

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT - III

"The Revelation Gifts"

I. REVELATION GIFTS

- A. Every one of these gifts in realm of knowing or knowledge.
 - 1. Facts, events, purpose, motive, origin, destiny, human, divine or Satanic, natural, supernatural, past, present, or future.
 - 2. These gifts reveals that which God knows (knowledge which can only be obtained by supernatural means.
- B. Specific gifts:
 - 1. Word of wisdom
 - 2. Word of knowledge
 - 3. Discerning of Spirits

II. WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

- A. Supernatural revelation by the Holy Ghost of facts.
- B. Always past or present.
- C. Revelation of condition of churches to John on Isle.
 - 1. *"Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks: I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted."* (Re. 2:1-3).
- D. Old Testament manifestations
 - 1. Elijah - 7000 who haven't bowed
 - 2. Elisha - servant lies to Naaman
 - 3. Samuel and Saul
 - a. Found Saul hid
 - b. Whereabouts of donkeys
- E. New Testament
 - 1. Jesus
 - a. Woman at Samaria - *"...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."* (John 4:17-18).
 - b. Fish with money - to pay taxes
 - 2. Peter and Cornelius
 - a. God revealing to Cornelius the whereabouts of Peter.
 - b. God revealing to Peter that men from Cornelius were at the door.

c. Specific indication that gifted men don't know everything -
"*...I ask therefore for what intent ye have sent for me?*"
(Acts 10:29).

3. Peter concerning Ananias and Sapphira

4. Ananias and Saul

a. Whereabouts of Saul - "*And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for behold, he prayeth...*" (Acts 9:11).

b. Condition of Saul - that he was blind. (Acts 9:12).

III. WORD OF WISDOM

A. Supernatural revelation by the Spirit of God concerning the divine purpose in the mind and will of God.

B. Speaks of future.

C. Confused with simple prophesying.

D. Examples:

1. Elisha to Naaman - Go dip in the River Jordan seven times...

2. Cast stick into water to bring iron to top.

E. Cooperates together with word of knowledge.

1. Jesus knew where fish were by word of knowledge--word of wisdom was to cast the nets on the right side.

2. Ananias and Saul

a. Chosen vessel to bear my name among the gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

3. Revelation of John concerning churches

a. "*Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.*" (Re. 2:5).

F. Comes through various channels

1. Vision, dream

2. Inner voice

3. Vocal gift of prophecy - knowledge of the will of God comes through gift of word of wisdom, but delivered by the gift of prophecy.

G. Old Testament

1. All prophecy of future events could be classified as word of wisdom.

2. Jonah and Nineveh - City will be destroyed.

3. Joseph - concerning preparation for coming famine.

4. Noah - Word of wisdom given to build ark for coming flood.

5. Elisha to Naaman - "Go dip in River Jordan seven times..."

H. New Testament

1. Jesus' prophecies

2. Agabus - "...*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.*" (Ac. 21:11).

3. Paul on wrecked ship -

- a. There shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but the ship.
- b. For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve.
- c. Thou must be brought before Caesar: and God has given you all that sail with you.

IV. DISCERNING OF SPIRITS

- A. Specialized form of revelation
- B. Gives insight into spirit world
 1. Has to do with good and bad spirits
 2. Discern risen Christ
 3. Discerning human spirit
 4. Discerning Satanic spirits
- C. Counterfeits of spiritual gifts
 1. Kind of spirit behind supernatural manifestation
- D. Not a gift to uncover human failures
- E. Not the "gift of suspicion."

V. I WOULD NOT HAVE YOU TO BE IGNORANT

- A. Concerning spiritual gifts.
- B. Concerning the will of God.
- C. Concerning future events, such as the coming of the Lord.