

LESSON 19

THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT PART 3

Required Bible Reading:

1 Corinthians 12
John 14:12

Ephesians 2:8
John 11:39

Daniel 6:23

In the last lesson we studied the revelation gifts that reveal something. In this lesson we will be studying the power gifts, the gifts that do something. The power gifts are: the gift of faith, the working of miracles and the gifts of healing. All of the gifts of the Spirit are supernatural manifestations of the Spirit of God and operate as the Spirit wills.

We're going to take each power gift separately and see what it is and how it operates. We'll begin with the gift of faith. The gift of faith is different from saving faith, the faith by which we received the Lord. That also is a gift of God, but it is not one of the gifts of the Spirit. Saving faith comes to you as you hear the Word. ***Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.*** The gift of faith is sometimes called special faith. It is a supernatural manifestation of the Holy Spirit whereby a believer is empowered with special faith or wonder working faith and it is beyond simple saving faith. The gift of faith is the greatest of the three power gifts. The gift of faith is a gift of the Spirit to the believer in order that he might receive miracles. The gift of the working of miracles on the other hand, is a gift of the Spirit given to the believer that he might work miracles. One gift receives, the other does something.

These power gifts are very closely associated one with another and many times work together. It is also important to note that all the gifts of the Spirit work by faith---by ordinary faith on the part of the believer through which the gift is manifested. A person must step out in faith and yield to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

The gift of faith is a special gift which is given supernaturally by the Spirit of God. Those who operate in special faith can believe God in such a way, that God honors their word as His own and miraculously brings to pass the desired results.

There is a general faith that all believers have that can be increased by feeding on the Word of God and exercising it in the arena of life. ***So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God, Romans 10:17.*** It doesn't come from having heard, but by hearing and hearing until it gets down in your spirit and it becomes a reality to you.

The Gift of Faith vs. The Working of Miracles

The gift of faith is also distinct from the working of miracles, although both gifts produce miracles. One of them is active the other is passive.

The working of miracles is active; it actively works a miracle. The gift of faith doesn't actively work a miracle, but it passively receives a miracle.

When Daniel was in the lions' den he received a miracle. Throughout history there have been those who were thrown to the lions and the lions devoured them. Why didn't the lions devour Daniel? The Bible says that "*...Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no matter of hurt was found upon him, because he believed his God*" **Daniel 6:23**

God gave Daniel special faith, a special manifestation of the gift of the Spirit, to receive deliverance. Daniel didn't do anything; he just laid down and went to sleep. His faith was passive rather than active, yet he received a miracle.

We see Jesus exercising this gift of faith as he slept in the back of the ship during a raging storm. **Mark 4:38**. Some might say, "That was Jesus. He was the son of God." However, Jesus never did anything except by the power of the Holy Ghost. Jesus voluntarily stripped Himself of what power He had as the son of God, when He came to the earth. **Phil. 2:7**. When Jesus was on the earth, He ministered as a man anointed by the Holy Ghost. If He had worked miracles by some power that was inherent in Him as the son of God, He would not have told us we could do the works that He did. But Jesus plainly said, "*Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me the works that I do shall he do also...*" **John 14:12**

If Jesus did the works as a man anointed by the Holy Ghost, then believers can do the same thing under the inspiration and the anointing of the Holy Ghost.

Throughout the Bible, we see how the gifts of faith worked primarily for people who were in danger. Through this gift of the Spirit, the gift of faith, they possessed a calmness and quiet assurance that was supernatural.

The working of miracles employs faith that actively works a miracle. But the gift of faith employs faith that passively expects a miracle as a sustained or continuous action. This means when it's necessary, it's there at the time to confirm that the person has his answer. Therefore special faith may carry over a long period of time and be sustained or continued, in its action of passively receiving a miracle.

The gift of faith is a divine gift, or enabling by the Spirit of God, that causes what is spoken or desired by man, or spoken by God, to ultimately come to pass. The human or divine miracle, utterance, certainty, cursing or benefit, creation or destruction, removal or change, will eventually come to pass when it has been spoken under the inspiration of this gift of special faith.

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1. What is the definition of special faith? _____

2. The gift of faith is a supernatural manifestation of the _____

3. Daniel was operating in what kind of faith? _____

4. A thing spoken under the _____ of the Holy Spirit will always come to pass.

5. Jesus operated in the earth as a _____ anointed by the Holy Ghost.

True or False

6. Faith actively works a miracle. _____T _____F

7. Jesus performed miracles because he had inherent power. _____T _____F

8. Jesus many times operated in special faith. _____T _____F

9. The gift of faith and the working of miracles sometimes work together. _____T _____F

10. Saving faith is the kind of faith that comes by hearing the Word. _____T _____F