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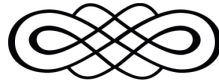
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Could there be much to a simple scripture dealing with a dangerous ox and its owner? I think there is a world of truth found in the Book of Exodus!

Exodus 21:29 outlines a situation where an ox owned by a person is known to be aggressive and has previously gored someone. If the ox later kills a person, the owner of the ox can be seen as having acted negligently by failing to control an animal that posed a known danger. In this context, some might argue that the owner bears moral and legal responsibility for the ox's actions. The justification for severe consequences, perhaps even capital punishment for the owner, stems from the idea of negligence leading to catastrophic outcomes. This perspective suggests that society has a right to protect itself from individuals who display a disregard for the safety of others through poor stewardship of dangerous animals. Furthermore, from a broader societal perspective, failing to impose strict penalties on the owner could lead to a lack of accountability, potentially endangering future citizens. The principle of collective



responsibility may come into play, where the community asserts that owners must maintain control over their animals to prevent harm. Thus, the death of the owner could be viewed as an extreme but necessary measure to deter others from similar negligence. In this way, capital punishment can be seen not only as a form of justice for the victim but also as a means to uphold the safety and moral standards of the community at large. In a spiritual context I would like to note how clear it is to see the dangers of “Protecting Dangerous Spirits” The role of a pastor extends far beyond the mere delivery of sermons and conducting religious services; it encompasses the spiritual well-being of the congregation. In a world rife with challenges and adversities, pastors act as shepherds guiding their flock not just in times of joy but also during spiritual turmoil. Protecting church members from spiritual attacks is crucial, as these attacks can manifest in negative thoughts, doubts, and temptations that may lead individuals astray from their faith. By fostering a supportive community, offering counsel, and equipping members with scriptural knowledge, pastors create an environment where individuals are fortified against these assaulting forces. This protective role is vital for nurturing their spiritual growth and resilience, enabling them to face life's challenges with faith and confidence. Furthermore, the importance of a pastor's protective role is underscored by the understanding that spiritual attacks can have profound consequences on both personal and communal levels. When congregants experience doubt or spiritual crises, it can lead to disconnection from God and a diminishing of their faith

community. Pastors, therefore, must be vigilant and proactive in their pastoral care, employing prayer, teaching, and mentorship to combat these spiritual threats. By being attuned to the struggles of their members and responding with empathy and guidance, pastors not only safeguard individual souls but also strengthen the unity and health of the church as a whole. Ultimately, this protection is a testament to the love and commitment that pastors have toward their community, ensuring that they flourish spiritually even amidst the inevitable storms of life.

**Definition:** The belt of truth represents living a life of integrity and being grounded in the truth of God's Word.

**Ephesians 6:14a –**

*“Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth...”*

## **2. Breastplate of Righteousness:**

**Definition:** The breastplate of righteousness symbolizes living a life of moral integrity and righteousness before God and others.

**Ephesians 6:14b –**

*“...and having put on the breastplate of righteousness...”*

### 3. Shoes of the Gospel of Peace:

**Definition:** The shoes of the gospel of peace represent readiness to share the good news of salvation and to walk in peace with others.

Ephesians 6:15 –

*“...and, as shoes for your feet,  
having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.”*

### 4. Shield of Faith:

**Definition:** The shield of faith signifies trust and confidence in God’s promises to extinguish the fiery darts of the enemy.

Ephesians 6:16 – “

*In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which  
you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one.”*

### 5. Helmet of Salvation:

**Definition:** The helmet of salvation represents the assurance of salvation and the protection of the mind with the hope of eternal life.

Ephesians 6:17a –

*“And take the helmet of salvation...”*

## 6. Sword of the Spirit:

**Definition:** The sword of the Spirit is the Word of God, which is a powerful offensive weapon against the enemy's lies and deceptions.

Ephesians 6:17b –  
*“...which is the word of God.”*

## 7. Prayer and Supplication:

**Definition:** Prayer and supplication signify constant communication with God, seeking His guidance, protection, and strength in all circumstances.

Ephesians 6:18 –  
*“Praying at all times in the Spirit,  
with all prayer and supplication.”*

Principalities and Powers In Ephesians 6:12, Paul mentions “principalities” and “powers” as part of the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms that believers wrestle against. Here are the definitions of these terms in Greek and English:

**Principalities (Greek: ἀρχαὶ, archai):** Refers to rulers or authorities in the spiritual realm, often associated with high-ranking demonic entities.



**Powers (Greek: ἐξουσίαι, exousiai):** Refers to spiritual forces with influence, dominion, or authority, which may seek to exert control and oppose the work of God.

Understanding these terms helps believers recognize the spiritual warfare they are engaged in and the need to rely on the armor of God to stand firm against these spiritual adversaries. By putting on the full armor of God and staying vigilant in prayer and supplication, believers can effectively resist the schemes. In the Apostolic-Pentecostal Church, believers often rely on the power of the Holy Spirit within them to discern spiritual matters and protect the church against dangerous spirits. The gift of discerning of spirits, one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, enables believers to perceive the presence of spiritual entities and distinguish between the Holy Spirit, demonic spirits, and other spiritual influences. This gift is crucial in safeguarding the church against false teachings, deceptive spirits, and spiritual attacks.

# **Scriptural Application and Examples of Discerning of spirits in Operation**



## **1. Paul's Discernment of the Spirit of Divination (Acts 16:16-18):**

In Philippi, Paul encountered a slave girl who had a spirit of divination. By the gift of discerning of spirits, Paul recognized the source of her supernatural ability and cast out the spirit, setting her free.

## **2. Jesus' Discernment of Evil Spirits (Mark 5:1-13):**

Jesus encountered a man possessed by a legion of demons in the region of the Gerasenes. Through His discernment of spirits, Jesus recognized the demonic presence and authority, commanding the spirits to leave the man and enter a herd of pigs.

## **3. Peter's Discernment of Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11):**

Peter discerned the deceitful intentions of Ananias and Sapphira regarding their offering to the church. Through the gift of discerning of spirits, Peter confronted their deception, leading to their judgment by God.

## **4. John's Warning Against False Spirits (1 John 4:1-3):**

In his epistle, John instructs believers to test the spirits to discern whether they are from God. This guidance emphasizes the importance of discerning spirits to distinguish between truth and deception.

The examples above demonstrate how God has used His vessels in the Bible to discern the spiritual realm, protect the church against unclean, dangerous spirits, and confront spiritual deception.

Through the operation of the gift of discerning of spirits and other spiritual gifts, believers can be equipped to edify the church, identify false brethren, and stand against spiritual attacks.

By staying rooted in the Word of God, walking in obedience to His commands, and relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit, believers in the Apostolic Pentecostal Church can effectively discern and confront dangerous spirits in the spiritual realm, safeguarding the flock and upholding the truth of the Apostles Doctrine. We must learn to pray the scriptures. Through prayer and fasting this kind comes out! Mark 9:23-29 states "This kind can only come out through prayer and fasting." There must be continued intercession in the local church. All night prayer meetings, weekly prayer meetings on Monday night, on Friday night! We must plead the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ over our homes, our families, friends, police department, fireman, school politicians, etc.

We must pray and fast for the righteous to flourish. We must have an Apostolic Pentecostal, Jesus name revival with signs, wonders, miracles, and healings to glorify the name of Jesus. Water baptisms must take place in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ with baptisms in the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking tongues. To be born of the water and of the spirit. Building the kingdom of God, our bodies are the temple of the Holy Ghost. We are an invitation. We must have an overflow. The Holy Ghost flowing out of us to a lost, and dying world.



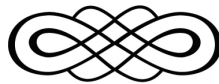
Through the Holy Ghost (in the word of knowledge, in the word of wisdom, and through the gift of the discerning of spirits) we are able to identify and prophesy prophetically to destroy the works of the devil, the works darkness and the spirit of disobedience that's at work. We must identify dangerous spirits to rebuke and cast them out in Jesus name. World Harvest Pentecostal Church believes in deliverance with Apostolic Pentecostal authority. We will see deliverance from spirits of drugs, the spirit of alcohol, the spirit of suicide, and the spirit of witchcraft. We will destroy these strongholds in Jesus name!

I believe through this booklet, you will learn to pray and be zealous.

Being used in the nine gifts of the Holy Ghost. However, you can only be used in these nine gifts after you receive the gift of the Holy Ghost and fire with the evidence of speaking in tongues. After receiving this gift, Jesus can use you as He wills. Pray and seek God to be used to edify the church of the living God!

## ABOUT

# Elder Keith Joel Walker



In 1980 at the age of thirteen, I repented of my sins and was later filled with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues in my bedroom on 100 W. Holland in Clovis, California. Soon after, I began to see the revelation that Jesus was the God of the Old and the New Testament and that water baptism was administered in Jesus Name. However, at age fifteen, I was credentialed with the Pentecostal Church of God, a Trinitarian-Pentecostal organization.

At the time, I would approach Pastor Aaron Wilson and his Associate Pastor about John 1:1-14 and John 14:7-9, where Jesus said “if you’ve seen me, you’ve seen the father” as well as Acts 2:38 and Romans 6:1-6 concerning Jesus Name baptism, but they would brush it off.

Several years later, in 1987, I visited a service at Truth Tabernacle in Fresno under Elder Vaughn Morton. In that service, Brother Keith Clark preached. Elder Vaughn Morton exhorted about the Oneness of God and the essentiality of being baptized in Jesus Name. That day, I saw the revelation, but I ran from it. The next day, a friend and I went to the Spanish Assemblies of God on Forth and Washington in Fresno. We told them that we received the revelation of Jesus Name baptism, according to Acts 2:38 and wanted to use their baptistry. Pastor Tommy Salazar smiled and said that he knew about baptism in Jesus Name and that his brother was affiliated with the Apostolic Assemblies denomination. He gave us his approval and said, “fill up the baptistry.” So that afternoon, my friend baptized me in Jesus name and I baptized him as well.

From 1988–1992, my wife and I pastored in Chowchilla. During this time, God would give me dreams about Elder Vaughn Morton baptizing people in Jesus Name. There were many mornings that I would wake up and see 2:38 on the clock as the Lord began to deal with me about the truth.

In 1993, my wife, Donna and I felt the call of God to start World Harvest Pentecostal Church in Fresno. The Lord continued to reveal the truth to me over the years. Between 1998–2007, I began to rebaptize those in my church in Jesus Name. I also taught the Oneness of God and holiness to my congregation and left the Assemblies of God, the Trinitarian–Pentecostal denomination I was affiliated with during that time.

In 2008, Elder Vaughn Morton came to visit me at World Harvest Pentecostal Church. He told me that he heard the sermons I was preaching on the new birth, according to Acts 2:38 and the Oneness of God. That afternoon, we went to Truth Tabernacle, where Elder Morton pastored and I asked him to rebaptize me in Jesus Name. He asked me to preach at his Sunday night service and wanted me to tell my testimony on how I came into the full revelation of the truth according to Acts 2:38, on the new birth and Deuteronomy 6:4, on the Oneness of God.

Since August 15, 1993, my wife and I have been pastoring in Fresno for 27 years. We have had the privilege of preaching the gospel in ten different nations. Over the years, we have seen many rebaptized, baptized in Jesus Name and filled with the Holy Ghost. We have also had the privilege of seeing many come to the Revelation of the Oneness at World Harvest Pentecostal Church and around the world.