THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. *Genesis 1:1-2*

 Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?
If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
Psalm 139:7-8 Then the LORD said to Moses, ² 'See I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, ³ and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills – ⁴ to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, ⁵ to cut and set stones, to work in wood, and to engage in all kinds of crafts.

Exodus 31:1-5

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. Ezekiel 36:26

'This is the covenant that I will make with the people of Israel after that time,' declares the LORD. 'I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbour, or say to one another, "Know the LORD," because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,' declares the LORD.

Jer 31:33-34

When all the people were being baptised, Jesus was baptised too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.' *Luke 3:21-22*

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness.... Luke 4:1

¹⁵ 'If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you for ever – the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me any more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realise that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.'

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²⁵ "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare *it* to you.

- POWER I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' Luke 24: 49
- **BOLDNESS** After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. *Acts* 4:31
- SUPERNATURAL HEALING When Peter saw this, he said to them: 'Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? Acts 3:12
- **INSIGHT** When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realised that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. *Acts* 4:13

- The Spirit works 1 Cor 12:11
- The Spirit searches 1 Cor 2:10
- The Spirit speaks Acts 13:2; Rev 2:7; 2 Sam 23:2; Matt 16:20; 1 Tim 4:1
- The Spirit testifies John 15:26; Neh 9:30
- The Spirit bears witness 1 John 5:6
- The Spirit teaches John 14:26
- The Spirit instructs Neh 9:20
- The Spirit reproves John 16:8-11
- The Spirit prays and makes intercession Rom 8:26
- The Spirit leads Matt 4:1

- The Spirit guides the believer into all truth John 16:13
- The Spirit glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ John 16:14
- The Spirit brings about regeneration John 3:5-6
- The Spirit strives with men Gen 6:3
- The Spirit convicts men John 16:8
- The Spirit sends messengers from God Isa 28:16
- The Spirit calls men into ministry Acts 13:2; 20:28
- The Spirit directs men in the service of Christ Acts 8:29; 10:19; 16:6-7
- The Spirit imparts spiritual gifts to the Body of Christ 1 Cor 12:7-11

"The will of God for every one of His children is that they live entirely and unceasingly under the control of the Holy Spirit. Without being filled with the Spirit, it is impossible for an individual Christian or a church to ever live or work as God desires. God wants to give us this blessing and in our faith we may expect it with the greatest confidence... We cannot be filled with the Spirit until we are prepared to yield ourselves to be led by the Lord Jesus – to forsake and sacrifice everything for this pearl of great price. "

Andrew Murray: Experiencing the Holy Spirit

O for that flame of living fire, Which shone so bright in saints of old! Which bade their souls to Heav'n aspire, Calm in distress, in danger bold.

Where is that Spirit, Lord, which dwelt In Abraham's breast, and sealed him Thine? Which made Paul's heart with sorrow melt, And glow with energy divine? Is not Thy grace as mighty now As when Elijah felt its power; When glory beamed from Moses' brow, Or Job endured the trying hour?

Remember, Lord, the ancient days; Renew Thy work; thy grace restore; And while to thee our hearts we raise, On us thy Holy Spirit pour.