

## The Holy Spirit is Our Need

"Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters. And they came and drew water, and they filled the troughs to water their father's flock. Then the shepherds came and drove them away; but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock" (Ex 2: 16, 17) Satan's plan is to stop the sheep (believers) from drinking water. Moses (like Christ) stands up to Satan and waters the flock. The water represents the Holy Spirit, drinking of which makes us fruitful

"And all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ." (1Cor. 10: 4). Speak to Christ the rock to ask to drink from the water of the Holy Spirit. Though the Holy Spirit abides in every believer, yet not every believer experiences the Holy Spirit as living water and fire. The Lord wants us to experience the meaning of His Words: "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water" (John 7: 38).

If Old Testament people like Gideon, Othniel, Samson, and Jephthah could serve the Lord under the power of the Holy Spirit, how much more should we, New Testament believers, be filled with the Holy Spirit. "Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink" (John 7: 37) and "the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." (John 4: 14). The infilling of the Holy Spirit creates in us an overflowing fountain. Thus, one can say: "here I am Lord, send me!" and can be a real blessing to others, for without the Holy Spirit no one can serve the Lord. Also, this verse, "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," Says the Lord of hosts." (Zechariah 4: 6) proves the same. "The hands of Zerubbabel Have laid the foundation of this temple; His hands shall also finish it." (Zech. 4: 9) . Zerubbabel started, continued and finished rebuilding the temple in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Paul encouraged Timothy, and told him let no one despise you because of your youth. Also, Elihu was Job's youngest friend. However, he was the only one of his friends who was able to lead him into the presence of the Lord. The other friends possessed knowledge and the facts that could Help Job. Both young men, Timothy and Elihu, were backed by the Holy Spirit. In like manner, some ministries depend on natural human abilities and others depend on the power of the Holy Spirit. The first relies on human activity while the latter depends on prayer meetings for the infilling

of the Holy Spirit. For this reason Paul told Timothy, "Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands." (2 Timothy 1: 6). We all need to stir the fire to experience the Spirit's abilities, to be stronger and to serve the Lord with greater impact! Ask the Lord to purify you from anything hindering the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

"Joseph is a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough by a well; His branches run over the wall." (Gen 49: 22) The well made Joseph fruitful. It transformed him from a single bough into multiple branches and enabled him to run over the wall. When Zachariah was filled by the Holy Spirit, he prophesied about the Lord. Also, John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Spirit whilst in his mother's womb. How much more has the believer the right to be filled by the Holy Spirit to conquer bitterness and failure, just like Joseph instead of being overcome by circumstances.

*How about you, did you experience being filled by the Holy Spirit? Are you preoccupied by the Holy Spirit? Do you serve the Lord in the power of the Spirit or the power of the soul? Do you trust that you are a fruitful bough, victorious over the walls because of the fountain in your life.*

*Come to the Lord, ask Him to fill you by the Holy Spirit!*