

Anointed

To



Serve

'God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders with various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will' –

Hebrews 2v4

***Receiving and maintaining the power of God
for revival***

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Introduction

This small book is an accompaniment to the larger volume ***That I may know him***, but the principle is the same: to get God's people to that place of preparation to be used of God. To get them prepared for the next wave and coming outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

CHAPTER 1

The Foundation of Our Calling

It was back in 1993 when I saw my own father supernaturally raised from a coma to confess faith in Christ and then quoting Scripture that he had never read before that I knew we served a supernatural God.

I myself had received a miraculous release from sinus and nasal problems, which meant cancelling a major operation. I had been healed.

I had been filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke in other tongues and witnessed evil spirits depart from people.

Other visitations and waves of the Spirit came, including a fresh period of angelic and Spirit visitations from the throne room of God (Ezekiel 1v13 & Revelation 4v5), which started in April 2011 and continued consistently until April 2016 – a full five years.

I am not unfamiliar with a God of signs and wonders.

A man with an experience is never at the mercy of a man with mere theory, head knowledge or an argument.

Faith comes from belief but spiritual knowledge - the tangible kind - comes from experience (1 Corinthians 2v14).

I'll offer a statement to bear in mind.

'Never feel you have to justify or explain yourself to anyone - for most people haven't ventured spiritually to the places where you have been to see behind the veil that houses God's glory.....'

No apology is needed!

So, what makes all this happen?

Personally, for me, I have always been someone ready to take God at His word. If God said it – I believe it and then I attempt to OBEY it. Many Christians know little about the moving of the Holy Spirit and even less in experience. If God truly is the same, yesterday, today and forever, we have a right to pursue and confirm this side to Him (Hebrews 13v8).

Fear, ignorance, unbelief and erroneous teaching may well be a stumbling block for most people.

Is there a qualifier? Well, I could list a few. Being open-hearted, being spiritually hungry and thinking of heavenly things (Colossians 3v2), being expectant, raising faith levels, consecrating yourself, having diligence, but more importantly to keep on believing... (John 6v29). Why? Because God loves to be believed and taken at His word. That verse will be used a few times in this book.

He is truly a rewarder of those that diligently seek Him – Hebrews 11v6

I have learnt from personal experience that being “constant” before God is what counts; that is what keeps you on the cutting edge of what God is doing. Someone once said, ‘Consistency, thou art a jewel.’

Never allow “gifts” and the moving of the Spirit to take your feet off the ground though. These things are to be expected, signs are meant to follow those who believe, but we are not to follow signs. They are what they are: “signs” of the greater thing to come – the return of Christ.

Be down to earth as a person. Be real. Be transparent. Become all things to all men. Be relatable. See signs as part of the journey; do not let them affect your character. Let the Corinthian Church be our warning, whereby they got carried away and became arrogant with the supernatural realm of God. The world desires authenticity – and that genuineness will have a far bigger impact.

Gifts are no sign of maturity or spirituality. Power in the hands of the wrong person can be deadly. Remember the gifts and calling of God are without revocation (Romans 11v29). So, when they come, stay humble. The Bible tells us to pursue love and desire spiritual gifts.

The most astute men and women of God have realised that the greatest key is found in a combination. This key is the fire of the Holy Spirit and the outworking of the cross. It is the union of Pentecost and Calvary. The power of the Spirit and death to self (our selfish ways). These are the true power twins.

Pentecostals and Charismatics seek a revival of power, whilst the Evangelicals seek a revival based on repentance and the cross. Both have missed the mark. For one excludes the Spirit’s moving and the other relegates the beauty of surrender to something quite minimal. The great secret is moving in both. There are some things you will never have until God can trust you in this area. Until he sees both elements at work. It can take years before he is ready to release certain gifts into our hands and then only when he knows we can handle them.

Unshakable faith is built on the rock of brokenness (cross) and the fire of the Holy Spirit. If we can come to this place, we will be in a position to allow God’s mighty spiritual flow to burn through us unhindered.

There will be no more blockages, and in the most humble sense, you will be fit for the master’s good use – a spiritual powerhouse, if you will. Very few people have had both these elements in full operation. God has been ready from Day One to reveal this special kind of anointing to somebody. Some have received it. They have learned the secret. It might as well be you; it might as well be me. But we have to get going with God. It is not something you earn, but it is the result of obedience.

The true harvest is reflected from those who walk in the love, light, nature and power of Jesus Christ. They are not common. Some only moved into this realm after many, many years. They have moved and now operate completely in their born-again nature. (Remember we still have the “old” nature within). That should be our goal. This will then entice God to allow the true riches of an anointing of purity to fall on us. Some have never got close to this way of living, others have moved into this realm, but have failed to remain there. We often hear about the same 20 or 30 names over the centuries that made their mark. This goes to show that there is a cost for this type of walk, and meeting its terms is quite rare. Of course there are many nameless, faceless ones as well, who we will never hear about. Eternity has their efforts to hand. God knows them that are his.

What “stable” have you have been schooled in and what doctrine or belief system have you embraced? Half of the Pentecostal and Charismatic world can’t even agree in some areas and you will be hit six ways (winds of teaching) if you were to mix with each. So many claim to have the “truth” in this or that area. We also have those of reformed doctrine who stick solely to the word and shun experience, and the emergence of the 3rd wavers and neo-Pentecostals ** who offer yet another view on the “gifts”. It can be daunting for a new believer to know who to side with.

(**Gifts operating within a believer without a definite Baptism in the Spirit attached).

Randy Clarke, a well-known ex-Baptist turned charismatic adds – ‘The traditional walls seem to be coming down – I am discovering God is so diverse in his dealings with us. I myself received the gift of tongues in 1972, but it was years later I received what I would call a real “Baptism in the Spirit”,

which was by far a MUCH more emotional experience.’

In reality there is only one truth.

That truth is Jesus Christ. It is found in his person.

Each person has a responsibility to follow their own revelations, convictions and practices according to and based on the word of God (see Romans 14). Some term this as “disputable matters”. Some revelations should be kept private to the person receiving them. Trouble happens when we try to build a doctrine around our personal experiences and then attempt to push them onto others. It is good to say, ‘according to my present level of understanding, this is what I currently believe.’

For example, some people have said that we can increase our capacity for more faith via fasting. That may or may not be so, but the idea can come from personal experience. Jesus, however, did allude to the fact that fasting combined with prayer does bring certain results (Mark 9v29). A 10-day fast is not specifically mentioned in the Bible, but for sure it will bring benefits and results. We also hear from some quarters that answered prayer becomes automatic when the Spirit is elevated above the flesh. This is based on Ephesians 3v20. Again, it is an interesting principle and does appear to make sense, although it is never specifically mentioned in Scripture. At what point *do* we forsake our “impressions” or “leadings”?

The answer - When it goes directly against the written word?

The Epistle of Jude quotes from the Book of Enoch once in Verses 14-15, and alludes to it also in Verse 6. Jude also references the Assumption of Moses in Verse 9. But no doctrines are made from them. Any existing books of this ilk did not make it into the canon of Scripture. So, we ourselves can certainly be inspired at times. The Apostle Paul once said ‘It is I, not the LORD speaking’ – he gave his inspired but personal “opinion” on a matter (1 Corinthians 7v12).

One point to remember is this: Calvary precedes Pentecost. That’s how it should be. There is no value in getting the “Baptism in the Spirit” if it can’t be released, as it can often also be locked up. The river of God would be aborted in us, like a dam shoring it up. There is a revelation in that

statement, “a dam” – (ADAM) represents the flesh, and we are of ADAM. The reality is that the flesh is a blockage, whilst we remain in ADAM or in the flesh; the Spirit has no route through which to flow. We must be Spirit-led (Romans 8v14).

Today, what some people think will get them there is to go for this or that “experience”, which includes speaking in tongues and suchlike. God’s children certainly need power but he does not discharge power to the old creation. The old wineskin has to go. Only the cross and a new sanctified wineskin can release its true power. The message of the cross and Pentecost go hand in hand, so that we can walk in the full manifestation of the Spirit. By all means seek the higher dimension in the Spirit in the meantime (1 Corinthians 14v18). We are encouraged to wholeheartedly pursue the Lord.

Our mantra will eventually be, ‘I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me’ (Galatians 2v20).

To whom the call has come – and has accepted it - they will know – it is a holy calling – and it is something you can never get away from.

I wasn’t born or raised into this – I was almost 24 years of age when Christ revealed himself to me.

If we can get our hearts right, respect the Lord’s call to holiness, and reach out in faith – all things are possible.

Kenneth Hagin SNR wrote:

‘If the presence of God is lacking in one’s life – it is often a lack of faith or a heart issue in believing for it.

But if the presence of God is evident (sensed), but there is no manifestation of it (an outward sign in healing, deliverance, or salvations) – it is often a lack of holiness that is a missing link.’

The key, it seems, is an open heart, dogged faith and personal holiness to see God’s best.

Chapter 2

Filled with the Spirit (Acts 4v31)

We know from the Old Testament that the visitation of God's actual glory is extremely rare. It filled the various tabernacles or temples only three times: Exodus (40v34), 1 Kings (8v11), and Ezekiel (10v4; Ezekiel 43v4-5; Ezekiel 44v4).

Our so called "glory gatherings" are more in hope than expectance. So many want to be Spirit-filled, but to be Spirit-led is far better. Are we willing to die to self? Or at least be made willing to die?

Ultimately no one can really talk about this realm unless they are walking in it, or at least attempting to.

The blood of Christ ensures our pardon, but the cross ensures our deliverance from what we are.

We need deliverance from ourselves before we can deliver others! There are many dead-to-the-world Christians but few dead-to-themselves Christians.

For decades we have debated certain subjects.

Can a person be filled with the Holy Spirit without speaking in tongues?

First, let us examine the Scriptures. On the Day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit fell upon the assembled believers and 'all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues' (Acts 2v4).

Later, as Peter was preaching at the house of Cornelius, 'the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message' and they were 'speaking in tongues and praising God' (Acts 10v44, 46). Again, as the apostle Paul was ministering to the Ephesian disciples, 'the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied' (Acts 19v6).

It is evident also that Paul himself was filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 9v17) and spoke in tongues (1 Corinthians 14-18).

These Scriptures clearly show that speaking in tongues is "an evidence" of being baptised in the Holy Spirit. When the early believers were filled, they spoke in other tongues and the same holds true today.

Filled and baptised are terms used interchangeably.

Millions of believers worldwide share the exact testimony: when they were initially baptised in the Holy Spirit they spoke in unknown tongues. This is the truth that Pentecostals consistently affirm.

The prophecy of Joel 2v28-29, cited by Peter in Acts 2v16-17, links today's Spirit-filled believers with those who were filled with the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. Interestingly, tongues are not mentioned in this passage.

The Spirit's fullness, evidenced initially by the phenomenon of speaking in other tongues, is the common experience that all celebrate with joy. It is the "like pattern". It is joy unspeakable to many.

There are those also who give testimony to a dynamic and life-changing encounter with the Holy Spirit who have never spoken in tongues. I have spoken to scores of pastors, evangelists and the like about this area for teaching purposes, and this is what they have told me in the main:

‘Don’t push the boat out too far.’

God can do what he wants to do. And often works on and in people differently.

Nowhere do we read of the so-called spiritual giants Charles Finney, Alexander Dowie or Billy Graham ever claiming “tongues” – but each were certainly “anointed”. Maybe some of these were baptised in the Spirit, but failed to release the “tongues” part. Maybe they could never express or articulate their own experiences? Many have claimed a baptism in the Spirit and moved in a different realm of power, whether in witnessing or gifting, but later received a prayer language and some others never did. Surely the main evidence is power and effectiveness.

So if a calling is there, God will use you in spite of your understanding. We must never underestimate the authority of the believer; we can do great things by simply taking our rightful place. The gifts of the Spirit have their own sphere, but when they are not in operation we can operate by faith (James 5v14-15). We can operate by authority AND by the tangible anointing connected to gifts of the Spirit. Both have their place.

It is interesting to note that Jesus gave us a mandate to COMMAND things to be done in his name, and NOT to pray for them, for they are already done: ‘These signs follow them that (simply) believe’ (Mark 16v17-18). Never downplay the simple art of believing God; it carries a major part in getting him to move mightily. He wants to be believed! (John 6v29). We need to learn to command - to command healings, rebuke pain, break off curses...we are simply an extension of his hands as he directs and leads us. If we believe what we say – in faith – it shall be done. No ifs, no buts.

I have discovered that if one has a preaching ministry and has not been baptised in the Holy Spirit the Lord can also “anoint” from “on high” periodically – that is called a ministry calling. It is a true calling.

Kenneth Hagin SNR wrote:

‘I didn't have the baptism in the Holy Spirit back in the beginning, but I had the Holy Spirit IN me, and an anointing would come ON me to preach and teach, because I was called to that office.’

‘After being baptised in the Spirit, I entered into a greater dimension of the power of God and that anointing to preach increased - a greater anointing to stand in that office.’

Sometimes we want to link the “baptism” with the operation of spiritual gifts. Some have even called it a “doorway” into them. Scripture does not confirm this, but it appears that those who have the “baptism” move more freely and consistently in this realm.

The Bible states that the experience is for “power in witnessing” – that much is clear (Acts 1v8). So I would say to people: do you want this baptism for yourself or are you going to use it to help share your faith more dynamically. Are you going to become a river of blessing? A river flows out and touches others.

The baptism in the Spirit is not primarily a qualifying experience in the things of the Spirit, but more of an equipping experience, so as the late theologian J. Rodman Williams once told me, the born-again believer can move in the gifts by virtue of the indwelling Spirit, but not as freely, powerfully, regularly or effectively as someone who is baptised in the Spirit. That would make sense.

For that is its purpose. Everything you do will be enhanced because of it. It is to “give away” as Jesus did – and as he did so, virtue - meaning power - left him (Luke 6v17-19).

Professor Williams received his own personal Pentecost many years after being a Christian. He spoke from first-hand experience and as one who had previously shunned “getting it”. He called it the “greatest of all refreshings” and the ultimate in divine praise towards our Heavenly Father.

I myself am now currently of the opinion that the Gift is something that can and should be repeated many times. Acts 4v31 confirms it. Why stop at one drink? Keep on drinking (1 Corinthians 12v13).

A popular term has been coined as “one baptism, but many fillings”. Tongues may even manifest at a later date – many have testified to this being the case. Every denomination has used in the past a “spiritual shoe horn” to try to push their particular interpretation or viewpoint and get it all nice and neat, and packaged. But it is never as simple as that. God has ways of jumping out of the box, and things happen that we simply can’t explain.

As for me, there are certain subjects that I have studied and settled in my mind but if you asked me to explain them from a mental standpoint, I couldn’t. But the answer has been deposited deep in my spirit and I am happy to leave it there.

For example: what comes first - regeneration of a man’s spirit before he can believe or does he have to activate faith first and believe BEFORE he is regenerated. This debate is moot (can go both ways), and it simply does not matter. GOD is the author of BOTH (Ephesians 2v8-9). All who can be saved will be saved, for not all will respond to the cross. **God will not regenerate and grant faith to those that he FOREKNOWS will reject him regardless.**

When you hear people trying to pin down certain subjects, oftentimes it is simply a case of semantics – saying the same thing in a different way. We will do well to heed the word in

1 Timothy 6v4

‘... striving and arguments over words’ (avoid it).

THE FILLING

The filling of the Spirit is referred to in Ephesians 5v18. We should be so completely yielded to the Holy Spirit that he can possess us fully and, in that sense, fill us. Romans 8v9 states, “He dwells within” every believer, but He can be grieved (Ephesians 4v30), and His activity within us can be quenched (1 Thessalonians 5v19).

When we allow this to happen, we do not experience the fullness of the Spirit's working and His power in and through us. To be filled with the Spirit implies freedom for Him to occupy every part of our lives, guiding and controlling us. A case of “him having us”, rather than us having him.

Then His power can be exerted through us so that what we do is fruitful to God. The filling of the Spirit does not apply to outward acts or experiences alone; it also applies to the innermost thoughts and motives of our actions. It is connected to maturity, rather than gifting in its Ephesians 5 context.

Paul uses filling in his writings more for the lifestyle aspect of the believer, whereas Luke, the writer of Acts, uses more "stunning" terminology and relates to the power aspect of the Spirit's moving.

Psalm 19v14 says, 'May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.'

Sin is what hinders the filling of the Holy Spirit and obedience to God is how the filling of the Spirit is maintained. Ephesians 5v18 commands that we be filled CONTINUALLY with the Spirit; **however, it is not only praying for the filling of the Holy Spirit that accomplishes the filling. Only our obedience to God's commands allows the Spirit liberty to work within us** (Acts 5v32). Because we are still infected with sin, it is impossible to be filled with the Spirit all of the time. When we sin, we should immediately confess it to God and renew our commitment to being Spirit-filled and Spirit-led. Belief and faith are other vital areas to remain Spirit-filled (see John 6v29 & Hebrews 11v6).

If we have trouble trying to understand "terms" and "similarities" or "doctrines" – remember that biblical interpretation and author intent (who wrote the book) will come into play. A good yardstick is to let Scripture interpret Scripture – Scripture must be understood in the light of clearer passages. The point of each part only becomes fully clear in relation to the rest (the whole).

Learn how to reconcile verses without bias or vested interest, be open for new and further light and revelation to come. In a nutshell – be honest. Don't let a denomination dictate. It's God we serve.

As a wise believer, you will want to stay out of the ditch on both sides of any theological debate. Especially if you are not sure yourself. We must note that even when we are fully convinced of something, we could still be wrong. We have often heard opposing truths conclude: 'God told me this or that'; but He is not the author of confusion. Truth can be many sided.

What are the two extremes concerning the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer?

One could be:

"There is no such thing as an experience subsequent to salvation called being filled, receiving, or being baptised with the Holy Spirit".

Or:

"Unless a person is filled or baptised in the Holy Spirit subsequent to salvation, he does not have the Holy Spirit at all".

Both of these camps will have Scripture to back up their positions.

Again, here is a tip to apply for those hungry and sometimes confused students among us seeking for answers. When reading the word, follow these guidelines.

Who is doing the speaking/writing? -Who is the author of the book? What is his background? E.g., Paul was a Jew.

Who they are addressing/writing to? – E.g., the Book of Hebrews

What is the subject matter? The Blood or Faith – look at all related passages for a full picture.

Always keep the subject in context - read either side of the passage. This is called the 20/20 rule - read 20 verses either side of the passage or even a chapter either side, to help to be completely sure.

Many preachers use an allegory, which is a story with two meanings: a literal meaning and a symbolic spiritual meaning. Preachers commonly use this tactic, especially from the Old Testament to prove a point in the New Testament.

Some can be more far-fetched than others!

Well known Baptist Pastor John MacArthur calls it “hucksterism” or “craftiness” - but I wouldn’t go that far in all cases. We can certainly apply a principle from the Old Testament, to help teach or make a point. Jesus used allegories all the time: they were called parables - a style that took the listener from one plateau (earthly) into another higher plateau – a spiritual dimension.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

When it comes to “natural gifts” and “manifestations of the Holy Spirit” I do not think there is a totally clear distinction, but even “natural” gifts require a fullness of the Holy Spirit to be effective in ministry, and those who helped with the food program in Acts were chosen on the basis of how “full” of the Holy Spirit they were (Acts 6v3-5). Is it right to relegate giving, administration, etc. to the realm of the non-gifted? – I don’t think so. They, I believe, are just as much part of the gifts of the Spirit as their more spectacular counterparts – healings and miracles (see Romans 12).

I have noticed that many in the charismatic movement think that the anointing of the Holy Spirit in their lives gives them license to do things that they shouldn’t be doing.

Their personal walk with the Lord can be nearly non-existent, but they think that the gifting which they have been given will carry them through. They live out their life relying on that gift and then eventually their lack of relationship with Jesus becomes evident in the midst of failure or scandal or bad fruit (Matthew 7v21-23).

There are examples of this throughout Scripture. There are those who have been anointed by God with a gift or ability to perform certain tasks but their personal walk with the Lord is missing or weak.

King Saul, Balaam, Samson, and the Corinthian Church are a few examples.

I don’t think that the avenue for the gifts enhanced through the “baptism in the Holy Ghost” were ever intended to be proof of spirituality or to replace an intimate walk with God.

I pray in tongues but there are many times when Jesus wants me to stop praying in tongues and talk to him and spend time with him one on one with my full understanding (speaking to him in my native English tongue) and in full submission of my will to him. Just listening out for his voice.

If I try to live out my life through “gifts” then I will soon lose my relationship with him.

I will be gifted well enough but I will not have fruit that is evident. I believe that fruit is a result of being in the presence of God and being full of his Spirit.

The gifts are poured out upon someone to accomplish the will of God. They are for service.

God can make even a donkey speak prophetically if he wants to (Numbers 22v28).

All too often we praise someone for a gift that has been poured out on them when in reality they might not be much more than just a donkey that God has chosen to speak through. Next time, look at their character. How do they conduct themselves, do they show love and humility? Jesus said by “their fruit” you will know them (Matthew 7v16). For even a strong rebuke or word can be delivered this way and be respected by the hearers when transmitted correctly. We can be hated for our message, but not for our delivery or character.

The “entertainment” model of church was largely adopted in the 1980s and ‘90s; it filled our churches with self-focused consumers rather than self-sacrificing servants attuned to the Holy Spirit.

If you combine a charismatic speaker, a talented worship band, and some hip, creative events, people will attend your church. You can get hundreds attending in a short time.

Yet this does not mean that the Holy Spirit of God is actively working and moving in the lives of the people who are coming. The Spirit must be allowed to move again. We will leave the results to God. We cannot spoon feed people; either people want God or they don’t. We cannot tailor God to suit them. It has never been about numbers anyway and Jesus himself lost 90% of his Church for preaching the truth (John 6v66). Did he not say also that few will find true life? (Matthew 7v14).

God is looking at your heart, rather than looking to see if your theology is 100% spot on. That’s what really counts. You can follow a man’s faith, but his doctrine might be off, so stick with the good part. I have friends I don’t agree with on certain subjects – but I know their heart is in the right place.

You can study the Holy Spirit for 1000 years and still never be able to figure Him out.

If I told you that a recent study discovered that speaking in tongues releases two chemical secretions that give our immune system a forty per cent boost – would you say I was mad?

The Bible says that speaking in tongues edifies us: see - 1 Corinthians 14v4, Jude 20, 1 Corinthians 14 vs15-17, Romans 8v26, 1 Corinthians 14v21

Praying in tongues can keep us healthy!

The Spirit does his own thing, He always has, and always will.

‘The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can't tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can't explain how people are born of the Spirit’ (John 3v8 NLT).

Some people can be drawn by the Spirit many times, but still resist. Others respond immediately.

God keeps the account.

THE SPIRIT IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

The temporality of the Spirit's activity in the Old Testament is evident in that 'the Spirit of God departed from Saul' (I Sam. 16v14), and David pleads to God 'not to take Thy Holy Spirit from me' (Ps. 51v11). The activity of the Spirit of God to inspire and energize a particular realm within the Old Testament believers is not equivalent to the indwelling activity of the Spirit of Christ in Christians in the new covenant. Such a relation to the Holy Spirit was *only* enjoyed by the prophets, priests and kings in any case. More will be explained about this in Chapter 4.

Through Isaiah, God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring' (Isa. 44v3). Through Ezekiel, He says, 'I will put My Spirit within you' (Ezek. 36v27; 37v14) and 'pour out My Spirit on the house of Israel' (Ezek. 39v29). Through Joel, God says, 'I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind...in those days' (Joel 2vs28, 29), which Peter declares that God fulfilled on Pentecost (Acts 2vs17, 18).

French author René Pache comments, 'All these promises could not be fulfilled until after the completion of the redemptive work of Christ. Not until Christ was crucified, raised again and glorified, could the Spirit be poured out and accomplish all His work.' Such a spiritual restoration of humanity was promised to the Old Testament believers by the prophets Isaiah, Ezekiel and Joel, but they 'did not receive what was promised' (Heb. 11:39). It was the Spirit "in" but not "permanently" in – (1 Peter 1v11). The Spirit was "with" the disciples, as Jesus walked with them – but like John the Baptist, it could lift. John suddenly doubted Jesus after feeling let down - he said, 'Should we look for another?' (Matthew 11v3). He had previously claimed Jesus as "Messiah" (Matthew 1v3).

We are classed as "being greater" IN POSITION and EXPERIENCE than our spiritual forerunners - as the promised Spirit is now **permanent (Matthew 11v11)**.

'In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation - having also believed, **you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise**' (Ephesians 1v13).

New Zealand minister Bill Subritsky states...

'The true anointing of power comes through abiding, which leads to sanctification and obedience.'

Scripture reads...

'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him and we will come to him and make our abode (abide) with him,' (John 14v21-23) and '...by the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit that you may obey Jesus Christ' (1 Peter 1v2).

We have a well, which turns into a river, and then through our abiding and obedience, it turns into a rain that will flow out and flood the nations (John 4v14; Luke 7v37- 39).

You can only be filled (re-filled to some) with the Spirit **to the measure you have received**. If you have been truly baptised in the Holy Spirit – that is the capacity you now have at your disposal – if you have overflowed in a spiritual language you have the advantage. You have the biblical pattern.

See Ephesians 5v19 and Acts 4v31. A lifestyle filling of empowerment. Go for God's best - ask him for more and that's exactly what you will get (Luke 11v13). Why stop at the "jug" level when you can get it "balloon" style – unlimited! – Jesus received the Spirit without measure (John 3v34).

Chapter 3

Beyond the Veil (Hebrews 6v19)

THE EARLY (FORMER) & LATTER RAIN

The early rain came on the Day of Pentecost when the one hundred and twenty were gathered in the Upper Room. The first signs of the latter rain came in 1906 at Azusa Street, with the outpouring of the baptism of the Spirit with tongues, and was renewed in the middle of the 1940s. This was called the "Latter Rain Movement." Many great men of God came out of this movement. It was later renewed briefly in the late 1960s and early 1970s with the charismatic movement.

'Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the Husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until He receive the early and latter rain' (James 5v7 (KJV)).

The first thing we must do is be patient. Patience is a fruit of the Spirit. Then we must know that God has had long patience, waiting for us to come into the place where we can receive His outpouring of the latter rain anointing.

There will be so much power with this double portion outpouring, that it will outshine the coming of the tongues of fire on the Day of Pentecost and the Azusa Street outpouring.

God made many wonderful promises to those who overcome the old, Adamic nature, the world, and the sin nature they were born with. Isaiah goes on with God's promises and revelation:

'Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of Thy God' (Isaiah 62v3).

The Double Portion Anointing is the anointing Jesus received on the banks of the Jordan River. In God's Word it is called the fullness of the Spirit, the Spirit without measure, and the early and latter rain.

'Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for He hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, **the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month'** (Joel 2:23).

When we enter into the Holy of Holies we come into this DOUBLE PORTION realm. This is what needs to be poured out on someone or some people in these last days.

Elijah told Elisha that if he saw him when he was taken up, he would receive a double portion. You can be assured that Elisha never took his eyes off Elijah. Only those **who will never take their eyes off God** will receive the Double Portion outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

This type of "receiving" ministry will be accomplished by those who, like Elisha, have torn off the old covering, which is the flesh, thereby overcoming the flesh, putting on the Elijah mantle, the Holy Spirit covering, and turning their hearts back to the Father.

'For whom the Lord loveth He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives' (Hebrews 12v6).

We may not want to accept it as such, but this is a promise of God. This is one promise that must be fulfilled if we are to receive all God's promises. If we are going to be received of the Father, then chastisement and scourging is necessary in our lives. Incisions will be made in order for the cross to take full effect.

It all depends on us, and how much chastisement and scourging is necessary to bring us into the place where God can pour out His double portion promise. Who will allow this process to have full rights?

Many today refuse to accept chastisement from the Lord.

People need to study the book of Job. When they do they will come to the understanding that Satan is a tool in the hand of God to bring His people into a place of blessing. The Lord will allow a slaying to match his purposes in us (Job 13v15). By God's grace we will accept this rite of passage, although painful.

Jesus revealed to John on the Isle of Patmos:

'He that overcomes shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son' (Revelation 21v7).

Our Father knows we cannot do the greater works with the cloven tongue anointing.

He is going to pour in the wine, the new wine.

This new wine anointing is the "The Former and Latter Rain Anointing".

As we seek God's understanding, the Word declares that the cloven tongue anointing and the Latter Rain anointing will soon be poured out together upon the earth.

It has also been termed as the "Kingly Anointing."

Jeremiah (50v41) declares: 'Behold...many kings shall be raised up from the ends of the earth.'

It takes time to handle such an anointing or hold on securely to it. King Saul couldn't. He attained, but could not maintain the position because he did not have the character to contain it.

Therefore, God will not bestow this anointing on just anyone, you have to be prepared. The preparations for the ministry of "kings" are usually extensive and intensive. And they usually involve seasons of breaking and times of brokenness (what is not of God in your life being removed). That's the main reason why God allowed David to dwell in the caves and wilderness for a rather lengthy season before He elevated him to the palace. The breakthrough is finally getting you to where God wants you to be.

The message of the "Kingly Anointing" is for those who are ready for maturity as saints. As we read from the Old Testament, the kings who ruled without character and wisdom failed and led people to destruction. But those who ruled with Christ-like qualities had long and successful reigns that glorified God and blessed people. I believe that the Kingly Anointing is for the Apostolic Church, which has embraced responsibility for the advance of the Kingdom in this present age. It is obvious

from the past behaviour of many Christians that a person can experience prophetic anointing and minister to God as priests at the altar, while still living a fleshly, self-centred life.

However, the Kingly Anointing will flow through character and wisdom produced in the lives of those who have decided to wholly follow the Lord in all the restoration truths given to us up until now in the Church. **The Kingly Anointing was given to His disciples, those who left all to follow Him.**

We must depart from iniquity. The word iniquity means "unrighteousness". We must distance ourselves from all unrighteous acts of the heart and life and offer all we are (Romans 6v11-13).

But many believe that when they receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, they have it all, and are not striving for more, but they have not completely departed from iniquity. They must go on – to the next stage of the process - the Cross. God gave the prophet Ezekiel a vision of this living water that He is going to bring forth in His people in these last days:

‘Afterwards He brought me again unto the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward: for the forefront of the house stood toward the east, and the waters came down from under from the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar’ (Ezekiel 47v1).

The threshold of the house is where we enter into God's house. This water flowed from under the threshold toward the east. Looking to the east always reveals to us that we should be looking towards the New Day.

Ezekiel witnessed a man who had a measuring line in his hand. Four times he measured one thousand cubits. When he made the first thousand-cubit measurement, the water was only up to his ankles. When he measured the second thousand cubits, the water was up to his knees. When he measured the third thousand cubits, the water was up to his loins. And when he measured the fourth thousand cubits, Ezekiel tells us:

‘Afterwards he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over’ (Ezekiel 47v5).

His fourth thousand-cubit measurement brought him to a river. The living waters had become the River of Life.

The man with the line in his hand was measuring our understanding of the Word of God.

When he made the first one-thousand-cubit measurement, the water was only up to our ankles. This is where we begin to understand God's Word, and it begins to change our walk.

When he made the second one-thousand-cubit measurement, the water was up to his knees. Our knees are what we bow with to our God. This is when we begin to humble ourselves before our God.

When he made the third one-thousand-cubit measurement, the water was up to his loins. The loins represent the reproductive part of the body. This is when we begin to reproduce ourselves in our witness before God.

When he made the fourth one-thousand-cubit measurement, the water became a river of life that flowed out of the house of God, whose house we are in. This will be when we become so absorbed in the living water that it will flow out of our innermost being, and will bring life to all it touches. We have yet to come into this place, but we know by God's Word that this is what God has planned for His people. Let's not kid ourselves, this level has rarely been achieved; the majority of people are happy and content to go ankle-deep – it is not for us to judge them. Let us work out our own salvation and consecration without waiting to see if others are getting “wetter.”

Ezekiel continues his vision:

‘Now when I had returned, behold, at the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other’ (Ezekiel 47v7).

As Ezekiel stood on the banks of this river, he saw many trees on both sides of the river.

‘Then said He unto me, these waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed’ (Ezekiel 47v8).

These waters issue towards the east country, or towards the New Day. And they go down into the desert, watering all the dried-up areas of man's existence. And then this mighty river of life goes into the sea. The sea represents the sea of humanity that has become stagnant and lifeless because the Word of God has dried up in their midst. When these living waters reach the sea, God's word says that these waters will be healed. What God is trying to reveal to us is that these living waters will bring healing to a thirsty world. Ezekiel then makes us a wonderful promise:

‘And it shall come to pass, that everything that lives, which moves, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live: and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and everything shall live whither the river cometh’ (Ezekiel 47:9).

The fish in the above passage represent lost souls.

Wherever this river of living water flows it will bring life to everything it touches. Its healing power will produce life. All we will have to do is speak God's Word, and what we speak will be established. Ezekiel continues his revelation:

‘And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine’ (Ezekiel 47v12).

On both sides of the river there were trees. These are God's trees of righteousness that have their roots deep in the River of Life. These trees that have their roots in the River of Life will not fade, and their fruit will not be consumed (or come to an end) because their fruit is the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, and all truly good things. These produce fruit every month, and their fruit is for meat, or food. Food is the substance of life. Their leaves also shall be medicine to a sick and dying world.

Nothing will replace and rebuild what was lost in the garden except the Spirit-anointed Word of God. This river of life is the same river that was shown to John on the Isle of Patmos:

'And He showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bore twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations' (Revelation 22v1-2).

Prophetically speaking, the early rain corresponds to Pentecost and the First Century Church. The Apostle Peter stood up in Acts Chapter Two and declared that "this is that", which was spoken of in Joel Chapter Two: the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all flesh, the throwing wide of Heaven's gates, and the invitation for all to call upon the name of the Lord, be saved, and partake of the powers of the world to come (Hebrews 6v5).

Pentecost was the early rain, the "pour," at the beginning of the church age. The rainy season followed, the church grew and spread, revival showers came now and again, but they were nothing like the original outpouring of Pentecost.

At times, pests multiplied (the worms, locusts, canker worms, etc., mentioned in Joel Chapter One). The crop languished, dried up, and nearly perished. But in more recent times God has been restoring the years that the devourers have eaten (Joel 2v25). This means truth being restored.

The remnant, God's harvest, must be ripe; His character must be fully reproduced within us, leading into His return to claim us as His own. Spiritual Israelites, preparing for translation from earth, must reproduce the character of Christ, following the Lamb, Jesus, where ever He goes. Zechariah 12v10 is the promised latter rain that must precede the final harvest. The Lord is waiting patiently until His last rain is outpoured - because it will produce the final harvest!

The original latter rain "movement" barely exists, but similar groups continue to "merchandise" off its glory days.

Yet those who were involved in that original movement were convinced they were experiencing the Spirit's great, final outpouring. Many said, 'This is it - we're seeing it.'

'I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication.....' (Zechariah 12v10).

But the movement started to die.

Why?

It is because they were not focused on the harvest, but on themselves.

Many so-called Holy-Spirit led movements also vanished quickly because they were self-centred - focusing on gifts, blessings, self-improvement, and "strange manifestations." Endless meetings to see what level of glory showed up led to exaggerations and cliques of the spiritual in-crowd.

If it is truly of the Spirit, it will result in a hunger and inclination to reach a lost and dying world.

Jesus tied the harvest to lost souls when He said,

'Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest'
(Matthew 9v38).

There is no true revival without a great ingathering of lost souls.

Consider what happened as a result of Joel 2v28. At Pentecost, 3,000 people were saved in one day - and souls were added daily afterwards.

These believers then were thrust out into the entire world to witness Christ to the lost.

Now, I need to state here that I do not believe in replacement theology. In other words, I don't believe that the New Testament church is to replace Israel in all the prophetic references of the Old Testament. Rather, I believe that many of these prophecies have some dual applications.

I also believe that God is going to pour out His Spirit upon the Jews in the last hour. There will be a revelation of Jesus Christ to Israel and to all Jews.

For example, I believe Ezekiel's 39v22-29 prophesies an outpouring of the Spirit upon the Jews after a great attempt by Israel's enemies to destroy her.

Zechariah 12v10, however, is a prophecy spoken directly to the church of Jesus Christ. It speaks of the house of David - and that means the church. You see, Christ is the seed of David's house. And that house is comprised of all believers in Christ, both Jewish and Gentile.

'And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.'

Under this outpouring, the Spirit will move on ministers worldwide who have been lukewarm, in compromise. God will smite these men with the conviction of His grace. The Spirit will show them,

'The world is coming apart, and soon you will stand before me. So you'd better start speaking to the hearts of these people. You'd better have my anointing when you stand in the pulpit!'

Ministers will wake up to true "grace preaching" - the kind that convicts people of every hidden thing in their lives. And we are going to witness a convicting, sin-exposing, repentance preaching beyond anything ever seen in history.

All unrighteousness, ungodliness and foolishness will be exposed. And those in God's house will feel a "pressure" to do right.

The day of the spiritual baby will be eliminated.

Those who don't yield to the Spirit's dealings will ultimately become blind, unwilling to surrender.

And, eventually, the pressure to live righteously drives them out the door.

Beloved, the pressure to forsake sin and to do right is going to get hot and heavy in God's last-day church!

There has to be a surrender!

Our cries must be accompanied by a willingness to surrender our sin - to give up everything in our life that is unlike Jesus Christ.

Then we must beseech the Lord to send it.

Zechariah 10v1:

‘Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to everyone grass in the field.’

We have to ask the Lord for this spirit of supplication. Bright clouds in this verse mean "lightning, thunderstorms." God has promised to give us showers!

He is telling us in Zechariah, ‘Ask and I will give you this burden from heaven.’

‘But you must seek it from me!’we must seek to get a hold of him.

Once His Spirit of supplication showers down upon you, you will find yourself praying for holiness, godliness, and purity.

As we continue seeking for the river of God's anointing it will intensify until we are carried by it.

The anointing is not given for the vessel it flows through; it is given for the one it **flows to**.

‘His lightning has enlightened the world: the earth saw and trembled’ (Psalm 97v4).

Lightning represents truth, power, and knowledge.

Thus he gave forth the law on Mount Sinai:

‘On the morning of the third day there was thunder **and lightning**, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled. Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the Lord descended on it in fire. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, the whole mountain trembled violently, and the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder. Then Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him’ (Exodus 19v16).

‘And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thundering’ (Revelation 4v5).

‘For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth’ (John 4v24).

This next - and I believe final move of God - will come in purity, power, and truth.

You will have to die to self to experience it.

Your motives will be “other” focused.

You will have to completely step aside and let the Spirit do the work.

That will be the true latter rain.

Chapter 4

The Anointing (Acts 10v38)

The anointing – by definition, is as follows:

Benny Hinn wrote a book many years ago describing many of the practical aspects of the Presence of God and called it "The anointing". I don't think anyone believes that Jesus and the Apostles called this phenomenon "The anointing", but it sure is nice to have a word in the English language to describe something that didn't previously have a name!

In short, the anointing is or includes the presence of God and the power to get the job done.

We are the temple – he is in us – we release it. We are the carriers of it:

‘We have the anointing of God abiding in us.’

‘Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in me’ (John 15v4).

This is where it is at; **the true anointing comes from abiding. When we abide we become sanctified. When we become sanctified we walk in obedience (John 14v21 and 1 John 5v3).**

That is a big secret to the “purest” form of anointing.

It then pours out from a sacrificed life:

‘According to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure’ (1 Peter 1v2).

This has to come by revelation. That’s where the power comes from.

A teacher cannot teach that which has not been made real to him.

A preacher cannot preach that which has not been made real to him.

A prophet cannot prophesy that which has not been made real to him.

We can’t work it all out at times – we just know it is God.

Sometimes we struggle with theological understandings.

That will be the true latter rain.

The anointing in itself is of a heavenly material. It is a spiritual substance which inherently contains God’s power.

Like electricity it can be stored. The anointing in Paul’s hands was transmitted and stored in handkerchiefs and aprons (Acts 19v11-12).

Elisha's anointing was still stored in his dead bones. There was enough stored power to raise a man from the dead (2 Kings 13v21).

It can be **transferred and imparted** through the laying on of hands or cloth (Deuteronomy 34v9; 2 Timothy 1v6; 2 Kings 2v13, 14).

The promise of doing the works of Jesus is available to each believer to exercise according to the depth of their personal walk and faith in Jesus (Ephesians 3v20).

An obedient ordinary believer is able to do more works than a disobedient called and anointed evangelist. A faithful, diligent non-Spirit-baptised preacher can get more done and be far more effective than a preacher with the baptism in the Spirit who is lazy and negligent.

The Holy Spirit is received in measures.

We received a measure of the Holy Spirit upon our lives when we were born again (Romans 8v15; Ephesians 1v13-14). We received the "surety" measure of the Holy Spirit – the Greek word is "arabon", meaning "pledge, earnest, surety").

Subsequently, when we were baptised in the Holy Spirit, we received the "baptismal" measure of the Holy Spirit upon us (Acts 1v4-8).

Some Christians find it hard to comprehend how the person of the Holy Spirit can be measured.

They scorn with disgust the thought of "measuring" the Holy Spirit.

To these Christians, I would encourage you to remember that the Bible speaks of measures of the Spirit (Numbers 11v17; 2 Kings 2v9; Acts 2v3; John 3v34).

Who can comprehend how the Holy Spirit can be in me and yet in you and in all believers in Jesus Christ at the same time? That's food for thought.

I believe that the key to grasp this is to understand that the Holy Spirit has the peculiar quality of being measured and being omnipresent.

By now we can come to two conclusions. Firstly, Jesus has made it clear that everyone who believes in Him can potentially receive the same anointing He had.

Secondly, we do not receive this full measure of anointing instantly, but we grow from one level of anointing to another, until we reach the level of anointing that He functioned in.

The believer's anointing is the primary anointing.

'But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him' (1 John 2v 27).

In fact, I would say that the believer's anointing is the most important anointing of all.

This anointing was not in any manifestation in the Old Testament.

It is a special anointing available only to New Testament saints. Is it what gets the Spirit “in” us, permanently? As stated previously, Old Testament saints had the anointing upon them. The ministerial anointing of prophet, priest and king was the only anointing available in the Old Covenant. We learn by repetition and it is good to repeat and meditate on such truths.

The common people had to depend on the prophet, priest or king for guidance. Sometimes prophets deceive prophets (1 Kingsv13). The Holy Spirit in the main worked from the outside back then.

The only protection the people had was the written law: that what the prophet says must come to pass, and even then, it must not lead to idol worship, which is against the written law (Deuteronomy 13v1-4).

We can sense the tangible anointing upon us to minister in the spiritual office that God placed us in.

We can get a vision, an impression, a word maybe. Now how am I to know whether what I am receiving is of God or of myself?

By the anointing within, of course! It is important to add here also that the anointing within will never, never, contradict the written Word of God.

In fact the anointing within is developed by meditation upon the Word of God and prayer.

The question is: why do devout and sincere men of God make mistakes in their so called “leadings of the Holy Spirit”, even when they are functioning under powerful ministerial anointings?

The problem, I believe, is because people do not differentiate between the anointing within and the anointing upon. The manifestation of the anointing upon must be checked and subservient to the anointing within.

I believe this is what Paul meant when he said that he served God with his spirit (Romans 1v9).

Although great signs and wonders were taking place under his ministry (Romans 15v18, 19v2 Corinthians 12v12), he was sensitive all the time to the anointing abiding in his spirit.

Develop the anointing within. It is a mark of spiritual maturity to have our spiritual senses trained to discern right and wrong (Hebrews 5v14).

The anointing is real! The anointing is tangible! It can be like a wind upon us at times.

Through ministering under the anointing, we would also gain experience in the tangibility of the anointing upon our lives. For some of us it would feel like a heat, for some like electricity. Some say it’s like a “cloak” or “mantle” that covers them. This can only open happen to those open to such manifestation. The Holy Spirit is a gentleman – He will not force his way in or upon anybody who is not willing for such access, He will move on to those more willing.

We should not limit ourselves to the experiences of others.

As each of us has different thumbprints and different voices, there is also a wide range of individual perceptions to the tangibility of the anointing.

Learn from others all you can, but realise that you have your own unique way of experiencing the anointing (1 Corinthians 12v4-7).

All of us love and know the same Lord Jesus Christ. But all of us experience Him differently.

In like manner, the tangibility of the anointing will be experienced differently by different people.

Of course there are some similarities in experience, but yet all are personally different.

The following are some variations and descriptions of how the men of God in the Bible experienced the anointing:

1. Jeremiah

Jeremiah 5v14: I will make My Words in your mouth a fire.

Jeremiah 20v9: But His Word was in my heart like a burning fire.

2. Daniel

Daniel 10v10: Then, suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands.

3. David

2 Samuel 23v2: The Spirit of the Lord spoke by me, and His Word was on my tongue.

4. Ezekiel

Ezekiel 3v14: So the Spirit lifted me up and took me away, and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the Lord was strong upon me.

5. Saul

1 Samuel 10v10: ...then the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them.

6. Samuel

1 Samuel 3v21: For the Lord revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh.

As can be noted, there are many variations to the manifested tangibility of the anointing.

Learn how the anointing operates through you. Remember that the tangibility of the anointing increases gradually as you learn to yield more and more to the Holy Spirit.

We sometimes hear the word glory. The word glory in Hebrew comes from the word “kabod”, which when translated means “weight” or “heaviness”.

In the New Testament the word “glory” is translated from the word “doxa,” which means “appearance, manifestation, magnificence, splendid array, radiance, dazzling lustre.” It is the beauty of his presence. **The glory is like a framework that houses all types of anointing and manifestation** (Ezekiel 1v28). It is sufficient to see from a study of Hebrew and Greek words that the glory of God

has form, shape and materiality. In other words, it has a weighty substance. It speaks directly of God Himself.

We now come back and concentrate on the purpose of the anointing.

The anointing is far more than people falling under the power. God wants some constructive work done with it.

Remember that the purpose that the Son of God is manifested with (and His anointing) is to destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3v8).

The anointing upon is costly.

It will cost your whole life (Luke 14v33). God demands that you consecrate your time, your talents, and your money – everything – to His call.

He demands that you demonstrate this consecration consistently in season and out of season (whether you feel like it or not), year in and year out.

This position of consecration must be maintained through trials and temptations, sink or swim, live or die, through the corridors of time.

When He is satisfied that you are ready to give all your life to do His Will and perform His call, then and then only will the stronger anointing come upon you (Acts 13v22).

With the anointing upon you to stand in the offices He calls you into, you could, like Jesus, finish thirty-three years' work in three short years.

In the body of Christ today, there is too much work done with too little anointing. And there is too little anointing because there is too little preparation.

And there is too little preparation because there are too few willing to pay the price.

Sometimes it is worth waiting 20 years until you are ready!

Recognise the limitations of your anointing. If you feel that God called you to be an evangelist, don't try to establish yourself as a pastor. If God called you to be a pastor, don't try to be a world-beating evangelist. Of course, a spell in each designation can help you appreciate each other's role and can lead up to your true calling. Kenneth Hagin SNR pastored 12 years before God told him to move out into his true calling of teacher and prophet.

The secret to moving in the fullness of the anointing is to discern the office or offices that God has placed us in within the body of Christ and to function faithfully within the limits of this anointing (Romans 12v3-6 & Romans 14v23). In other words – stay in your lane.

To have a manifestation of the anointing is to tangibly perceive what its purpose might be. It could be to get people baptised with the Holy Spirit. It is more important to have them baptised in the Spirit and receive spiritual giftings like speaking with tongues than to have them fall under the power, for example (Acts 8v14-20). Impartation desires spiritual progression (1Timothy 4v14; Romans 1v11).

If the minister does not spend time waiting on God in worship, meditating on the Word or praying and fasting, the anointing can wane from its optimum.

As an example - it has been suggested that if the minister is supposed to be functioning at a predetermined optimum measure of twenty volts in his particular calling, the anointing may wane to perhaps ten or fifteen volts.

When a minister gets too involved in the affairs of this life, his mind will be preoccupied with earthly activities. This will keep him from functioning at his peak. For this reason, the apostles consecrated themselves to the ministry of the Word and of prayer (Acts 6v4).

Charles G. Finney spoke a few words dropped here and there to individuals and they were converted. It's not the longevity of what we say; it's what's behind it that counts.

Finney and his team kept fasting and praying as their mainstay when he felt the "power" was waning.

Faith levels and expectations of the people do count at times and go towards spiritual outcomes.

See the difference below, as Jesus ministered:

NAZARETH (Mark 6v1-5)

GENNESARET (Mark 6v56)

1. Questioned the source of Jesus' power.
1. Recognized Him.
2. Recognized only His humanity.
2. Recognized His divinity.
3. Offended at Him and His claims.
3. Believed everything of Him.
4. Jesus was literally rejected.
4. Jesus was wholly accepted.
5. Low level of anointing manifested.
5. High level of anointing manifested.
6. Laid hands on the few He healed.
6. Begged to touch His clothes.
7. Unbelief was their blockage.

7. Faith was the key to manifestation.

I have personally seen tribal people in India walk for hours and days in their pursuit of God. Their “act” of walking and travelling is a release of their faith.

Jesus Christ, at the peak of His ministry, anointed the twelve apostles to have power and authority over all diseases and all demons (Matthew 10v1; Luke 9v1). He imparted from the anointing that which was already upon His life. Sometime later, upon His coming down from the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus found His disciples unable to cast out a demon from a boy (Matthew 17v16). This was in spite of the fact that Jesus had given them an anointing to cast out ALL demons (Luke 9v1).

When the disciples asked Jesus why they could not cast out the demon, Jesus pointed to their unbelief (Matthew 17v20). His recommendation was that they fast and pray (Matthew 17v21). The disciples had received the power and authority to cast out demons. They had the ability. They had the anointing. All they needed was to skillfully utilise it.

The anointing waned because they were in unbelief (low faith level) and because the family ministered to were also in unbelief. The unbelief of the boy’s father only started to break when Jesus confronted him and asked him to believe (Mark 9v23, 24).

Fasting does not change God but it will definitely change us. Our spiritual hunger, visions and desires are intensified in a fast. It also helps to reign in and deaden our flesh.

Many ministers of God do not know how to maintain the anointing after they have received it. They would operate in the anointing for some time and then it would fizzle out.

It is one thing to receive an anointing; it is another to maintain and increase it.

The key to maintaining the anointing is “abiding in Jesus”. Remaining consecrated and prayerful, dying to self, consistently reading the Bible along with faith-filled books, and adding fasting at times.

This gives the Holy Spirit something to work with.

It is then we can minister via “Unction” – which is a “fervent manner of expression”.

It is the real thing.

‘It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron’s beard, down upon the collar of his robes’ (Psalm 133 v 2).

‘After two days will He revive us: on the third day He will raise us up, and we shall live in His sight. Then shall we know if we follow on to ***know the Lord***: His going forth is prepared as the morning; and **He shall come to us as the rain, the latter and former rain unto the earth’ - Hosea 6v2-3.**

True Christian believers who are desirous of going on in God are going to be given the “Greater Works Anointing”. Christ Jesus will enable His army to do these works through the double portion, early and latter rain anointing.

Churches of today in the main do not have the vision of the coming day of the outpouring of the early and latter rain together.

God is about to pour out His rain upon His body: not the early rain, nor the latter rain, but the early and latter rain together. The early and latter rain is the Double Portion Anointing God is going to pour out upon His body. **Those who receive the early and latter rain anointing will become bright clouds. They will display God's glory to shine forth into all the earth.**

The Double Portion Anointing is coming upon all those who are being prepared to receive it. It is then that God's glory will be revealed in His saints. The whole earth is going to witness God's glory upon His saints. Israel witnessed God's glory. He is preparing those who will receive the Double Portion Ministry of Elisha. Today the Elijah ministry is searching the Father's field for those who are willing to sacrifice all and follow on to know the Lord.

As mentioned previously, and it's worth stating again:

'For who the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives' (Hebrews 12v6).

We may not want to accept it as such, but this is a promise of God. Chastisement and scourging is necessary in our lives. It all depends on us, and how much chastisement and scourging is necessary to bring us into the place where God can pour out His double portion promise.

It is when this process is completed that the Lord can use you in the way he wants to. You won't even recognise yourself!

'The Spirit of the LORD will come upon you in power, and you will prophesy with them; and you will **be changed into a different person'** (1 Samuel 10v6).

It is God who does the work and not merely in words, but in demonstration to back up what we say. It is supernatural in origin. Inspiration can come from many sources, but the anointing that brings change and sticks comes only from God (See 1 Corinthians 2v4; 1 Corinthians 4v20; 2 Corinthians 4v7).

To operate in this manner, we must stay pure.

'And he spoke to the congregation, saying, Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest ye be consumed in all their sins' (Numbers 16v26).

The anointing brings favour.

'And the LORD spoke unto Aaron: Behold, I also have given thee the charge of mine offerings of all the hallowed things of the children of Israel; unto thee have I given them by reason of the anointing, and to thy sons, by an ordinance for ever' (Numbers 18v8).

The anointing is ongoing.

'You shall speak to the sons of Israel, saying, "This shall be holy anointing oil to me throughout your generations"' (Exodus 30v31).

Power and Presence.

An important thing to note is that the power and presence of God are not simultaneous. The power of God can be around, but the presence can leave – the presence is down to holiness, motive & humility. The presence is actually who God is, which is love (see Matthew 7v15-23). If the “dove” of God has flown, another spirit can replace it (a familiar spirit, which is like the original but NOT the same). It is a counterfeit and appears harsh and ugly.

Many have kept the power but have lost the presence; it will eventually destroy you ...you must maintain both. Having power but living a fleshly existence will lead to a crash.

Judas was one of the 12 disciples.....he lost the presence.

Protect the anointing by protecting the presence. Look to walk in love, grace, mercy, forgiveness, humility and joy.

King David flowed in authority seamlessly under the power and presence of the anointing (2 Samuel 5v3-7).

Power grows (Acts 10v38.)

Presence is found in the abiding of God’s word, which is the result of obedience (John 14v21-23).

Purity (Ecclesiastes 9v8) is oh-so-important.

Always be clothed in white, and always anoint your head with oil (NIV).

Let your clothes be white all the time, and let not oil be lacking on your head (NASB).

When you are clean, God will anoint you.

Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the floor: but make not thyself known unto the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking (Ruth 3v3).

Wash in his blood.

Leviticus Chapter 14, tells us the process - a leper (symbolic of sin) is in the camp – dirties the camp - THE BLOOD cleanses first, then the oil, then comes the anointing.

Daily apply the blood (1 John 1v7-9).

You shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister as priests to me. **Upon man's flesh shall it not be poured**, neither shall ye make any other like it, after the composition of it: **it is holy**, and it shall be holy unto you (Exodus 30v32).

We must be clean to get it! – without holiness you will not **see** (experience) the Lord (Hebrews 12v14).

‘Then I bathed you with water, washed off your blood from you and anointed you with oil’ (Ezekiel 16v9).

The Word of God

Job 29v6 - When I washed my steps with butter (the Word of God), and the rock poured me out rivers of oil.

Thou preparest a table (the Word of God) before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over (Psalm 23v5).

My soul cleaves to the dust; revive me according to your word (Psalm 119v5).

Prayers brings the anointing:

Acts 1v14, 2v4

Acts 4v24, 4v31

Presence, purity blood, word & prayer = anointing

The Fear of God protects the anointing.

Saul tried to be a priest by sacrificing when he was a king.... he forced the issue himself; he got in the flesh, and got out of his anointing.

'Therefore, I said, "Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not asked the favour of the LORD." So I forced myself and offered the burnt offering' (1 Samuel 13v12).

'Ye mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew, neither let there be rain upon you, nor fields of offerings: for there the shield of the mighty is vilely cast away, the shield of Saul, **as though he had not been anointed with oil**. YOU CAN LOSE IT' (2 Samuel 1v21).

God's power comes for REASONS and SEASONS.

Acts 1v8 power – Acts 4 – moved to "great power" – where there can be more pressure, more persecution, but more power meets the challenges faced.

The more the attacks the more I'll anoint you, declares the Lord:

Acts 2v47

Acts 6v1 multiplies

Acts 6v7 multiplied greatly

Acts 11v24 without number!

How Does This Happen?

Acts 10v44 (hunger -draws it out)

ACTS 5v12 – (unity - a few needed) ACTS 14v8-10 – (faith - boldness in action)

2 KINGS 3v15 – ‘But now bring me a minstrel. And it came about, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him’ – **WORSHIP not MUSIC!**

Hardly anyone knows how to worship - (play unto the Lord, and NOT perform) - it intensifies the power of God. It's genuine.

Most preachers who know about this realm – know the difference the anointing makes - Smith Wigglesworth was just babbling when he spoke – then Jesus would move in. Katherine Kuhlman was a terrible singer – then Jesus moved in. ‘Without the anointing – I’m going to make a big splat! –and that’s how it really is!’ - Rev Lee Stoneking.

The Power of Association

Acts 4v13 – “been with Jesus” - Be known for the people you avoid... stay unspotted (unmarked) from the world.

Everyone who was in distress, and everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented gathered to him (David) and he became captain over them. Now there were about four hundred men with him - 1 Samuel 22v2 – (The best looking are not the best to be around! Know a person’s heart!). David took them in. They were all in trouble with King Saul.

These are the names of the mighty men whom David had: Josheb-basshebeth, a Tahchemonite, chief of the captains, he was called Adino the Eznite, because of eight hundred slain by him at one time; **they became mighty men BY association** (2 Samuel 23v8).

David refused to kill Saul his pursuer (1 Samuel Chapters 18-26; Romans 12v17-21). Let God deal with things – do not take revenge.

Numbers 27v18 & Deuteronomy 34v9 (Moses to Joshua)

The Power of Seeking

Luke 24v28-29 tells us THE LORD needs to be CONSTRAINED! (held onto tightly). **For his nature is to HIDE!**

Jesus liked to be alone (Isaiah 45:15).

Many men of God feel a craving for solitude as well so they can hear from the Lord. We must FIGHT to get a hold of God (Isaiah 64v7).

We must know how to wrestle (Genesis 32v26). Don’t miss your moment. Be alert, God is in the detail.

He seeks to be sought. Chase God. He desires to be desired. **God loves the game of hide and seek (Jeremiah 29v13-14).**

‘Scarcely had I left them when I found him whom my soul loves; I held on to him and would not let him go until I had brought him to my mother's house, and into the room of her who conceived me.’ (Solomon 3v1-4) - Why does God say search for me? **The result of searching is DEATH to self. When all of you is gone – all of him is found.**

Chapter 5

Preparing the Vessel

Pursuing the anointing and God's best means that you cannot have divided loyalties. There are "no friends" in this realm, no sentiment, just obedience to the call.

Be prepared to change some things. Get the anointing flowing, whatever it may take.

Eliminate whatever is blocking that flow. It could be TV, bad relationships, or materialism.

'He made him ride on the high places of the earth, that he might eat the increase of the fields; and he made him to suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock' (Deuteronomy 32v13). It is through this way that we can **draw** on the anointing.

God withdraws, so we will go after him. The more difficult the pursuit, the more rich the experience.

Eradicate Poisonous Situations

Dead flies make a perfumer's oil stink (Ecclesiastes 10v1).

Keep away from pollution as it weakens the anointing (Read - Joshua 7 and 8).

Do not allow satanic things in your life!! (Avoid horror movies!)

Jesus did not even speak out against Judas (Don't be critical, keep it to yourself).

When you're anointed there is no need for deliverance sessions?

Nothing will harm you! (You will live above all that.)

The Bible says that you're not spending time with God, that's your trouble.

Getting and Keeping in Shape

Deuteronomy 24v20 states that an olive tree has to go through a process, that the tree is beaten with a pole - we are the olive tree, and we cannot produce the anointing unless we get purged ...by being knocked into shape. The cross (the place of death, surrender and obedience) must beat your life.

Otherwise no flow, we have to die to self...**the pole is the cross.**

Isaiah 17v6 also states that there must be a shaking, so that the ripe fruit will fall easily (this includes painful persecutions sometimes).

Micah 6v15 states that it is the crushing of the olive that produces the oil...some people have to be squeezed to produceWe learn obedience by the things we suffer – leading to separation from the things of this world.

Deuteronomy 28v40 states that any fruit that does not do this is cursed (bad fruit) and has NO POWER.

Exodus 30v32 states that upon man's flesh will it (the anointing) NOT be poured. It is holy. Only spiritual people living in the Spirit get the true anointing (you often get what you deserve).

You can punish me, whip me, but please don't take the anointing.

You can be a great speaker, have great education, deliver a great sermon, be eloquent, and pull things from the text that boggle the brain. It all means nothing without the anointing. You can alternatively murder the King's English WITH the anointing and THINGS happen. It's not about pristine oratory.

Learn to plough! See 1 Kings 19. The anointing is more important than your family. God rewards those willing to get a little dirty.

Elisha destroyed his instruments of business – got rid of all HIS STUFF (oxen) and paid the price.

Jesus said the same thing - let the dead bury their dead. Don't be held back by ANYONE. You have to get the job done; you can't wait for people, whoever they are (Matthew 8v21-22).

A giving up of something. Your security. Your family. In pursuit of the true riches.

Your character will qualify you (what you are really made up of, your true substance).

The Lord looks for the one who DEPENDS ON HIM – Psalm 23v5, Psalm 45v7. This will elevate you ABOVE others in all humility, for where your treasure is, your heart is also, and the Lord knows this.

God blesses those who give of themselves. 'The generous man will be prosperous and he who waters will HIMSELF be watered' (Proverbs 11v25).

'There was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before God, but God was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but God was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but God was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of a gentle breeze. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle...!' (1 Kings 19v11-13). In another translation it's even more striking: instead of the gentle breeze there is "sheer silence" (NRSV). Other translations say, "a still small voice," or "the sound of a soft breath" or "a quiet whispering voice!"

All this would seem to make us think of the God of the Old Testament as a soft, gentle, unchallenging Presence - until we read on and hear what he said to Elijah in his "soft whispering voice"; he told him to take up his sword and put his enemies to death! In its original context this passage is saying that God is spirit and he converses intimately with his prophets. It doesn't mean that God's dealings are gentle in outcome.

It was the same spirit but a different dimension. Everyone is looking for the real genuine undeniable manifest presence of God, but who will pay the price to get a visitation like that? Many like the idea, but not the reality of it – they deem that the price is too high.

Conclusion

I have read most books on this subject now and all it makes you feel is that there is so much more to be had in the realms of the Spirit.

We have settled for the crumbs in a lot of cases and only the truly hungry and thirsty are pressing in for MORE.

Have we TRULY been baptised in the Holy Spirit?

Have we been TRULY covered and mantled with waves and waves of FELT glory?

Are our minimal experiences of tongue speaking a sign we have arrived? I don't think so.

What is the DECIDING FACTOR? The scripture tells us, it is POWER (Acts 1v8).

It is something we can all go after again and again and again. BEING BAPTISED IN THE SPIRIT IS ONGOING.....ASK, SEEK, KNOCK.

There IS more: Luke 11v13.

Oh Lord, give us a TRUE and REAL PENTECOST. Give us the true POWER.

May we seek your face until it is poured out UPON, IN and THROUGH us. I am not asking for something I have ALREADY got, I just want more of the same, but a GREATER dimension. RIVERS, RIVERS, RIVERS.....

I know it's out there. I don't care for terms or labels, they have been discussed enough. JUST GIVE ME ALL THAT YOU HAVE, THAT I MAY BE AN EFFECTIVE VESSEL, FOR THAT IS THE MAIN PURPOSE FOR GETTING IT.

This is why churches and church leaders today are no longer pushing the experience of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. They don't want a repeat of the past. The problems and misconceptions that can come with a true seeking. Revival can be messy, it comes with the mandate. We must not be put off. We cannot afford to play safe.

Surely, they are doing this at the expense of revival, but that is secondary to their desire to maintain a peaceful order.

It is better to rest in religiosity -- which provides only weekly doses of non-challenging sermons for attendees, along with various good works teams to join -- than to push on into higher stages of spiritual development.

Please note that every believer is "anointed," not just a special few - those who have been baptised in the Holy Ghost (Pentecostal-style). We are ALL anointed with the Spirit. To be anointed, in both the OT and NT, simply means to be set aside for God's purpose. That happened the moment we were saved. BUT there IS another dimension.... there IS more.

Here are some passages on the anointing:

Matthew 6:17:

But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face...

Matthew 26:6:

And when Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper...

Mark 6:13:

And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.

Mark 14:7-9:

She has done what she could. She has come beforehand to anoint my body for burial.

Mark 16:1:

[He Is Risen] Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him.

Luke 4:18:

'The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed;'

Luke 7:38:

And stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil.

Luke 7:46:

You did not anoint my head with oil, but this woman has anointed my feet with fragrant oil.

John 9:6:

When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay.

John 9:11:

He answered and said, 'A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, "Go to the pool of Siloam and wash." So, I went and washed, and I received sight.'

John 11:2:

It was that Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.

John 12:3:

Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.

Acts 4:27:

For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together.

Acts 10:38:

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

2 Corinthians 1:21:

Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God.

Hebrews 1:9:

You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions.

James 5:14:

Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

1 John 2:20:

But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.

1 John 2:27:

But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

Revelation 3:18:

I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

And yet, there are specific times that the Presence of God is tangible, noticeable and does touch us.

A Testimony from Brother Tobias

I remember one time I was in Upstate NY and praying for people for healing. A young man (14 or 15) came forward. He had taken a line drive to the face and shattered his jaw. His mouth was wired shut and his mum came with him.

The anointing was noticeable, I laid hands on the young man and his jaw was instantly healed. (Yes, I confirmed this the next day with him, showing up without the wires; the doctors had never seen anything like it). As I prayed for him, the Lord said, 'Lay your hand on his mother.' She was standing behind him and as I moved my hand towards her, she dropped like a rock. I never touched her.

She laid on the floor for at least 30 minutes. It was after the service that I found out the woman was the leader in a coven; many people in church knew who she was.

The next night she came and gave her testimony and accepted Jesus as her Lord and Saviour. (***That's why we need the signs, wonders and miracles.***)

I say this as an example - I don't walk in that anointing all the time, but when it happens, it is tangible and 100% effective.

Love, Brother Tobias

A word of caution – not everyone is as genuine as my brother Tobias. Many claim to “feel the anointing” but don't necessarily LINE UP with the Word. So be aware – IF it sounds “off” it probably is – especially about MONEY demands or financial support of ministries. The day of “Give me a 1000 dollars for a blessing” are hopefully long gone and the false prosperity gospel going bankrupt.

Special Anointings:

Every born-again person has the Spirit in them - and thereby is enabled by the Spirit to be used in ALL of the gifts of the Spirit [1Cor: 12v7-11] whenever the Spirit wills and to the level that they are willing to be used by Him. The Baptism in the Spirit enhances this further.

However, the Lord does grant special anointings to certain individuals who seem to be able to operate in a higher degree of various gifts. I have seen and known individuals who operate in a higher degree of the gifts of healing than most other people, and still others where the word of knowledge is in manifestation to a greater degree than in others.

These special anointings are granted by the Lord for whatever reason He chooses and they are not something that someone can just simply call upon at their own discretion. It is as the Spirit wills [1Corinthiansv12-11].

Also, I have seen and known individuals that seem to operate in certain areas with a greater anointing than others in the natural/supernatural area of helps, administration, etc. Again, this is something that the Lord anoints them to do for a specific reason and it is not something that we, on our own, can just scoop up at will.

A Reminder on Remaining Filled (the Enabling)

Did you notice that we are to be continually filled, according to Ephesians 5v26? This would indicate that just being filled once is not enough! Apparently, the possibility exists that (like a battery) as we use the power or anointing - as it flows out of us [John7v38], we are literally drained to some degree and so we need to refill it - continually so that we stay filled. Otherwise why would we need to be continually filled? If this wasn't the case then all we would need to do is to be filled once and that would be enough - right?

The anointing is an enabling of a person by The Holy Spirit to perform a task.

The enabling by The Holy Spirit for preaching is what draws people to hear what a person is preaching or teaching. It comes upon a person and inspires the words spoken by the person, as well as reveals to the hearers of that word the meaning of what is taught, and also gives the understanding of what is taught.

It is the same for healing and deliverance.

The enabling helps to bring people together - similar to the people being in "one accord" as in the Book of Acts, Chapter 2. I believe that Christians who have experienced the regenerating work of God can be described by the following paradox: fully inhabited yet awaiting reception. Christians are fully inhabited by the Holy Spirit at regeneration, yet they may still await the reception of the full ministry of that same Holy Spirit to arrive in such a manner that has little to do with their conversion.

Yes, there is a dual receiving of the Holy Spirit (John 20v22 and Acts 1v8).

These two truths: the inhabitation (or indwelling) at conversion, and the promise of a further reception (or subsequent empowering) are two truths that may seem paradoxical, yet are both supported scripturally. They should be equally upheld without attempts to bring reconciliation that Scripture does not provide. Scripture is full of these "paradoxes":

In sum, we are anointed for many purposes:

- To have power to be effective witnesses
- To enable us to share the Good News about Jesus Christ
- To proclaim freedom for the prisoners
- To bring recovery of sight for the blind (both physically and spiritually)
- To release the oppressed
- To proclaim the Lord's favour and grace
- To be benefactors, doing good to needy people
- To break the devil's yoke in the lives of bound-up people (deliverance)
- To teach us and help us to know God's truth versus error

NOTE: We are approaching a time when God's presence and power must move outside of the "Church" (buildings) walls and back onto the streets and into the homes. It was never meant to be locked up and that is where we are heading. The clock is ticking – it's all about Jesus at the end of the day. The original mandate will be restored – Acts 2v38. In fact, it has begun. There will be no hiding place, we will be expected to get involved in some capacity.

A word from preacher Chester Wright describes our heritage in a supernatural God

'The times I have died to self, the real birthing of anointing has taken place – I am not fully dead, but I am getting there. My job is not about converting anybody. I can't do it. It is simply that the life of God will flow through me and the hungry and thirsty will get it, as God sees fit.'

In Christianity, spiritual gifts (or charismata) are endowments given by the Holy Spirit. These are the supernatural graces which individual Christians need to fulfill the mission of the church. They are described in the New Testament, primarily in 1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12, and Ephesians 4 and 1 Peter 4.

The gifts are related to both seemingly "natural" abilities (ROMANS 12) and seemingly more "miraculous" abilities (1 CORINTHIANS 12), but all spiritual gifts are empowered by the Holy Spirit.

For example - the prophet's corresponding gift is prophecy. Prophecy is "reporting something that God spontaneously brings to your mind"; it is the NOW word.....to forthtell and sometimes to foretell.

And one example from the author James Bedding:

'Little children, keep yourself from idols' - 1 John 5v21 'But let patience have its perfect work, you may be perfect and complete – lacking (needing) nothing' – James 1v4 'Do not love the world or the things in it....' - 1 John 2v15

It was during a time of testing and whether I would be obedient to the voice of God that I was hearing that I finally surrendered and laid down yet another "idol."

This has happened to me on five occasions now in 25 years - and each time it has produced an elevation into a higher spiritual dimension. One has involved my record collection, one has involved a football contract, one has involved my book collection, one has involved my right to withhold forgiveness and this one involved a relationship.

It was as I laid down this 'Isaac' that the wind of God started to blow my way. **A rushing mighty wind entered my bedroom one night and engulfed me and a shaking took place. It was then a pillar of cloud appeared and a voice spoke forthwith – 'Don't worry son, for everything is going to be alright.'** It was all over in a minute or so, but that level of visitation can seem like a lifetime.

Don't think this happens as routine, because it doesn't. When the power of the Spirit of God lands you will know all about it! See verses - Genesis 22v12-17, Exodus 13v21, Acts 2v2, Acts 4v3. There is blessing in OBEDIENCE...which is the life of a true disciple.

You love justice and
hate evil. Therefore,
God, your God, has
anointed you, pouring
out the oil of joy on
you more than on
anyone else." Hebrews
1v9.

Desiring God to manifest - are you willing to pay the price?

The best way to do this and stay in the presence and realm of the Spirit is to spend time alone with God – or be in constant communion.

There will come a time when you will have to decide how much of Jesus you want and how much of yourself you are willing to give. You can either choose to sit with those who criticise or you decide to consecrate. That way we REALLY start to tap in.

Acts 5v32

The measure of influence in your life will be increased in relation to your obedience.

And then you must decide to TELL IT! (Matthew 28v19-20)

We follow Paul's example in how to do this – see the following.

ACTS 20v21-38. (He learned not to expect anything from anyone, nor react to provocation, or attach himself to anyone but God).

NOW THIS IS THE PRICE.....

Everyone called of God has a message from God – it could be like John the Baptist – his message was REPENT! Get your message and run with it – don't deviate – don't be a copy – get it from God directly.

You must WAIT on God – to empower you. How long must you wait?

AS LONG AS IT TAKES.

It will not come easily – your flesh will scream for a release from your vigil.

Keep waiting and wait some more. THEN the true power will come. People like Oral Roberts, Kathryn Kuhlman, T L Osborn and many others all learned this.

Once it landed – their level of caring compassion and miracle power rose to divine heights.

IMPORTANT

“The Holy Spirit must lead YOU but He must get all the glory over and above you or He will withdraw,” - Jim Cymbala – Brooklyn Tabernacle

There are no short cuts to it; everyone has to come the same way. All you have to do is surrender, be yourself – find your own level and be content in it. We are all different. Our callings are different.

DO YOU REALLY WANT THIS? DO YOU GENUINELY HAVE A HEART FOR IT?

This is receiving and maintaining the power of God for revival.

This is being anointed to serve.

A snippet from - THAT I MAY KNOW HIM.....

One of the main problems in the Western Church and Christianity is that there are a whole lot of believers who are still infants in the Lord, even after many decades. They do not want to pay the cost of growing up and embracing the deeper spiritual responsibilities. Many have dabbled and shrank back as they feel it is too difficult for them. What then happens is that the small number of Christian “superstars’ who have chosen to grow in faith and “pay a price” get a following from these people who feed off them.

An example could be that a leader could go on a 40-day fast and seek the Lord for two hours a day, at the end of which a service is called.

Those hanging onto the coat tails will attend and get prayed for and end up on the floor under the power of God. The next month is spent under a new level of anointing, but in time it gradually fades and we end up back where we were at the beginning. We may get the odd breakthrough in areas or sins where we have struggled, but the anointing isn’t maintained because it isn’t ours to keep.

In his book – there is more – Randy Clarke stated –

‘We must not give the impression that people can come to an altar and receive a prayer impartation and then everything will be solved and a powerful consecrated ministry in God is born’ (paraphrased). It’s much more than that - are we willing to let the Holy Spirit do whatever it takes for Him to completely have His way in us?

Is this “paying the price stuff” simply too hard – can we not listen to more grace preaching and relax? Then now and again drop our idols of convenience and attempt to do the works of God by witnessing on the streets, praying for the sick or casting out some demons.

After all, in this post-modern era we can get all we need online without having to do the “hard stuff” ourselves. There are those, of course, who would challenge the above concepts and say – it is grace that propels us to do these things in gratitude for what God has done for us.

‘The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men teaching us that, denying ungodly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and Godly in our present age’ (Titus 2v11-12).

That is true – but sadly too many Christians never understand this and never grow. Some of course do, but some never get it. When the going gets tough – and things start to get into sharp focus – those sown on the thorny ground – will turn on the TV or work overtime or whatever else takes the edge off God’s calling. There is a price to pay if we truly want to walk in spiritual things and that takes commitment.

Also.

When we truly become friends with God you can start to be granted special favours. The biggest problem with ministries worldwide is that they are so taken up with the “phenomena” of God (as Lake puts it) like tongues, healings, miracles and glory – that they forget the person of God. It is so important to spend time in His presence alone. That’s how you become a friend and He loves it. Never neglect God by becoming too busy – we are to work with Him, not for Him. In His presence is the fullness of joy (Psalm 16v11).

WHAT IS THE GLORY OF GOD?

**A SPIRITUAL FRAMEWORK THAT
HOUSES ALL THE MANIFESTATIONS
OF THE BEAUTY OF HIS PRESENCE**

**IT CAN MANIFEST ITSELF IN MANY
WAYS, INCLUDING:**

SPIRITUAL ELECTRICITY

A CLOUD AND/OR PILLAR

A FLASHING LIGHT

SPIRITUAL LIGHTNINGS

SPIRITUAL FIRE AND RAIN

TANGIBLE SPIRITUAL WIND

ANGELIC ACTIVITY (VISIONS)

EZEKIEL 1v1-28/REVELATION

4v5/HABAKKUK 3v4/Matthew 24v27

MY OWN PERSONAL SUPERNATURAL VISITATION CHECKLIST FOLLOWS, WHICH I AM HAPPY TO SHARE ON REQUEST- IT'S GOOD TO LOG WHAT GOD HAS DONE IN OUR LIVES.

EXODUS 12v14

'And this day shall be a memorial'

- 1) ST LOYS ROAD & FLORIDA**
- 2) DAD**
- 3) PILLAR OF CLOUD**
- 4) OSWESTRY**
- 5) GHANA**
- 6) TERRY & SUE**
- 7) DANNY'S MUM'S KITCHEN DELIVERANCE**
- 8) WOOD GREEN- LAUGHTER**
- 9) THE CAKE SHOP**
- 10) BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT/DANNY**
- 11) 5-YEAR VISITATIONS – 2011-2016 - BOLTS OF LIGHTNING - ATOM BOMB FLASHES - BEAMS OF LIGHT**
- 12) CEILING ANGEL**
- 13) CITY TEMPLE**
- 14) SINUS HEALING**
- 15) FIRE FROM HEAVEN**
- 16) THE NECK**
- 17) THE HAND, HOLY GHOST PROTECTION**
- 18) THE VOICE – THE SPEAKER**
- 19) GUS MANIFESTATION**
- 20) THE SAUSAGES DELIVERANCE/TROUSER DELIVERANCE/CAR PARK DELIVERANCE**

- 21) THE TV, BODYCHECK, SIDE BY SIDE – “VISITS”**
- 22) INDIA – THE TWINS, THE BOY, THE RAINS, THE ARM, THE 30 PILGRIMS**
- 23) THE 6-DAY FAST**
- 24) HOWARD IMPARTATION**
- 25) THE OIL - PEARL**
- 26) THE OIL - LAIRDON**
- 27) THE SMELL – LCM - PAUL HOLLAND/COLIN DYE**
- 28)THE MIGHTY WIND – ERIC COWLEY**
- 29)THE HELICOPTER – PASK**
- 30) THE CLOUD – PASK**
- 31) DELICIOUS VISITATION - JACQUELINE USA**
- 32) THE EYE – FREDDIE**
- 33) OUTPOURINGS - PHONE DANNY - IDA ROAD GRACE**
- 34) THE CROSS - MEXICO**
- 35) ABUL – OFFICE - MAIDEN FLASH**
- 36) JW - KITCHEN FLASH**
- 37) THE CAR DREAM/DANNY**
- 38) THE PIANO MAN, WOOD GREEN**
- 39) MY 5 ISAACS (IDOLS): FOOTBALL CONTRACT; RECORD COLLECTION;
RELATIONSHIP; BOOKS; FORGIVENESS (GHANA)**
- 40) OBEDIENCE PROPHETIC WORD & OIL DELIVERANCE – MUSWELL HILL**
- 41) RAINS x 4 – RUNNING – INDIA - PHILIPPIINES x 2**
- 42) SONG FROM THE SPIRIT**
- 42) AUNTY VI CATHOLIC LUNGE & TOM REJECTION**
- 43) TURK ON BUS – ANOINTING**
- 44) BISHOP STORTFORD PRAYER & INGESTRE ROAD BAPTISM**

45) MARIO OUT OF BODY PRAYER

46) MARIO & JIM BURDEN CARVERY

47) KITCHEN CHILD DELIVERENCE

48) THE BOOK AND THE JOB

49) DANNY CLOCK ANGELS VISIT

50) THE BEDROOM FULL LENGTH PENETRATION ANGEL

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DADS PRAYER

Voice like a river

Your son and good people have been praying for you -I am going to make you an offer you can't refuse - drink of this goblet for it is my blood and you shall receive life. You have a choice of which way you want to go. I am your Lord and saviour - no one can go (die) unless it is ordained by me - do not worry I am with you until the end of the age - Matthew 28

Letters from the Brotherhood worldwide.

Hi Jimmy,

I would encourage you to keep seeking the Lord and come into the fullness of what He wants you to see. Move beyond the outer edges of visionary experiences to fully seeing and knowing. It takes more prayer, and a heart to seek the Lord and spend time in His word.

Surely

He will bless you and reveal Himself to you. Richest Blessings,

Pastor Steven Brookes

Hi Jimmy,

It was good to read your email and I was humbled by your comments on my book *Critical Mass*. I believe that the sign of the baptism in the Spirit is power and we get to speak in tongues. I know some that do not speak in tongues and move in the gifts of the Spirit powerfully. Prayer is not the only factor in revival or other breakthroughs, but it leads you to the others. Admittedly my experience was intense, but I have had many occasions where obedient prayer, not necessarily fervent prayer, has taken me to the next level. Revival is a combination of many factors. Some of which I have learned since writing that book. Many moves of God began by people who fed the poor, confronted the lost and merely sought to fill a glaring need. May God bless you big time.

Evangelist Mario Murillo

Hi Jimmy,

Yes, I started operating in the word of knowledge when I became born again and this increased after I became baptised in the Holy Spirit. When we are full of the Holy Spirit and maintain that level, we overflow and move even more in the things of God. Thank you for your acquaintance and I'm here to be poured out for God's people anytime it is needed.

Be blessed my dear friend.

Evangelist Gospel Gun Will Nicholls.

NOTES

'NEVER FEEL YOU HAVE TO
JUSTIFY OR EXPLAIN YOURSELF
TO ANYONE,
FOR MOST PEOPLE HAVE NEVER
VENTURED SPIRITUALLY TO THE
PLACES WHERE YOU HAVE BEEN
TO SEE BEHIND THE VEIL WHICH
HOUSES GOD'S GLORY'

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