

Everyone Worships – A Touch/Smell Connection

In the first chapter of Genesis, we see that God created man and woman in His image and placed them in the Garden of Eden **with the intention of having them rule and reign over everything. God gave Adam and Eve a beautifully wrapped gift box and inside was the gift called authority.** God intended them to act wisely as stewards over all creation.

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Forbidden or Warning Touch

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Exodus 12:13

The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

Exodus 19:12

Put limits for the people around the mountain and tell them, Be careful that you do not approach the mountain or touch the foot of it. Whoever touches the mountain is to be put to death.

Leviticus 7:21

Anyone who touches something unclean—whether human uncleanness or an unclean animal or any unclean creature that moves along the

ground—and then eats any of the meat of the fellowship offering belonging to the Lord must be cut off from their people.

Colossians 2:20-22

20 Since you died with Christ to the elemental spiritual forces of this world, why, as though you still belonged to the world, do you submit to its rules: **21 “Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!”?** 22 These rules, which have to do with things that are all destined to perish with use, are based on merely human commands and teachings.

Examples of Sacred Touch by the Lord

Exodus 30:29 You shall consecrate them so they will be most holy, and whatever touches them will be holy.

Daniel 10:10 A hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees.

A Touch from JESUS

Matthew 8:3

Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy.

Matthew 9:20-22

20 Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. 21 She said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed.” 22 Jesus turned and saw her. “Take heart, daughter,” he said, “your faith has healed you.” And the woman was healed at that moment.

Matthew 20:34

Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.

Mark 7:32-35

32 There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him. 33 After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. 34 He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (**which means "Be opened!"**). 35 At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

1 Kings 6:20-28

20 The **inner sanctuary** was twenty cubits long, twenty wide and twenty high. He overlaid the inside with pure gold, and he also overlaid the altar of cedar. 21 Solomon covered the inside of the temple with pure gold, and he extended gold chains across the front of the inner sanctuary, which was overlaid with gold. 22 So he overlaid the whole interior with gold. He also overlaid with gold the altar that belonged to the inner sanctuary.

23 For the inner sanctuary he made a pair of cherubim out of olive wood, each ten cubits high. 24 One wing of the first cherub was five cubits long, and the other wing five cubits—ten cubits from wing tip to wing tip. 25 The second cherub also measured ten cubits, for the two cherubim were identical in size and shape. 26 The height of each cherub was ten cubits. 27 He placed the cherubim inside the innermost room of the temple, with their wings spread out. The wing of one cherub touched

one wall, while the wing of the other touched the other wall, and their wings touched each other in the middle of the room. 28 He overlaid the cherubim with gold.

Instead of the sacrifices of animals, the sacrifices offered at David's Tabernacle were the sacrifices of praise, joy and thanksgiving - *Psalm 95:2* Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Psalm 100:4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

Psalm 141:2 May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.

The Tabernacle of David is a type of worship of the Church today.

1 Chronicles 28:11-19: David appointed singers, players and dancers based on the pattern he had seen in heaven. The majority of the **Psalms** were originally sung as prophetic songs in David's Tabernacle.

Worship is not just singing songs in church; worship is a lifestyle that places value. **As a moving tabernacle, true worship of God means that the one worshiping is placing value on God and putting him at the center of their life no matter where He moves you or takes you.**

That's what Jesus was getting at when he said, **(John 4:23-24)**

"Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."

True worshipers in any environment should create – A Holy Spirit Fire, Constant God-intoxicated people!

- An intoxication that hits hard you when you walk into His house
- When you're in his house: Filled with knocked down drunks
- The wind blows a 10.0 on the spiritual breath-a-lizer
- When we leave his house: A functioning drunk

Idolatry is to love what has been made more than the God who made it.

In **Exodus 20:3-5**, God gives Israel this command: "You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God."

Ezekiel 14:3 says that "men have set up idols in their hearts,"

1 John 5:21: "Dear children, keep yourselves from idols."

Psalm 115

¹ Not to us, LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory,
because of your love and faithfulness.

² Why do the nations say, "Where is their God?"

³ Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.

⁴ But their idols are silver and gold, **made by human hands**.

⁵ They have **mouths, but cannot speak, eyes, but cannot see**.

⁶ They **have ears, but cannot hear, noses, but cannot smell**.

⁷ They **have hands, but cannot feel**, feet, but cannot walk, **nor can they utter a sound** with their throats.

1 Corinthians 12:14-18 ¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. ¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.

The Incarnation of the Word of Life

1 John 1:1-10 ¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

² The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.

³ We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴ We write this to make our joy complete.

1 John 2:1-20 ² My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Love and Hatred for Fellow Believers

³ We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands.

⁴ Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. ⁵ But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: ⁶ **Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.**

⁷ Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. ⁸ Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the **darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.**

⁹ Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. ¹⁰ Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. ¹¹ But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

Reasons for Writing

¹² I am writing to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name. ¹³ I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one.

¹⁴ I write to you, dear children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning.

I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

On Not Loving the World

¹⁵ Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. ¹⁶ For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷ The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

Let's look at - Isaiah's Commission

⁶ In the year that King Uzziah died, I **saw the Lord**, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were **calling to one another**:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the **whole earth is full** of his glory.”

⁴ At the **sound of their voices** the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was **filled with smoke**.

⁵ “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he **touched my mouth** and said, “See, **this has touched your lips**; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

⁸ Then I heard the **voice of the Lord** saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And **I said**, “Here am I. Send me!”

Matthew 28:16-20 - The Great Commission

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, **they worshiped him**; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me**. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”