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The aftermath of the Revival in Wales, which was a true work of God, revealed numbers of "honest souls" swept off their feet by evil supernatural powers, which they were not able to discern from the true working of God. And later still than the Welsh Revival, there have been other "movements," with large numbers of earnest servants of God swept into deception, through the wiles of deceiving spirits counterfeiting the workings of God; all "honest souls," deceived by the subtle force, and certain to be led on into still deeper deception, notwithstanding their honesty and earnestness, if they are not awakened to "return to soberness" and recovery out of the snare of the devil into which they have fallen (2 Tim. 2:26).

Briefly put, this is a glimpse into the mixed "manifestations" which have come upon the Church of God, since the Revival in Wales; for, almost without exception, in every land where revival has since broken forth, within a very brief period of time the counterfeit stream has mingled with the true; and almost without exception, true and false have been accepted together, because of the workers being ignorant of the possibility of concurrent streams; or else have been rejected together by those who could not detect the one from the other; or it has been believed that there was no "true" at all, because the majority of believers fail to understand that there can be mixed workings of the (1) Divine and Satanic, (2) Divine and human, (3) Satanic and human, (4) soul and spirit, (5) soul and body, (6) body and spirit; the three latter in the way of feelings and consciousness, and the three former in the way of source and power.

<http://www.hielema.net/Nederlands/Schrijvers/Penn-Lewis-Roberts/pdf/War-on-the-Saints.pdf>

TRUE AND FALSE CONFESSION OF SIN, on: 2016/6/30 17:11

COMPULSORY "CONFESSIONS" OF SIN

Here the evil spirits may push the man to "confessions" of all kinds, however public and painful, which he hopes may result in regaining the "experience" apparently lost; but all in vain. These confessions instigated by deceiving spirits may be recognized by their compulsory character. The man is forced to "confess" sin, and oftentimes sins which have no existence, but in the accusations of the enemy. As it does not dawn upon him that evil spirits will push a man to do what looks like the most meritorious thing, and which the Scriptures declare is the one condition for obtaining forgiveness, he yields to the drive upon him, simply to get relief. Herein lies the danger of widespread "confessions of sin" during times of Revival, when almost a "wave" of "confession" passes over a community, and the depths of sinful lives are exposed to the gaze of others; through this enabling the lying spirits to disseminate the very poison of the pit into the atmosphere, and into the minds of the listeners.

TRUE CONFESSION OF SIN

True confession of sin should come from deep convictionnote 22 and not compulsion, and should, be made only to God, if the sin is one only known by God; to man personally, and in private, when the sin is against man; and to the public only when the sin is against the public. "Confession" should never be made under the impulse of any compulsory emotion, but should be the deliberate act of the volition; choosing the right, and the putting things right, according to the will of God.

That Satan's kingdom gains by public "confessions" is evident by the devices of the enemy used to push men into them. Evil spirits drive a man into sin, and then compel that man publicly to confess the sin which they forced him to commit--contrary to his true character--in order to make the sin which they forced him into, a stigma upon him for the remainder of his life.

Re: True and False Revivals and the Counterfeit Manifestations of Satan - posted by dohzman (), on: 2016/7/1 5:09

Jhn 10:27

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me

Division is often a device of satan, not always but often, there are times when God for His own purposes does a division factor. I do not honestly believe that a sincere heart that with true unselfish intent to follow and know Jesus can be deceived, please note the descriptives and my wording very carefully. The scripture you used 2 Tim. 2:26 has nothing to do with true believers being deceived but that whole passage is one that deals with sin and strife, things like youthful lusts, etc .. what happened in Wales was Evan Roberts endured a ton of opposition from those ministers who called themselves Christians and denounced the whole of that move of God in Wales. Penn latter would write the book of books which would forever sow seeds of doubt into anything supernatural and through that bear the fruit of division and divisiveness. Jesus used an example for His disciples to follow when they reported that there were others who were doing works in His name, they stopped those and Jesus said forbid them not for he who is not against me is for me. I think in much of history as in the present we all(myself included) come really closed to Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit which is attributing the things of God to satan. Roberts never did recover. When there is a powerful manifestation of The Lord and His presence with signs following, most of the time, the instrument that was used goes through a kind of mental cool down, in some cases, like in the Baptists case they may even doubt, most of them don't write books about it though. I could point out a lot of modern psychology straight from that book which unfortunately has entered the church and in many ways robbed countless people of any hope in God for FEAR that they may perhaps ask for a fish and get a serpent. Gotta wonder what kind of Father God do they serve? or have been taught:(

Now as to false intentions from con artists who seek to profit from "the move of God", like many charismatics, it is really nothing new, just look in the book of Acts, read the epistles. Regardless of their intent Jesus said My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me so a true believer can get a real healing from God even though the vessel in the pulpit is unclean because nothing and noone can take out of Jesus hand whom God has placed there, God will often times by pass the pulpit and heal His child or perform a miracle or what ever is needed to meet His own dear son or daughter.

Re: , on: 2016/7/1 9:03

As Jessie Penn-Lewis states, Satan is the "great Mixer".

Jesus told us that!! He told us that tares were among the wheat and that they would "grow up together". Paul also said the following:

Acts 20:29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in AMONG YOU, NOT SPARING the flock.

I was invited for dinner last night to a colleague's house. He is Hindu and just came over from India about a month ago. He is newly married and first time for his wife to be out of India but he has travelled to over 26 countries. Great dinner, I love Indian food and we had great conversation about life and families and raising kids (they are expecting their first) and so many other things. Then he came straight out and asked me about Christianity and how I became a Christian. During our talk and while I shared my testimony with him we touched on many subjects, not the least of which was people of all religions that use religion to take advantage of others and make money for themselves. I could sense God has been moving in his life as he had a real openness to the gospel. I was able to tell him about genuine Christianity and he seemed to understand all too well about false Christians and other Jesus's. I was blessed, they were blessed and I prayed for them at the end of the night. We held hands, I prayed for the baby, for them and for the Lord to continue to reveal Himself to them. They were very receptive, but it is interesting that in general, he recognized true and false Christianity in some of its forms.

Jessie Penn-Lewis also states (and it is backed up by the Word in many places) that multiplication in the Kingdom of God takes place one by one, here a little there a little. We don't depend on Revivals, but on every Child of God, walking after Christ each day and sowing the seeds of life into people's lives. Revivals are wonderful, but revived Christians avoiding the snares of the Enemy, daily walking after Christ and sharing the Gospel of Jesus is much more effective and the will of God.

Re: - posted by dohzman (), on: 2016/7/1 20:56

wonderful testimony. Your Indian friend recognized false Christianity because he has seen false teachers in the Hindu religion also. Same traits and characteristics. I do believe there is a place for larger gatherings where the Lord manifests His presence in such a way that things happen, I also believe that it is very rare because most ministers are building their kingdom and not God's kingdom, where the people become a means to an end and the pulpit justifies the needs of the moment to the reason they beat and fleece the sheep. There will be an awakening of discernment in much of the church in the days ahead, not sure the organized church movement will be able to endure it. The priest garments in the OT were to be pure not mixed with any other materials, it is so sad that the pulpit can not see how it mixes threads of humanism, socialism, and every other kind ofism and by that they lead many astray. I do believe that 1 on 1 is the best way in some settings but it still takes the church-the organic church- to raise up converts to maturity.

Re: , on: 2016/7/1 23:45

Quote:

-----by dohzman on 2016/7/1 20:56:54

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I was on the road this week as I am every week and encountered some real spiritual battles Monday-Wednesday where I considered blowing off the dinner invite with an excuse. And the Lord encouraged me to go and at that moment I believed He was going to do something. I then realized the enemy was trying to dissuade me through physical circumstances. I was tired, working long hours for three days and would have had a valid excuse for being too tired and being the time to study for my exam the next day. He had to study, too. I went with the thought to leave by 9:00 because I had a certification test to take the next day. I left at 11:20pm! We had such a wonderful time in the Lord. I just put the next day in God's hands. I finished the week on a high note getting the opportunity to talk about Jesus to them and on Friday I passed my exam with a 97.06. I don't know how I did that but I give all glory to God. he always seems to take care of my business if I am about His.

Re: - posted by dohzman (), on: 2016/7/2 5:17

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That was an encouraging reminder to us all to seek first The Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto us. Blessings Bro DMiller

Re: Suggestions to the Believer made by Evil Spirits, on: 2016/7/4 14:31

Some of the suggestions made to the believer by deceiving spirits at this time, may be: (1) "You are a special instrument for God," working to feed self-love;

(2) "You are more advanced than others" working to blind the soul to sober knowledge of itself;

(3) "You are different from others," working to make him think he needs special dealing by God;

(4) "You must take a separate path," a suggestion made to feed the independent spirit;

(5) "You must give up your occupation, and live by faith," aiming at causing the believer to launch out on false guidance, which may result in the ruin of his home, and sometimes the work for God in which he is engaged.

All these suggestions are made to give the man a false conception of his spiritual state; for he is made to believe he is more advanced than he actually is, so that he may act beyond his measure of faith and knowledge (Rom. 12: 3), and consequently be more open to the deceptions of the beguiling foe. Upon the basis of the supposed revelation of God, and the special manifestation of His presence, and the consequent full possession of the believer by Him, the lying spirits afterwards build their counterfeits

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