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3. Demonstrating Three Models
4. The Deception Of The Anointing
5. Extravagance Verses Respectability
6. Gestural Communication
7. Levels Of Supernatural Visions #1
8. Levels Of Supernatural Visions #2
9. Trances Defined
10. Trances: The Experiential Side
11. Standing In The Council Of God #1
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13. The Order & Characteristics Of Angels
14. Ministry & Function Of Angels
15. Angelic Intervention Thru Intercession
16. Current Day Accounts Of Angelic Activity

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Acknowledgment and Debt of Gratitude

The Holy Spirit is an awesome teacher. He is able to take the Logos and make it into a transforming, life-changing word. I love the ministry of the Holy Spirit! I have been impacted by the writings and friendship with David Castro of Brooklyn, New York. He is a man with understanding concerning the subject matter herein. I also wish to thank Carlton Kenney, statesman missionary to Japan for his solid, humble approach to *Standing in the Council of the Lord*. Thank you so very much!

But I wish to dedicate these materials to another important person. In the fall of 1992 our home became a visitation of unusual proportions. But these encounters did not center around me. They were focused around my wonderful wife, Michal Ann. It is to my dear anointed and patient wife that I wish to dedicate these notes and teachings. Ann, I love you! I don't know what I'd do without you!

Thank you, Lord for giving me a helpmate suitable for my needs.

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Preface: Understanding Supernatural Encounters

By James W. Goll

In recent years the Holy Spirit has been poured out upon **Conservative, Cessationist Christians** who previously believed that the gifts have ceased. **Evangelicals** have been going through radical paradigm shifts as many have been experiencing the God of Heaven drawing near. **Historical Liturgical Churches** have been experiencing the “*fire of God!*” **Pentecostals** followers of Christ are rediscovering their birth right of power, conviction and His presence. **Charismatics** are noting that yesterdays filling is not good enough for today. There must be “*More Lord!*”

On and on it goes. Midly stated, “*God is doing a new thing in the earth!*” Isn’t it exciting? But sometimes, if you would be honest with me, isn’t it a bit over whelming at times also? What do we make of all this *Holy Ghost Commotion?* Who is in control? Will life ever return to normal?

It appears that God has been hearing the cries of the world wide prayer movement asking the Holy Spirit to be poured out and taking us at our word. Perhaps, our Father in heaven has a word for us, “*Ready or not - here I come!*” The Spirit of God is enabling the Bride of Christ across the globe to fervently send forth a passionate plea, “*Even so come quickly, Lord Jesus!*” But I have a thought for you.... Possibly, before He comes for us, He is first coming among us. He is coming to invade our ungodly comfort zones!

Yes, God’s presence in the person of the Holy Spirit is being unleashed globally. After all, isn’t that what God’s word says in Joel 2: 28, 29, “*And it will come about after this that I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; and your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. And even on your male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.*” Yes, give us, “*More Lord!*”

This is why I have put this Study Guide together called **Understanding Supernatural Encounters**. Put this together with the other Study Guides from the **Equipping in the Prophetic** series: **Prophetic Foundations, Experiencing Dreams and Visions** and **Prophetic Maturation** and you have an arsenal of weapons to help equip you with biblical and experiential grounding.

In this manual, I have developed three sections of materials for you to study with Reflection Questions at the end of each lesson with the corresponding answers in the back.

I have drawn from the teachings of others such as David Castro, author and friend; Carlton Kenney, missionary statesman to Japan; and other respected bible teachers and prophetic voices.

Let's take a peak of what this Study Guide contains. Section One is called **Keys To The Supernatural**. Here I cover a variety of subjects developing your faith for encounters with God while also giving you wisdom lessons on how to handle this "hot stuff". One of the lessons here, *The Deception of the Anointing*, is possibly one of the most wisdom filled teachings the Lord has thus far entrusted to me.

In Section Two we take a detailed look at **Visionary Classifications** and discuss such taboo subjects as *Trances: A Biblical View*, *Levels of Supernatural Visions* and much more! Section Three completes this needed training manual on the subject of **Angelic Encounters**. Here I dive into the subjects of the *Ministry and Function of Angels*, *Angelic Intervention Through Intercession* and the list goes on.

In this Study Guide I trust that you will find detailed lessons with biblical accuracy, mingled with revelatory understanding that will ground you and teach you these supernatural ways of God. Michal Ann and I have co-authored a book that is a great additional resource to this manual entitled **Encounters With a Supernatural God**. We have developed these materials with you in mind. Yes, you! We want you to "understand" and thus be able to move wisely and freely in things of the Lord.

I do not present myself to you as an expert, but I do invite you to go on a pilgrimage with me to learn these things that have freely been poured into my heart and mind. I pray that God, Creator of the Universe, will draw near to you as you draw near to Him. May you be challenged and equipped in the prophetic graces of the Holy Spirit - but even more importantly, may you apprehend the reason why God is moving in such unusual demonstrations today.

"What is that you say?" You see, our Father, is coming to vindicate the name of His son Jesus through out the earth in this generation! Yes, Jesus Christ shall receive the rewards for His suffering and Jesus shall be lifted up and exalted! May the spirit of wisdom and revelation of the glorious Lord Jesus Christ be yours! May you catch His presence and give it away!

With Expectant Faith In Our Messiah,

James W. Goll

SECTION ONE:

KEYS

TO THE

SUPERNATURAL

Lesson One

Keys to the Supernatural

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I. A THREE CORD STRAND

These are three major strands or keys to the supernatural activity of the Holy Spirit. Let's glance at these necessary ingredients.

A. The Necessity of Faith

1. Categories of Faith
 - a. The 'measure of faith' that each "born again" believer receives and must exercise to bring an increase of faith - Rms.12:3-8.
 - b. The fruit of the Holy Spirit called "faithfulness" which deals with the character of God in the life of the individual - Gal. 5:22, 23.
 - c. The "gift of faith" which is a special surge of confidence in God and His Word which sometimes arises within a person faced with a specific situation or need - Mk 11:22-24. Faith comes (present active tense) and continues to come by the words (rhema) of Christ - Rms10:17.
2. Two of the ways of exercising this kind of faith.
 - a. Words spoken to God on behalf of a person, an object, or a situation:
 - i. I Ki.17:1 - Fall of rain and dew controlled by Elijah's word.
 - ii. I Ki.18:41-45 - Elijah spoke to God on behalf of the rain (compare James 5:16-18).
 - b. Words spoken to a person, an object, or a situation on behalf of God.
 - i. Josh. 10:12-14 - Joshua spoke to the sun and moon on behalf of God.
3. Statement by Derek Prince, "All progress in the Christian life is by faith."

B. The Presence of God Manifested

1. The power of the Holy Spirit is released at a specific time and setting.
 - a. Lk. 5:17 - "*and the power of the Lord was present for Him to perform healing.*"

- b. Mk. 5:21-34 - the lessons of the woman who touched “*the hem of His garment*” out of desperation and expectation was used to draw forth the anointing. (See verse 30 specifically.)
 2. At times there has to be a sovereign power of the Lord’s presence on objects and geographical regions - the strength of the anointing.
 - a. II Ki. 13:20,21 - Man raised from the dead as he is thrown upon the dead bones of Elisha.
 - b. Relics of the “saints”, anointed clothing etc (Acts 19:12) which appeared to carry a residue of the manifested presence of the power and presence of God.
 - c. Power Points - Releases of God’s supernatural power in specific areas for His divine purpose. Consider the “radiation zone” in the Hebrides revival under Duncan Campbell. These are often referred to as “open heavens” over specific regions.
- C. Imparters - Gifted People Who Release the Power of His Presence to Others**
1. Rms. 1:11 - Paul wants to see the Roman Christians in person that he may impart spiritual gifts to them that they may be established.
 2. Dt. 34:9 - Moses to Joshua.
 3. I Ki. 19:15-21 and II Ki. 2:1-12 - Elijah to Elisha.
 4. Acts 9:17 - Ananias to Saul.
 5. I Sam. 10:5-12 and 19:20-24 - Saul was changed into another man as he came into the prophetic presence and influence of God upon others.

II. THREE ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT FACTORS

A. Compassion

The essential and necessary ingredient to move in the powerful, supernatural presence of God is the heart issue of compassion. Many of Jesus’ acts of healing and the miraculous came as a result of compassion eruptions.

(See the lesson “*Compassion: The Necessary Ingredient*” in the Study Guide *The Healing Anointing*.)

B. The Will and Word of God

1. Of course, this is paramount in all activity of the Spirit. The will of God is in the Word of God. We must become convinced what the will of God is in a matter to be enabled to exercise true biblical faith (Rm. 12:1-2).
2. Read I Jn. 3:21-24 and I Jn. 5:15

C. **The Timing of a Matter**

1. When does God want this supernatural act demonstrated and why does He want it demonstrated?
2. There are two different Greek words for “time.” We must seek the strategic timing of God in a matter (*chronis* versus *kairos*.)
3. *Chronis*: The systematic order versus *Kairos*: The strategic timing.
4. Remember God may allow us to dangle, while waiting for His timing, in order to develop character within us.

III. **STEPS TO RELEASING THE SUPERNATURAL**

A. **Lessons from the Life of Samuel**

Read I Samuel 16 for the necessary background.

1. Samuel was told to go anoint the son of Jesse. He was not told which one. He *prayed through* all eight sons until the Spirit indicated which one was *the one*!
2. At times, in strategy decision/ministry situations, you need to *pray through* all options present. Let each one pass under the rod, then you will find the one(s) who God chooses!
3. With the anointing, you go in faith and obedience with what you know and have received from the Lord. God supplies the rest after you have stepped out with what has been given, thus setting the stage for you to hit His mark or goal in mind.

B. **Have The Eyes of Simeon**

1. Read Luke 2:25-35 - Continue to look until your eyes light upon the one whom the Lord has chosen. Don't stop looking!
2. We must each pray for the eyes of Simeon:
 - a. to receive a promise.
 - b. to continue in patient “waiting and watching” until...
 - c. to move and declare in the Spirit when it takes place.
3. Revelation sustained Simeon to keep praying for many years. Vision (the eyes of Simeon) keeps him moving progressively forward.

C. **The Power and Purpose of Imparters**

1. God uses these “Fire Starters” to be point people and pioneers in the Spirit. They open the way so that others may experience the Spirit's blessing.
2. Get others going and turn them loose as well. Remember, our goal is to see the *multiplication* of His glorious presence. Get jump started in the anointing and then in turn charge up other peoples batteries by giving away what you have received.

D. The Importance of Waiting and Worship

1. We draw the Spirit's presence through the godly attribute of patience. The Holy Spirit spoke to John Paul Jackson, "Tell them, if they'll wait, I will come."
2. Worship was the attitude and posture of many who came to Jesus for a supernatural touch. They would bow down in reverence (worship) before making and receiving the request. Worship and praise establishes a throne over an area that Jesus comes and inhabits (Ps. 22:3; Dan. 7:9).

E. Let Your Faith Go and Expect Great Things!

1. Faith is built by hearing and doing the Word of God. Listen and obey (Heb 3:15).
2. Ask for the ability to wade through the many promises, then release your faith towards and in the God of the promise, and expect great things!

Reflective Questions # 1 Keys to the Supernatural

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. All progress in the Christian life is by _____.
2. Luke 5:17 “And the _____ of the Lord was present for him to heal many.
3. An essential ingredient to move in the presence of God is _____ .

MULTI-CHOICE

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|-----------------|----------|
| A. Faithfulness | C. Grace |
| B. Worship | D. Peace |

FROM THE LIST ABOVE, ANSWER THE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS:

4. _____ was the attitude and posture many came to Jesus for a supernatural touch.
5. _____ as a fruit deals with the character of God’s steadfastness in a life.

TRUE OR FALSE

6. The gift of faith is a special surge of confidence in God and his word that can arise in specific situations.
7. The impartation of a Gift is a key to establishing a Christian in Christ.
8. God isn’t looking for ministry situations to be right so much as the wisdom and strategies to implement His way.

SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

9. Write out and memorize I Samuel 10: 5-12 and I John 3: 21-24.

10. What was the primary point you learned from this lesson?