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PART 31:
PENTECOSTAL PANDEMONIUM (PART 2)

Reading: 1 John 4:1

Introduction

- The world is awash with counterfeits and counterfeiters.
- Satan is the master counterfeiter.
- He also offers a counterfeit Pentecost.
- This has brought '*Pentecostal pandemonium*' and '*Charismatic chaos*.'
- Like king Rehoboam, he has substituted the gold for brass.
- Experiences of the new Pentecost are not the experiences that defined New Testament Pentecostalism.

1 A Discerning Ministry

- How do we '*discern*' between the bronze and the gold?
- Test so-called experiences by the measuring rod of the word of God. [1 Thessalonians 5:21], [1 John 4:1] & [Isaiah 8:20].

2 Toronto And The Holy Laughter

- The '*Toronto Blessing*' emerged in the 1990's in Canada.
- Defined by people falling to the ground and rolling around laughing.
- Advocates of Toronto will offer [Psalm 2:4] and [Genesis 18:12 - 13] to support the experience.
- But the first is God laughing in derision at His enemies and the second is Sarah's laugh of unbelief.
- People making animal sounds was another mark of Toronto.
- Only example of someone behaving like an animal is Nebuchadnezzar in [Daniel 4:33].
- But this was God's judgement on him for his sin.
- None of these so called experiences occurred in the New Testament.

3 Lakeland Revival Florida

- In 2008 people began saying revival had come to Lakeland.
- People being '*zapped*' and falling to the ground and told they were healed.
- When these people were followed up the healings could not be confirmed.
- Evangelist said God told him to cover his body with tattoos. [Leviticus 19:28].
- He subsequently divorced his wife and is with someone else.
- Only account of people falling backwards to the ground is in [John 18:6]
- They were the enemies of Christ not his followers.
- [1 Corinthians 14:40] The rule of the Spirit, "*Let all things be done decently and in order.*"
- Insist only on what we read about in the New Testament church.

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