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The Holy Spirit in Action

A Bible Study

Session 4, August 29, 2021

Today we are looking at some of the Old Testament Scriptures to see how the Holy Spirit is shown to be active, especially in the lives of people chosen by God to lead and teach His people.

Here are the Scriptures that I propose we study today and perhaps for a few more of our sessions. I have given contexts to help in your study. You will note that I have suggested that we look again at the first 2 kings of Judah and Israel. (I hope you brought your Bible!)

1 Samuel 10:6-7, 10 – “Then the Spirit of the LORD will rush upon you [Saul], and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man. **7** Now when these signs meet you, do what your hand finds to do, for God is with you. . . . ¹⁰When they came to Gibeah, behold, a group of prophets met him, and the Spirit of God rushed upon him, and he prophesied among them.” ESV

1 Samuel 11:6 – “And the Spirit of God rushed upon Saul when he heard these words, and his anger was greatly kindled. ESV

1 Samuel 16:14 – “ Now the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD tormented him.” ESV

1 Samuel 19:23-24 – “. . . And the Spirit of God came upon him also, and as he went he prophesied until he came to Naioth in Ramah. **24 k** And he too stripped off his clothes, and he too prophesied before Samuel and lay naked all that day and all that night. Thus it is said, "Is Saul also among the prophets?" ESV

2 Samuel 23:2 – David writes, “The Spirit of the Lord spoke through me . . . “

1 Chronicles 28:12 – “[David] gave [Solomon] the plans of all that the Spirit had put in his mind . . . “

Psalms 51:11 - “Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. ESV

Psalms 104:30 – “When you send forth your Spirit, they [living things] are created, and you renew the face of the ground. ESV

Psalms 139:7 – “Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?” ESV

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- Psalms 143:10 - "Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground! ESV
- 1 Kings 18:12 – Obadiah and Elijah
- 2 Kings 2:15,16 – "spirit of Elijah and Spirit of the Lord"
- 1 Chronicles 12:18 – "Spirit came upon Amasai, chief of the Thirty"
- 2 Chronicles 15:1 – "The Spirit of God came upon Azariah son of Oded . . . the prophet . . ."
- 2 Chronicles 20:14 – "Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jahaziel son of Zechariah . . ."
- 2 Chronicles 24:20 – "Then the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah son of Jehoiada the priest."
- Nehemiah 9:20, 30 – "You gave your good Spirit to instruct them. By your Spirit you admonished them through your prophets."
- Job 33:4 – [Elihu's speech] "The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life."
- Job 34:14-15 – [Elihu] If it were his intention and he withdrew his spirit and breath, all mankind would perish . . ."
- Isaiah 11:2 – "And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him [the Messiah], the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ESV
- Isaiah 30:1 – "Ah, stubborn children," declares the LORD, "who carry out a plan, but not mine, and who make an alliance, but not of my Spirit, that they may add sin to sin; . . ." ESV
- Isaiah 32:15 – ". . . until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, . . ." ESV
- Isaiah 34:16 – "For the mouth of the LORD has commanded, and his Spirit has gathered them." ESV
- Isaiah 42:1 – "Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ESV
- Isaiah 44:3 – ". . . I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. ESV
- Isaiah 48:16 – ". . . And now the Lord GOD has sent me, and his Spirit. ESV
- Isaiah 59:20-21 – "And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression," declares the LORD. **21** "And as for me, this is my covenant with them," says the LORD : "My Spirit that is upon you, and my words that I have put in your mouth, shall not depart

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out of your mouth, or out of the mouth of your offspring, or out of the mouth of your children's offspring," says the LORD , "from this time forth and forevermore." ESV

Isaiah 61:1 – “The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; . . .” ESV

Isaiah 63:10, 11, 14 – “But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them. **11** Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people. Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit, . . . **14** Like livestock that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest. So you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name. ESV

Ezekiel 2:1-2 – “And he said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." **2** And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.” ESV

Ezekiel 3:12, 14, 24 – “Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me the voice of a great earthquake: "Blessed be the glory of the LORD from its place!" . . . **14** The Spirit lifted me up and took me away, and I went in bitterness in the heat of my spirit,. . . **24** But the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and he spoke with me and said to me, "Go, shut yourself within your house. ESV

Ezekiel 8:3-4 – “He put out the form of a hand and took me by a lock of my head, and the Spirit lifted me up between earth and heaven and brought me in visions of God to Jerusalem, to the entrance of the gateway of the inner court that faces north, where was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provokes to jealousy. **4** And behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, like the vision that I saw in the valley.” ESV

Ezekiel 11:1, 5, 19, 24 – “The Spirit lifted me up and brought me to^t the east gate of the house of the Lord. . . **5** And the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and he said to me, "Say, Thus says the LORD : So you think, O

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house of Israel. For I know the things that come into your mind. . . **19**
And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them.
. . . ²⁴And the Spirit lifted me up and brought me in the vision by the
Spirit of God into Chaldea, to the exiles. ESV

Ezekiel 36:26-27 – “And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will
put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh
and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you and
cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.
ESV

Ezekiel 37:1, 14 – “The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me
out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the
valley; it was full of bones. . . . **14** And I will put my Spirit within you,
and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you
shall know that I am the LORD ; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares
the LORD.” ESV

Ezekiel 39:29 – “And I will not hide my face anymore from them, when I
pour out my Spirit upon the house of Israel, declares the Lord God .”
ESV

Ezekiel 43:5 – “the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court;
and behold the glory of the LORD filled the temple. ESV

Joel 2:28-29 – “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my
Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your
old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.
29 Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour
out my Spirit. ESV

Micah 3:8 – “But as for me, I am filled with power, with the Spirit of the
LORD, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgress-
ion and to Israel his sin. ESV

Haggai 2:5 – “. . . My Spirit remains in your midst. Fear not.” ESV

Zechariah 4:6 – “Then he [the angel] 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 of hosts. ESV

Zechariah 6:8 – “Then he [the angel] cried to me, “Behold, those who go
toward the north country have set my Spirit at rest in the north
country.” ESV

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Zechariah 7:12 – “They made their hearts diamond-hard lest they should hear the law and the words that the LORD of hosts had sent by his Spirit through the former prophets. Therefore great anger came from the LORD of hosts. ESV

Questions for discussion:

- 1 – How did the granting of the Holy Spirit change the trajectory of the affected lives?
- 2 – Think about Old Testament characters that [apparently] did not receive the Holy Spirit. What is implied?
- 3 – Did the presence of the Holy Spirit in a person ensure their holiness?
- 4 – Was the presence of the Spirit permanent?
- 5 – Is there a difference in the meaning of the Holy Spirit being “on,” “upon,” “in the midst of,” “into,” “in” or “within” that person?

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