

## Living as “gods” – Bible Study Notes

### **Introduction**

We are created in the image of God, He is supernatural, so are we. This is the underlying sentiment of this series. You are not just natural; you have a whole supernatural part to your being.

I do not believe that operating in the supernatural as a Christian should be an optional extra. It should be a fundamental part of your born-again experience. Because the life of a believer is not normal, the life of a believer is the life of God. The life of God is supernatural.

### **1 John 2:5-6**

**But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.**

If we say that we abide in Him because of our faith in Him, and we do not walk in the supernatural as He did, then it's either we are not abiding in Him as we think, or perhaps there is an aspect of His Word and the way that He walked that we are not honouring!

In this series the Spirit of God is on an assignment to stir you up! Regardless of the current physical circumstances in which you find yourself, God is on an assignment to wake you up to your supernatural self. God wants you to live life beyond the natural. Do not allow your circumstances or your limitations to bewitch you! You are supernatural!

### You are gods



**Psalm 82:6** I said, “You are gods, and all of you are children of the Most High.

Now if you study this out you will see that God was speaking to people among the children of Israel whom He had appointed as judges over the people. That word gods is making reference to a “deity”. But it is directed to these people who were judges, they were magistrates. These were people who had delegated authority from God. Their words carried the same weight as His Words. Their decisions carried weight like His decision. They had the power and the authority to judge, to decide on the affairs of Israel according to the will of God.

This is a picture of what we are also called to do. We are have the power of attorney, the delegated authority to adjudicate on the earth. In **Matthew 28:18-19** Jesus delegated power to us. He said **all power in Heaven and on Earth has been given to me, GO THEREFORE**...in other words, go in the power that has been given to me! Just like these people in **Psalm 82:6**, you have delegated power to bring heaven here on earth! You are children of the Most High!

In **Luke 10:19** Jesus said...**I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.** In other words I have given you the authority to operate in the supernatural, to operate above the natural, to adjudicate on my behalf here on earth...ye are gods!

Jesus has given us both power (Dunamis) which is the ability and the authority, which is the appropriate authorisation to exercise that authority.

*Think about this: Which of those do you believe that you have? Power or authority? Examine your recent decisions. Examine what you're putting up with. Examine your confessions, your expectations. Sometimes we believe we have power but not the authority (or vice versa).*

*How will you judge the events in your life? Do you judge them according to how you feel, or do you judge them according to how God would judge them? Are judging the events in your territory? When was the last time you decreed something concerning your home, your street, your city, your nation? Ye are gods! How are you judging?*

You are not just an accountant, ye are gods! You are not just a teacher or a student, or a mama, or a husband or wife, you are not just a boy or a girl...for everyone who has accepted Jesus...ye are gods! Children of the Most High! (El-Elyone)

Do you know who you are? Do you know that you are gods! You are magistrates with supernatural power! Do you know that? God showed up to these men and women who he had given delegated authority and was telling them off because they were not performing according to the calling, he had given them. They were not functioning in alignment with who they really were.

### Live like gods or die like men

But let's read **Psalm 82:7**, because the next verse is what happens when you are gods that are not functioning in the fullness of the power at your disposal...

**7 But you shall die like men and fall like one of the princes."**

If we don't live like "gods", we will die like men. Today I am asking you to live like gods! Embrace your supernatural nature!

**Psalms 105:15 - As for man, his days are like grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourishes. For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.**



That's how mere men die, they leave no footprint. They don't necessarily change the landscape. They don't bring the will of God on the earth. But when people with delegated authority leave this earth, they leave a legacy.

I need you to know that the world appreciates a brilliant carpenter, but the world needs a supernatural saviour!! The world appreciates a brilliant surgeon, the world appreciates an amazing businessperson...but the world need people who will walk in their supernatural nature! The World needs men who will live as "gods". People who will not be intimidated by their circumstances to decree what heaven decrees! People who will not be too in their feelings to call their lives what God calls their lives!

Let's look at what it looks like to live like the "gods" that we are;

Acts 3:1 Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. 2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple, which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; 3 who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. 4 And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." 5 So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. 6 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." 7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. 8 So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God.

9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God. 10 Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.



This is a famous scripture, this man is sitting outside a place where people meet with God, but He had a limiting circumstance. He was lame from birth. And He sat at the temple regularly begging for alms...everyone knew him.

But here's the thing, there were those who walked past this man, on their way to meet with God and on their way back from their meeting with God. But all they had to offer was natural things.

But there was also another group, Peter and John, who walked the same path, they did not offer natural things, they stepped in as "gods", and judged the situation as God will judge the situation! They brought heaven down in the life of this man.

Which one are you going to be? gods or men? Will we offer just the natural or will we press in for the supernatural!

#### **Ezekiel 47:3-6 (NKJV)**

3 And when the man went out to the east with the line in his hand, he measured one thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the water came up to my ankles. 4 Again he measured one thousand and brought me through the waters; the water came up to my knees. Again he measured one thousand and brought me through; the water came up to my waist. 5 Again he measured one thousand, and it was a river that I could not cross; for the water was too deep, water in which one must swim, a river that could not be crossed. 6 He said to me, "Son of man, have you seen this?" Then he brought me and returned me to the bank of the river.

I believe that God is calling us to more. There's nothing wrong with where you are, but there's so much more than where you are.

#### **2 keys to operating as "gods"**

### **Prioritize intimacy with God.**

We access this supernatural nature because we came to Jesus. We walk in the supernatural as we stay with Him in our soul and in our body. We are always with Him in our spirit from the first day we believed and received Him. But what Happens sometimes is that our souls and our bodies can be so occupied with everything else but Him! Intimacy with Him is about actively engaging your soul and your body in His Word. As we do, we can't help but take on His image and outwork this supernatural nature.

**Mark 3:14-15** And He went up on the mountain and called to Him those He Himself wanted. And they came to Him. Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach, and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons.

If we want to walk in the supernatural, prioritize intimacy with God. You don't need to chase this person or that. You don't need to buy this or that. You don't need to go here or there; you just need to be with HIM!

**Acts 4:13** - Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marvelled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.

### **Faith – a conviction + obedience or actions.**

When I talk about faith, I am talking about a **conviction so strong that it is not just seen in your amen, but it is seen in your actions**. We live in a society where cynicism rules. Don't bring that into your walk with faith. You can't be a cynic and be in faith at the same time. A lack of faith is evidence of a lack of intimacy. Whenever you feel you are struggling in faith, seek out more intimacy, until your conviction grows.



In this kingdom it will be unto you according to your faith. Faith is a muscle that needs to be grown. Faith does not grow by itself. So act on your faith. Keep expecting the supernatural. Lay hands with an expectation that healing will come.

### **Conclusion**

The invitation to live by faith is an invitation to be a partaker in the divine nature of God. Whatever you do, do not be conformed to this world. Develop a Spirit of faith. A spirit that Just believes God. Let your actions be influenced by your conviction that you have a supernatural nature. Imagine what will happen if we all refused to settle