

# Embracing the Value of the Spirit of the LORD!

## Acts 2: 37-38

### This study gives new meaning to Acts 1: 8

- God in Spirit has always been around!

The characters on the Biblical stage:

God Himself the creator/ The Spirit of God that is everywhere/ The Messengers, angels of God/ The Creation of God including humans made in His image...

God's Spirit has always desired to be a part of His creation!

### Genesis 1: 1-3

- God began this message with a statement of the Spirit. Two parts of the Trinity!
- God said that He knew that He would need to step away from us!

Gen. 1: 3 "my Spirit will not always strive with man."

Strive – 1777 – govern, execute, deal with, stay with, live with...

- God vacated the premises until Exodus 31: 3

### God has always desired to be a part of his creation but at times, cannot because of the environment!

- Even in Genesis 41 as Pharaoh is looking for someone who has the Spirit of God in them, Joseph comes up but God never says He is with Joseph... No statement made!
- Exodus 31: 3 God said, "I have filled him with the Spirit of God and Wisdom." Why? Because He had a job for him to do, build the Tabernacle utensils! So the Spirit of God gives us abilities that are beyond us! He built the Tabernacle, etc....
- Judges 3: 10 the younger brother of Caleb was given the task of being a Judge, therefore Judges 6: 34 "...the Spirit of the LORD came upon him and he judged Israel."
- Judges 6: 34 Gideon is called to a big battle and in verse 34 "...the spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon."
- Judges 13: 25 at the birth of Sampson... "And the spirit of the LORD began to move upon him at times in the camp of Dan."

- In Sampson's life, there were 4 times that the Spirit is mentioned, every time God was mightily using him to do a great task... Chapter 13: 3, 25; 14: 6 and 15: 14
- Each time there was a task ahead of him... but when God saw rebellion in his heart, He was not to come upon him again...
- 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 10: 6 Samuel was to anoint Saul King over Israel and "the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophecy... and turn into another man."
- 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 15: 35 saddest words anyone could ever hear, "And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death. Nevertheless, Samuel mourned for Saul: and the LORD repented that he had made Saul king over Israel."
- Then the demons came/ the spirit of God left and the Demons came! / The next chapter David became the musician of Saul to drive the demons away...
- Then in all the prophecies we see only a few scarce appearances of God's Spirit. Elijah was taken up by the Spirit of God, etc....
- Isaiah 61: 1 "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me..."

### **But then:**

- Matthew 1: 18 The Holy Spirit entered Mary's Womb! "...she was found with child of the Holy ghost."
  - The Spirit was upon Jesus, like a dove!
  - Jesus said that He must be crucified and leave so that the Comforter would, could come to us and be in us! And when He comes, He will teach us, comfort us, give us Peace, all because He was to go away and come to us in another form.
  - Acts 1: 8 "...ye shall receive power, after the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me..."
  - Acts 2 He came in power and made a big deal about His arrival!
  - Acts 2: 38 Peter is preaching... Vs 37 they were pricked in their heart, and asked, what shall we do?
  - Vs 38 "Repent, be baptized, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."
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## **What did we learn?**

1. God's Spirit has always been around!
2. God has always wanted to be with His people!
3. But God knew that He could not go with them down certain actions! He would have to step away!
4. God's Spirit of the Lord came to obedient servants to empower them to do what man could not do but God wanted them to be able to do!
5. God's Spirit however is Holy and steps away when Holiness is not present and leaves us in despair!
6. But God came to Mary, to come to us!
7. Came to Jesus, and as Jesus, to be slain so that He could come to us as our comforter.
8. However, He will be either in us in power or in us in weakness, depending on how much we value His Presence!

**Remember, God's Spirit has always desired to be a part of His creation but at times, cannot because of the environment!**

**How much do you value the Presence of God?**

**The New, New Testament Church came to realize the importance of the Spirit – as they needed Servants to serve in the daily distribution, they sought out men known to be filled with the Spirit of God (Acts 6)**

**Rev. 3... He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the Churches...**

**Rev. 22: 16-17 "I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the bright and morning star. And the Spirit and the bride say come... And let him that is athirst come, and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.**