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Acts: The Gifts and Operations of God

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1 Corinthians 12:1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

1 Corinthians 12:4-6 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

1 Corinthians 12:7-11 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

Notes:

I. Paul, through the Holy Spirit, commands the church to “not be ignorant” concerning the gifts of the Holy Spirit. That is why this study is important!

II. Genesis 6-8 a picture of the operations, administrations, and gifts of the Holy Spirit. Like a wheel working within a wheel. The Father, the Word (Jesus), and the Holy Spirit work seamless together in perfect unity.

1. The operation overseen by the Father was the flood and all aspects of it.

a. Preparation

b. Helpers for Noah

c. Animals arriving at the perfect time

d. Rain from above and floods from beneath

e. The Wind that moved the waters back from the land – ultimately storing it in the poles, north and south.

2. The administrations are in the hands of Jesus. He oversees staffing for the plans and purposes of God. Jesus called Noah to serve in the building of the ark, and preserving both man and beasts

3. The Holy Spirit was hovering over the whole operation and manifesting gifts.

a. The Word of Wisdom: God reveals to Noah what is going to happen as well as what he must do. This was all an operation of revelation.

b. The gift of faith was in operation to protect Noah and his family in this controversial move. He was a preaching of righteousness in the midst of a world about to be destroyed. Undoubtedly the devil hated this one man standing in righteousness. The gift of faith also brings provision, such as workers to assist Noah. Noah must have been a man of financial means, in order to hire help that in the natural would not have agreed with Noah's righteousness or his doomsday prophecy. But, for money or economic gain, men, or giants, will work. The gift of faith was definitely in operation as the boat began to rise in the waters, keeping everyone on the boat in perfect peace.

The book of Acts is an operation of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

In Closing: It is important to understand these things so that we can begin to apply faith in prayer to understand what we, in our local congregations, should be doing.