

## HOLY SPIRIT...BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (RUACH HAKODESH) PART 4 OF 5 LAYING ON OF HANDS

The common practice of "laying on of hands," in the charismatic churches today, is usually totally unscriptural. If you have ever been to one of these charismatic churches, you have seen many people laying on hands, with the result of the phenomena of "slain in the spirit".



They commonly allow people to lay hands on others without even knowing who is touching them. This goes against the scriptures clearly spoken of in: **1Tim. 5:22** **"Do not lay hands upon anyone {too} hastily and thus share {responsibility for} the sins of others; keep yourself free from sin."** We must be very careful who we lay hands on and who lays hands on us. Those who do so must be real Believers that follow Yeshua or we may share their sins (demons).

The Bible speaks of holy people praying over and anointing people for sickness. Anointing with oil, casting out demons, and laying on of hands went hand in hand as part of healing, whether it was physical or mental healing. **James 5:14-15** **"Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray**

**over him, anointing him with oil in the name of Adonai; and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and Adonai will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him."** The people laying hands on people in the Bible were described as elders and leaders who were proven servants of YHVH. They served their set-apart brothers and sisters to help them receive their freedom, they didn't do it to entertain people.

**Matt. 4:23** **"And {Yeshua} was going about in all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people."**  
**Mark 16:18** **"they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly {poison,} it shall not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."**

From personal experience in the deliverance ministry, I can tell you clearly that MOST false prophet, false tongues, anti-messiah, and unclean spirits come in through the "laying on of hands" and the "slain in the spirit" phenomena. People who think they are experiencing the "born again" experience at an altar call in the front of a church are often "demonized" instead. They think they were touched by the Holy Spirit, but because the church they were in didn't identify who it serves, the individual goes home with demons. Witches love these kind of charismatic churches that never proclaim what master they serve. They can fit right in and lay their hands on innocent people, giving them secret agents of Lucifer's domain in the name of Christianity. No-one seems to test the spirits in most of these unholy places, so Satan plays right into their hands, with false supernatural experiences of "fools gold", "demonic tongues", "false healing", etc.. These churches are some of Satan's best weapons for their own self destruction.



Witches often participate in charismatic churches with the laying on of hands for healing, causing the "slain in the spirit" phenomena. Satanists get directly involved in this kind of unbiblical practice, using demons to slay people on their backs. Many witches have specific demons designated to transfer other demons by touch. They often give people demons, and often exchange powerful demons that people have for their own use, replacing them with lesser demons. Some use a particular method of incantation with hand movements,

making demonic signs of the upside down stake as the demons slay the person in the spirit. They will get the recipient to raise their hands, elbows forward and tap them on one hand and then the other, then on their forehead, making the sign of the upside down cross. Many people that go forward to be slain in the churches are eager and willing to receive a touch from what they are lead to believe is YHVH. They are willing to blank out their minds willingly and go unconscious, accepting anything people working with these demons chose to put into them. Demons of false tongues are often given to these people. They come up speaking in a tongue, and are deceived into believing they have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.



In the same way demons of "divination" are often given to people, leading them to believe they are constantly being spoken to by the Holy Spirit. They honestly think they are receiving "words of knowledge" from Yah. These words of knowledge are nothing more than information from demons of divination and familiar spirits. The information may be accurate, of course, because the demons have access to familiar spirit files on all people with demon spirits. In the Bible it states what happened to these people using divination as false prophets in: **Deut. 13:1-5** "*If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder comes true, concerning which he spoke to you, saying, 'Let us go after other gods (whom you have not known) and let us serve them,' you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams; for Adonai your YHVH is testing you to find out if you love Adonai your YHVH with all your heart and with all your soul. "You shall follow Adonai your YHVH and fear Him; and you shall keep His commandments, listen to His voice, serve Him, and cling to Him. "But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has counselled rebellion against Adonai your YHVH who brought you from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery,*

*to seduce you from the way in which Adonai your YHVH commanded you to walk. So you shall purge the evil from among you."* We must always test the spirits.

## MANIFESTATIONS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

### THE TRUE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE BELIEVER

The Baptism of the Spirit, brings the Holy Spirit as a part of Elohim into the Believer's consciousness. This is a powerful experience. **"He shall not speak from Himself "** (John 16:13). The Holy Spirit should act as Teacher (John 14:26). *He is teaching the words of Another, not His own. He should bear witness to Another, not to Himself* (John 15:26). *He should glorify Another, not Himself* (John 16:14). *He should only speak what was given Him to speak by Another* (John 16:13). His entire work would be to lead souls into union with the Son, and knowledge of the Father in heaven. The Holy Spirit directs and works in the background.

There is an opening of the spiritual world, which takes place through the filling of the Spirit. The work of the Spirit, which now occupies the attention of the Believer, is just the opportunity for the arch-deceiver, so he has to be careful. The devil starts perhaps his most dangerous new strategy after this happens. If the man is untaught in the Scriptural statements of the work of the Triune YHVH, to "obey the Spirit", is now his supreme purpose. Counterfeiting the guidance of the Spirit is now the deceiver's scheme. The devil knows he is on the defensive with a Holy Spirit filled Believer. The devil knows he must somehow regain power over this servant of YHVH. This child of YHVH is now walking in the power of YHVH. That is a major threat to the entire demonic host. The devil must deceive him to render him useless for aggressive warfare against the forces of darkness. The devil must drive him back into the world. The deceiving spirits must in some way side-track him from active service for YHVH.

### THE PERIL OF THE TIME OF THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Ignorance of the Believer about (1) the spiritual world now opened to him, (2) the workings of evil powers in that realm, and (3) the conditions upon which Yah works in and through him, gives the enemy his opportunity. It is the time of greatest peril for every Believer, unless he is instructed and prepared, as the disciples were for three whole years. The danger lies along the line of supernatural "guidance." The danger comes through not knowing the condition of co-operation with the Holy Spirit. The danger is not knowing from the word of Yah how to discern the will of Yah. The danger comes from not knowing, from the word of Yahveh, how to test or discern the spirits. This gives counterfeit manifestations, their ability to work as the false angel of light. They are thus able to bring about counterfeit gifts of prophesy, tongues, healing, and other spiritual experiences, mixed with the work of the Holy Spirit.





...He will baptize you with  
the Holy Spirit and fire.

Matthew 3:11

Very few Believers can guarantee that they are obeying Yah, and Yah only, in direct supernatural guidance. There are so many factors liable to intervene, such as the believer's own mind, own spirit, own will, and the deceptive intrusion of the powers of darkness.

Since evil spirits can counterfeit the Holy Spirit, the Believer needs to know very clearly the principles upon which Yahveh works. Then he can detect between the Divine and the Satanic workings. There is a "discernment" which is a spiritual gift, enabling the Believer to discern "spirits," but this also requires knowledge of "doctrine" (1John 4:1). We have to discern between doctrine which is of Yahveh, and doctrines, or teachings, of false teaching spirits. We must know torah to understand the difference.

There is also a test of spirits, which is doctrinal. The discerning of spirits gift, allows a Believer to tell if lying spirits are at work in a meeting, or in a person. He needs knowledge to understand his discernment in the face of all contrary appearances. He needs to test if the supernatural workings are "of Yahveh." He needs knowledge to detect the subtlety of "teachings" bearing certain infallible indications that they emanate from the pit, while appearing to be from Yahveh. **Satan's clergy use much truth with just enough poison mixed in to kill you spiritually.**

In personal obedience to Yah, the Believer can detect whether he is obeying Yah in some "command," by judging its fruits, and by knowledge of the character of Yah. Yah always has a purpose in His commands. Yahveh will give no command out of harmony with His character and Word.

### WHY THE BAPTISM OF THE SPIRIT IS A SPECIAL TIME OF DANGER

Why, after a Baptism of the Holy Spirit, is the Believer so specially open to the deceiver's workings? The enemy must have ground to work upon. With the Holy Spirit so manifestly in possession, how can "ground," be possible? How can the Believer be open to the deceiver's approach?

Possibly because in preceding years, through yielding to sin, an evil spirit may have obtained access to the body or mind. It could be hiding deeply in the structure of the man, never been detected, or dislodged. The manifestation of this evil spirit possibly being so apparently "natural," or so identified with the person's character, as to have had unnoticed control in his being. Possibly it could be some peculiar idea in the mind being considered as part of the man's habit of body. Considered to be part of the upbringing of the man. It was "put up with" by others, and looked upon by the Believer as a lawful thing, or of trivial importance. Or else this evil spirit had ground through some secret sin known only to the person. Possibly some evil desire gave ground.

In the Baptism of the Spirit, sin will, of necessity, have been dealt with. The "works of the devil," may have been dealt with, but the peculiar evil desire is left undetected. The Baptism of the Spirit takes place, and the Holy Spirit fills the spirit of the man. The body and mind are "surrendered" to Yahveh, but hidden secretly in

one, or both, is the evil spirit, or spirits, which obtained lodgement years before. These evil spirits can now break forth into activity, and hide their "manifestations" under cover of the true workings of the Spirit of Yah. The result of this is, that for a time, the heart is filled with love. The spirit is full of light and joy, but before long a "fanatical spirit" may be detected creeping in, or a subtle spirit of pride, self-importance, or the understanding of being able to see widely in all directions (know it all). These can come in right along with the other pure fruits of the Spirit, which are undeniably of Yah.

The fact to emphasize now, is, that "honest" and earnest Believers can be deceived, and even "possessed" by deceiving spirits. For a period they go out of the main line word of Adonai into deception. They can be left deceived to the end, unless light for their deliverance reaches them.

It is a crisis in the life of a Believer. None but those who have gone through it in experience, can fully understand. It means that the Spirit of Yah becomes so real to the man, that his supreme object in life becomes implicit, "obedience to the Holy Spirit." The will is surrendered to carry out the Will of Yah at all costs. The whole being is made subject to the powers of the unseen world. It is amazing how few take into account that there are other powers in the spiritual realm. **All that is "supernatural," is not of Yahveh! This absolute surrender of the whole being to invisible forces is DANGEROUS.** You must know how to discern between the contrary powers of Yah, and Satan. This absolute surrender is the most dangerous risk to the inexperienced Believer. Is it scriptural to surrender to "obey the Spirit?" This is very serious. We are indeed to submit to Yah. At the same time we must resist the devil. It is amazing how few seem to know Satan's whole game is counterfeiting Yah. It is a crying shame the way in which so many wholehearted Believers have been misled. It is strange that an attitude which is Scriptural should be so grievously the cause of danger. It often brings complete wreckage, to many devoted children of Yah.

### IS THE PHRASE OBEYING "THE SPIRIT" SCRIPTURAL?

"The Holy Spirit, Whom Yah hath given to them that obey Him," is the principal phrase giving rise to the expression, "obey the Spirit." It was used by Peter before the Council at Jerusalem, but nowhere else in the Scriptures is the same thought given. The whole passage needs careful reading to reach a clear conclusion. "We must obey Yahveh" **Acts 5:29** *Peter said to the Sanhedrin, for "we are witnesses . . . and so is the Holy Spirit Whom Yahveh hath given to them that obey Him"* (v. 32). Does the Apostle mean "obey the Spirit," or "obey YHVH," according to the first words of the passage? The distinction is important. The setting of the words can only be rightly understood by the teaching of other parts of Scripture. Yah in Heaven is to be obeyed, through the power of the indwelling Spirit of Yah. If you place the Holy Spirit as the object of obedience, rather than Yah the Father, through the Son, by the Holy Spirit, you are in danger. This is what creates the danger of leading the Believer to rely upon, or obey, a "Spirit," in, or around him. That is the danger. We don't obey a spirit in or around us. We obey Yah on the throne in heaven. His Holy Spirit is the way, or the empowerment, or means, through whom Yahveh is worshipped, and obeyed.

There are many physical and spiritual manifestations of the Holy Spirit. If you see strange manifestations happening, supposedly from the Holy Spirit, ask yourself this: Is the manifestation your seeing in harmony with the scriptures? Is it from the Holy Spirit or other spirits? In **Eph. 5:11** *it says "Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, rebuke and expose them"* People should not trust their heart when it comes to things that look real and may seem wonderful. We are to test all things. (1Ths. 5:21 and Jer. 17:9)

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