

What You Really Need... Filled with the Spirit

Saul was anointed by God to lead Israel through uncertain and unstable times.
God knew he would need so much more than just to be chosen.

1 Samuel 10:5-13

⁵Afterward you will come to the hill of God where the Philistine garrison is; and it shall be as soon as you have come there to the city, that you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place with harp, tambourine, flute, and a lyre before them, and they will be prophesying. ⁶Then the Spirit of the Lord will come upon you mightily, and you shall prophesy with them and be changed into another man.

Saul would need the Spirit upon Him, God with Him, to be the man God was calling Him to be.

When the Spirit comes upon us, there is some new expression of the Spirit, and we are not the same anymore!

Samuel follows up this foretelling with a caution to Saul to cooperate with God's leading, and not to resist it.

⁷It shall be when these signs come to you, do for yourself what the occasion requires, for God is with you. ⁸And you shall go down before me to Gilgal; and behold, I will come down to you to offer burnt offerings and sacrifice peace offerings. You shall wait seven days until I come to you and show you what you should do."

⁹Then it happened when he turned his back to leave Samuel, God changed his heart; and all those signs came about on that day. ¹⁰When they came to the hill there, behold, a group of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him mightily, so that he prophesied among them. ¹¹It came about, when all who knew him previously saw that he prophesied now with the prophets, that the people said to one another, "What has happened to the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?" ¹²A man there said, "Now, who is their father?" Therefore it became a proverb: "Is Saul also among the prophets?" ¹³When he had finished prophesying, he came to the high place.

Saul could not see what all this was for, but He could not deny the reality of what had happened to Him.

He chose to hide it from everyone, and to resume his prior life as though nothing had changed.

Samson- Spirit began to stir him, then worked an act of power through him- and he hid it

The Spirit upon him never left him, but became dormant, waiting quietly until the proper time.

1 Samuel 11:5-7

⁵Now behold, Saul was coming from the field behind the oxen, and he said, "What is *the matter* with the people that they weep?" So they related to him the words of the men of Jabesh. ⁶Then the Spirit of God came upon Saul mightily when he heard these words, and he became very angry.

The Spirit of the Lord brings with Him a righteous anger. We cannot tolerate the enemy's provocations when we are full of the Spirit.

⁷He took a yoke of oxen and cut them in pieces, and sent *them* throughout the territory of Israel by the hand of messengers, saying, "Whoever does not come out after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done to his oxen." Then the dread of the Lord fell on the people, and they came out as one man.

We need to be full of the Holy Spirit to resist and subdue the powers of darkness- not just to be good people.

When we are full of the Spirit, the fear of God becomes tangible, and the unity of the Church becomes visible.

1 Samuel 11:8-13

⁸ He numbered them in Bezek; and the sons of Israel were 300,000, and the men of Judah 30,000. ⁹ They said to the messengers who had come, "Thus you shall say to the men of Jabesh-gilead, 'Tomorrow, by the time the sun is hot, you will have deliverance.'"

The Spirit of God gives us a clear sense of what is to come so that we can declare His will in authority and faith!

David- Spirit upon Him, delivered people from Goliath

So the messengers went and told the men of Jabesh; and they were glad. ¹⁰ Then the men of Jabesh said, "Tomorrow we will come out to you, and you may do to us whatever seems good to you." ¹¹ The next morning Saul put the people in three companies; and they came into the midst of the camp at the morning watch and struck down the Ammonites until the heat of the day. Those who survived were scattered, so that no two of them were left together. ¹² Then the people said to Samuel, "Who is he that said, 'Shall Saul reign over us?' Bring the men, that we may put them to death." ¹³ But Saul said, "Not a man shall be put to death this day, for today the Lord has accomplished deliverance in Israel."

Their enemies were defeated and the Lord- who gave the courage, the faith, and the victory- got all the glory!

We need to be strong in God's strength to prevail in the days ahead. Ask, surrender, and you will receive.

Commission:

Ephesians 3:14-19

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, ¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; *and* that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God