

OUTLINE FOR SPIRITUAL MANIFESTATIONS – ARE THEY OF GOD OR THE DEVIL?

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- If we want to awaken people to the reality of “what’s really happening” in our nation and around the globe, they can only SEE and UNDERSTAND through the POWER OF THE SPIRIT. Human reasoning won’t cut it anymore!
- The globalist agenda is THE ANTI-CHRIST SPIRIT at work.

*1 John 4:1-3 - Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. **This is the spirit of the antichrist**, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.*

- WE ARE NOT OF THIS WORLD

John 18:36 (Jesus answering Pilate) Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.

- Our HOPE is not in the world’s systems. We do not have to be dependent upon them.
- God is stirring up a CHILDLIKE FAITH in order to receive what He’s going to pour out. Pharisees interpret this as CHILDISHNESS, instead.
 - *But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple area, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David’, they were indignant. (Matthew 21:15)*
- Emotions are a gift from God and not to be quenched. When coming from the overflow of our relationship with the Lord, they are pleasing to Him and have power to move the heart of God.
 - *John 11:35 - Jesus wept.*
 - *Luke 10:21 - In that same hour he rejoiced (“jump for joy”) in the Holy Spirit and said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.*

HEAD KNOWLEDGE IS NOT THE SAME AS HEART KNOWING – EXPERIENTIAL

“Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and **I will love him and manifest myself to him.**” (John 14:21) (“*exhibit, make known*”)

MANIFESTATIONS ARE HUMAN REACTIONS TO ENCOUNTERING A SUPERNATURAL GOD

- “Fear not!”

Luke 2:10 - And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.”

Biblical Examples of Common Manifestations:

FALLING TO THE GROUND

“When I (**John**) saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one.” (Revelation 1:17)

“And I heard a man's voice, and it called, ‘Gabriel, make this man understand the vision.’ So he came near where I stood. And when he came, **I was frightened and fell on my face**. But he said to me, ‘Understand, O son of man, that the vision is for the time of the end.’ And when he had spoken to me, **I fell into a deep sleep** with my face to the ground. But he touched me and made me stand up.” (Daniel 8:16-18)

“So Judas, having procured a **band of soldiers** and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” They answered him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they drew back and **fell** to the ground.” (John 18:3-6)

“Fell” = to descend from a higher place to a lower; to be thrust down; to fall under judgment; of those overcome by terror or astonishment or grief or under the attack of an evil spirit; to prostrate one's self

“Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, “**Saul, Saul**, why are you persecuting me?” (Acts 9:3)

WEEPING/GROANING

“And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, ‘Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.’” (Luke 19:41)

““As for you, son of man (Ezekiel), groan; with breaking heart and bitter grief, groan before their eyes. And when they say to you, ‘Why do you groan?’ you shall say, ‘Because of the news that it is coming.’” (Ezekiel 21:6)

“Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.” (Romans 8:26)

OVERCOME BY THE SPIRIT

“The priests **could not stand** to minister because of the cloud.” (2 Chronicles 5:14 NASV)

“And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others mocking said, “They are **filled with new wine**.” (Acts 2:12)

SHAKING

(Habakkuk's vision) "I hear, and my **body trembles**; my lips quiver at the sound; rottenness enters into my bones; **my legs tremble beneath me**. Yet I will quietly wait for the day of trouble to come upon people who invade us." (Habakkuk 3:16)

"The guards were so afraid of him that **they shook and became like dead men.**" (Matthew 28:4)

LAUGHING

(Sarah's response) "And Sarah said, "God has made laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh over me." And she said, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age." (Genesis 21:6)

"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for **you shall laugh.**" (Luke 6:21)

"**He who sits in the heavens laughs**; the Lord holds them in derision." (Psalms 2:4)

Often happens upon deliverance/when enemies are being defeated and bondage is broken

(Jesus' response to Pharisees criticizing Jesus for allowing a "sinful" woman to wash his feet):
"Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for **she loved much**. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." (Luke 7:47)

JOY & CHILDLIKENESS

"And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. And leaping up he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, **walking and leaping and praising God.**" (Acts 3:7-8)

(David to Michal when she was offended by his dance) "I will become **even more undignified than this**, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes." (2 Samuel 6:22)

FOCUS on what God is saying and doing – NOT the experience itself.

- How is the Lord manifesting His presence in the moment?
- What is God revealing about His nature and character?
- What is He teaching you through the experience?
 - How can this help others?

The ultimate goal is for us to become CHANGE AGENTS of a HIGHER KINGDOM! AS we come to KNOW Him in a very personal way, He is equipping and empowering us to bring transformation to OTHERS.

ADDITIONAL ARTICLES:

[MANIFESTATIONS OF THE SPIRIT \(David Sorenson\)](#)

[COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT MANIFESTATIONS \(Toronto Catch the Fire\)](#)