

The Work of The Indwelling Holy Spirit

I. In the Old Testament, there were many occasions of the Holy spirit performing temporary work in the lives of human beings for the furthering of God's plan of redemption.

There were many that he would **come upon**; however, there was only one recorded Old Testament Saint that was permanently endowed with the Holy Spirit.

Exodus 31:1-6 KJV Reads, “And The LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2. See I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: 3. And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in Knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, 4. To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass. 5. And in cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship. 6. And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are wisehearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee;

The Holy Spirits' impartation as the **sanctifier**, set apart as holy, the natural gifts, talents, abilities, and skills for use in God's Kingdom purpose.

The name Bezaleel means: In the shadow (protection) of God.

- The Bible is a story being told by God.
What unites the Book of Exodus is the divine-human relationship between “The LORD” (**Exodus 3:13-15** [“I Am, that I Am”]), and Israel, Abraham's offspring and heirs to God's promises.
But this relationship is not an end in itself, it is a means to the Lord's greater objective: To make Himself known!
- Thus, His actions are not simply for the benefit of Egypt and Israel but also are for the rest of the nations who would be blessed through Abraham and his seed. [“I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples of the earth will be blessed through you.”]

What can we learn from Bezaleel?

- Consider that God **endowed** Bezaleel to be a craftsman, giving him the ability to do it (very well), and then God called him into service.
- God has a vocational (purpose) calling for all of His creation and has blessed each of us with particular gifts, talents, abilities, and skills that can be purposefully used as “works” in the kingdom of God and the Body of Christ.
- Teach your gift...pass it on, don't waste your God-given gift purpose and gift.
- **James 1:17 NIV** “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly light, who does not change like shifting shadows.

II. The Holy Spirits encounter with Jesus:

Matthew 3:16-17

16. And Jesus when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: 17. And lo a voice from heaven saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

The **Relational Work** of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit: The doctrine of the Trinity, which appeared later in church history, teaches that God is three persons and yet one in essence.

In this passage, all three persons of the Trinity are present and active. God the Father speaks, God the Son is baptized; God the Holy Spirit descends on Jesus. God is one, yet in three persons at the same time. This is one of God's incomprehensible mysteries.

III. The Promised Holy Spirit: **John 14:12 (NIV)**

“Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even “greater things” than these because I am going to the Father.

- The greater things (works)

- The disciples (**working**) in the power of the Holy Spirit, would carry the Gospel of God's kingdom out of Palestine and into the whole world. (*Doing the work*)
- The Teaching Holy Spirit:
 - **John 14:26** "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall **teach** you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.
 - The Holy Spirit is a powerful advocate, personally working on our behalf and being our counselor, encourager, and our **teacher**.
 - The Holy Spirit is working on our behalf so that we may do work for the kingdom of God and the body of Christ.

IV. The Spiritually Dead Are Made Alive:

Ephesians 2:10 For we are his (workmanship) created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

We became Christians through God's unmerited grace, not as the result of any effort, ability, intelligent choice, or act of service on our part. However, out of gratitude for this free gift (Holy Spirit), we will seek to help and serve others with charity, kindness, and goodness (**works**), and not use our God-given gifts for only pleasing ourselves.

- We are not saved merely for our own benefit but to serve Christ and build up the church.
- The Holy Spirit is the **(sanctifier)** of your endowed gifts, and he wants to set them apart as Holy for Kingdom (work).

Submit your gifts to God and watch "God The Holy Spirit" develop them beyond your expectations and former impact.

Romans 12:1b...present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service (work).

You are more than what you think you are, and you can do more than you think you can...with the Help of the Holy Spirit!

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