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**“SLAIN IN THE SPIRIT”, I was deceived ARE YOU?**

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Slain in the spirit, falling out in the spirit, falling out, under the anointing, and slain what do these terms have in common? They mean the same thing, although what is most accepted among the charismatic is **“slain in the spirit.”** This is a powerful experience that occurs quite frequently among charismatic groups. Those who practice witchcraft recognize where this power comes from. Unfortunately the charismatic’s do not. How could this be possible?

In the Bible the word slain refers to murder and death. *Acts 7:5: which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One. Acts 13:28: And though they found no cause of death in him, yet desired they Pilate that he should be slain. Hebrews 11:37: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword.* When the scriptures refer to fall backwardsthey describe evil, shame and often death*. Jeremiah 7:24: but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart and went backward and not forward. Psalms 40:14: let them be driven backward and put to shame. Psalms 70:2: Let them be turned backward, and put to confusion.* There are two scriptures in the Bible that refer to a Christian falling down.  *In Acts 5:5: And Ananias hearing these words, fell down and gave up the ghost. Acts 9:4: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?* In the first scripture Acts 5: 5 talks about the death of Ananias. The second Acts, 9:4,Paul falls because he heard the voice of the Lord*.*

Jesus laid hands on the sick and they were healed. If they needed deliverance Jesus cast the demons out*. Mark 16:17,18: And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak in new tongues. They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.* There is no mention of “slain in the spirit.” The Lord can make it simple, so easy that a child could follow the scriptures. I am so thankful for his mercy and grace.

Back to how this could be possible in the church. The Lord wants each and every one of us to know the truth about this evil practice and that’s what it is, a witchcraft practice. This practice goes unchecked in the charismatic church. With evil there is always a lot of confusion and misunderstanding. It seems harmless when someone lays hands on you and you are “slain in the spirit.” If this is the case, you are deceived. *1 Timothy 5: 22: Lay hands suddenly on no* *man, neither be partaker of other men’s sins: keep thyself pure.*

If you are convicted of this offence 1 John 1:9 will cleanse you. The next thing you can do is ask the Lord to break any and all curses over you and your family line in the name of Jesus. Call out any and all spirits that might have transferred from someone that laid hands on you. This is a good example of why it is so important to know the Word and to believe and to follow the Bible. I hope that my experience of being “slain in the spirit” will help to remove doubt, confusion, and torment. Without question it comes from the pit. Father, in the name of Jesus, I bind these and any other spirits that will prevent any person from hearing this information Loose understanding, wisdom and discernment in the name of Jesus.

Unfortunately when I experienced “slain in the spirit,” I believed it was from the Lord. When the Lord revealed it was not from him, I knew that I had heard the truth. I needed major deliverance from many, many spirits. I hardly knew were to begin, but the Lord did. I asked him to remove all that I had learned in the last eighteen months since my salvation that was not of him and he did. I began my walk with the Lord, down the narrow road of deliverance. It was very hard to understand how deceived I was but it was true. First I repented. That took a while. Then I called all my friends that I had exposed to this charismatic witchcraft and asked them to forgive me. Using information from a series of books written by Pastor Win Worley that explained how and why demons enter our soul (mind, will, and emotions) and how to get them out, I began to understand how foolish I had become and how far I was from the truth.

The first time I experienced “slain in the spirit” was at a Sunday evening service. The pastor had the usual line of people at the front of the church to pray for. When they were finished the people went back to their seats. The pastor was about to preach his message when he stopped and pointed to me and said: “The Lord loves you. Come up here.” I approached the pastor really scared at that point. He raised his hands to “lay hands on me” but he **never** touched me. Apparently I fell down in front of him. When I came to, I was lying on my back on the floor with another minister over me. I stood up and went back to my seat. I really did not know what had happened. Later I learned this was called “slain in the spirit.” This was supposed to be a touch from God. **If something so powerful could make a person fall** **instantly without any touching or pushing, then it should have a profound change,** a Godly change. This is not true. This may sound naive, but I was a new Christian, I read the story about Mary Magdalene. I expected that kind of change, but it did not happen. It would be months before the miracle of deliverance would manifest, and set me free from these evil spirits.

Let me share my experiences over the next eighteen months with this witchcraft practice called “slain in the spirit” that would occur nearly every time I was at church, a conference or at home praying. This spectacle would happen over and over. One comment my friend would make was that “if we drove by a church I would fall out.” It was sad but of course he was joking. It was not far from the truth.

At church when this would happen, members of the church would tell me that there was a “magnetic force” over my body. Often when they would come over and lay hands on me they would “go under the power.” At other times I would fall from a standing position without a catcher on to concrete or wood floors. It felt like I had fallen on to a mattress. I did not get hurt. I believe the mercy of the Lord was protecting me in spite of myself. Let me share some more things that would happen while I was on the floor. There were laughing spells with moaning and groaning. My body would tremble, stiffen, and become rigid. I would thrash around on the floor. My body would get hot. Sometimes my hands would get cold, tingle, stiffen and shake. At times I would be out and people would try to get my attention but I could not answer. Eventually I would come to.

*Mark 7:23: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.* What manifested in me were evil spirits, they came from within and would draw me to this witchcraft practice. *Mark 9:20: And they brought him unto him, and when he saw him: straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. Mark 9:26: And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead. Proverbs 29:9: If a wise man contendeth with a foolish man, whether he rage or laugh, there is no rest.* Many, many times I was “slain in the spirit.” There is no rest in this foolishness.

Many times while praying at home I would go into a trance. There is no doubt that this is the same as “slain in the spirit.” There was a force that held me to the floor. Something would force me backward onto the bed and pin my arms down, at the time I believed this was the Holy Spirit. I soon found out there was nothing holy about the spirit that manifested. It was evil and intended to steal, kill, and destroy!

I attended healing crusades where I observed many strange manifestations. I want to share only a few of the most unusual events even though there were plenty. Many are similar to the ones described above. Sitting not far from the stage, watching a “faith healer” he called one of his workers over to him. The “faith healer” blew on the worker. He fell back and few seconds later I fell back. Apparently I was sitting in a direct line from where the worker was standing and it hit me too. Even though many people were around me no one else fell back. It all comes from the same place, the pit.

I was sitting close to the platform at another crusade when people begin to form lines to go on to the platform to give their testimonies. I noticed when they would come to a certain spot, close to where I was sitting; they would fall back and lose their balance. Many would look around in amazement then move forward. The next person would fall back and move forward. After a while, others noticed what was happening and the people would push and shove to get to this spot. Let me repeat “to get to this spot.” We are to go to Jesus. Amen!

The night before another crusade, a friend and I were invited to a dinner. At this dinner the “faith healer” told my friend that if she would come to the service he would pray for her. She has cerebral palsy and needed a miracle. We attended the crusade. Near the end of the evening we made our way to the platform. When we reached the platform the atmosphere changed. It is hard to describe. Many things were manifesting. The music was playing softly in the background. People were in a trance like state. It was difficult to stand. There was confusion, fear, mind control and **my will was arrested**! Everything was in slow motion. We were under such incredible witchcraft power. We stood there for a while; I do not know how much time had passed. Other people were coming to the platform to give their testimonies. Some would fall out. Things were said that I can’t recall for the reason that there was so much confusion. The crusade was over and there we stood. A moment later a worker came to us and said the “faith healer” would pray for my friend backstage. We went backstage and waited about an hour. The “faith healer” laid hands on my friend. She was not healed and we went home disappointed.

At the last crusade I attended, they had the Lord’s Supper. A friend, who was with me at the crusade, mentioned the next day that something unusual had happened to the grape juice. She said it had a salty taste. Then she said **it tasted like blood.** I was a new Christian but I knew this was wrong. The Catholic Church refers to this as transubstantiation. In 1215 Pope Innocent III decreed the Dogma of transubstantiation. The priest pretends to perform a daily miracle by changing a wafer into the body of Christ. He then pretends to eat Him during mass. The gospel condemns such absurdities. The Lord’s Supper is a simple memorial to remember the sacrifice of Christ. (Luke 22:19,20, John 6:35, I Corinthians 11:26). See Roman Catholicism Booklet #20, written by Pastor Win Worley. I realize that this does not directly relate to “slain in the spirit,” but I felt it was important to share my friend’s experience.

Back at the church, towards the end of this eighteen-month period, the pastor asked if I would be interested in helping with the prayer line. I told him I would pray about it. I did and I did not feel comfortable, after all I was a new Christian, but if the Lord urged me to help with prayer I would do so. The pastor agreed. About this time I began to read books and information about deliverance. I had a lot of questions and asked many Christians including the pastor for answers but they could not satisfy my curiosity.

During a church service a friend of mine went up for prayer. She had a lot of demonic problems. She had come out of Satanism. Many terrible things had happened to her. She needed a lot of prayer. I felt the urging of the Lord to go up and pray for her. She raised her hands and I began to pray for her. Suddenly to my surprise she fell back onto the floor. I knelt down to continue to pray and she started manifesting. I began to call out demons and she began to cough. When we finished, she said she felt different and she looked different. She was surprised, but most of all thankful to the Lord. I must tell you that I received a lot of strange looks from church members.

The next church I attended believed in and taught deliverance. I began to learn about demons and how they operate. I was hungry for the truth and became like a sponge. I learned many new things that were helpful to route out demons. I began to apply the teachings and was able to get some deliverance. I was grateful, but I hungered for more. The Lord knew my desire **and help was just around the corner**. The scripture He gave me was *Psalm 17:15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.*

At this point, I was still involved in “slain in the spirit.” When I would pray for women at church they would fall out on to the floor. I was veiled in the deception that this witchcraft practice was from the Lord. I hope you can see the depth of this evil. Satan had me snared! I cannot recollect ever hearing a good testimony from any of the women that I prayed for. **What** **a shame!** Witchcraft praying produces evil fruit including pride, arrogance, manipulation, fear, passivity, laziness and rejection. As stated earlier, one friend did receive deliverance, **Praise God**. I continued in this practice until I made the decision to leave the charismatic church.

Leaving this church was difficult even though we knew it was of the Lord. As I said, help was just around thecorner. A month later a friend introduced me to Pastor Win Worley’s books. My first impression was that I found what I had been looking for. Upon attending my first deliverance workshop at Hegewisch Baptist Church I knew I had found home! Since then I have not missed many workshops.

The first deliverance workshop was a very exciting experience. I listened to the messages, and they were straight out of the Bible. What a thrill to learn how to defeat the devil with warfare prayers, and to take authority over the enemy. Many of my questions were answered. The pastor taught basic principles of deliverance including, breaking generational curses according to the Second Commandment: *I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the* *children unto the third and forth generation of them that hate me*. *Nehemiah 4:4: Hear, O our* *God; for we are despised: and turn their reproach upon their own head. Psalm 7:16: His* *mischief shall return upon his own head and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate. Psalm 109:17: As he loved cursing, so let it come unto him: as he delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from him.* Using binding & loosing: *Matthew 16:19: And I will give unto to thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Matthew 12:29: Or else, how can one enter into a strong man’s house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.* Then, asking the Father to send out the angels to gather up the fragments of the soul. *Psalms 7:2: Lest he tear my soul like a lion, rending it in pieces, while there is none to deliver. Psalm 23:3: He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.* By the way, Pastor Win Worley booklets # 5 Curses and Soul Ties/Binding & Loosing Spirits; # 26 Fragmented Soul; # 21 Warfare Scriptures; # 24 Sins of the Fathers, can get you started.

Witchcraft spirits were in me and I wanted them out. “Slain in the spirit” was the work of evil spirits, a **false anointing**. I was determined to get to the root of the problem. What the Lord showed me was that I needed to go back to when these spirits first began to manifest. I had read a book called, Good Morning Holy Spirit that had opened me up to all kinds of demonic problems. The blinders were removed and I saw the depth of deception.

This is the most important information the Lord gave me. **If you are willing to go back and find the point of entry, that is half the battle**. I can remember the very day this happened. A friend and I were praying deliverance for a sister. She was loaded with witchcraft spirits. I began to notice the way the spirits were manifesting, they were similar to when I was “slain in the spirit.” How could this be possible? **The manifestations were the same**. I was shaken by what the Lord showed me. I cannot express the sadness that gripped my heart. All I had learned and participated in was evil charismatic witchcraft. When I read this “**Christian book**,” it opened the door to these evil spirits. This book was loaded with teachings on the occult. Incidentally the sister we prayed for had a strong soul tie with the author of this book and as far as I know she still follows him.

I remember when Mrs. Worley would come to Houston to visit her mother, many times we would meet for lunch. Most of our conversations were about deliverance. She would question me about the length of time I spent in the charismatic church. I told her less than two years, her response was, that I must have been involved in occult or witchcraft practices before you were saved. I said no, not at any time. She was surprised by my answer. I told her I believe that generational sins and curses were cause of these problems. She agreed, although she was quite amazed and so was I.

I began asking my parents questions about my family’s history. They disclosed that my grandparents had taken part in occult practices. My grandmother, on my fathers side, held séances (which is necromancy), read tea leaves, as well as table tipping, water witching, and most shocking, she was a member of the nazi party. These are a few of the generational curses that I have broken over my family line in the name of Jesus. I was on my way to freedom from these evil spirits. Another point I would like to make; I did not have an understanding of the harmful nature of the information I had received from this book and I believed it to be a godly book. There are consequences, even if we are innocent. I had cursed myself, according to the Second Commandment, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the **third and forth generation**. I thank the Lord for his mercy.

Many demonic spirits are deeply rooted and sometimes we need to look back at our ancestors to find out how the sin entered. Only then will the legal rights be broken after we renounce and break the curses. The enemy operates in legalism. The Lord gave me this understanding: To obtain freedom, we must break each link in the chain of bondage, such as unforgiveness, curses, and witchcraft, so that we can expose the nest of demons hidden behind each link in the chain. Some refer to this as a peeling of an onion, one layer at a time.

One of the questions I had when the Lord began to expose this deception “slain in the spirit,” to me was, if any of this was of the Lord? I was confused. *Matthew 12:25; And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand.*

My reading has discovered similar incidents of “slain in the spirit” as far back as the 1700’s. Franz Anton Mesmer (1734-1815) introduced the beginning of a phenomenon with comparable manifestations. He developed a pantheistic theory of “Animal Magnetism” which resulted in famous faith healing sessions at his clinic in Paris.

In the book, **The Magic Arts**, R. Cavendish states; Mesmer marched about majestically passing his hands over the patient bodies or touching them with a long iron wand. The results varied. Some patients felt nothing at all, some felt as if insects were crawling all over them, others were seized with hysterical laughter, convulsions or fits of hiccups. Some went into raving delirium.

In another book entitled **Three Famous Occultists,** by G. Whitehead: Some are calm, tranquil and experience no effect. Others cough, spit, feel slight pains, local or general heat, and have sweatings. Others again, are agitated and tormented with convulsions.

The definition of mesmerism in the Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary is “After F. A. Mesmer (1734-1815), Viennese physician Hypnotism.” This is the root of the word mesmerize.

**War of the Saints** by Jesse Penn-Lewis: States the following; Evil spirits can manipulate the body through the nervous system, we find clearly defined in the scriptures; but we can never find a single instance of the Holy Spirit working in the same way. Not once in the Acts of the Apostles do we find twitching, writhing, convulsions, or other effects of supernatural power on the human frame, recorded as a result of being filled with the Holy Spirit.

**Occult ABC** by Kurt E. Koch**:** States in his book;The prophet Jeremiah would weep again today in the words of long ago: “*Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!”* *(Jeremiah 9:1).* The slain of the Lord, as the charismatic’s call them, are indeed slain, but not by the Holy Spirit. They have been slain by the spirit from the abyss.

“Slain in the spirit” is **ALL EVIL.** None of this evil witchcraft practice is of the **LORD JESUS CHRIST!**

The Bible says in *Matthew 26:41 the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. I Corinthians 15:45 the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.* **How likely is it that our spirits can be slain?**

*Ecclesiastes 1:9-10 The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. Is there anything whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us.*