

Protection From Deception

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— Study Note Outline —

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Three Tape Series

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Let Us Honor God's Holy Spirit

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I. Signs And Wonders Do Not Determine Truth

- A. Two questions to ask
 - 1. Is it a manifestation of the Holy Spirit—or from some other source?
 - 2. Is the manifestation in harmony with Scripture? (2 Tim. 3:16)
- B. Jesus warns against end-time deception (Matt. 24:4, 5, 11, 24)
- C. Only God's Word determines truth (John 17:17; Ps. 119:89)
- D. Satan can produce lying signs to attest his lies (2 Thess. 2:9–12)
- E. Our only safety is to know the truth of God's Word (John 8:32)
 - 1. We must test all things (1 Thess. 5:21)
 - 2. Your heart can deceive you (Prov. 28:26; Jer. 17:9)
- F. God warns us against various forms of mixture—especially a mixture of spirits (Lev. 19:19)
 - 1. King Saul a tragic example of a mixture of spirits
 - 2. Results of mixture: *confusion* and *division*
- G. Love cannot be neutral towards evil (Prov. 8:13)
 - 1. Satan's three purposes: steal, kill, destroy (John 10:10) Compare ministries of Wesley, Whitefield, Edwards, Finney
 - a. Preach the Word of God
 - b. Call for strong repentance (Acts 3:19)
 - 2. Laying on of hands like receiving rain stored in a cistern
 - 3. Scriptural love evidenced by obedience (John 14:15, 21; 1 John 5:3)
 - 4. God's love may chasten and demand repentance (Rev. 3:19)

II. Three Marks That Identify The Holy Spirit

- A. He is God—and no one uses God
- B. He is the servant of the Father and the Son
 - 1. He focuses on Jesus, not on Himself (John 16:13–14)
 - 2. No prayers in Scripture addressed to the Holy Spirit
- C. He is *holy*—“holiness is not optional”
 - 1. Without holiness no one will see the Lord (Heb. 12:14)
 - 2. The Holy Spirit does not cause Christians to behave like animals
 - a. Examples of “animal spirits”

- b. The remedy: identify, confess, repent
- 3. Do not speak lightly or amiss of the Holy Spirit (Matt. 12:31–32)

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I. Spiritual Vs. Soulful

- A. Total human personality: spirit, soul, body (1 Thess. 5:23)
 - 1. *Spirit* inbreathed breath of God
 - 2. *Soul* clay infused with divine life
 - 3. *Body* from uniting of spirit and body – *ego/self* – decision-making individual – “I want,” “I think,” “I feel”
- B. Through sin
 - 1. *Spirit* *died* (compare Gen. 2:13; Eph. 2:1)
 - 2. *Soul* became a *rebel* (compare Eph. 2:2–3)
 - 3. *Body* became *corruptible* – subject to sickness, aging, death
- C. Through salvation
 - 1. *Spirit* *made alive* (Eph. 2:4–5)
 - 2. *Soul* through *repentance reconciled to God* (Rom. 5:1, 11)
 - 3. *Body* made eligible for *first resurrection* (Phil. 3:10–11)
- D. How **they** function
 - 1. *Spirit* direct *communion/worship* (1 Cor. 6:17; John 4:23–24)
 - 2. Soul makes decisions, activates body (Ps. 103:1)
 - 3. Body a temple of Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 6:19–21)

II. Distinguish Between Spirit and Soul

- A. Only by *God’s Word* (Heb. 4:12)
- B. Requirements for *Discernment* (Heb. 5:14)
 - 1. Solid food
 - 2. Practice

Spiritual vs. Soulful

Language	Noun	Adjective
Greek	<i>pneuma</i>	<i>pneumatikos</i>
English	spirit	spiritual
Greek	<i>psuche</i>	<i>psuchikos</i>
English	soul	soulful
1 Cor. 2:14–15; 15:44(2), 46	Jude 19	James 3:15

- C. Soulful or spiritual?—*psuchikos* occurs 6 times:
 - 1. Spiritual vs. soulful—applied to the *body* (1 Cor. 15:44 [twice], 46)
 - a. Our present body is *soulful*—our resurrection body *spiritual*
 - 2. Creatures with spiritual bodies (Ezek. 1:12, 20)
 - 3. Soulful does not receive/know things of Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 2:14–16)
 - 4. Spiritual discerns all things/has mind of Christ

5. Soul-ish—cause divisions—not having Holy Spirit (Jude 19)
6. Downward slide: earthly, soul-ish, demonic (James 3:15)
 - a. *Earthly*: compare 1 Cor. 15:19—focus on this life + Col. 3:1–4
 Contrast: Abraham—Heb. 11:9–10
 Moses—Heb. 11:27
 - b. *Soul-ish*: “What’s in this for me?” self-centered (compare 2 Tim. 3:2—lovers of themselves)
 - c. *Demonic*: enters through *soul-ish*
 Much contemporary “worship” more soul-ish than spiritual

III. Examples From Old Testament

- A. Aaron and gold calf (Ex. 32:1–10)
 1. Acknowledged only *human* leadership (Ex. 32:1)
 2. Contrast previous response (Ex. 20:18–21)
 3. Physical needs satisfied—worship became play [indulge in revelry] (Ex. 32:6)
 4. New Testament application (1 Cor. 10:5–7; compare Deut. 31:20)
- B. Nadab and Abihu (Lev. 9:23–10:2)
 1. Had enjoyed personal revelation of the Lord (Ex. 24:9–11)
 2. The same fire can consume the sacrifice or kill the priests—“profane fire” = worship in a spirit other than the Holy Spirit (Lev. 9:23–10:2)
 3. Their sin: *presumption*
 4. New Testament application—reverence and *awe* (Heb. 12:28–29, NIV)

IV. Is There A Way To Protect Ourselves?

- A. Already provided: the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross (Matt. 16:24–25)
 1. Deny self
 2. Take up your cross
- B. Not I who lives, but Christ (Gal. 2:20)
 1. Paul, a pattern (1 Tim. 1:16)
 2. Imitate me (Paul) (1 Cor. 1:11)

V. Examples From 20th Century

- A. Latter Rain
- B. Manifested Sons
- C. Children of God (Linda Meisner)
- D. William Branham
- E. Discipleship
- F. Two common elements
 1. *Pride*—Prov. 16:18
 2. Mixture of spirits

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Proclamation: Psalm 19:12–14

I. Humble Ourselves (1 Pet. 5:5–6)

- A. We must do it for ourselves

B. God enrolls His students by character: humility (Ps. 25:8–9)

II. Receive The Love Of The Truth (2 Thess. 2:9–12)

A. The alternative: strong delusion

1. Do not despise the chastening of the Lord (Heb. 12:5–7)
2. God resists the *proud*—but gives *grace* to the humble (1 Pet. 5:5)

III. Cultivate The Fear Of The Lord

A. Scriptural promises

1. When we let God teach us, He gives “many days” (Ps. 34:11–14)
2. It is clean, enduring forever (Ps. 19:9)
3. Gives wisdom, understanding—primarily an issue of *character* (Job 28:28)
4. To hate evil—primarily *pride*—no neutrality (Prov. 8:13)
5. Add years of life (Prov. 9:10–11)
6. Strong confidence—fountain of life—escape snares of death (Prov. 14:26–27)
7. Leads to life—abide in satisfaction (Prov. 19:23)
8. Riches—honor—life (Prov. 22:4)
9. In life of Jesus—combined with knowledge (Is. 11:2; compare Rev. 4:5)

B. Counterbalance to joy

1. Fear—rejoice with trembling (Ps. 2:11)
2. Fear of Lord—comfort of Holy Spirit (Acts 9:31)

C. Because of the price paid for us

Pass your time here in fear (1 Pet. 1:17–19)

IV. Make And Keep The Cross Central

A. Pattern of Paul—transition from Athens to Corinth (1 Cor. 2:1–5)

B. Exalting Jesus attracts the Holy Spirit (John 16:14).

[No prayer in Scripture addressed to the Holy Spirit]

C. Focus on the *cross* excludes *pride* and *worldliness* (Gal. 6:14)