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PART 18:
AN INTRODUCTION TO THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 1 - 11

Introduction

- Our God is a '*giving God*' displayed in His '*Common Grace*' and specifically in '*His Special Grace*'.
- To the '*saved*' He gives '*the baptism with the Holy Spirit*' and then gives the '*nine gifts of the Spirit*'.

1 The Corridor Of The Holy Spirit

- A door is opened to the person baptised in the Holy Spirit admitting them to a corridor.
- Nine doors containing one of the nine gifts behind each door.
- The Holy Spirit opens these doors, at His discretion, to the '*seeker*' of the gifts.
- There are waters to swim in.
- Don't just loiter at the first door.

2 Terms Used For Spiritual Gifts

- Spiritual: (Gk. '*pneumatikon*'). Heavenly gifts. Not natural gifts.
- Gifts: (Gk. '*charismata*')
- [Vs 7]. Manifestation: Demonstrations of the proof of God's power.
- Signs: (Gk. '*semeion*') [Mark 16:17 - 18]. A foretaste of the Kingdom of heaven.

3 The Source Of The Gifts

- [1 Corinthians 12: 4 & 11].
- Given by the Holy Spirit and operated through God's people by the Holy Spirit.

4 The Names Of The Gifts [Vs 8 - 10]

- There are 3 Gifts of Revelation.
- There are 3 Gifts of Inspiration.
- There are 3 Gifts of Demonstration.
- NB. There are many examples of the gifts in the book of Acts.

5 The Gifts And The Fruit Of The Spirit

- The 9 fold fruit of the Spirit [Galatians 5:22 - 23] are the result of the work of the Spirit '*within*'
- The 9 gifts of the Spirit are the gifts available for those baptised with the Holy Spirit.

6 A Picture Of The Garments Of The High Priest In The OT

- The bells on his robe speak of the gifts and the pomegranates speak of the fruit of the Spirit.
- When Israel heard the sound of the bells/pomegranates they knew the high priest was alive.

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