

ACTIVATING SPIRITUAL GIFTS 102: THE HAND OF GOD

STUDENT NOTES

MODULE 1: The Hand of God & The Gift of Faith

INTRODUCTION

SCRIPTURE

I Corinthians 4:20

My speech and my message were not with plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

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Welcome to Gifts 102: The Hand of God

I. Preview of Course Content

- A. We will now transition from the gifts of revelation - the eyes of God, to studying the gifts of power - the hand of God. This includes faith, healings, and miracles.
- B. Whereas the revelatory gifts allow us to “see things as God sees them,” these gifts allow us to bring about divine effects and impossible results in people’s lives.
- C. When we speak of the hand of God, we are reminded of several passages from the Old Testament that speak of God’s powerful working:
 - 1. Ex. 8:19 - “this is nothing other than the hand of God”
 - 2. Is. 59:1 - “the arm of the Lord is not short”
 - 3. In ancient Egyptian royal literature, a pharaoh is frequently described as using his "mighty hand" or "outstretched arm" to perform mighty deeds.
- D. **We do not serve a powerless God.** The power gifts are central to all that we are trying to do to represent God well in the world.

APPLICATION:

Ask God to quicken your faith and His gifts of power through you, so that those whom you minister to would not rest their faith on your eloquent preaching, but on Jesus Christ and His power.

