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Should Not a People Seek Unto Their God?

7 Biblical Questions for Testing Spiritual Experiences

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"...should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?"
ISAIAH 8:19 KJV

A spiritual experience may feel powerful without its interpretation being true.

Face the record. Test by Scripture. Respond only to what is true.

THE BIBLICAL STANDARD

Do not let the intensity of an experience decide its meaning. Scripture remains the standard.

TEST THE CLAIM - NOT JUST THE FEELING.

Testimony illustrates. Scripture governs.

PROVE	1 Thessalonians 5:21 <i>"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."</i>
TRY	1 John 4:1 <i>"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God..."</i>
BEWARE	1 Timothy 4:1 <i>"...giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;"</i>
DISCERN	2 Corinthians 11:14 <i>"And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light."</i>
SEEK GOD	Isaiah 8:19-20 <i>"...should not a people seek unto their God?..." / "To the law and to the testimony..."</i>

The question is not only, "Did something happen?" The Christian question is, "What does the Word of God say about its source, meaning, and direction?"

7 QUESTIONS BEFORE YOU ACCEPT A SPIRITUAL INTERPRETATION

Use these questions before a spiritual experience becomes a practice, promise, identity, or allegiance.

<div><div>1</div><div>What exactly happened?</div><div>Separate the event itself from what you were later told it meant.</div></div>	<div><div>5</div><div>Does it agree with Scripture?</div><div>Test the interpretation by the Word of God, not by intensity, novelty, or emotion.</div></div>
<div><div>2</div><div>Who is interpreting it for me?</div><div>What worldview, teacher, tradition, or authority is shaping the explanation?</div></div>	<div><div>6</div><div>Does spiritual power prove the source is God?</div><div>No experience should outrank Scripture. Deception can present itself as light.</div></div>
<div><div>3</div><div>What is being offered?</div><div>Knowledge, power, healing, identity, belonging, guidance - or something else?</div></div>	<div><div>7</div><div>What response does Scripture call me to?</div><div>Seek God, reject what contradicts His Word, and walk forward in truth and obedience.</div></div>
<div><div>4</div><div>What is expected next?</div><div>Is there a practice, promise, secrecy, initiation, payment, or commitment attached?</div></div>	<div><div>THE CRi ALOUD METHOD</div><div>FACE THE RECORD.</div><div>TEST BY SCRIPTURE.</div><div>RESPOND ONLY TO WHAT IS TRUE.</div></div>

"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."

ISAIAH 8:20 KJV

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PSALM 119:105

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