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Introduction

The Holy Ghost is the Third Person of the Holy Triune Godhead and is of one Essence or Nature with the Father and the Son; yet, He is distinct from them. The Holy Ghost is the Author of the regeneration, conversion, conforming, and transforming of the old heart or carnal nature of man.

The Holy Ghost applies all the Work of Christ's Redemption to us as believers, making us partakers of all the infinite benefits of Christ: His Righteousness, His Crucifixion and Death, and His Resurrection Life. The Holy Ghost is our rightful, legal Advocate Who pleads our cause by interceding, travailing, and praying through us. The Holy Ghost strengthens us and comforts us by leading and guiding us in God's Word and by quickening the LORD's Truth to our hearts and by illuminating the eyes of our understanding with the Holy Spirit's fiery Light.

The Holy Ghost gives us, as believers, perfect spiritual enjoyment in our spirit and soul by leading us onward and upward in our spiritual education and moral development, thus preparing us for Eternal Life in the New City with God and the Lamb.

May God bless this study to your heart. And, if you have not experienced the Ministry of the Holy Ghost in your life, we pray that you will be blessed with these experiences, once your eyes and heart have been enlightened by studying this Truth from God's Word.

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Chapter One

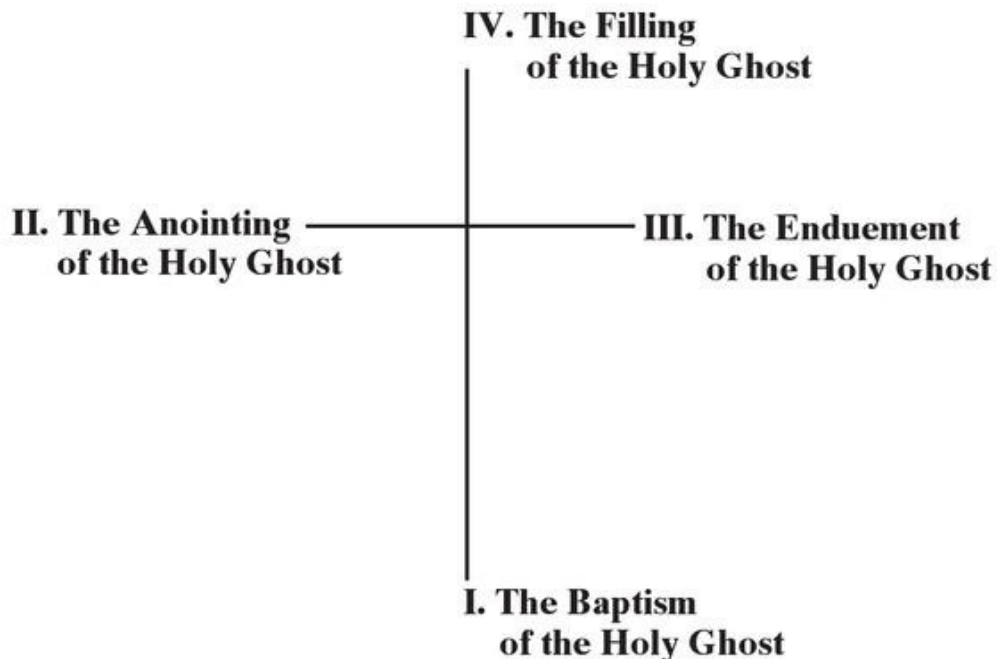
The Baptism of the Holy Ghost

The Holy Ghost performs a Fourfold Ministry in the believer's life. He baptizes, anoints, endues, and fills those who have continued to grow in their spiritual life with the LORD, after they have been born again or saved through remission of their sins by faith in the Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ.

As we study about the wonderful Gift of the Holy Ghost, we see that God's Word clearly differentiates between the *Baptism* of the Holy Ghost, the *Anointing* of the Holy Ghost, the *Enduement* of the Holy Ghost, and the *Filling* of the Holy Ghost. Distinct differences exist between the meanings of the words *baptized*, *anointed*, *endued*, and *filled*. Since God has used these four words to describe the Fourfold Ministry of the Holy Ghost, He is showing us four different Spiritual Principles of Truth about His Holy Spirit. It is powerfully beneficial to understand what experiencing these Truths does for us as believers and why God has sent them to those who seek to know Him in a greater way.

First, God sends the *Baptism* of the Holy Ghost so that He can assume the authority and control of the "unruly" member of our body, called our tongue, and give us a Heavenly Language in which to pray and praise God more efficiently and effectively.

Because God's Word is laid out in the form of the Cross, we find God's Spiritual Principles fitting around its four points. The study of the Fourfold Ministry of the Holy Ghost encompasses the following Stature of Truth:



Believers who are seeking greater spiritual experiences in God, after having received Salvation through faith in the Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ, will find their next experience to be the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Many folks ask this question, "Exactly what is the evidence of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost?" Let us look in

God's Word and see what He has to say. If God says something in His Word, we may rest assured that He explains it in another place in the Scriptures. I often say that God's Word is the best commentary on the Word of God. So if we would seek to *understand* God's Word, just *study* His Word. Studying the Bible is so fascinating; it is like enjoying a garden full of beautiful, fragrant flowers or finding a gold mine. Exploring the heights and depths of God's Word is like climbing great mountains and descending into great valleys. Discovering God's Truths is like being refreshed, when dry and parched, by sitting under gushing water or like experiencing the abundance of beauty from overflowing fountains or like being soothed and uplifted in soul by sailing in clear, crystal streams. Studying the Bible gratifies us because, between its pages, we can find all the answers to our questions.

This study starts in Matthew, chapter three, when John the Baptist prophesied about the Baptism of the Holy Ghost:

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but **he that cometh after me is mightier than I**, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:** Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire (Matthew 3:11,12).

This was and is a beautiful Promise to believers. John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Ghost from the womb (Luke 1:15), yet he acknowledged his need for this Baptism of Fire. Although there was none greater born of women than John, he proclaimed his need to be baptized of the Holy Ghost. The best, holiest, and purest always recognize their need for Christ's Baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire.

John the Baptist publicly preached that Jesus Christ was going to baptize with the Holy Ghost and Fire. Then, out of His own mouth, Jesus also confirmed this Promise, as recorded in the Book of Acts.

And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but **ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence** (Acts 1:4,5).

The Greek word for *baptize* is *bap-tid-zo*, meaning to make whelmed; it is from a primary verb *bap-to*, meaning to whelm, to cover wholly with a fluid, to moisten, to stain as with dye, to dip.

This meaning explains the Ministry of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost Baptism merges with a penitent spirit, overwhelming it, submerging it, covering it, while engulfing man's entire being: spirit, soul, and body.

Jesus Christ prophesied in these verses that the Holy Ghost would come. He assured His followers that they would be animated, actuated, and quickened by the infinite, powerful, divine Spirit of the Holy Ghost.

The Baptism of the Holy Ghost empowers God's people to preach the Gospel and the Truth of Christ's Spiritual Stature. Those who are called to Christ's Kingdom are baptized by the Holy Ghost, which qualifies them for the work He has employed them to do.

Some 900 years previous to the Day of Pentecost, the Prophet Joel foretold such an outpouring of the Spirit.

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit (Joel 2:28,29).

Joel prophesied about the Day of Pentecost when Christ's spiritual ecstasy and vitality would be experienced because of the outpouring of the divine Spirit of the Holy Ghost. Thus, the souls and spirits of believers would be filled with such spiritual exaltation that their very tongues would be empowered to utter rapturous phrases and praises to God in other tongues or in languages they never had studied nor learned.

The Holy Ghost is not a respecter of persons. He will visit *all* flesh, male and female (sons and daughters), any age (young and old), and bond and free (servants and handmaids). The Holy Ghost gives the high privilege of His joyous blessing to the servant or slave class, as well as to the free.

The second chapter of Acts records that the LORD's Disciples obeyed His Voice by staying in Jerusalem and tarrying in the very place of danger — in the place of persecution and suffering where Jesus recently had been

crucified. They stayed in the place of the crucified Christ so that they could be baptized with the Holy Ghost and receive this new experience that the LORD Jesus Christ had promised them.

If we do not learn anything else from this study, we should learn this Spiritual Principle: the place of blessing is found in the very same place as trouble and danger — the very same place where testing, trials, and tribulations occur.

As a young Christian, when tribulations and trials came my way, I found myself wanting to run away in order to escape the pain. I would think, “If I could just escape to Timbuktu....” I did not know where that was, but it sounded far away, and within myself I wanted to go far away. Why? Because everyone desires to escape pain and suffering. When we desire to free ourself from pain, we desire to run away from sufferings, testings, and tribulations.

Jesus, knowing the human heart’s desire to run away from pain, said to His Disciples, “Do not depart from Jerusalem. Stay right here in the midst of danger, in the midst of persecution, and in the midst of suffering, and wait for the blessing of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.”

Jesus Christ had just been crucified, during which time His Disciples had forsaken Him in order to escape the pain of fellowshiping His sufferings. But, after His Resurrection, Christ commanded His Disciples to learn this Spiritual Principle — that in the place of pain, persecutions, and perils, He baptizes the sincere, tarrying heart with the Holy Ghost and Fire.

The Disciples had to learn that if the people had crucified their LORD and Master, then they would not feel any kinder toward His followers. In the midst of the Disciples’ awareness of the danger, Jesus said, in so many words, “You stay right here because My Father has appointed this place as the one where He will fulfill His Promise to send you the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.” Therefore, they stayed, waited, and tarried for ten days until the Father sent the Holy Ghost, which is recorded in the Book of Acts, chapter two.

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. **And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance** (Acts 2:2-4).

Some people say, “I do not find that speaking in tongues or another language is evidence of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.” Nevertheless, the Scriptures cannot be any clearer.

Since Jesus commanded His Disciples to stay in Jerusalem until the Holy Ghost came or until His Father sent the Spirit, and since they had tarried there just as Jesus had said they should, and since they had the experience of speaking in other tongues when they received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, I certainly am persuaded that tongues is the evidence of receiving the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Since Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8), He has the same experience, today, for all believers who sincerely tarry in His Presence. Furthermore, I am a personal witness of this experience because, many years ago, I received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues!

Jesus’ Disciples received this experience which had been prophesied by Joel and, then, by Jesus Himself.

In the beginning of my Christian life, I did not know about the experience of the Holy Ghost since I was not reared in a Pentecostal Church. Therefore, I did not understand it. However, when Jesus Christ revealed to me the necessity of receiving the Baptism of the Holy Ghost in order to continue striding forward in my spiritual education and moral development, then, by faith, I received this beautiful experience of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. I found the reality of the Baptism of God’s Spirit.

Since the Holy Ghost came the first time as the Disciples were obeying the LORD’s Voice by staying in the midst of pain and suffering, then I am persuaded that this is the spiritual order for today — to wait on the LORD regardless of our circumstances.

After we have received our initial Baptism, we can return daily to our precious LORD for a fresh, new Baptism of His Spirit in the midst of our pains, persecutions, and perils. Hence, we learn that the answer is not desiring, in our dream world, to run away, but desiring, in our world of reality, to run to Jesus Christ for a fresh, new Baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire.

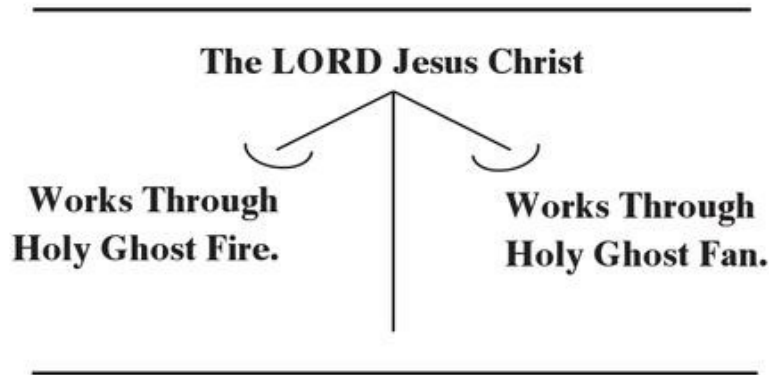
I also know by experience that when we wait for our personal “daily Pentecost,” it comes in the same manner as it did in the beginning.

When God’s Spirit baptizes believers, He *submerges* them in the fluid of His Almighty Power, taking hold of their “unruly member” (their tongues), and filling them with unknown praises, prayers, and grateful appreciation

that satisfy both God's Heart and believers' hearts.

John the Baptist also revealed that when Jesus baptizes believers with the Holy Ghost and Fire, He also burns up the chaff of their flesh, after He has separated it from the fine wheat of their New Man.

The purpose of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost is to give Christ an Agent to work through, both as a Fire and as a Fan.



I. The LORD Jesus Christ Works Through Holy Ghost Fire.

The Fire of God's Spirit illuminates, revealing the difference between error and falsehood. The Fire of God's Spirit warms the heart, causing it to burn with new love and affection for Christ Jesus.

The Fire of God's Spirit consumes, burning up the dross of believers' fleshly corruptions as they pray in a spiritual unknown tongue. The Fire of God's Spirit converts, seizing upon all fleshly wood, hay, and stubble, converting and transforming it and making it like the Spirit Itself.

The Fire of God's Spirit ascends upward to God's Presence, lifting believers' souls up to new heights in Christ Jesus. Remember, Jesus said that He had come to send *Fire* (Luke 12:49).

II. The LORD Jesus Christ Works Through the Holy Ghost Fan.

The Breath of the Holy Ghost is like a *Fan* in the Hand of Jesus Christ, and the believer's old heart and New Heart are Christ's threshing floor.



Since the believer's old heart and New Heart are Christ's threshing floor, in His Infinite Wisdom and Divine Union with the Holy Ghost, Christ has a right to judge what is wheat (New Heart) and what is chaff (old heart).

Jesus Christ knows what is true, valuable, and useful, and He knows what is false, worthless, and useless. Therefore, He uses the Fan of the Spirit's Living Breath to purge the threshing floor of the believer's heart and to separate the chaff from the wheat.

Hence, believers need the Baptism of the Holy Ghost with His Instruments of Tongues, Fire, and Fan in order for the LORD Jesus Christ to accomplish the Measure of the Fullness of His Spiritual Stature within them.

The little, carnal tongue-member of the believer's body is guilty of the chaff of idle, vain words. Therefore, it needs the Ministry of the Holy Ghost Tongues, Fire, and Fan to consume, purge, and sanctify it.

The Apostle James wrote that the carnal human tongue is set on fire of Hell — the fire of hatred, wrath, strife, and envy. The carnal tongue, with its destructive words, creates the chaff of falsehoods and errors, which must be separated from the wheat of God's Word with its kernels of Truth.

When the Holy Ghost baptizes believers' beings, He begins to purge and to burn up the chaff of falsehood and error in their old hearts. When believers are busy worshipping God and using their tongues to pray unto Him in another language, they are not creating any idle words for which they must give an account in the Day of Judgment. As God's Spirit flows out from their hearts, overpowering their "unruly" tongue-members, He burns up and fans away all the chaff in their mouths.

This is why we feel so clean, pure, and holy after praying and praising God in other tongues. Hence, the Baptism of the Holy Ghost is believers' most beautiful experience, next to their Salvation by Grace through the LORD Jesus Christ.

If you have not had this experience, will you pray and ask the LORD to give it to you? Will you begin to hunger and thirst for it? Remember, Jesus said, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."

Chapter Two

The Anointing of the Holy Ghost

The Holy Ghost's Ministry is not finished when He baptizes believers; the Spirit also *anoints* them for service in God's Kingdom. This is the second Ministry of the Holy Ghost, which Jesus revealed in the Book of Luke, chapter four.

The *Greek* word for *anointing* is *khree-o*, meaning to smear or rub with oil, to consecrate to an office or to special service for the LORD. The *Hebrew* word for *anointing* is *maw-shakh*, meaning to touch or stroke over; to streak or spread over, to paint, to smear with oil, to consecrate by unction, to anoint to an office as a priest, a prophet, or a king. *Maw-shakh* suggests the vesting of full power to perform a service or to fulfill an office. Hence, the anointing of persons, places, and things with oil of a particular composition was a mode of consecration prescribed by Divine Authority.

God commanded that a person be anointed for a special ministry, as Mary anointed Jesus for His Death and Burial before He went to the Cross (John 12:3).

Being anointed with oil was also a sign of happiness and joy. The Anointing upon Jesus was a sign of His delight and joy in doing His Father's Will (Hebrews 10:7,9; Psalm 40:8).

Likewise, the Anointing of the Holy Ghost pours His sanctifying, divine influence of Christ's Grace upon believers' souls. The Holy Ghost anoints believers' spiritual eyes with spiritual illumination so that they can see the mysteries of God's Hidden Truth. The Holy Ghost also anoints believers' spirits and souls to intercede for the death of their flesh and to travail for a new birth of the LORD's *Torah*-Truth in their hearts.

In Jesus' testimony in the Book of Luke, He said that the LORD had anointed Him by His Spirit to preach, to heal, to recover the sight of the blind, and to set at liberty the bruised.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he **hath anointed me to preach the gospel** to the poor; he hath sent me **to heal** the brokenhearted, **to preach deliverance** to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, **to set at liberty** them that are bruised, **To preach the acceptable year of the Lord** (Luke 4:18,19).

The Father, through His Spirit, anointed Jesus Christ, qualifying Him to do His appointed Work. The LORD's Spirit anointed Jesus, not *by measure* but *without measure* (John 3:34). Consequently, Jesus came with the Power, Unction, Gifts, and Graces of the Holy Ghost.

I. Jesus Was Anointed to Preach.

Jesus was sent to preach to the poor, to the captives, and to preach the acceptable year of the LORD.

A. Jesus Preached to the Poor.

Jesus was sent to expound the Gospel persistently and to proclaim the Truth strongly to the poor, to those who were poor in education; therefore, He was contemptuously disdained by the great doctors of His day. To those who were poor, penitent, and lowly in spirit, Jesus preached the Gospel, regardless of what anyone thought about Him.

God gives believers the Baptism of the Holy Ghost primarily for their personal growth, for their personal experience in their spiritual education and moral development, and for their personal life of prayer, praise, and worship. God also gives the Church a gift of tongues. This ministry follows a person's *personal* Baptism and experience in tongues. However, the Holy Ghost Anointing, according to the Greek meaning of the word for anoint, is for the Unction to utter, to soothe, and to comfort the poor with the Gospel of Truth.

The Holy Ghost Anointing is like the smearing over of fragrant anointing oil so that when believers go forth to

preach the Gospel and the *Torah*-Truth, they can do it under the powerful Unction of Christ's fragrant delight and joy in doing His Father's Will.

B. Jesus Preached to the Captives.

Jesus was sent to preach the Gospel of Good News to those who had been taken captive by the shackles of sin, by the fetters of guilt, and by the bondage of the corruption of the flesh. All who have been captivated by sin, guilt, and corruption and who are willing to take Christ Jesus as their Deliverer and Head and who, furthermore, are willing to be ruled over by Him will be set free by Christ's glorious Gospel.

C. Jesus Preached the Acceptable Year of the LORD.

By the Anointing of the Holy Ghost, Jesus let the world know that, although they had offended God by their sins, it was an acceptable year of goodwill toward mankind. It was a year to repent, a year for penitent man to be forgiven and to be reconciled to God by the Grace of His Gospel. Although man had offended God, God was willing to be reconciled to sinful man through the Grace of His beloved only Begotten Son.

This was God's acceptable Year of Jubilee, a year to set all servants of sin at liberty, a year to cancel all the debts against them.

Jesus Christ, by the joyful Anointing of the Holy Ghost, came to sound God's Jubilee Trumpet. It was God's acceptable year of Salvation, the year to save His people from their sins. How blessed were they who heard the joyful sound (Psalm 89:15).

II. Jesus Healed the Brokenhearted.

And "[H]e hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted." Believers must have an anointed Unction of the Holy Ghost to minister comfort to the brokenhearted. This experience fills the believer with wonder.

When a heart has been broken, fractured, and splintered with the sorrows and sufferings of love and hate, Christ's Healing Power, ministered through the Holy Ghost, is the only Force and Power that can creatively mend and heal it. What a glorious Truth for the believer to grasp by faith — that the same Holy Ghost that was upon Christ Jesus without measure has come down to bring Christ's healing balm to the believer's heart and soul.

When a heart is chafed, bleeding, and torn, it needs the Holy Ghost Anointing Oil to mend and heal it. Babies used to be powdered to ease the chafing and the pain from rashes on their little bodies, but oil is used more, now, because it is more protective. This is the way God's Spirit works because it is like oil! What a precious privilege Christians have to go to those who have broken hearts and, with the Holy Anointing Comfort of the Holy Ghost, bring soothing, fragrant spiritual Oil to comfort, to mend, and to heal them. Jesus said, "I am anointed to heal broken hearts."

If believers preach the Gospel, but fail to lay hold of a fresh supply of Holy Ghost Anointing Oil, they will not minister healing to the brokenhearted. A person needs to ask God for a fresh, new Unction from the Holy Ghost that will minister to broken hearts. Then, when the brokenhearted come, they will feel the soothing, peaceful Power of the Holy Ghost anointing them, encouraging them, and healing them.

Remember, it is not believers' *creative power*, but the *creative Anointing Oil* of the Holy Ghost from Christ Jesus that works through them to heal; therefore, all the Glory, Honour, and Praise belongs to Jesus.

III. Jesus Recovered Sight to the Blind.

During His Ministry on Earth, Jesus healed many blind people, which demonstrated His Power to recover the sight of those who are spiritually blind.

Jesus preached deliverance to the blind concerning the recovery of their sight. The Holy Ghost's Anointing will illuminate and enlighten the eyes of one's understanding! People do not have to remain spiritually blind. We all are blind to some things in our hearts that need to be changed, but God's Spirit can and will open our eyes to those Luciferic attitudes and unChristlike dispositions within us that need Christ's Healing Power; we then can recover our spiritual eyesight.

The Unction of the Holy Ghost helps us to minister the Truth of God's Word to others' hearts. Believers can

watch others' inner eyes being opened by the illuminating Power of God's Spirit and God's Truth as it is ministered to them. As the eyes of others' understanding are opened, one can see God's Divine Light from His messenger of Truth setting them free from their spiritual blindness, ignorance, and darkness.

The LORD Jesus Christ, by the Light of His Gospel, seeks out those who sit in darkness and blindness of heart. By the Power of Anointing Grace, He gives sight to every blind, penitent soul.

IV. Jesus Sets at Liberty the Bruised.

Jesus sets at liberty those who are bruised, redeeming them from their misery. The Holy Ghost's Anointing, through Christ Jesus, sets at liberty all penitent souls who are bruised and who suffer extreme misery and wretchedness. If we penitently turn to Jesus Christ when we have been bruised and wounded in our minds and feelings by persecutions and offenses, Jesus will set us at liberty. He will release us from the imprisonment of our pains and sufferings through the Anointing Power of the Holy Ghost.

Sometimes the enemy bruises us and takes us captive; consequently, even as Christians, we cannot always praise God as we want or pray as we desire to pray. As a result of our hurts, we cannot always serve Jesus in the way in which we would wish. But servants of God who have the Holy Ghost's Unction and Anointing upon them can liberate bruised souls as Jesus Christ did because Jesus said: "[G]reater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father" (John 14:12).

The Holy Ghost's Anointing will enable us to preach, heal, recover sight to blind eyes, and set at liberty the bruised. Hence, as servants of God, we need to pray and wait upon the LORD so that we may daily receive a fresh, new Holy Ghost Anointing; then, we can serve, as a faithful servant, in Jesus Christ's Ministry.

Many people try to rely on the Anointing they have received from the Holy Ghost in yesterdays or years, but previous Anointings will not bring fresh, new, quickening Life to God's Word *today*.

God made provision for fresh, daily anointing in the Old Testament Tabernacle. Israel could not ride on her experiences and anointing from the day or the year before. God demanded a fresh application of blood, morning and evening, upon His Altar; new, daily washings in His Laver; new Fragrances from the Incense upon His Golden Altar; new light from fresh Oil in His Golden Candlestick; and fresh, new Fragrance from the frankincense on His Golden Table. Thus, under the shadow and type, God demanded a new, daily consecration and a new, daily Anointing for His Priests.

New Testament Christians have a better Covenant in Jesus Christ and a better Anointing from the Holy Ghost; therefore, they are required to have more daily consecrating and Anointing in their lives than the Old Testament Priests had to have.

As servants of God, we may say the same, identical words of Truth that we have said before, but they will not produce Life in the hearts of our listeners unless we have waited alone before God in the Word and prayer in order to receive new Oil, new Unction, and a new, fragrant Anointing from the Holy Ghost, which will animate our spoken words of Truth. Hence, God's servants need to ask Jesus, daily, for a new Anointing of the precious Holy Ghost!

Chapter Three

The Enduement of the Holy Ghost

The third Ministry of the Holy Ghost is to endue believers with Power so that they will be equipped to do the following things: to preach; to resist the enemies of their souls (fallen Lucifer, the flesh, and the world); to praise their Creator; to be courageous in the face of their enemies; to tarry until Strength and Power come from the LORD; and to be drawn to the Giver and not to the gifts.

In the twenty-fourth chapter of the Book of Luke, God reveals the secret of being endued with Power by the Holy Ghost.

And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, **until ye be endued with power from on high** (Luke 24:49).

Jesus promised His Apostles and Disciples that they would receive supernatural Power from on High, which comes from being endued with Power by the Holy Ghost. This Enduement of Power was to assist them in preaching the Gospel. The *Greek* word for *endue* is *en-doo-o*, meaning, in a sense, to sink down into a garment, to invest with clothing, to array, and to clothe. The *Hebrew* word for *endue*, here, is *law-bash*, meaning to wrap around, to cover, to put on a garment, to clothe oneself, and to arm oneself.

The Hebrew word for *power* in this instance is *oze*, meaning strength, force, security, majesty, praise, boldness, and might. Hence, the Holy Ghost endues the soul and spirit with Power by clothing a believer with the LORD's divine Strength and Majesty.

The LORD gave His people His divine Strength and Majesty yesterday, and He desires to do the same, today, through the Enduing Power of the Holy Ghost. Israel sang about the LORD's divine Strength and Majesty with which He clothed her as she came out of Egypt.

The LORD is my strength [oze] and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him (Exodus 15:2).

The LORD's *oze* Strength or Power clothed Israel. Therefore, she was invincible and unconquerable when she left Egypt. *Oze* Strength means the power of resistance. Hence, Israel was able to resist the Egyptians and the Red Sea.

The LORD's divine Strength and Majesty clothe the spirit and soul of believers with resistance to *all* enemies so that they can stride forward to their spiritual goal of reaching spiritual Canaan's Land or of being in Christ's Bride.

The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name (Exodus 15:3).

With His irresistible Power and Strength, the LORD guided Israel out of Egypt, through the Red Sea, through the wilderness and desert, and on to their goal in Canaan's Land.

The LORD proved the awesome greatness of His divine *oze* Power and Strength over all creature-political strength and over all the physical powers of creation. The LORD, clothed in all His irresistible *oze* Power and Strength, guided Israel through all the pitfalls of the enemy to the appointed destination of Canaan's Land, according to His Master Plan and Purposive Will.

King David is another example of someone who was endued with Power from on High. When David danced before the LORD, he was clothed with the LORD's *oze* Strength and Power which caused him to praise God with all his might (*oze*).

And David danced before the LORD with all his might [oze]; and David was girded with a linen

ephod (II Samuel 6:14).

David laid aside his royal robes and put on priestly robes as a demonstration that the LORD had clothed him with His *oze* Power and Strength. Then, David praised the LORD's Holy Name as he danced and whirled before the LORD in His irresistible Power and Strength.

Likewise, the Holy Ghost endues believers, today, with His irresistible *oze* Power from on High so that they can resist their pride and the pride of others while they praise the LORD's Holy Name in the dance.

Seek the LORD and his strength [oze], seek his face continually.... Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the people, **give unto the LORD glory and strength [oze]** (I Chronicles 16:11,28).

Believers are to give all Glory and *oze* Strength to the LORD through the Enduing *oze* Power of the Holy Ghost. The LORD is clothed with His infinite, irresistible *oze* Strength. Therefore, He has sufficient *oze* Power to endue believers through the Power of the Holy Ghost.

THE LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; **the LORD is clothed with strength [oze],** *wherewith* he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved (Psalm 93:1).

The LORD is my strength [oze] and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him (Psalm 28:7).

The LORD is clothed with His irresistible *oze* Majesty and Strength. Therefore, His servant is clothed with the LORD's irresistible *oze* Majesty to do the LORD's Purposive Will.

What a blessed privilege believers have to tarry until they are initially endued or clothed with the Holy Ghost *oze* Strength and Majesty so that they can worship the LORD, as David did; so that they can stride forward toward their spiritual Goal, as Israel did; and so that they can do God's Purposive Will, as Jesus Christ did.

For these reasons, Jesus commanded His Disciples to tarry in Jerusalem until the Holy Ghost endued or clothed them with the LORD's irresistible *oze* Power and Majesty that would protect and guide them. They would be kept and directed according to God's Master Plan and Purposive Will.

In another place in the Scriptures, Jesus told His Disciples to tarry until they were *baptized* with the Holy Ghost. Sometimes, it is possible for the believer to experience all four Ministries of the Holy Ghost at the same time. Although each Holy Ghost experience is distinctly different from the others, all four Ministries can be experienced at once, when it is God's Will to operate in this way.

Believers may receive the *Baptism* of the Holy Ghost with speaking in other tongues, and, at the same time, they may be *anointed* to stand up and minister God's Word as the Apostle Peter did on the Day of Pentecost. The Apostle Peter not only was baptized in the Holy Ghost with speaking in other tongues, but he also was *anointed* by the Holy Ghost to minister God's Word. As he fearlessly stood before the people, he was *endued* or clothed by the Holy Ghost with the LORD's irresistible Power from on High, which gave him boldness and courage to resist the proud mockers; and he also was *filled* with the Holy Ghost on the Day of Pentecost, which enabled him to declare the Truth with Christ's efficacious Love.

The Apostle Peter and all the other Disciples were endued with the LORD's irresistible *oze* Strength and Majesty. They sank down, as it were, into their garments of *oze* Strength and Majesty. They were *endued* or invested with such powerful spiritual clothing that they magnified the redemptive Works that God had done; then, Peter proceeded to explain to the people God's wonderful Works.

The multitude could not withstand the LORD's irresistible *oze* Strength and Power sent by the Holy Ghost. As a result of the Power with which Peter preached, three thousand souls yielded their hearts to believe on Christ Jesus and to receive Him as their Saviour.

So the LORD's *oze* Power is His irresistible supernatural Power by which all His enemies are subdued before Him. Remember, Jesus said to tarry "until ye be *endued* with power from on high."

The Hebrew word for *high* is *maw-rome*, meaning altitude, an elevated place, lofty, far above, dignity, and most high, referring to the exaltation of the Person of the Most High God and the High Place of His Throne. David had an experience with the *Most High* God.

Mine enemies would daily swallow me up: for they be many that fight against me, O thou most High (Psalm 56:2).

But thou, LORD, art most high for evermore (Psalm 92:8).

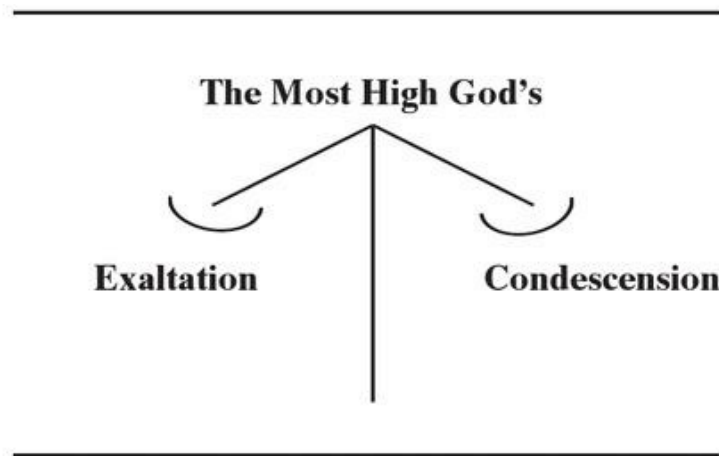
Every day David's watchful foes endeavoured to swallow him up. Therefore, David sought a new clothing of the LORD's irresistible Strength and Power from His Most High (*maw-rome*) Person and Throne.

Hence, the Most High God, with His irresistible Strength and Power, guided David through Saul's watchful foes and his army, up to David's appointed throne, just as the Most High God guided Israel through Egypt, the Red Sea, the wilderness, the desert, and the Jordan River, on into Canaan's Land.

The LORD God is eternally exalted on High. Hence, He watches and controls His creation, giving to each one his just retribution.

For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also *that is* of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones (Isaiah 57:15).

The Most High God is *exalted*, but He *condescends* to the lowly.



The LORD's exaltation and condescension are neither identical nor mutually exclusive. Although He is High (*maw-rome*) above all human eminence, the believer can, by the Holy Ghost, receive the LORD's irresistible *oze* Power from His High Person. The LORD's condescension allows Him to come near to the lowly, humble, contrite heart. The LORD's exaltation and condescension are two different manifestations of His inscrutable *Nature* and His ineffable *Name*.

God's Sovereign, Ruling Throne is also on High (*maw-rome*).

A glorious high throne from the beginning **is the place of our sanctuary** (Jeremiah 17:12).

The LORD's irresistible *oze* Power comes from His Person and His Throne on High (*maw-rome*).

Christ's Message to believers to tarry until they receive the Lord's eternal, irresistible *oze* Power that will enable them to stride forward to their spiritual goal of the Heavenly Canaan's Land and the Prize of being in Christ's Bride and that also will safely guide them through the maze of worldly enemies who will try to thwart God's Plan and Purpose in their lives, is distinctly and diametrically different from the cry of the world that says, "Tarry on Earth until you be endued with some earthly, temporal power. Fight your way to the top of the ladder so that you can vie for the highest seat. Take advantage of whomever you have to; step on whomever you must in order to obtain the highest earthly power. Run roughshod over whoever is in the way as you climb to the high place. You *must* experience controlling power in this world." What an unspeakable, deceitful delusion is the world's cry to "tarry."

Believers need to take heed to Christ's Message "to tarry in Jerusalem until ye be clothed with supernatural *oze* Power from on High" — infinite, divine Power that is far above human, finite power. Believers need to tarry daily

until they are clothed with the LORD's irresistible *oze* Power from His High Person and High Throne and until they are endued or clothed with the Heavenly Father's *oze* Strength and Majesty.

How great is the LORD's condescension that brings His High Power down from Heaven by the Holy Ghost Who, then, clothes seeking believers with Power so that they can oppose all enemies and so that they can reach their spiritual goal of being in Christ's Bride. In the midst of all the LORD's blessings and gifts, this Enduing High Power of the Holy Ghost will draw the believer's soul and spirit to worship the LORD and to praise His Name in the dance, just as King David praised the LORD and danced with all his might before Him. In the midst of David's great, royal blessings and gifts, the Spirit's Enduing *oze* Power caused him to dance, as he displayed all his excited, exuberant emotions and expressed his joy to the LORD.

While David worshipped, Michal, his carnal wife, poured her contemptible criticism upon him because he danced so powerfully before the LORD. David rebuked his wife by saying that God was the One Who was responsible for all the blessings and gifts of his exalted advancement to the sovereign throne of Israel; therefore, no worship or service rendered to the LORD could be degrading. Furthermore, he declared that he would joyfully repeat his worshipful service to the LORD whenever necessary.

The LORD judged Michal that day for speaking against His Enduing Power and Might that had caused His servant David to worship His Holy Name in the dance.

Because Michal sinned against the Life of the LORD's irresistible *oze* Strength and Power, she reaped the LORD's removal of the seeds of life within her body. Hence, she was left childless all the days of her life.

Remember, the LORD's *oze* Power clothes believers so that their spirits and souls can love and worship the LORD, the Giver, and not the gift. In the midst of the LORD's blessings and gifts in our ministry, we need to be endued daily with the upward drawing of the LORD's *oze* Power, ministered by the Holy Ghost, which will draw us to Jesus Christ, the Heavenly Bridegroom — the Giver — and not to His gifts. How glorious is the LORD's irresistible *oze* Power, ministered through the Holy Ghost!

Many people keep their minds more on the LORD's gifts than on the LORD, the Giver, which indicates their need to tarry daily until they are endued or clothed with the LORD's High Power from His Person and Throne far above; then, in the midst of all their blessings, gifts, and ministry, their souls can be drawn upward to the Person of Jesus Christ.

It is very important for us to learn this Spiritual Principle of Truth in our hearts and to keep it firmly in our minds. If we do not learn this Spiritual Principle, we will keep our minds upon the gifts; and we will cling to them while forsaking the Giver. Then, God, in His righteous, just Jealousy, will remove His gifts from us, if we remain unlearned. As a result of our refusal to learn, we will lose both the gift and the Giver.

I have counseled many people throughout the years of ministry the LORD has given me, and I have seen those who once had powerful gifts and ministries lose them because they fell in love with their gifts and ministry instead of falling in love with the LORD, His Person, and His Throne. And, in the midst of all their loss, they remained more concerned about retrieving their gifts and ministry than in establishing a relationship with the LORD. As a result, I have seen them die without gaining either a love-relationship with the LORD or their former gifts and ministry.

If believers do not seek to be endued or clothed continually with the LORD's divine, supernatural *oze* Power round about their souls, which serves as a magnet to draw the soul (the mind) upward to Jesus Christ, they will find themselves in love with the LORD's blessings and gifts, rather than being in love with His Person and Throne. Moreover, after a while, because the Giver of gifts is a jealous God, believers will not have the LORD's blessings and gifts because God will remove His blessings and His gifts from those who put their ministry and gifts above the importance of their love-relationship with their Creator.

Beloved, the LORD gives His children gifts because He loves to bless them, which ought to make them love Him in return for all His Goodness. He also loves to endue His children with His irresistible *oze* Power from on High so that their souls will be protected against inordinate love for just the LORD's gifts and blessings and so that they can return to bless Him as their LORD and Creator, the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

The more we understand about the LORD's irresistible Enduing Power, the better we understand why Jesus said for His Disciples to tarry in Jerusalem until they be *endued* with Power from on High. This is what God wants all believers to learn to do daily.

Remember, all inspiration of the Scriptures is given by the Holy Ghost from on High and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness (II Timothy 3:16,17). So when believers' souls and spirits are drawn upward to the LORD Jesus Christ, by the irresistible, Enduing *oze* Power of the Holy Ghost, they consciously will be aware of the most important thing in Time and in Eternity — their relationship with

Jesus Christ, the Heavenly Bridegroom — not their gifts and ministry.

I clearly see this great spiritual need in the earth today. So many ministers, once they have received great gifts from the LORD, and once they have received an Anointing from the Holy Ghost, become more enthralled, more involved, and more thrilled over their ministries than over the LORD Jesus Christ Himself, the Blessed One Who *gave* them their ministries. They do not seem to know there is an Enduement of the LORD's irresistible *oze* Power for their souls and minds that will draw them upward to Christ at the Father's Right Hand, where they can truly learn to love the LORD above all blessings and gifts.

When we meet people, we can tell where their hearts are by the words that proceed out of their mouths. When they want to talk about only what they are doing, their ministry, the greatness of their gifts, how many they have won to the LORD, or how many buildings they have built or are building, we can know that they are in love with their works, not with the Person of the LORD Jesus Christ. When we are in love with our own works, we have little desire to talk just about Jesus Christ, about God's Word, or about the Enduing *oze* Power of the Holy Ghost; we are unaware of the Holy Ghost's *oze* Power that will keep our souls and spirits in the midst of our ministry and that will ever lead and guide our souls and spirits onward and upward in God's Moral High Calling.

Leading lost souls to the precious LORD Jesus Christ, the Saviour and Redeemer of all mankind is thrilling, and building new churches to house God's people is exciting. But, beloved, these are all secondary thrills, excitements, and pleasant satisfactions compared to the heart-stirring, spiritual feelings of Christ's satisfying Love and joyful Contentment that come when our souls are in His Personal Presence, seeking Him in prayer and in His Word. Spending time in this way will cause our souls to grow in Christ's Image and Likeness, which carries an eternal reward. Numbers will change; buildings will crumble; but our eternal souls can gain Spiritual Stature only by growth during our sojourn on this earth.

Remember, the greatest, satisfying thrill and excitement is in *knowing* the LORD Himself, not in the *works* we do for Him and His Kingdom. This is the first Spiritual Principle that Jesus Christ, as the Resurrected King in the Book of Revelation, taught the Seven Churches — not to put their works above their first love-relationship with the LORD.

As finite creatures, believers are helpless to place their love for Christ properly above their works for Christ. Jesus and His Heavenly Father know this. Therefore, they have sent the Holy Ghost with the LORD's irresistible *oze* Power from on High so that believers can be clothed with strength to resist the temptation to put their works, gifts, and blessings before their personal love-relationship with the LORD Jesus Christ. Remember, the Holy Ghost will endue every believer with His irresistible *oze* Strength and Power from on High, if the believer seeks Him in faith believing.

Chapter Four

The Filling of the Holy Ghost

The Spiritual Principle of being filled with the Holy Ghost is found in many places in God's Word. Filling is the fourth Ministry of the Holy Ghost, and it is distinctly different from the Baptism, the Anointing, and the Enduing Power of the Spirit.

First, let us examine the meaning of the word *filled*, both in the Greek and Hebrew, and study some examples in the Old Testament of being filled with the Spirit so that our eyes of understanding will be more enlightened about this subject.

The *Greek* word for *filled* is *play-tho*, meaning to imbue, influence, supply, accomplish, fulfill, and furnish. The *Hebrew* word for *filled* is *maw-lay*, meaning to be full, to overflow, replenish, satisfy, furnish, accomplish, confirm, consecrate, act fully for the LORD, to be filled with courage, to complete, to follow the LORD fully, to bend or to bow fully.

The train or hem of the LORD's royal, priestly Garment filled (*maw-lay*) His Temple in Heaven.

IN the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and **his train filled [maw-lay] the temple** (Isaiah 6:1).

Uzziah, the earthly creature-king, had just died when God gave Isaiah a vision of another King — the Eternal, Divine, Sovereign King Who lived on, though Judah's earthly king was gone. This Sovereign King's train or hem filled even the tiniest space in His Heavenly Temple with His heavenly, royal, efficacious Love.

Isaiah's vision is a revelation to the believer that being filled with the Holy Ghost is having the tiniest spaces or recesses in one's being filled with the LORD's heavenly, royal, efficacious Love from above.

The Earth is *filled [maw-lay]* with the LORD's Glory.

And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: **the whole earth is full of his glory** (Isaiah 6:3).

The LORD's infinite, divine *kabode* Glory *fills* all space in earth for the purpose of making an eternal imprint of His loving Nature upon mankind.

This Truth instructs the believer in the knowledge that the Filling of the Holy Ghost is to further the LORD's Master Plan and Purposive Will, which is to imprint the Truth of His heavenly, royal, efficacious Love upon the hearts of His people. When a person feels insecure and unloved, it is a witness that his heart needs a new *maw-lay* Filling of the Holy Ghost.

And hope maketh not ashamed; because **the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost** which is given unto us (Romans 5:5).

A fresh Filling of the Holy Ghost produces a new awareness of God's Love and His watchful omnipresent Eyes. God's Love comes to believers as they take God's Word into their hearts and guard it with great, protective care.

But **whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected:** hereby know we that we are in him (I John 2:5).

The Holy Ghost's Ministry is to release, with fresh Anointing, new billows of Love from God's Truth, in order to satisfy the deep longings of the believer's spirit and soul.

Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not **I fill heaven and earth?** saith the LORD (Jeremiah 23:24).

The LORD *fills* (*maw-lay*) Heaven and Earth with His omnipresent Eyesight. It is absolutely impossible for anyone to avoid His scrutiny. Hence, when believers are filled with the Holy Ghost, they are keenly aware of the LORD's omnipresent Eyesight which serves to restrain them by imbuing them with reverential fear.

The study of "eyesight" and "eyes" in the Scriptures is very interesting and powerful. For instance, the rings or wheels and bodies of the Cherubims on God's Throne-Chariot were *filled* with *eyes*.

As for their rings, they were so high that they were dreadful; and **their rings were full of eyes** round about them four (Ezekiel 1:18).

And their whole **body**, and their **backs**, and their **hands**, and their **wings**, and the **wheels**, were **full of eyes** round about, *even* the wheels that they four had (Ezekiel 10:12).

These Scriptures teach that if we desire to lift up and uphold God's Sovereign Headship, Power, and Authority in our lives, we must have the Holy Ghost to fill the tiniest crevices of our hearts with God's inner, omnipresent Eyesight so that we can see those things in our hearts and lives that are displeasing to Christ Jesus and so that we can see the hidden mysteries of God's Truth. We must be filled also with the outer omnipresent Eyesight of the Holy Ghost so that we can see how to walk during our moral development.

The Cherubims were *filled* with outer eyesight or surrounding eyes on their wheels, which afforded them a full vision in every direction and which also prevented them from swerving off their course of following God's Purposive Will.

Likewise, when believers are filled with the Holy Ghost, they, too, will have the LORD's omnipresent Eyesight, inwardly, which will enable them to see God's Master Plan and Purposive Will for their lives; and, outwardly, they will be able to see how to bear God's Master Plan and Purposive Will, how to implement them skillfully, and how to fly speedily in obedience to them.

Maw-lay also is used to express God's Omnipresent Possession of all the world.

If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for **the world is mine**, and the fulness thereof (Psalm 50:12).

The Spirit's biting sarcasm, here, effectively does away with the erroneous idea that the LORD is not the Owner and Master of all things. The LORD's omnipresent Sovereignty and Possession extend throughout all His Creation.

This verse, in the fiftieth Psalm, points out the Truth that the *Infilling* of the Holy Ghost is to make a person especially aware that he is not his own; all men are Christ's by right of His Work of Creation and His Work of Redemption. The LORD is the Owner and Master of man's being; therefore, He has every legal, moral right to govern and guide men according to His Master Plan and Purposive Will.

There are also many examples in the New Testament of being filled with the Holy Ghost. John the Baptist was filled (*maw-lay*) with the Holy Ghost from the day that he was in his mother's womb.

For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and **he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb....** For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, **the babe leaped in my womb for joy** (Luke 1:15,44).

When John the Baptist heard the salutation of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of the Lord, he leaped with joyful love because the Filling of the Holy Ghost allowed him to feel the Presence of the Lord's Love.

Elisabeth, John's mother, also was filled with the Holy Ghost on the joyful occasion of the Immaculate Conception.

And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and **Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:** (Luke 1:41).

Elisabeth was *filled* with the heavenly, royal, efficacious Love of the Holy Ghost; therefore, the inner,

omnipresent Eyesight of the Holy Ghost permitted her to see the blessed privilege that the Virgin Mary held among women because she was to be the Mother of Jesus Christ, the Lord. He would be the blessed Fruit of Mary's womb, according to His Humanity.

Zacharias, Elisabeth's husband and John's father, also was filled with the Holy Ghost; and the omnipresent Eyesight of the Holy Ghost allowed him to see the Prophecy about John's great ministry of going before the LORD Jesus Christ and preparing His Way. The whole family — John, Elisabeth, and Zacharias — were *filled* with the Holy Ghost!

The Book of Acts tells about all the people who were waiting in the Upper Room to be filled with the Holy Ghost after Jesus' Death and Resurrection, and they were indeed baptized in the Holy Ghost on the Day of Pentecost, just as Jesus had promised and as Joel had prophesied.

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance (Acts 2:4).

Christ's Disciples were filled with the Spirit's heavenly, royal, efficacious Love that constrained them, on the Day of Pentecost, to praise and magnify the LORD's Name and His wonderful Works.

Later, the Apostle Peter, who had been filled with the Holy Ghost, afresh and anew, stood before the Counsel and Elders of Israel and witnessed in love about Jesus Christ's powerful Name.

Then **Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost**, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that **by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth**, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, *even* by him **doth this man stand here before you whole** (Acts 4:8-10).

Peter and John, by the Power of the Name of Jesus Christ, healed a lame man at the gate of the Temple. The fresh Filling of the Holy Ghost enabled Peter to stand courageously before Christ's enemies and witness about the Healing Power of His Name.

When Christ's Disciples gathered together, after the Jews had threatened Peter and John and had commanded them not to speak or teach in the Name of Jesus, they all prayed. And, they all were filled, afresh and anew, with the Holy Ghost.

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and **they were all filled with the Holy Ghost**, and they spake the word of God with boldness (Acts 4:31).

The Filling of the Spirit gave the Disciples love and courage to follow, fully, the LORD Jesus Christ — to bend and bow, fully, to the LORD's Will. Therefore, they spoke God's Word with love, boldness, shamelessness, and fearlessness.

The examples just studied should serve to show why believers need to be filled with the Holy Ghost because to be filled with the Holy Ghost is to be filled with *love!* The Holy Ghost fills believers in order to imprint the Truth of His Love in their hearts. He fills them to release new love within them and give them His Eyesight so that they can follow God's Will. The Holy Ghost fills believers with love for their Creator and Redeemer so that they will always be aware that they are not their own. He lets believers feel the Presence of the LORD's Love and gives them Eyes to see the privilege they have to serve Him.

The Holy Ghost gives believers Power to prophesy, pray, and witness by Filling them with Courage and Power. He also gives them Power to obey the Commands of God's Word, which say that believers are to speak His Word of Truth in love. A person cannot do this without the Infilling of the Holy Ghost.

But **speaking the truth in love**, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ: (Ephesians 4:15).

Believers can speak the Truth in love only as they guard the Truth in their hearts and as they are newly filled with the Holy Ghost, Who will shed abroad God's divine Love from His Word.

For instance, after Saul had been converted to the LORD Jesus Christ while on the road to Damascus, he became blind; and he remained blind until Ananias prayed for him.

And **Ananias went his way**, and entered into the house; and **putting his hands on him said**, Brother Saul, **the Lord, even Jesus**, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, **hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost** (Acts 9:17).

When Saul was filled with the Holy Ghost, the Spirit's omnipresent Eyesight caused the scales of blindness to fall from his eyes, and straightway Saul boldly preached in love that Christ was the Son of God.

Saul or Paul, being filled afresh and anew with the Holy Ghost, had courage to cast blindness upon the eyes of Elymas the sorcerer, who endeavoured to prevent the LORD's Way.

Then Saul (who also is called Paul), filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him and spoke.

And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, *thou* child of the devil, *thou* enemy of all righteousness, **wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?** And now, **behold**, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and **thou shalt be blind**, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand (Acts 13:10,11).

God used the miracle of Elymas' blindness to cause the deputy Sergius Paulus to believe and turn to the LORD Jesus Christ. Thus, the LORD's Master Plan and Purposive Will were accomplished through Paul's being newly filled with the Holy Ghost and by his speaking the Word of Truth in Love.

The final Truth to be learned about being filled with the Holy Ghost is that it is one of God's Commandments to **all** believers.

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but **be filled with the Spirit;** (Ephesians 5:18)

If believers are filled with a continual, new experience of the Holy Ghost and His overflowing Love, they will be joyfully ready and courageously strong, every day, to accomplish the LORD's Purposive Will in their lives.

The *Filling* of the Holy Ghost influences, fills, and inspires believers with the LORD's divine, spiritual Principles of Truth, filling them with His divine Love and prophetic Power so that they can speak God's divine Principles of Truth in Love, which will inspire and influence other hearts to bend and to bow fully to the LORD's Master Plan and Purposive Will.

When believers are divinely inspired by the Holy Ghost's overflowing Power and Love, they are not emotionally drunk on negative thoughts that say, "I cannot live for God. This way is too hard. My cross is too great." These inimical thoughts and words do not come out of a heart that is *filled* with the Holy Ghost and His divine, living Principles of Truth and Love. Negative thinking does not come from a heart that has been permeated with Holy Ghost Inspiration, Holy Ghost quickened Principles of Truth, and abounding Holy Ghost Love.

When the Holy Ghost quickens the spiritual Principles of God's Truth to believers' hearts, His permeating, pervading, omnipresent Eyesight sanctifies the darkness of negativism and deceit from every tiny crevice in their thoughts; and He leaves His influencing Light and Love in their hearts so that they will have positive faith to walk with Jesus Christ. Thus, they will know that the Holy Ghost will help them accomplish everything the LORD asks them to do, according to His Perfect Purposive Will.

Being led and guided by the Holy Ghost's Light and God's divine, spiritual Principles of Truth is so securely satisfying. This is the believer's reward for *being filled* with the Holy Ghost.

When we are filled with the Holy Ghost, we are filled with the spiritual thinking of the Spirit! I have seen people who have been truly baptized in the Holy Ghost, with the evidence of speaking in other tongues, (and they also were anointed with special blessings, gifts, and ministry, and were endued at special times with Power from on High) yet these people, in their daily lives, were not truly *filled* with Christ's divine Light-and-Love-Principles of Truth. As soon as their fresh Anointing subsided and as soon as their new Enduement waned, they suffered great depression from their negative thoughts, fearful that their gifts and ministry had not been effective, and fearful lest there would not be new, fresh Anointings and Enduements from the Holy Ghost. It was obvious that they were not *filled* with the Holy Ghost, nor had they bent and bowed their will to Jesus Christ, the Owner and Master. Those who *are filled* with the Holy Ghost are lovingly and peacefully confident that the LORD always accomplishes His Will in those

who are surrendered to His Headship.

There are others who, as soon as they have stopped ministering, want to talk only about something carnal, something totally irrelevant to God's Word and a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. They seem anxious to finish with the subject of Christ so that they can return to their favorite carnal subjects.

This is not the experience of a surrendered heart that is filled with the Holy Ghost. A Spirit-filled person delights in the Law of the LORD and finds satisfying joy in the LORD's Law, both day and night (Psalm 1:2). God's Word is not an irksome burden to the Holy Ghost-filled heart and soul whose delight is to concentrate on the LORD's Truth in order to gain greater Wisdom, Understanding, and Knowledge. The Holy Ghost-filled heart and soul has no delight in having its emotions inebriated on the carnal, corrupt things of this present evil world.

Remember, Paul said, "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be *filled* with the Spirit." And, then, he said what Spirit-filled persons will do: "Speaking to yourselves in Psalms." In other words, Spirit-filled persons will memorize God's Word so that they can continually communicate the thoughts and feelings of God's Truth to their hearts and minds. This is being *filled*. This is cramming the heart and mind with God's divine, spiritual Principles of Living Truth until a person's thoughts and desires are *full* of what is pleasing to God, which leaves no space for the things of the world, the flesh, and the Devil.

Paul also said, "Speaking to yourselves in *psalms* and *hymns* and *spiritual songs*, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." The greatest work Christians have to do is to stay "crammed full" of the Holy Ghost and God's Word, singing and making melody in their hearts to the LORD.

Although people, today, live in an unspeakably sad and depressing time, the LORD has given the fourth Ministry of the Holy Ghost so that believers can be *filled* with the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost will shed abroad God's Love in believers' hearts so that they can obey His Word by celebrating, extolling, and praising the LORD's Name in songs — making melodious, pleasant praises in their hearts to Him.

Although every generation has its share of wickedness, which worsens as time goes on, believers still can experience a daily Infilling of the Holy Ghost.

Although our present world is filled with all kinds of evil, wicked spirits, and although it is increasingly more difficult for believers to remain filled with the Holy Ghost, they still can be filled daily, if they choose to go to their prayer closets and wait on God's Spirit.

Believers can also stay filled with the Spirit by speaking to themselves in Psalms and by memorizing God's Word. If Christians fail to keep *filled* with the Holy Ghost, they will sin; therefore, it is imperative that they store God's Word in their hearts, as David did. David said, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psalm 119:11).

If Christians safeguard God's most precious object — His Word — in their hearts, they will be helped in keeping *filled* with the Holy Ghost. If they speak to themselves in Psalms, in hymns, and in spiritual songs, singing and making melody in their hearts unto the LORD, they will not live a sad, sorrowful, depressed, and defeated life in the midst of this crooked and perverse generation.

Knowing that there is a *Filling* of the Holy Ghost is so soothingly comforting to our hearts. When believers' hearts are filled with the Holy Ghost, they will be filled with the joy and satisfaction of God's Word, and they will have courageous boldness to share God's precious Word willingly, with a spirit of love, as they minister to other needy, hungry hearts. Knowing the LORD and serving Him by the Power of the Holy Ghost is an eternal, glorious privilege!

God's Word reminds believers, over and over, of the faithfulness of the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost faithfully came upon the Virgin Mary in order to conceive Jesus Christ's Body (Matthew 1:20; Luke 1:35). The Holy Ghost, the Eternal Spirit of God, faithfully helped Jesus Christ offer Himself without spot to God (Hebrews 9:14).

After the LORD Jesus Christ had risen from the dead and had been exalted at the Right Hand of God, He sent the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Truth, to *baptize* all believers with Power to speak, praise, and pray in other tongues; to *anoint* them to perform the offices and services appointed to them in the Father's Master Plan and Purposive Will; to *endue* them with the LORD's irresistible *Oze* Strength and Majesty so that they can defeat all the enemies who might try to prevent their striding forward to spiritual Canaan's Land, the New City; and to *fill* them to overflowing with the LORD's heavenly, royal, efficacious Love and His glorious Light so that they can maintain their first love above all subsequent blessings, gifts, and works.

May each reader sincerely desire and experience the full Stature of the Fourfold Ministry of the Holy Ghost is my earnest prayer. Amen!

