

Keys to Understanding

**Soul Ties,
Soul Power, &
Soulish Prayers**

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the comet was believed to be moving overhead. All of these leaders used their understanding of soul power to seduce, intimidate, and control other human souls.

Soul power released through man's own efforts has never been used for God's purposes—regardless of how spiritual man's purposes might appear to be. The end result or desire is always for human control. Christians are not immune to the lure of this untapped inner power! Jim Jones (who led his followers to drink cyanide-laced Kool-Aid in a mass suicide in Guyana) came from a Christian ministry family. So have many other cult leaders who allowed the power potential of their own souls to become so important to them, they would not surrender it to God. They came into agreement with Satan through their rejection of God's will.

Nearly everyone has tapped into some of this power of the soul at one time or another—by intimidating someone, playing mind games, manipulating others, deliberately making someone cry, or even just the act of staring someone down. This is like a child playing with the toes of a sleeping evil giant.

After the Fall, which caused a severing of the human spirit's relationship to the Spirit of God, man's *liberated* soul began to flex its mental muscles and ratchet up the power of its will. Many human souls are like rocket engines in an idling mode. Enormous power to control and overrun other peoples' lives lurks within the deepest areas of all human souls that are not fully surrendered to God.

The human soul is not automatically renewed, saved, or set free of its wrong patterns of thinking and its self-agendas because of a spiritual salvation experience. A born-again Christian must choose to surrender his or her soul to the will of God which is the ongoing process of transitioning from the old nature to the new nature (or new creature). You can cause your soul to do this.

In Ephesians 2:10, *Amplified Version*, Paul tells the Ephesian believers:

For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us, [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time] that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live].

Our unsundered souls continue trying to follow their own paths even after we become Christians, sort of like little train locomotives chugging around without any tracks. Sometimes our souls' *trains* have ended up in the ditch, in the desert, or in the swamp—but they kept chugging. It is rough going when you have no clear set of tracks to run

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on—but your unsundered soul will put up a great pretense of always chugging around trying to do the works of God.

God has laid down preordained tracks for us to follow, preordained tracks waiting for us in heaven. That is where they will stay until we reject our aimless wanderings in the desert and in the swamp—unless we begin to reject and dismantle our souls' self-agendas and surrender to His will for our lives. Such a confession and desire begins to bring us into alignment with the divinely laid tracks of our destinies.

Paul said to the Philippians believers:

Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling (Philippians 2:12, KJV).

Paul was speaking here to people whose spirits were already saved—people who were born again. Paul told them there was a working out in them that was still required, and it was a serious thing to be done with fear and trembling. This was the renewing that needs to come to all of us, the *salvation of our souls* that will come out of our choice to surrender.

Paul also told the Roman believers that all things were not completed and made new at the point of their spiritual salvation—there was more to be done in their souls:

Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God (Romans 12:2, KJV).

This is not something the believer has to figure out. It is a process that is put into motion when the believer chooses to reject his or her self-motivation and self-agendas and surrender to God's will and plans.

Jesus Christ presented all men and women with a divine Overseer for their lives who is only waiting for us to give Him the go-ahead. Christ shed His blood to create a bridge to spiritual communion with the Father. Jesus did not come to enslave the souls of mankind; rather He came to set them free from their own futile attempts to find power, possessions, and peace. He came to give mankind a better choice, the choice to live our lives with the power of His love.

We have an Advocate in heaven, an Overseer within us, and a blood-built bridge to the Father; and all we have to do is surrender to the plans and purpose of our

destinies to have it all! One more time: We don't have to figure out what these plans and purposes are; we just need to surrender to them!

God reveals himself and his plans through the born-again spirits of men and women. This is good, but our human souls came into this world being completely out of alignment with His plans. All babies are born with darkened understanding in unformed minds which are alienated from the mind and purposes of God. Read Ephesians 4:18 and Colossians 1:21 which both refer to the state of the soul of non-believers.

All babies' tiny souls are often formed and molded by other darkened souls who may know nothing about or have learned lies about God. These souls have little chance of naturally drawing right conclusions about themselves, others, and Christ. This is why every individual born into this world needs to be spiritually *born again* to receive his or her inheritance and the process of being introduced into rightful position as part of the family of God.

The human soul that is opposed to any interference from God is absolutely *offline* from His power and His plans. Only when the flawed human soul finally begins to surrender its misconceptions, pre-conceived ideas, and self-agendas to God can it begin to be put *online* with His plans. This person becomes capable of receiving, translating, and imparting to others what God has poured through his or her born-again spirit. This person begins to learn that the human soul is meant to be the surrendered instrument that translates an understanding of God's love, mercy, wisdom, and grace to those who are lost and dying.

Think for a moment about what touches other peoples' lives with respect to your relationship with God. Is it watching you as you pray? Is it watching your spirit lost in communion with your heavenly Father? Is it seeing you read the Bible? No. People become responsive to the presence and working of God when they can:

- **Watch your face radiate peace in the middle of a crisis**
- **Watch and hear you speak calming words of grace and mercy in the middle of chaos**
- **Watch you choose to respond with love and understanding in the midst of being verbally abused**
- **Watch you put your arms around a dirty street person and hold her tight while assuring her that God loves her**

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