

How We Stifle God's Spirit

Quench not the Spirit. —1 Thessalonians 5:19

He will not only come in healing power, but will manifest Himself in many mighty ways. On the day of Pentecost, Peter said, "God hath poured forth this which ye see and hear." And from what they heard and saw, three thousand knew it was the power of God and turned to Christ. Others stifled conviction, and turned away saying, "This is the work of the devil."

When the Holy Ghost is poured out, it is either life unto life or death unto death. It is life unto life to those who go forward, and death unto death to those who blaspheme against the Holy Ghost. So we want to be careful what we say against the divers operations, supernatural signs, and workings of the Holy Ghost. Some people look on and say, "It looks like hypnotism," or "I believe it is mesmerism."

To others it appears mere foolishness, even as Scripture says of the natural man, "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned"

(1 Cor. 2:14). Have you received of the life of the Spirit, or are you stifling His conviction?

Almighty God, we receive life from You, and
never want to quench Your Spirit. Amen.