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The Gift of discerning of spirits enables a Christian to identify the nature and character of spirits either visually seen or not seen that consist of angelic spirits, demon spirits, human spirits, and the Spirit of God.

I believe the one of the most important of these four spirits in need of discerning in this present hour, would be the gift of discerning of demon spirits that are operating thru our provincial, country and global leaders to bring about the Satanic agenda of the one World Economic Forum.

The obvious persecution committed against Christians across Canada by political, judicial and police authority's, reveals clearly the demon possession that has taken over many of their lives.

What this reveals about the majority of Christian Churches across Canada, is that they have rejected the Gift of Discernment of spirits and replaced it with rational reasoning and logic that disables them to discern evil spirits, and as a result exchange the operation of the supernatural for the natural.

The apostle Peter operated in the gift of discernment in **Matt 16:13-20** where he discerns by God who revealed it to him that Jesus is the Christ. It says; *“13 When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, “Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?” 14 So they said, “Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” 15 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” 16 Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” 17 Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, **for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.** 18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. 19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” 20 Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ.”*

However, in **Matthew 16:21-23**, just after Peter had declared this revelation, he is then rebuked by Jesus for having been used by Satan to advise Jesus. It says; *“21 From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. 22 Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, “Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!” 23 But He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.”*

This is a great example of a Christian, who by the Spirit of God discerns correctly on one hand and then on the other hand discerns incorrectly by Satan, who is not being mindful of the things of God but the things of men. Peter was operating in the Spirit on one hand and then yielded to the flesh by allowing satan to speak through him. How is it possible to discern who Jesus really is and then in the next breath discern incorrectly?

Again we read what **verse 17** says; *“Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.”* And then in **verse 23** he says; *“But He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.”*

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When Christians take their minds off the Supremacy of Christ over the Church and replace it with the Supremacy of Man, they no longer have their minds on the things of God, but the things of men.

The Apostle Paul says in **Colossians 1:15-18**; *“15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the pre-eminence.”*

There will always be Christian ‘yes’ men, who obey the laws of the land even when they are unconstitutional, and ungodly politicians will always have a group of them that prophecy success over their political careers while in leadership. The prophets who are not ‘yes’ men are then persecuted and fed the bread and water of affliction, just like many have been in Canada. A good example in the Bible of this can be found in the prophet Micaiah, who prophesied the disaster of the coming battle and death of Queen Jezebel’s husband, King Ahab, all the while at the same time all of the ‘yes’ men – hireling prophets – spoke of success and victory in the coming battle.

The account is in **1 Kings 22:1-28**; *“1 Now three years passed without war between Syria and Israel. 2 Then it came to pass, in the third year, that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went down to visit the king of Israel.*

3 And the king of Israel said to his servants, “Do you know that Ramoth in Gilead is ours, but we hesitate to take it out of the hand of the king of Syria?” 4 So he said to Jehoshaphat, “Will you go with me to fight at Ramoth Gilead?”

Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, “I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses.” 5 Also Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, “Please inquire for the word of the Lord today.”

6 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said to them, “Shall I go against Ramoth Gilead to fight, or shall I refrain?”

So they said, “Go up, for the Lord will deliver it into the hand of the king.”

7 And Jehoshaphat said, “Is there not still a prophet of the Lord here, that we may inquire of Him?”

8 So the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “There is still one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may inquire of the Lord; but I hate him, because he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil.”

And Jehoshaphat said, “Let not the king say such things!”

9 Then the king of Israel called an officer and said, “Bring Micaiah the son of Imlah quickly!”

10 The king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, having put on their robes, sat each on his throne, at a threshing floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them. 11 Now Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made horns of iron for himself; and he said, “Thus says the Lord: ‘With these you shall gore the Syrians until they are destroyed.’ ” 12 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, “Go up to Ramoth Gilead and prosper, for the Lord will deliver it into the king’s hand.”

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13 Then the messenger who had gone to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, “Now listen, the words of the prophets with one accord encourage the king. Please, let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak encouragement.”

14 And Micaiah said, “As the Lord lives, whatever the Lord says to me, that I will speak.”

15 Then he came to the king; and the king said to him, “Micaiah, shall we go to war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall we refrain?”

And he answered him, “Go and prosper, for the Lord will deliver it into the hand of the king!”

16 So the king said to him, “How many times shall I make you swear that you tell me nothing but the truth in the name of the Lord?”

17 Then he said, “I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd. And the Lord said, ‘These have no master. Let each return to his house in peace.’ ”

18 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “Did I not tell you he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil?”

19 Then Micaiah said, “Therefore hear the word of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing by, on His right hand and on His left. 20 And the Lord said, ‘Who will persuade Ahab to go up, that he may fall at Ramoth Gilead?’ So one spoke in this manner, and another spoke in that manner. 21 Then a spirit came forward and stood before the Lord, and said, ‘I will persuade him.’ 22 The Lord said to him, ‘In what way?’ So he said, ‘I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.’ And the Lord said, ‘You shall persuade him, and also prevail. Go out and do so.’ 23 Therefore look! The Lord has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these prophets of yours, and the Lord has declared disaster against you.”

24 Now Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near and struck Micaiah on the cheek, and said, “Which way did the spirit from the Lord go from me to speak to you?”

25 And Micaiah said, “Indeed, you shall see on that day when you go into an inner chamber to hide!”

26 So the king of Israel said, “Take Micaiah, and return him to Amon the governor of the city and to Joash the king’s son; 27 and say, ‘Thus says the king: “Put this fellow in prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and water of affliction, until I come in peace.”’ ”

28 But Micaiah said, “If you ever return in peace, the Lord has not spoken by me.” And he said, “Take heed, all you people!”

We should remember that Jehoshaphat, for the most part, was a Godly king, unfortunately he aligned himself with King Ahab who was one of the most wicked kings of Israel. We see that due to this decision, the army was defeated by the Syrians, King Ahab was killed and Jehoshaphat was reprimanded by Jehu. The prophet Micaiah was not a ‘yes’ man nor a hireling prophet like the rest. He discerned accurately the word of the Lord.

It would seem like the spirit that came before God was a demonic spirit – as God cannot lie and also that Satan is the father of lies – and God gave it permission to lie to the 400 prophets.

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Anyone who is willing, can be a Christian ‘yes’ man, and prophecy lies to the political leaders, but not everyone can prophecy the truth that is found in God’s word, like the prophet Micaiah, and have the discernment that what was being prophesied by the hireling prophets was done by a lying spirit.

If any time you need the gift of discerning of demon spirits, it is now, for in this present hour, lying spirits are in the mouths of many false prophets, pastors, teachers, and evangelists who are not only speaking lies over the political leaders, but also are speaking the same lies over their Churches in order for them to conform to the unconstitutional requirements of the laws of the land.

1 John 4:1-3 says; “*4 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.*”

AZUSA PAPERS says; “*ARRESTED FOR JESUS' SAKE. A brother who has been baptized with the Holy Ghost was arrested on account of the disturbance which the preaching of the Gospel created among the people who crowded about the tent in Pasadena. As he stood to answer the accusation of disturbing the peace, another brother says he saw an angel standing by his side. He was released. The Lord has been doing great things in that place and we expect greater things. Some workers were preaching on the street corner in Los Angeles and a poor drunkard had just been saved, when a policeman came up and ordered them to stop, and took two of them off to jail. The sister sang all the way to the jail and shouted and prayed while they were there. They soon were anxious to get rid of them and let them go. Meantime the other workers returned to the mission and told how the workers had been arrested and they all went to the altar and prayed and arose praising God; and soon in walked the ones who had been arrested. We are ready not only to go to prison, but to give our lives for Jesus.*”

A good question to ask yourself today is, are you a ‘yes’ man or woman? It’s a valid question. Are you saying ‘yes’ to what the political leaders are requiring of you? Are you a ‘yes’ man who is prophesying lies and not the truth? Are you a ‘yes’ man who has opened yourself up to demon spirits to prophesy through you? Are you believing prophecies of ‘yes’ men as they’re being spoken over the congregation, to get you to conform to ungodly and unconstitutional infringements upon your rights and freedoms? Are you obeying these ungodly and unconstitutional requirements of you? Are you a man pleaser instead of a God pleaser? Does the Lord have pre-eminence in your church and life?

As I said at the beginning, there will always be Christian ‘yes’ men, who obey the laws of the land even when they are unconstitutional, and ungodly politicians will always have a group of them that prophecy success over their political careers while in leadership. Are you like one of those 400 prophets or are you like Micaiah who prophecies the truth? Are you prophesying under the influence of lying spirits or of the Holy Spirit, are you able to discern what’s of the Lord and what’s of the devil? Are you able to operate in the gift of discernment of evil spirits, operating in the leaders of the land who have and will continue to put ungodly sanctions on you?

I don’t believe this is over – the lockdowns and restrictions – as not all restrictions in Canada have been lifted; unvaccinated people still cannot travel out of Canada, nor fly within their own country, that doesn’t sound like freedom to me. These are infringements on our constitutional rights, Christian or not. Many pastors/prophets in

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Christianity have come into agreement with this, encouraged their congregations to go along with the political lies, even to get vaccinated and if they don't, they're not able to attend church.

This is called a lying spirit. Lying to politicians, congregations, pastors, leaders, etc. They're prophesying success to massage the egos of the politicians. Remember though, God will always raise up prophets like Micaiah and Christians who will not be 'yes' men who will stand up and speak the truth. Yes, they're locking them up today in Canada, giving them the bread and water of affliction. How many pastors have been locked up and churches shut down? Why? Because they've resisted the temptation to allow a lying spirit to work and speak through, they chose to speak the truth. Stop speaking lies and stop coming into agreement with lies! It's time to repent and get back to what the Bible says and learn how to discern good from evil.

On top of global political leaders at all levels not only being puppets of lying spirits, many could be demonically possessed as I mentioned at the beginning. As Christians we must remember that we do not war or fight with flesh and blood as Paul makes so clear in **Ephesians 6:10-13**; *“¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the ¹²wiles of the devil. ¹² For we do **not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of^[c] the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”***

As Christians our battle is in the spirit realm and Jesus has given us authority over serpents, scorpions and over all the power of the devil according to **Luke 10:19** and He also commanded us in **Mark 16:17**; *“And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick and they will recover.”*

Demonic lying spirits cannot be cast out by standing on the platform of social justice, or thousands rallying for freedom, petitioning politicians etc., they have to be cast out of leaders in the Name of Jesus Christ...no other way. Rallying, protesting and petitioning has a part to play, but true relief from demonic oppression from ungodly leaders is by casting the devil out of people and taking authority over demonic powers, not running from them. That's why the Holy Spirit given Gift of Discerning of spirits is paramount today.

The most deceitful thing about lying spirits, is that they make you believe that what you're believing or acting on is true! Your spiritual eyes become blinded. Satan is the father of lies whose goal is to rob, steal and destroy your life, to separate you from God for eternity. That...is NOT God's will for you...at all! Will you be persecuted for speaking the truth – like Micaiah – yes, just like many pastors today. Test the spirits to see if they are of God or not, or are they false spirits, lying spirits as we just read in **1 John 4:1-3**. If they are not of God, they're of the anti-Christ. Prophesy the truth of God's word, be bold, speak truthfully. The very words you speak could very well change an entire generation to go down the straight and narrow road and get off the broad and wide road that leads to destruction. Be bold, be strong, the Lord your God is with you wherever you go, shout it from the roof-tops that Jesus Christ is Lord! Be a prophet of truth. Be instant in season and out of season, preach the Word of God.

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