

Supernatural – Introduction

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I. Introduction

- A. Supernatural: Pertaining to, or being above or beyond what is natural, unexplainable by natural law or phenomena.
- B. Worldview: The overall perspective from which we see and interpret the world; a collection of beliefs about life both natural and supernatural.

II. Common Mistakes Regarding the Supernatural

- A. An over emphasis on the supernatural – Thinking everything bad that happens to us is from Satan or a demonic attack.
- B. An under emphasis on the supernatural – Thinking nothing is supernatural and missing the divine hand of God working in our lives or giving no thought to the enemy who seeks to harm and destroy us.

III. The Unseen Reality

- A. 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 - *For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.*
- B. Ephesians 6:10-18 - *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.*
- C. Put on the full armor of God so you can take your stand against the devil's schemes, who is planning, plotting and scheming to hurt us.

IV. The Mission of Jesus

- A. 1 Timothy 1:15 - *Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.*
- B. Luke 4:16-22 - *He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. 17The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: 18" The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, 19to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." 20Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the*

synagogue were fastened on him, 21and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." 22All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.

- C. *Matthew 11:2-3 - When John heard in prison what Christ was doing, he sent his disciples 3to ask him, "Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?"*
- D. *Matthew 3:13-17 - Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. 14But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" 15Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. 16As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. 17And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."*
- E. *Matthew 11:4-5 - Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: 5The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor.*
- F. This is part of the fullness of His mission on earth, to proclaim the Kingdom of God through that which was not natural, but supernatural and as disciples of Jesus, He tells us to do the same.

V. The Mission of the Church

- A. *John 14:12 - I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.*
- B. Everything that Jesus did we are to do also: Proclaim the good news to the poor, pray for the sick, cast out demons, engage in the spiritual battle that takes place around us, be aware of divine appointments, be aware of where and when God is leading, pray for random strangers when called to do so by the Holy Spirit.
- C. The disciples were untrained, normal people. They lacked faith, vision discipline understanding and courage – just like us!
- D. *Luke 10:1-2, 8-9 - After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. 2He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. 8"When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is set before you. 9Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you.'*

VI. Conclusion

- A. Proclaim and demonstrate the Kingdom of God.