

# **The Role of the Holy Spirit in the Life of the Believer**

**The Holy Spirit in the  
Old Testament**

**The Holy Spirit in the  
New Testament**

**The Holy Spirit Today**

**Panel Discussion about  
the Holy Spirit**

# Introduction

- The Old Testament has about 100 direct references to the Spirit
- He is involved in some way with creation – Genesis 1:2
- He is involved in the provision for, protection of, and guidance of the nation of Israel.
  - Nehemiah 9:20 You gave your good Spirit to instruct them and did not withhold your manna from their mouth and gave them water for their thirst.
  - Nehemiah 9:30 Many years you bore with them and warned them by your Spirit through your prophets. Yet they would not give ear. Therefore you gave them into the hand of the peoples of the lands.
  - Haggai 2:4-5 Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, declares the LORD. Be strong, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land, declares the LORD. Work, for I am with you, declares the LORD of hosts, according to the covenant that I made with you when you came out of Egypt. My Spirit remains in your midst. Fear not.

When the Spirit of the Lord was active in the Old Testament, it was evident to everyone. Not all understood what He was doing, but all could see that there was something divine (supernatural) at work.

In the Old Testament, the  
Spirit Enabled Specific  
People for Service

**By Giving Them Supernatural  
Leadership Skills**

- **Joseph** – Genesis 41:38 And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find a man like this, in whom is the Spirit of God?"
- **70 Elders of Israel** - Numbers 11:17 And I will come down and talk with you there. And I will take some of the Spirit that is on you and put it on them, and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, so that you may not bear it yourself alone.
- **Joshua** - Numbers 27:18 So the LORD said to Moses, "Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him."

- **Othniel** - Judges 3:10 The Spirit of the LORD was upon him, and he judged Israel. He went out to war, and the LORD gave Cushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand. And his hand prevailed over Cushan-rishathaim.
- **Gideon** - Judges 6:34 But the Spirit of the LORD clothed Gideon, and he sounded the trumpet, and the Abiezrites were called out to follow him.
- **Jephthah** - Judges 11:29 Then the Spirit of the LORD was upon Jephthah, and he passed through Gilead and Manasseh and passed on to Mizpah of Gilead, and from Mizpah of Gilead he passed on to the Ammonites.

- **Saul** – 1 Samuel 11:6-7 And the Spirit of God rushed upon Saul when he heard these words, and his anger was greatly kindled. He took a yoke of oxen and cut them in pieces and sent them throughout all the territory of Israel by the hand of messengers, saying, "Whoever does not come out after Saul and Samuel, so shall it be done to his oxen!" Then the dread of the LORD fell upon the people, and they came out as one man. (also 1 Samuel 19:23)
- **David** – 1 Samuel 16:13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.



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Speech**

- **70 Elders of Israel** - Numbers 11:25 Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.
- **Saul** – 1 Samuel 10:10 When they came to Gibeah, behold, a group of prophets met him, and the Spirit of God rushed upon him, and he prophesied among them.
- **Messengers of Saul** – 1 Samuel 19:20 Then Saul sent messengers to take David, and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as head over them, the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied.
- **David** – 2 Samuel 23:2 "The Spirit of the LORD speaks by me; his word is on my tongue.

- **Azariah** – 2 Chronicles 15:1-2 The Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded, and he went out to meet Asa and said to him, "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin: The LORD is with you while you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you.
- **Jahaziel** – 2 Chronicles 20:14-15 And the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, son of Benaiah, son of Jeiel, son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, in the midst of the assembly. And he said, "Listen, all Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat: Thus says the LORD to you, 'Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed at this great horde, for the battle is not yours but God's.
- **Zechariah** – 2 Chronicles 24:20 Then the Spirit of God clothed Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, and he stood above the people, and said to them, "Thus says God, 'Why do you break the commandments of the LORD, so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the LORD, he has forsaken you.'"

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Ability**

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- **Samson** - Judges 14:6 Then the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him, and although he had nothing in his hand, he tore the lion in pieces as one tears a young goat. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done. (see also Judges 14:19 and 15:14)

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- **Amasai** – 1 Chronicles 12:18 Then the Spirit clothed Amasai, chief of the thirty, and he said, "We are yours, O David, and with you, O son of Jesse! Peace, peace to you, and peace to your helpers! For your God helps you." Then David received them and made them officers of his troops.

In the Old Testament,  
the Spirit's Presence  
with Individuals was  
Temporary &  
Conditional

- *Samson* - Judges 16:20 And she said, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" And he awoke from his sleep and said, "I will go out as at other times and shake myself free." But he did not know that the LORD had left him.
- *David* –
  - 1 Samuel 16:13-14 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah. Now the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and a harmful spirit from the LORD tormented him.
  - Psalm 51:11 Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- *Ezekiel* – “the Spirit of the Lord entered into me” – 2:2, 3:24; 11:5 (fell upon me)



The Old Testament  
Anticipates a New  
Relationship with  
the Spirit in the  
Future

# Universal Indwelling

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

# Continuous Indwelling

Isaiah 59:21 "And as for me, this is my covenant with them," says the LORD: "My Spirit that is upon you, and my words that I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of the mouth of your offspring, or out of the mouth of your children's offspring," says the LORD, "from this time forth and forevermore."

## Internal Enablement for Obedience

Ezekiel 36:27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

# Baptism with the Spirit

- **Promised by John**

Matthew 3:11 I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

- **Promised by Jesus**

Acts 1:5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.

# Jesus' Life Points to a New Relationship with the Spirit

- He is filled with the Spirit – Luke 4:1
- He is led by the Spirit – Luke 4:1
- He is empowered by the Spirit – Luke 4:14
- He speaks by the Spirit – Luke 4:18
- He predicts that the Spirit will do greater things after His departure – John 16:7

There is an unmistakable supernatural effect when God the Holy Spirit is at work in someone's life.

John 3:8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.

- **What evidence is there that the Holy Spirit is at work in you?**
- **Are you aware of His working in your life?**
- **Are others aware of His working in your life?**