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INTRODUCTION

Acts 1:8
But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

This book, **Baptism With The Holy Ghost And Spiritual Gifts,** gives a scripturally sound understanding of the empowerment of the Holy Spirit on Believers for God's service. Baptism with the Holy Ghost is different from baptism with water. Water baptism is a physical rite performed on those who have repented of their sins and have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. But baptism with the Holy Ghost is a spiritual experience on those who are already born again, some of which might have been

baptised with water. The purpose of Holy Ghost baptism is to empower those in Christ with Spirit power for more active and fruitful service for God in the gospel.

Those empowered for God's service by the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament prophesied but did not speak in tongues. But those who receive the power of the Holy Ghost in the New Testament always have evidence of speaking in tongues.

Some prophesied in addition to speaking in tongues.

Note that the Holy Spirit is in everyone who believes on the Lord Jesus Christ in all fulness.

Hence, the believer can manifest the fruit of the Spirit. He can also live in perfect holiness of life, although, he is not yet baptised with the power of the Holy Ghost. He has the fitness to go to heaven by his holy life.

Holy living is for heaven while baptism with the

Holy Spirit is for more effective and fruitful service. Baptism with the Holy Ghost often opens the door to the operation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the life and ministry of believers. These gifts are: The word of wisdom, the word of knowledge, faith, the gifts of healing, the working of miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, diverse kinds of tongues, and interpretation of tongues.

The believer should consecrate himself to God and desire earnestly through importunate prayer to be baptised with the Holy Ghost, and operate in one or more gifts of the Holy Ghost.

CHAPTER ONE

HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM

The Holy Spirit is the third person in the Godhead, also called the Spirit of Christ, the Holy Ghost. All who accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, receive the Person of the Holy Spirit for their salvation, victory over sin, righteousness, holy living and fitness for Heaven.

Romans 8:9-11

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His.

10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal

bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you.

The Spirit is in every believer. Why? Because he is born of the Spirit.

1.1 Holy Spirit Baptism And Indwelling Of The Holy Spirit

I want you to differentiate Holy Spirit baptism from the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Baptism of the Holy Spirit is your enduement of power for effective Christian service. While the indwelling of the Spirit means the Spirit of God who came into your life at salvation.

Luke 24:49
And, behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Again, the presence of the Holy Spirit, the Word of God and the work of Christ's blood, makes a person a complete Christian. That you are not yet baptised in the Holy Ghost does not mean you are not qualified to go to Heaven. Heaven is not for those who are baptised in the Holy Spirit, but for those who are holy. You have the completeness of Christ in your life and fitness for heaven being a holy believer.

Romans 8:14-17

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ;

> ***if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together.***

You have the grace of God for righteous and holy living. You have access to God in all fulness because you have believed in Christ. The Spirit of Christ is in you, and you have the Word of God in you that cleanses from sin to make you holy and fit for heaven.

> ***Psalms 119:9-11***
>
> ***9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to Thy word.***
>
> ***10 With my whole heart have I sought Thee: O let me not wander from Thy commandments.***
>
> ***11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee.***

If you are practising and keeping God's Word. You are qualified for Heaven in Jesus' name. That is what you need to understand very clearly. You have the

power to do what the disciples of Jesus did before they were baptised by the Holy Spirit.

The disciples of Jesus cast out demons, healed the sick, and performed miracles before they were baptised with the Holy Spirit.

> ***Luke 9:1,2***
>
> ***1 Then He called His twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.***
>
> ***2 And He sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.***

> ***Matthew 10:1,8***
>
> ***1 And when He had called unto Him His twelve disciples, He gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.***
>
> ***8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers,***

> ***raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.***

They were not yet baptised in the Holy Spirit but could do this. I want you to take note of that. You can do likewise, although not yet baptised with the Holy Spirit.

1.2 Holy Ghost Baptism Is For Service On Earth And Holiness Of Life Is For Heaven

There are people who say, if you are not baptised with the Holy Spirit, you will not go to Heaven. Where did they get this teaching from? Holy Ghost baptism is for effective Christian service, not for Heaven. It is holiness of life that takes one to heaven, not Holy Ghost baptism.

> ***Acts 1:8***
>
> ***But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto***

> ***Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.***

The Bible says, if a man does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His. Which means that the person is a sinner. We have righteous people who are not baptised in the Holy Spirit, in the sense of power, but they have the Holy Ghost in all completeness. They will go to Heaven. You do not need baptism in the Holy Spirit to be a holy man. No. The Spirit of holiness is in you already.

> ***1Thessalonians 4:7,8***
>
> ***7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.***
>
> ***8 He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us His Holy Spirit.***

It is not Spirit baptism that is referred to here. It is talking about the Spirit of Christ that lives in us. And

He is the Spirit of holiness. God has called us unto holiness by the indwelling Spirit. He is the sanctifying Spirit in your life that can sanctify your heart. If your eyes open to the doctrine of sanctification and holiness, you ask the Holy Spirit which is already in you, and He will sanctify you and make you holy to serve the Lord. So, baptism in the Holy Spirit is not for going to Heaven but for effective Christian service on earth.

> ***Hebrews 12:14***
> ***Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.***

1.3 Go On Serving God As A Believer

Some people discourage others from the service of God, saying that they must be baptised with the Holy Ghost before they can render service in the house of God. They mock those who are not Holy Ghost baptised. Some ignorant people even say, if you are

not baptised in the Holy Ghost, and you do not speak in tongues, it shows that you are still a sinner, thereby, making people to mechanically learn how to speak in tongues, so that people will not mock them. This teaching has increased sinners in the church of Christ, since many people are no longer after being born again, rather, they are desirous of speaking in tongues.

What about the apostles here? They were able to cast out devils even before the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit baptised them.

> ***Luke 10:1, 17-20***
>
> ***1 After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before His face into every city and place, whither He Himself would come.***
>
> ***17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through***

Thy name.

18 And He said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

Can you see? They were not yet baptised in the Holy Ghost, but you could see the privileges, and their names written in the Book Of Life. Jesus gave them power over all the forces of the enemy, and Satan bowed before them.

You need to know this in case they have so deceived you to the point that you are discouraged. You say, *"God, I will not preach anymore until You give me*

Holy Ghost baptism. God, I will not read the Bible or render any service anymore to mankind until You baptise me with the Holy Ghost."

Jesus led His disciples without the Spirit baptism three and a half years. Even after His ascension, they still gathered in the Upper room and were rendering some Christian service till the day they were filled with the Holy Ghost power from on high.

Acts 1:4,5

4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith He, ye have heard of Me.

5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

Luke 24:49

And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the

city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

John 20:22
And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost.

Therefore, continue until the Lord meets you on the way. You are not baptised in the Holy Ghost yet, do not be discouraged but continue your Christian service. The Lord shall meet you on the way and you will receive Holy Ghost baptism by and by as you continue to serve God.

1.4 Holy Ghost Baptism: Power For Effective Christian Service

Baptism with the Holy Spirit means, the infilling of the power of the Holy Spirit, or immersion into the Holy Spirit, for the purpose of power, for effectiveness in the service of God.

Acts 1:8

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

In the case of Christ's disciples, they had double needs. One, the Spirit was not in them. So, Jesus had to tell them to go and wait because the Spirit was not fully on earth.

John 7:39

But this spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.

John 14:17

Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth

> ***Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.***

He was still in heaven, *"but if I go away, I will send Him unto you. That is why you should go and wait in Jerusalem until He comes."* So, in that case, He is coming to take His seat as the Holy Spirit, then, in the case of service, He will give power to you for effective service and witnessing for Christ.

But in our time, the Holy Spirit has already taken His seat in the church. Every genuinely born-again Christian has the Holy Spirit. He comes into the person immediately the sinner repents and accepts Jesus Christ, to make him a new creature.

> ***John 3:5***
>
> ***Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.***

Titus 3:5

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.

After you have received the Spirit of sonship as one that is born again, you can then seek for Holy baptism-the power for greater ministerial exploit. When you see the ministry of Christ's disciples before and after Pentecost, you will now know the relevance of the Holy Spirit baptism.

Acts 4:23,24,31

23 And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders

had said unto them.

24 And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, Thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:

31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

When you get baptised in the Holy Ghost, you become empowered for greater service. I am not talking about casual people who are speaking in tongues without fully yielding to God. The speaking in tongues has become noise making.

1Corinthians 13:1

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding

brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

When there are no truth, righteousness, and love, your speaking in tongues is noisemaking. I am talking about people in tune with God in the Spirit baptism. Great power works in them. The miracles you do can be multiplied.

The things you do can be advanced greatly. It is like the man using a manual typewriter but now has gotten computer to type with. It is like a man farming with hoe but now has gotten the tractor to farm with. It is like a man that was running on feet but now has a motorcycle to ride on, a vehicle to drive in. So, you can do the things you were doing better and faster. That is what the Holy Ghost will do in your life, when you are empowered. It does not mean you cannot do anything at all without Spirit baptism. You can, but with the enduement of the power of the Holy Spirit, you do more.

Therefore, do not relax and say, *"Since the baptism of the Holy Spirit is just for service here on earth and it does not take to heaven, I will not bother myself struggling to receive it. After all, I am still rendering Christian services without the Holy Ghost baptism, and I am holy. I do not need the baptism of the Holy Ghost to go to heaven."*

Do not think like that because the baptism of the Holy Ghost is very essential in your Christian walk and preparation for heaven. It increases your prayer life through praying in tongues and endues you with spiritual gifts that make you more fruitful and victorious over Satan and much more.

Therefore, earnestly desire and pray for the infilling of the Holy Ghost.

1.5 Receiving The Gift Of The Holy Ghost

Receive the power of the Holy Ghost! Pray endlessly and earnestly until you are baptised. You will see a

change in your Christian life and ministry. God has promised all true believers, the baptism with the Holy Spirit for effective ministry.

> ***Micah 3:8***
>
> ***But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.***

This baptism of the Holy Spirit is for all who believe in Jesus Christ and accept Him as their Lord and Saviour.

> ***Acts 2:38,39***
>
> ***38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive THE GIFT of the Holy Ghost.***
>
> ***39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are***

afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Remember, 'gift' here is singular. That means, 'Baptism of the Holy Ghost.' The gift of the Holy Ghost; the promise is unto you. Why? Because some people say, *"No, the Holy Spirit is a gift, therefore, it is not everybody that will receive it. God can give you; He may not give me, because it is a gift."*

This is another ignorance from unlearned preachers, and a ploy from the devil, to discourage the believers from desiring and seeking the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Bible says that the promise is for all of us who have believed in Jesus Christ and have repented of our sins. Again, after Jesus resurrected and came into the room where the disciples locked themselves inside, when He pronounced the Holy Ghost upon the disciples, He did not give to some and abandoned some, rather, He released the pronouncement upon them all.

John 20:19-22

19 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

20 And when He had so said, He shewed unto them His hands and His side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you.

22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and saith unto them, <u>Receive ye the Holy Ghost.</u>

This promise is unto you and to your children that shall be born again, and your children in the Lord that you have brought to Christ. They shall also receive baptism in the Holy Spirit. You shall receive

the baptism of the Holy Spirit, because the Lord has won you to Himself, He has called you, and you have become His child now.

Receive the Holy Ghost in Jesus' name! Do not say that you are exempted. You are not exempted. The promise is for everyone who has believed.

The scripture above shows that every one of the disciples was entitled to receive the Holy Spirit for service, but the actual baptism of the Holy Ghost came after Jesus had returned to heaven.

> ***Acts 2:1-4***
>
> ***1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.***
>
> ***2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.***
>
> ***3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it***

sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

It is a beneficial thing for your Christian service and journey to heaven. How will the Lord give privilege of edification to all men but exempt you? You will receive the Holy Ghost! I say, you will receive the Holy Ghost and be filled with power in Jesus' name!

Acts 1:8

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

That is the promise of God. Therefore, do not listen to teachings that weaken your faith. You need baptism of the Holy Ghost. Do not follow the dogma

of your church or the teaching of any preacher that goes contrary to the scripture.

1.6 How To Receive The Baptism Of The Holy Ghost

How do you receive the Holy Ghost baptism? There are many ways one can receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I am talking to you who are already born again and are serving the Lord in righteousness and holiness.

a. Personal Prayer

You can get it by your personal prayer. I got mine through personal prayer, and many also received theirs by personal prayer. Desire the experience and go into importunate prayer; do not give up in prayer until you experience the infilling of the Holy Ghost. Ask God for this experience, every day and every time.

Luke 11:9-13

9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: <u>how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?</u>

Therefore, do not be discouraged in the place of your personal prayer. Do not entertain those negative thoughts from Satan, telling you that you are not

qualified to receive the Holy Ghost baptism, or that you are not among those who are meant to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Rebuke those thoughts, believe in the promises of Jesus in the scripture, and continue to pray. And you will receive it in Jesus' name.

b. By Congregational Prayer

The Lord promised that He will pour His Spirit upon the thirsty heart. Hunger and taste for the Holy Ghost.

Some people are specifically called out and prayed for to receive the Holy Ghost. At times, the congregation is led to pray for baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Join those who are praying and be fervent in your prayer. Earnestly call on God to baptise you with the Holy Ghost. Ensure that you have cleansed yourself from sin.

Hebrews 10:22-25

22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Do not forsake the gathering of the brethren together, for we have different grace and anointing. Different people have different grace, and when we gather together, we edify one another and heaven

responds. Therefore, when brethren gather to pray, do not be lacking there.

> ***Acts 8:14-17***
>
> ***14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:***
>
> ***15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:***
>
> ***16 (For as yet He was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)***
>
> ***17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.***

In the place of congregational prayer, the Holy Ghost can move the minister to pray for the impartation and baptism of the Holy Ghost, for those in need.

Acts 2:1-4

1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The Lord will give you; believe it. The promise is for you. Give much time to pray for baptism with the Holy Ghost.

1.7 Speaking In Tongues: The Evidence Of Baptism In The Holy Ghost

The evidence that a person has received baptism with the Holy Spirit is speaking in tongues by the enablement of the Holy Spirit.

> ***Acts 2:4***
>
> ***And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.***

The Spirit was the one that gave them utterance. The fake ministers fake the speaking in tongues for the members. Some even go about writing books, teaching their members *'How To Speak In Tongues.'* They fake it. The Holy Spirit is no longer involved.

They are Simon the Sorcerer kind of ministers, who would want to fake and imitate the power of the Holy Spirit for their glory.

Acts 8:9-13,18,19

9 But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one:

10 To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God.

11 And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.

12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

13 Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

18 And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles'

> ***hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,***
>
> ***19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.***

In some of these churches, they embarrass people who have not received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. They force people to speak in tongues, even when they have not been baptised. Now, many people speak in fake tongues.

Some say, *"Do not pray in normal language. Everybody, just be praying in tongues."* What about those ones who have not been baptised? You want to embarrass them and make them sinners? Because of shame, they begin to speak in languages that Satan will take over. Damnable church! Damning the souls of people!

It is the Holy Spirit that gives the utterance; the utterance will come by itself. If it has not come, wait

for it, and keep on praying. Continue in your prayer. When it comes, you will see the light. Do not yield to those forcing you to form your own words. You will see the sign when the power finally comes. The evidence that you have been baptised, is speaking with tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. When the Holy Ghost power comes upon you in baptismal measure, speaking in tongues will naturally come out through your tongue. Do not compose the words, and do not go mechanical about it.

CHAPTER TWO

OPERATIONS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

The Holy Spirit is the third person in the Godhead. He had been prominent in the Old Testament era as Jesus had been. Although Jesus Christ was prominent in the Old Testament, He was not mentioned in person as He is in the New Testament. So, the Holy Spirit has always been there because He is God too. His work is more prominent now in the New Testament.

In the era of the Old Testament, Jesus was known as The Word of God, but in the New Testament, when He became human for the redemption of mankind, His name became Jesus.

> ***John 1:1,2***
>
> ***1 In the beginning was the <u>Word</u>, and the <u>Word</u> was with God, and the <u>Word</u> was God.***

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

Genesis 1:1-3

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. <u>And the Spirit of God</u> moved upon the face of the waters.

3 And God said, <u>Let there be light</u>: and there was light.

The Godhead divided their work into portions. And each time, one was given prominence. In the Old Testament, the Father was given prominence. He was speaking to the people. ***"I am going to send My Son, who is a Prophet."*** He was referring to Jesus Christ. Then Jesus Christ came for that period of thirty-three and a half years to the world.

And when Jesus finished His work and was about to go, He said, ***"When I go, I will send the Holy Spirit unto you."*** Now, Jesus went back, and the Holy Spirit came. So, we are in the era of the Holy Spirit.

He has the prominence at this time. Yet, the Father is still there, and Jesus Christ is still there in the New Testament. At every stage and in every dispensation, the three persons always manifested themselves, because He is one God or rather, they are one God.

2.1 The Role Of The Holy Spirit In The Old Testament

In the Old Testament, the role of the Holy Spirit among others, was to empower people for the service of God, so that the work of God could be done with ease and in divine direction and empowerment. The Bible tells us that Moses was filled with the Holy Spirit. Joshua had the Holy Spirit in his life. Those

people that loved God and were appointed to service in the Old Testament were filled with the Holy Spirit.

> ***Numbers 11:16,17***
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> ***16 And the LORD said unto Moses, Gather unto Me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee.***
>
> ***17 And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of <u>the Spirit</u> which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone.***

Moses did valiantly in the service of god, because the Spirit of God was in him. In the Old Testament era, the Spirit of God normally came upon whosoever would carry out a divine service for the living God.

Now when Moses wanted helpers to assist him in the work, the Lord said, ***"Gather seventy elders to Me, I will take of the Holy Spirit in you and put upon them."*** God was talking here about the power of the Holy Ghost.

You see, in the New Testament, "*Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witness unto Me."*

In the Old Testament, *"I will take of the Spirit that is upon you, and put upon them, that they shall bear burden of the service with you."* The presence of the Holy Spirit, the coming in of the Holy Spirit, is for the purpose of service.

> ***Numbers 11:24-26***
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> ***24 And Moses went out, and told the people the words of the LORD, and gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them round about the tabernacle.***
>
> ***25 And the LORD came down in a***

cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the Spirit that was upon him, and gave it unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the Spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease.

26 But there remained two of the men in the camp, the name of the one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad: and the Spirit rested upon them; and they were of them that were written, but went not out unto the tabernacle: and they prophesied in the camp.

Can you see? When the Holy Spirit came upon these people chosen of God, the evidence was that they prophesied, and therefore in the New Testament, the Bible says, as the Spirit of God came upon them, they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues. There is always evidence. Whether in the New Testament or in the Old Testament, there is always evidence of the incoming

of the Holy Spirit. The Bible is a uniform Book; that there is always a sign, there is always an evidence when the Holy Ghost comes upon people, whether in the Old or New Testament.

Again, you notice that not everybody in the Old Testament received the Holy Spirit. It is those people that were chosen for a function that received the Holy Spirit.

> ***Numbers 27:16-20***
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> ***16 Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation,***
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> ***17 Which may go out before them, and which may go in before them, and which may lead them out, and which may bring them in; that the congregation of the LORD be not as sheep which have no shepherd.***
>
> ***18 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is <u>the Spirit</u>, and lay***

thine hand upon him;

19 And set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation; and give him a charge in their sight.

20 And thou shalt put some of thine honour upon him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient.

Joshua had been a servant of Moses, and that had given him a place of service. So, the Holy Ghost was upon Joshua, because he had been chosen for service. I am telling you this, you who desire the service of God, you must comply to the Scripture, that you need baptism with the Holy Spirit, you need the presence of the Spirit in baptismal measure, for effective work in the house of God.

2.2 The Holy Spirit Was Upon All The Holy Prophets Of Old

The holy prophets of old were all anointed with the Holy Spirit, by which they prophesied as servants of God in Israel. All of them, all the prophets of God had the Holy Ghost upon them. None of them prophesied except by the Holy Ghost.

> ***2Peter 1:21***
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> ***For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.***

These prophets that were empowered by the Holy Ghost, committed themselves to holiness, and the Holy Ghost moved them to speak in service to the people of the living God.

> ***Micah 3:8***
>
> ***But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the LORD, and of***

> ***judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.***

To declare this gospel and speak words that will break through these people and humble the world, you need the power of the Holy Ghost. This was the secret of the holy prophets, speaking with all boldness to declare judgment upon the children of Israel in the Old Testament. The prophets were always identified by the presence of the Holy Spirit already in their lives and they did not require anointing oil.

If you want to bring new creation out of man, the presence and power of the Holy Spirit is essential in your ministry and in your life. Are you yearning to be used by God? Are you praying for greater works?

Are you crying, *"Oh God use me more. Oh God remember me?"* Pray for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

2.2.1 Anointing Oil: A Symbol Of The Holy Spirit Upon Priests And Kings In The Old Testament

The priests and kings were servants of God, but priests and kings' work were by inheritance, yet they required the Holy Spirit. When the kings were chosen, oil, a symbol of the Holy Spirit, was poured upon them, then, the actual Holy Spirit came later upon them.

a. King Saul

Here, the Bible tells us of the anointing that Saul received from Samuel as the king of Israel. The Holy Ghost came upon him after he was anointed with oil.

1Samuel 10:1,5-7

1 Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured it upon his head, and kissed him, and said, Is it not because the LORD hath anointed thee to be captain over His inheritance?

5 After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, where is the garrison of the Philistines: and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; and they shall prophesy:

6 And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man.

7 And let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, that thou do as occasion serve thee; for God is with thee.

The Holy Spirit came upon him for service; to lead the children of Isreal in war and every other area of their lives, in kingly jurisdiction.

b. King David

See how David was anointed with oil for service. This means, they were to wait for priestly or kingship ordination, because anything that they needed to do for the God of heaven, they should receive power.

> ***1Samuel 16:11-13***
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> ***11 And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.***
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> ***12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he.***
>
> ***13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day***

forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

He took oil and anointed David, who was chosen for kingship. And from that moment forward, the Holy Ghost came upon him.

That is why your heart should hunger and thirst for this power.

Anointing oil in the Old Testament was used for anointing kings and priests, but the prophets were never anointed with oil. The Holy Ghost just came upon them, because they were always identified by their works, and by the presence of the Holy Spirit, already in their lives. No prophet in the Old Testament was anointed with oil

c. Aaron And His Sons

Aaron and his sons were anointed with oil to consecrate them for the service of the sanctuary. This anointing oil poured upon Aaron and his sons was a

different constitution from that of the kings who were consecrated to serve in the nation.

Exodus 29:21

And thou shalt take of the blood that is upon the altar, and of the <u>anointing oil</u>, and sprinkle it upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon the garments of his sons with him: and he shall be hallowed, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him.

Leviticus 8:30

And Moses took of the <u>anointing oil</u>, and of the blood which was upon the altar, and sprinkled it upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon his sons' garments with him; and sanctified Aaron, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him.

Note that the Levites and ordinary people were not anointed with oil. As we stated earlier, the anointing oil was used in the Old Testament to anoint kings and priests, in order for the Holy Ghost to come upon them for effective service. This was how Aaron, his sons and every other high priest that succeeded them were consecrated for God's service.

2.3 Holy Ghost In The Life Of Samson

God prepared Samson for service right from the womb. The ministry of Samson was to deliver Israel from the bondage of the Philistines. So, he was called and anointed for service by God. This was the unique way in which God called Samson. There was the manifestation of the power of the Holy Ghost in the life of Samson on different occasions. How humanly possible was it for him to kill a lion with his bare hands? It is not easy to handle even a dog pouncing at you with nothing in your hands. How much more

a lion? The power and anointing of the Holy Ghost that accompanied the calling worked on Samson so much that, with his bare hands, he tore the lion into pieces and killed it.

Judges 13:24,25

24 And the woman bare a son, and called his name Samson: and the child grew, and the LORD blessed him.

25 And the Spirit of the LORD began to move him at times in the camp of Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol.

Judges 14:5,6

Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Timnath, and came to the vineyards of Timnath: and, behold, a young lion roared against him.

6 And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and he had nothing in his hand: but he told

not his father or his mother what he had done.

Judges 15:14-17

14 And when he came unto Lehi, the Philistines shouted against him: and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and the cords that were upon his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands loosed from off his hands.

15 And he found a new jawbone of an ass, and put forth his hand, and took it, and slew a thousand men therewith.

16 And Samson said, With the jawbone of an ass, heaps upon heaps, with the jaw of an ass have I slain a thousand men.

17 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking, that he cast away the jawbone out of his hand, and called that place Ramathlehi.

In the course of service, there were miracles following Samson. Since he was rendering the service according to the will of God, miracles followed him. He became thirsty after having done great work and asked God for water to quench his thirst. God formed water out of a hole in the jawbone of an ass, and he drank to his satisfaction. Divine miracles accompanied Samson's service by the presence of the Holy Ghost in his life.

2.4 Anointing Oil Is No Longer Needed In The New Testament For Holy Ghost Baptism

The New Testament era is the time that all the Lord's people are messengers and servants of God. And the Lord puts His Spirit upon them. Every one of us is a special servant of God. That is why everyone is entitled to the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Joel 2:28,29

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out My Spirit.

The Spirit is coming upon you to make you prophesy and become effective witnesses of this gospel.

You need the Holy Ghost. As the kings and priests of the Old Testament needed anointing oil, we in the New Testament do not need to be anointed with oil for the Holy Ghost to come upon us. That is why anointing oil in the New Testament is not essential. It was just a symbol in the Old Testament. And in the New Testament, the real Holy Spirit has come,

therefore, the shadow is no longer required. We are living in the area of the Person of the Holy Ghost. Therefore, oil is not required to represent Him.

Acts 1:8

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 2:1-4

1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak

with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The advantage of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is that it makes you more fruitful and grants you better reward in heaven. And as the name suggests, you must be holy in order to be baptised by the Holy Spirit.

The Bible says that holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. Therefore, those that have the Spirit of God in them should be holy.

Isaiah 52:11

Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD.

2.5 Holy Ghost Baptism In The Life Of Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ was sinless, righteous, and holy, from His childhood till the age of service, when He subjected himself to water baptism. It was at His water baptism that the Holy Spirit came upon Him for service.

> ***Matthew 3:13-17***
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> ***Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.***
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> ***14 But John forbad Him, saying, I have need to be baptized of Thee, and comest Thou to me?***
>
> ***15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered Him.***
>
> ***16 And Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out***

of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him:

17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Jesus was righteous because He was the Son of God from the beginning. But for the purpose of service, the Spirit had to come upon Him, because He was now a man.

You are far behind if you have not been baptised with the Holy Ghost very far behind. The Bible says, Jesus has given us an example that we shall follow His steps. And if He was baptised with the Holy Ghost, you also should be baptised with the Holy Ghost.

My prayer for you is that the Holy Spirit in baptismal measure should descend upon your life.

Luke 4:16-19

16 And He came to Nazareth, where

He had been brought up: and, as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

17 And there was delivered unto Him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written,

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

The reason that the Holy Spirit was given in the life of Jesus was because God had anointed Him to proclaim freedom to the captives. The anointing of

Jesus here did not involve oil. Jesus Christ received the Holy Spirit without the use of oil.

Oil was no longer essential to consecrate anybody for Christian service. The disciples of Jesus were chosen without anointing them with oil. Seventy disciples were appointed without anointing them with oil.

> ***Luke 10:1-3***
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> ***1 After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before His face into every city and place, whither He Himself would come.***
>
> ***2 Therefore said He unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth labourers into His harvest.***
>
> ***3 Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.***

When the Holy Ghost said to the elders in the church of Antioch to separate Saul and Barnabas for the

work for which they had been called, the elders laid their hands upon Saul and Barnabas and prayed and released them. Anointing oil was not poured on them.

Act 13:1-4

1 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate Me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

4 So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to

Cyprus.

The church prayed for them and released them into the mission field for the missionary work. Timothy was not anointed with oil. And all the apostles who were called by God, you never heard that they were anointed with oil throughout the New Testament era. So, the use of oil now for anointing and consecration has no Bible reference. It is one of the strange fires of the church of our generation.

The Holy Spirit does not need to be represented because He is already here.

Therefore, this 'anointing service' that backslidden ministers conduct in their churches, pouring oil on the faces and in the mouth of their members, have no reference in the New Testament, and in the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is a strange and apostate practice. A strange spirit has taken over the church, because the power that the people are using is not the power of the Holy Spirit. The apostles never anointed any man

for gospel ministry all through the New Testament. Do not do anything which is not the pattern in the scripture, else, you give room to the devil in the church.

2Corinthians 11:3,4

3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

Galatians 1:6-9

6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from Him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

> ***7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.***
>
> ***8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.***
>
> ***9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.***

Drop all those bottles of oil, go and throw them away, because they are responsible for your problems and the backsliding of the church. They are responsible for the fake gospel and miracles that are going on now in the churches of Christ. They do not have their authority from the New Testament, but from the apostate bishops, general superintendents, general overseers, and archbishops of our generation.

They have their authority from the general superintendents, and general overseers of our generation. They have their authority from one secret cult, from the water spirit, authority from the realm of darkness. They have no authority from the apostles of faith. The powers and miracles that are in these bottles of anointing oil and other substances are from the prince of the air and the Queen of the coast, that now worketh in the ministers of disobedience.

> ***Ephesians 2:1,2***
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> ***1 And you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;***
>
> ***2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.***

Now that you are taking this gospel forward, you will be meeting with people of various kinds, traditions

and toughness of heart. **Ye shall receive power** to convince them that this is the original gospel and the right doctrine of the scriptures. And then, by this power, you will be equal to every circumstance challenging this gospel. You need the Holy Ghost to rule over the forces of this life. You need the Holy Ghost to perform effectively for Jesus.

Receive ye the Holy Ghost!

CHAPTER THREE

MINISTERIAL AND SPIRITUAL GIFTS IN THE CHURCH

Those who believe in Christ Jesus receive the person of the Holy Spirit, who is also called the Spirit of Christ. He is in the believer as the principal Agent of salvation. The Spirit in the believer bears witness to his salvation and sonship. He also fills the believer with the fruit of righteous living called the fruit of the Spirit: Love, peace, joy, patience, meekness, gentleness, goodness, faith, and self-control.

> ***Galatians 5:22,23***
> ***22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,***
> ***23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.***

The believer who is not yet baptised with the Holy Spirit still exercises some measure of divine power

and can attain holiness and heaven. Although you some gifts of the Holy Spirit, His fullness is not increased in your life. Notwithstanding, once you are baptised with the Holy Spirit, you will be immersed in the fullness of the power of the Holy Ghost.

3.1 The Diverse Gifts Of The Holy Spirit To The Church Of Christ

This talks about ministerial gifts given by the Holy Spirit for the edification of the body of Christ, not the general promise made to every believer that they shall be given the gift of the Holy Spirit. The doctors first go to school for general medicine, and after general medicine, they are all considered doctors, qualified to treat sicknesses generally. Then, there is specialization: Surgery, gynecology, physician and others. One can select one area and advance in it. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is for all, and all will speak in tongues as evidence of the infilling, but when it comes to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, it is like

consultancy. These gifts are given to believers by the Holy Ghost, and He has His prerogative measures which He uses to share these gifts among the believers in Christ.

1Corinthians 12:1-11

1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

2 Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.

3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as He will.

Can you see? These gifts are not for some, but for every believer. The Spirit wants to manifest in your life to make you profitable in ministry. The Holy Ghost wants to make you useful through His presence, power and gifts in your life. He wants to put His gifts in all of us, so that we should be more useful and work effectively.

a. The Word Of Wisdom

James 1:5-7

5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

2Chronicles 1:7,10,12

7 In that night did God appear unto Solomon, and said unto him, Ask what I shall give thee.

10 Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this thy people, that is so great?

12 Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like.

In answer to prayer, there is general wisdom God gives because you need wisdom in your everyday life. But the spiritual gift of the word of wisdom is more than this. It is the momentary supernatural ability bestowed on a believer to know the mind of God on a given issue, and to know what to do or say to produce required results. In a critical situation where people find it very difficult to find a solution, until somebody just receives this impartation, and

the solution just drops into their heart. He knows that this was not because he thought it, but it is just an impartation by the Holy Spirit. Showing how that matter can be solved and the issue resolved. That is the manifestation of the Holy Spirit. It is not everybody who possesses this. It is for those that the Lord gives special ability.

What happened in the case of Solomon with the two harlots is a perfect example of the word of wisdom.

1Kings 3:16-28

16 Then came there two women, that were harlots, unto the king, and stood before him.

17 And the one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house.

18 And it came to pass the third day after that I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also: and we were together; there was no

stranger with us in the house, save we two in the house.

19 And this woman's child died in the night; because she overlaid it.

20 And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while thine handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom.

21 And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, which I did bear.

22 And the other woman said, Nay; but the living is my son, and the dead is thy son. And this said, No; but the dead is thy son, and the living is my son. Thus they spake before the king.

23 Then said the king, The one saith, This is my son that liveth, and thy son is the dead: and the other saith, Nay; but thy son is the dead, and my

son is the living.

24 And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king.

25 And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other.

26 Then spake the woman whose the living child was unto the king, for her bowels yearned upon her son, and she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, but divide it.

27 Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof.

28 And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgment.

That is the perfect wisdom from God. I pray wisdom will come upon your life. The God of heaven will give you this supernatural gift in the name of Jesus.

b. Word Of Knowledge

God encourages us to ask Him for knowledge and understanding in a general sense.

> ***Proverbs 2:1-10***
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> ***1 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;***
>
> ***2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;***
>
> ***3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;***
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> ***4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;***
>
> ***5 Then shalt thou understand the***

> ***fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.***
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> ***6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.***
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> ***7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.***
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> ***8 He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints.***
>
> ***9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path.***
>
> ***10 When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul.***

There is also knowledge that is gained through human learning, study, interaction and experience. But the spiritual gift of the word of knowledge is different. It is the momentary supernatural bestowal on a believer the manifestation of the Holy Spirit by which he is enabled to know about a matter or a

person concerning the past or the present, which had not been known to him before that time.

Like when Nathaniel came to Jesus, Jesus said to him, *"I saw you sitting under the tree."* The picture just came to Jesus as a human being. He saw him before he came.

> ***John 1:47-49***
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> ***47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!***
>
> ***48 Nathanael saith unto Him, Whence knowest Thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.***
>
> ***49 Nathanael answered and saith unto Him, Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.***

Elisha exercised that gift over Gehazi who want to collect gifts from Naaman.

2Kings 5:24-26

24 And when he came to the tower, he took them from their hand, and bestowed them in the house: and he let the men go, and they departed.

25 But he went in, and stood before his master. And Elisha said unto him, Whence comest thou, Gehazi? And he said, Thy servant went no whither.

26 And he said unto him, Went not mine heart with thee, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet thee? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and oliveyards, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maidservants?

Spiritual gift of knowledge makes hidden things exposed. That is why in a holy church that operates in the gifts of the Holy Spirit, Satan suffers a lot. He cannot hide his own people; they are always revealed. If they are not yet revealed, it is because God's time

to do so has not come. Through the gift of the word of knowledge given by the Holy Spirit, they shall be revealed. The thing you did in the hidden shall surely be presented to you so clearly as though they were there. I pray that the Lord will pour down the word of knowledge to His church, that the enemy will never hide from us. This gift operates in different ways, in dreams, open vision, the voice of the Holy Spirit, etc.S

c. The Gift Of Faith

All believers have faith in a measure. Believers are admonished to exercise faith in God and grow in faith. Faith is the ability to believe God concerning His promises, to perform them for us and others.

> ***Hebrews 11:1-6***
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> ***1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.***
>
> ***2 For by it the elders obtained a good***

report.

3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

Romans 1:16,17

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

However, the gift of faith is different. It is the supernatural and sudden ability to believe God in a given situation, inspired by the Holy Spirit momentarily, to cause a thing to be done or to be undone according to the will and power of God. That is the gift of faith.

Joshua was in a battle, and the sun was going down. He wanted to stop the sun from setting, so they could finish their battle. People would have said, "*This is impossible, Joshua.*"

But the communication of faith into his heart made him so sure and convinced beyond the normal living; that if he spoke to the sun, the sun would stand still. As he spoke to the sun, it obeyed and stood still. That was gift of faith given to Josua by the Holy Spirit in that situation.

> ***Joshua 10:12-14***
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> ***12 Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.***
>
> ***13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day.***

> ***14 And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the LORD fought for Israel.***

Joshua was moved by the Holy Ghost to make that request, by the impartation of faith, and the Lord hearkened unto Joshua and altered the course of nature. God wanted to demonstrate His ability, and power. He wanted to communicate something to humanity.

Manifestation of faith is also seen in the life of Apostle Paul, where handkerchief and apron were carried from him, and the people oppressed by the devil were recovered.

> ***Acts 19:11,12***
>
> ***11 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:***
>
> ***12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases***

departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

Manifestation of faith is not a doctrine. Do not turn it into a doctrine. Some churches have turned it into doctrines and are worshipping idols today, through trusting in substances and turning people's faith to them. The gift of faith can manifest in the use of a substance once or for a brief period.

I pray that God will inspire this faith in you to make you believe God to do things that many people have not been able to believe God for them, and the things will come to pass.

The Lord wants you to manifest the gifts of the Spirit. Therefore, pray for these gifts, and let them operate in your life.

d. The Gifts Of Healing

All who believe in Jesus Christ can heal the sick through faith in Christ and in His word, and through

the use of the name of Jesus Christ. We saw this in the life of Christ's disciples.

Mark 16:15-20

15 And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In My name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, He was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord

working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Now, every Christian can exercise this, but there is a limitation. In the normal sense, you can achieve something but by use of technology, you achieve it better and faster.

The scripture tells us how God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil and God was with him. The gifts of healing manifested without measure in the life of Jesus Christ.

Acts 10:38

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him.

The Holy Spirit's gift of healing in a particular believer makes him heal above others.

In fact, it makes him a consultant. You need to pray for such people among us, that the Lord will raise them, people with the gift of healing, that the Holy Ghost will use them in special cases to clear out tough cases in the lives of the children of God. May it be so in Jesus' name. The plurality in "gifts" may show specialisation and grades in the amount of the gift in each person.

e. The Working Of Miracles

God has given man the ability to create the imagination of his heart. When this is done, it looks miraculous and wonderful before men. This, however, is not the gift of miracles. The gift of miracles is the supernatural manifestation of the Holy Spirit in a believer, whereby he is enabled to

perform a sign, a wonder or a supernatural act by the power of God.

It can be healing, altering the course of nature, or causing something to come into being. For example, Peter walked on the sea, Elijah divided the River Jordan into two and crossed over, the apron from the body of Paul delivered the demon-possessed, the shadow of Peter healed the sick, and many other supernatural events are recorded in scripture.

2Kings 2:7,8

7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan.

8 And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground.

Matthew 14:26-29

26 And when the disciples saw Him

walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.

27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

28 And Peter answered Him and said, Lord, if it be Thou, bid me come unto Thee on the water.

29 And He said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

Acts 19:11,12
11 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:
12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

These are the gifts of miracles. People will look at it as a miracle. It is the gift of God operating in believers' lives.

f. The Gift Of Prophecy

The knowledge of the word of God and sound judgment can make a person speak about a present or future circumstance, which can be fulfilled. The Word of God is a sure word of prophecy. However, the gift of prophecy is different from this. It is a manifestation of the Holy Spirit in a believer by which he is inspired to speak concerning unknown things which are happening now or will happen later.

2Peter 1:20,21

20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

It goes on to include speaking by divine inspiration, momentarily, words of edification, exhortation and comfort to a given congregation or an individual. Such words do not come from human imagination or mind but directly from the inspiration of the Holy Ghost.

1Corinthians 14:1-5

1 Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.

2 For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

3 But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.

4 He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.

5 I would that ye all spake with

> ***tongues, but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.***

The one with this gift speaks of God with the authority of God. Prophecy is by inspiration. God is telling you what He did or will do, and the prophet himself cannot explain. If you ask him to explain further, he will not be able, but this is what the Lord has said through him, which is the state of things to pass now or shall come to pass sooner or later.

> ***1Thessalonians 5:19-21***
> ***19 Quench not the Spirit.***
> ***20 Despise not prophesyings.***
> ***21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.***

g. The Gift Of Discerning Of Spirits

This gift is different from suspicion, which a man may have over another. It is different from deduction. You deduce that someone who is like this will do like this. Deduction is human intelligence.

It is again different from the natural talent of dreaming about a person, who he really is. Which often comes true sometimes, which sinners can manifest. Discerning of spirits is a supernatural endowment by the Holy Spirit to see, know or perceive the spirit ruling a person, a place or a circumstance, whether it is of God, of man or of the devil. He knows automatically by the Holy Spirit. That automatic knowing is given to him momentarily in that given time for such circumstance. This can also be communicated in dreams, visions or a discerning voice from God.

Acts 16:16-18

16 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:

17 The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.

18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

Apostle Paul, by the gift of discernment, discovered that the girl who followed them and proclaimed that they were doing the work of God was saying so not by the Spirit of God. He did not know about this before. No prior information was given to him.

So, discernment of spirits comes to let us know who a person and a circumstance is. Is it by God, Satan,

or by man? You will know it automatically, not just by your thoughts. It is the impartation of the Holy Spirit in various ways.

h. Diverse Kinds Of Tongues

Some people can speak many languages fluently, either by learning, by interaction, or both. The gift of diverse kinds of tongues is different from this. All who are baptised with the Holy Spirit manifest this baptism by speaking in tongues by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Again, this is different from the gift of diverse kinds of tongues. The gift of diverse kinds of tongues refers to the supernatural ability given to a believer in Christ to speak a prophetic message to someone or to an audience in a language not previously known or learned.

God causes this man to speak, and he knows inside him that God is motivating him to speak to someone or the congregation, but the language in which he

speaks is not the language he knows, nor the language he understands. So, he finishes his speech and knows that he has finished, but he does not understand anything, and the audience also may have no understanding.

> ***1Corinthians 14:14***
>
> ***For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.***

And yet, a message has been passed. The Lord has given the message. The people need to know what the message is. But in His own mystery, He has put it in another tongue. How can the people understand?

It may be, as you speak, that the person whose language you are using will hear you directly.

You can be speaking to a man who has come from Ghana in his dialect. You are not aware. The man will hear what you are saying and be afraid. *"Who is this man that can speak my dialect so clearly and*

directly to him like this; very clear and without ambiguity?" That is the manifestation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Or else, the congregation may have someone there who has the gift of interpretation of tongues to interpret it to them.

i. Interpretation Of Tongues

The gift of interpretation of diverse tongues is the supernatural ability given to a believer by the Holy Spirit by which he is enabled to understand a prophetic message given in unknown tongues in order to interpret it to the listening audience.

> ***1Corinthians 14:12-17***
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> ***12 Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.***
>
> ***13 Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret.***

14 For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.

15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

16 Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?

17 For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified.

Daniel understood the meaning of the handwriting on the wall. Instantaneously, as he saw the writing, whichever language, he was able to read the writing. An automatic understanding of what the writing was saying came to Daniel. Not that Daniel had been a learned man in that language.

Daniel 5:24-28
24 Then was the part of the hand sent from him; and this writing was written.
25 And this is the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.
26 This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.
27 TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.
28 PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.

In 1986, when I was still in school, there was a program held in Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Kaduna, Nigeria. Some white men and women were invited to the program. I was in attendance. I was burning with the vision of ministry, and I was asking God to confirm it. So, the Lord told me through a witness in my heart, ***"If you want Me to confirm your ministry and My calling over you, keep***

yourself holy and make sure you are attentive in this program." So, in one of the sessions, a white woman came forth, just as she mounted the pulpit, she started speaking in tongues. Everybody was listening to her quietly. When she finished, a man came forth and said, ***"In interpretation of what the woman has said, there are ten people here that the Lord has called to the Christian ministry. The Lord is saying they should come forth because He wants them to be prayed for."***

Immediately that was said, I stood up where I was and came to the altar. Other people also stood up and came to the altar. I bent myself backward to count how many people were in the altar, and we were ten. The eleventh person was the wife of the minister, who was the tenth man. She followed her husband. This is the manifestation of the word of the Lord.

Believe it and it shall come to pass in your life. We are serving the living God.

CHAPTER FOUR

THE OPERATIONS OF EVIL SPIRITS IN THE CHURCHES TODAY

1John 4:1

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

Acts 19:11-17

11 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:

12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

13 Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.

14 And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so.

15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?

16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

17 And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

There are counterfeit spirit baptism and gifts. People and churches are counterfeiting these things now. People who do not know Jesus are claiming the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Where did they get it from? Not from God. When Simon the sorcerer came and said, ***"Give me this power also and I will***

give you money." Peter said, ***"Your money perish with you. Your heart is not right with God..."***

> ***Acts 8:9,18-21***
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> ***9 But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one:***
>
> ***18 And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,***
>
> ***19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.***
>
> ***20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.***
>
> ***21 Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not***

right in the sight of God.

These are churches whose hearts are not right with God. Which Holy Ghost do you think is in their lives? You that do not know God's righteousness but claim you can speak with tongues: where did you get it from? Never from the Holy Spirit! Your tongue is not original. What about these gifts that they manifest? They cast out devils, heal the sick, and yet the people remain the same. Where did they get the power from?

They have filled the world with counterfeits and have provoked the Holy One to anger. It is as if to say God has withdrawn Himself from the churches.

Isaiah 1:4

Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away

backward.

People are scarcely baptised in the Holy Spirit now because they believe in fake people and fake experiences. The Holy Spirit has been grieved, and the Lord has withdrawn Himself from the church.

> ***Ezekiel 8:6***
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> ***He said furthermore unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? even the great abominations that the house of Israel committeth here, that I should go far off from My sanctuary? but turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations.***

The glory has left the temple, because an idol is inside. You are watching many of these people and are thinking that they are used by the Holy Ghost, but they are speaking and prophesying by demons.

You can hardly find an original one. They are speaking in tongues when they are not baptised in the Holy Ghost. Many people go to the devil now.

Matthew 7:15-23

15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

21 Not every one that saith unto Me,

Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven.

22 Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? and in Thy name have cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity.

You spend all the time speaking in tongues loudly. What are the people gaining from you without interpretation? Many fake ministers enchant on their members demonic spells, bewitching their minds.

1Corinthians 14:5-9

5 I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret,

that the church may receive edifying.

6 Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine?

7 And even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped?

8 For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?

9 So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.

Speaking in tongues loudly for everybody to hear is a message that must go with interpretation so that the

people can know what the Lord is saying. But if there is no interpreter, stop it. In your personal place of prayer, you can speak in tongues loudly because it edifies you, and you are speaking mysteries to God through the Holy Ghost. But in public or congregational prayer, speak in knowledge and understanding so that people who hear you may be edified.

1Corinthians 14:14-19

14 For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.

15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

16 Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what

thou sayest?

17 For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified.

18 I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all:

19 Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.

If you are leading prayer and want to speak in tongues, remove the microphone from your mouth, then you are free. Whenever you come back to the microphone, speak in articulate language that the people can understand, because you are leading people, so that you do not confuse them. Do not join the false ministers, who make a show of incantation, enchantment and demonic spell, calling it Holy Ghost baptism.

If you are praying in the congregation and are truly baptised with the Holy Ghost, you are not forbidden to speak in tongues. The scripture says, speak to God in a controlled way and not loud and in a show to shame others who are not yet baptised with the Holy Ghost.

1Corinthians 14:18,19,23,37-40

18 I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all:

19 Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.

23 If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad?

37 If any man think himself to be a

> ***prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.***
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> ***38 But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.***
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> ***39 Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.***
>
> ***40 Let all things be done decently and in order.***

If you are not yet baptised with the Holy Ghost, do not force yourself to speak in tongues, that is pretense and it is sinful before the God of truth. Keep praying until God baptises you with the Holy Ghost. All who are baptised with the Holy Spirit speak with tongues as evidence.

CHAPTER FIVE

PRAYER, FAITH AND HOLINESS FOR HOLY GHOST BAPTISM AND KINGDOM EXPLOIT

Remember, the Lord will give you the Holy Ghost power for exploit, to go and do wonders, and perform extraordinarily upon the earth. You are going to pull down streets like bulldozers, and the people will wonder. You are going to excavate the ground, breaking through the rocks like an excavator. The power of Heaven shall rest upon you.

Do you remember Samson? When he was born, the Holy Ghost always moved him to action. The Holy Ghost moved him to tear a lion into pieces like a piece of cloth.

Judges 14:5,6

5 Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Timnath, and came to the vineyards of Timnath: and, behold, a young lion

roared against him.

6 And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and he had nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done.

Again, the Philistines locked the gate against Samson, a heavy gate built up with stones. He came to the gate, removed the gate with the stones and the bars, by the Holy Ghost power. He raised them up, put them upon his shoulder and climbed up to the mountain. This is the kind of power and anointing that the Holy Ghost wants to fill you with, so that you can go and do great exploits, even greater than Jesus did in His earthly ministration.

5.1 The Importance Of Prayer, Faith And Holiness For Holy Ghost Baptism

Give yourself to righteousness and importunate prayers.

Luke 11:5-13

5 And He said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;

6 For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?

7 And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.

8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?

No child of God should believe in the doctrine that says, the baptism of the Holy Ghost is not for all. Those prosperity preachers, do they know God?

What Holy Ghost are they talking about? Does the Holy Ghost approve of their ministry? Many of them sleep with women anyhow and tell the women, ***"I want to put anointing inside you."*** Is that the anointing of the Holy Ghost? After immorality they speak in tongues. That is not the Holy Ghost. The power of the Holy Ghost is for those who live holy and earnestly desire Him through importunate prayer and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

> ***Mark 11:22-24***
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> ***22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.***
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> ***23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.***

> ***24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.***

Live holy in order to attract the presence of God to your life.

> ***Acts 5:32***
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> ***And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.***

Ensure that you purify yourself, confess your sins: masturbation, lesbianism, homosexuality, drugs, drunkenness, lying, witchcraft, etc. Get these things out of your life and go before the Lord in prayer for this experience. The Lord has promised it to all the converts, but they must be children of God. The Lord gives the Holy Ghost to them that obey Him and earnestly desire Him through prayer.

Jeremiah 29:11-13

11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

12 Then shall ye call upon Me, and ye shall go and pray unto Me, and I will hearken unto you.

13 And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart.

God knows that you need the baptism of the Holy Ghost for kingdom exploit, but He still commands you to pray to Him and have faith in Jesus Christ. Therefore, do not close your mouth, rather, open it wide and the Lord shall fill it. Bring your vessels before the Lord, not a few, and He shall fill them to overflowing.

Psalms 81:10

I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of

Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

5.2 Receive Power For Kingdom Exploit

Acts 1:8

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Receive the power of God to expand the Kingdom of God! Receive the Holy Ghost! Receive anointing for exploits! You shall do extraordinary things for the propagation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. All those fears which are causing you to be afraid to preach, tell those fears that today is the last day to see them in your life and ministry.

Jesus' work on earth began with the Holy Ghost. In His baptism, the Holy Ghost came upon Him, and He did all things by the Holy Ghost.

> ***Matthew 3:16,17***
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> ***16 And Jesus, when He was baptised, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him:***
>
> ***17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.***

The Holy Spirit is not a human being, but He can take any form. God is not a human being, but He can take any form. He can take the form of a man, and He can take another form altogether. He may decide to allow Himself to be seen. He may decide not to be seen. So,

the Holy Ghost came in the form of a dove, descended upon Jesus and remained upon Him.
The Holy Ghost came because by Him, Jesus would do exploits and extraordinarily among men upon the earth.

> ***Acts 10:38***
> ***How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him.***

And when Jesus came back from fasting for forty days and nights, and after His temptation by the devil, He entered the synagogue in the power of the Holy Ghost.

> ***Luke 4:16-19***
> ***16 And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up: and, as His***

custom was, He went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

17 And there was delivered unto Him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written,

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Right now, because God is interested in you and has raised you to do exploit in this end-time, and you are

in your right time, I pronounce this power upon you today; let the blind receive their sight, the lame rise up and walk, the lepers be cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead be raised again to life, and the poor have the gospel of salvation preached unto them, all by your ministry, in Jesus name.

Again, you will receive power to deliver those possessed, oppressed and tormented by the devil, and deliver the children and adults initiated into witchcraft. I say, receive power to destroy the works of the devil in those children, and avenge all activities of witchcraft in the church, in the name of Jesus.

John 20:19-23

19 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the

midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

20 And when He had so said, He shewed unto them His hands and His side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you.

22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and saith unto them, <u>Receive ye the Holy Ghost:</u>

23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

Receive the Holy Ghost anointing that breaks the yoke and sets the captives free. Your people will be

free! All these yokes they have put upon their necks in your country, in your village, and in your community, shall be broken. You are going with anointing and the power of the Holy Ghost in Jesus' name.

The Pharisees did not understand the power behind the exploit of Jesus; they thought that He was working by the power of Satan, but Jesus said,

Matthew 12:24-28

24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.

25 And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:

26 And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand?

27 And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges.

28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

29 Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.

When I went to America, the Lord told me, ***"Pray for the young and old ones, including the children."*** As we were praying without stopping,

suddenly, the power of the Lord fell upon a wizard who was nine years old; a young boy who was in witchcraft. The young boy said, Jesus appeared before him and brought his heart and soul said, ***"Boy, this is that young heart that the witchcraft kingdom took away. I have brought it back."*** This was done by the power of the Holy Ghost through prayer. You are not going back to sin; the property of the devil should not remain with you. The Lord shall give you back your heart that the devil cut and hid somewhere, to hinder you from hearing the word of God. Sometimes, you will hear but not believe or obey. We shall hear your testimony and the exploit you will be doing in that quarter, unit, state, nation, and continent. The Lord is ready to do it in your life.

5.3 You Shall Be Baptised With The Holy Ghost And Fire

Believe in the Lord your God, you do not need power from anywhere, the power you need is from Jesus. You do not need power from demons.

> ***Luke 3:16***
> ***John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire.***

Do not let anybody deceive you, saying that you need additional power, so that bullets will not enter your body. All the power you need is in Jesus. Tell him you want the Baptism of the Holy Ghost with power, that is what Jesus has promised, and that is what He does.

Doing exploits is the heritage of those who have believed in Jesus and are true children of God. The Lord promised that power would come upon His children; power to do signs and wonders.

> ***John 14:12***
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> ***Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father.***

Are you converted? Have you repented of your sins? Are you born again? I hope you do not commit immorality or steal anymore? Then, you are qualified for this power. Greater works than the ones Jesus did, you will do through the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Ghost.

Do not go and tempt God, and say, *"I have power now, I can jump from this mountain, and the power*

of the Holy Ghost will protect me." Do not take the name of the Lord in vain. It is too powerful to be taken for granted. Do not use the name of Jesus on things that do not warrant it. Do not commonize that great name.

> ***Philippians 2:9-11***
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> ***9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name:***
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> ***10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;***
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> ***11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.***

This is a great name, the name of the King, Great Warrior, Great Counsellor, and Miracle-working name.

The devil is subject unto you through the name of Jesus. You deliver the demon-oppressed people when you call the name of Jesus.

> ***Luke 10:17-20***
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> ***17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through Thy name.***
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> ***18 And He said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.***
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> ***19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.***
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> ***20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.***

You will make a decree that witchcraft shall not operate in this place, and the Lord will back it up. Elijah made a decree that it would not rain in the land

of Israel for the period of three years and six months, and it happened by the power of the Holy Ghost.

James 5:17,18

17 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

Go to all these dead churches and stop witchcraft operations by your decree in the name of Jesus, not by your physical power but by the power of the Holy Ghost.

Job 22:28

Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways.

Zechariah 4:6,7

6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

7 Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.

The Lord is sending you out for end-time exploits and is giving you the power of the Holy Ghost. Today, I command sicknesses in your body to leave by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. All those things moving in your body will disappear. The pain in your bones shall no longer be there, and your blind eyes shall open. Powers shall work in your body and all those things put there by the devil shall vanish. You shall not die but live to do the work of God. I shall hear your testimonies. Receive the power of the Holy

Ghost. The Lord is filling you with the power of the highest.

5.4 These Signs Shall Follow You

You were in a church where they told you that there are no signs and wonders, and no speaking in tongues. You never saw example from your pastor because he never preached it. You were spiritually retarded. But thank God, you have come across this book, and these signs and wonders are available for those that believe in Jesus.

> ***Mark 16:17,18***
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> ***17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In My name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;***
>
> ***18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.***

Miracles, signs and wonders are waiting for you as you preach the gospel. The Lord is looking for new people to put power upon and send them forth into the field of evangelism, to do exploits for Jesus. That is why you have to make up your mind to come up and walk in the righteousness of God. God is everywhere; the power and anointing have been given to you. Open your mouth and speak in tongues as the Spirit gives you utterance. Go out and evangelise and demonstrate the power of the Holy Ghost in performing miracles, signs and wonders. The Lord is waiting for you in the field of evangelism to confirm your words with signs and wonders.

> ***Mark 16:20***
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> ***And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.***

HOLINESS REVIVAL MINISTRY WORLDWIDE

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The Aims and Objectives.

HOREMOW is a non-denominational Ministry having the following aims and objectives:

1.To hold Crusades, Conferences and Revival meetings in churches and nations of the world, so as to bring sinners to Christ's salvation and believers to His holiness. (Acts 26:16-18).

2.To produce Christian literature that promotes salvation of souls, sound Bible teaching and holiness of believers in churches and nations of the world. (Luke 1:1-4).

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4.To bring denominational churches into Christian unity through the belief and practice of the faith once delivered unto the Saints. (Eph. 4:12-15).

5.To support believers, ministers, ministries and churches with free Christian materials for their spiritual development in holiness. (Isaiah 65:1).

6.To raise members and supporters of Holiness Revival Movement Worldwide from churches and Christian ministries all over the world who will submit their lives to Biblical holiness and be spiritually, materially and evangelically equipped to make others righteous and holy in their churches and in the society around them. (2 Timothy 2:2).

7.To establish Christian bookshops in many places within and outside the nation, equipped with holiness materials for the promotion of holiness in the church of Christ in the world. (Romans 1:17).

8. To establish a body of believers called Holiness Revival Movement in every nation who will sponsor the production of the holiness materials of the Ministry and other recommended holiness materials. (Acts 4:36; 2 Cor. 8:1-7).

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10.To place the Ministry's book: Escaping Hell Fire and Entering Heaven Made Simple by Pastor Paul Rika in hotels, hospitals, prisons and in places that can attract public reading, for the salvation of sinners and holiness of believers. (1 Cor. 9:18-22).

11. To own Satellite Channels for the publishing of the messages and programmes of Holiness Revival Movement to the world.

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13. To have campgrounds in various quarters and nations where holiness camp meetings can be held regularly. (Hebrews 10:25).

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16. To support believers, ministers and ministries financially where required for their spiritual encouragement and establishment in holiness.

17. To have chapters of HOLINESS REVIVAL MOVEMENT in local governments, states and nations, holding regular meetings, with clear goals and uniform operations, which are submissive to the central administration. (Philippians 4: 8, 9; Hebrews l3:17)

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