1, verse 5, declaring: ***“Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the NEW WINE; for IT IS CUT OFF from your mouth”***, for it was taken from the Jews, and God gave it to us Gentiles, who dare to walk with God by faith, in Christ Jesus our Lord! So, yes, God expects us to be drunk

with this **“New Wine”**, for it is the Spirit of Life Eternal! Now coming back to the Manifestations of the Spirit, it is true, that yes, there is Laughing under anointing, for it is God simply making His children laugh, giving them divine merriment. It is definitely part of the Manifestations of the Spirit, and it is a reality which the children of God have experienced through time, a reality we should also expect today, as our God does not change. It is very important that we lay out all these things, for the understanding of the Elect Bride seeds of God, so that we can know just how to relate to these things, for they are holy things of the Lord, and they convey the divine presence of God in our midst. They are not things we should be afraid of, or run away from, and neither are they things to be ashamed of, for they are the holy things of the Spirit of our God. I also remember whilst we were holding a meeting in Moorreesburg, the anointing fell upon Sister Gretchen Williams, making her Shake violently, and the brethren moved away from her, scared to death because of it, all because they had never had such an experience in their midst before, and yet,

they were supposed to have followed the Continuing Message which Raymond Jackson, the chief apostle, bore! My, oh my! Brothers and sisters, we should appreciate, hallow (reverence), and covet these things, and also expect them, and further, we should let God have His way in our midst, as they all have their place in the Word of God, as long as we put everything in their proper scriptural context, which is what we hope to do in this message, the Lord being our helper. But the fact remains, and this is the bottom-line: The God we serve is not a dead God, but a living God, and He is in fact, The Only Living GOD. Therefore, His presence is also real, just as when a demon takes hold of a person, for a demon is also a spirit, and he is real, though evil! The difference, saints, is that we are not talking about evil spirits, demons, but we are speaking of the Holy Spirit, which is the Spirit of God, for the God of ALL Creation is not flesh and blood, but **“A SPIRIT”**, AND HE IS REAL! That is the bottom-line, and that is whom we are talking about in this message, for He makes Himself real to His own children, and the

Manifestations of the Spirit, gives us that slow introduction into the realm of the Spirit.

Therefore, brothers and sisters, you have to throw away all fear and all shame, and cherish and respect these holy things of God, for they are divine blessings, spirit blessings. No wonder, Apostle Paul proclaimed in 1 Corinthians Chapter 12, verses 1-2: **“Now concerning spiritual Gifts, brethren, I WOULD NOT HAVE YOU IGNORANT. Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.”** Truly, saints, this is an issue of which you cannot afford to be ignorant. You had better open your eyes and minds, and let God come in; let the Spirit of Truth come in. There is no need to be afraid of these things, as the unbelievers out there do, for we are the children of light. Fear of the Moving of the Spirit has no place, as we cannot be so afraid, until we shut God out of our lives, and out of our assemblies, for then we will be devoid of the Spirit of God, and all we will have as a result, is mere intellectualism, without reality, and we will be the

losers for it! Exactly! Just think about that! **CHURCH, WE NEED THE DYNAMICS OF THE SPIRIT, AND WE CERTAINLY CANNOT DO WITHOUT IT.** It is written in 1John Chapter 4, verse 18: **“There is no fear in love; BUT PERFECT LOVE CASTETH OUT FEAR: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.”** **HAVE FAITH IN GOD!** Walking with God in the light of the Holy Scriptures, we have absolutely nothing to fear concerning the Moving of the Spirit. That is why we are assured by Jesus Christ in the Gospel of Luke Chapter 11, verses 9-13: **“And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.”** (Now watch verse 11): **“If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children:**

how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?” In other words, as a child of God, who is walking in revealed Truth, you do not need to be afraid of being given a contrary spirit, for that is not going to happen, as God will not give you a contrary spirit. I remember when the Bride's Anointing started at Faith Assembly, and we heard that it had also started moving in Verdal, Norway, how desperate I was that God would also move in this place by His Spirit! How I longed for it! It was one day when Brother Jackson had travelled, and in a private meeting that the young brethren were holding, I think the meeting was held in a barn, when the anointing suddenly fell, and the different Manifestations of the Spirit began to be displayed, and if my recollection is correct, I think that this took place in 1994. When the news got around, the older brethren at Faith Assembly thought that when Brother Jackson got back, he would put a stop to it, for they probably thought that it was mere youthful exuberance (enthusiasm). But what happened only reminds me of the inspired words of

Apostle John, recorded in 1 John Chapter 2, verse 14, which states: **“I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, YOUNG MEN, because YE ARE STRONG, and the Word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.”** There is a holy fervour that consumes young people, for they bubble with great enthusiasm for the things of the Spirit, making them seek God's face for His Manifestations, whereas the older ones are somewhat laid back, are not as enthusiastic, and as such, the older ones at Faith Assembly just looked at the development of the Manifestations of the Spirit, as spiritual immaturity. However, when Brother Jackson got back, how glad he was about the development! He told the Church: **“You do not know just how long I have waited for this Move! For I have always desired it, knowing that what we have is the truth, and that God shall vindicate it, by opening the fountain of the Spirit to His children.”** He referred to it as **“The Bride's Anointing”**, for that is the title he gave the message

he preached on it, as laid out in Part 1 of that Contender Magazine, which was produced in July 1995. And indeed, the Message of Life will always lead to the Spirit of Life, as there is a reality we have of Christ, which is really the end objective of our salvation, for it is to receive the Spirit of Eternal Life, which is the Holy Spirit. When the Bride's Anointing started at Faith Assembly, it was in a number of Conventions, and usually, on the last service day of those Conventions, in the evening service on the Sunday, that I often cried profusely, seeing the Moving of the Spirit, and seeing that God was yet to move in our midst at Bible Faith Tabernacle (BFT)! I know that the saints over there at that time, would no doubt have wondered why I cried so profusely; but my heart was aching for a moving of the Spirit likewise in our midst. I would be deliberating, "Lord, I am going back home, and you are yet to move there, whereas you are moving over here"! That was exactly how I felt! So, as a Local Church Body, we began to pray earnestly and sincerely, with fasting, utilizing every public holiday that the

Government gave us, to wait on God, praying and fasting for divine visitation, and that the Lord would also give us a pastor, for we sincerely desired that God would open up the fountain of the Spirit of Life to us as well! I was not even in the country the day when that prayer was answered, for I had travelled out, when the Spirit came, and the Moving of the Spirit had now started at BFT. Prior to that day, we simply followed the exhortation of God as recorded in the Book of Isaiah Chapter 55, verses 1-2, which provides: **"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness."** Therefore, what could we do, but to pray earnestly, and also hold faith, which is God's Word of Promise, trusting in the faithfulness of God, and determining in ourselves that until God moved, we would continue

to wait and seek His face, for we do not want any counterfeit, and neither were we going to manufacture or impersonate anything, as nothing can take the place of a genuine article! It was either the genuine or nothing at all, for we do not want anything false or counterfeit, as that is of the devil! Our firm and humble resolve was motivated by the prophetic words of Prophet Isaiah, for we found ourselves squarely in the shoes of the believers painted therein, as recorded in Chapter 50, beginning from verse 10, which admonishes: **"Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice" (or the Message) "of his servant",** (whom our Saviour Jesus Christ sent to this Laodicean Age), **"that walketh in darkness"** (of the state of his heart, referring to the lack of the inner transformation which the infilling of the Holy Ghost brings), **"and hath no light"** (of the Inner reality of God, having not yet had this divine encounter)? **"let him trust in the name of the Lord, AND STAY UPON HIS GOD",** (IN THE LIGHT OF HIS WORD). In other words, Let him wait on God in the Message of Truth that

he has received, and not try to manufacture anything, as it will not work. The faithful covenant keeping God will most certainly meet with him, and a new day will dawn in his heart, because the Day Star will arise in his heart, speaking of that Inner reality of God that he will experience. And to prove that this interpretation of verse 10 is perfect, that it relates to the inner divine encounter of the Holy Ghost which true believers will have from God, hence, in verse 11, the Lord firmly and sternly warns: ***“Behold, all ye that kindle A FIRE, that compass yourselves about with SPARKS”*** (of a false anointing; a carnal and strange fire of the spirit; an impersonation): ***“walk in the light of YOUR FIRE, and in the SPARKS that ye have kindled. This shall ye have of mine hand; YE SHALL LIE DOWN IN SORROW.”*** Because if the Experience, the Encounter, or the Manifestation, or the Gift you have, is not given by God, as you gave it to yourself, for it is something that you have manufactured or engineered, for it is a counterfeit, an impersonation, you then have absolutely nothing,

and the end shall be bitterness, as we do not play games with the things of the Spirit of God! Impersonation has never worked, and it never will, for a painted fire can never boil an egg, and neither can it warm a human soul! Exactly! The understanding of this verse of Scripture, is what motivated us to stand firmly and uncompromisingly against the carnal impersonation of Vincent Ehindero, a false prophet from Egbe town, Kogi State of Nigeria, which he brought in September 1995. He had prophesied ahead of a so-called upcoming ***“great revival”*** at Bible Faith Tabernacle, which he would conduct, and of which he claimed would be ***“a shining light in Lagos”***, a prophecy which failed woefully, despite the meetings he held with us in that day. Many folks deceived by this man caused a lot of raucous in our midst, simply because I stood firmly and unwaveringly against this gross untruth, this gross deception, all by the grace of God, and the Church broke into three! Saints, about seven and a half years after this horrible September 1995 incident, the Spirit eventually fell at BFT, on February 23rd,

2003, and the Lord began to move here in this assembly. Brothers and sisters, when I heard the good news of the moving of the Spirit at Bible Faith Tabernacle, in an email, I could not wait to get back home, and to think that as it was in the case of Brother Jackson, I was also away at that material time. My, oh my! You can only imagine the joy which that news brought to my heart, with all we had been through, on account of our stand for truth! When I returned, brothers and sisters, it was a wonderful sight to see God move in our midst at last, in vindication of His Message of Truth, giving accessibility to the Spirit of Life, with Tongues and Interpretations going forth, and with different Manifestations of the Spirit on display: Jumping, Running, Shouting, Dancing, Shaking, Drunkenness, Falling under the anointing; with brethren also being Slain in the Spirit, with many also Passing out under the anointing, sometimes for long periods of time, along with Immobility and Dumbness. I remember that after service one day, as I was walking down the aisle to go home, I looked at Brother Dipo Olokunola,

and the way he was seated, I immediately knew that he was Gone, Immobilised, and Dumb (Mute), as he was totally under the anointing, and I have seen a number of brethren in that same state: Completely Dumb and Immobilised, arrested by the Spirit of God! Speaking about Falling under the anointing, I cannot forget two particular cases that took place here, and you will understand why I want to give them a mention. Whilst I was praying for Sister Kate Ekienabor during the prayer line, she suddenly fell backwards, hard and flat on our then concrete floor, under anointing, Slain by the Spirit, and I flinched, for she is a heavy set sister. I had tried to catch her, but it was too late, as it was quite unexpected, and it took me by surprise, being the very first time such a thing would happen whilst I was praying for the saints. It was my first experience of this kind on the prayer line. The good thing is that she suffered no harm or hurt whatsoever, no concussion, no body pain, no dislocation, or sprain, because it was God, even though it was a hard fall! On another occasion, and this is the second case I want to mention, about Sister Abosedede Asalu, also

a heavy-set sister, who, unexpectedly, fell backwards heavily under anointing, for she fell flat out on the concrete floor, ever before I could catch her, and I also cringed; but she had no injuries, not even a scratch, nor did she sustain the slightest pain, because the anointing was genuine! Otherwise, somebody would have had a cracked bone or skull, or even a concussion! That is what motivated us to lay carpet on the floor for the prayer line, for those who may fall under anointing. And what a joy these encounters have brought to my soul, and indeed to us all! These Manifestations had never happened before in the history of this local assembly, and you cannot take away the joy we all had, and still have, seeing God move by His Spirit, giving us the Bride's Anointing, particularly having waited on God for many years, and knowing that it was not something that we could whip up, or that we could manufacture, or cook up, or engineer, for it was not an impersonation, but it was the sovereign move of a faithful and merciful God. Praise God! We must only believe, saints! Prophecies, Tongues, and

Interpretations, began to flow freely in the assembly, along with various Manifestations, and the rest is history.

We are continuing with the exposition of the various Manifestations of the Spirit, and in Matthew Chapter 3, verse 11, John the Baptist proclaimed: ***“I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he”*** (Jesus Christ) ***“that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with FIRE.”*** Now, we all know that this speaks of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost which we as believers receive, and the burning out of the filthiness in our souls, which is why on the Day of Pentecost, in Acts Chapter 2, verse 3, it is also written: ***“And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of FIRE, and it sat upon each of them”***, (filling them with the Holy Spirit). Nevertheless, saints, what we must not also forget, for that is something which this event also gives to us, and that is a Manifestation of FIRE, or an experience of Fire. The Spirit or Anointing of God can come upon a person, and their hands, or leg, or

even their face, may seem as though it has been literally set on fire, and you will see such folks screaming and shaking their hands, or jerking their legs, violently, as if they are trying to shake off, or kill that fire, for they are experiencing a Fire sensation that that anointing brings! Yet, someone might well say, "Brother Amos, you are only extending the truth." I am not extending the truth; I am speaking of spiritual realities, not fiction! Come on! Turning to the inspired record of God in the Book of Exodus Chapter 3, what do you think happened in the burning bush? Verses 1-5, reveals: "**Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb. And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush BURNED WITH FIRE, AND THE BUSH WAS NOT CONSUMED**", (because it was a Fire sensation, a FIRE Manifestation; a Holy Fire)! "**And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see**

this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. And He said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." Church, the Fire Projection or Manifestation in that burning bush was conveying God's divine presence to Moses, and you must realise that it is a sensation or experience that God also gives to His children. It is a fact that the children of God have had this Manifestation through time, even in the Reformation. Let me remind you of the experience of the Fire Baptized Holiness Church people. That Church was founded in 1895 by Rev. Benjamin Hardin Irwin, a lawyer, and a student of the writings of John Wesley, who went into the ministry. He had the experience called "**the fire**", and he began to preach this experience, which he erroneously called the "**third blessing**". We have even had some brethren right here at Bible Faith Tabernacle, who have also

had such a Burning Manifestation, who have screamed and shaken their hands violently under anointing, as if their hands were literally set on fire! That is the Manifestation that the Burning Bush conveys, except that God's children also experience the same sensation. I can vividly remember the experience of Sister Kate, and that of Sister Simi Shodunke, which they had a few times, when, under the anointing, they would scream, shaking their hands violently, trying to shake off the fire sensation that burned their hands, during the moving of the Spirit! Saints, that is definitely a FIRE Manifestation, and you can tell by the way the anointed brethren react, that it is just like people whose hands have been literally set on fire, screaming from their burns, and shaking their hands violently to kill the fire, for it comes with a Fire sensation. Moving on, brothers and sisters, there is another Manifestation of the Spirit that we also want to consider, and it is Groaning and Wailing under the anointing. May I warn you, that although they look similar, they are not similar, even though the purpose or the objective of

the two Manifestations are the same. In the Book of Romans Chapter 8, verse 26, it is written: ***“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us WITH GROANINGS WHICH CANNOT BE UTTERED.”*** Groaning as stated in this verse of Scripture, is how the Spirit of God can place a great burden upon the soul of one of His children, concerning serious situations involving His other children, situations which that saint knows absolutely nothing about, and sometimes, they may not even know who it concerns, as they begin to groan with agony in the Spirit, that is, under the anointing, interceding for that person or situation. It is an inexplicable burden of the Spirit that is placed upon a person, and that person is moved to Groan, finding no words to express the great burden on their heart, but making intercession with groanings, deep groanings, not even knowing what it is all about, although they may have a particular person in mind. The following day, they might receive news that the

person they had the burden for, was involved in a ghastly accident, and that everyone in the vehicle perished, except for that person, as the Lord had miraculously preserved their life. It is now that the realisation will come, that that was the cause of the great burden that the Spirit of the Lord had placed upon them, causing them to groan, as they were seriously burdened in their soul, not knowing why; not knowing what it was all about, for it is an Intercessory Manifestation; an Intercessory Anointing. On the other hand, Wailing under the anointing, also serves a similar objective, though it is different, as it also amounts to having a burden concerning situations involving others. Wailing is an uncontrollable loud cry, and is different to Groaning, which has no words to convey it. Wailing is making loud cries whilst weeping, expressing great grief or sorrow, being a lamentation. Yes, people can Wail for great personal loss; but we are not talking about that, we are talking about a Manifestation of the Spirit, which gives us a serious burden that that anointing places upon a brother or sister, making him or her Wail regarding

situations and conditions involving other children of God, expressing deep sorrow. We have this Manifestation expressed in the Book of Esther. In the time of the Medo-Persian Empire, King Ahasuerus promoted Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, over and above all the princes of the empire. Whilst all the servants of the king bowed to greet him, Mordecai, a Jew, did not bow, and this greatly displeased Haman, and he decided to kill all the Jews in the entire empire. He got the king to sign the decree, that on a certain date, all the Jews were to be killed in every nook and cranny of the empire, which was an extermination, a total wiping out of a race, who are God's people. Adolf Hitler also tried unsuccessfully to do the same thing, during the Second World War of 1939-1945, and the coming Antichrist will also seek to do the exact thing, in the second half of the Last Week of Daniel. Church, with the decree of total extermination of the Jews signed by King Ahasuerus, we will now take the reading from Esther Chapter 4, verses 1-3, which states: ***“When Mordecai perceived all that was***

done, Mordecai rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and a bitter cry”, (which is Wailing); **“And came even before the king's gate: for none might enter into the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. And in every province, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and Wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.”**

Please note that the burden which the Lord placed upon Mordecai for the children of Israel, was Intercessory, and it is needful to add that the Lord heard this Intercession, and God turned the tables on Haman, and in the end, Haman was hanged on the very gallows that he had made specifically for Mordecai, and the decree was countered, as the children of Israel also gained total victory over all those that had sought to harm them in that day. Now take this experience that Mordecai had, and place it upon a brother or sister under the anointing, and it is the same outburst or reaction that it gives to us,

for indeed, there is a Manifestation that involves Wailing in the Spirit, or under Anointing. However, I need to add, and please take note, that because both Groaning in the Spirit, and Wailing under the Anointing, are Intercessory Manifestations, and further, because the two Manifestations are not publicly edifying, as the body of saints cannot be edified in Church service by a person Wailing, or by a person Groaning under the anointing, therefore, they are not Manifestations for public display; they are not Manifestations to be used in open service. They are Manifestations for the closet, for they are purely Intercessory, and they are to be expressed in the closet or in private, because they are not publicly edifying, but rather, they would kill any service, if someone was Wailing or Groaning uncontrollably under the anointing. I hope we all see the point, for there are some Manifestations that are for the closet, and it is important that we also understand these things, because we cannot bring such Manifestations to the open service. Even if such an anointing comes upon you in service, you will have

to hold it till you get home, before giving in to that burden, which is why the Spirit of God does not use you without the exercise of your will. So, that is all with regards to the various Manifestations of the Spirit that we will possess; Manifestations that we should expect. We now want to move on in our consideration of this very important message, titled, *Manifestations And Gifts Of the Spirit*, to deal with another issue still relating to Manifestations.

Please turn back with me to 1 Corinthians Chapter 12, verse 7, and it provides: **“But the Manifestation of the Spirit IS GIVEN TO EVERY MAN TO PROFIT WITHAL.”** In other words, there will come a day and a time in your life, that God is going to bless you with His Divine Blessing, and the Anointing will come upon you, causing a Manifestation of the Spirit, putting you on public display, for as it is written, **“the Manifestation of the Spirit is given to EVERY MAN”**, and not just to a few, or to some, or even to many, but to **“EVERY MAN to profit withal”**, which is to benefit by it, being a divine blessing, a spiritual blessing. As we speak

today, you may never have experienced it, but believe me, at one time or the other, you too are going to have this experience, particularly as it is not something to be had every time we meet in service. I repeat: The Manifestation of the Spirit is not something that you as an individual will experience every day, because it is not a Gift of the Spirit, but a blessing, as it is God blessing you! Even with Gifts of the Spirit, by no means are you going to express it every day, although we are still coming to deal with that aspect of the Spirit. Nevertheless, brothers and sisters, it is important to lay these things out, so that you do not get discouraged or despondent, simply because you may not have had the Manifestation of the Spirit at all, or because you have not had it in a long time, for you are not to have it all the time, even though some may have it over a long period of time. That is one of the differences between a Gift and a Manifestation of the Spirit. For as I stated much earlier, at this end time, the Lord is restoring the dynamics of the Spirit, the supernatural workings of the Spirit, back to the Bride of Christ,

starting with the Manifestation of the Spirit, as an introduction, a slow introduction, the first phase, as a training ground, to enhance our understanding of the Spirit of God. As Apostle Paul rightly pointed out, we Gentiles have a pagan background, having been cut off from the commonwealth of Israel, without God in the world, worshipping all sorts of deities and other gods. Consequently, it is most important that we have a very solid scriptural introduction and tutelage into the realm of the Spirit of God, particularly because Gentiles in this day and hour, have turned right back into raw paganism, with their perverse practises, involving mass tattooing, body piercings, and all kinds of body modifications, which are actually fashions defiling the body, and this is coupled with the perverted and demonic lifestyles, such as homosexuality, transgenderism, and cross-dressing. The abominable acts are now overtaking humanity, added to a global love of witchcraft, mediums, the occult, and magic, and with an absolute hatred of anything that is righteous and godly, being a world totally opposed to the only true God, whose

name is Adonai, Jehovah God, Elohim! That is why, with the rebirth of the Beginning Office of the Apostolic Fold of the Original Ephesian Fivefold Ministry at this end time, the office of Apostle Paul, who is the First Ministry Fruit of the end time Elijah's Ministry, an office occupied by Raymond Jackson, the Lord sent "**The Bride's Anointing**", and in this Spirit move, the Manifestation of the Spirit is what is on major display, even though some Gifts of the Spirit also accompany this move. I can talk about it, because we can look back, and see precisely how God has moved in the earth to date, within the ranks of those of us following the Continuing Light of the Word of God, the progressive Light of Jesus Christ, from way back in 1994 when the Spirit move started, particularly as the restoration of the Elect Bride is not yet complete, for we are still on our way to realising all that we lost, right from the end of the Early Church, at the First Century of Christendom! In restoring the dynamics of the Spirit to the Bride of Christ, although accompanied with Gifts of the Spirit, nevertheless, it is being expressed more with

Manifestations of the Spirit, than with Gifts, for this is the reality we have in the Bride camps all over the globe, even as we speak, for we are still at the first level. This is because God is still placing pre-eminence on the Preaching and Teaching of the Word of God, for that is what will bring the Universal Bride of Christ into ***“the Unity of the Faith”***, and also bring about the ***“Perfecting of the saints”***, in full readiness for the rapture. (Eph. 4:11-13). Therefore, God had to put a cap on certain Gifts of the Spirit, especially the Power Gifts, for they are the crowd pulling Gifts, like the Gifts of ***“Faith”***, ***“Healing”***, and ***“Miracles”***, so that the Bride of Christ can be truly and effectively cleansed, ***“with the washing of water by the Word”***, that the Lord Jesus may present her to himself, ***“A GLORIOUS CHURCH, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.”*** (Eph. 5:25-27). At this hour of harvest, brothers and sisters, whenever we are considering anything pertaining to the Church, we must always keep our eyes on God's end objective for the Bride of

Jesus Christ, which is the attainment of her spiritual readiness for the rapture, as that is where God's pre-eminence lays. We must also know, that the attainment of this ultimate divine objective, can only come by the Constant and Continuous flow of the pure and wholesome revelation of the Holy Scriptures. That is why as we speak today, pre-eminence still lays in the unveiling of the Pure Word of God, and as such, God had to place a cap on the expression of the Gifts of the Spirit. The religious world, however, have no clue to any of these issues, for they are not following Jesus Christ in the true divine revelation of his Word, and hence, they have no understanding of where we are in time, within the revealed Plot of God, and neither do they know just how God is working in the earth today, to get a people ready for the return of Christ, which is why they only carry and quote the mere letter of the Word, having no true understanding of anything! I repeat, therefore, and let every true eagle of God understand this: At this end time, and with the passing away of the Gentile Elijah, the Lord is restoring the dynamics of the Spirit,

expressing more of the Manifestations of the Spirit, although we also have some of the Gifts of the Spirit, in order to give us a slow and solid introduction into the realm of the Spirit. Think about what I now say. If the Holy Spirit, who guides us ***“into ALL TRUTH”***, and who also shows us ***“THINGS TO COME”***, could show the Early Church, present tense things of the Spirit of God in that day, that they may know precisely what God was doing in that hour of time, and exactly how He was moving in the earth in that day, and with Jesus Christ being the same yesterday, today, and forever, consequently, you must also understand, that we cannot be left in darkness at this crucial time of harvest, as to how we are to look at things today, in the light of the Word of God, particularly with regards to the Moving of the Spirit, the dynamics of God, for we are facing end time realities of God, things which the Holy Ghost also has to show us, so that we are not left ignorant, so that we do not walk in darkness! Therefore, may I add, that the slow and long introduction to the realm of the Spirit that we are having today, through ***“the Bride's***

Anointing", where God is moving more in the Manifestations of the Spirit, than in the Gifts of the Spirit, is all designed to give us the necessary training ground, so that when God eventually moves, as **"the Latter Rain"** is surely going to come, we are in a perfect position to appropriate this blessing, having acquired the necessary understanding, one that will enable us to utilize the supernatural Gifts as they ought to be utilized, that is, to the glory of God, and for the edification of the Body of Jesus Christ, when our lives will likewise be an open testimony of God's redeeming grace. And if any man following the Message of the end time Elijah, William Branham, wants to disagree or challenge this truth, I will simply ask him to show me just one local assembly in the Entire Message Movement, where the dead are being raised to life, where the deaf are hearing, where the dumb are speaking, where the cripples are walking, where genuine miracles and healings are being wrought in open service everyday, because they have the Nine Gifts of the Spirit in their midst, and I will apologise! I throw that challenge,

because you should be able to see the reality of what God is doing in the earth today, and to the extent that He is doing it, for it is vindication of exactly where we are, within God's Revealed Plot of Redemption, if you are not a reprobate! The Early Church started pure, but at this end of time, this time of harvest, God is slowly bringing seeds back to originality, which is precisely why we are still expecting **"The Latter Rain"**, for the Bride has not yet had her Revival! Hence the reason, in his message on *The Bride's Anointing*, Part 2, Raymond Jackson declared: **"... I have to say also, that what the young people, as well as others are experiencing lately in these sensations, and the effect they are having upon their lives, THAT IS ONLY THE INFANT STAGE OF WHAT GOD IS PREPARING TO DO FOR, AND THROUGH YOU."** Consequently, brothers and sisters, how quick we learn under the Manifestations of the Spirit, is what will help us to move on to the next level, as ALL the Gifts are coming. For in the dynamics or workings of the Spirit, the Manifestations of the Spirit is the lowest level, being the

first level, just as we have shown on our chart, as it is only the first stage, for the Bride of Jesus Christ, at this end time, and I say that only on a general level, because we also have a measure of Gifts of the Spirit. Therefore, we must all open our ears and hearts to the voice of the Spirit of the Lord, even as it is written: **"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the CHURCHES"** (PLURAL - Rev. 3:22). The Manifestations of the Spirit that we are experiencing today is our training ground, as it is our slow introduction into the realm of the Spirit of God, and we therefore need to pay close attention. I remember when we were still looking to God, waiting on God for the Moving of the Spirit: I knew that we could not just simply pray and look forward to it. It was also very crucial that the truth of the Moving of the Spirit be laid out before the saints in this local assembly, that is, it needed to be taught, just as we were taught by the chief apostle, and that is precisely what I did by the grace of God, in order to prepare your hearts for it. Otherwise, I ask: How would you understand? Furthermore, I encouraged

you all to open your hearts, release yourselves to God, and allow the Spirit to move, IF and WHEN you felt a sudden divine urge within you, either to Run, Jump, Dance, Shake, or Speak in Tongues. I had to do that, because it is not as if the Lord would tell us: *“My children, on so and so date, I will visit you, and the Bride's Anointing will start in your midst.”* No, it does not happen that way, although God can do that if He wills! But in general, the Lord simply comes on a day that He has appointed within Himself to visit His people, and as such, it is a matter of walking with God by faith, for as it is written: **“THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH”!** This revealed way requires a Faith Walk with God, and we are all going to learn this walk, every last one of us! It was therefore necessary that the truth concerning the Moving of the Spirit be laid out before you, scripturally, preparing your minds for it, letting you know what to expect, that is, knowing what signs to expect, and also to encourage you to yield to it, making way for the liberty of the Spirit. May I add, that every true shepherd ordained for the Bride will do the same, for they will teach it to the saints,

because most of us are totally inexperienced in this realm, coming from backgrounds that have no prior knowledge whatsoever, of the Moving of the Spirit, and as such, we have never seen Manifestations or Gifts on display in Church services. That is why, the Lord being my helper, I intend laying out this message in very simple and clear terms, leaving no stones untouched, although I must also confess, that this is a very wide and deep topic, as it deals with the realm of the Spirit of God, to which our exposure and understanding as mortals, is very limited, regardless of how much we may have learnt over the years, simply because our God is infinite (unlimited), and therefore, it is absolutely impossible to know everything about God, for we are finite (limited) creatures. However, we will know all that God has ordained for us to know with regards to the realm of the Spirit, IF we only open our hearts to the Spirit of Truth. And believe me, whatever the Lord helps us to know at the end of the day, and to whatever extent, will be sufficient to take us through to the rapture, in our walk with the Lord. Nonetheless,

because this is a way we have never walked before, it is important to warn you, that the Spirit will move in ways we sometimes do not and will not understand, and there will also be times when as ministers or shepherds, we do not even know what to do when the Spirit is Moving. I will only encourage you to let the Spirit Move, and do nothing, in such situations. Why do I say that? Because God sees your predicament, and He knows that you do not know what to do, and He will not judge you for doing nothing, because it is a fool that acts when he does not know what to do! It is wise to do nothing, rather than stifle the Moving of the Spirit. It is a fool that judges what he does not understand! But someone will say to me: *“Brother Amos, I felt in my heart that that Move of the Spirit was not of God, even though it was not an unscriptural Manifestation. I just felt I had to stop it.”* Here is my reply to you, and please hear me very well, so that you do not stumble: *“I would rather allow a contrary spirit to move, when I am not sure about it, than to hinder something that may truly be of God, as that would amount to hindering God Himself.”* Now think about

that! Please take note my remarks very carefully, for that is precisely what I would do, WHEN I AM NOT SURE! In other words, when I am sure, not by my feelings, but when I am scripturally sure, then I will certainly stop that Move of the Spirit. Why is this so? It is because everything of God Must and Will dovetail with the Word of God, for it will not offend the Holy Scriptures in any way, as God is bound by His Word, which He magnifies above His own Name! Hence, until I have a scriptural basis for stopping a particular Manifestation, I will let it go, regardless of my feelings, for we are not led by feelings, but by the revelation of the Holy Word of God! You cannot stop something only because you feel that way, as we cannot be led by your feelings, but by the infallible revelation of the Word of God! That is exactly what the Holy Bible means in 2 Corinthians Chapter 5, when it states in verse 7: ***“(For we walk by faith, NOT BY SIGHT:)”*** (NOT BY FEELINGS; NOT BY O U R P H Y S I C A L SENSES). We walk by revelation (faith), for it is a divine revelation, one which anchors solidly and unshakeably upon the

immovable rock of the Word of God. Period! As ministers of the Gospel, we must not be afraid to make mistakes in this realm, for that is how we learn, seeing as this is a way we have never walked before, and moreover, there is no expert on God, who is an inexhaustible fountain, and as such, we are all learning about the Spirit realm as we go along, as fallen but redeemed creatures. Absolutely! I repeat for the sake of emphasis: Sometimes, the Spirit can move in ways we do not understand, leaving us helpless as to what to do. In such instances, DO NOTHING, and let God take control; let God have His way: Let the Spirit move, for it will not always be like that. There are still other principles of the Spirit that I want to talk about, and to lay out, but I will leave them for when we are dealing with the Gifts of the Spirit.

Saints, before we move on up to the next level, where we will be considering the Gifts of the Spirit, it is also essential to warn you about the workings of the devil, for in dealing with this message, we cannot likewise afford to be ignorant of his move, just as

Saint Paul declared: *“We are not unaware of the wiles of the enemy”*.(2 Cor. 2:11). Brothers and sisters, when we consider the Manifestations of the Spirit, whether it is Shaking under the anointing, Quaking, Laughing, Dancing, Shouting, Drunkenness, or Falling under the anointing, there is not one of these Manifestations that the devil cannot impersonate, and that he does not impersonate. It is very important, therefore, that we understand this truth; it is very crucial, if we are not to fall into the snares and deceptions of Satan. Today, particularly within the Pentecostal-Charismatic world, Satan has made serious incursions into Christendom, especially when it comes to the realm of Manifestations. From the 1970s and 1980s, the devil started what is called the New Age Movement in England, which went around the globe like wild fire, giving us the infusion of Occultic and Psychic practices, spiritism, all together with Christian practices. They contact various so-called masters, mediums, and spirits, taping ***“spiritual energy”***, and feeling ***“vibrations”***, all which spiritualists also do, for it is simply Occultic; it

is spiritualism. The most incredible thing, is that they also use all these means to conduct so-called healing and miracle sessions within Church meetings, where all sorts of spirit Manifestations occur, all running contrary to God's Holy Writ, which is the Holy Bible. Instead of deliverance, which is simply to cast out devils in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, they engage in exorcism, which is of the devil, and is therefore Anti the Word of God. They have people who literally Bark like dogs under the anointing; some make all sorts of Animal Noises; some Wriggle on the floor like snakes, whilst others Crawl like Animals; some make Eerie Screams; some Jerk intermittently, and make Incoherent Sounds, acting like people suffering from Tourette's syndrome, a neurological disorder which makes sufferers do very strange facial expressions, tic noises, grunts, and shouts, all Manifestations which are very similar to what obtains in some of these Oriental religions. Others on the other hand, have Blood or Oil flowing from their hands and fingers, just like in stigmatism, all of which are downright demonic, as they

are all operations and Manifestations of seducing spirits. Some of them even claim the ability to Smell spirits, and some also profess to Taste spirits, all nonsensical so-called abilities which are demonic, being demon inspired, for you just cannot smell or taste a spirit! They can smell whether you have a good spirit, or a bad spirit, and they can also smell the spirits that are around, whether they are good or bad. What a load of Nonsense! How do spirits smell? Do evil spirits smell horrible, like rotten eggs? And do good spirits smell good? What is their smell like? Is it like chocolate cake or vanilla? Since when has man been given to smelling spirits?! Since when do spirits, who are not material beings, emit physical smells? Certainly, we can speak of their presence, because they convey their presence, and we can speak of their activities and attributes, but we cannot speak of their smell, because they are not physical, like human beings, who have body odour! That is why Brother Branham said in *The Seven Church Ages*, that if a man comes with an unscriptural Gift, and with an unscriptural Sign, people

fall for it, because they cannot tell the difference; they cannot tell whether something is of God or of the Devil, and really, they do not care, for as long as it is supernatural, they fall for it! Brother Braham said, *"Give them oil and blood, and they fall for it."* But they forget that supernatural Manifestations come from two realms, they come from two spiritual sources. There is the supernatural from the realm of God, and there is also the supernatural from the realm of the devil, which gives us lying wonders. And indeed, there are some preachers, when ministering, Oil will begin to flow from their hands and fingers, and for others, it is Blood that flows. The late Rev. Schambach, an American televangelist, used to have this Oil experience, and he would say: ***"Uhhh, I've got oil on my fingers!"*** Yet, that man ought to have known that that was demonic! The Bible did not say that when you are praying, or when you are under anointing, Oil will come out from your fingers, and neither did it say that Blood will flow! But you see, the Pentecostals fall for all that nonsense, because they are not anchored in the Word! Church, the religious world

fall for any sign, because they have no anchor; they have no scriptural foundation! You cannot be without a foundation, and the foundation and the basis for all things for a believer, is nothing but the Word of God, for ALL OTHER GROUND IS SINKING SAND! That is why we have the serious infusion of New Age teachings and Manifestations being expressed in Christendom today, and Sorcery induced Manifestations have also taken over Christendom. All sorts of Manifestations are displayed and entertained in these meetings, for they accept anything and everything, regardless of its spiritual source, all which they attribute to God. The New Agers, as they are called, also introduced the principles of Positive Thinking, and Positive Affirmation, rather than Faith, which is divine revelation; which is precisely why they teach their members to constantly repeat words of positive claims, which are mere affirmations, exactly as the repeated recitation or chanting of **"The Mantra"** by the Hindus and Buddhists! Brothers and sisters, with this New Age Movement came the

Pseudo-Gospel Singers (Fake Gospel Singers), whose songs carry words of love, peace, and goodness, but are totally devoid of God, for their songs are always without the mention of God or Jesus Christ, so as to appeal to all humanity, irrespective of their religion, and hence why they are not Gospel songs, regardless of their carnal appeal! As I have said, we now live in a religious world, where even on the television, it is all about positive affirmations. Yet, faith is a divine revelation of the Holy Scriptures, and whether you confess it or not, it is the revelation that is in your soul that counts! And when you have it in your heart, the devil knows! When you have revelation in your heart, the devil knows it! You can stand before the devil in working deliverance, and reel out all the Scriptures you want to, brothers and sisters, he knows when there is no power in the words you are uttering; he knows when there is no power backing it up, for you are just quoting mere letters, which is why it is empty and powerless, because it is not inspired! It has no revealed faith to activate it, to cause it to come alive, to energize it. Faith is a revelation, a

divine revelation. You can speak words, but that is just words, but until it is a revelation, it does not come alive. And when you have revealed faith anchoring in your soul, you do not necessarily need to voice it. When you stand before the devil, and he sees the fire of faith burning in your soul, he knows not to mess with you. The anchor for faith is not positivism; it is not positive confession; it is not positive affirmation: It is the revelation of the Holy Scriptures. It is divine inspiration, because faith is an inspiration. You do not pluck it from the back of your house, as it comes directly from God, with an anointing, with a measure of the Spirit, in order to quicken it to your soul, to make it real to you, to make it live in you. When you receive it, you cannot get out of it, even if you want to, for it becomes an eternal possession, being an indivisible part of your inner being! Therefore, when you see people, they believe today, and then tomorrow they disbelieve, it is simply because there is no real faith in their soul. It is a mental conception of the Word that they have, and not a revelation, which is why they can throw it away tomorrow. And until you

have it by faith, you do not have it at all. There is just no anchor for faith outside of the Word of God. And it is very important that we understand this truth, because the two spirits are very close, and only one thing is the determiner: You have got to keep your eyes on the Word of God, because if you do not, there are a lot of Manifestations going on out there, to lead you on the road to destruction, if all you want to do is just log on to Manifestations, for the devil has a lot of it as well! I have gone down this road, just to let us know that as the Bride of Christ, we cannot accept any Manifestation that is not Scriptural, for the basis of everything in true spirituality, is the inspired written Word of God! Every true Manifestation of the Spirit of God Must and Will dovetail with the Holy Scriptures; and if it does not, then, such a Manifestation is certainly not of God, and it must therefore be rejected. Period! We are still coming back to scripturally deal with, and elaborate on the issue of false Manifestations, when we are considering the Gifts of the Spirit. It is enough at this point, to say that all true Manifestations will have

their basis and origin in the Word of God, as we are not to open our hearts to seducing spirits; which is why God gave us His Word as our infallible and unfailing yardstick for judging ALL things, including the Moving of the Spirit, for ALL spirit manifestations are subject to, and must be ruled, by the Holy Scriptures. Full stop! That is precisely why I am taking the pains, to lay out the various Manifestations of the Spirit of God that are contained in the Holy Bible, so we are not left in doubt, as to exactly how God has moved on the earth, right from the beginning of time in Genesis, to keep us from falling for contrary Manifestations, u n s c r i p t u r a l Manifestations, for we know scripturally, by the grace of God, what the true Manifestations of the Spirit of God are. It is written in 1 Corinthians Chapter 12, verse 7: ***“But the Manifestation of the Spirit IS GIVEN TO EVERY MAN TO PROFIT WITHAL.”*** Brothers and sisters, this is a truth also for today, and you must see it for what it is, and hold firmly to it, for it is God's unfailing Word of promise to the Elect Bride, as this is where we are

currently being introduced to the realm of the Spirit of God. There will come a day and an hour, when God will anoint you, putting you on open display, as a divine blessing. Therefore, I encourage those of you who are having this experience right now: Enjoy it for as long as it lasts, and be prayerful, and make sure that you soak yourselves in the Continuing Light of Jesus Christ of the Holy Bible, for the adornment and anchoring of your souls, because that is what is going to make the difference, as the Word of God is our wall of defence, our security, and our stability. The Manifestations will eventually give way to something else, as it will lead to something else, if we stay faithfully with the scriptural revelation of Jesus Christ. And to those who are yet to have this experience, do not worry, but only believe, and stay firmly and faithfully in the Continuing Light of Christ, for God does not and cannot fail: Your day is also coming, and that is for sure, as it is infallibly written: ***“But the Manifestation of the Spirit IS GIVEN TO EVERY MAN TO PROFIT WITHAL.”*** That is the Word

of the Lord, and I believe it, your day is coming, except you are none of his. Period! As I stated earlier, there are other very crucial matters, however, that need to be laid out with regards to this promise, and by the grace of God, we will cover them when we deal with the Gifts of the Spirit, which we now want to delve straight into, moving up a notch. May the Lord help us. Amen.

Please come back with me to 1 Corinthians Chapter 12, and we will take it from verse 4, and it declares: ***“Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.”*** In other words, we have different Gifts from the same Spirit of God. And what exactly are these Gifts? Skipping verses 5-6, although we are still coming back to take them up, and beginning from verse 8, we are given these Gifts, even as it is written: ***“For to one is given by the Spirit THE WORD OF WISDOM; to another THE WORD OF KNOWLEDGE by the same Spirit”*** (of God). Please note that that verse does not speak simply of spiritual wisdom and knowledge, which ALL the saints of God are invested with; that is not what it speaks about, for we ALL

bear the knowledge and wisdom of God that is IN Christ Jesus, ***“who of God is made unto us wisdom”***. (1 Cor. 1:30). In 1 Corinthians Chapter 12, verse 8, Saint Paul is speaking strictly about Spirit Gifts, Gifts of the Spirit, of which in reality there are Nine Gifts, two of these Gifts being: The Gift of ***“the Word of Wisdom”***, which is the First Gift, and the Gift of ***“the Word of Knowledge”***, which is the Second Gift. The material question therefore, is this: What exactly are these two Gifts? What is the Gift of ***“the Word of Wisdom”***? And what is the Gift of ***“the Word of Knowledge”***? Remember, that this verse of Scripture does not speak of wisdom simpliciter, or wisdom simply speaking, which we have ALL received and possess, but of the Gift of THE WORD OF WISDOM. And neither does it speak of knowledge simpliciter, or knowledge simply speaking, as we have also ALL received the true knowledge of God that is IN Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour; but it speaks of the Gift of THE WORD OF KNOWLEDGE. These are Spirit Gifts that not everyone possesses. It is given only to some, whilst others do not have them,

although they have other Gifts, for no one IN the Body of Christ will be devoid of a Gift of the Spirit, and that is a fundamental truth that we are still going to consider. So, I ask again: What is the Gift of ***“The Word OF WISDOM”***? This is one of the three revelational Gifts, and it is a Gift in which the possessor receives divine Prophetic insight into Future events, or the Future situation of things, whether it relates to a person, or persons, a body of people, a tribe, a nation, or even the globe, all by the Spirit of God. The best way to present this truth is to show you its application, and for this, please turn with me to the Book of Acts Chapter 11, verses 27-30: ***“And in these days came Prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch. And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and SIGNIFIED BY THE SPIRIT THAT THERE SHOULD BE GREAT DEARTH THROUGHOUT ALL THE WORLD”***, (speaking by the operation of the Gift of the Word of Wisdom), ***“which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar. Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which***

dwelt in Judaea: Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul. By the operation of this Gift, the Gift of the Word of Wisdom, the saints in that day, who would otherwise have been badly affected by this famine, were now prepared ahead for it, having been spared the bitterness of it. Again, in 1 Thessalonians Chapter 4, verses 15-18, Apostle Paul states: ***“For this we say unto you by the Word of the Lord”,*** (which is the operation of the Gift of the Word of Wisdom), ***“that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”*** Brothers and sisters, this verse also gives us nothing but the application of the Gift of ***“THE WORD of Wisdom”***.

And although this passage of Scripture speaks strictly of Future Events relating to the things of the Spirit of God, for it is tied to God's plan of redemption, yet, the application of the Gift of the Word of Wisdom is the same, as it still gives us a divine insight into Future Events, except that this Gift can only be used to this high capacity by a Ministry of Truth, who also bears this Gift! I hope the difference is clear, because the Gift is one; but its application is on a higher scale, when it is expressed by a Ministry of Truth, a Ministry bearing the revelation of the Word of God. Church, this should not sound strange, because the Gift of Prophecy can also be expressed on a higher scale by the Ministry of Truth, when that Prophecy relates to the deep things of the Spirit of God that are still in the Future, as it can also unveil Future Things or Future Events that are divine. That is the only difference in the expression of the Gift of the Word of Wisdom in the lives of the saints, who make up the Body of Christ, when compared with that of a man in the Ministry, who is anointed to bear a revelatory insight by the

Spirit of God, for the Body of Christ. Yet, the Gift of THE WORD OF WISDOM, has to be distinguished from the Gift of PROPHECY, even though the Gift of the Word of Wisdom also gives us Prophetic insight into Future Events. I hope that is clear, for all I am doing, is simply showing you what the Gift of the Word of Wisdom is, and what it relates to, for it gives us Prophetic revelations of Future Events, Future things. Period! That is that! We must now also ask: What is the Gift of ***“the Word of Knowledge”***? As I stated earlier, it is not knowledge per say, or knowledge simply speaking, but it is a Gift of the Spirit which some saints will have, and it is the second of the three revelational Gifts of the Spirit. The application of the Gift of ***“The Word OF KNOWLEDGE”***, is a Gift by which the possessor receives divine Prophetic insight into Present and or Past events, either relating to an individual, a group of people, or even to a nation, or events, for it gives us the revelational knowledge or divine insight into what is, or as to what has gone on; it gives us insight into the Present and the Past state of things. Yes, it is prophetic

in its effect, but it is still to be distinguished from the Gift of Prophecy, as this is a separate and distinct Gift of the Spirit of God, which is why it is called, The Gift of **“The Word Of KNOWLEDGE”**. In order to help us understand and appreciate this Gift, please come with me to the Gospel of Saint John Chapter 4, and we will take it from verse 3, where it is written: **“He”** (Jesus) **“left Judaea, and departed again into Galilee. And he must needs go through Samaria. Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour. There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. Jesus answered and said unto**

her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw. Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.” Now watch verses 17-18: **“The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that**

saidst thou truly.” This prompted a response in verse 19: **“The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.”** Brothers and sisters, Jesus laid out the things he said here concerning the life of this woman, by the application of the Gift of the Word of Knowledge, as that is what we see in operation right here in this passage of Scripture. This Gift gives us the divine knowledge of Past and Present things, supernatural knowledge, and this marks one of the main differences between the Gift of the Word of Wisdom, and the Gift of the Word of Knowledge. May I add, that it does not matter the avenue through which this revelation comes, whether by audible voice, or a vision, whichever way it comes, it gives us the knowledge of things which are humanly impossible to know, in the absence of the supernatural insight that the Spirit of God gives, working through this Gift. And I must warn you, that this is not telepathy or mind reading, as those things are of the devil! It is also very important to warn you, in view of the carnal teachings of some Pentecostal preachers, that the Gift of **“the Word of**

Knowledge", is not talking about the thoughts of your heart, as it is not your thoughts being expressed, no matter how peaceful you may feel in your heart about those thoughts, but it is a supernatural revelational knowledge of things that God gives, things that are humanly and mentally impossible to know, without the operation of this divine Gift, working through one of the divine avenues for receiving divine prophetic insight! We are talking strictly and exclusively about a Spirit Gift, the precious things of the Spirit of God, investments of the grace of God in the lives of the redeemed of the Lord. This is the Second Gift of the Spirit.

The Third Gift of the Spirit is laid out in 1 Corinthians Chapter 12, verse 9A, and it states: **"To another"** (is given the Gift of) **"FAITH by the same Spirit"** (of God). May I similarly warn you, that the **"Faith"** stated here, is not the faith by which we are saved, as we ALL have that faith, and we ALL walk by that faith, for without it, none of us would be saved, it being a possession of every saved child of God, even as it is written in the Book of Ephesians Chapter 2,

verses 8-9: **"For by grace are ye saved through FAITH; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."** It is also written: **"... The just shall live BY FAITH."** (Rom. 1: 17). We are looking strictly at one of the Nine Gifts of the Holy Spirit here, and this Gift of FAITH, is one of the Three Power Gifts of God. It is a Faith Gift of the Spirit, whereby miracles and supernatural works (deeds) are wrought, and yet, it is different from the Gifts of Healing and the Gift of Miracles. It is by this Faith, which is God's kind of Faith, that wonderful things, things that defy natural laws, are wrought, whether healing or miracles. This kind of **"Faith"** was demonstrated by Jesus Christ on several occasions during his earthly ministry, as recorded in the Holy Scriptures, and we will find an example of this Faith exemplified by the cursing of the fig tree. In the Gospel of Saint Matthew Chapter 21, verses 18-22, the Bible records: **"Now in the morning as he"**(Jesus) **"returned into the city"**(of Jerusalem from Bethany), **"he hungered. And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon,**

but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. AND PRESENTLY THE FIG TREE WITHERED AWAY. And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away! Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have FAITH", (this kind of Faith; this Gift of Faith), **"and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done. And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."** This is God's kind of Faith, a supernatural Faith, one that is a Gift of the Spirit, a Faith that does not take No for an answer, for it knows no barriers, no obstacles, and no impossibilities! Nothing, absolutely nothing, stands in the way of this Faith, when it is in operation, for it is a Power Gift! That is precisely why it can be employed to bring about a healing, a miracle, or to stop a blizzard (a snowstorm), or a tornado, or a hurricane, or a tsunami, and it can also be used to

give life back to someone who is at death's door, for it does not fail! That is why I say that this is not an everyday faith that we have in the revealed Word by which we live, but it is a supernatural Gift of the Spirit of God, and by it things happen, anything, supernatural things! Consequently, it is not your faith, and it is not something that you struggle to hold: You either have it, or you do not! Period! It was that Faith in operation at the gate of the temple called Beautiful, when Apostle Peter healed a man who was born crippled. Acts Chapter 3, starting from verse 1, states: ***“Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John”***, (with this Gift of Faith in activation by the Spirit of God), ***“SAID, LOOK ON US. And he gave heed unto them,***

expecting to receive something of them. Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.” Verse 9: ***“And all the people saw him walking and praising God: And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him. And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering. And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk? The God of Abraham, and of Isaac,***

and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go. But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.” Now listen to what Saint Peter said in verse 16: ***“And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, THE FAITH which is by him HATH GIVEN HIM THIS PERFECT SOUNDNESS in the presence of you all.”*** It was the Faith of Jesus Christ, which is God's Faith, ***“The FAITH which is BY HIM”***, and which was in operation IN Peter, that wrought the miraculous healing of a man who had never walked since he was born. That is what the Gift of FAITH does, when it is in operation! Full stop!

For the Fourth Gift of the Spirit, we will go back to pick up verse 9B, in 1 Corinthians Chapter 12, which provides: ***“... to another”*** (is given) ***“the***

gifts of HEALING by the same Spirit." Please note that this verse of Scripture does not say "the GIFT of Healing", as in singular, but "**The GIFTS of HEALING**". Why is this so? Why is it pluralized? Why is it not simply the Gift of Healing, but it is The GIFTS of Healing? This is to let us know that it is not a Gift that anyone has in his pocket to be used at will, but it is absolutely ruled by God Almighty, and as such, *e a c h o c c a s i o n* necessitates God giving that Gift of Healing, at the material time, and for that particular person, or it will not work, and hence, we have "**the GIFTS of Healing**". We should all know precisely what this Gift is, without having to explain it. However, for the sake of this message, it is important that we also lay it out. May I say, therefore, that this Gifts of Healing is what gives supernatural healing, one that is caused by the Spirit of God, for it is the second Power Gift. It brings divine Healing, and as such, it can defy the laws of science; or to put it another way, it can defy what the medical doctors say, for it is the power of God at work, bringing Healing to someone that is sick, whatever the state,

whether the person is in a terribly hopeless state or not. The Lord can bring this about in very strange ways, ways that defy science, it being something that is wrought by the Spirit of God. Before we delve into the Gifts of Healing, let me first relate some events that happened during the Reformation Era, relating to the wonderful ways that God can bring about Healing, just for our spiritual edification, as recounted by Brother Jackson in the Contender, titled, *The Bride's Anointing*, Part 2, wherein the chief apostle said: "**Let me go back to John Wesley for another incident that was recorded. There is one story told concerning John Wesley preaching in this particular town. A critic in the town made fun of what he saw taking place in the meetings. (Most of the critics were men of the old established Church of England.) This critic came to the meeting and saw some of the people passing out in the seats. They did not all fall to the floor when the Spirit dealt with them in that way: Some would fall to the floor; but there were others that would just lay over in someone's lap.**

This critic made fun of it and had to learn of the power of God the hard way. The story goes, that the next day after making fun of what he saw taking place, early in the day he was attacked with seizures of the stomach. He went to the doctor for help. The doctor gave him what he had but it did not ease the pain one bit. The man was rolling in the floor and suffering terribly. (God had him down where He could talk to him. He had him right where some of the other folks were the night before. Some of them were probably rolling on the floor.) There he was, on the floor; but it was an altogether different picture than what he had made fun of: They were happy and feeling fine. He was suffering terrible pain and begging for someone to do something. The pain was tearing him to pieces. They called in people that prayed for him and did everything they knew to do; but to no avail. Finally someone said, Let's go get Mr. Wesley to pray for him. When they went to where Wesley was staying, he was out of town. Then someone said, In the days of Paul

they brought handkerchiefs and aprons that Paul had touched and laid them on those who were sick and possessed with devils and they were delivered: Let's find something Mr. Wesley has touched. Someone came up with the bridle that went on his horse. Oh Bro. Jackson, please don't talk like that, some may say. I am only pointing you to things that are written; but I assure you, I believe the reports. (You doctors of divinity, you ecclesiastical big shots with all your Greek and Hebrew, shame on you. You preach Jesus; but you refuse to walk where He walked.) They brought that horse bridle and laid in across the man's stomach; and in just a period of time the pain was gone. When the man got up, he confessed: This happened to make me realize I should not criticize the works of God. Another story from the same hour of John Wesley's period goes like this, A certain woman was pregnant with child and when her hour of delivery had arrived she was faced with a problem. As she entered the travailing period, birth

seemed to be so far away. They did not have the medical facilities back then that we have today; so she also was a person who was screaming, and begging for help. When the doctors were unable to do anything for her, someone said, Let us see if we can get Bro. Wesley to come and pray for her. Again, he was gone and could not be reached. Someone said, Let us find something he had his hands on. They found a horse bridle, brought it and laid it across her stomach; and in a short order she gave birth to the baby. Why is that so hard for some people to believe? Ecclesiastical, traditional Christianity has lost the true picture of Jesus Christ. Their vision has been blurred by studying theology. Here is Jesus coming through Jerusalem one day with His disciples; and when they came upon a man the Bible says had been blind from birth, what did Jesus do for him? He did what a doctor would say not to do. He did what hygiene technicians would say not to do. He stooped down and spit on the ground and made a little dab of mud. Then He

raised up and put that on the man's eyelids and told him to go wash in the pool of Siloam. The Bible says he went and washed and came seeing. There was no healing virtue in the mud. Neither was there virtue in the spittle of Jesus. The virtue was in his obedience to do what Jesus told him to do: Go wash in the pool of Siloam. When he got there he washed his eyes. When he came back, the Bible says he came seeing. Does that not just tear man's theology all to pieces today? If people do not believe what is written in the Bible, why do they profess to be Christian's in the first place? How do such people sort out what to believe and what not to believe when they read the Bible? Either the Bible is the word of God and we can trust it totally, or we are without hope of salvation: for it is our only source of learning what God has done in the past and what He will do in the future. Oh yes, there are other writings around that give some history of the past; but how can anyone who claims to be a believer put anything else ahead of the Bible?"

Exactly! Now, coming back

to our dealing with the Gifts of Healing, it is vital to point out, that in the operation of this Gift, although the person prayed for may be instantaneously healed; and the healing may be instantaneous, on the other hand, this healing may not always be instantaneous, as it could take days, if it is a slow healing process. But whatever the case may be, Healing is assured for that person, regardless of how medically impossible it may be for such a person to recover, as we are dealing strictly with the realm of the supernatural God, unto whom ALL things are possible, and with whom absolutely nothing is impossible. However, it is also needful to point out that the recipient's lack of faith can affect the effectiveness of healing in their life, for nothing can take the place of faith, as that is the avenue for receiving from God. The Gospel of Saint Luke Chapter 8, verses 43-48, records: ***“And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, Came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of***

blood stanchd. And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me. And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately.” Watch verse 48: ***“And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: THY FAITH hath made thee whole; go in peace.”*** Again, in the Gospel of Mark Chapter 10, verses 46-52, it is written: ***“And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me. And many charged him***

that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee. And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus. And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; THY FAITH HATH MADE THEE WHOLE. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.” Yes, I know that this account gives us a miracle, but it works on the same principle of faith, as the needy person must believe, for as the Book of James warns in Chapter 1, verses 5 - 7: ***“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask IN FAITH, NOTHING WAVERING. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. FOR LET NOT***

THAT MAN THINK THAT HE SHALL RECEIVE ANY THING OF THE LORD.

The unbelief of people can affect healing and miracles. Look at what the Holy Bible even says, concerning the ministry of Jesus Christ, who, in that day, could not do many miracles in his hometown, because of their unbelief, for it hinders the unbeliever from receiving from God, whether it is healing or a miracle, just as Matthew Chapter 13, verses 54-58, declares: ***“And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works? Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these things? And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house.”*** Verse 58 now adds: ***“And he did not many mighty works there BECAUSE OF THEIR***

UNBELIEF.” May I warn you, that unbelief does not hinder God, and neither does it hinder His Gifts, it only hinders the unbeliever. Period! It is also very material to point out, since we are dealing with the subject of the Gifts of Healing, that we have situations where a person can be healed, but unless he is careful in his ways, a greater evil can befall him, or his previous situation may return, and ignorant people will hold that against the possessor of the Gifts of Healing, as if he is bearing a false Gift, when it is absolutely a genuine Gift from God. That is precisely the reason for the warning that Jesus Christ gave to a man that he had healed, in John Chapter 5, beginning from verse 1: ***“After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then***

first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.” Let us skip to verse 14, and watch what Jesus said to this man that had been healed, when he later met him: ***“Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: SIN NO MORE, LEST A WORSE THING COME UNTO THEE.”*** We have a similar admonition when it comes to the issue of deliverance from demonic oppression, for the warning is given on the same basis, as it is on the same principles of the

need to be careful, and to live for God, and not to walk in unbelief, and I will touch on it right here and now. In Saint Luke Chapter 11, verses 24-26, Jesus Christ declared: ***“When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out. And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first.”*** So, we can see for a certainty, that a person can be healed or delivered, and yet, their case can be reversed, if they allow unbelief in their heart. Receiving healing and deliverance rests upon faith, which is why the devil can take it away, if the person entertains unbelief. With this laid out, we will move to the next Gift of the Spirit.

1 Corinthians Chapter 12, verse 10A, provides: ***“To another”*** (is given the Gift of) ***“the working of MIRACLES.”*** Brothers and sisters, this gives us the

Fifth Gift of the Spirit, THE WORKING of Miracles, and it is the third Power Gift, following that of Faith and Healing, as it takes divine virtue (divine power), to perform the great and wonderful feats that these Gifts are employed to perform. Before we proceed with the Gift of Miracles, however, it is important to note, that although men may be endowed with the Gifts of Healing and of Miracles, in true essence, the Lord is the Healer and the Miracle Worker, and not the recipient of these Gifts. I say that on the full and unquestionable authority of Exodus Chapter 15, verse 26, and Psalm 103, verse 3, as it is written: ***“... For I am the Lord THAT HEALETH THEE.”*** When talking about the Gift of Working Miracles, we must ask a question, in order to help us appreciate this very Gift: What are Miracles? They are the marvellous and amazing acts of God, supernatural acts of God, acts which are wrought or accomplished by the raw power of God, bringing about things that are humanly and naturally impossible. That is a miracle! At the wedding that took place in Cana, in Galilee, when Jesus turned

water into wine, that was a miracle! When Jesus took a few small loaves of bread and some fish, blessed them, broke them, and multiplied them to feed thousands, with many baskets being leftover, that was a miracle! Miracles give us things that only God can do. Period! And when Brother Branham, one day, prayed for a young girl, who was born without any of her eyeballs in their sockets, and God supplied two brand new eyeballs on the spot, right there on the platform, in front of a huge crowd, that was a miracle! When at the Garden of Gethsemane, Saint Peter used a sword to cut off the ear of one of the soldiers that came to arrest Jesus Christ, and the Lord picked up that cut off ear, and simply placed it back without having to stitch it, and it was as whole as if nothing had happened, that was a miracle! Coming to the Sixth Gift of the Spirit, 1 Corinthians Chapter 12, verse 10B, records: ***“... to another”*** (is given the Gift of) ***“PROPHECY.”*** The Gift of Prophecy is one of the Inspirational Gifts, and it should be distinguished from the Office of a Prophet, as there is a difference between having the Gift of Prophecy, and

being a Prophet. Under the Old Testament, there was no distinction made between someone who was a Prophet, occupying the Office of a Prophet, and someone who merely had the Gift of Prophecy, for they were all referred to and looked upon as prophets. That was why, in the Book of 1 Samuel Chapter 10, beginning from verse 9, it is written: ***“And it was so, that when he” (Saul) “had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass that day. And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them.”*** Listen to what is stated in verse 11: ***“And it came to pass, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, he prophesied among the prophets, then the people said one to another, What is this that is come unto the son of Kish? IS SAUL ALSO AMONG THE PROPHETS?”*** In contrast, coming to the New Testament Era, we see Philip the Evangelist, a man who had daughters who prophesied, yet, they were not prophets, but only had

the Gift of prophecy, as Acts Chapter 21, verses 8-9, confirms: ***“And the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was one of the seven; and abode with him. And the same man had four daughters, virgins, WHICH DID PROPHECY.”*** The Bible says that they prophesied, showing that they had the Gift of Prophecy. In contrast, now consider verses 10-11: ***“And as we tarried there many days, there came down from Judaea a certain PROPHET, named Agabus. And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles”,*** for Agabus was a Prophet, a man who occupied one of the offices of the Ephesian Fivefold Ministry set over the Universal Bride, which is the Office of a Prophet. So, 1 Corinthians Chapter 12, verse 10B, gives us one of the Nine Gifts of the Spirit, which is the Gift of

Prophecy, although I must add, that whilst a person is under the Prophetic Anointing, or when he is under the Spirit of Prophecy, he is referred to as a prophet, according to 1 Corinthians Chapter 14, verse 32, which declares: ***“And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.”*** This simply means that the Spirit by which a gifted person is prophesying, is subject to the prophesier, and that is only because generally speaking, the Spirit of God does not use a man without his will, for he is used with the full exercise of his faculties! No, they are not turned into zombies, who have no will, because that would lead to chaos or confusion if they cannot control the anointing! That is exactly why the exercise of any of the inspirational Gifts of the Spirit, does not take away the human volition or freewill, for the Gifts are expressed under the control of the prophesier, and this ensures order in the exercise of these Gifts. Period! There are other issues to be considered when talking about Prophecy, but we will leave them till we lay out the Scribe dealing with the Prophetic Ministry. Right

now, we are considering one of the Gifts of the Spirit, which is Prophecy. And Prophecy relates to, or deals with, the three periods of time: Past, Present, and Future; but most of the prophecies we find in the Old Testament writings, relate more to the past, than to the future, even though we also have a lot of future prophetic writings. Notwithstanding, Prophecy is at its greatest level of operation, when it is pointing forward; when it speaks of, or deals with future events; when it relates to the future, as only God knows the future, and as such, only the Spirit of God can rightly and perfectly predict the future, that is, with absolute and unerring precision. And as found in 1 Corinthians Chapter 14, Saint Paul laid out the divine objective for this very Gift, declaring in verse 3: ***“But he that Prophesieth speaketh unto men to Edification, and Exhortation, and Comfort.”*** That is the objective of God for this Gift: It is for Edification, (which is Upliftment), Exhortation, (which is Encouragement), and Comfort, (which is to soothe). However, as with every Gift or Investment of Grace in our lives, we must

also all realise that there is none of these Gifts that we have in the same measure. I repeat: There are no two people who have the same measure of grace, even when they have the same Gift of the Spirit. That is precisely why Apostle Paul stated in Romans Chapter 12, verse 6, but beginning from verse 3: ***“For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith”***, (for indeed, we receive in different measure). Verse 4: ***“For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.”*** Now pay attention to verse 6: ***“Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us”***, (according to the limit or portion of grace given to us), ***“whether prophecy, let us prophesy ACCORDING TO THE PROPORTION OF FAITH.”*** It means in essence, that our prophetic

anointing is not the same, and hence, our prophetic capacity is not the same, but different, and as such, we cannot judge one prophetic gift by the standard of another person's prophetic gift; and neither are we expected to prophecy like somebody else, who, for instance, has a greater prophetic depth to his prophecies, as that would amount to impersonation. It demands the personal knowledge of the ability God has bestowed upon us as individuals, and flowing in that grace, appreciating God's grace, and being sincerely grateful to God for His Gift, by which we are enabled to be a blessing to the Body of saints. This is laid out in the Holy Scriptures, so that we learn to be thankful, appreciating God's grace, and to also teach us not to be jealous or envious, but to be content, allowing the sovereignty of God to hold in everything, as God determines the proportion of faith, the proportion of grace, that each and every one of us receives, for He is the Lord. And the earlier we know these things, and walk humbly before God in the grace He has invested in us, allowing the Gift we have received of God to

flourish, then, we can only grow in grace, and we will be a true blessing to the people of God, and God can enlarge our coasts, if we are faithful, and if we have the right attitude. But it is crucial that we understand these things, so that we can have a meaningful and perfect working of the Gifts of the Spirit, in the Body of Christ. There are other fundamental issues that we need to touch, but we will deal with them after we have considered the remaining Gifts of the Spirit.

Please come back with me to 1 Corinthians Chapter 12, to pick up the Seventh Gift of the Spirit, as laid out in verse 10C, which states: “... **to another**” (is given the Gift of) “**DISCERNING of spirits.**” This gives us the third and last Revelational Gift, following the Gift of the Word of Wisdom, and the Gift of the Word of Knowledge. What is Discernment? In the natural, it is the ability to perceive something, being a natural detecting ability that some people have; a natural instinct. When we transpose that to the Spirit Gift of Discerning of spirits, it gives us a divine Gift, not a natural ability, but a divine Gift of the Spirit, whereby

the possessor is able to perceive and detect the very source of an anointing; it gives him the ability to detect the kind of spirit that is manifesting, letting him know precisely whether it is of God or of Satan. Period! Remember that this is one of the Nine Gifts of the Holy Spirit, a distinct and specific divine Gift. Consequently, this has absolutely nothing to do with our feelings, or with our thoughts about a particular spirit Gift or Manifestation, but it deals with a divine revelation, working or expressed through a Gift, the Gift of “**Discerning OF SPIRITS**”! I am not saying that our feelings or thoughts concerning a particular spirit manifestation may not be right, although it may also be wrong. However, I am saying that this is not about our thoughts and feelings, but strictly about a supernatural Gift of God in operation, by which we receive divine revelation concerning the very spirit that is expressed before us, within the Body of saints! Brothers and sisters, it was by the exercise of such carnal discerning of spirits, which is nothing but an impersonation, that an innocent woman was called a witch in the days of the prophet to this age, when

she was absolutely not, and this negative and false discernment, cast a dark cloud around her, which followed her, and which brought a lot of torment and unease to her life, until she met William Branham on the prayer line, and she was set free by the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ! In my Christian walk, I have seen quite a number of people claiming to have the Gift of the discerning of spirits, speaking of things they do not have a clue about, **b e i n g c a r n a l** impersonators, working by their carnal thoughts and feelings! That is why I warn you, that this is not about our thoughts and feelings concerning a particular spirit projection, but about a divine Gift, which carries a supernatural revelation, a perfect divine revelation, of the source of an anointing, any anointing, when it is in operation! Church, may I add, that the Gift of “**Discerning of spirits**” is a most crucial one, that the Body of Christ cannot do without, for it is the Gift by which we are kept from contrary and perverse spirit manifestations or projections. We certainly do not want Satan to move in our midst; and we cannot afford to submit ourselves to the moving of the devil,

all out of spiritual blindness or spiritual ignorance. That is precisely the reason the Lord has invested the Body of Christ with this fundamental Gift, for it is given to keep all contrary spirits from operating within the Body of Christ; for once the source of the spirit is revealed, and it is a contrary spirit, it allows the body to rebuke and reject it, having been exposed! I call it the Gate-Keeping Gift, or the Gate-Keeping Spirit! Believe me, brothers and

sisters, when we come to the realm of the spirit, the dynamics of the spirit, we need this Gift, and we cannot do without it, because wherever God moves, the devil also wants to move there, being a spirit that is parallel to, and an opposing spirit to that of God. That is a fact! Therefore, this Gift serves a very fundamental role in the Body, for by it the Body is kept free from seducing spirits, and from demonic manifestations. How we

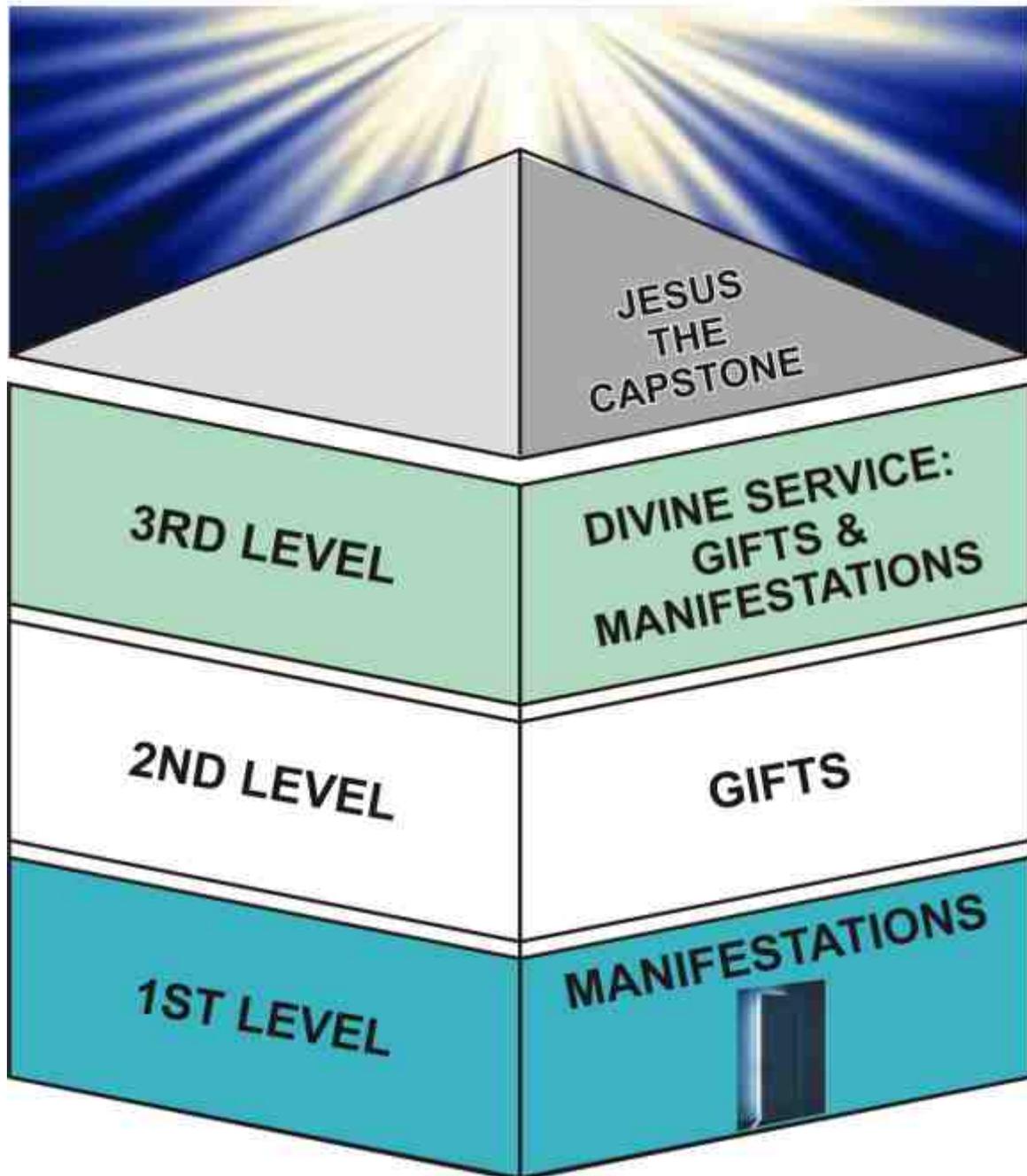
need this Gift, particularly at this end time of harvest, a time when all evil spirits are on the loose, for all the spirits are here, and they are all clamouring for recognition! Brothers and sisters, with the consideration of the Gift of the Discerning of spirits, we will close this segment, to continue in Part 2, by the grace of God.

The Lord bless you.

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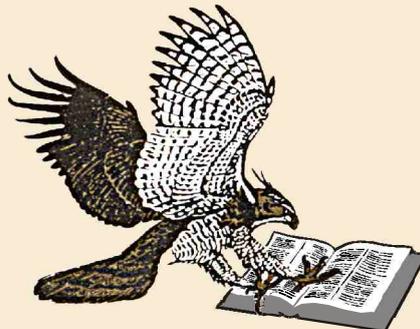
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