

Manifestations in the Home



I'm fairly certain that folks who read the title of this article probably think I'm referring to demonic manifestations in the home. But actually I'd like to talk to you about other kinds of manifestations in the home—manifestations of the Holy Ghost. *What? Dr. Dinkins, are you saying we can have Holy Ghost manifestations in our home on a regular basis?* Yes! That's exactly what I'm saying.

Let me give you an example of what I'm talking about. We have a lady in our church who God uses on occasion in our services to deliver a word of knowledge. It so happens that she functions in the word of knowledge on occasion in her home also. There have been many times when she has warned her daughter through a word of knowledge of the unclean intent of some filthy-minded male friend of hers. By doing this, she has saved her daughter a lot of grief and perhaps even pregnancy.

If parents would function more in the word of knowledge in their homes they would better rule their homes and be able to rout out drugs, pornography, demonically-lyricized rock-n-roll, and sex paraphernalia brought in by their teenage son

or daughter. Think what a timely word of knowledge might have done to save a straying son or daughter caught in the grips of drugs, premarital sex, Satanism, or homosexuality. So many get so caught up in these evils that they never escape. Some have even committed suicide because of their involvement in these sins.

It's not an uncommon thing in the Benedetti household to hear the sudden blast of a message in tongues blaring from one of the bedrooms upstairs followed by

of the women on the Women's Prayer Patrol here at Faith Confession Tabernacle. As I sat at the dinner table having a lovely meal with her, her husband, and five children, the Spirit of Holy Laughter took ahold of us and we were in such Holy-Ghost hysterics that we fell off our chairs and laughed till our bellies hurt. *What was so funny?* you ask. Nothing was funny. It was the Spirit of God tickling our funny bones.

Sister Stratford told me that her children don't fight over which TV program to watch. Instead they pray for a word of wisdom to direct their television-viewing and the guidance comes... sometimes through tongues and interpretation, sometimes through prophecy, sometimes through a word of knowledge Scripture citation.

I know a couple of parents who slay their children in the Spirit as the means of disciplining them. Rather than being sent to their room, they lie sometimes for hours under the power of God right there in the family den. I'm not condoning sparing the rod and spoiling the child, but what I am suggesting is that sometimes the rod of the Spirit can be even more effective than the rod of the flesh.

The Christian home should be a regular place of dreams and visions. Brother Reginald



an interpretation coming from the kitchen down below. The Benedetti family has learned to harness the power of the Holy Ghost and let it meander whichever way it blows as they follow its lead. They fight just like any Italian family fights, but their fights always end in conversational tongues on the level of the spirit-man.

The Benedettis are not alone. I recently was invited to dinner in the home of Sister Stratford, one

Lipshitz recently had a vision of the pretribulation rapture in his home while staring at a pile of dirty laundry. Sister Serintha Gwendolyn Rashonda Wendolyn Jackson is frequently visited by members of the angelic host while sitting on the stool in her home. She believes she is more receptive at this time due to at least three factors: the stillness involved, the angelic affinity for water, and the momentary change in her brain waves.

I am also convinced that God wants to manifest in our homes the latter-day signs of blood, fire, and vapor of smoke mentioned in Acts 2:19. Sister Lucy Rael is a mighty woman of God who walks in the Divine manifestations of Acts 2:19. Though she comes from a Catholic background, her ministry's been endorsed by Brother Kenneth Copeland, Brother and Sister T.L. Osborn, and Sister Billye Brim. Sister Rael receives mighty manifestations of bloody and oily stimata on her physical body. God's also given her the manifestation of Holy-Ghost dove feathers flying off her body. Can you imagine the wave of glory that would sweep the globe if we tapped into these kinds of manifestations in our family home-life. Hallelujah!

The vapor of Shekinah-Glory smoke can manifest in your home. I've seen it both in the assembly and in the home of one of the brethren. You can learn to release it and shape it by tapping into it in faith-dimension operations. That goes for the tongue of fire too. God wants to manifest it too, not only in the assembly, but also in our homes.

My Beloved, stop for a moment to consider the possibilities of a Christian home-life replete with a complete smorgasbord of Holy-

Ghost manifestations. Imagine doing a daily, mundane chore such as washing the dishes, only to be interrupted by a vision of Armageddon among the suds.

Then just as the vision retreats, you hear your six-year-old daughter break out in a message in tongues out in the living room followed by your fourteen-year-old son giving the interpretation amid the screams of hysterical laughter from your husband. You run into the living room to see him fallen out under the power between the sofa and the coffee table just as your nine-year-old son gives a word of wisdom instructing the whole family to tune into channel 9 at 8:00 PM.

Later that evening as the family watches The Bob Newhart Show, your husband's hands begin to bleed profusely as oil oozes out of his forehead and feathers fly out of his ears. You receive a word of knowledge that your fourteen-year-old is addicted to pornography and that there is a July 1989 issue of *The Hustler* in his backpack. You search his backpack and sure enough, there it is.

Suddenly, your fourteen-year-old delivers a prophecy stating that your unwedded, sixteen-year-old daughter will give birth to a 9-lb.-11-oz., baby boy in eight months. Just then, an angel appears, standing next to the potted plant by the front door, and he points at your daughter, convicting her of the sin of premarital sex. She falls to her knees in repentance. You feel like killing her, but as the feathers from your husband's ears land on your shoulders, you decide to put the child up for adoption once it's carried to full-term.

Your nine-year-old suddenly begins to laugh in the Spirit as the oil of joy is released in your midst. God is on the move in your home. Hallelujah! Can you imagine the revival that would spread like wild-fire across this country and around the globe? It can happen if you'll claim it and give the Holy Ghost full reign. Wouldn't you like more Holy-Ghost manifestations in *your* home? ☐

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