

PROPER WORSHIP

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◆ PENTECOSTALISM IS THE ANCIENT HERESY OF MONTANISM REVIVED

1. As recorded by the Nicene and Post Nicene Fathers, *second series, volume one*, During the 2nd Century in a certain village in Asia called which borders upon Phrygia, there was a recent convert to the church named **Montanus**.
2. The adversary took advantage of Montanus unquenchable desire for leadership
3. Sent him suddenly in a sort of frenzy and ecstasy, he raved, and began to babble and utter strange things.
4. Some of those who heard his spurious utterances at that time were indignant. They rebuked him as one that was possessed, and that was under the control of a demon, and was led by a deceitful spirit.
5. The Church said practice was distracting the multitude; and they forbade him to talk. The church also cited the distinction drawn by the Lord and his warning to guard watchfully against the coming of false prophets?
6. But he had a following of others that imagined they were possessed of the Holy Spirit and of a prophetic gift. And with this following he could no longer be controlled or silenced by the church that rejected his actions as a proper form of worship.
7. The report that that Montanus died after being incited by the spirit of frenzy during which time he hanged himself.
8. In the following century John Wesley, (father of Methodism) the Pentecostals inherited the idea of a subsequent crisis experience variously called "**entire sanctification**", "**perfect love**," "**Christian perfection**," or "**heart purity**."
9. It was John Wesley who posited such a possibility in his influential tract, *A Plain Account of Christian Perfection* (1766). It was from Wesley that the Holiness Movement developed the theology of a "**second blessing**." It was Wesley's colleague, John Fletcher, however, who first called this second blessing a "**baptism in the Holy Spirit**," an experience which brought spiritual power to the recipient as well as inner cleansing.
10. Another predecessor to Pentecostalism was the "**Higher Life Movement**" which flourished in England after 1875. Led at first by American holiness teachers such as Hannah Whitall Smith and William E. Boardman, whose teachings soon changed the goal and content of the "**second blessing**" from what John Wesley had orchestrated, and now put emphasis on "**heart purity**" climaxing in an "**endowment of spiritual power for service**."
11. By the time of the Pentecostal outbreak in America in 1901, there had been at least a century of movements emphasizing a "**second blessing**." In America, was also added to the movement an emphasis on the **premillennial rapture of the church**.

HISTORY OF THE CHARISMATIC AND PENTECOSTAL WAY OF WORSHIP

◆ THE EARLY ROOTS: 1830'S - EDWARD IRVING

1. On March 28th 1830, a Miss Mary Campbell began to speak in other tongues and claimed she was divinely healed. The following year on October 30th 1831 her sister, Mrs. Cardale also began to speak in tongues and to prophesy.
2. Edward Irving, Irving led the first attempt at "charismatic renewal" in his Regents Square Presbyterian Church in 1831. While his movement failed in England, Irving did succeed in pointing to speaking in tongues as the "standing sign" of the baptism in the Holy Spirit, a major facet in the future theology of the Pentecostals.

3. Edward Irving formed his own church called the Catholic Apostolic Church and he soon ordained its first twelve apostles on November 7th, 1832. He died shortly thereafter, but the movement he started, which became known as “*Irvingites*.”
4. Edward Irving is to be considered among the first true *Neo-Montanists*. (*Neo* mean New or recent) Pentecostalism in the United States generally traces its roots back to the teachings and experiences of Edward Irving.

◆ **PENTECOSTALISM INTRODUCED INTO AMERICA**

1. William Seymour had been taught about receiving the baptism with the Holy Ghost, (i.e. the gift of speaking in other tongues) by Charles Fox Parham, a holiness teacher and former Methodist pastor, in Topeka, Kansas, America.
2. In 1901 Parham had a small Bible school in which he taught the need for a restoration of New Testament Christianity based on the model shown in the book of Acts, so Parham’s emphasis was placed on ***glossolalia***, or speaking in tongues
3. One of Parham’s Bible School students named Agnes Ozman was the first person to be baptized in the Holy Spirit accompanied by speaking in tongues. All historians are in agreement that that event occurred on the very first day of the new century, January 1, 1901.
5. According to J. Roswell Flower, the founding Secretary of the Assemblies of God, Ozman’s experience was the “*touch felt round the world*,” an event which “made the Pentecostal Movement of the Twentieth Century.”
6. Parham formulated the doctrine that tongues were the “*Bible evidence*” of the baptism in the Holy Spirit.
7. He also taught that ***glossolalia*** or “*tongues*” were a supernatural impartation of human languages for the purpose of world evangelization.
 - a. Henceforth, he taught, missionaries need not study foreign languages since they would be able to preach in miraculous tongues all over the world.
 - b. Parham founded a church movement called *the “Apostolic Faith”* and began a whirlwind revival tour of the American mid-west to promote his new theology.

◆ **AZUSA STREET MISSION**

1. A man named William Seymour also received the baptism at some point while at Bible school under Parham.
2. Seymour went to Los Angeles and began to preach about the Holy Spirit baptism in a barn/warehouse occupied by an African Methodist Episcopal Church building at 312 Azusa Street in downtown Los Angeles.
 - a. What happened at Azusa Street has fascinated church historians for decades and has yet to be fully understood and explained. For more than three years, the Azusa Street “*Apostolic Faith Mission*” conducted three services a day, seven days a week, where thousands of seekers received the tongues baptism, (***glossolalia***).
 - b. The Azusa Street movement seems to have been a merger of white American holiness religion with worship styles derived from the African-American Christian tradition, which had developed since the days of slavery in the South.
 - 1) The expressive way of worship at Azusa Street mission, which included shouting and dancing, had been common among Southern blacks stemming from their African culture and tribal practices before coming to America as slaves.
 - 2) The admixture of tongues and other charisms with black music and worship styles created a new and indigenous form of Pentecostalism that was to prove extremely attractive

3. April 4, 1906 a revival began and 1,000's of people came Azusa to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit.
 - a. This revival lasted from 1906 to 1913 (*Burgess, Stanley, Dictionary of Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements, Zondervan Publishers, 1988, pg. 31*)
 - b. During these nine years 1,000's of Pentecostal missionaries went forth establishing ministries around the world.
 - c. Most Pentecostal and Charismatic Christians, see the Azusa Mission as a genuine move of the God in restoring the Church to true power and authority.
 - d. However, it is also true the Azusa street meetings were also filled with spiritualist mediums, hypnotists, and others who had a deep interest in the occult.
 - e. In 1907, Parham was arrested and charged with sodomy in Texas and lost all credibility with the neo-Pentecostal movement he started.
4. By the end of 1913 differences amongst themselves caused concerning leadership and doctrines caused a split into separate factions, creating several independent Pentecostal organizations.
5. Let me give you some comments that eyewitness said about the Azusa Street Mission: (*From Holy Laughter to Holy Fire, by Michael L. Brown, pages 197&198*).
 - a. Michael L. Brown described the Azusa Street activities as “emphatically not of God, and founded by a Sodomite.”
 - b. W.B. Godbey claimed of the Azusa Street participants that the movement was the result of spiritualism. “Satan’s preachers, jugglers, necromancers, enchanters, magicians, and all sorts or mendicants,” ***(spiritualism defined as - The belief that the dead communicate with the living, as through a medium.)***
 - c. Clarence Larkin said, “But the conduct of those possessed, in which they fall to the ground and writhe in contortions, causing disarrangement’s of the clothing and disgraceful scenes, is more a characteristic of demon possession, than a work of the Holy Spirit. From what has been said we see that we are living in “Perilous Times,” and that all about us are “Seducing Spirits,” and that they will become more active as the Dispensation draws to its close, and that we must exert the greatest care lest we be led astray.”
 - d. These excerpts were from well-trained theologians who were alive and active when the “Azusa Revival” began and had firsthand knowledge.

◆ **WORLDWIDE SPREAD OF PENTICOSTALISM BEGAN IN EARLY 1900’S**

1. In addition to the ministers who received their Pentecostal experience at Azusa Street, there were thousands of others who were indirectly influenced by the revival in Los Angeles.
2. Among these was Thomas Ball Barratt of Norway, a Methodist pastor later to be known as the Pentecostal apostle to northern and Western Europe. Receiving baptism in the Spirit in New York City in 1906, he returned to Oslo where he conducted the first Pentecostal services in Europe in December of 1906.
3. From Norway, Barratt traveled to Sweden, England, France, and Germany, where he sparked other national Pentecostal movements.
4. From Chicago, through the influence of William Durham, the movement spread quickly to Italy and South America.
5. Two Swedish Baptist immigrants, Daniel Berg and Gunnar Vingren, received the Pentecostal experience and felt to go to Brazil. Their missionary trip in 1910 resulted in the formation of the Brazilian Assemblies of God, which developed into the largest national Pentecostal movement in the world, claiming some 15,000,000 members by 1993.

6. Willis C. Hoover, the Methodist missionary to Chile who in 1909 led a Pentecostal revival in the Chilean Methodist Episcopal Church. After being excommunicated from the Methodist Episcopal Church, Hoover and 37 of his followers organized the "Pentecostal Methodist Church" which by 1993 grew to number some 1,500,000 adherents in Chile.
 7. African Pentecostalism owed its origins to the work of John Graham Lake (1870-1935),
 - a. Lake began his ministry as a Methodist preacher but who later prospered in the business world as an insurance executive.
 - b. In 1898 his wife claimed to be miraculously healed of tuberculosis under the ministry of divine healer Alexander Dowie, founder of a religious community called "**Zion City**" near Chicago, Illinois.
 - c. Joining with Dowie, Lake became an elder in the "**Zion Catholic Apostolic Church.**" At one point, Lake testified to an instant experience of entire sanctification in the home of Fred Bosworth, an early leader in the Assemblies of God.
 - d. In 1907, he received the Pentecostal experience and spoke in tongues under the ministry of Charles Parham, who visited Zion while the aging Dowie was losing control of his ministry.
 - e. Out of Zion also came a host of almost 500 preachers who entered the ranks of the Pentecostal movement, chief of whom was John G. Lake.
 - f. After his Pentecostal experience, Lake abandoned the insurance business in order to answer a long-standing call to minister in South Africa.
 - g. In April 1908, he led a large missionary party to Johannesburg, where he began to spread the Pentecostal message throughout the nation. Coming with him was his wife and seven children as well as Holiness evangelists Thomas Hezmalhalch and J.C. Lehman.
 - h. Only Lehman had been to Africa before 1908, having served for five years as a missionary to the Zulus.
 - i. Hezmalhalch, lovingly known as "Brother Tom," was born in England and was sixty years of age when he arrived in South Africa.
 - j. Before the end of his first year in South Africa Lake's wife died, some believed through malnutrition. Lake nevertheless succeeded in founding two large and influential Pentecostal churches in Southern Africa.
 - k. The white branch took the name "*Apostolic Faith Mission*" in 1910, borrowed from the name of the famous mission on Azusa Street.
 - l. The black branch eventually developed into the "*Zion Christian Church*" which by 1993 claimed no less than 6,000,000 members and, despite some doctrinal and cultural variations, was recognized as the largest Christian church in the nation.
 - m. Throughout the rest of the century, Pentecostal denominational missionaries from many nations spread the movement to all parts of Africa. In addition to the *Apostolic Faith Mission*" and "*Zion Christian Church*" the *Pentecostal Holiness Church* in South Africa was founded in 1913 under the leadership of Lehman, who had come with Lake in 1908.
 - n. In 1917, the *Assemblies of God* entered South Africa when the American church accepted a mission already established by R.M. Turney.
 - o. *The Church of God*, came to the country in 1951 through amalgamation with the *Full Gospel Church*.
 8. A Russian-born Baptist pastor, Ivan Voronaev who received the Pentecostal experience in New York City in 1919 and he established the first Pentecostal church in the Soviet Union.
- ◆ **Utilizing and practicing tongues as a source of self gratification and communication is not a new concept and has roots to pagan religions**

1. The continuous repetition of syllables to practice speaking in tongues, especially using the terms “Abba Father” and other names for the Lord practiced by the charismatics, is not a lot different than the Hindu practice of saying a “**Mantra.**”
2. In Hinduism and Buddhism, mystic words used in ritual and meditation. A mantra is believed to be the sound form of reality, having the power to bring into being the reality it represents.
3. Hindus believe that mantras serve to pull one’s awareness inward towards Self or God; often called “*names of God.*”
4. They consider them are sacred words or sounds that are believed to have the power to transform and protect one who repeats them. They say that a mantra is a sound or set of sounds which mirror our Source. It therefore has the unique power to bypass the chaos of our physical, emotional and mental movements and restore us to a state of pristine harmony.
5. Mantra Yoga is traditionally regarded as a complete and perfect yoga path. It’s believers proclaim that its utter simplicity belies an awesome profundity and joy.

◆ **CONCLUSION: WHY THIS LESSON?**

1. 2nd century heresy of Montanism is alive and well and growing very rapidly today in Pentecostalism.
2. For the most part it wears a mask of orthodoxy. (Adhering to the accepted or traditional, creeds and established faith, especially in religion.
3. However, it has taken the worst elements of the original Montanism and expanded them to new depths of error.
4. Remember that error always compounds itself unless it is checked and denounced by the plain teaching of the Scriptures. Heresy thrives when people are asleep and have shallowness in their devotion to God and the study of His Word.
5. Pentecostalism is in the forefront of most visible ministries. Predominantly the evangelist of television and radio are Pentecostal in nature. They come with the big crusades and rallies. The idea of exciting emotionally leads to a lot of money, for them.
6. We have had people come with a great interest in the Church of Christ, later to leave to the Pentecostal church, thinking it was a better way. I think it is time we addressed the issue.
7. I hope that by seeing the roots of this type of worship, and it’s relationship to apostate churches will cause us not to want to participate in their practices, even though most religions of today are gravitating in that direction.
8. Although we believe in the Gift of tongues, it is not practiced as a source to use satisfy or glorify ourselves, rather it comes from God to edify the body to glorify God and serve God’s purpose.
Acts 2:4-8 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?
9. The Pentecostal way is not limited to the practice of speaking tongues but to many other exaggerated and expressive activities that excite the flesh.
 - a. “***The Holy Laughter Movement***” and “***The signs and wonders Movement***”, has swept the Church world
 - 1) Common method of Pentecostal worship are being slain in the spirit, barking, trances, dreams and visions
 - 2) Books on alleged dreams and visions from God are widely accepted even though the accounts vary in specific details with each other.

10. The Pentecostal way of worship, being what most people see, many think that is what is proper, that is what is expected, and thus it continues to spread, even into small towns and villages.
11. Have these movements changed the proper way to worship? Is this type of worship
12. Let us look at scripture to see how to worship and the workings of the Spirit.

SCRIPTURAL COURSE ON THE WORKINGS OF THE SPIRIT AND PROPER WORSHIP

A. 1THESS. 5:19 “**Quench not the Spirit.**”

- 1) What does it mean to “**quench the spirit**”?
 - Many people interpret that to mean – to stifle, suppress, to hold back. Not letting go and letting it come out with enthusiasm and excitement.
- 2) **Quench** – Strong's number: 4570 Greek: sbennumi, Pronunciation: sben'-noo-mee, a prolonged form of an apparently primary verb; to extinguish go out,
- 3) The Lord sends the spirit to us as a gift, to direct our lives to direct our meetings. What we are told to be careful not to put it out, not to extinguish it or chase it away.
 - MOSIAH 1:79 *And now, I say unto you, my brethren, that after ye have known and have been taught all these things, if ye should transgress, and go contrary to that which has been spoken, that ye do withdraw yourselves from the Spirit of the Lord, that it may have no place in you to guide you in wisdom's path, that ye may be blessed, prospered, and preserved.*
 - ALMA 16:51 *Behold, I know that thou believest, but thou are **possessed with a lying spirit**, and ye **have put off the Spirit of God**, that it may have no place in you; but the devil has power over you, and he doth carry you about, working devices, that he may destroy the children of God.*
 - 1 CORINTHIANS 3:16,17 *Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that **the Spirit of God dwelleth in you**? **If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy**; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.*

B. EPH 4:30 **And grieve not the holy Spirit of God**, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.:

- 1) What does it mean to grieve?
- 2) **GRIEVE** - Strong's number: 3076, Greek: lupeo, Pronunciation: loo-peh'-o; to distress; to be sad: --cause grief, grieve, be in heaviness, sorrow, make sorry.
- 3) The next verse defines how we grieve or make sad the spirit
 - EPH 4:31 *Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice*
 - Anger and wrath is obvious reason, let us look at “**Clamour**”: It is defined as outcry; noisy, loud, uproar, boisterous
 - 1 COR 14:29-33 *Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge. If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace. For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted. And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.*

C. WHY WOULD CLAMOR GRIEVE THE SPIRIT? TO FIND THE ANSWER TO THAT, FIRST WE HAVE TO LOOK AT SOME OF THE TRAITS OF THE SPIRIT.

1) What is it's function?

- NEH 9:20 *Thou gavest also thy good spirit to **instruct them**, and with heldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst.*
- ISA 11:2 *And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the **spirit of wisdom and understanding**, the spirit of **counsel and might**, the spirit of **knowledge** and of the **fear of the Lord**;*
- EZEK 36:27 *And I will put my spirit within you, and **cause you to walk in my statutes**, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.*
- LUKE 12:11,12 *And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say: For the Holy Ghost shall **teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say**.*

- JOHN 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and **bring all things to your remembrance**, whatsoever I have said unto you.
- ACTS 1:2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had **given commandments** unto the apostles whom he had chosen:
- ROM 9:1 I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also **bearing me witness** in the Holy Ghost,
- HEB 10:15,16 Whereof the **Holy Ghost also is a witness** to us: for after that he had said before, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;
- ACTS 16:6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were **forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia, (directing our paths)**
- HEB 3:6-11 But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end. Wherefore (**as the Holy Ghost saith**, To day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.) **It directs our lives**
- ROM 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; **but righteousness, and peace, and joy** in the Holy Ghost.
- 1 COR 2:13-16 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which **the Holy Ghost teacheth**; comparing **spiritual things** with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

2) How does The Spirit manifest itself in human beings?

- 1 PET 3:4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a **meek and quiet spirit**, which is in the sight of God of great price.
- 1 COR 4:16-21 Wherefore I beseech you, **be ye followers of me**. For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church. Now some are puffed up, as though I would not come to you. But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power. For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power. What will ye? **shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love, and in the spirit of meekness?**
- GAL 6:1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in **the spirit of meekness**; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.
- EPH 4:1-3 I Therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that **ye walk worthy** of the vocation wherewith ye are called, **With all lowliness and meekness**, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to keep **the unity of the Spirit** in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;
 - ❖ (MEEKNESS) MEEK SHOWING PATIENCE AND HUMILITY; GENTLE. EASILY IMPOSED ON; SUBMISSIVE
 - ❖ Fruit of the Spirit that should be found in us. Gal 5:22-25 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, **Meekness**, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.
- 1 PET 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with **humility**: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

- JAMES 4:6 *But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, **God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.***
- ❖ Humble is opposite of proud, or arrogant. Humble is understanding our nothingness before God. That is the reason we bow down, kneel before him as a subject would before the a king.
- ETH 5:27-29 *And when I had said this, the Lord spake unto me, saying, Fools mock, but they shall mourn; and my grace is sufficient for the meek, that they shall take no advantage of your weakness; and if men come unto me, I will shew unto them their weakness. (v. 28) **I give unto men weakness, that they may be humble;** and my grace is sufficient for all men that humble themselves before me; for if they humble themselves before me, and have faith in me, then will I make weak thing become strong unto them. Behold, I will shew unto the Gentiles their weakness, and I will shew unto them that faith, hope, and charity, bringeth unto me the fountain of all righteousness.*

3) How does it move amongst mankind?

- 1 KINGS 19:11-13 *And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord. And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake: And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a **still small voice.** And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?*
- JOHN 20:22 *And when he had said this, he **breathed on them,** and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:*
- PSALMS 46:1-10 *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah. There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early. The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah. Come, behold the works of the Lord, what desolations he hath made in the earth. He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire. (10) **Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.***

4) How is man told to worship?

- PHIL 3:3 *For we are the circumcision, which **worship God in the spirit,** and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.*
- JOHN 4:23,24 *But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and **they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.***
- ❖ **WORSHIP** STRONG'S NUMBER: 7812 HEBREW: SHACHAH, PRONUNCIATION: SHAW-KHAW'A PRIMITIVE ROOT; TO DEPRESS, I.E. PROSTRATE (ESPECIALLY REFLEXIVE, IN HOMAGE TO ROYALTY OR GOD): --BOW (SELF) DOWN, CROUCH, FALL DOWN (FLAT), HUMBLY BESEECH, DO REVERENCE, MAKE TO STOOP,
- PSA 95:6 *O come, **let us worship and bow down:** let us kneel before the Lord our maker.*
- 3 NE 8:10,11 *And they did all, both they who had been healed, and they who were whole, **bow down at his feet, and did worship him;** And as many as could come, for the multitude, did kiss his feet, insomuch that they did bathe his feet with their tears.*
- ALMA 16:237,238 *And now my beloved brethren, I desire that ye should remember these things, and that ye should work out your salvation with fear before God, and that ye should no more deny the coming of Christ; that ye **contend no more against the Holy Ghost,** but that ye receive it, and take upon you the name of*

Christ; that ye **humble yourselves even to the dust, and worship God** in whatsoever place ye may be in, in spirit and in truth; And that ye live in thanksgiving daily, for the many mercies and blessings which he doth bestow upon you; yea, and I also exhort you my brethren, that ye be watchful unto prayer continually, that ye may not be led away by the temptation of the devil, that he may not overpower you, that ye may not become his subjects at the last day: for behold, he rewardeth you no good thing.

- ISA 57:15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; **I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit**, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.
- PSA 51:15-17 O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise. For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a **broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart**, O God, thou wilt not despise.
- 3 NE 5:66 And behold I have given you the law and the commandments of my Father, that ye shall believe in me, and that ye shall repent of your sins, and come unto me with **a broken heart and a contrite spirit**.
 - ❖ CONTRITE- STRONG'S NUMBER: 1792 HEBREW: DAKA' PRONUNCIATION: DAW-KAW' A PRIMITIVE ROOT (COMPARE 1794); TO CRUMBLE; TRANSITIVELY, TO BRUISE (LITERALLY OR FIGURATIVELY): - BEAT TO PIECES, BREAK (IN PIECES), BRUISE, CONTRITE, CRUSH, DESTROY, HUMBLE, OPPRESS, SMITE.
 - ❖ HUMBLE - STRONG'S NUMBER: 3665 HEBREW: KANA` PRONUNCIATION: KAW-NAH' A PRIMITIVE ROOT; PROPERLY, TO BEND THE KNEE; HENCE, TO HUMILIATE, VANQUISH: -BRING DOWN (LOW), INTO SUBJECTION, UNDER, HUMBLE (SELF), SUBDUE.
- 1 Cor 16:11-13 Let no man therefore despise him: but conduct him forth in peace, that he may come unto me: for I look for him with the brethren. As touching our brother Apollos, I greatly desired him to come unto you with the brethren: but his will was not at all to come at this time; but he will come when he shall have convenient time. Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.
 - ❖ QUIT - STRONG'S NUMBER: 407 GREEK: ANDRIZOMAI, PRONUNCIATION: AN-DRID'-ZOM-AHEE MIDDLE VOICE FROM 435; TO ACT MANLY: --QUIT LIKE MEN.

D. Examples of improper worship

- ALMA 16:89-95 And they did worship after a manner which Alma and his brethren had never beheld; for they had a place built up in the center of their synagogue, a place for standing, which was high above the head; and the top thereof would only admit one person. Therefore, whosoever desired to worship, must go forth and stand upon the top thereof, and stretch forth his hands towards heaven; and cry with a loud voice, saying: Holy, holy, God; we believe that thou art God, and we believe that thou art holy, and that thou wast a spirit, and that thou art a spirit, and that thou wilt be a spirit for ever. Holy God, we believe that thou hast separated us from our brethren; and we do not believe in the tradition of our brethren, which was handed down to them by the childishness of their fathers; but we believe that thou hast elected us to be thy holy children; And also thou hast made it known unto us that there shall be no Christ; but thou are the same, yesterday, to-day, and for ever; and thou hast elected us, that we shall be saved, whilst all around us are elected to be cast by thy wrath down to hell; for the which holiness, O God, we thank thee; And we also thank thee, that thou hast elected us, that we may not be led away after the foolish traditions of our brethren, which doth bind them down to a belief of Christ, which doth lead their hearts to wander far from thee, our God. And again we thank thee, O God, that we are a chosen and a holy people. Amen. Now it came to pass that after Alma and his brethren, and his sons, had heard these prayers, they were astonished beyond all measure.
 - ❖ What is wrong here? Arrogance, pride motivate by show
 - ❖ Jesus told us to act differently 3 NEPHI 5: 94-100 Therefore when ye shall do your alms, **do not sound a trumpet before you, as will hypocrites do in the synagogues, and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily, I say unto you, They have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth; That thine alms may be in secret; and thy Father who seeth in**

secret, himself shall reward thee openly. And when thou **prayest, thou shalt not do as the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues, and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men.** Verily, I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father who is in secret; and thy Father, who seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen, for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them, for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask him.

- 1 COR 14:29-33 Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge. If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace. For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted. And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.
 - ❖ What is wrong here? (example of Clamour – noisy, disruptive, God is a good of order;)
- ALMA 16:54-55 The scriptures are laid before thee, yea, and all things denote there is a God; yea, even the earth, and all things that are upon the face of it, yea, and its motion; Yea, and also all the planets which move in their regular form, doth witness that there is a Supreme Creator: and yet do ye go about, leading away the hearts of this people, testifying unto them there is no God? And yet will ye deny against all these witnesses?
- MORONI 9:17 O the depravity of my people! they are without order and without mercy.
- MATT 15:8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But **in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.** And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand: Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man..

a) I believe this to be prophetic of the Pentecostal movement, who practice exciting the flesh as a form of worship. Let me make my case by using some other scriptures:

- JUDE 1:17-21 But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. These be they **who separate themselves, sensual, having not the spirit.** But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.
- ❖ Last day be men who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit;
- ❖ there will be mockers who follow nothing but their own godless desires. It is they who cause division, who live according to nature and do not possess the Spirit.
- ❖ in the last times there would come these scoffers whose whole purpose in life is to enjoy themselves in every evil way imaginable.
 - JAMES 3:15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, **but is earthly, sensual,** devilish. For where **envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.** But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

b) What are the works of the flesh?

- GAL 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations,(contention) wrath, **strife,** seditions, heresies, **Envyings,** murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.)

E. Examples of the quiet peaceful workings of the Spirit or Holy Ghost

- ACTS 13:2-4 *As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.*
- ACTS 9:31 *Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, **and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost**, were multiplied.*
- 2 PET 1:21 *For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*

F. Paul speaks of how he taught and served the people – kept nothing back – such as the new modern Pentecostal way of worship

- ACTS 20:18-20 *And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons, Serving the Lord **with all humility of mind**, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews: And how **I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed** you, and have taught you **publickly**, and from house to house,*

G. Worship the way Christ did and taught and commanded us:

- 3 NE 12:33-35 *Now this is the commandment, Repent, all ye ends of the earth, and come unto me and be baptized in my name, that ye may be sanctified by the reception of the Holy Ghost, that ye may stand spotless before me at the last day. Verily, verily I say unto you, This is my gospel; **and ye know the things that ye must do in my church; for the works which ye have seen me do, that shall ye also do; For that which ye have seen me do, even that shall ye do; therefore if ye do these things, blessed are ye, for ye shall be lifted up at the last day.***