

## BEYOND FIRST FOUNDATIONS 4 - LAYING ON OF HANDS

**HEBREWS. 6:1** Therefore, leaving the discussion of the **elementary principles of Christ**, let us go on to **perfection** (**NLT- Let us go on instead and become MATURE in our understanding**), not laying again the foundation of **repentance from dead works** and of **faith toward God**,<sup>2</sup> of the **doctrine of baptisms**, of **laying on of hands**, of **resurrection of the dead**, and of **eternal judgment**.<sup>3</sup> And this we will do if God permits.

### I. HOW IMPORTANT IS THE LAYING ON OF HANDS? HOW LIFE FLOWS!

#### A. IT IS A SIGNIFICANT BIBLICAL MARKER FOR SPIRITUAL TRANSFERS USED TO COMMISSION, AUTHORIZE, HEAL, BLESS

The most significant spiritual transfers were sealed with the laying on of hands. The blessing of fathers to sons. Anointing, commissioning

- THE TRANSFER OF SIN TO A SACRIFICE WAS DONE BY LAYING ON HANDS. **IT EFFECTED A TRANSFER OF GUILT TO ANIMAL.**

**LEV. 1:3** “If his offering is a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish; he shall offer it of his own free will at the door of the tabernacle of meeting before the LORD.<sup>4</sup> Then he shall put his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it will be accepted on his behalf to make atonement for him.

- **CONSECRATION OF LEVITES TO THE LORD BY PEOPLE**

**LEV. 8:10** So you shall bring the Levites before the LORD, and the children of Israel shall lay their hands on the Levites;<sup>11</sup> and Aaron shall offer the Levites before the LORD like a wave offering from the children of Israel, that they may perform the work of the LORD.

- **MOSES COMMISSIONS JOSHUA BEFORE THE PEOPLE**

**NUM. 27:23 NLT** Moses laid his hands on him and commissioned him to lead the people, just as the LORD had commanded through Moses.

#### B. OTHER EXAMPLES OF LAYING ON HANDS IN OLD TESTAMENT

##### 1. EVEN WHEN JACOB TRICKED ISAAC FOR THE BLESSING

**SOMETHING TRANSFERRED FROM FATHER TO SON** (*Rebekah's word about elder serving younger- Gen. 25:23*)

**Gen. 27:33** *Then Isaac trembled exceedingly, and said, "Who? Where **is** the one who hunted game and brought it to me? I ate all of it before you came, and I have blessed him—and indeed he shall be blessed."*

**2. JACOB BLESSED PHARAOH - Greater blesses lesser**

**Gen. 47:7** *Then Joseph brought in his father Jacob and set him before Pharaoh; and Jacob blessed Pharaoh.* <sup>8</sup> *Pharaoh said to Jacob, "How old are you?"* <sup>9</sup> *And Jacob said to Pharaoh, "The days of the years of my pilgrimage are one hundred and thirty years; few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and they have not attained to the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage."* <sup>10</sup> *So Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh.*

**3. JACOB BLESSED JOSEPH'S SONS AND ADOPTED THEM**  
(DOUBLE PORTION) - YOUNGER SON BLESSED BEFORE ELDER

**Gen. 48:17** *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.* <sup>18</sup> *And Joseph said to his father, "Not so, my father, for this one is the firstborn; put your right hand on his head."* <sup>19</sup> *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."* ( **Jacob** 147 - Gen. 47:28)

**Heb. 11:21** **BY FAITH JACOB, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff.**  
**(IMPORTANT SPIRITUAL ACT!)**

**3. ELIJAH TO ELISHA - RECEIVED DOUBLE PORTION (FIRSTBORN)**  
**2 KINGS 2:8** *Now Elijah took his mantle, rolled it up, and struck the water; and it was divided this way and that, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground.* <sup>9</sup> *And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?" Elisha said, "Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me."* <sup>10</sup> *So he said, "You have asked a hard thing. Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so."*

#### 4. ELISHA TO GEHAZI (FORFEIT) - ELISHA'S BONES RETAINED HIS MANTLE OF ANOINTING

**2 KINGS 13:21** So it was, as they were burying a man, that suddenly they spied a band of raiders; and they put the man in the tomb of Elisha; and when the man was let down and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived and stood on his feet.

### C. EXAMPLES OF LAYING ON HANDS IN NEW TESTAMENT

#### 1. A COMMON PRACTICE AMONG ALL BELIEVERS

**JAMES 5:14** *Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.*

#### 2. SAUL AND BARNABAS ANOINTED FOR MINISTRY

**Acts 13:1** *Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. <sup>2</sup> As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." <sup>3</sup> Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.*

#### 3. LAYING ON HANDS RESULTED IN BAPTISM OF HOLY SPIRIT

**Acts 8:14** *Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, <sup>15</sup> who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>16</sup> For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>17</sup> Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.*

#### 4. HEALING PRAYER OFTEN INVOLVED LAYING ON HANDS

**Luke 13:10** *Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. <sup>12</sup> But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." <sup>13</sup> And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.*

## 5. EQUIPPING TO MINISTRY THROUGH LAYING ON HANDS

**TIMOTHY - 1Tim. 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.**

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

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

## II. ANOINTING, IMPARTATION AND THE FLOW OF POWER IN MINISTRY

**A. SPIRITUAL TRANSFERS HAPPEN THROUGH TOUCH** - *Jesus washed disciples feet so they could have part in Him*

**1. HANDS LAID ON SONS, LEADERS, OTHERS TO TRANSFER ANOINTING, HEALING, IMPARTATION to them**

**2. BE CAREFUL WHO LAYS HANDS ON YOU AND ON WHOM YOU LAY HANDS- IT'S A MEANS OF TRANSFER (RESPONSIBILITY?)**

**1Tim. 5:22** Do not **lay hands** on anyone hastily, nor share in other people's sins; keep yourself pure. (PRAY FIRST! WAIT, FAST, PRAY)

**3. IMPARTATION AND TRANSFER ARE ABOUT HONOR** - (*Nothing happens without it!*) **WHO DO YOU HONOR?**

**EPH. 6:2** "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise:<sup>3</sup> "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

**4. LAYING HANDS, IMPARTATION, SPIRITUAL TRANSFERS HAVE PHYSICAL CONSEQUENCES** (MAHESH CHAVDA, BENNY HINN)

## III. LAYING ON HANDS IS HOW SPIRITUAL LIFE PASSES ON TO OTHERS

Wisdom and the perspective of old age is a gift to the entire body. We share it, like a spiritual library through stories, honor given and laying on hands. Anointing and impartations are carried through the generations.

- **SPIRITUAL LIFE IS SHARED THROUGH COMMUNITY**
- **SPIRITUAL LIFE IS CAUGHT THROUGH SHARING WORD**
- **SPIRITUAL LIFE IS TRANSMITTED WHEN WE PRAY TOGETHER**
- **SPIRITUAL LIFE IS IMPARTED THROUGH HONOR**
- **SPIRITUAL LIFE IS TRANSFERRED THROUGH LAYING HANDS**