



Scriptures and Doctrine :: Do you feel the Warm Tinglies?

Do you feel the Warm Tinglies? - posted by mguldner (), on: 2010/5/18 2:04

So I was listening to Paris Reidhead the other day and he said something that I thought was kind of interesting, He talked about Soulish Blessing and Spiritual Blessing, focusing on the Soulish blessing being the times of emotional experience and warm fuzzy feelings we get when the "spirit is moving" as I have heard it said before many times especially among Pentecostals. The question that I seek to find the answer is has the church been longing and searching for Spiritual Blessing and in search of it found Soulish Blessing and got the two confused as being the same thing.

We had a prayer meeting and things were going as normal but then our pastor went outside to the big back lot of our church and took one of our christian brothers back there and started telling him of all the wonderful things that would happen back there if we built the building my pastor seeks to build. My christian brother said he felt warm and tingly and took this as a sign that this building thing was from God. My dad and I saw through this though, God can send us warm tinglies if He chooses but basing a call and push from God based off of getting warm tinglies doesn't seem wise.

My fear is that we have lost the discernment between the two may we seek to find the hidden things of God in His Word not warm tinglies or happy feelings because for all we know it could just be gas :) But in all seriousness let us pray for this discernment again. Any thoughts or comments to add to this would be awesome as well and the message by Paris was The Hidden things of God part 1 I think.

God Bless,
Matthew

Re: Do you feel the Warm Tinglies? - posted by enid, on: 2010/5/18 3:30

1 Thess 5v21, 'Test all things...'

If we were to treat all goosebumps as a sign from God, then what would be our response when sinners get goosebumps?

Simply because interest and excitement at the prospect of a future building ensues, does not mean it is a 'sign from God'.

Discernment is so missing in this day and age of anything goes.

If only we would go to the word of God.

Re: , on: 2010/5/18 7:57

When I received salvation through Jesus, my sister asked me about an hour later if I felt good now that that had happened. She talked about her tingling feelings and a great feeling inside.

I did not, so I said, "no".

She phreaked out; but that was taken in stride being more than sure the regeneration process was in effect.

Actually, I felt worse, yet things definitely were perceived quite differently: very clear about when I even stepped towards sin, first realizations that without Him I will bring my life 6 feet under, Jesus talking to me more than ever after that-->(God had been guiding, leading, protecting, and talking with me for years before ever any decision was made), and eyes opened like never before to the scriptures.

Since that time, I have clearly recognized that feelings do come...and leave as well. Jesus doesn't.

Sometimes I get really bothered by those proclaiming such things as, "I can feel the presence of the Lord...the power...the anointing of the Holy Ghost" and so on.

Sometimes I wonder if these think He is gone when nothing is felt.

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Feelings usually change through circumstance.
Relying on them in any way is sewing to the wind and will reap the whirlwind.

Feelings may be present or not...and do change.

God is always with us.
He never changes.

We can only build hope on things that cannot be taken away:

For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the redound to the glory of God. For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

~II Cor. 4:15-18

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Acts 20:32

"The kingdom then is not for weaklings, waverers, and compromisers... It is not for Balaam, the rich young ruler, Pilate, and Demas... It is not won by means of deferred prayers, unfulfilled promises, broken resolutions and hesitant testimonies. It is for strong and sturdy men like Joseph, Nathan, Elijah, Daniel, Mordecai, and Peter... Stephen... and Paul. And let us not forget such valiant women as Ruth, Deborah, Esther, and Lydia"

~William Hendrickson~

Re: Do you feel the Warm Tinglies? - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2010/5/18 8:40

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-Jeremiah.

Re: - posted by enid, on: 2010/5/18 8:51

Have read Latent Power of the Soul.

Might read it again.

Re: , on: 2010/5/18 8:53

Quote:
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I've been meaning to get a hold of this. I think when I searched for it last I was only able to find it as part of a virtual collection, and it was rather expensive. I assume you've read it. Care to give a brief overview on this work? I'm quite curious.

Re: - posted by mguldner (), on: 2010/5/18 8:56

I have heard of the Latent of the Soul, my dad read it and then passed it on to my head pastor who read it and said it was a boring read and planned on reading it later, that was about 6 months ago though :) so I will just have to commendeer that book from him :)

Re: - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2010/5/18 9:05

That book is anything but boring. The implications for understanding the spiritual nature of our service on God's behalf is staggering. Watchman builds a case for truly understanding the difference between soulishness verses spiritual work. My Pastor has read it dozen's of times, and I might just follow his example, as the issues Nee deals with are probably more important by exponential degrees than it was even in his day.

I have actually thought that this little book needs a follow up book to develop the thought process further and amplify it in the light of our day and age. It would be awesome if some more of you guys read it so we could discuss its implications a bit. I read it in two sittings so it is easy, and I had a real hard time putting it down the first time.

-Jeremiah

Re: - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2010/5/18 9:08

Everest, I am a bit busy between now and tomorrow night, but I will try to write a synopsis of the book for you here before the end of the week. I would hate to be quick about it because the case he builds is so important I would not want to butcher it.

Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2010/5/18 9:11

I believe it was Charles Finney that described the great change in the operation of the Holy Spirit once a person truly surrenders to God. When a sinner is in a convicted state they are feeling the weight of their sin, conviction, etc. However, when the person truly surrenders to God there is no need to continue bearing down upon them. The same Holy Spirit that was pouring on conviction of sin is now pouring in the joy and love of Christ. There can be an excitement that accompanies the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

I heard the testimony of a young man once that told of going home under great conviction all night long, etc. He wept through to 'repentance'. Never really spoke of joy. Many lauded this as a great salvation- but when we went back a year later he was 'backslidden' (obviously had never front-slided). But there was a rejoicing because the expectation was that a person must receive a good spanking from the Holy Spirit before they can be rightly saved. I found that it doesn't mean anything necessarily.

One of the great reasons why folk are tied up and in a stalemate with God is because they have already conceived what is and is not acceptable as to their reaction when God comes. David once danced before God with ALL of his might and he was under an Old Testament construct devoid of the New Testament experience that John the Baptist preached and never partook of. Why? A testament is not in force until after the Testator is dead. So neither David or John Baptist knew the level of joy and possibilities that we can experience today- and yet still David danced before God.

Too many Michals around. What did God do when she rebuked him? God shut her womb up. Why? Because God made sure that spirit never saw the light of day. Be careful how you judge people experiences. God is watching. You may end up with a barren ministry. Why? Read about it. It's VERY serious business.

If we form an expectation then we will lean that way. Let God be God. If you are changed and feel the urge to get excited- Heaven is rejoicing. Excitement is not spirituality and neither is deadness. What matters is a new creature. Watchman Nee's book has some interesting info but I would read it with caution. Men went into the world to change it in a wide range of emotions and demeanors. You think a lost world was looking for a somber demeanor in exchange for the oppressiveness of sin? They were needing the Joy of the Lord. It's what we all need. Not a wild excitement always as David had (that when he lost he sinned and in Psalm 51 begged back), it could be a slow burn. Who knows what David 'felt' when he saw the Ark coming into town. How do you think he would react if the Ark had come into HIM?

Re: , on: 2010/5/18 9:13

I just found a PDF of it online.

<http://lovestthoume.com/PDF-Files/LatentPowerOfTheSoul.pdf>

Is it the same one that includes The Christian and Psychic Force and Spirit Force vs Psychic Force? If so, I'm down to read it and discuss it.

Re: - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2010/5/18 9:21

Yup Everest. It talks about those issues. I hope you enjoy it. And learn from it.

Re: , on: 2010/5/18 9:25

Thanks, I'll start on it tonight.

-Grant

Re: - posted by mguldner (), on: 2010/5/18 9:51

I agree wholeheartedly Robert, my concern isn't to judge people but to point to talk about something on a wider scale, the use of emotionalism and manipulation for "conversions" or a larger altar call. But since we don't have a clear understanding of Soulsh Blessing and Spiritual Blessing then the average individual doesn't know the difference. For me the mark of conversion is a changed heart and life, I have heard of great emotion and no emotion at all at conversions, who am I to put God in a box? People however begin to base their conversion not on a changed life but on how many tears they cried on the altar, or how much they laughed that day. The true fruit of repentance is a changed heart and mind and ultimately life.

I also wanted to point to the fact that many people are going to church simply to feel these warm tingling feelings rather than simply conform to the image of Christ, and the Presense of the Lord isn't determined by changed lives but by how many tinglies I could get during worship and the message, this is quite contrary to the Word.

God Bless,
Matthew

brother Robert, on: 2010/5/18 9:58

you prophesied:

"Too many Michals around"

" Let God be God."

"What matters is a new creature."

"They were needing the Joy of the Lord. It's what we all need."

in all humility, i say, the Kingdom of Heaven is near you, because this Godly Knowledge could only have been given by the Holy Spirit, and i thank God you brought this forth.

much love in Jesus, neil

Re: , on: 2010/5/18 10:26

Quote:

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Alright, just finished it. Good read. Whenever you'd like lets discuss.

Re: - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2010/5/18 10:30

You read the whole 86 pages that fast?

Re: - posted by Becca2010 (), on: 2010/5/18 14:06

Another link to Watchman Nee's book: <http://www.worldinvisible.com/library/nee/5f00.0634/5f00.0634.c.htm>

Haven't read it, so I can't verify that this link has the entire text.

Re: , on: 2010/5/18 14:49

Robert writes.....

"Too many Michals around. What did God do when she rebuked him? God shut her womb up. Why? Because God made sure that spirit never saw the light of day. Be careful how you judge people experiences. God is watching. You may end up with a barren ministry. Why? Read about it. It's VERY serious business."

"If we form an expectation then we will lean that way. Let God be God"

Totally agree with that Robert.

I think the early church saw God in everything and the church of today see very little of Him in anything. There is much soulish activity in the church, yet, the very real danger, as Robert points out, is that we throw it all out and we end up with barrenness. One may argue that we, the modern day church, is barren and for that very reason.....brother Frank

Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2010/5/18 15:34

As I read through this thread I was very concerned because we are really discussing the interaction between God and man. When we begin making judgments of peoples experiences we need to be careful. John Wesley talked about being, 'strangely warmed'. It is not for me to duplicate his experience, but it is not for me to try and assess whether it is spiritual or soulish. When were talking about the concept of latent powers of the soul we are not even speaking of phenomena that can be biblically verified. These are theories.

The risk we run is what is typically found among biblical scholars. They sit around and talk about this type stuff until they sift their own faith and come away as confused as a termite in a yo-yo. If God is dealing with a person we need to be very careful how we speak into that situation.

Re: - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2010/5/18 15:48

I can totally understand what you are saying Robert. And my purpose for bringing it into the discussion is not to make those judgments against others, but as my habit always is is to evaluate my own activity. I believe it is important for me to work these issues out in my own salvation. I must recognize that I do have the capacity to try to convince others of biblical principles in the power of my own soul and flesh.

The one to whom God looks is the man whom is humble and of contrite spirit, and lets the sword of the Spirit puncture and divide his own soul from the Spirit before they even remotely consider bringing it to others attention.

I recommend it only insofar as it is not used as a point of debate or division between us but for each of us to consider for our own selves how we may fall into lying signs and wonders.

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We have been warned about them, so it is helpful to know the difference between a lying sign verses a real one. I have been Michal, and I have been David, and I would much rather maintain the latter, but even more I would look further to the activity of the Body of my Lord in the function and power of faith and trust in my Father through the power of the Spirit. That I may to say "I have done all that you had for me to do."

Re: - posted by TrueWitness, on: 2010/5/18 16:27

to EverestoSama:

that link you gave to The Latent Power Of The Soul online is an extremely abridged version of the book (only 14 pages long). Here is a link to the entire book:

http://afolkey2.net/Projects/Bible_Files/Assorted/WatchmanNee/PDF/The%20Latent%20Power%20of%20the%20Soul.pdf

This site has other Nee titles which are listed here:

http://afolkey2.net/Projects/Bible_Files/Assorted/WatchmanNee/PDF/

Re: Do you feel the Warm Tinglies?, on: 2010/5/18 20:09

There is certainly nothing wrong about feeling tingly and warm and fuzzy. I get those when I get a hug or looking over the bay on a windy day. That always comes when something feels or sounds good. Lets not get all sanctimonious and forsake all emotion as "not of God".

I remember when my Pastor wanted to buy an old theatre in the uptown core of our city. When he told me, I got all tingly about it. I was excited about the prospect. But he was a careful man of faith, though he had a desire for such a venture, he also wanted to make sure it was from God.

Emotion plays a part in our spiritual makeup. Some, unfortunately have made even the Pentecostal infilling of the Holy Ghost to be an emotional roller coaster, usually among women, and I have found some men who can be just as crazy emotionally.

Jesus had compassion on the people many times during his ministry. Jesus wept. Jesus got angry. He might have even laughed at one point. I would like to think, Him being found in the form of a man, got goosebumps and fuzzy wuzzy and tingly when He was transfigured on the mount of Olives.

The Spiritual Blessing are those blessings that are found in Christ Jesus our Lord. Ephesians 1:3

The Soulish Blessing, if there is such a thing would be when our soul benefits from the Spiritual Blessing.

Re: , on: 2010/5/18 21:04

Quote:
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HAHA, thank you. I was wondering why Areadymind was so surprised that I had finished it already.

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Re: , on: 2010/5/18 21:20

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This is an excellent point. Also, because of the fact that we are human, subject to emotions (which were created by God) , it's only rational to say that sometimes one will follow the other. This is only natural.

Many times when The Lord speaks to us and challenges or convicts our spirit, or emotions will be affected in turn. "The warm tinglies" as they're being called here, are many times the physical result of when our spirits are spoken to by God. Many times when God moves or speaks our emotions will be overcome by just the incredible power of God, and we will have an emotional reaction. Be it joy, "warm feelings", or even the feeling of being literally crushed by conviction. These are all good things, we just have to view them in the light of the fact that they are NOT the validations of The Lord's Hand, merely one of the results.

Our emotions are not the litmus test for truth. Only the Bible is. As long as we keep that in sight, I don't find anything wrong in someone saying they did receive an emotional reaction from the Truths of God.

-edited for grammar

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2010/5/21 10:25

Quote:
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AMEN!

Scripture has the power to evoke all kinds of emotions. The emotion that occurs usually is the result of where you are in your walk with the LORD.

God is so good, yet I know that when I will see him, I will have to fall at his feet, knowing he is so holy and I have failed so much. Maybe this is the time when the scriptures say that "he will wipe the tears from our eyes". Revelation 21:4.

ginnyrose