



Reading: 2 Chronicles 9:13 - 16 & 12:9 - 12

Introduction

- The shields of gold were symbols of God's blessing on Israel.
- Shishak, king of Egypt took them by God's permission for Israel's disobedience.
- Fake shields of bronze were made to take place of the real ones.
- In numerous places the gold shields of Pentecost have been replaced with '*bronze/counterfeit*' shields.
- As a result Pentecost is now the butt of many jokes.
- There is a phoney Pentecost.

1 Examples of Pentecostal Pandemonium

- A dog said to be barking in an unknown bark.
- A claim that God healed a punctured tyre.
- Fake healings and miracles.
- An experience referred too as 'the Toronto blessing.'
- Ministers telling jokes to one another in tongues.

- Animal impressions attributed to the Holy Spirit.
- Sucking up a dead church leader's anointing by lying on their grave.
- Female angels dishing out anointings.
- Mary baptising Catholics with the Holy Spirit while they were saying the '*rosary*'.

2 A Call For A Discerning Ministry

- To discern between the wheat and the tares the church **MUST** exercise a '*discerning ministry*.'
- We must **NOT** just accept the claim, '*this is the new thing the Holy Spirit is doing*.'
- Consider: [1 Corinthians 14:29], [1 Thessalonians 5:19 21] and [1 John 4:1].
- What is the rule we are to 'judge' things by? Answer: [Isaiah 8:20].
- NB. Biblical truth must never be sacrificed on the altar of someone's experience.

3 The Holy Spirit And Catholicism

- It is Jesus who baptises with the Holy Spirit, not Mary. [Matthew 3:11]
- It is the Holy Spirit who dispenses the gifts of the Spirit, not Mary. [1 Corinthians 12:11].
- The Rosary is prayers addressed to Mary.
- True prayer is addressed to our Father in heaven through the Lord Jesus. Not Mary.

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