



KNOWING THE POWER AND PRESENCE OF GOD

LESSON TEN

COME, HOLY SPIRIT

There are many references in the Book of Acts about the boldness of the disciples of Jesus Christ and their faithfulness in spite of disapproval and persecution. We are living in a time of disapproval and persecution of Christians and need godly wisdom and the power of the Spirit of God to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

“BREAK THROUGH”

Matthew 3:16 refers to the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of God descending like a dove.



Pray for the Holy Spirit to come like a dove. Pray for the breath of God to breathe life into His people so we may come to life, and stand firm in the faith.

John 3:8 compares the Spirit of God to the wind: Jesus explained: *“The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear the sound of it, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”*

John 20:19-22 tells of Jesus coming and standing among the disciples after His crucifixion. *“Peace be with you!” He said. He showed them His hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent Me I am sending you.” And with that He breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”*

The theme of the Book of Acts is expressed in 1:8. *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”* Then chapter after chapter in the Book of Acts we read about the move of the Spirit of God to empower people for service. The Holy Spirit also reveals God’s purposes and guides, blesses and protects the faithful. God’s Spirit is within all believers of Jesus and also comes upon a person or group.

Many people of the Bible are described as being full of the Spirit or moved by the Spirit or speaking as prompted by the Spirit.

Acts 4:23-25 On their release *Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "You made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them. You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of Your servant, our father David. Acts 4:26-30 Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable Your servants to speak Your word with great boldness. Stretch out Your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of Your holy servant Jesus."* 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.

John 14:15-26 Jesus taught, *"If you love Me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever – the Spirit of truth."* The Holy Spirit is a Teacher. He also convicts the world of guilt. John 16:7-15

Luke 11:9-13 Jesus taught, *"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who knocks, the door will be opened. Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"*

Only by the power of the Holy Spirit can we overcome, take the ground held by the enemy, especially in our public schools, our colleges, the places where the minds of our youth are being trained in the ways of the world rather than the ways of God. Only by the holy boldness gained by the power of the Holy Spirit can we pray and teach allowing the lives of unborn and newly born babies to be saved.

October 10, 2018, I asked this question of the Lord: What is the message You have for me to forward to Your people? I believe His answer was: [Love wins out! My love can go anywhere, anytime to do My work in minds and hearts: repairing lives, healing memories and bodies. Sorely needed are the people to carry My messages, My Word, My truth and My caring hands of love.

All through the night I search for those willing to listen to Me and obey Me to go where I need them to be and speak the words I will prompt them to say as guided by the Holy Spirit. Seeing the need is not enough, but waking to My directions and then following them is My desire for My people.

My Church should be an army outside their walls. An army reports for duty, listens to instructions and goes and does what is instructed. My leaders teach about this and mobilize according to My leadership.

Christ is the leader. Seek Me and live. Amen. Amen.]

Confirming Scripture: Second Chronicles 16:9 *For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him.*

Read Romans 10:13-17 for *"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."* How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not

heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

First Corinthians 15:58 *stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.* First Corinthians 16:13 *Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love.*



Read Ezekiel 37:1-10 See painting above.

This Scripture tells of the hand of the Lord being on Ezekiel as he was set in the middle of a valley of dry bones. The Lord tells him to prophesy to the bones and the Lord would make breath enter them and they would come to life. He did prophesy to them and breath entered them, they came to life and stood up on their feet – a vast army.

I forward words recorded in my journal on January 29, 2018: A wind is blowing: the breath of the living Spirit of God, God’s Holy Spirit. Don’t duck or hide. Lift your faces to Him to be refreshed by Him, healed and lifted to a new level of service for Him and His people. The wind of the Spirit is blowing here and now. Receive the healing love of God. This love is available to all. Come, Lord! Blow Your love and refreshment and anointing over Your people. Let it be. Amen.

As you review these lessons, what do you believe the Lord would say is most important to Him? Pray to make what is most important to God be most important to you. Write down what you believe God is prompting you to do.

Have you read these references about the work of the Holy Spirit in the Book of Acts? We need this empowerment for service in this day and age. I know the Holy Spirit still works in these ways today:

Acts 1:8 2:4 and 2:17 4:8 and 31 6:3-10 7:55 8:15-17 9:17 and 31 10:44 13:2 and 4 15:28 16:6 19:2 and 6 This is just a partial list of how the Holy Spirit works.

Acts 5:32 We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him.