

Of

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Have you ever thought about the word, 'of?' Seems like not big thing which we casually and often use during conversation. There is, however, a slant I am presenting here in this short scriptural teaching which may forever change your thought about the word and its usage to describe from where something comes and the authority behind it.

Consider the following: The word, 'of' as a contraction. A contraction is the process of becoming smaller. For example, a contraction of 'would not,' is 'wouldn't;' 'could not,' is 'couldn't,' and so forth. Well the word, 'of' is a contraction for, 'out from.' Out from? Out from what?

In the Word of God, the Bible there are very many examples. One, is in Hebrews 1:3, "Who being the brightness **OF his** glory, and the express image **OF his** person, and upholding all things by the word **OF his power**, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand **of** the Majesty on high." In this passage there are several instances of the word, 'of.' "Brightness of his glory' reads, 'brightness out from his glory.' 'express image of his person' is 'express image out from his person;' 'the word of his power' is 'word out from his power;' and 'right hand of the Majesty' reads 'right hand out of the Majesty.'

In each statement we are able to see and understand the source of the statement. From where does the word come? Out from His power! The word did not just appear and understanding the word we hear is out from, comes from His power, has special significance as God our Father is the authority.

One more example. We read in James 5:14-16 states, "Is any sick among you? 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: And the prayer **OF** faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer **OF** a righteous man availeth much. In this passage there are three 'ofs;' 'Elders of the church' is 'Elders out from the church.' Not just Elders from anywhere, but Elders within the body of the church. Next, 'the prayer of faith' restated, is 'the prayer out from faith.' No one would want to be prayed for by someone who had no faith; so, there is a prayer prayed for the sick which is prayed based upon the solid faith of acting upon the word out from God toward the one being prayed for. Lastly, the fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much;' that is, the fervent prayer out from a righteous man availeth much.' In other words, fervent, that is, prayers out from passion and intensity based upon the word out from God by a righteous man has great benefit!

I trust your understanding of the word, 'of' enriches your understanding of the word out from God as there is strength in understanding. Now, as you read the Word out from God, you may read it and receive more out from (of) the riches of God!