

[music]

*Is there a supernatural dimension, a world beyond the one we know? Is there life after death? Do angels exist? Can our dreams contain messages from Heaven? Can we tap into ancient secrets of the supernatural? Are healing miracles real? Sid Roth has spent over 35 years researching the strange world of the supernatural. Join Sid for this edition of **It's Supernatural**.*

SID: Sid Roth here. Welcome to my world where it's naturally supernatural. You see, as a brand new Jewish believer close to 40 years ago, I had the privilege of meeting a woman by the name of Kathryn Kuhlman, and this woman used to say, "Please," she would almost beg you, "please don't grieve the Holy Spirit. He's all that I have." And a lot of people don't know this, but she wouldn't start her service until her best friend, the Holy Spirit showed up. My guest is a world class teacher that experientially knows the Spirit of God and biblically will take you into, you see, most believers say, I want the power of the Holy Spirit, but where are the people that want to have intimacy with the most misunderstood person in the Bible? Where are you? Now most of you are familiar with John Bevere. You've either read or heard of his book, "Bait of Satan," But what you don't know is he's written a number of books, some five, six million in print. His curriculum is being studied by 20,000 churches in the United States of America alone, and who knows throughout the whole world. But what you don't know about John Bevere is he was a horrible speaker. And in school, he took the SAT and your score was what?

JOHN: 370 on the English, the verbal. And the whole audience just went...

SID: Now put it in perspective.

JOHN: Well that's, I like to say it's like F-, minus. So when God—

SID: So how do you write all these books, bestsellers?

JOHN: You know, it's amazing. Because when God came to me in 1991 and said, "Son, I want you to write," I kind of laughed and said, "Okay, you have so many of us kids on the earth now, you're getting us mixed up with one another. You don't want me writing any book. I mean, talk to my English teachers." And so I didn't do anything for 10 months. And 10 months later, two women came to me from two different states in America, and they both said the exact same words. They said, "John Bevere, if you don't write what God's given you to write, He's going to give the messages to somebody else and you will be judged for it." And the second woman from the state of Texas said it two weeks after the first woman from Florida. The fear of God hit me. I said, I'd better write. So I wrote out a contract with God. I literally got a notebook piece of paper and I said, "Contract." I said, "I think you're making a big mistake," basically, "because you have far better writers." I said, "So I need grace." And I signed the contract. And of course now the rest is history. I believe my name is on those books because I was the first guy to get to read those messages. I really believe they're from Him and they're for His church. I'm just the donkey. Okay. So that's my view of the whole thing.

SID: He scored so low. He's only heard of a couple of people that scored as low.

JOHN: One person.

SID: One person that's ever scored as low. He's not very good at speaking. He's not very good at English. He's not very good at SAT scores.

JOHN: Let's talk about the speaking. So the first time my wife hears me preach 31 years ago after we got married, right, she's in the front row. Within five minutes, she's sound asleep. Okay. And she sleeps through my whole message. Front row. And her best friend sitting next to her has drool coming out of the side of her mouth. Okay.

SID: Bestselling author. All right. But he started out as a youth pastor and one day the head pastor walks in and what does he say?

JOHN: He just said he had a vision he night before. He said he literally saw it like he was watching a TV program. And he said, "One of these pastors," there were 11 pastors sitting around the table, "One of these pastors will not be on our staff much longer. You're going to be traveling out and back, and out and back, and you're going to be a blessing to the Body of Christ." And he goes, "That man is you, John Bevere." And when he said it, the Spirit of God fell on me and I started weeping. And so I remember God spoke to me and He said, "Don't write pastors, don't call pastors." The first four years I traveled I didn't write one letter, I didn't make one phone call and God supernaturally started opening up doors. I remember one time, this meeting, I was in a meeting near Detroit, and the movement of God broke out, and the church was packed for 21 straight services. Well I called my wife. Remember no cell phones in 1990. I called my wife at a public pool in Florida. I said, "Look, I got to send you tickets. This meeting is not going to stop." Well there was a pastor of 2000-member church in the public pool. He walks up to my wife and he says, "I'm so sorry. I was listening to everything you were saying to your husband on the phone. I want your husband to come to my church." That's the way God started opening up doors for us.

SID: You know, when it's God, it makes such a difference. I know why I am so intrigued with the Spirit of the Living God, the Holy Spirit.

JOHN: Yes.

SID: But why are you so intrigued?

JOHN: Because I wouldn't be who I am today, I wouldn't be where I am today, I wouldn't know Jesus without the Holy Spirit. I am so in love with the Holy Spirit. And the thing that so grieves my heart, Sid, is most people, the church, now if you back them in a corner, they're going to [unintelligible] but they really treat Him like an it. For example, would you get in your car and drive 20 minutes. Let's say you car pool with somebody next door. You get in the car. You drive 20 minutes to work every day and not say one word to them, not good morning, how's your family, how did you sleep last night, nothing, nothing, all the way, all the way back every day, you don't say a word. And on top of that to add insult to injury, you turn the Christian radio station on and you just blast it. So he can't say anything to you. That's the way we treat the Holy Spirit. How many times do we get in the car, we never say one word to the Holy Spirit? I

personally believe He's the most ignored person in the church. I mean, if anybody's ever got a problem with feeling like they're ignored, just talk to Him. He can totally relate. But He still loves us. That's what's amazing. And He still yearns for us on top of that.

SID: You know, you know what you're saying reminds me of the statement I said at the beginning of the show. Kathryn Kuhlman used to plead with people, "Please don't grieve the Holy Spirit."

JOHN: I wish I could have met that woman.

SID: He's my best friend. We're going to find out more about your best friend, too, when we come back.

*We'll be right back to **It's Supernatural**.*

[music]

[music]

*We now return to **It's Supernatural**.*

SID: John teaches on a word that I read in the Bible. But I think many people don't understand the word, "communion," communion with the Holy Spirit. What does that mean to you?

JOHN: Well you know, Paul said that to the Corinthian church, and interestingly, it's the last thing he wrote to them on the face of the earth. He said, "May the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you." Now as a former Catholic boy, you say "communion" to me, I think the little wafer the priest puts on people's tongue and the wine I snuck as an altar boy at the end of the service. Communion is koinonia. Okay. It's a Greek word that has three major definitions. Number one, would be fellowship. Number two, would be partnership. Number three, would be intimacy. So what he's saying is "May the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you." If you look at the apostles in the Book of Acts, they had great fellowship with the Holy Spirit. So what does fellowship mean? It means companionship, sharing together. If you look at the Apostle Paul he talks about the Holy Spirit speaking to him in city after city in Acts, chapter 20.

SID: You what I'm thinking, now when I hear the word "companionship", do you have dialogue with the Holy Spirit often?

JOHN: Yes. Because you know, the Bible says, "Pray without ceasing" and prayer is not a one-way conversation. Prayer is a dialogue, not a monologue. So if God tells us to pray without ceasing, that means He's willing to communicate with us without ceasing. Now don't always look for words. Okay. I mean, my wife can give me one look and I can write three pages on what she just said.

SID: Me, too.

JOHN: But now 30 years ago, if my wife gave me that one look, I'd go, huh? And the whole room, awkward. Right? So the thing is in order to have intimacy with Him, and I'm jumping to intimacy now, because intimacy goes to the desires, the intentions, the thoughts of the heart, we have to know the one we want to have intimacy with. You know, I look at these guys in the early church and what I started seeing, and this all started on a fast last year. God spoke to me and said, "I want you to read the Book of Acts, and I started reading it. And realized what was normal for the church back then is not normal for us today, because they completely depended on the Holy Spirit. He was a vital part of it all their life. He was literally with them and partnered with them in everything they did. If you look at the apostles, they wrote a letter and they said, "It seemed good to us and the Holy Spirit." They're actually representing His view and their view. But what I love about that is they're so intimate with Him. They said, "It seemed good." They didn't say, "The Holy Spirit said and so do we." You understand that they were so intimate with Him that God allowed them to represent Him without Him speaking. Now that seems odd right now, but it's not. Last year my wife and I are doing a national conference in Canada. Right? I speak the first night, she speaks the second night. The soundman comes around. He's got [??] ear mic. Right? My wife's in worship, her hands are up, tears are coming down. I stop the soundman. I said, "No, no, no, no, she doesn't want that. She wants a wireless hand mic." He went back and got the wireless. I was able to represent Lisa without her saying what she wanted because I know her so well. So this is the thing people have to understand. You and I could be together for a year. Depending on how we interact will determine how close we become. We could be perfect strangers after a year. I can tell you husbands and wives that are complete strangers, and they had been married for 30 years. Why? Because they don't interact and intimately go to those levels. So I know Christians that the Holy Spirit has been with them for years, yet they really don't know Jesus that well, because he's the one that reveals them. If you look at the Apostle Paul, he never walked with Jesus. Right?

SID: Right.

JOHN: Okay. So how many times you and I, and your people say, "Oh man, I wish I could have walked with Jesus on the shores of Galilee." I don't think they'd have any different of a life. And to be honest with you, I think they wouldn't even be as close because Jesus said, "There are things about me I can't tell you. Only the Holy Spirit can tell you." So here's Paul. He never once walked with Jesus. Never, not once. Right? And he comes to know Jesus so intimately that Peter, who walked with him for three and a half years finally writes and says, "This guy Paul knows Jesus so well, some of his letters are hard for me to understand." So now why is that? Because the Holy Spirit can bring us to realms that Jesus couldn't even do himself personally, here, because he communicates to our spirit. Our spirit has the capacity of housing so much more of the presence and knowledge of God. However, so many people want to know God in their minds. So you know, my greatest, greatest adventures in life are when I'm in interacting with Him, but it's a level that's deeper than just the soul. Now don't get me wrong. The soul comes with it, but it's deep.

SID: Now just tell me about a time you were interacting with the Holy Spirit in Malaysia, briefly.

JOHN: I'm doing a national conference. I believe it was the largest Bible school. People were there. It was a tent meeting. And I remember they had the women up front. And all of a sudden, all of the women said they were called to the ministry. Malaysia is a Muslim state. All of a sudden, the Spirit of our Father came in, the Spirit of God in the most loving way. And these women started laughing hysterically and they all collapsed all over the floor. Nobody caught them. Nobody touched them. And they were on the ground literally laughing hysterically. And so—

SID: No one is touching them.

JOHN: No one touched them.

SID: They fall over.

JOHN: Every one of them had fallen them. Nobody caught them and they were now laughing hysterically. Right? So I just sit down on the platform because I'm out of this. Right? So I'm enjoying this and I'm literally seeing these Asian women, because they're very quiet and reserved, on their backs rolling back and forth with their hands on their guts, laughing hysterically. And I go, that must be where holy rollers came from. I'm just a Catholic boy that got saved. Okay. So I'm just like, wow. Well then all of a sudden this loving presence lifts and an awesome presence comes in, and the most wonderfully terrifying, if this makes any sense. Okay. And I remember when this presence came in, I thought, oh my goodness, something has changed. And all of a sudden all these women, at the same time, without even saying a thing, stop laughing. And within seconds, they started screaming like they were on fire. Now it wasn't demonic. They were like on fire. Right? So I'm walking back and forth on the platform and I'm going oh my God. And that's when I thought there's a difference between our soul and our spirit. Because my head was going, I can't handle this, and my heart was going, God, please don't lift, please don't lift. It was amazing. Okay. I remember I'm walking back and forth and I thought, you say one wrong word, you're dead. Now I'm not saying necessarily it might have happened. But Ananias made a wrong move in that environment, and that's New Testament. That presence, it was like Daddy didn't come in. Daddy was in there before. The King came in. And I remember out of my mouth came these words: "This is the Holy Spirit of the fear of the Lord." That's what came out of my mouth. And all of a sudden I thought, that's it. Isaiah said, "The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon the Jesus." The spirit was the counsel, knowledge, might, understanding—and the spirit of the fear of the Lord delights in the fear of the Lord. Remember, after the meeting, this Indian couple, they were from India, they were students in the Bible school. She was one of the ladies who was getting nailed. She looks at me and she goes, "I feel so clean inside." And the husband goes, "I do, too." And I said, "I do, too." Well the next morning I'm in my hotel room and the Holy Spirit says, "Read Psalm 19." I had no idea what I'm going to read, Sid. I know you probably know, but I didn't. And I read to verse 9, and verse 9 says, "The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever." And God spoke to me and He said, "Lucifer led worship at My throne. He didn't fear Me. He didn't endure forever."

SID: You know, that's a hidden word, 'the fear of the Lord'. I want to find out about this. It is hidden from modern day Christianity. We'll be right back.

*We'll be right back to **It's Supernatural**.*

[music]

[pause]

SID: John Bevere, what is the fear of the Lord?

JOHN: The fear of the Lord, first of all, is not to be scared of God. Okay. How can we have a relationship, intimacy with somebody we're scared of? Okay. If you remember when Moses brought Israel out of Egypt, he made a statement to them. He said, when God came down on the mountain they all ran away, and he made this statement, Exodus 20:20. If you want a 20/20 vision this is it. He said, "Do not fear," he said, "because God is coming to touch you to see if there's fear in you." Now wait a minute. "Do not fear because God is coming to see if this fear is in you." It sounds like a contradiction. It's not. He's differentiating between being scared of God and fear of the Lord. The person who's scared of God has something to hide. What does Adam do as soon as he disobeys God? He runs from the presence of God. A person who fears God has nothing to hide. He's scared to be away from God. So if you want the initial definition of the fear of the Lord, it's to be terrified, not scared, terrified to be away from God. So when we fear God, we venerate him. Now venerate is huge. What does that mean? It means we honor, respect, we reverence Him more than anything or anyone else. So it means that we take on His heart and we love what He loves, and we hate what He hates.

SID: Would you say that's a definition of holiness because it says in the Bible, "Without holiness you will not see God." What's your definition?

JOHN: Yeah, but wait a minute. How is holiness developed? According to the New Testament, "Perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord," Second Corinthians 7:1. Okay. So the fear of the Lord is the prerequisite to holiness. Moses said, "God has come to see if this fear so that you do not sin." Fear of the Lord is to hate evil. Now let me tell you the way most Christians look at this in America. Many Christians will say, I dislike evil. No, the fear of the Lord is not to dislike evil. The fear of the Lord is to hate evil. So we love what He loves, we hate what He hates. Now I've heard religious people say this: "I hate those sinners, you know. They live like this, they do that. I hate them. I fear God." No, you don't fear God because you hate what He loves. God is in love with that person that's bound to sin. He died for that person. How dare you say, "I hate that person, I fear God." You don't fear God because you hate what He loves. So when you embrace the fear of the Lord, you get a greater measure of the Holy Spirit because, Sid, I'm going to really bare myself here. Back in the late '80s, early '90s, I was praying two hours every day. Okay. I'd get up at five, pray until seven and then go to work. One day I said, "Why isn't there a stronger anointing? Why isn't there a stronger presence of the Holy Spirit in my life?" I pray two hours every day. I'm reading your word. I'm studying. Why isn't there a stronger? And you know what the Lord said to me? He said, "Because you tolerate sin, not only in your life, but in the lives of others." And I was like, what? And He said, "Read Hebrews 1." So I go to Hebrews 1, where Jesus is raised from the dead. God the Father inaugurates him as Lord of the church, and makes the statement to Jesus. He said, "Because you've loved righteousness," the Lord said, "stop." He said, "Every Christian loves righteousness," but He said, "that's not all I said." The Father looks at the Son and He says, "Because you've loved righteousness and hated sin, therefore, God, even

thy God has anointed you above your companions." He said, "Learn to hate sin the way I hate sin and you'll see the anointing of God in your life in greatness." So what I've noticed is I would go into my prayer closet and I wouldn't even pray, I wouldn't even sing. I would just meditate on the awesomeness of our Father. And bam, there's this presence. So this started going on every day. And one day I just say, "Hold it!" I said, "It used to be so hard for me to get into Your presence in the prayer closet. Now it's getting so easy." And the Holy Spirit said, "How did Jesus teach his disciples to pray?" So I said, "The Lord's Prayer. Our Father which are in Heaven hallowed be thy name." There it is. Jesus, you taught your disciples, you can't come into the presence of God without the reverential fear of the Lord. See, if you look at the Book of Hebrews, it says that, "Jesus was heard because of his godly fear." It's one thing to pray, it's another thing to be heard. Okay. So there's a lot of prayer that goes on. But I want to be heard. It's the fear of the Lord. So to get back to what I said to you earlier. That morning in the hotel room in Malaysia when God spoke to me, He said, "Lucifer lead worship. He didn't fear me. He didn't endure forever." He said, "A third of the angels surrounded my throne. They didn't fear me. They didn't endure forever. Adam and Eve walked in my presence, glorious presence. They didn't fear me. They didn't endure in the Garden forever." So the Lord spoke to me and He said, "Every created being that surrounds my throne throughout eternity will be tested in the fear of the Lord."

SID: You know, a lot of people miss the word for the Holy Spirit is "holy", and that's why God says, "Be ye holy, for I God am holy." I'm reminded of Katherine Kuhlman. I told you about her earlier. Katherine used to say, "Please don't grieve the Holy Spirit. He's all I've got." And I never totally understood that until I read the Book of Acts, the first chapter, the 8th verse, "You shall receive power." And the word for power is "dynamite power", like the same power that rose Messiah Jesus from the grave. You shall receive that dynamite power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And why do you have this power? To be witnesses. That's the whole purpose of this program. I want you to see miracles so you will be a witness.

[pause]

SID: Next week on *It's Supernatural*. Now everyone has heard of food fast. You don't want too much of it. Everyone has heard of food fast. But have you ever heard of a soul fast? You see, it's not what you're eating, but it's what's eating you. What's eating you?

[music]