



## 1.13 - Falling In the Presence Of God.

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(Scriptures from KJV unless noted otherwise)

### A. Historical Background.

Electricity power has always been there available since God created the universe, but it had to be discovered and then controlled, and man did not know how to do this, but today we enjoy the benefits this discovery – **it has always been there!**

**Electricity** is God`s power in the **Natural realm** – He is the author of everything in the Natural. The **Holy Spirit** is God`s power in the **Spiritual realm**.

Have you ever gotten hold of electricity, it will shake you and your hair will stand up on end and knock you down, why? – because you have gotten hold of an unseen power.

- It was **not unfelt** – but it was **unseen** and **unheard**.

In the Spirit realm there is a supernatural power of God which is unseen and unheard. Do you think it is any less powerful than electricity? No, it is not.

Why do people fall under the power of God? *When the natural comes into contact with the supernatural – something has to give.*

### **Church History Records.**

In the meetings of **John Wesley**, founder of Methodism – hundreds of people would “**fall under the power**” as it came to be known.

- In the autobiography of **Charles Finney**, a Presbyterian, he recalls one of his meetings where when he was preaching **people started falling over onto the floor** and after a time over 400 people were on the floor under the power of God, they then **became born-again**.
- In the meetings of **George Whitfield**, a co-labourer with John Wesley, people would also **fall under the power of God**.
- In the autobiography of **Peter Cartwright**, a Methodist preacher, people would fall under the power of God as he preached at meetings – **the result people got saved!**

### **Why do these things happen?**

Man without God is spiritually dead, and that is the reason God sent Jesus down to earth for,

#### **John 14:9**

<sup>9</sup> *Jesus said unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet have you not known me, Philip? he that has seen me has seen the Father; and how say you then, Show us the Father? (KJV)*

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- Man could see the miracles that He did and also **see God at work**
- We can not see the Holy Spirit any more than we can see the Wind, but we can see the results of the wind.
- God does some things in the **sense realm** so **people can see**.
- **He demonstrates His power to let people know that He is at work**



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### B. The Glory of God Manifested.

In some meetings of well-known ministers of the gospel, they talk about a **glory cloud** coming in upon the congregation, **where people start to fall**, while inside and **under the influence of God** (like Ezekiel 1:28; 2:1-2 they were experiencing the glory of God).

Testimonies of people who have fallen under the power, have stated how often two things happen;

- As the power of God comes upon them they fall and they come into contact with God in a way that they never have before, sometimes they have a visit from Jesus, etc. The time that they are out on the floor can last from minutes to hours.
- The power of God drove out any demons or healed any sickness or physical problems.

### C. Is Falling Under the Power Biblical?

The answer is yes!

#### **John 18:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples. <sup>2</sup> And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus often times resorted thither (met) with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. <sup>4</sup> Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forward, and said unto them, Whom seek you? <sup>5</sup> They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus said unto them, I am he. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them. <sup>6</sup> As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, **and fell to the ground.** (KJV)

- People might say that was in the presence of Jesus. Jesus said in Matthew 18:20...

#### **Matthew 18:20**

<sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. (KJV)

- *If people fell backwards in the presence of Jesus then, why would they not now? He is here!*

#### **Matthew 28:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. <sup>2</sup> And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. <sup>3</sup> His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: <sup>4</sup> And for fear of him the keepers did shake, **and became as dead men.** (KJV)

- These were soldiers, men who were strong.
- That means that they fell, did you ever see a dead man standing up?

#### **Matthew 17:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and brought them up into an high mountain apart, <sup>2</sup> And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. <sup>3</sup> And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. <sup>4</sup> Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for you, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. <sup>5</sup> While he yet spoke, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear you him. <sup>6</sup> And when the disciples heard it, **they fell on their face**, and were sore afraid. (KJV)

- This happened at the Mount of Transfiguration, when God spoke they fell under the power – is no wonder that when He is manifested among us today people will fall.



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### Acts 9:4

<sup>4</sup> **And he fell to the earth**, and heard a voice saying unto him, *Saul, Saul, why persecutes you me?* (KJV)

### Acts 26:14

<sup>14</sup> **And when we were all fallen to the earth**, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, *Saul, Saul, why persecutes you me? it is hard for you to kick against the pricks (goods)* (KJV)

- Acts 9 tells of Saul's conversion on the road to Damascus where he fell to the earth.
- Acts 26:14 says they all fell, but the others did not get anything, but they still fell. **Why? They came into contact with the supernatural.**

### D. The scriptures teach three kinds of prostration.

#### 1. Voluntary prostration.

##### Luke 17:16

<sup>16</sup> **And fell down on his face at his feet**, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. (KJV)

- This is when we voluntarily fall on our knees, or faces, before God, to worship, to pray, to intercede and to give thanks.

#### 2. Prostration under a heavy burden of prayer.

##### Matthew 26:36-39

<sup>36</sup> Then comes Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and said unto the disciples, *Sit you here, while I go and pray yonder (There).* <sup>37</sup> And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and **began to be sorrowful** and very heavy.

<sup>38</sup> Then said he unto them, *My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: wait you here, and watch with me.* <sup>39</sup> And he went a little further, **and fell on his face**, and prayed, saying, *O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.* (KJV)

- A heavy burden of intercession can come upon you and make you fall on your face.

#### 3. Being overwhelmed by God's presence.

##### Ezekiel 1:28 & 2:1-2

<sup>28</sup> **As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face**, and I heard a voice of one that spoke. <sup>1</sup> And he said unto me, *Son of man, stand upon thy feet*, and I will speak unto thee. <sup>2</sup> And the spirit entered into me when he spoke unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spoke unto me. (KJV)

- Ezekiel had a divinely granted appearance.
- He fell under the power and the Holy Spirit set him back up again.
- People think it is funny when people fall wait until we see God standing them back up.
- Why did he fall over? He was overwhelmed with the presence of God.
- Did you notice what he saw? He said he saw *"the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord."*



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**When they dedicated Solomon`s Temple.**

**2 Chron.5:13-14**

<sup>13</sup> *It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the Lord, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the Lord;* <sup>14</sup> ***So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of God. (KJV)***

**What was this cloud?**

***The Shechinah glory*** of God came in like a cloud and filled the Temple.

- It was **not unfelt** – but it was **unseen** and **unheard**.
- Ezekiel saw the glory and he fell.
- ***The glory of God, the cloud of the Lord, filled the Temple – and the priests could not stand.***

**Is being “Slain in the Spirit” or “Falling Under the Power” biblical – YES!**

**Jesus is Lord!**