

SUPERNATURAL OR SUPERSTITION?

HOLY GHOST OR HOLY OIL?

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Hebrews 10:19-22 “And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven’s Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. By His death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God’s house, let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting Him.”

Three Sources for the Supernatural

1. The Supernatural comes from God’s OMNIPOTENCE, not from Objects.

Acts 17:24-25, 29 “He is the God who made the world and everything in it. Since He is Lord of heaven and earth, He doesn’t live in man-made temples, and human hands can’t serve His needs - for He has no needs. He Himself gives life and breath to everything, and He satisfies every need. And since this is true, we shouldn’t think of God as an idol designed by craftsmen from gold or silver or stone.”

Acts 7:48-50 "However, the Most High doesn't live in temples made by human hands. As the prophet says: 'Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool. Could you build Me a temple as good as that?' asks the Lord. 'Could you build Me such a resting place? Didn't My hands make both heaven and earth?'"

Trying can get in the way of trusting. You don't need props; you need His presence. You don't need an object; you need His omnipotence.

Acts 17:27-28 "His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward Him and find Him - though He is not far from any one of us. For in Him we live and move and exist."

Jeremiah 9:23-24 "Thus says the Lord: 'Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth.'"

2. The Supernatural comes from God's SPIRIT, not from Symbols.

Galatians 4:6 "Because we are His children, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, 'Abba, Father.'"

1 Corinthians 1:21-22 "It is this God who has made you and me into faithful Christians. He has put His brand upon us - His mark of ownership - and given us His Holy Spirit in our hearts as guarantee that we belong to Him and as the first installment of all that He is going to give us."

The Temple Model: a sacred place, a sacred text, with sacred items administered by a sacred few.

Hebrews 8:5 "They serve in a system of worship that is only a copy, a shadow of the real one in heaven."

Hebrews 8:6 "But now Jesus, our High Priest, has been given a ministry that is far superior to the old priesthood, for He is the one who mediates for us a far better covenant with God, based on better promises."

The Jesus Model: a holy people filled with the Holy Ghost!

1 Corinthians 3:16 "You are God's temple and God's Spirit dwells in you."

Hebrews 8:13 "When God speaks of a 'new' covenant, it means He has made the first one obsolete. It is now out of date and will soon disappear."

Ezekiel 36:24-27 "Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. Your filth will be washed away, and you will no longer worship idols. And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. And I will put My Spirit in you so that you will follow My decrees and be careful to obey My regulations."

3. The Supernatural comes from God's PROMISE, not from Performance.

Galatians 3:2-3 "Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the Holy Spirit by obeying the law of Moses? Of course not! You received the Spirit because you believed the message you heard about Christ. How foolish can you be? After starting your new lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort?"

Galatians 3:5 "Does God give you the Holy Spirit and work miracles among you because you obey the law? Of course not! It is because you believe the message you heard about Christ."

John 7:37-38 "Jesus said, 'Anyone who believes in Me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, 'Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.' When He said 'living water,' He was speaking of the Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in Him."

Joel 2:28-32 "I will pour out My Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions. In those days I will pour out My Spirit even on servants - men and women alike. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Acts 2:38-39 "Peter replied, 'Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away - all who have been called by the Lord our God.'"

Memory Verse: Galatians 4:6 "Because we are His children, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, 'Abba, Father.'"

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