

## I. THE ANOINTING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS ESSENTIAL FOR MINISTRY

A. Persons or things were anointed in the Old Testament to signify separation unto God. It is a picture of what God can do in a life that is yielded to Him.

1. It was a very significant offense punishable by excommunication to use it for other purposes (Exo. 30:32-33).
2. Priests, prophets, and kings were anointed with oil in the Old Testament as an acknowledgment of the dynamic of the Holy Spirit coming upon a person for service.

***Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on his head, and kissed him and said: "Is it not because the Lord has anointed you commander over His inheritance? (1 Samuel 10:1)***

B. The anointing of the Holy Spirit is the touch of God upon someone to empower them to do the work of ministry. When the Spirit comes upon people, people do great exploits.

1. David (1 Sam. 16:12-13). He overcame lions and bears, Goliath, and expanded a kingdom.

***So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!"<sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward... (1 Samuel 16:12-13)***

2. Gideon blows a shofar to rally and unite a nation (Jud. 6:34).
3. Samson tore a lion apart with his bare hands (Jud. 14:6).
4. The 70 elders prophesied when the spirit that was upon Moses was given to them (Num. 11:25)

C. When the Spirit of the Lord comes upon people, a common accompaniment is that they prophesy:

1. Jahaziel (2 Chronicles 20:14-15). In response to this word, they put the singers at the head of the army to worship.
2. Saul (1 Sam. 10:10)
3. Three groups of Saul's messenger sent to take David and upon Saul himself (1 Sam. 19:20-24)
4. Azariah (2 Chron 15:1), Zechariah (2 Chron. 24:20)
5. This is a pattern that is repeated in the New Testament with either tongues or prophesy. When the Holy Spirit is poured out, there is tongues or prophesy.

***And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. (Acts 19:6)***

- D. Jesus was anointed for ministry. The Spirit of the Lord is upon Him. That's why He did the things that He did: proclaim, heal, and deliver.

***How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. (Acts 10:38; c.f. 4:27)***

***“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; <sup>19</sup> To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.” (Luke 4:18-19; c.f. Matt. 3:16)***

***But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. (Matthew 12:28)***

1. “Messiah” is a Hebrew title for Jesus and means “Anointed.” “Christ” is the Greek equivalent of that and also means “Anointed.” Jesus is the Anointed One.
- E. There are many aspects to the ministry of the Holy Spirit (sanctifying, cleansing, etc.). One of the elements is empowering for ministry.

## II. YOU HAVE AN ANOINTING

- A. Jesus the Anointed One gives us an anointing – the Holy Spirit comes to abide in us.

***But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him. (1 John 2:27)***

1. As Christians, we are followers of the Anointed One, Jesus Christ. We are an “anointed people.”

***But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. (John 14:26)***

- a. When you read the Bible, ask the Holy Spirit specific questions. Journal what you receive.
2. Jesus says it is better for the disciples that He would no longer be with them because He will pour out His Spirit upon all of them.

***Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. (John 16:7)***

- B. The same Holy Spirit who was upon Jesus is given to us.

***And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— (John 14:16)***

***“But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. (John 15:26)***

***And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy (Acts 2:17-18)***

1. The same Spirit who was upon Jesus and raised Him from the dead dwells in us.

***But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. (Romans 8:11)***

C. Jesus declares that we will do what He did during His earthly ministry and even greater works.

***“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.” <sup>13</sup> And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. (John 14:12-13)***

***But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)***

D. God’s desire is that there would be a company, called the Bride, who would do the works of Christ.

### III. THE SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD

***The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (Isaiah 11:2)***

A. There is a seven-fold “nature” or “attributes” of the Spirit of the Lord. Thus, when the Spirit of the Lord comes upon someone, there are 7 manifestations:

***John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, (Revelation 1:4)***

1. Wisdom and understanding

***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, (Ephesians 1:17; c.f. Exo. 28:3)***

- a. Wisdom and revelation work together to bring us the true knowledge of God.
- b. Jesus also refers to the Spirit as the Spirit of truth.

***“But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. (John 15:26)***

2. Counsel & might

***That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man (Ephesians 3:16)***

- a. The counsel (advise, purpose) of God often precedes the demonstration of His power.

*And Moses and Aaron did so, just as the Lord commanded. So he lifted up the rod and struck the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants. And all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood. (Exodus 7:20)*

- b. When there is obedience to the counsel of God, it positions us to be “in sync” with Him. There is nothing special about stretching out the hand, but when it’s in obedience to the counsel of God, it releases a miracle, the power of God.

*Then He said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And he stretched it out, and it was restored as whole as the other. (Matthew 12:13)*

3. Knowledge & fear of the Lord

- a. Knowledge (perception, discernment)
- b. Fear of the Lord (not fear of man, rather a sense of the awesomeness of God)

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction. (Proverbs 1:7; c.f. Prov. 2:5)*

#### IV. BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

- A. We must continually be filled with the Holy Spirit and be dependent upon Him.

*And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, (Ephesians 5:18)*

1. Holy Spirit comes upon, fall upon, filled, baptized, “pickled, marinated, drunk.” These are all words that describe the activity of the Holy Spirit.

- B. Ask with expectation and receive by faith.

*If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!” (Luke 11:13)*

- C. Learn to wait upon the Holy Spirit when you pray, speak, and act (Acts 15:28) and be led by the Holy Spirit.

*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. (Romans 8:14; c.f. Luke 2:27; 4:1; Acts 16:6)*

- D. Minister in confidence for the All Sufficient One dwells in you.

*Who also made us sufficient [NIV: competent; NASB: adequate] as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. (2 Corinthians 3:6)*

*Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God,<sup>22</sup> who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. (2 Cor. 1:21-22)*

1. Without the Holy Spirit, you cannot receive anything from Jesus. And we have nothing of true worth to give to others.