

Armed For War

Lesson 9 – The Six Foundational Doctrines of Christ: Laying on of Hands

Heb 6:1 Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,

2 of the doctrine of baptisms, of **laying on of hands**, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

Laying on of Hands deals with the transference or impartation of something.
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The Old Testament Priests would lay hands on the animal about to be sacrificed before it was slain in a transference of the sins. Through this the sins of the people became the sins of the animal. That is why it was slain in judgment.

This is still revered highly in the New Testament as something we should take very seriously.

1Ti 5:22 Do not lay hands on anyone hastily, *nor share in other people's sins*; keep yourself pure.

7 Types of Biblical Impartation

1. Authority and Wisdom:

De 34:9 Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the **spirit of wisdom**, *for Moses had laid his hands on him*; so the children of Israel heeded him....

Eph 1:17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the **spirit of wisdom** and revelation in the knowledge of Him,

2. Healing:

Mr 16:18 "they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; *they will lay hands on the sick*, and they will recover."

Lu 4:40 When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and *He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them*.

3. Life:

2Ki 4:34 And he went up and lay on the child, and put his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and *his hands on his hands*; and he stretched himself out on the child, and the flesh of the child became warm.

4. Spiritual Gifts:

1Ti 4:14 Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with *the laying on of the hands* of the eldership.

2Ti 1:6 Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the *laying on of my hands*.

5. The Holy Ghost and Power:

Ac 8:17 Then they *laid hands on them*, and they received the Holy Spirit.

6. A Commission:

Ac 6:6 whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, *they laid hands on them*.

7 Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

They needed to be full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom for a very powerful ministry: waiting tables for widows. No one asked them to volunteer, they were commissioned. None of them argued that it was too lowly of a job. They accepted that the Apostles chose them and went about doing their duty. In the midst of this small task, however, miracles began to break out and Stephen became the first martyr. If not for his acceptance of the commissioning by the Apostles, he would not have been given this honor.

~There is a significant difference between someone who is sent and someone who just goes!~

Through the Laying on of Hands, they were sent and empowered for the task. Stephen never heard the command from God, but he accepted the work as Holy. Because of this, he was able to stand for Christ even though it cost him his life on earth.

When you are commissioned by someone, you no longer work under your own authority, you are under theirs. A diplomat sent by a government has the full protection and authority of that government behind him. When you become a servant, you become protected.

7. Transfer of Blessing:

Gen 48:14 Then Israel stretched out his right hand and *laid it on Ephraim's head*, who was the younger, and his left hand on Manasseh's head, guiding his hands knowingly, for Manasseh was the firstborn.

15 And he blessed Joseph, and said: "God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, The God who has fed me all my life long to this day,

16 The Angel who has redeemed me from all evil, Bless the lads; Let my name be named upon them, And the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; And let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."

17 Now when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on the head of Ephraim, it displeased him; so he took hold of his father's hand to remove it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head.

18 And Joseph said to his father, "Not so, my father, for this one is the firstborn; put your right hand on his head."

19 But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know. He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great; but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his descendants shall become a multitude of nations."

20 So he blessed them that day, saying, "By you Israel will bless, saying, 'May God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh!'" And thus he set Ephraim before Manasseh.

The Blessing of Abraham's Promise was passed on by the laying of hands from one generation to another: Abraham >> Isaac >> Jacob (Israel) [not Esau] >>> Ephraim [not Manasseh].

Gen 1:28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

The first thing God did was bless Adam and Eve. This is what they lost in the Garden through sin. God restored that blessing to Abraham and it was transferred to each new patriarch by the laying on of hands as well as speaking the blessing. This is a pattern that we should follow.

“Be fruitful and multiply” was not a command, it was a blessing and a statement of empowerment!