

# Superstition or Spiritual Warfare? The Truth About Demon Trapping Bowls

What if the very thing you're called to do has nothing to do with your education, natural talent or experience?

That's exactly the point Pastor Jack Hibbs makes in a powerful teaching shared by Daystar. Your spiritual gift isn't something you manufacture. It's something God supernaturally places within you. And until you identify and activate it, you're not fully walking in your divine purpose.

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"The Holy Spirit was making things happen because He wanted to bring about this gift in my life," Hibbs shares of his own journey. "It was not natural. God has to get all the glory because it's not human." You may think your talents or degrees define your destiny, but God's gifts often manifest in unexpected, miraculous ways.

The Bible outlines these gifts in Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4 and 1 Peter 4. They include prophecy, serving, teaching, encouragement, giving, leadership, mercy, words of wisdom and knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, discerning of spirits and tongues. These gifts are more than mere skills; they are divinely designed to bless others and glorify Jesus Christ.

Three powerful indicators help reveal your spiritual gift:

1. **You grow more faithful in it the more you use it.** You can't be faithful to a calling you haven't discovered.
2. **Others will be blessed by it.** People will begin to depend on your spiritual walk, drawing life from your obedience.
3. **The body of Christ will confirm it.** You'll hear things like, "That really ministered to me," as God uses you to touch hearts.

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It's essential to understand these gifts aren't about personality or natural disposition. "These are not human attributes," Hibbs clarifies. "None of us have these in and of ourselves." Even mercy isn't just about being nice. It's a supernatural compassion that wells up where you previously had none. That's why God gets all the glory.

The gift of prophecy, for instance, isn't only about telling the future—it's about boldly declaring the will of God and speaking forth His Word with power. Teaching is more than explaining the Bible; it's the Spirit-empowered ability to rightly divide truth in a way that transforms lives. Healing and miracles aren't just for a bygone era. As Hibbs notes, "You want to see miracles? Then sign up for missionary work among unreached people. Watch what happens."

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In today's Western church, some gifts like discernment and tongues have been misunderstood or misused. The discerning of spirits is especially critical in a time where deception and

false doctrine abound. Likewise, speaking in tongues, when properly understood, is a biblical gift, not a requirement for salvation.

Your spiritual gift isn't about what you can do—it's about what God wants to do through you. Once you discover it, everything changes. You stop striving and start surrendering. And as you step into your divine calling, the body of Christ is strengthened, and Jesus is glorified. It's time to find your gift—and use it.

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## **Two Lions Are at War: Amanda Grace Reveals Prophetic Showdown Between Israel and Iran**

Locke notes that while this heavy message is not one he desires to say, he knows it is the message God has been placing on his heart.

“They are about to wake up the sleeper cells, and it is going to be something that is going to rain down the fire of crazy judgment upon the world if we do not make a move now. We have an opportunity to stand with the people of God.”

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Locke then points out that Israel has done what no other nation had the courage to do: take on the Iranian regime.

“Israel are the only ones that have been brave enough to do what needs to be done and say what needs to be said.”

He also makes mention that while some have openly criticized Israel for their actions, these are the same people who are privately praising them, knowing that Israel is trying to save the world from destruction. Iran’s disdain for America and Israel, as Locke points out, is leading them to try to “do all that they can to annihilate both of them.”

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“We better hit our knees, we better pray throughout this day, throughout this night,” he says. “Iran is about to make an unbelievable play, and it is going to shock the world. And it’s going to shock the sleepy, that’s unwilling to say what needs to be said.”

Pastor Greg Locke’s prophetic warning is more than a call to awareness—it’s a divine summons to action. As Iran positions itself for a potential global upheaval, the urgency for intercession cannot be overstated. The spiritual and geopolitical stakes are high, and the time to stand in unwavering solidarity with Israel and uphold America’s role as a faithful ally is now. This is not a moment for passivity or political posturing, but for bold, fervent prayer and spiritual readiness.

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The church must rise from its slumber, discern the times and respond with the courage and clarity that this pivotal hour demands.

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## Jonathan Cahn: 3 Times Prayer Changed the Course of America

In a world growing colder by the day, we need the fire of God more than ever—and it starts with prayer.

In a passionate message at Hungry Generation, Matt Cruz called believers to return to the secret place and encounter the transforming power of God's presence daily.

"You can't be exposed to the light of His presence and not start shedding off your old ways," he declared. "When you're in His presence, something has to change. Something has to go."



**To order Matt Cruz's new book, *Stormproof*, visit .**

Prayer, as Cruz points out, is not just spiritual routine—it's spiritual warfare, and without it, we're walking targets. Quoting 1 Peter 5:8, he warned, "Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." And who does the enemy go after? "The weak, the isolated, the distracted."

He continued, "If you are weak in prayer, you are weak everywhere. If you are strong in prayer, you are strong

everywhere.” It’s prayer that strengthens the spirit, quiets the flesh and equips believers to stand in victory instead of defeat.

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But pressing into prayer isn’t always easy. “The moment you try to pray, your mind starts racing. You suddenly remember the grass needs mowing or your room hasn’t been cleaned in three weeks.” The distractions are real—but they are strategic. “Prayer is the death of the flesh,” Cruz reminded the audience.

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He shared a personal struggle of spending 55 minutes in a room trying to tap into prayer, overwhelmed by distractions and spiritual resistance. But when he opened Psalm 24 and began to purify his heart, he said, “I found myself ascending in prayer... aware of the presence of God.”

Prayer doesn’t always deliver you out of the fire, but it will carry you through it. “Prayer may not always be your way out, but it will always be your way through.” Whether facing challenges in your marriage, finances or mind, prayer is the lifeline to heaven’s power.

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It’s not enough to pray occasionally. Daily encounters are essential. “This charge on Sunday won’t last you all week,” Cruz said, comparing it to charging an electric vehicle. “We’ve got to cultivate the fire ourselves and be flame keepers Monday through Saturday.”

Praying in the Spirit, according to Ephesians 6:18 and 1 Corinthians 14:4, is one of the most powerful ways to stay charged. “Praying in the Spirit is like plugging in to heaven’s power source,” Cruz said. “The devil doesn’t even know what you’re saying... you’re speaking mysteries and magnifying God.”

In this urgent hour, the call is simple but radical: Don’t live empty. Don’t live dry. This week, let the fire fall afresh. Cultivate the flame. Keep the altar burning.

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## **When Prayer Turns to Witchcraft: 7 Ways Christians Might Be Praying Wrong**

Healing in the Christian life is often misunderstood. Many believers experience powerful altar moments—tears, deliverance, prophetic words—and leave feeling like a new chapter has begun. Yet, weeks or months later, they find their old wounds still lingering: the depression, anxiety, trauma and discouragement remain. This painful disconnect raises a hard question: Why does it feel like God can heal everyone but me?

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This struggle is more common than many realize. As Mike Signorelli shared, “There are many Christians walking around forgiven but not healed.” Forgiveness is vital, but

healing—especially from deep emotional trauma—is often a longer, more complex process than a single moment of deliverance or prayer.

In an interview with Signorelli, Meshali Mitchell shared her story of how she faced a profound trauma early on: their parents' divorce during childhood. Added to this were struggles with addiction and abuse within their home environment. Despite growing up steeped in ministry and even attending Bible school, the internal wounds remained unhealed. Ministry involvement, she learned, doesn't automatically fix emotional pain.

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The key revelation is that healing is not instant demolition and reconstruction at the same time—it's a process of sanctification that often takes place room by room, much like renovating a house affected by mold. Water seeps in, stagnates and eventually causes damage that must be carefully removed and rebuilt. Similarly, old wounds must be acknowledged, felt and gently healed over time.

A pivotal moment for Mitchell came in her mid-twenties when desperation became a gift. It was the moment pain “demanded to be felt.” That raw honesty led to seeking a spirit-filled counselor and practicing biblical confession—“confess your faults one to another, so that you may be healed.” This confession broke down emotional walls, releasing years of bottled-up pain.

Healing is also a partnership. God initiates restoration, but

the individual must actively participate, facing difficult emotions, revisiting trauma and committing to ongoing growth. This process is often messy, slow and requires resources like counseling, prayer and support.

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Importantly, many Christians get distracted by serving in ministry and helping others without fully dealing with their own unresolved issues. This neglect keeps them stuck in cycles of anxiety, depression and spiritual bondage.

If you've ever felt like healing was for everyone but you, know this: God has not overlooked your pain. The process of restoration may not come in a single altar call or overnight transformation, but that doesn't mean it's out of reach. You are not disqualified from freedom. In fact, your desperation might just be the doorway to the deeper healing God has always intended for you. The invitation still stands: are you ready to be restored?

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## **Jews Moving Rapidly Toward Temple Mount Worship in Prophetic Shift**

Renowned prophetic voice Perry Stone is sounding the alarm over mounting tensions in the Middle East—particularly involving Israel and Iran.

In a recent message, Stone revisited a warning he shared over 15 years ago about a potential Israeli military strike on Iran. Today, he believes we may be witnessing the beginning of that long-foretold moment.

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“I remember—and we’re talking now this has been years ago... maybe 15 years ago or so—this discussion on Israel becoming involved in an attack, perhaps missiles or planes,” Stone said. While Israel has previously used cyber warfare to delay Iran’s nuclear ambitions, Stone says this time feels different. “It doesn’t look like it’s going to go into the level of hacking or viruses... This may be the big moment that people have been suggesting is going to happen.”

However, Stone is quick to caution against conflating the present conflict with the famous Ezekiel 38-39 prophecy about the Gog and Magog war. “It is not Ezekiel 38 and 39,” he said, noting the absence of key prophetic nations like Libya and Togarmah in current events. Still, he emphasized that Persia (modern-day Iran) plays a central role in the end-time scenario: “I will... put a hook in your jaw,” quoting Ezekiel to describe how Iran may be drawn into a prophetic conflict.

According to Stone, recent evacuations in the Middle East have prompted him to revisit visions he previously received from the Lord—visions he believes are coming to pass.

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Among those visions is one of “nuclear towers that spin,”

representing conflict involving nuclear technology. Stone described another vivid image: “I saw two trees... bleached completely white.” Drawing from Daniel’s vision of the felled tree symbolizing King Nebuchadnezzar, Stone speculated that these trees could represent two nations or leaders forever changed by the aftermath of the coming conflict.

Stone also mentioned seeing an electromagnetic pulse attack in a vision, striking “an oil storage facility near a coast,” further emphasizing the volatility of what could follow.

Above all, Stone warns of the danger should Iran achieve nuclear capabilities. “They have apocalyptic Islam... a part of prophecy to fulfill for the end days,” he said. “There’s no way Persia can get a nuclear bomb... you don’t want one terrorist to get it.”

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He urged believers to remain vigilant, prayerful and grounded in biblical prophecy: “These are apocalyptic times—times that are predicted by the prophets, the apostles and by Jesus in the Bible.”

As tensions escalate in the Middle East and prophetic signs align with unfolding events, it’s clear we are entering a season of global shaking. The urgency of the hour demands spiritual vigilance, discernment and unwavering prayer. While the timeline remains uncertain, the call is clear: prepare your heart, stay alert and seek the Lord like never before.

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