

## “THE MANIFESTATIONS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT”

**returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot."**

***{LESSON 6B} {8/10/2008}***

### **“THE WORD OF KNOWLEDGE DEFINED”**

XII. At this point in the lesson I want to cover the two “revelation” manifestations together.

A. But, before I do this I want to define the Word of Knowledge in order that we can understand the difference between it and the Word of Wisdom.

1. The manifestation of the Word of Knowledge is a super-spiritual revelation (manifestation) from God given to man of details of knowledge in the present or past which God knows and wants revealed.
2. The manifestation of “The Word of Wisdom” is the super-spiritual manifestation of Divine wisdom which has to do with the future.
3. These two manifestations of the Spirit inside the believer often work seamlessly together, with a single revelation from God consisting of both the Word of Knowledge and the Word of Wisdom.

B. We call these two manifestations the “revelation” manifestations because the Spirit is revealing the “mind of God” to a person about something.

1. Many Bible translations translate “the Word of Knowledge or Wisdom into the “Message of Knowledge or Wisdom”.
2. This is done because the Greek word “logos” means an intelligible communication.
  - a. There are two definitions of logos in Thayer’s Greek Lexicon.
  - b. The first definition of logos is “a word”, yet not in a grammatical sense (equivalent to vocabulum, the mere name of an object), but language, “vox”, a word which, uttered by the living voice, embodies a conception or idea.”
  - c. So this living voice that embodies a conception or idea is God who reveals a “message” of intelligible communication to a person.
3. The translation “message” communicates accurately exactly what the

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Lord gives by revelation: a message.

4. Since the time of Adam and Eve, it has been important for mankind to hear from God.
    - a. When He speaks to individuals, if what He says is knowledge in the form of information and insight, the revelation is “a message of knowledge.”
    - b. If what He says is future wisdom, then it become “a message of wisdom” , and we usually will receive with it a “Message of Knowledge” to assist us in making right decisions.
  5. It is important to realize and keep in mind that a message of knowledge and a message of wisdom are manifestations of the Spirit, and are not part of the natural human mind.
    - a. They work together with the human mind, but they are separate from it.
    - b. These manifestations are not superior knowledge, insight, awareness, or wisdom, which comes from the ability of the mind.
- C. There are other biblical examples of the Word of Knowledge and the Word of Wisdom working seamlessly together in the Bible.
1. In Genesis 6:13-18 we are told of Noah and the predicted flood: **“And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me\_(Word or message of wisdom), for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth\_(Word or Message of Knowledge). Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks (Word or Message of Knowledge). And behold I Myself am bringing flood waters on the earth, to destroy from**

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**under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die (*Word or Message of Wisdom*). But I will establish My covenant with you (*Word or Message of Wisdom*); and you shall go into the ark--you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you (*Word or Message of Knowledge*).”**

2. In Acts 27:9-10 Paul receives a Word of Wisdom about shipwreck: **“Now when much time had been spent, and sailing was now dangerous because the Fast was already over, Paul advised them, saying, "Men, I perceive that this voyage will end with disaster and much loss, not only of the cargo and ship, but also our lives."**
  - a. Then in verses 21-22 Paul spoke in the midst of the storm: **“But after [being long without food], Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss, V22, And now I exhort you to be of good cheer; for there shall be no loss of any man’s life among you, but only of the ship.”**
  - b. This was God through His angel giving Paul a Word of Knowledge.
3. In Acts 9:10-16 we read the story of Ananias and Saul/Paul: **Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." So the Lord said to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying." And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight (*Word of Knowledge*).” Then Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem." And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. "For I will**

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**show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake** (*Word of Knowledge and Word of Wisdom*).”

4. In the above Scripture we have the Word of Knowledge and the Word of Wisdom working.

**“HOW THE WORDS OF WISDOM – KNOWLEDGE MANIFEST”**

- D. This manifestation works in many different forms for different purposes.
  1. We tend toward attempting to stereotype God, but the truth is, He is a God of great variety.
  2. He has told us that there are varieties of gifts and they operate in varieties of ways. (1 Cor. 12:3-5)
  3. The Word of Wisdom or Knowledge may come in the following ways:
  4. **BY THE SPIRIT SPEAKING WITHIN:** or we could say, by spiritual intuition which is hearing with spiritual ears the voice of the Spirit.
    - a. The book of Acts shows us repeatedly that God can and does speak without an audible voice.
    - b. He through the Holy Spirit imparts His mind directly to the believer.
    - c. The believer just suddenly knows the mind of God on a matter.
    - d. It is unexplainable except that it comes by a spiritual communication.
    - e. With this communication comes also an instinctive faith and assurance that it is the divine revelation of God in our lives.
  5. **BY VISION AND DREAMS:**
    - a. In Acts 10:10-15 (F.F), we see the Word of Knowledge given to Peter through an “ecstatic reverie” (vision).
    - b. Peter sees a large sheet descending from the sky loaded with all kinds of quadrupeds, reptiles, and birds of the sky.
    - c. A voice comes to Peter and tells him to arise sacrifice and eat.
    - d. Peter refuses! He had never eaten anything vile and unclean.
    - e. And in verse 15 the Word of Knowledge comes: **A voice addressed him a second time, “What God has purified, never treat as defiled!”**

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### 6. **BY THE SPIRIT THROUGH AN AUDIBLE VOICE:**

- a. In Ezekiel 43 we are told that Ezekiel was brought to the gate that face east where he saw the Glorious God of Israel.
- b. It was then that he heard from the Temple an address by a man.
- c. This man said in verse 7 (F. F.): **“Son of Adam! The place for My Throne, and the place for the soles of My Feet, where I will stay amongst the children of Israel for ever! For the House of Israel will not again degrade my HOLY NAME, – they and their kings, – by their whoredoms, and the carcasses of their kings when dead; by placing their doors by My doors, with only a wall between Me and them; – by the depravities which they practised,.....”**.
- d. This message of wisdom and knowledge was given by God in an audible voice.

### 7. **BY THE SPIRIT THROUGH PROPHECY AND THE INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES:**

- a. I have seen this happen more than once in the upper prayer room.
- b. God gives His word through the manifestation of prophecy or the manifestation of tongues.
- c. In prophecy or if through tongues someone will interpret, and it will be a specific Word of Knowledge or Word of Wisdom for the group.

### 8. **BY A QUICKENING OF THE SCRIPTURES:**

- a. More times than not I have been guided by Spirit through Scripture revelation with a message for the hour.
- b. This was not natural revelation but was a spiritual revelation that manifested a message that I needed.

## “INSTRUCTIONS IN OPERATING THE WORD OF KNOWLEDGE”

E. It important that we remember the fact that when the Word of Knowledge is revealed it does not necessarily mean it should be spoken immediately, or even spoken at all.

1. The Word of Knowledge or Wisdom often comes unexpectedly, and is

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often for the purpose of bringing us to prayer concerning what God shows us.

2. It may involve a need in some believer’s life or family, or in a local church.
3. The Words of Knowledge or Wisdom should not be made public or shared as a sure word from God until it is clear and strong and unmistakable from the Lord.
4. If a believer tells people that God told him something which does not prove out, he will lose much authority and respect as a man or woman who hears from God.
5. One of the cardinal mistakes is to “announce publically and abroad” things which God wants shared only with the people involved.
6. In order to maintain the flow of the manifestations of the Spirit a person must not use them to draw excessive attention to himself.
  - a. His own words should be few and humble, not “playing it up big”.
  - b. He or she should commune much with God and give himself to prayer and the Word, and build himself up by praying in the Spirit.