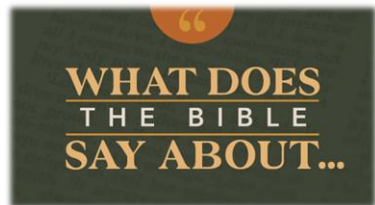


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## “*Slain in the Spirit*”?

Question: “*I know of a Christian friend who was ‘slain in the Spirit’ by his pastor during a recent church service. What do you make out of this phenomenon?*”



**This is a puzzling observation. In recent years, there have been a resurgence of emotionalism, ecstaticism and mysticism in modern worship.** The phenomenon of being ‘*slain in the Spirit*’ is one of them. Ronnie Howard Brownie, the notorious Holy Laughter advocate did these to a mass of worshippers in the Indoor Stadium when he was in Singapore in 1994 at the so-called ‘*Toronto Blessings*’.

**It is important to note that our sole authority for appraising any spiritual phenomena or movement must be based on the infallible standards of God’s holy and un-changing Word.** It is observed that this phenomenon of being ‘*slain in the Spirit*’ resulted in ‘believers’ (I write this with concern and caution, giving them the benefit of doubt) falling backward often unconscious, shaking violently as one with fits for some which is very shocking. In some cases, like the so-called Toronto Blessings, some were barking with animal’s noises like dogs or hooting like owls. This is an enigmatic phenomenon that is quite outlandish. The Bible has record of people falling before the Lord. It is instructive to note that they did not lose consciousness nor faint, rather they consciously bowed before the Lord (ie forward) in holy worship and awe. Consider the following biblical facts in the Old and New Testament:

- Gen 17:3 Abraham fell face down.
- Deut 16:4 Moses fell face down.
- Deut 9:18-29 Moses fell prostrate (ie forward) and prayed.
- Josh 5:14 Joshua fell in reverence.
- Jud 13:21 Samson’s parents fell face down.

O come, let us  
worship and bow down:  
let us kneel before  
the LORD our maker.  
**Psalm 95:6**



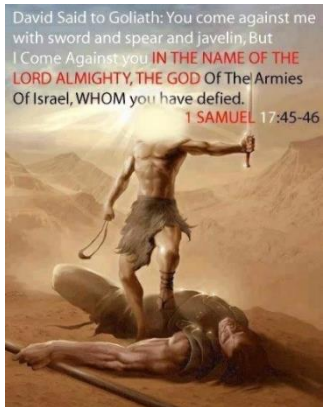
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**It is noteworthy that all these regenerate men fell forward in awe, reverence and worship the Almighty Lord consciously. None were in a godless delirium or in**

a semi-hypnotic state of consciousness or did they fall backwards. The Holy Spirit present in true worship is a Spirit of orderliness not of chaos and confusion. (1Cor 14:40) This is highly significant from a theological point of view.

### What about people falling backward in the Bible?

Yes, there were. One of them

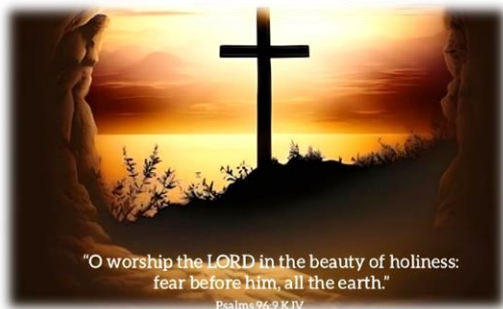


was Goliath the Philistine in 1Sam 17:49 who fell backward after 'being struck with a stone by David (and later died). Then we have Eli in 1Sam 4:18 who fell backward and broke his neck and died after hearing the sad news about his wayward sons.

In the New Testament, we have the Roman soldiers who came to arrest Jesus, when our Lord said, 'I am' they all fell backward (John 18:6). Another occasion was in Acts 5:1-11 when Ananias and Sapphira fell to the ground and died when the judgment of the Apostle Peter was pronounced. In all these instances, it is noteworthy that their salvation were questionable (NB that does not mean that a believer cannot be deceived and manipulated by others in the short run; it is still possible if we allow them to.)

**In summary, we have briefly examined the modern day phenomenon of so-called being slain in the spirit, that was and is still practised in some churches which includes falling backward (sometimes with catchers behind you and ready towels to cover the ladies too which is quite extra-ordinary,) is uncommon and semi-conscious state as a strange and puzzling experience that is not normative for believers in both the OT and NT (except for some unbelievers) as discussed above.**

True revival comes with the preaching of gospel of Christ leading to true evangelical repentance of sins and we see not of this in the Slained in the Spirit phenomenon. Our Lord Jesus and the Apostles never promoted nor wrote about '*being slain in the Spirit*' nor prescribed it as a normative practice for the NT believers in the churches. With due respect to the proponents of this practice, one has to conclude objectively that there is no biblical warrant or precedent for such a phenomenon to be practised in our Bible-believing God-honouring churches today. Hope this helps.



Jack Sin



**SOVEREIGN HOPE BP CHURCH CAMP  
11 TO 14 JUNE 2024**

**Lotus Desaru Beach Resort**

**Theme: *Biblical Pathway for Church Growth & Health***

Date Time	11 Jun (Tue)	12 Jun (Wed)	13 Jun (Thu)	14 Jun (Fri)
7:30 AM		Personal Devotion		
8:00 AM	Assemble at Eunos MRT carpark by 8:30 a.m.—to depart	Breakfast		
8:30 AM				
9:00 AM		Morning Group Devotion/Prayer (Joseph Wee)	Morning Group Devotion/Prayer (Andrew Chong)	Morning Group Devotion/Prayer (Eld Jeffrey Cheong)
9:40 AM		Break Time		
10:00 AM	Arrive at the resort.	Camp Message 3 (Rev Khobal)	Camp Message 4 (Rev Khobal)	Camp Closing
11:30 AM		Group Discussion	Group Discussion	Prepare to Check Out
12:00 AM	Lunch			Lunch & Shopping
2:00 PM	Camp Message 1 (Rev Khobal)	Workshop Session " <b><i>Biblical Steps to Managing Anger</i></b> " (Pastor Jack)	Free Time / Activities	
3:00 PM	Group Discussion	Group Discussion		
4:00 PM	Check-In + Free Time	Free Time		Travel Back
6:00 PM	Dinner			
7:30 PM	Camp Message 2 (Rev Khobal)	Church Prayer Meeting	Consecration Night till 9:30 PM	
8:30 PM	Discussion			
9:30 PM	Supper Fellowship			
10:00 PM	Goodnight			

## Memory Verse

Acts 2:43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

## Announcements

1. Welcome to our Worship Service! If you are here for the first time, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave. Those who share the church vision to acquire a place of worship in due time, may designate your offerings to the SHBPC Church Building Fund.
2. Pastor brings us God's Word this morning on "***Discipline of Christian Fellowship [Acts 2:41-47]***", the quarterly series on "***Christian Disciplines in the Lord***".
3. Next Sunday, Pastor will preach on "***Discipline of the Christian Family [Deut 6:1-25]***".
4. **Church Camp Briefing** for all campers after the worship service this morning. Sunday School classes will resume next Sunday.
5. Chinese Fellowship meets on every Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren. We have systematic studies on Old Testament Foundations and the 10 Commandments. Join us for a time of profitable learning. **[Zoom ID:883 9662 4157 Passcode: 218178]**.
6. Do send your prayer items to Pastor and join us for Church Prayer Meeting on Wed at 8pm via Zoom. The prayer list is available in church. **[Zoom ID:863 7527 5431 Passcode: 625551]**.
7. Pray for:
  - Rev David Khobal & Eld Habakkuk's travel to Singapore on 10 Jun.
  - Camp Committee, Camp Speaker and Devotion Speakers and all Campers at our Annual Church Camp (Jun 11-14), Lotus Desaru Beach Resort on the theme "*Biblical Pathway for Church Growth & Health*".
  - Travels: Chan Ping (7-10/6)
  - Medical: Samuel Wong [multiple health conditions], Aunty Chwee Lian [hip fracture], Daniel Phang [high blood pressure], Kin Hoong [monitoring of heart and lungs pressure], Anthony [lung cancer].
8. Love gifts, Offering and Tithes to the Lord can be given in the following ways:
  - **Cheque** payable to **Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church** and mail to church address. (Kindly write the full name of the church as indicated.)
  - **Fund transfer** to Church **UOB** Account **392-308-825-1**
  - **PayNow** to Church UEN: **T19SS0116FSOV**

Kindly indicate "**Church Building Fund**" if you would like to designate towards this cause.