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THE GIFT OF DISCERNING OF SPIRITS

PART 2

The discerning of an evil spirit can come two ways, in the natural and in the supernatural gift of Holy Spirit.

The natural discerning of a demonic spirit can come to you (the “minister”) when you are knowledgeable about demon spirits and you understand the behavior signs and characteristics of specific spirits. It may come by personal observation or by questioning to gather information. Every demonic spirit has its “assignment.” You may be able to know what spirit it is through this manner. That will enable you to know how to pray for deliverance.

The supernatural discerning is when Holy Spirit “opens your spiritual eyes to see” who or what the spirit is, or “tells” you in your spirit who or what it is. Each spirit has its own personal characteristics or behavior pattern. Each spirit has a name. They may be named after an ancient character from mythology or even the bible, and some names may simply relate to their particular “job” or function.

Not all demons are equal in strength or power or authority. Some are very strong and powerful while many are quite weak, or anywhere in between. Satan’s legions of demons are ranked in power much like an army from generals down to privates and every rank in between. Most of them are of relatively low rank. The “strong man” demon is of a high rank.

When a person is possessed of a demon or under strong influence of one, you can often discern its presence through a person’s eyes as the demon “looks at you through their eyes.” I have seen that look and knew immediately “who” that demon was because I had battled it before. It was an extremely strong “general” that I could not handle alone. I had to enlist experienced help to affect a deliverance.

When Holy Spirit imparts someone with a gift of discerning of spirits, it is for the purpose of delivering people from bondage to these spirits. There are several types of bondage or demonic activity with people. We shall proceed next with looking at each of these types of demonic attacks or attachments, based on the acronym (for convenience) of P.R.O.O.D. (Possession, Recession, Obsession, Oppression, Depression)

Believers and unbelievers alike may come under attacks or have an attachment (bondage) that needs to be broken. We shall begin tomorrow to look at each one of these different five types of demonic attachments.