Protection From Deception
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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)

**Earthly, Soulish, Demonic**

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I. **Spiritual Vs. Soulish**

A. Total human personality: spirit, soul, body (1 Thess. 5:23)
1. *Spirit* inbreathed breath of God
2. *Soul* clay infused with divine life

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. Soulish**

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1 Cor. 2:14–15; Jude 19; James 3:15

15:44(2), 46

C. Soulish or spiritual?—*psuchikos* occurs 6 times:
1. Spiritual vs. soulish—applied to the *body* (1 Cor. 15:44 [twice], 46)
   a. Our present body is *soulish*—our resurrection body *spiritual*
2. Creatures with spiritual bodies (Ezek. 1:12, 20)
3. Soulish does not receive/know things of Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 2:14–16)
4. Spiritual discerns all things/has mind of Christ
5. Soulish—cause divisions—not having Holy Spirit (Jude 19)
6. Downward slide: earthly, soulish, 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. *Soulish*: “What’s in this for me?” self-centered (compare 2 Tim. 3:2—lovers of themselves)
   c. *Demonic*: enters through *soulish*
      Much contemporary “worship” more soulish 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*

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

Four Safeguards

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)
      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)
   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)

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