

### The Holy Spirit revealed in Old Testament scriptures: In the beginning...

*In the beginning God (Elohim) created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. (Gen 1:1-2)*

#### 1. The Holy Spirit has been present and active since ‘the beginning,’ and has been present whenever God has been revealed.

- ✧ In Creation: (Genesis 1)
  - *By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. (Ps 33:6)*
  - *The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life. (Job 33:4)*
  - All three Persons of the Trinity work together for the accomplishing of the Divine Will.
- ✧ Holy Spirit & Scriptures:
  - *All Scripture is given by inspiration (God-breathed) of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Tim 3:16-17) {thus inerrancy of Scripture}*
- ✧ The Psalmist Overflows...
  - *Where can I go from Your **Spirit**? Or where can I flee from Your presence? (Ps 139:7)*
  - *Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God; Your **Spirit** is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness (Ps 143:10).*

#### 2. Seen ‘Upon’ the Lives of Old Testament People at important times...

- ✧ **Moses**, as God was preparing to spread the anointing of leadership...
  - *Then the LORD came down in the cloud, and spoke to him, and took of the **Spirit** that was upon him, and placed the same upon the seventy elders; and it happened, when the **Spirit** rested upon them, that they prophesied, although they never did so again. (Num 11:25)*
- ✧ **Gideon**, as he prepared for battle...
  - *But the **Spirit** of the LORD came upon Gideon; then he blew the trumpet, and the Abiezrites gathered behind him. (Jud 6:34)*
- ✧ **Samson**, as he needed ‘supernatural’ abilities...
  - *And the **Spirit** of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he tore the lion apart as one would have torn apart a young goat, though he had nothing in his hand. (Jud 14:6)*
- ✧ **Saul**, anointed by the Holy Spirit to prophesy among the prophets...
  - *When they came there to the hill, there was a group of prophets to meet him; then the **Spirit** of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them. And it happened, when all who knew him formerly saw that he indeed prophesied among the prophets, that the people said to one another, “What is this that has come upon the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?” (1Sam 10:10-11)*
- ✧ **Anointing for Old Testament prophets**
  - *Yet for many years You had patience with them, And testified against them by Your **Spirit** in Your prophets. Yet they would not listen; Therefore You gave them into the hand of the peoples of the lands. (Neh 9:30)*
  - *...for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. (2 Pet 1:21)*

#### 3. The Source of Power for Effective Ministry:

- ✧ *This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts. (Zec 4:6)*
  - This was true then, and continues to be true.

#### 4. The Holy Spirit's Ongoing Work Foretold and Promised...

- ✧ *Prophesied by Isaiah...of the Holy Spirit and the coming Messiah...*
  - *There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. (Isa 11:1-2)*
  - *"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified." (Isa 61:1-3)*
- ✧ *Isaiah also spoke of the Holy Spirit's refreshing for man...*
  - *For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, And floods on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit on your descendants, And My blessing on your offspring; (Isa 44:3)*
  - *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, Your young men shall see visions. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. (Joel 2:28-29)*
- ✧ *Jesus also told of the coming of the Holy Spirit to advance God's purposes...*
  - *Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high." (Lu 24:49)*
  - *But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. (John 7:39)*
  - *...the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. (John 14:17)*