

# THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

## THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE BOOK OF GENESIS.

*Genesis 1:2-3* Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. 3: And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. NIV

The Holy Spirit was hovering over the face of the earth.

*Genesis 1:2 (AMP)* The Spirit of God was moving (hovering, brooding) over the face of the waters.

The spirit was hovering , brooding, covering, sheltering and fluttering over - like a bird with her wings over her young.

Example: the eagle and her young (referring to God) as the eagle over Israel.

*Deuteronomy 32:11* ...like an eagle that hovers over its young, (NIV)

The Holy Spirit was waiting for the Word of God to be spoken – by God - so the the Spirit could bring into reality what was spoken.

# THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIFE OF JOSEPH.

*Genesis 41:38-41 So Pharaoh asked them, "Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God?" 39: Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one so discerning and wise as you. 40: You shall be in charge of my palace, and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you." 41: So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I hereby put you in charge of the whole land of Egypt." NIV*

It was God's Spirit that enabled Joseph to unfold God's plan of the subsequent salvation and deliverance of God's people (Israel) from the forthcoming famine and the provision of a safe haven/ home for Israel in Egypt for the next 400 years.

**PRINCIPLE:** Discernment and wisdom are always associated with integrity, and humility.

The Spirit of God was also in Jesus. And the people in the synagogue marveled and were amazed at the wisdom and discernment of this 12 year old (*Luke 2:42*).

*Luke 2:46-48* After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47: Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48: When his parents saw him, they were astonished. NIV

The Spirit of God in us will also cause others to be amazed that such unlearned people can do such extraordinary things.

The Spirit of God was in the disciples in *Acts 4:13-14*

**GOD PROPHETICALLY STATES, “I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT.”**

*Joel 2:28-29* 'And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. 29: Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. NIV (Note also *Acts 2:16-18*)

There is no discrimination or partiality here - on ALL peoples - all KINDS of peoples.

**The Holy Spirit is to be “poured out.”**  
Suggesting a greater volume of flow and emptying out.

*Joel 2:28-29* prophetically related to the event in New Testament on the day of Pentecost - the birthing of the Church.

This is what we should be expecting to happen amongst all of us today - the supernatural and the miraculous is the result of the spirit coming upon God's people.

## **THE HOLY SPIRIT COMING UPON DAVID WAS WITH POWER.**

*1 Samuel 10:6-7 The Spirit of the Lord will come upon you IN POWER, and you will prophesy with them; and you will be changed into a different person. 7: Once these signs are fulfilled, do whatever your hand finds to do, for God is with you. NIV*

This power was to bring about dramatic change in a persons life.

First transformation (change) - then demonstration (manifestation of power).

It is the born again experience (born of God's Spirit) that produces the radical change in a persons life. Changed from a sinner to become a son of God.

*John 3:7-8 Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must all be born from above.' 8: The wind blows wherever it*

*will, and you hear the sound it makes, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." NET*

It is impartation / indwelling of the Spirit that brings transformation in a persons life, so that they become a new person.

*2 Corinthians 5:17 when someone becomes a christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun! TLB*

## **THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIFE OF ZERUBBABEL.**

*Zechariah 4:6 So he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty. NIV*

This verse was made in relation to Zerubbabel building God's Temple in Jerusalem. (*Zechariah 4:6-10*)

Building God's Temple would not be accomplished by human means alone. It will not be accomplished; by might (greatness) nor - by strength (human strength); but "by My Spirit - says the Lord." (*Zechariah 4:6*)

**We are also called to build up the Church.**

*Ephesians 2:21-22 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22: And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. NIV*

**We are fitted together with each other and we are the actual house of God.**

*1 Peter 2:4-5 As you come to him, the living Stone — rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him 5: you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. NIV*

**A PROPHETIC REFERENCE TO JESUS AND GOD'S SPIRIT RESTING ON HIM.**

*Isaiah 11:2 The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him - the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. NIV*

**The Spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel, power, knowledge and reverence for God.**

*Isaiah 61:1-3 "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; 2: To proclaim the*

*acceptable year of the Lord, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, 3: To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified." NKJV*

**For this purpose:** to heal, give sight to the blind, proclaim the good news, to release (free) those bound and imprisoned.

*Luke 4:18-21 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, 19: to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." 20: Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, 21: and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." NIV*

## **THE SPIRIT OF GOD IN THE LIFE OF SAMSON.**

*Judges 13:24-25 The woman gave birth to a boy and named him Samson. He grew and the Lord blessed him, 25: and the Spirit of the Lord began to stir him,...." NIV*

The Spirit came upon Samson in power or powerfully - and so he did many miraculous things (see *Judges 14-16*)

# APPLICATION

**The Holy Spirit brings POWER – (Dunamis) divine ability.**

*Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." NIV*

**Power to represent Jesus to this world. But this power must be tempered / balanced with character.**

**Let us make sure that in demonstrating the power of God, that we also display the character of God.**