

# THE ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

## CHAPTER 19:8-20

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### TITLE:

**"The Power of God, The Bible, and the Underworld"**  
*BEING READY TO SHARE THE LORD*

### THEME:

*Acts 1:8*

*"But you shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and **"you shall be witnesses to Me"** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

- **Interest in the Supernatural** *has always been one of man's most sought after pursuits.*
- **Throughout every civilization** *and every culture recorded in human history, you will inevitably find presence's and the practice of the supernatural.*

**The West, America & Western Europe,**  
*is experiencing an unprecedented Rise in the Cults & the Occult.*

### **The Bible Is Warnings Us**

*Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with rebellion? And what communion has light with darkness? :15 And what unity has Christ with Satan? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? :16 And what agreement has the temple of God with idols?.... For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." :17 Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord." - 2 Cor 6:14-17*

I find it interesting how *many police officers and police agencies now have to deal with Satanic, Ritualistic Killings and (Human & Animal Sacrifices)*

*Look @*

**Acts 19:10**

**...all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.**

**Acts 19:17**

**...and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.**

**Acts 19:20**

**...So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.**

## Jesus Said;

Matthew 16:18

"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.

## We're Talking

"The Power of God, The Bible, and the Underworld"

*And My Personal Experience*

### A.) The Things Concerning the Kingdom vv. 8-10

There Are (4) Things  
That We Need To See in This Section

#### 1.) Paul Gave Them O.T. Studies vv. 8

The Prophetic Significance of the Bible

*The Plan of the Ages*

\* reasoning GRK 1256 dialegomai  
to argue with logical speech

\* persuading GRK 3982 peitho (pi'-tho)  
to convince with truth

### Concerning The Things Of The Kingdom Of God.

#### 2.) The Supernatural Power of the Bible vv. 9

Try Opening your Bible at a restaurant or in an Airplane

The Attitude Reveals The Heart

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

\* **hardened** GRK skleruno (sklay-roo'-no)  
to make stubborn: skleros (sklay-ros') to rub or scratch  
until harden to toughen up by making callous

## ***THE DANGERS OF A HARDENED HEART - IT SETS UP LIKE CEMENT IN TIME...***

### **3.) Some Began to Speak Evil of the Way vv. 9b**

- If you've rejected *the Gospel of Jesus Christ....* I ask you on what grounds? For what reason(s)
- Not one reason, *excuse, will be acceptable in His presence*

#### **Romans 1:20**

**For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,**

**Are You Hardening  
*your heart against Him right now?***

**THE UNIVERSAL QUESTION OF ALL TIME IS & WILL BE;**

**"What Did You Do About My Son"**

***"They Spoke Against God's Love"***

### **4.) Paul's Discerning of the Crowd vv. 9c**

\* **withdrew** GRK ahistemi (af-is'-tay-mee);  
separated, to refrain from and to walk away

- **It Is A Serious Thing** *when a person, a city or a nation turns it's back against God.*

#### **Matthew 10:14-15**

**"And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet. :15 "Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!"**

The School of the Tyrannus (The Tyrant)  
Just like Russia, Paul went and rented a Public School Building

*School and Business would Siesta from 11:00 - 4:00  
because of the heat of the day*

**5 HOUR BIBLE STUDY A DAY... AT BREAK TIME**

Ephesians 5:16

We Ought to be..."redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

- From this Church Planting *Effort came to the seven churches of the book of Revelation.*
- The Ephesus Work *began with Paul, handed down to Timothy and then to the Apostle John*

**B.) There are Kingdoms in Conflict vv. 11-16**

Now There Are (3) Things  
That We Need To See Here

**1.) The Miracles that Come From God vv. 11-12**

Dr. Luke, The Author of Acts, is a Scientist and Physician. He stresses the Uniqueness of the Miracles

**RECOGNIZE FIRST OFF, THAT THEY WERE  
>>>>>> UNUSUAL MIRACLES <<<<<<**

\* unusual GRK 3756 ou (oo)  
the strange, the abnormal, the extraordinary

- Aprons; *Something you wipe your leftovers on*
- Handkerchiefs; *Sweat Bands, that you'd wipe your sweat on*

# WHY THIS STRANGE MIRACLE ???

## A Little Background !!!

**Historians Tell Us That** all Cultic and Occultic worship practices in Ephesus had to be done with the purest of fabrics & linen, perfectly clean or else the gods would not receive the offering...

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Very Ordinary, Non-essential type of things

*They didn't worship Paul,*

*They didn't worship Aprons & Handkerchiefs*

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- a.) To Teach a Spiritual Truth, Opening the Heart & Mind
- b.) To Announce Jesus, the Messiah to a dying World
- c.) To Reveal God's Love and Compassion, meeting human needs

- Love, The Source of God's Miracles
- Deception, The Source of Satan's Miracles

## What Is A Miracle

that which defies the natural laws. the laws that be are extremely complex. just by their very existence proves that there is order and design to the universe.

## All Of This Order And Design

points to its creator God who has all power over the natural laws that He has created

A miracle is something to us,  
but nothing to God...

A Biblical Miracle is always tied to the Message  
it authenticates the message...

**John 10:32**

**Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?" :33 The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God." - the message was that Jesus is God !**

**The Message... Jesus is Lord !**

## The Bible Says

(1 Corinthians 1:27-29)

But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; :28 and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, :29 that no flesh should glory in His presence.

## 2.) The Danger of Imitating God's Work vv. 13

### The Danger of Imitating the Work of God... (The Anointing Oil)

#### The Entertaining a Cult, Opened them up to the Occult

- A Cult; *is a religious Counterfeit.*
- The Occult; *is the Worship of that Counterfeit*

#### They took it upon themselves (without a calling from God)

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, :4 **whose minds the god of this age has blinded**, those who do not believe, lest **the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ.**

#### Counterfeit Light

2 Corinthians 11:14-15

For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. :15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

Jude v.9

Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

## 3.) Real Dangers in the Spirit World vv. 14-17

\* Sceva GRK Skeuas (skyoo-as') left-handed, Lefty

## The Demon Spoke

- Using the speaking tools of the human... it spoke !!! The Sound is a very strange one. Very Distant, almost Machine Like and Often Multiple.... Like coming from a well

## Jesus I Know

GRK ginosko (*ghin-occe'-ko*) I'm very aware of, to be sure of...

"Jesus I'm Sure Of"

## Paul I Know

GRK epistamai (*ep-is'-tam-ahee*) mindful of upon, i.e. to be acquainted, to understand where someone is coming from.

"Paul I'm Acquainted With"

# But Who Are You?

You're basically open game buddy

#1

The Demon recognized that these guys were powerless before they did

#2

It knew that Jesus & Paul were its opponents

#3

I Wonder if Hell Considers You & I Its Opponent???

Jesus Said;

(Matthew 12:43)

"When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. :44 "Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. :45 "Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first."

## Is Your Christianity A Threat To Hell ?

\* **Overpowered** GRK atakurieuo (*kata'koo'ree'yoo*)  
to gain control over, to subdue, to become the lord over!

# Possessed By The Evil spirit

\* **Naked** GRK numnos (goom-nos')  
naked! very naked, absolutely naked. (it appears in an actual and figurative sense)

## Physically and Spiritually Naked

### C.) The God Who Changes Our Lives vv. 17-20

#### "Godly Gossip"

\* **Magnified** GRK 3170 megaluno (meg-al-oo'-no)  
to make well known, to increase, to enlarge the realm hearing

### And Finally, There Are (3) Things That We Need To See in This Section

#### 1.) Jesus Was Magnified vv. 18

The Greek Tense to the Verbs in vv. 19 is that,

#### **"They, The Believers, Kept Coming...** (present tense-kept coming)

- They Kept Coming, Confessing
- They Kept Coming, Telling

#### **A Continual State of Revival**

1 John 1:8-9

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. :9 If we **confess** our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from **all unrighteousness**.

To Practice the Presence of God leads to Victory



Matthew 10:32-33

"whoever **confesses** Me before men, him I will also **confess** before My Father who is in heaven.  
:33 "But whoever **denies** Me before men, him I will also **deny** before My Father who is in heaven.

Romans 10:9-10

that if you **confess** with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. :10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth **confession** is made unto salvation.

## 2.) The Signs of True Conversion

vv. 19

The Believers were revived and they purged their homes and lives from the past.  
(Get rid of it)

\$ 5 Million U.S. Dollars Worth of Sin  
PENTHOUSE, PLAYBOY, HOME DEPOT

Note;

### They Didn't Have a Garage Sale...

Maybe you need to burn something in your life....

\* prevailed GRK ischuo (is-khoo'-o)  
to have might, prevailing force  
to conquer COMPLETELY

**Is the Bible - The word of God  
A Prevailing Force, Conquering Might in Your Life**

### Have You Been Born Again ?

John 3:3,5,7

Jesus answered and said to him, "This is truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the kingdom of God." :5 This is truth, I say to you, unless you are born of the Spirit, you cannot enter the kingdom of God. :7 "Do not marvel that I said to you, `You must be born again.

*the Proof will be a life that is Changed*  
*(New Birth = New Life)*

Isaiah 57:15

For thus says the High and Lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy..... "I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to **revive** the spirit of the humble, and to **revive** the heart of the **contrite (those who repent)** ones.

3.) The Gospel Wins in the End

vv. 20

**One Of The Most Interesting** *archeological areas of excavation - Ephesus! The finds there tell us that the entire region experienced an unprecedented moral and spiritual overthrow towards Christianity*

- Paul's 1 Corinthians was written in Ephesus
- The Gospel of John was written in Ephesus
- As well as John's 1,2,3 Epistles- all written in Ephesus
- And from Ephesus was born the seven churches in the book of Revelation