Day Thirty Seven  of the Omer Devotional

During this time of counting of the Omer we will focus on the Work and Ministry of the Ruach HaKodesh/Holy Spirit in our lives as we prepare our hearts for Shavuot celebrating the giving of the Ruach and the Torah in our lives.

The Nine Gifts of Ruach HaKodesh in the Believers Life

_Distinguishing (or discernment) Of Spirits_

1 Corinthians 12:8-21

10  **1Co 12:1**  Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware.
11  **1Co 12:2**  You know that when you were pagans, you were led astray to the mute idols, however you were led.
12  **1Co 12:3**  Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus is accursed"; and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.
13  **1Co 12:4**  Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.
14  **1Co 12:5**  And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord.
15  **1Co 12:6**  There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons.
16  **1Co 12:7**  But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
17  **1Co 12:8**  For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit;
18  **1Co 12:9**  to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,

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19 1Co 12:10 and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the **distinguishing of spirits**, to another **various** kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues.

20 1Co 12:11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

21 various kinds of [unknown] tongues, to another the ability to interpret [such] tongues.

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**Distinguishing (or discerning) Of Spirits**

Discerning of spirits is the ability to not only see into the spirit realm but also discern the motives of people as well. It reveals something in the spirit realm or allows the person to actually see angels or demonic forces as well. Hasatan can appear as an angel of light, but when the gift of discernment is in operation the Ruach HaKodesh will reveal the wolf in sheep’s clothing. This gift is needed especially when praying for people’s healing and deliverance. Also those in leadership must pray that this gift operates in them, in order to protect YHVW’s people.

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**Gifts of Revelation—Discerning Of Spirits —Derrick Prince Study Notes (1)**

A. To “discern” = to **recognize and distinguish between**

B. “Discernment” is a form of direct **perception**, whereas “knowledge” is the impartation of a **fact**.

1. Heb. 5:14—Discernment can be cultivated by the exercise of spiritual senses. It may come as a “vision,” e.g. seeing spirits in the form of animal creation: the Holy Spirit as a **dove** (John 1:32); unclean spirits as **frogs** (Rev. 16:13).

2. Sometimes it takes the form of seeing people as they are “spiritually”—crooked, unclean, with features of Satan, etc. More often it is a **spiritual interpretation** of what the normal senses show.

C. Various classes of spirits:

1. The Holy Spirit
2. Good angels
3. Fallen angels
4. Demons, or evil spirits
5. Human spirits

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D. Discernings (plural): i.e., each act of discerning is a manifestation of the gift. Operated only under God’s control.

E. Discerning of the Holy Spirit:
1. John 1:32–33—John the Baptist discerns the Holy Spirit upon Jesus as a dove.
2. Acts 2:3—The believers in the upper room discern the Holy Spirit as tongues of fire. There is a general need to discern the Holy Spirit, as He operates through gifts and ministries in the church.

F. Discerning of angels:
1. Luke 22:43—An angel appears to Jesus in the garden
2. John 20:11–13—Mary sees two angels in the sepulcher
3. Acts 27:23–24—An angel appears to Paul on the ship

G. Discerning of human spirits:
2. Acts 8:20–24—Peter discerns the wrong motives of Simon
3. Acts 14:8–10—Paul discerns a “spirit of faith” in a lame man (compare 2 Cor. 4:13)

H. Discerning of evil spirits:
1. Matt. 9:32–34—A dumb spirit
3. Mark 9:17–27—A dumb and deaf spirit (causing epileptic seizures)

Words To Ponder: Discernment, Angel, Demon

G1253- Discerning

διάκρισις

διακρίνω, to distinguish, decide, judge. A distinguishing, discerning clearly, i.e., spoken of the act or power (1Co 12:10; Heb 5:14). By implication Rom 14:1, literally meaning not for scrutinizing of thoughts, i.e., not with searching out and pronouncing judgment on their opinions (cf. Rom 14:5, Rom 14:13). This also could be rendered as doubts, scruples.

Syn.: διάγνωσις (G1233), diagnosis, judgment, thorough understanding; gnóμη (G1106), opinion.

Ant.: απάτη (G539), deceit; πλάνη (G4106), delusion, error; ἄγνοια (G51), ignorance.

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H4397 - Angel

מְלָאך: A masculine noun meaning a messenger, an angel. The term often denotes one sent on business or diplomacy by another (human) personage. Jacob sent messengers on ahead to his brother Esau in the hope of finding favor in his eyes (Gen_32:3 [4], Gen_32:6 [7]). The elders of Jabesh sent messengers throughout Israel in a desperate attempt to locate someone who could rescue their town from the dire threat of the Ammonites (1Sa_11:3-4, 1Sa_11:9; cf. 2Sa_11:19; 1Ki_19:2; 2Ki_5:10). Very often, the term referred to messengers sent from God. Sometimes these were human messengers, whether prophets (Isa_44:26; Hag_1:13; Mal_3:1); priests (Ecc_5:6 [5]; Mal_2:7); or the whole nation of Israel (Isa_42:19). More often, however, the term referred to heavenly beings who often assumed human form (Gen_19:1; Jdg_13:6, Jdg_13:15-16) and appeared to people as bearers of the Lord's commands and tidings (Jdg_6:11-12; Jdg_13:3). They were often responsible for aiding, protecting, and fighting for those who trusted in the Lord (Gen_24:7; Exo_23:20; Exo_33:2; 1Ki_19:5; Psa_34:7 [8]; Psa_91:11). They also acted as instruments of divine judgment, meting out punishment on the rebellious and the guilty (2Sa_24:16-17; Psa_35:5-6; Psa_78:49; Isa_37:36). Sometimes the angel of the Lord and his message are so closely identified with the Lord Himself that the text simply refers to the angel as "the Lord" or "God" (Gen_16:7; Gen_22:11; Gen_31:11; Exo_3:2; Jdg_13:18; cf. Gen_16:13; Gen_22:12; Gen_31:13, Gen_31:16; Exo_3:4; Jdg_6:22; Jdg_13:22).

G1140 - Demon

dαμόνιον
daīmónion, gen. daimoniou, the neut. of daimónios, from daimón (G1142), a demon. Generally, a god, deity, spoken of the heathen gods (Act_17:18); used with the Jewish meaning of a demon, an evil spirit, devil, subject to Satan (Mat_9:34), implying him to be a fallen angel. See ággelos (G32), angel.

(I) In Luk_8:29 Satan is made equal to an unclean spirit (see Luk_8:30). These spirits wandered in desolate places (Sept.: Isa_13:21; Isa_34:14 [cf. Mat_12:43]) and also dwelt in the air or atmosphere (cf. Eph_2:2). They were thought to have the power of working miracles, but not for good (Rev_16:14, see Joh_10:21).

(II) The demons were hostile to mankind (Joh_8:44). They uttered the heathen oracles (cf. Act_16:16-17) and lurked in the idols of the heathen which are thus called daimónia, devils (1Co_10:20-21; Rev_9:20 [cf. Sept.: Deu_32:17; Psa_91:6; Psa_106:37]). They are spoken of as the authors of moral evil to mankind, (1Ti_4:3; Jas_2:19 [cf. Eph_6:12]), and also as entering into a person and rendering him a demoniac and afflicting him with various diseases (Luk_8:30, Luk_8:33), implied in the verb daimonízomai (G1139), to be possessed with demons.

A number of Hebr. expressions are tied up with demons: evil spirits (Jdg_9:23; 1Sa_16:14); spirit of perverseness (Isa_10:14); demons (Deu_32:17; Psa_106:37; Isa_13:21; Isa_34:14); vain gods, (Lev_17:7).

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Food For Thought

When praying for people to be healed or delivered, do you listen to what the Ruach may be revealing to you about the person you are praying for?

We must test the spirits to make sure they are from YHWH and not and “angel of light”. Test everything with scripture and the Name of Yeshua.

Torah In The Heart:

Punishment and Restitution

302 That one who has raped a damsel and has then (in accordance with the law) married her, may not divorce her (Deut. 22:29) (negative).
303 Not to inflict punishment on Shabbat (Ex. 35:3) (because some punishments were inflicted by fire) (negative). See Shabbat.
304 To punish the wicked by the infliction of stripes (Deut. 25:2) (affirmative).
305 Not to exceed the statutory number of stripes laid on one who has incurred that punishment (Deut. 25:3) (and by implication, not to strike anyone) (CCN43).
306 Not to spare the offender, in imposing the prescribed penalties on one who has caused damage (Deut. 19:13) (negative).
307 To do unto false witnesses as they had purposed to do (to the accused) (Deut. 19:19) (affirmative).
308 Not to punish any one who has committed an offense under duress (Deut. 22:26) (negative).

What Messiah Has Done For Me

John 10:10 “The thief comes only in order that he may steal and may kill and may destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance to the full till it overflows.”

John 14:12 “I assure you, most solemnly I tell you , if anyone steadfastly believes in me he will himself be able to do the things that I do and he will do even greater things then these because I go to the Father.”

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