

Beyond The Sermon
with Scripture References
Reinforcer
A Sermon Application Guide

This guide is designed to offer a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with this message. You can print this guide to study on your own, or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

Message Theme & Prayer Focus

Holy Spirit in Our Lives Today

“Father, I thank you for your Holy Spirit. I thank you for the good work that you have begun in me by your Spirit and that you have promised to continue that good work. Give me eyes to see and ears to hear your truth as you lead me through it every day of my life. I open my heart to receive all that you have for me in Jesus’ name. Amen!”

Key Concepts/Truths

God tests everybody’s faithfulness in four ways:

- in small things
- in secret
- in our money handling
- in serving other people

God proves Himself faithful to us and our part of the covenant is to prove ourselves faithful to Him.

Jesus is still at work in His ministry today. He makes intercession for us through prayer to the Father, He is the high priest of our confession, and He is our baptizer in the Holy Spirit.

When the Holy Spirit comes upon us as we are baptized in Him, we receive power to be witnesses for Christ.

The promise of the Holy Spirit is for all whom God has called and has received Christ. The normal pattern that we see modeled in scripture for receiving the Holy Spirit is to first believe in Jesus, be baptized in water, and then ask to receive the Holy Spirit to begin walking in authority and power.

When baptism in the Holy Spirit takes place, there is some evidence that takes hold inside of us. There is a deeper compassion for lost people, a greater readiness to serve, a heightened hunger for spiritual things, a greater belief in the spiritual realm, healings, deliverances, and power to be a witness.

We receive the Holy Spirit by faith.

Baptism in the Holy Spirit happens at a moment in time, but it is a continual journey and process of being filled with and immersed in Him. Anyone who has received the Holy Spirit can lay hands on people and share the same Holy Spirit with others.

Jesus said that when we are baptized in the Holy Spirit that we will speak in new tongues, or languages, and every author of the New Testament was a speaker in tongues.

When we speak in tongues, it is our spirit that is speaking directly to God. It's the Holy Spirit's way of bypassing our brain and getting our mouths to pray exactly what we need when we need it.

Praying in tongues builds up our faith spiritually. When we are spiritually strong, we are able to help others out of the strength that is in us.

God gives good gifts because He is our good Father. We need only to ask and receive.

Key Verses:

Galatians 3:13-14 • Luke 11:9-13 • Luke 16:10-12 • Matthew 3:11 • Romans 8:9 • John 20:22 • 1 Corinthians 14:2 • 1 Corinthians 14:14 • Acts 1:4-8 • Acts 2:1-4 • Acts 38-40 • Acts 8:5-17 • Acts 19:1-6 • Jude 1:20

Which one truth do you already have evidence of in your life today? Ask the Lord for new ways to see even more of it for you and others around you. Write your answers out.

Which one truth is the most challenging or least existing in your life today? Why do you think this is? Ask the Lord if there are any beliefs or barriers that are keeping you from believing that particular truth. Write it out.

Daily Application

When cups have holes, they leak. It's what naturally happens. Spiritually, we were designed to leak, and that is a great thing for two reasons. The first reason that spiritually leaking is beneficial is when we recognize the opportunity that we have to be continuously filled.

We are constantly filling ourselves with something, but it is for us to determine what we are plugged into as the source of that filling in order to receive it. How we spend our time, where we

place our attention throughout the day, and the things we turn to first are very telling as to what, or who, we are filling ourselves with. Scripture tells us to pray without ceasing, to speak in tongues directly with our Father, and to heed His words and be doers of them. We can't do these things and minister to others without being filled by the Ultimate Filler--the Holy Spirit.

The second beneficial factor of leaking spiritually is that we can pour out what's inside of us to those around us. God designed us to live in community and relationship, being conduits of His love, joy, peace, and everything else that His Holy Spirit brings. The healing and deliverance that came out of Jesus was a result of Him being filled. Jesus Himself told us that those same things will come out of us too as we remain filled, yet leaking, with the power of the Holy Spirit.

When we are plugged into God as our source and filler, we will affect the world around us. As we stay connected to each other, we will advance the Kingdom of God tangibly for the world to witness. We know that when the world witnesses God's miraculous power, miracles will happen and lives will be made new. We have but only to ask God for His Spirit, to trust, and to follow.

This Week's Declarations

"I accept God's reality for my life, and I adopt His perspective of who I am. I receive the Holy Spirit and His filling. The Holy Spirit has His way in me, and I will follow where He leads. I speak in new tongues through my spirit directly to my Father God. I continuously ask for the Holy Spirit to freshly fill me with His power and love. I don't look to be filled by the things of this world or by my own ability to minister to those around me. I choose to look to God as the source of my identity and power, and I receive everything that He has for me, in Jesus' name!"

What's Next?

Now it's time to write down anything that the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, Thank Him and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.

Scripture References Reinforcer

Galatians 3:13-14 NKJV

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Genesis 12:1-9 NKJV

Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Then Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people whom they had acquired in Haran, and they departed to go to the land of Canaan. So they came to the land of Canaan. Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, as far as the terebinth tree of Moreh. And the Canaanites were then in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." And there he built an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and he pitched his tent *with* Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; there he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord. So Abram journeyed, going on still toward the South.

Genesis 15:1-18 NKJV

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I *am* your shield, your exceedingly great reward." But Abram said, "Lord God, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house *is* Eliezer of Damascus?" Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!" And behold, the word of the Lord *came* to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir." Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness. Then He said to him, "I *am* the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it." And he said, "Lord God, how shall I know that I will inherit it?" So He said to him, "Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, down the middle, and placed each piece opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when the vultures came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, horror *and* great darkness fell upon him. Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land *that is* not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall

be buried at a good old age. But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites *is* not yet complete.” And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces. On the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying: “To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates—

Genesis 15:17 ASV

And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold, a smoking furnace, and a flaming torch that passed between these pieces.

Galatians 3:16 NKJV

Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

Luke 16:10-12 NKJV

He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

Genesis 22:15-18 NKJV

Then the Angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, and said: “By Myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only *son*— blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which *is* on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”

Matthew 3:11 NKJV

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Hebrews 7:25 NKJV

Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 3:1 NKJV

Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus,

Matthew 3:11 NKJV

...He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

John 20:22 NKJV

When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:4-5 NKJV

And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Acts 1:6-8 NKJV

Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 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."

Psalms 143:10 NKJV

Teach me to do Your will, For You *are* my God; Your Spirit *is* good. Lead me in the land of uprightness.

Acts 2:1-4 NKJV

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:37-39 NKJV

Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?" Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of

sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

1 Corinthians 10:2 NKJV

all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,

Acts 8:5-8 NKJV

Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. There was great joy in that city.

Acts 8:12 NKJV

But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.

Mark 16:16 NKJV

He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

Acts 8:14-17 NKJV

Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Acts 19:1-2 KJV

And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

Acts 19:4-6 NKJV

Then Paul said, “John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe in Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.” When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

Mark 16:18 NKJV

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.”

Matthew 14:29 NKJV

So He said, “Come.” And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.

Exodus 14:16 NKJV

But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry *ground* through the midst of the sea.

Luke 22:56-62 NKJV

And a certain servant girl, seeing him as he sat by the fire, looked intently at him and said, “This man was also with Him.” But he denied Him, saying, “Woman, I do not know Him.” And after a little while another saw him and said, “You also are of them.” But Peter said, “Man, I am not!” Then after about an hour had passed, another confidently affirmed, saying, “Surely this *fellow* also was with Him, for he is a Galilean.” But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are saying!” Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.” **62** So Peter went out and wept bitterly.

Acts 2:23 NKJV

Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you [a]have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death;

Acts 10:44-46 NKJV

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered,

Ephesians 5:18 NKJV

And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,

1 Corinthians 14:5 NKJV

I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.

1 Corinthians 14:18 NKJV

I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all;

1 Corinthians 14:14 AMPC

For if I pray in an [unknown] tongue, my spirit [by the Holy Spirit within me] prays, but my mind is unproductive [it bears no fruit and helps nobody].

1 Corinthians 14:2 NKJV

For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.

Jude 20 NKJV

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,

1 Corinthians 14:4 NKJV

He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.

Luke 11:9-13 NKJV

So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

Galatians 3:14 NKJV

that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.