

THE MANIFESTATION OF THE SPIRIT

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Could you imagine the strife that would have erupted if Aaron declared the spirit of God had come to the temple, and the sacrifices had not been consumed by fire and the visible and tangible presence of the Lord had not occurred? Sadly, this is exactly what many of our modern churches are teaching as truth today. They claim the power of God has saved them while the visible presence of God, has been replaced with an invisible, blind faith mantra of self-declaration (I believe... therefore I am). We are told that if we expect the spirit of God to offer a sign, that somehow this is no longer faith, but works... how ridiculous. It is God that does the miracles, not us... God is the one that performs the works, because he has promised to do them. Don't be misled, God has not changed his mind, nor is he the author of any human or scriptural confusion (1Cor 14:33). The bible is still the best source for direction and truth... let's compare the evidence.

This is how God confirmed and maintained the old covenant (that was replaced by a new and better way).

LEV 9:22 And Aaron lifted up his hand toward the people, and blessed them, and came down from offering of the sin offering, and the burnt offering, and peace offerings. **23** And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of the congregation, and came out, and blessed the people: and the glory of the LORD **appeared** unto all the people. **24** And there came a **fire out from before the LORD**, and consumed upon the altar the burnt offering and the fat: *which* when all the people saw, they shouted, and fell on their faces. **10:1** And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered **strange** (*alternative, another*) **fire** before the LORD, which he commanded them not. **2** And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD. *What did they do wrong? They dared to serve/promote God in a manner which he had not authorised, and for which they had no word from God. They failed to discern between what was holy and what was common. They corrupted the fire (the working of the spirit) a prerogative belonging to God alone... God had no mercy upon them; unlike many of the other sins he was able to deal with.*

*Let's summarise what is being observed here... The priests were real priests, they were properly ordained for their service, their knowledge of scriptural truth was as good as any, their garments were in order... everything about them was right... but they failed to discern how the fire of God (holy spirit), was to be correctly appreciated and applied. This is not principally different than what Jesus said... **MAT 12:31** ...**All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.** Like Nadab, it is often God's priests who are the ones acting against the Holy Spirit.*

People are claiming salvation and Spiritual purpose without God given evidence, nor scriptural support.

1COR 12:7 But the **manifestation** of the Spirit is **given** to every man to profit withal (*an outward demonstration, not an inward feeling*). All bible Christians knew the Holy Spirit was present because the fire of God came down and visibly proved God was with them. Both the old and n/t ratified by fire and power. God did it his way. No talk of making a decision for Christ, or saying the sinners prayer, etc... just an outright visible miracle... which Jesus had prophesied and the apostles confirmed... speaking in tongues is that sign.

How did the disciples recognise the genuine manifestation of the spirit? Jesus supplied the answer on several occasions... **JOH 3:8** The **wind** bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the **sound** (*voice*) thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: **so is every one** that is born of the Spirit. *The manifestation that all receive is audible, a sound that all hear. Jesus said all would speak in tongues, Mark 16*

This was further evidenced on the day of Pentecost... Luke wrote a faithful observation of the events.

ACT 2:2 And suddenly there came a **sound from heaven** as of a rushing mighty **wind** (*sound and wind are witnessed as quoted in John*), and it filled all the house where they were sitting. **3** And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of **fire**, and it sat upon each of them. *They all spoke in tongues as prophesied. To tell people they are saved without the power of the Spirit being evidenced is like what Nadab did in Leviticus.*

We have all been called with a particular job in mind. No one was ever called randomly for no purpose.

2TIM 1:9 Who hath saved us, and **called us** with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own **purpose** and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, *We are called to serve God his way... we are all made priests and kings (Rev 5:10). The visible and audible anointing of the holy spirit is transferrable... through the correct preaching of the Gospel. Anything less is blasphemous and fatal!*