

Outpouring *Of The Holy Spirit*



“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8

After Jesus had resurrected and appeared to several disciples He told them something very significant about what was to come: there was going to be an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Not only that, there would be clear evidence of His coming because the disciples would receive power.

Every natural phenomenon is accompanied by evidence. When it rains no matter how lightly the ground will get wet. When there's fire items closest to the flames will typically get burnt. When there's an earthquake there will be shakings. In the same way when there's an outpouring of the Holy Spirit there is evidence. But what does that evidence look like and how will it enable us to be witnesses to Jesus?

We're taking a deeper dive into this, trusting that the Holy Spirit Himself will guide us as we proceed on this journey.



Day 1

Dunamis Power

“and what is the exceeding greatness of His power [dunamis] toward us who believe, according to the working [energia] of His mighty [ischus] power [kratos] that raised Christ from the dead...”
Ephesians 1:19-20

A key evidence of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer is the presence of power. Jesus Himself said we would receive power to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8), but what does power look like to us as believers? While the English language uses one word “power”, the Greek language identifies 5 types of power in the Bible: Dunamis, Energia, Exousia, Kratos and Ischus. We’ll look briefly into what each means to help us understand how to walk in it.

The scripture above is one of the richest “power” verses with 4 types of power (Greek versions included in the brackets). Dunamis is likely the one we are most familiar with as it speaks of an innate ability to function power, might, strength typically with evidence of miracles, signs and wonders. The presence of the Holy Spirit in us makes the demonstration of dunamis an inherent capability in a believer. Knowing the Holy Spirit would make this our reality is what gave Jesus the confidence to say that we would do greater works than Him (John 14:12).

“Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness... Then Jesus returned in the power [dunamis] of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region.” Luke 4:1,14

When the Holy Spirit led Jesus to the wilderness He returned in the dunamis of the Spirit. Which tells us that the ability may be in us but it requires activation through fasting and prayer. Without this activation we will have the capacity but lack the demonstration of the fullness of the power available to us.

Prayer: Lord grant me a revelation of the power You have made available to me and the keys to unlocking its manifestation



Day 2

Walking in Might

“A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty [ischus] power [kratos].” Ephesians 6:10

Ischus means strength, might, or power — but specifically in the sense of ability, force, or strength in action. It speaks of active strength or power being exercised — strength in operation or performance, not just potential. In the context of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, this type of power is actively exerted in connection with things of God. There are critical things God will require of us that cannot be accomplished in our natural strength. This goes beyond our natural feelings, mindset, temperament etc and comes from an energy supplied by the Holy Spirit.

“And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength [ischus].” Mark 12:30

For instance we require supernatural strength to walk in love as God would have us. It's this strength that gives us the capacity to overlook offences, look beyond people's behaviours and genuinely love them.

“And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth...” Deuteronomy 8:18

Creating wealth God's way also requires actively exercising strength: nothing will just fall in our laps. Rather the Holy Spirit gives us the ability to convert the potential of a God given idea to a tangible outcome that generates wealth which can sustainably support God's kingdom expansion plans.

These are just two examples of where and how we can exercise might, there are many more areas for demonstration which are connected to our specific assignments. As the Holy Spirit fills us, the sphere of our possibilities also increase exponentially.

Prayer: Lord strengthen me with might in my inner man. Enlarge my spirit so I can walk in the fullness of Your might and consistently exercise it in every area You've assigned to me so my life shines brightly and draws people to You.



Day 3

Superhuman Energy

"I labor for this, striving with his strength that works [energia] powerfully in me." Colossians 1:29 CSB

God recognises that there is a time allotted to every activity and a purpose for every season (Ecc 3:1). To help us achieve all we're meant to, He equips us with a super-human energy that gives us the ability to do all that's required of us. Energia typically refers to God's energy which transitions the believer from point to point in His plan, equipping us to accomplish His definition of progress.

This means that there's a divine supply of energy available to us to accomplish every divine assignment. This also cautions that if we attempt to "work" God's assignment for our lives in our own strength the chances that we either burnout on the way or give up are very high. God is not a wicked taskmaster and He doesn't expect us to figure things out on our own.

"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works [energia] in us," Ephesians 3:20

When God's energy is at work within us He's able to do more than we could even imagine possible. Realising this helps make our time in prayer more meaningful because it's not just about asking for things. Prayer now becomes a channel to connect with and yield to God's unlimited and unstoppable energy to create supernatural outcomes far beyond what our minds can conceive.

Prayer: Lord I yield to You today and I receive a fresh supply of Your unlimited energy. Lord I ask that You work Your works in, with and through me so all You've assigned to me in this season is accomplished to the glory of Your name



Day 4

Power to Rule

“... that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion [kratos] forever and ever. Amen.” I Peter 4:11

Kratos refers to the power rulers use over their kingdoms, the power to oversee and exercise dominion. This is "manifested" power by which we exercise our ability to walk in true dominion.

“Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” Genesis 1:28

“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;” I Peter 2:9

When God blessed us and gave us the mandate to have dominion He also gave us the power required to rule in every situation and sphere. When God made us kings and priests He did so knowing the dominion power made available to us through the Holy Spirit. Kings have the authority to reign and can make decrees, establish systems and structures both physically and spiritually to enable continuous dominion. Kings know they have the power not just to maintain but also take on additional territories.

“Where the word of a king is, there is power...” Ecclesiastes 8:4

“Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Matthew 18:18

The same way kings have the power to determine who/what gets access to their domain, we also have the power to determine what we accept in our space both naturally and spiritually. The enemy will test us to see if we truly understand the extent of the authority we carry and as we increase in the revelation of the Holy Spirit we also increase in the understanding of who we really are.

Prayer: Lord open my eyes to the power I have through the Holy Spirit to walk in dominion in every sphere of life.



Day 5

Strategic Insight

“One day as these men were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Appoint Barnabas and Saul for the special work to which I have called them.” Acts 13:2

One of the things we should expect when there is an outpouring of the Holy Spirit is access to strategic insight, knowing what to do and how to go about it. The Bible tells us that the missions of the apostles were always initiated by the Holy Spirit. He would let them know where and when to go and direct their steps as they went.

“The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.”

Isaiah 11:2

Likewise in our daily lives and definitely before we undertake any major initiative we can expect to get direction from the Holy Spirit as we take time to seek His counsel. Any time we spend seeking the Holy Spirit is an investment. It save us costly errors and also ensures we're on the best pathway. If at any point we are confused about what to do our first port of call should be the Holy Spirit to ask Him to fill us with His wisdom and counsel.

“Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, The Holy One of Israel: “I am the Lord your God, Who teaches you to profit, Who leads you by the way you should go.” Isaiah 48:17

“There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.” Proverbs 14:12

There are always several options before us and we make decisions based on the level of information we have at a time. But this information could be wrong, or misleading and can lead us to undesired outcomes either in our personal lives, businesses or careers. When there is an outpouring of the Holy Spirit we have the opportunity to take advantage of the abundance His wisdom, insight and capacity to lead us aright.

Prayer: Holy Spirit grant me strategic insight for every area of my life. As a new year approaches grant me the wisdom and insight to finish this year well and position accurately for the coming year.



Day 6

Great Boldness

'Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, "Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this.' Acts 2:14

One of the results of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the disciples during the feast of Pentecost was boldness. To put things in context Jesus had recently been crucified on the cross, resurrected and appeared to the disciples. When He ascended into heaven, Jesus told the disciples to wait until they received power from the Holy Spirit to be His witnesses (Acts 1:4,8). Prior to this the disciples stayed hidden. However when the outpouring of the Holy Spirit occurred, they stepped forward and Peter who had denied Jesus 3 times out of fear was the first to boldly address a large crowd of people to tell them about Jesus.

'And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word... After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness.' Acts 4:29,31

The ruling religious and political authorities were still against the disciples preaching in the name of Jesus and looked for every opportunity to dissuade, deter and harass them. In the face of this severe opposition the disciples didn't ask for the threats to stop or danger to go away. Rather they prayed for boldness to do what they were called to do despite the opposition and persecution. And the Bible tells us that the Holy Spirit filled them with great boldness as they requested.

'Praise the Lord, who is my rock. He trains my hands for war and gives my fingers skill for battle. He is my loving ally and my fortress, my tower of safety, my rescuer. He is my shield, and I take refuge in him. He makes the nations submit to me.' Psalms 144:1-2

Life will always throw challenges at us and we will always face some level of opposition. What the Lord expects from us isn't to run away from these challenges when they show up, but to ask Him for the boldness required to address them as they need to be addressed. Sometimes boldness is required to stay, sometimes it's required to walk away. Whatever wisdom God gives us, He also supplies the boldness required to carry it out.

Prayer: Lord grant me great boldness to do all You require of me regardless of any opposition because I trust in You as my refuge and my loving ally.



Day 7

Walking In God's Love

"But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners."
Romans 5:8

Love is the foundation of everything God does. He sent us Jesus who willingly gave His life for us while we were still sinners. Jesus sent those who choose to believe in Him the Holy Spirit to help us on our journey on this side of eternity. All because of love. We see that God's love is unconditional not based on past or future performance, but on His heart towards us. This is why it's only the Holy Spirit that can help us love others as God loves.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16

"By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35

We are called to love two sets of people: the lost and the believers. The love we're to demonstrate has nothing to do with our emotion or even how people respond to us. It's all about the love of God flowing through us through the power of the Holy Spirit to those we're called to serve. Regardless of how lovable or otherwise they may be.

"Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance." 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

When we see love through God's eyes it becomes very clear that it's only the Holy Spirit that can equip us to truly love all people in God's way. When we love like God we demonstrate His heart towards those we love and draw them closer to Him. Realising just how much God loves us helps us love others as well.

Prayer: Lord I ask for a revelation of Your love for me. Open my eyes to how deeply You already love me despite my many flaws and give me the grace to love others as I am loved by You



Day 8

Miracles, Signs and Wonders

“And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.” Mark 16:17-18

The power of the Holy Spirit at work in us gives us the assurance that we are not meant to live ordinary lives. Jesus specifically states some of the signs that will follow all believers by default which includes divine language, protection and healing ability. However manifesting spiritual realities in the natural is a function of revelation. We won't be able to demonstrate what we don't know what we've already been given.

“I say, ‘You are gods; you are all children of the Most High.’” Psalms 82:6

“And the disciples went everywhere and preached, and the Lord worked through them, confirming what they said by many miraculous signs.” Mark 16:20

“I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.” John 14:12

We carry the same Holy Spirit that worked through Jesus and raised Him from the dead. This is why Jesus could confidently say that we will do greater works than Him - He knows what's possible when the Holy Spirit is working in, with and through us. The Bible tells us that because we carry God's Spirit, we are His children and have access to all Jesus has access to.

Through the Holy Spirit we have access to everything Jesus had access to which equipped Him to walk in the supernatural while on earth. Whether it's walking in supernatural wisdom, working a multitude of miracles, healing the sick and much more, we have access to the same Holy Spirit and can do the same things. What often stops us are 3 key things: not having a revelation of who we are and what we carry, not having a relationship with the Holy Spirit, not living a life surrendered to obeying Him. We're all at various stages of revelation, relationship and obedience and as we yield to Him, the Holy Spirit is able to manifest more of Himself through us.

Prayer: Lord give me a revelation of all the You've made available me to me in the Holy Spirit so I walk in its fullness. Help me make investing in my relationship with the Holy Spirit my primary objective



Day 9

Marvellous Help

“But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.” John 15:26

When Jesus was ending His earthly ministry the disciples didn't look like people who could carry on without Him. But Jesus knew that once the Holy Spirit came on the scene everything will change. The Holy Spirit is our helper. He's the one that gives us the capacity. The ability the energy the grace to do and be all that God intended.

“Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses...” Romans 8:26

“And he made devices in Jerusalem, invented by skillful men, to be on the towers and the corners, to shoot arrows and large stones. So his fame spread far and wide, for he was marvelously helped till he became strong.” II Chronicles 26:15

The Holy Spirit helps us when we are weak, and our weakness can take many different forms. We may be familiar with the Holy Spirit being a helper in prayer but He is so much more than that. The Bible tells us that King Uzziah was great because he was marvellously helped. This help led to many inventions, military strategies, leadership success and longevity on the throne for Uzziah. And just the same way Uzziah was helped when the Holy Spirit takes on His role as our helper there is no limit to who we can become and what we can do.

It's by the help of the Holy Spirit that we can function in a way that pleases God. It's by His help we are comforted in difficult times and strengthened when our own strength gives way. The Holy Spirit helps us to love, forgive and demonstrate all the fruit of the Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit. With Him as our helper we can never be stranded.

Prayer: Holy Spirit thank You for being my helper. I ask that You please help me today and everyday in every area I need help.



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